

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
December 17, 2013
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AND ACTING

COMMISSIONERS:

THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
WILLIE "TRUMAN" GRANT

MANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
CARLA PEACOCK, DEPUTY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Commissioner Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

- ❖ A motion to approve the December 3, 2013 Workshop Minutes was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ A motion to approve the December 3, 2013 Regular Minutes was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ A motion to approve Vouchers for Warrants 1312-2GP; 1312-GPS; 1312-2G; 1312-2GS; 1312-2RD; 1312-2L; 1312-2E; 1312-2S; 1312-VOL was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner McDougald and passed unanimously 5-0.

HOMER HIRT, PRESIDENT - RIVER WAY SOUTH APALACHICOLA CHOCTAWHATCHEE

Mr. Homer Hirt provided information on River Way South Apalachicola Choctawhatchee (RWSAC). Mr. Hirt said RWSAC is a team of eight counties in Northwest Florida bordering the Apalachicola and Choctawhatchee Rivers. Mr. Hirt stated RWSAC joined to mutually promote rural tourism. The organization is made up of tourism professionals, economic development professionals, and tourism industry partners and stakeholders from Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties.

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RWSAC's mission is to encourage sustainable economic development through the preservation and promotion of the natural, cultural, recreational, scenic, and historical resources within the Apalachicola and Choctawhatchee river basins.

Mr. Hirt said Interstate 10 carries millions of people through this area and Hwy 231 carries thousands of people through this area. He said RWSAC is working to get those people to get off the highway to visit our area and see what we have to offer. Mr. Hirt gave information on upcoming events:

- RWSAC Agritourism Workshop
February 13, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Gadsden County Extension - Quincy, FL
Featuring nationally recognized agritourism expert, Jane Eckert
- 2014 RWSAC Rural Tourism & Economic Development Summit
April 4, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Chipola College - Marianna, FL
Sessions on successful tourism, promotion techniques, measuring tourism impacts and more.

Mr. Hirt said Kristy Terry, Chamber Director is the professional tourism member from Calhoun County serving on the RWSAC Board.

VOLENA BARFIELD - VOTING PRECINCTS

- Ms. Barfield addressed the Board asking if there were any changes to the budget that would allow for the voting precinct at Henderson Mill to be re-opened.

Commissioner Flowers responded to his knowledge the Supervisor of Elections did not ask for budget funds to re-open the Henderson Mill voting precinct or other closed voting precincts.

Commissioner McDougald spoke about cuts the County made during the budget process.

Alex Dudley also expressed his concerns about how closing the Henderson Mill precinct impacts voting by the elderly.

Chairman Flowers stated it all comes down to money and reiterated the Board made certain decisions during the budget cycle that were tough cuts. He also compared the voting precincts of each district noting District 5 has the largest land area with only one voting precinct located in the district.

Ms. Barfield urged the Board to reconsider and re-open the closed precincts.

After much discussion, Commissioner McDougald stated he would make the following offer to the Supervisor of Elections:

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- If the Supervisor of Elections provides the equipment necessary to open the Henderson Mill precinct, Mr. McDougald will pay out of his personal funds the salaries for three poll workers and make sure the building is maintained.
- Ms. Barfield also voiced her concerns about the condition of the Ocheesee River Boat Landing. Ms. Barfield stated there are approximately twelve houseboats at the landing that are dumping sewage into the river.

Attorney Fuqua stated the Board of County Commissioners does not have jurisdiction over the navigable waterway.

Ms. Barfield stated she has contacted many agencies and no one can tell her who has jurisdiction.

Attorney Fuqua stated he would try to find out which agency would have jurisdiction and report back to the Board.

MAXI WALDORFF, IDA BOARD

Mr. Waldorff directed the Board's attention to a problem with the North Apron Extension project at the Calhoun County Airport. Mr. Waldorff introduced the contractor for the project, Mr. John Smith, with Panhandle Construction. Mr. Waldorff stated URS Corp's engineering plans were incorrect which caused 160 feet of pipe to be laid incorrectly. Mr. Waldorff said URS Corp offered to correct the problem by leaving the pipe and lowering two drain boxes below the pipe. Mr. Waldorff and Mr. Smith both stated the solution offered by URS Corp was not satisfactory because it would allow 6-12 inches of water to remain in the pipe at all times. Mr. Smith stated the pipe needs to be taken up and put back down at the correct elevation at a cost of approximately \$5,900. It was the general consensus of the Board for the pipe to be taken up and put back down using at the correct elevation. Mr. Waldorff stated he would speak to URS Corp and report back to the Board.

Mr. Waldorff brought up the proposed IDA Resolution amending the composition of the IDA Board. After much discussion, the BOCC decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

Mr. Waldorff advised the Board that Tony Jones is out of the t-hangars but he has four planes tied down at the airport. Mr. Waldorff has concerns about this. Attorney Fuqua advised the Board everyone renting hangars at the airport needs to sign a lease so that lease terms can be enforced.

DAN CLEMONS, WEATHERIZATION DIRECTOR

1. Mr. Clemons presented each Commissioner with a copy of the FAA pre-application for the GPS approach for the Airport to review before the next meeting.
2. Mr. Clemons presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2013-35 authorizing the Chairman to sign the JPA Agreements for the engineering of the taxiway and connectors at the Calhoun County Airport.
 - ❖ A motion to approve and execute Resolution 2013-35 was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously.

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3. Mr. Clemons presented to the Board for approval a modification to the 2013 WAP contract, an increase of \$28,000.

- ❖ A motion to approve the modification to the WAP contract by an increase of \$28,000 was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously.

Mr. Waldorff also informed the Board that all of the security lights at the airport are now working.

ANGIE SMITH, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

1. Ms. Smith presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2013-34 authorizing the adoption of the Calhoun County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 252 Rule 27P-6.

- ❖ A motion was made to approve Resolution 2013-34 authorizing the adoption of the Calhoun County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 252 Rule 27P-6.

2. Ms. Smith requested permission from the Board to advertise a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the 2014 DHS Training and Exercise, updating the debris Management Plan and the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (LMS).

- ❖ A motion to give the Emergency Management Director permission to advertise a Request for Qualification for the 2014 DHS Training and Exercise, updating the debris Management Plan and the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (LMS) was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Ms. Smith provided the Board with an update on FEMA projects:

1. DR 1831 – Thirty-eight large projects have been submitted, signed and sent to FEMA for final closeout.
2. DR 1785 – Twenty-one out of thirty-nine large projects have been submitted, signed and sent to FEMA for final closeout.
 - i. Working on the remaining 18 projects to be submitted. Still waiting on approval for FEMA time extension on two of these projects.
 - ii. Without any unforeseen circumstances, the remaining projects should be submitted for closeout by the end of January 2014.

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JOE WOOD, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Wood asked the Board to declare two old ambulances surplus and allow him to sell them in the equipment auction. Mr. Wood stated the ambulances are not in use. The auction company gave an estimated value of \$2,500 - \$3,000 for each ambulance.

- ❖ A motion to declare the two old ambulances not being used by the ambulance service as surplus equipment was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ A motion to give the Director of Operations permission to sell the two ambulances declared surplus equipment in the equipment auction was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.

CLERK HAND

1. Clerk Hand presented to the Board for their consideration proposed Resolution 2013-33 urging members of the Legislature to oppose legislation mandating the use of a uniform chart of accounts for all governmental entities. Clerk Hand stated the Florida Government Finance Officer Association is urging each county to adopt the proposed Resolution as there are serious concerns regarding the proposed Uniform Chart of Accounts and the financial burden it will place on counties. The Clerk also explained the resolution is to be sent to Senator Montford and Representative Beshears.
 - ❖ A motion to approve and execute Resolution 2013-33 was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
2. Clerk Hand asked the Board for permission to declare Asset #979 (desk) as surplus equipment and donate it to the School Board. Clerk Hand stated the School Board has asked for the desk which is not being used and sitting in storage.
 - ❖ A motion to declare Asset #979 as surplus equipment and donate it to the Calhoun County School Board was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Shelton and passed unanimously 5-0.
3. Clerk Hand asked the Board for permission to transfer Asset #495 (desk) from the Clerk's Office to the Emergency Management Office. Clerk Hand stated the desk is not being used by the Clerk's office and the Emergency Management office needs a desk.
 - ❖ A motion to transfer Asset #495 from the Clerk's office to the Emergency Management office was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
4. Clerk Hand asked the Board for permission to surplus Road Department Asset #1387 (2000 MACK Truck) and use it for scrap parts.

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- ❖ A motion to declare Asset #1387 as surplus equipment and use it for scrap parts was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
5. Clerk Hand asked the Board for permission to surplus, junk and dispose of the following old computers in the Clerk's office:
- a. Asset #1024
 - b. Asset #1027
 - c. Asset #1107

- ❖ A motion to surplus, junk and dispose of Asset #1024, 1027 and 1107 was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously.

The Clerk also mentioned other nonfunctioning IT equipment not on inventory because of value less than threshold amount would also be junked and disposed of.

6. Clerk Hand asked the Board for permission to make a correction to the SHIP bid awarded to Yoder Septic Tank at the December 3, 2013 Board meeting. The bid was read aloud as \$3,035. Chairman Flowers said SHIP Manager, Dowling Parrish spoke to Mr. David Yoder and Mr. Yoder stated the bid was \$2,035.

- ❖ A motion to correct and record the SHIP bid by Yoder Septic Tank as \$2,035 was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Shelton and passed unanimously 5-0.

7. Clerk Hand informed the Board that \$894.81 was expended to Account 51349 – Other current charges – for repairs in the Supervisor of Elections office.

ATTORNEY TIME

MATT FUQUA, COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fuqua said he messaged Mike Guy tonight with the Game and Freshwater Commission regarding the issues at Ocheesee Landing brought up earlier in the meeting by Volena Barfield.
2. Attorney Fuqua said he made corrections to the draft IDA Resolution during the meeting tonight and emailed it to Deputy Clerk Peacock, Chairman Flowers and Clerk Hand. It will be placed in the Commissioners Board packets for review before the next Board meeting.
3. Attorney Fuqua reported the C.R. Cochran trial was held on December 16th and he thought it went very well. He said the proposed Final Judgment would be turned in to the Judge by January 13, 2014. Attorney Fuqua stated he expects a ruling fairly quickly after that.
4. Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board a draft Public Participation Policy. Chairman Flowers tabled the matter until the next Board meeting.

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COMMISSION TIME

COMMISSIONER MCDOUGALD

Commissioner McDougald reported he attended an FDOT meeting last week regarding the Hwy 69 Stafford Creek Bridge replacement and it was very interesting to see how this process works.

COMMISSIONERS BROWN, SHELTON AND GRANT

Nothing to report

CHAIRMAN FLOWERS

1. Chairman Flowers presented for the Board's consideration the agreement with Jackson Hospital for payment rates for Calhoun County Inmate medical care.
 - ❖ A motion to approve and execute the Jackson Hospital Agreement for payment rates for Calhoun County Inmate medical care was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.
2. Chairman Flowers said Jim Brook with Opportunity Florida asked for a workshop with the Board on January 21, 2014 at 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. This workshop is to be scheduled as requested.
3. Chairman Flowers presented a request from Opportunity Florida for a letter of support from Calhoun County.
 - ❖ A motion to give a letter of support to Opportunity Florida from Calhoun County was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed 5-0.
4. Chairman Flowers said Apalachee Regional Planning Council has asked for two appointments to their Board. Commissioner McDougald stated he doesn't want to serve on the ARPC Board at this time. It was the general consensus of the Board to not appoint anyone at this time.

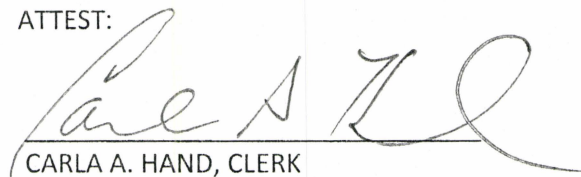
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Chairman Flowers adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK