

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 2001**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**EARL HUNT  
WILLIAM SEWELL  
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD  
JIM PICKRON  
TRUMAN GRANT**

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Vickery, prayer by Chairman Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 P.M. and the Board of County Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission to table all items until the Planning Commission Meeting on July 17, 2001.

Mr. Don O'Bryan Emergency Management Director/Grants Coordinator presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and execution a Notice of Award for Calhoun County Hazard Mitigation Program Demolition Projects Conducted with HMGP/CDBG Funds as follows:

1. Package I – Ducky Johnson House Movers for \$10,000.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute said contract.
2. Package II – Ducky Johnson House Movers for \$8,000.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute said contract.
3. Package III – Pickron Underground Utilities for (\$7,010.00). After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute said contract with Commissioner Hunt abstaining due to an interest in the purchase of one of the mobile homes.

**\*\* Please Note:**

1. A positive bid indicates the County pays Contractor.
2. A negative bid indicates the Contractor pays County.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a Resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency for Calhoun County. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute said Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to allow Chairman Whitfield to execute an additional Resolution if necessary.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that Governor Bush requested Assistance for Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Holmes, Leon and Liberty Counties. Mr. O'Bryan stated that Federal Funds would be provided to affected local governments to pay 75 percent of the eligible cost for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities in the above mentioned counties. It should be noted that the State will be responsible for 12.5% funding and Calhoun County will be responsible for the remaining 12.5%. The Presidential Declaration (DR-1381) also makes cost-shared funding available to the state for declared counties with projects that meet the required criteria; therefore, reducing future disaster cost and risks.

Maxie Waldorff, IDA Board stated that The Department of Environmental Protection had inspected the tank at the Agriculture Park. Mr. Waldorff asked the Board of County Commissioners to execute a letter to Mr. Joe Pope, Department of Environmental Protection stating the water system at the Agriculture Park was inspected by Josie Penton. The Board is requesting that the Apalachee Agricultural River Basin Water system be reclassified from a non-transient non-community water system to a transient non-community water system. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to execute said letter.

Mr. Waldorff stated the tank at the Ag Park should be inspected every five years. He said the tank needed some repairs. The Board agreed to make the necessary repairs.

The minutes of June 5, 2001 were approved as amended.

Attorney Fuqua stated he had received two agreements from Grit. One was regarding transfer of pending claims files and the other was administration of claims. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute both agreements and Attorney Fuqua will submit the appropriate document.

Clerk Attaway presented a letter from Department of Transportation stating that the request for caution lights to be placed on Hwy 275 and Hwy 73 was denied at this time.

Clerk Attaway informed the Board that the County had received \$100,000 in grant funds to be used for a Courthouse annex providing larger boardroom facilities and an alternative handicapped accessible Courtroom. She requested that the Board agree to renovate the County Ag Building as a Courthouse annex. She proposed a floor plan which would provide a Boardroom/Courtroom of approximately 1300 square feet. The existing Boardroom would be renovated to provide office space for the accounting offices

for the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk's Office. The Board would meet in the Grand Jury room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Courthouse until renovation is completed.

After questions and discussion by the Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve the plan contingent on the following:

That the Judges would agree that no court sessions would be scheduled which conflicted with Board Meetings, and

That the Judges would agree to help with funding from Article 5 to the extent funds are available if the Grant funds received were not sufficient to complete the renovations.

Commissioner Sewell presented a letter from Department of Community Affairs and Vivian Cole concerning a Weatherization problem with the heating and air conditioning system installed in Ms. Cole's home. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Parrish, Weatherization Coordinator to contact the Department of Community Affairs and see if they can reimburse Ms. Cole for part of her utility bill.

Mr. Sewell stated he attended the monthly Fire Fighters Association Meeting. The Association asked if the Board of Commissioner would help pay for future repairs to the new repeater system to service all of Calhoun County. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to help with additional expenses.


Mr. Dowling Parrish stated that the new pump in the Red Oak Fire Truck was in working condition and was in the shop to be serviced.

Commissioner Pickron stated that new pipes were installed at County Road -10 and the Beavers had already stopped it up. After discussion the Board agreed for Mr. Pickron to get in touch with someone to remove the Beaver's and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Pickron furnished a brochure on Cole Paving to the Commissioner's for review.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD  
CHAIRMAN