

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2014  
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND ACTING

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

CARLA PEACOCK, DEPUTY CLERK

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:00 P.M.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Commissioner McDougald.

Chairman Flowers explained the Public Participation Policy.

Commissioner Brown stated the reason for this meeting was to discuss the Calhoun County Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball Program and confirm a list of potential members of the Calhoun County Dixie Youth Baseball/Softball Committee.

The Commissioners were presented with a copy of the Calhoun County Dixie Youth Bylaws.

Chairman Flowers asked for public comment.

**JEREMY WHITWORTH – CALHOUN COUNTY DIXIE YOUTH CO-CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Whitworth stated all committee members on the list presented to the Board are present. Mr. Whitworth stated the Calhoun County Dixie Youth Organization recently held a meeting and approved their bylaws and selected committee members. Mr. Whitworth asked the Board to approve the list of Committee members. Mr. Whitworth stated the Committee would continue to run the ball league in the same manner as the previous year. Mr. Whitworth asked if the Board had any questions.

Commissioner McDougald asked if this Committee would fall under the "Sunshine Law" if the approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Shelton suggested taking a recess to place a call to the County Attorney to ask if the Dixie Youth Committee would be required to adhere to the "Sunshine Law".

Chairman Flowers called for a recess at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman Flowers called the meeting back to order at 5:20 p.m.

Joe Wood said the County Attorney stated the Dixie Youth Committee would not fall under the "Sunshine Law" or Public Participation Policy requirements.

- ❖ A motion was made to approve the list of Calhoun County Dixie Youth Committee Members presented to the Board by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Shelton.

Chairman Flowers called for public comment.

Jeremy Whitworth asked if the Board wanted the bylaws to use the word "chosen" or "approved" by the Board. The Chairman said the Board is approving a list of members already chosen by the Dixie Youth so use the word "approved".

- ❖ Commissioner Brown made a motion to amend his previous motion to read "approve the list of Calhoun County Dixie Youth Committee Members on an annual basis", seconded by Commissioner Shelton and passed unanimously 5-0.

#### **LEGISLATIVE FUNDING REQUESTS – RANKING AND DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wood asked the Board to rank the Legislative Funding Requests as follows:

1. Forced Main Sewer Lines from Altha to Blountstown
2. Courthouse HVAC
3. Rehab Old Courthouse
4. Funding to rehab existing County Parks
5. Courthouse Elevator Improvements

Chairman Flowers called for public comment.

Donald Stanley informed the Board the City of Blountstown will be the applicant on the Forced Main Sewer Lines from Altha to Blountstown. The County Commission, Town of Altha and School Board will submit letters of support. Mr. Stanley stated there can only be one applicant.

- ❖ A motion was made to approve the ranking of Legislative Funding Requests by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Flowers said he saw a local news story about available funding for rehab of existing parks. He said the City of Parker recently received \$60,000 for park rehab. The Chairman asked Donald Stanley to research funding for county parks.

#### **ANGIE SMITH – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Ms. Smith updated the Board on the weather forecast. She stated our area is expected to receive freezing rain and ice accumulation of approximately 1/4", limited snow or sleet, trees and power lines down, icy roads and hazardous travel conditions. Ms. Smith said wind chill values tonight and tomorrow night are expected to be in the teens, high for tomorrow will be below freezing. Ms. Smith said she and the School Board were on a conference call with the National Weather Service this morning and due to the probability of hazardous roads, the School Board has closed Calhoun County Schools on 1/29/14 and 1/30/14.

Ms. Smith requested the Board to declare a Local State of Emergency for Calhoun County beginning today 1/28/14. Ms. Smith stated the State of Emergency will be good for seven days.

A motion was made to declare Calhoun County, Florida in a state of emergency by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Shelton and passed unanimously 5-0.

Due to the rapid escalation of this problem and the requirement for rapid action, publication of notice of this emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is not practical. The Board of County Commissioners exercises its authority and waives the proceedings and formalities required by law of a political subdivision as provided by Florida Statutes 252.38.

Ms. Smith said she had a good line of communication with FDOT and will notify appropriate agencies as she gets information.

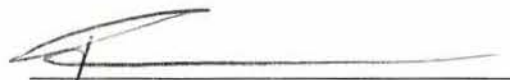
Chairman Flowers informed the Board the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit has closed court operations for 1/29/14.

There was some discussion about closing county offices. Ms. Smith said the concern is frozen ice on roads that can't be seen. She said Escambia County is already dealing with frozen ice accumulation and accidents.

A motion was made to close all County offices except for essential personnel on 1/29/14 by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously 5-0.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Flowers. The motion passed 5-0 to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

  
THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER