

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN
JERAL HALL, SR. VICE-CHAIRMAN
JIM PICKRON
DANNY RAY WISE
DAN WYRICK**

**EMMANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
RUTH ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Hires, with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Wyrick.

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. with the following recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Hand subdivision. Motion made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve said sub-division.

PUBLIC HEARING – DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE & ORDINANCE 2007-01

Attorney Fuqua read to the Board an Ordinance Amending Driveways. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to correct said ordinance before adopting.

Mr. Ron Wood asked the Board not to pass the Ordinance until all information is correct. After more discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to deny the Ordinance until corrected.

Attorney Fuqua read Ordinance 2007-01 an Ordinance Correcting Ordinance 2006-11. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to adopt Ordinance 2007-01.

DON A. O'BRYAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/GRANTS

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order # 2 to C.W. Roberts, Contracting, Inc. for the Abe Springs/Bullhead Bay Road CIGP Project for a 25 day time extension to expire March 25, 2007. After discussion, a motion

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was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve and execute Contract Change Order #2.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board information from the Herald Tribune concerning FEMA.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board Alderman and Burch Road. He recommended to the Board for Attorney Fuqua to prepare an Agreement between Keith Lee and Ms. Bailey concerning property lines. After discussion, the Board was polled and they agreed for Attorney Fuqua to prepare the necessary paperwork for this project.

DEBBY PETTY, USDA HOUSING PROGRAM

Ms. Petty updated the Board on Housing Programs available for low income families. She stated that if qualified, a loan could be obtained up to \$7,500 for as little as a 1% interest rate.

PATTY WOOD, ANIMAL CONTROL

Ms. Wood discussed with the Board the possibility of having a Calhoun County Humane Society and Leash Agreement. She presented to the Board information on the above subject. After discussion, Commissioner Wise stated that the County needs a facility, Ordinance and a Control Officer. No action was taken.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua stated that he prepared for approval and execution an Interlocal Agreement between Calhoun County and the Town of Altha for providing assistance in the maintenance of streets and roads within limits of the Town of Altha. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve and execute said Interlocal Agreement.

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board a Resolution of the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners establishing its opposition to a proposed constitutional initiative petition to increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000.00. Establishing its support of the Florida Association of Counties' on going effort to educate the public on the harmful impact to all Florida Counties and their citizens that would necessarily result from the passage of this initiative. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to table said Resolution for review.

CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval annual leave request from Tim Jenks for March 19 through March 23, 2007. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve Mr. Jenks request.

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Vicki Montford discussed with the Board the possibility of initiating Rural County Tourist Collections Tax. She stated that Calhoun County did not charge a tourist development or bed tax. She explained that this is a tax assessed on the rental of hotel rooms. After discussion, the board was polled and all agreed for Attorney Fuqua to research and report back at the next Board Meeting.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board Cell Phone service. She stated that Nextel presented her a proposal and some of things of interest were:

1. Tower Priority Signal Agreement
2. Emergency Box
3. Mobile Tower
4. GPS Locator
5. Direct Connect

After discussion, the Board asked Clerk Attaway to contact Alltel to see if they could provide these services.

Clerk Attaway stated that a New Jail Committee had been formed and the 1st Jail meeting will be held on February 21, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

Clerk Attaway stated that a representative with Emergystat will meet with the Board March 6, 2007 to answer any questions that the Board may have.

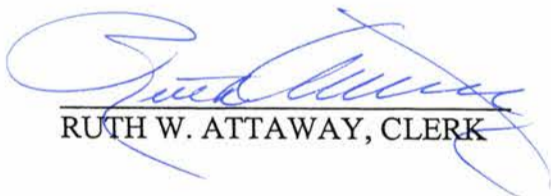
The February 6, 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

COMMISSIONER WYRICK

Commissioner Wyrick asked the Board to advertise for Professional Services for an architect as soon as possible. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to advertise for Professional Services.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN

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