

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2003**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Morris. A moment of silence was observed for our troops, 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. Waste Recyclers C & D Disposal (landfill). 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 Waste Recyclers C & D Disposal (landfill) with construction not to begin until March 28, 2003.
2. Walker's Social Club. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approval the Walker's Social Club.

Michael Eldridge, Tracy Clemmons, Joe Leonard and Hayes Leonard presented to the Board a video showing drainage problems on hwy. 549. Mr. Clemons stated that the problem was addressed today, March 18, 2003, but the problem was not fully resolved. Mr. Clemons stated that there is the stagnate water, the hazard of a 2-way stop, and the danger of running off the road all of which are hazards caused by improper drainage. The group stated that the drainage ditch was also a liability. After discussion, the Board agreed to make a 4-way stop at the intersection and maintain the ditch.

Mr. Hayes Leonard asked the Board who would be held liable if some one got hurt on the road. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus that the Board of County Commissioner's would be responsible for any liability associated with the road and the drainage ditch.

The Board discussed with Mr. Clemmons the Buddy Clemmons Road from his property to Hwy. 71. Commissioner Whitfield stated he would like to see the road closed. Commissioner Hunt stated he would not like the road closed as FEMA money was used to place limerock on the road. Commissioner Pickron stated that each Commissioner should review this issue to determine if there would be a problem closing a road upgraded with FEMA funds. Commissioner Grant stated he would like to re-coop the limerock if possible before closing the road. Commissioner Whitfield and Mr. O'Bryan were asked to review the issue to determine if there would be a problem closing a road up-graded with FEMA Funds.

Maxie Waldorff with the IDA Board up-dated the Board on the IDA projects. Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Waldorff to check the motors at the Ag-Park stating they are making a loud noise. Mr. Waldorff stated that the contractor had not started on the hangers at the Ag-Park because of heavy rains in the area.

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board for approval and execution Ordinance 2003-02 Prohibiting The Disposal Of An Animal Carcass Alongside A Public road. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to adopt Ordinance # 2003-02.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution # 03-02 in reference to serious economic concerns in Florida. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute Resolution 2003-02.

Clerk Attaway up-dated the Board on a Cafeteria Plan for the employees stating it would cost the County a onetime fee of approximately \$600.00.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Contract Change Order for a decrease of \$33,337.42 to Ducky Johnson House Movers, Inc. This change order added Ruby Brigham: delete the Adline Moore, Shirley Holmes and Johnny Mae Whitley. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute said contract Change Order.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Contract Change Order for a total increase of \$15,982.75 to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the Bodiford-Oglesby Road Project. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute said Contract Change Order.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Contract Change Order for an increase of \$5,381.00 to C. W. Roberts, Contracting, Inc. to add the Hinton Johnson Road to the 2002 Road Paving Project. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute said Contract Change Order.

The minutes of March 4, 2003 were approved as presented.

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board a memo and plans he received from the Town of Altha on placing a new well at the park on Oglesby Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried for Clerk Attaway to write a letter to the Town of Altha requesting that they use directional boring on all asphalt roadway pavements and driveway pavements.

Mr. Jessie Stanley asked to the Board to use Weatherization Funds to skirt his mobile home. After discussion, the Board explained to Mr. Stanley that the Weatherization Grant did not skirt mobile homes.

Commissioner Sewell discussed with the Board the possibility of doing work on Amos Road, which is a private road. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus that they could not do work on private roads.

The Board discussed at length the Volunteer Fire Departments at Red Oak and West Side stating that they needed more volunteers.

Commissioner Sewell talked with Sheriff Tatum in reference to the firing range at the Ag-Park. He told him that the Board had complaints from a neighbor in reference to the noise. Sheriff Tatum stated they would have target practice about every six months.

Commissioner Sewell discussed with the Board the Bridge at 274 West asking for weight signs to be placed before entering the bridge. The Board agreed by consensus to place the signs before entering the bridge.

Commissioner Sewell presented to the Board a picture of a memorial that Marlon Peavy asked to be placed in the Courthouse. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus not the place the monument in the Courthouse. The Board asked Clerk Attaway to write a letter to Mr. Peavy thanking him for the opportunity. Because the Peavy Funeral Home Logo is on the plaque, it could be considered advertisement for a private business.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board to place weight limit signs on Hwy 69A and 274 and Hwy 69 and Hwy 69A before entering the bridges. A weight limit sign at Hwy 73 and Hwy 167 at the intersection. The Board agreed by consensus to place the signs before the bridges.

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Commissioner Hunt stated he was unable to see the lines on Hwy 275. After discussion the Board agreed for Road Superintendent to obtain a quote and report back to the Board.


Commissioner Whitfield discussed with the Board The Big River Bridge Road under the Bridge. Commissioner Whitfield asked the Board for permission to pursue this problem with the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT).

Chairman Pickron stated that the Happy Acres Subdivision is in compliance with the Comp Plan.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


JIM PICKRON, CHAIRMAN