

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2004**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN
TRUMAN GRANT, VICE-CHAIRMAN
EARL HUNT
JIM PICKRON
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD**

**DEPUTY PHINNEY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sewell, prayer and pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Pickron.

BCC/SCHOOL BOARD LEASE

Chairman Sewell discussed with the Board the possibility of leasing the Old Library to the Calhoun County School Board. The Board discussed preparing a 5 year lease at \$1,200.00 per month with the School Board being responsible for all maintenance on the building. Commissioner Whitfield stated he would like for the lease to have a clause allowing either party to break the lease by giving the other party a 90 day written notice. After more discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried for Attorney Fuqua to prepare the lease to be reviewed at the August 17, 2004 Board Meeting.

BILL ADKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Adkins and the Board discussed the activities at the Road Department. Commissioner Whitfield commended Mr. Atkins on a job well done.

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JOHNNY WILLIAMS, SAVE THE APALACHICOLA RIVER

Mr. Williams presented to the Board for approval and execution a Resolution asking the Governor and Legislature of the State of Florida, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and U.S. Congress to halt dredging on the Apalachicola River. The Apalachicola River and the Apalachicola Bay has been designated by the United States as a National Estuarine Research Reserve and by the United Nations as an International Biosphere Reserve. The Apalachicola River and Bay is the cornerstone to the economy and quality of life of Calhoun County and the five other Florida counties along the river; and provided thousands of jobs in commercial fishing, recreational fishing, honey and timber production and ecotourism to Floridians. After discussion, a motion was made by commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said Resolution.

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

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that they approve and execution a Certificate for Acceptance for Sub-Grant Award #05-CJ-K3-02-17-01-203 in the amount of \$115,336.00 for the Calhoun-Liberty Drug Task Force for Fiscal-Year 2004-2005. This Grant was applied for and will be administered by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute the Certification of Acceptance for \$115,336.00. The Board stated that the Sheriff's Department will be responsible for their own Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for this Grant.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that they approve and execute an application by Calhoun County Sheriff's Department for Funding Assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program for \$15,400.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute said Application.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for their approval and execution Modification Agreement #2 between Calhoun County and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) extending the contract period to October 30, 2004. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute said Modification Agreement.

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Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for their approval and execution the FY 04-05 Small County Solid Waste Grant Agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Calhoun County. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute said Agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan requested the Board to approve the rollover to next Fiscal Year of approximately 131 hours annual leave beyond the 240 hours maximum allowed by Board policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to grant the request.

Commissioner Whitfield made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for Mr. O'Bryan to write an Equal Employee Opportunity Plan for Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners when he gets time.

MS. LISA LAMAR WITH THE PANHANDLE AREA HEALTH NETWORK

Ms. Lamar asked the Board for help in funding the Panhandle Area Health Network. This program is to assist low income citizens to receive assistance in prescription drugs. Ms. Lamar stated that there are 460 Calhoun County clients in this program. Mr. Dave Odum with the Calhoun County Health Department stated that this is a good program for Calhoun County and the Health Department is supporting this program. After discussion, the Board stated they would discuss this request at the upcoming budget reviews and that if any money was available it should be routed through the Health Department.

MONICA BRINKLEY, ACTING CALHOUN COUNTY EXTENTION AGENT

Ms. Brinkley recommended that the Board hire Ms. Jessica Bowden for the open position of County Agent for Calhoun County. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to hire Ms. Jessica Bowden to the County Agent position.

The minutes of July 20, 2004 were approved as presented.

MATT FUQUA, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board on the Grit Insurance case. Attorney Fuqua will in depositions in Sarasota, Florida in reference to the case.

CHAIRMAN SEWELL

Chairman Sewell stated that Rita Rubendall contacted him stating that the Grey Hound Bus will not be picking up in small cities after August 18, 2004. The Board stated they had no control over this situation.

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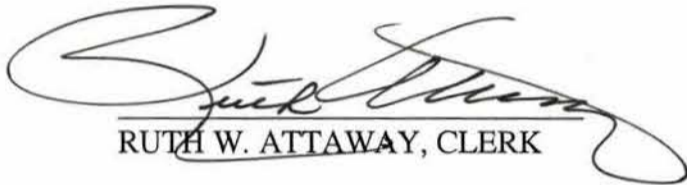
The Board discussed preparing a Resolution opposing the Northwest Florida Greenway. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to prepare the resolution and authorize Chairman Sewell to execute said resolution.

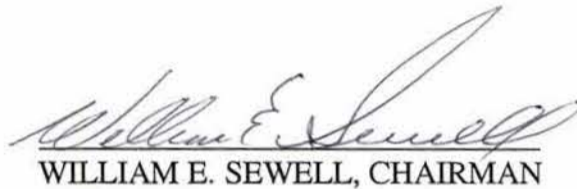
MIKE WILLIS, DRAINAGE

Mr. Willis discussed drainage problems on his property.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN