

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2014**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
WILLIE T. GRANT
DARRELL MCDUGALD
MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN**

**EMORY GODWIN, DEPUTY SHERIFF
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA PEACOCK, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 6:00 p.m., CT. Commissioner Brown led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ A motion to approve the April 15, 2014 Regular and Special Meeting Minutes and the April 17th and April 30, 2014 Emergency Meeting Minutes and vouchers for warrants 1405-GS, 1405-1GS, 1405-1G, 1405-1RD, 1405-1L, 1405-1E, and 1405-1S was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant. Commissioner Shelton requested the following wording be added to the April 15, 2014 Regular Minutes "per SHIP Policies and Procedures" after the motion to charge liquidated damages at \$100.00 per day. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Flowers reminded everyone the Board recently adopted a Public Participation Policy pursuant to F.S. 286.0114 and those on the agenda will have three minutes to speak on their topic. The public will have an opportunity to speak on items before the Board for a vote before any action is taken.

BID – SCOP (Small County Outreach Program) C.R. 392 WIDENING AND RESURFACING PROJECT

Attorney Fuqua opened and read aloud the sealed bids.

C.W. Roberts Contracting	\$796,499.00
Roberts & Roberts	\$794,487.00

Donald Stanley, County Engineer reviewed the bids and made the recommendation to award the bid to the apparent low bidder Roberts & Roberts.

- ❖ A motion to award the SCOP C.R. 392 Project to the apparent low bidder Roberts & Roberts was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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KRISTY TERRY- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALHOUN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Terry presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2014-10, a resolution to promote and nurture wildflowers when possible.

- ❖ A motion to approve and execute Resolution 2014-10 was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Terry presented to the Board for approval and execution a Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Paddling and Trails Association to promote Calhoun County as a destination for paddling and kayaking water trails. Ms. Terry said if the County agrees to the Memorandum of Understanding the Florida Paddling and Trails Association will promote Calhoun County as a trails destination in their brochures and on their website.

- ❖ A motion to approve and execute the Florida Paddling and Trails Association Memorandum of Understanding was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS MONTHLY REPORTS FOR APRIL

ELTON MCDANIEL – ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. McDaniel presented the Board with a written monthly report of the activities of the Road Department.

TIM JENKS – MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDANT

Mr. Jenks gave a verbal report on the following:

- Mowed grass at parks and County buildings; routine maintenance performed as needed.
- Mr. Jenks reported ball season is going well at Sam Atkins Park.
- Assisted Shelly Burns with Relay for Life held at Sam Atkins Park, noting the park was left immaculate after this event by the Relay teams.
- Assisted Director of Operations and Emergency Management as needed during recent rain events.

DAN CLEMONS, WEATHERIZATION COORDINATOR

Mr. Clemons presented to the Board for approval and execution the 2014 Weatherization Assistance Program Agreement No. 14WXOG021701006 in the amount of \$23,790.00.

- ❖ A motion to approve and execute the 2014 Weatherization Assistance Program Agreement No. 14WXOG021701006 was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Clemons reported grass is encroaching on lime rock in some areas. Mr. Clemons stated he sprayed the edge of the lime rock and will give a report on the results.

JUDY LUDLOW – COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Ms. Ludlow provided a written and verbal report to the Board.

- Extension is celebrating 100 years.
- 20 individuals signed up for the Master Gardner course offered in response to UF/IFAS Extension Calhoun County, FAMU, and the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement Community Outreach Wellness Initiative (FaithHealthEdEcon-CalhounLiberty).
- Impacts of record rain on Calhoun County Ag lands: Cool and very wet conditions this spring will impact our crops and pastures this growing season
- USDA reported as of Friday, no producer has claimed damages yet. Reimbursable loss includes structural damages to Ag buildings and equipment, significant erosion of croplands, and damage and ultimate loss to crops. Crop loss remains to be seen for cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, etc.

RITA MAUPIN- LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Maupin provided a written monthly statistical report to the Board.

- 8,070 total visits were made to the Calhoun County Public Libraries in March.
- 5,028 materials were checked out.
- 781 adults and children attended reading or other cultural programs.
- The six libraries are holding silent auctions to raise money for their June Florida Library Youth Programs.

DOWLING PARRISH, BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. Parrish provided the Board with a written and verbal report.

Mr. Parrish presented a change order (increase) in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the Floyd Jemison SHIP project:

- \$700.00 – window AC unit
 - \$400.00 – flooring in walk-in closet
- ❖ A motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the Floyd Jemison project was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Grant. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. After some discussion between Commissioners the motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- Licenses issued – 8
 - Building permits issued – 18
 - Inspected SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership program) projects
 - Mr. Parrish provided an update on the Floyd Jemison project. At the Board meeting April 15, 2014, the Board gave the contractor until April 22nd to complete the project. If the project was not completed by this date, the contractor is to be charged \$100.00 per day in liquidated damages per SHIP Policy. Mr. Parrish stated as of May 6, 2014 the contractor has not completed the Jemison project and liquidated damages are at \$900.00.
 - i. Cabinets have not been installed.
 - ii. Plumbing will be completed after cabinets are installed.
 - iii. Electrician/electrical has been completed.

- iv. The SHIP contract allows 10 days for work to begin and a total of 45 days to complete the entire project.
 1. Contractor did not begin work in 10 days as required.
 2. Contractor has been on the project for 91 days as of May 6, 2014.

DONALD STANLEY, COUNTY ENGINEER

1. Chairman Flowers inquired if repairing the damage to CR 392 would be included in the current project (SCOP). Mr. Stanley explained the damage to CR 392 would not be included in the scope of the current project. Mr. Stanley said the County Road Department patched the hole with lime rock. Mr. Stanley said Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other funding agencies would be reviewing the damage this week.
2. Chairman Flowers inquired if Mr. Stanley had any updates on the issue with the retention pond at the Airport.

Mr. Stanley stated according to DEP permits the retention pond was modeled with tail water in the ditch along SR 71 at 110.4' which means during design rainfall event when pond is discharging through the box, water will stage in the ditch to 110.4'. Mr. Stanley stated the elevation couldn't be lowered below 110.4' (about 7 inches). This would require re permitting through FDEP. Mr. Stanley said there is capacity in the Catalyst Site expansion to drop the elevation by that much, but he would need to confer with URS. Mr. Stanley asked the Board if lowering by 7 inches would be worth the effort, since there is 1.5'-2.0' of water designed to stand in the ditches.

Commissioner Shelton stated seven (7) inches may not sound like a lot, but reminded everyone the IDA Board recently approved a change order for several thousand dollars because of staging ground water.

Mr. Stanley agreed with Commissioner Shelton adding he would be more concerned with staging ground water causing mounding under the runway.

Mr. Stanley made the following recommendations:

- Drop the pond elevation (if possible)
- Alterations on the Airfield to discharge water - closed conveyance system or fill ditch

Mr. Stanley stated he would contact DEP to discuss lowering the pond elevation.

3. Mr. Stanley asked the Board for permission to submit DOT SCOP applications for CR 392, Buddy Johnson Road and Musgrove Road. Mr. Stanley said CR 392 would be submitted in a separate application as a large project and Buddy Johnson and Musgrove Road would be submitted together as small projects.
 - ❖ A motion giving the County Engineer permission to submit 2014 DOT SCOP applications for CR 392, Buddy Johnson Road and Musgrove Road was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

- Chairman Flowers inquired about the status of the Pine Island Water System project. Mr. Stanley said the drinking water permit is almost ready to submit and should be ready for bids in June or July.

BOB FLECK, IDA CHAIRMAN/AIRPORT MANAGER

Mr. Fleck presented to the Board for approval a Deductive Change Order in the amount of \$12,853.00 from North Florida Construction's contract to pay URS Engineering for engineering services for foundation drawings for the two hangars currently under construction. Mr. Fleck said North Florida Construction was unable to obtain engineering services for the drawings from other engineering firms.

Commissioner Shelton said he was told URS would have 21 days to complete the drawings and asked how many days are left.

Mr. Fleck stated it is about 7 days into the 21-day time limit and URS is 90% complete with the drawings. Commissioner Shelton asked Mr. Fleck to monitor the progress to ensure the time limit is not exceeded. Mr. Fleck responded he would monitor the time limit.

- ❖ A motion to approve the Change Order to deduct \$12,853.00 from North Florida Construction's contract and pay URS Engineering for engineering drawings of the foundation for the two current hangar projects was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Fleck informed the Board the Emerald Warrior Military Training Exercise is going on now should be finished by May 9th.

CHAIRMAN FLOWERS CALLED A RECESS AT 7:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN FLOWERS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 7:13 P.M.

