

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2013

PRESENT:

THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
LEE LEE BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
LEE SHELTON
WILLIE GRANT

MANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK
NONA BORELLI, DEPUTY CLERK

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 10:00 a.m. CT. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag were led by Commissioner McDougald.

It was noted the meeting could not be videoed due to the lack of power.

Commissioner Flowers stated the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the issues of county insurance.

Chairman Flowers discussed the inmate catastrophic medical insurance. The renewal premium is \$25,193 per year with a \$10,000 deductible per inmate, an increase of \$6,031 over last year's premium. Due to staff changes there was only a short time for the renewal to be accepted by the County and no time to competitively bid this insurance. It was suggested there would be more time prior to the next renewal date to solicit bids.

Commissioner McDougald had questions about the premium increase and if funds were available in the budget to pay for the increased premium.

Clerk Hand explained the County had two (2) inmates with medical claims exceeding \$10,000 each; also explaining a refund of \$8,380.83 is expected soon from a prior year insurance settlement and can be used by the Board to fund the additional premium of \$6,031, if the Board agrees and adopts a budget resolution for the unanticipated revenue.

Commissioner McDougald made a motion to pay the renewal insurance premium and Commissioner Grant Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner McDougald made a motion for a Budget Resolution to be prepared increasing the 2012-2013 budget for inmate medical insurance with the unanticipated revenue from the prior year insurance refund and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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Chairman Flowers explained to the Board it is time to renew the ambulance insurance policy. The renewal premium is \$16,676.01; this is an increase of \$1,185.21 over the prior year premium. The Chairman also explained the premium paid by the county will be deducted from the payment to Calhoun-Liberty Hospital for the EMS Services Contract. The increase in premium is due to the number of ambulance runs. Chairman Flowers asked Mr. Dwight Van Lierop to speak on the matter.

Mr. Dwight Van Lierop stated the increase was due to the increase in volume of service calls and also informed the board that new ambulance drivers should be reported immediately to the insurance company; this should be an ongoing process throughout the year and not only at renewal time. The hospital should be checking the driving privileges of all the drivers at least monthly and should be running a driving history at least yearly. The Hospital should keep an accurate list of all active drivers (employees).

Commissioner Shelton motioned to pay the Ambulance renewal premium of \$16,676.01 and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Flowers spoke to the board about the April 2013 renewal for county health insurance. The Clerk's office is preparing a census. There is a meeting scheduled February 7, 2013 with the Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, the agent of record, and the Clerk to discuss renewal matters. (Was subsequently rescheduled by Blue Cross Blue Shield for February 8, 2013)

Commissioner McDougald mentioned Waste Pro would like a workshop with the County Commissioners to discuss some unresolved issues such as leaving more trash for pickup than the containers hold. Commissioner McDougald wanted to know the status on the garbage contract. Commissioner McDougald suggested that there be a workshop at 4:00 p.m. CT on February 19, 2013. (Workshop date/time will be determined later.)

Joe Wood, Public Works Director, addressed the Board with a possible suggestion for expanded services with Waste Pro. At one time Waste Pro considered adding an additional \$.50 monthly per month to each bill for picking up items that are hard to dispose of such as: mattresses, couches, furniture, appliances etc.

Mr. Calhoun asked the Board if there is a Planning/Zoning meeting scheduled on 19th. The Board informed Mr. Calhoun there is no Planning meeting scheduled.

Chairman Flowers brought up *Code Enforcement*. Commissioner McDougald mentioned some constituents have complaints about old houses or houses that have been burnt and are unlivable but the county does not have the ability to enforce clean up without an approved policy. Chairman Flowers suggested that Commissioner McDougald and Dowling Parrish, Building Inspector, and Matt Fuqua, County Attorney get together and come up with some type of plan.

Commissioner Brown brought his concerns about meeting times to the Board. Commissioner Brown asked if the meetings could start at 6:00 p.m. CT. Commissioner Brown said getting off work early for meetings is sometimes hard to do because of his job and requested if the Board would consider scheduling all meetings at 6:00 p.m. CT. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Commissioner McDougald said it would inconvenience others if the meetings were at 6:00 p.m. CST such as out-of town attendees, business owners, or county staff. He further explained county staff would

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have to work overtime to attend late meetings and asked the Board to consider how changing the meeting to 6:00 pm CT would impact others.

Clerk Hand reminded the Board to consult with the attorney about his schedule in regards to setting the meeting time.


Commissioner Grant stated the two regular monthly meetings have traditionally been scheduled for one early and one late since 1986 or before. That was done to give everybody the ability to attend the meetings.

Chairman Flowers asked about the Break-Away-Drag Strip. Commissioner Shelton stated the individual he had talked with earlier has decided not to proceed and is unsure about anyone else.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Shelton and passed (5-0) to adjourn this meeting at 10:35 a.m. (C.S.T.)

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK


THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

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