

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2003**

**PRESENT AND ACTNG:**

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pickron, followed with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. with the following recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Coker Mobile Home Park. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Coker Mobile Home Park for rental use only.
2. Gates' Hwy 69 Liquors. After discussion, the Board of County Commissioner Accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Gates' Hwy 69 Liquors. Commissioner Whitfield abstained from voting as he is kin to Ms. Gates.

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement of Ordinance 2003-01 Imposing A Mandatory Cost to Be Assessed In Specific Cases Under F.S. 938.1; Said Cost To Be Used For The Providing Of Funds For Additional Education For Law Enforcement For Criminal Justice Degree Programs And Training Courses; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to adopt Ordinance 2003-01.

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Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator presented to the Board the following bid quotes for the land clearing for Ocheessee Recreation Park as follows:

1. E. Z. Kearce Bulldozer \$11,704.00
2. Glenn T. Warren & Company 9,999.00
3. Southern Contracting of North Florida 7,650.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to table said bids until Mr. O'Bryan could contact Southern Contracting of North Florida and discuss the scope of work and report back to the Board at the February 4, 2003 Board Meeting. Commissioner Sewell abstained from voting as he is employed with Glenn T. Warren & Company.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that they designate Saturday, May 17, 2003 as Calhoun County's Household Hazardous Waste Day. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to designate May 17, 2003 as Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board an Action Item created by the Calhoun County Community Traffic Safety Team. The item requested that County Road 274 be widened from intersection of State Road 71 to the intersection of County Road 167. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to deny the request due to budget constraints. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to ask the CTST Team to pursue the funding through Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Mr. O'Bryan stated he had received a survey from the Florida Department of Transportation. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Mr. O'Bryan to complete the survey.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a letter to Albert Star with Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requesting to reopen and extend the completion deadline of the Calhoun County DR-1195 CDBG Acquisition Contract. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to approve and execute said letter.

Mr. O'Bryan up-dated the Board on the Brigham Elevation Project. Mr. O'Bryan stated that Ship Rehab will be ready to begin when the elevation is complete. After discussion, Commissioner Whitfield made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to authorize Mr. Parrish to advertise for the Ship Rehab.

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Mr. Rick Hires with the Nettle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department asked the Board for permission to remove the speed bump in front of the Fire Department on Gum Street. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for the Fire Department to remove the speed bump.

Mr. Hires stated that the property on the west side of the Fire Department was for sale if the Board was interested. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to research and report back to the Board.

Mr. Hires asked the Board to consider dumping left over asphalt in front of the Fire Department. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to place some used asphalt at the Fire Department when the State removes it from State Roads in Calhoun County.

Ms. Melissa Brown, Director with Emergystat updated the Board on a 90/10 Rural Grant that Emergystat would like to apply for on behalf of Calhoun County in the amount of \$82,560.00. Ms. Brown stated they would sell the 1997 Ford to for the 10% required match (8,256.00). If the Grant is approved the Board of County Commissioners would have to declare the ambulance excess and follow the formal bid process in acquiring the new equipment. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Emergystat to apply for the grant at no cost to Calhoun County.

Mr. Mike Willis addressed the Board in reference to the drainage on Chipola Road. After discussion, the Board stated that the drainage was better than it had been and when they Road Department had time they would clean the ditches.

Mr. Willis asked the Board about an ordinance setting a curfew for teenagers in Calhoun County. The Board does not have such. The Board had no action on passing an ordinance for a curfew in Calhoun County.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for execution three (3) change orders from Lord & Son Construction, Inc. approved by Spencer Maxwell Bullock, Architects and the Neal Foundation. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said change orders.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board an Annual Choose Life Specialty License Plate Report for execution. After, discussion the Board agreed by consensus to approve said report for execution.

Commissioner Whitfield asked the Board to consider a tax increase on all communications. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to authorize Attorney Fuqua and Clerk Attaway to review and report back to the Board.

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Commissioner Whitfield asked Clerk Attaway to write a letter to the State's Attorney's Office concerning their communications line item.

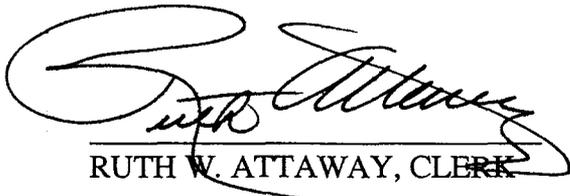
The minutes of January 7, 2003 were approved as presented.

Commissioner Grant asked the Board for permission to place a speed bump on Tupelo Avenue. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to place the speed bump on Tupelo avenue.

Commissioner Sewell addressed the Board in reference the dumping of deer carcass in the County. After discussion, the Board asked Clerk Attaway to asked Liberty County for their Ordinance for review and report back to the Board.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
JIM PICKRON, CHAIRMAN

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