

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

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Clerk Attaway presented Chairman Sewell with a plaque of appreciation for serving Calhoun County for the past four years.

Commissioner Whitfield is retiring as Commissioner in District 1 after 28 years of service to Calhoun County. Clerk Attaway presented Commissioner Whitfield with a plaque for 28 years of service.

SHIP WELL BIDS

Attorney Fuqua read the Ship bid advertisement and opened the one bid as follows:

<u>CAPPS WELL DRILLING, INC.</u>	\$2,050.00
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After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept low bid from Capps Well Drilling, Inc. for \$2,050.00.

The Board advertised for Ship Septic Tanks Bids and none were received. After discussion, a motion was made by commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to re-advertise for Septic tank Bids.

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BILL ADKINS, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

The Board discussed with Mr. Adkins and Mr. O'Bryan the storm debris cleanup on Buddy Smith's property. After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to pickup the collected and piled debris, as of this date, on the Smith property. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for the collected and piled debris, as of this date, to be picked up on Mr. Smith's property.

TIM JENKS, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Jenks stated that his department worked at the parks and pressure washed all the park buildings.

Mr. Jenks stated that two street lights are out and need replacing at Sam Adkins Park. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to authorize Mr. Jenks to contact the Electric Company to replace the lights at the park.

Commissioner Whitfield commended Mr. Jenks for doing a good job for Calhoun County.

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

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the Disaster Relief Funding Agreement from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for DR-1539 Hurricane Charley. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution an Emergency Management Watershed Project funding Agreement with Department of Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for \$901,656. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution an amendment to the existing NRCS contract for an additional \$30,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #3 from Carter's Contracting, Inc. on the NRCS EWP Leonard Varnum Road Project for \$56,331.894. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute change order #3.

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Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a contract with Ingenuity on the Homeland Security Grant for \$42,631.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the Local State of Emergency for Hurricane Ivan for November 5 - 12, 2004. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve and execute the Local State of Emergency.

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Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a FERDAP Grant application for Ocheessee Park-Phase III for \$200,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute the application.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the FERDAP Grant application for Cooper Park for \$200,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute the application.

MELISSA BROWN, FIRST RESPONDER

Melissa Brown and several members of the Volunteer Fire Departments discussed with the Board dispatching certified first responders under 911 to emergencies in Calhoun County. After a lengthy discussion with the audience, the Board asked Clerk Attaway to research the Liability Insurance for First Responders and report back to the Board. After more discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to table the above discussion until the Clerk could research and report back to the Board. Commissioner Pickron voted no, stating he felt the problem should be resolved as soon as possible.

The minutes of October 19, 2004 were approved as presented.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua presented the Quick Claim Deed for a barrow pit between Calhoun County and Newsome/Jernigan for execution.

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Attorney Fuqua stated he would file a counter claim on the Lee Hill Road Project.

Attorney Fuqua stated there will be mediation on the Jehue Landing Law Suit.

COMMISSIONER HUNT

Commissioner Hunt asked Attorney Fuqua to research the possibility of his Garage servicing the Sheriff's Department vehicles.

COMMISSINER WHITFIELD

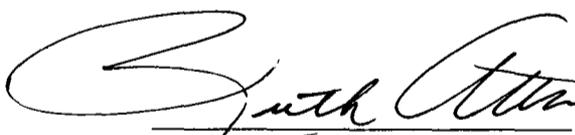
Commissioner Whitfield discussed with the Board the following:

1. CDBG Grant on six roads for \$1,168,000 is approved with work beginning January or February 2005.
2. Emergency Management Office had obtained \$16 million dollars project worksheets on DR-1545 and DR0-1551: however, none of this has been approved by FEMA.
3. Requested that future Boards keep applying for CDBG Grants.
4. The Board has approximately \$600,000 in a special fund for construction of a new jail.
5. All equipment is paid for at the County Road Department and is good condition.
6. Calhoun County is free from any debt.
7. Eight recreation parks paid for and in good shape in the County.
8. Requested that future Boards continue applying for FERDAP Grants.
9. \$1,880,000 in County Transportation II resurfacing with \$1,000,000 obligated to CR-274 widening project.
10. Harry McClellan and 15th Street needs resurfacing in District I.
11. Every Street In Pine Island needs resurfacing in District II.

Commissioner Whitfield stated he was pleased to serve the citizens of Calhoun County for the past 28 years.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn:

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN

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