

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2003**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

**ROMAN WOOD, DEPUTY  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
RUTH ATTAWAY, CLERK  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

**BID - TRI-COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX AND CALHOUN COUNTY AIRPORTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY**

Attorney Fuqua read the bid advertisement for the Tri-County Agricultural Complex and Calhoun County Airports Storm water Management Facility as opened the bids as follows:

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| 1. Big River Construction | \$ 45,300.00 |
| 2. I. C. Contractors      | 137,119.00   |
| 3. Carter's Contracting   | 63,432.30    |

After discussion, Maxie Waldorff with the IDA Board recommended to the Board to table the above bids for review. After discussion, Commissioner Whitfield made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to table the above bids until Mr. Waldorff and the Engineer could review the bids, negotiate with the lowest bidder, and report back to the Board at the October 21, 2003 Board Meeting.

**DON A. O'BRYAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/GRANTS COORDINATOR**

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board the 2002-2003 Solid Waste Grant funding stating that there is a funding deficient of \$16,844.00.

Mr. O'Bryan and the Board discussed with Doris Traylor of Keep Calhoun County Beautiful the possibility of funding Keep Calhoun County Beautiful \$2,000.00. The Board discussed with Ms. Taylor the use of the money and the funding possibilities.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the FEMA DR-1344 404 HMGP Porter Grade Road Project. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute said road project.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board three names selected to fill the vacant Calhoun County Emergency Management Administrative Assistant Position. Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to hire Marilyn Vincent to this position with a salary of \$9.00 per hour. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve the recommendation from Mr. O'Bryan and hire Ms. Vincent to fill the Administrative Assistant Position.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on the Ocheessee Recreational Park. Chairman Pickron agreed that he would contact Bill Adkins concerning the hauling of dirt to the park.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board to schedule a workshop to discuss a 5-year plan. After discussion the Board agreed to hold the workshop at 2:00 P.M. on October 21, 2003.

**COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD**

Commissioner Whitfield stated he needed some dirt hauled to Sam Adkins Park before Goat Day.

**ATTORNEY FUQUA**

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board on the meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection. Attorney Fuqua stated that reports on testing at the Agricultural Park were late or not submitted. Attorney Fuqua stated he would work with Clerk Attaway to provide a method of reporting to insure that all reports are presented in a timely manner.

The Board discussed at length the possibility of closing the Water Treatment Plant at the Ag-Park. After discussion, the Board directed Chairman Pickron, Clerk Attaway and Attorney Fuqua to research and report back to the Board.

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Attorney Fuqua stated that the Public Hearing on the road closure of Bay Street would be held at the November 18, 2003 Board Meeting as the County Record failed to advertise the Public Hearing on the road closure.

Attorney Fuqua stated that Robert Trammell requested that the Board be asked to write a letter to the Senator and Representative for this district in reference his to selling land to the Department of Environmental Protection. The Board objected to writing a letter without talking to Mr. Trammell. The Board asked that Mr. Trammell come in to talk to the Board.

#### **CLERK ATTAWAY**

Clerk Attaway updated the Board on the Imaging Project in the Clerk's Office. She stated that because she has received a Grant funded through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, local funds were freed up and she was able to image back to 1917 for original records, all marriage records, and all the Board of County Commission minutes. She further stated that these have all been imaged on CD and microfilm and are in storage off site. As soon as the installation of the image equipment and software is complete, the public will be able to view these records from their home computers. She expressed her earlier concerns over the lack of back up records, and her pleasure in having been able to provide long-term protection for them.

Clerk Attaway gave a presentation the Board of County Commissioners showing an outline on the Financial Report prepared annually for Calhoun County. The presentation was prepared to answer questions over the difference between CAFR and the Financial Report.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board the current quote on the Auto Insurance. She stated that the premium increased by almost 50%. She informed the Board that she is reviewing the proposed premium along with the coverage in an attempt to reduce the premium while still providing adequate risk protection.

Clerk Attaway informed the Board that Risk Management had provided her with a proposal for the Workers Comp Insurance for the County. The net difference between the existing carrier and Risk Management Associates is approximately \$16,000 with Risk Management Associates quoting the lower premium. In discussion, the Board expressed concerns over the new carriers general financial condition. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to stay with our present Workers Comp carrier.

Clerk Attaway stated that Logan Barbee, County Extension Agent wanted permission to cut a horse trail in the County's 160 acres next to Sam Adkins Park. He relayed to Ms. Attaway that the Division of Forestry was prepared to cut the trail if the County wanted it done. He further informed Ms. Attaway that the plans called for certain improvements to be made by the County on that property, and that the trail was one such improvement.

Clerk Attaway stated that the Florida Association of Counties asked for a risk study for unmet needs in the County. The Board prepared the following list:

1. Jail
2. Landfill and/or disposal for white goods
3. Storm water runoff
4. Paving
5. Recreation

Clerk Attaway stated that the Property Appraiser's Office is working to complete a contract and asked if the Board would allow them to use the \$5,000.00 in last years budget to complete the project. After discussion, it was consensus of the Board to allow them to keep the \$5,000.00, which would involve a budget amendment.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Warranty Deed between Calhoun County and Clifford Newsome. This is to deed back to Mr. Newsome 18.77 acres the County used as a borrow pit. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to deed the property back to Mr. Newsome.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a deed from C. W. Roberts Contracting to Calhoun County. The Board tabled this issued until Mr. Sewell could review and report back to the Board.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution the Contract Between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, State of Florida Department of Health and The Calhoun County Health Department Contract Year 2003-2004. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approval and execute said Contract.

The September 16, 2003 minutes are approved as presented.

**COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD**

Commissioner Whitfield stated he disapproved of the Road Department hauling dirt to the Ag-Park.

Commissioner Whitfield asked the Board to consider taking the \$2,000.00 approved for Keep Calhoun County Beautiful from the General Fund. After discussion, a motion was

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made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said request.

**COMMISSIONER HUNT**

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board pipes not being mitered after being installed. After discussion, Chairman Pickron stated he would contact Bill Adkins, Road Superintendent and instruct him to have all pipes mitered before installation.

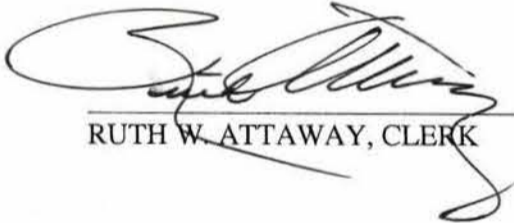
Commissioner Hunt stated he had clipped the shoulders of County Road 275 and was ready for the striping. After discussion, Chairman Pickron stated he would contract C. W. Roberts, Inc. and have him start the striping.

**COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD**

Commissioner Whitfield discussed with the Board and Sheriff Tatum the Kinard Water System. The system has been shot out on several occasions leaving the Kinard Fire Protection out of service. The Board requests that the Sheriff's Department patrol the area. Sheriff Tatum assured the Board that he would address the problem.

There being no further assistance, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
JIM PICKRON, CHAIRMAN