

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

Chairman Sewell called the meeting to order and led in prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

TIM JENKS, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Jenks stated his Department had been working at Sam Adkins Park. Commissioner Whitfield stated he would send a work crew out to the park to assist in the work at the park during ball season.

The Board discussed holding the Ocheessee Park dedication on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 5:00 P.M. (CST).

BILL ADKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Adkins discussed with the Board the possibility of purchasing a 15.72 acre Barrow Pit from Clifford Newsome. Commissioner Hunt stated that Mr. Newsome would sell the land for approximately \$55,000.00 with a reverter clause in the contract reverting the property back to him at the end of the contract period or when the property is no longer used as a Barrow Pit. The Board stated that they would pay Mr. Newsome \$40,000 in the Fiscal-Year 2004-2005 and, the remainder of \$15,000 would be paid in Fiscal -Year 2005-2006. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to purchase the land from Mr. Newsome subject to Commissioner Hunt's negotiations with Mr. Newsome in reference to the payment dates.

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

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on Hurricane Frances. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to Declare a State of Emergency for Hurricane Francis.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to hire Ms. Joanie Mercer to fill the Administrative Assistant Position in the Emergency Management Office. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Mr. O'Bryan to make the decision as to whom he will hire or fire in his office from this point forward and to make this policy Board wide for Bill Adkins, road Superintendent, Rita Maupin, Library Director, and Tim Jenks, Maintenance Superintendent.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board the Homeland Security Grant Project and recommended to the Board to tentatively award the contract to Iigenuity subject to his negotiation. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to award the contract to Iigenuity subject to Mr. O'Bryan's approval.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board a letter he received from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in reference to CR 392 Cypress Creek Bridge Project. FDOT requested the Board consider the possibility of closing CR 392 and utilizing adjacent county roads as an offsite detour. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried not to approve the request.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a notice to receive sealed bids for 2004 C.T.S.T. Project/County Road 274 West Widening Project. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. (CDT), on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office, Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, Florida 32424 and will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

Commissioner Pickron discussed with Mr. O'Bryan and the Board the possibility of purchasing a generator for the Senior Citizens Building. The Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to research the request and report back to the Board.

MIKE WILLIS

Mr. Willis presented and read to the Board a letter titled a Citizen for Change. (See attached letter)

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT/JESSICA BOWDEN/MONICA BRINKLEY

Monica Brinkley acting County Extension Director introduced Ms. Jessica Bowden to the Board of County Commissioners. Jessica has been hired as the new County Extension Agent for Calhoun County.

VICKI MONTFORD, RICK MARCUM/OPPORTUNITY OF FLORIDA UPDATE

Mr. Rick Marcum with Opportunity of Florida presented the Board with an annual report on Opportunity of Florida.

MIKE CALHOUN/LEE HILL ROAD

Mr. Calhoun asked the Board to consider placing a temporary withdrawal on the Lee Hill Law Suit until after the November 2004 election. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Attorney Fuqua to continue with the Lee Hill Law Suit.

The minutes of August 17, 2004 are approved as presented.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua asked the Board to set an Out-Of- The- Sunshine Meeting to discuss the Hester Leonard vs Calhoun County, Jehue Landing Law Suit and the Governmental Risk Law Suite. The meeting will be set for October 5th, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board for approval and execution the Interlocal Agreement Between Calhoun County and City of Blountstown, Florida providing for transfer of sewage collection system, water supply system and for provision of water service and treatment and disposal of waste water. After discussion, Commissioner Pickron made a motion to approve and execute said Agreement. Motion dies from lack of a second. The Board asked Attorney Fuqua to renegotiate the Agreement and report back to the Board.

CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway stated that Ms. Linda Yon resigned her position on the Library Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to appoint Ms. Danny Bracewell to her vacated position.

COMMISSIONER HUNT

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board a broken water line in Pine Island. The Board stated that is a private matter.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN

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