ANGIE SMITH, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Ms. Smith reported Emergency Management is documenting the damage from the recent rain events and the preliminary damage assessment is \$10,000,000. The Road Department has been working diligently on emergency repairs to ensure motorist and school bus safety, but there are a few sites that will need extensive repairs. Calhoun Emergency Management will be conducting a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with the State and FEMA. This process will begin on Thursday morning.

Ms. Smith commended the Board of County Commissioners, Fire Departments, Sheriff's Department, Donald Stanley with Preble Rish, Emergency Management and the Road Department for a job well done during the recent rain event.

Ms. Smith recommended to the Board to extend the Local State of Emergency by an additional seven days for any recovery actions that may be needed.

- ❖ A motion to extend the Local State of Emergency for Calhoun County by an additional seven days was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner McDougald. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Smith presented for the Board's consideration the purchase of a climate controlled 18'X18' storage building to be placed on the existing concrete slab behind the Courthouse. The building would be used to store Emergency Management supplies such as cots, ice chests, water, sand bags, etc. Ms. Smith said the supplies are currently stored in various locations throughout the County. Ms. Smith said a "lean to" could be attached to the building to store the Emergency Management utility trailer, which is currently housed at the Recycling Center. Ms. Smith stated this would allow all supplies to be stored in one location and could be quickly loaded and distributed in an emergency. Ms. Smith will obtain quotes and bring before the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Smith stated she and her Administrative Assistant are scheduled to attend the Governor's Hurricane Conference next week and asked for direction from the Board.

It was the general consensus of the Board for Ms. Smith and her Administrative Assistant to attend the conference.

Ms. Smith asked the Board to approve a pay rate increase to her for the additional duties and responsibilities she assumed upon the elimination of the position on April 4, 2014. Ms. Smith stated this pay rate increase is in line with the other promotions given on April 4, 2014.

- ❖ A motion to approve the pay rate increase for Angie Smith, Emergency Management Director with the same pay increase given to Ronnie Stone and Amy Hall was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

JOE WOOD, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

1. Mr. Wood stated the County has advertised for Beaver Trappers for two consecutive weeks in the County Record and no response has been received. Mr. Wood asked for Board direction. After some discussion, Attorney Fuqua suggested the Director of Operations appoint four volunteer trappers who meet the requirements for Beaver trapping.
2. Mr. Wood informed the Board there is an old extensive military drainage system from World War II located northeast of Mt. Olive Cemetery Road in Altha. Part of this old system runs underneath Mark Peacock's property and recently a pipe underneath his property failed resulting in a large hole on his property. Mr. Peacock contacted the County with a request to repair the pipe and cover the hole. Mr. Wood presented to the Board an Agreement with Mark Peacock to give Mr. Peacock permission to repair, if damaged, the two inlets on County right of way that provide drainage to his farm property and in return the County will seal and cover the drainage pipe running underneath his farm property. The County will receive an easement for water to run through Mr. Peacock's property. The agreement states the County will no longer have any responsibility for the any part of the drainage system.
 - ❖ A motion to approve and execute the Agreement between Calhoun County and Mark Peacock was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Chairman Flowers. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Mr. Wood said Sheriff Kimbrel has been negotiating with Liberty County for the housing of Calhoun County female inmates by Liberty County. The Sheriff prepared a contract with legal stipulations on how Calhoun County female inmates would be handled. Liberty County has not responded. Mr. Wood said he contacted the Liberty County BOCC Chairman to discuss the Liberty County invoice in the amount of \$697 for transporting a Calhoun County female inmate to Calhoun-Liberty Hospital. Mr. Wood said Liberty County's initial response is they would not negotiate on the invoice, but now they are discussing the possibility of reducing or waiving the fee.

Mr. Wood stated one of the stipulations was Liberty County would have a suicide watch room. Mr. Wood said Liberty County has agreed to provide the room, but at this time has not. Mr. Wood stated Jackson County has agreed to provide housing of Calhoun County female inmates at the same cost as Liberty County.

Emory Godwin, Sheriff's Department, stated Jackson County will transport female inmates for medical. Currently, Liberty County will not transport and Calhoun has to pay overtime for staff to transport female inmates from Liberty County.

Chairman Flowers stated Jackson County Jail would also take males and juveniles.

After much discussion a motion to move Calhoun County female inmates from Liberty County to Jackson County was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Mr. Wood said the old jail is only used for cooking meals for the inmates and the air conditioner has stopped working. The kitchen does not have an exterior window and it is extremely hot. When the new Sheriff took office the fire suppression system was inoperable. Sheriff Kimbrel spent a large portion of his maintenance budget to get the fire suppression system operable. There is no money in this line item budget to replace the air conditioner. Mr. Wood asked the Board for permission to overspend the jail repair and maintenance line item and increase the budget at a later date from another line item that was underspent. Mr. Wood said he has a quote for \$3,500 on a 3-½ ton AC unit.

- ❖ A motion was made by Commissioner Grant to allow the Sheriff to overspend his maintenance budget by \$3,000-\$3,500 for the purchase of an AC unit for the old jail kitchen and reconcile at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

5. Mr. Wood provided the Board with pictures of a box culvert between Musgrove Road and Johnny Boy Landing Road before the recent rain event. Mr. Wood stated the damage is starting to undermine CR 274. Mr. Wood said Brian McGraw with NRCS viewed the damage this morning and NRCS may provide funding. The project must be started and completed in 30 days. Due to time constraints, Mr. Wood asked the Board for permission for him to procure a contractor through sealed quotes from qualified concrete contractors in Calhoun County in lieu of sealed bids.

- ❖ A motion to allow Joe Wood to procure a contractor through sealed quotes (in lieu of sealed bids) from DOT pre-qualified concrete contractors on the damage to CR 274 culvert was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were not comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
6. Mr. Wood stated the current contract with URS Engineering is for 5 years. Attorney Fuqua stated the Board could terminate the contract without cause with 30 days notice.
- ❖ A motion to advertise for engineering services for the Calhoun County Airport was made by Commissioner McDougald, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. Bob Fleck stated the IDA Board is happy with URS and they do not want to make a change at this time. Mr. Fleck said no other Engineering firm has bid on the Airport contracts in the past eight years. Maxi Waldorff stated URS is very familiar with the Airport and it would be better to stay with them. Attorney Fuqua recommended allowing URS to finish their current projects if they select another firm. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Grant voting NO.
7. Mr. Wood brought before the Board a lease agreement with Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) for office space on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse at \$100 per month. After some discussion, the Board directed Mr. Wood to see if DJJ will pay more than \$100 per month.
8. Mr. Wood presented two invoices from the Sheriff's Department for approval. Mr. Wood stated these funds are generated through the Court System and can only be used for crime prevention.
- a. \$403.00 – Bike Safety Materials
 - b. \$600.00 – Summer Camp in June – teaching survival skill, safety, first aid, etc.
- ❖ A motion to approve the Sheriff's invoices for Bike Safety Materials in the amount of \$403.02 and Summer Camp for approximately \$600.00 to be paid from the Crime Prevention Funds was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner McDougald. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
9. Mr. Wood said he has received a petition with nine signatures from residents who live on Dessie Stone Road requesting speed bumps be placed on the road. Mr. Wood stated historically the Board would comply only if all neighbors signed a petition and then came before the Board. Mr. Wood said he is not sure if all the residents have signed the petition and he will confer with Ronnie Stone/911 Mapping and Addressing and bring back to the Board.
10. Mr. Wood said the Board agreed to help Tri-County Ag Park with some grading for their event on May 24th. Mr. Wood said the Board agreed to this before the recent rain events. Mr. Wood said County resources are better used in repairing damage from recent rain events Mr. Wood said if they had a grader in the area, it would only take about 30 minutes to complete what Mr. Shepard has requested. It was the general consensus of the Board for Mr. Wood to use his discretion in determining if the County is available to assist at the Tri-County Ag Park.

11. Mr. Wood informed the Board Ms. Edna Stevens contacted him with a concern about the water level of the pond near her property in Live Oak Heights. Mr. Wood said Tim Smith who built the subdivision years ago installed a cross drain that runs under the road and flows into the pond. A few years ago, the cross drain rotted out and the County replaced the cross drain. Mr. Wood said Ms. Stevens is concerned about the water flowing into the pond. Mr. Wood stated Ms. Stevens lives uphill from the pond. Mr. Wood said the County is not insensitive to her concerns, but there is nothing the County can do.
12. FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Traffic Agreement – per Attorney Fuqua, hold off on this. He will participate in a conference call tomorrow regarding this.

ATTORNEY TIME

Resolved Keith lawsuit – the County will have an easement for any water that goes onto Keith's property.

Attorney Fuqua asked Mr. Parrish, Building Official about the status of Mr. Cochran's compliance with Court ruling to remove RV's from his property. Attorney Fuqua said the deadline is the end of the week. Mr. Parrish said he would check on this and report back to Attorney Fuqua.

COMMISSION TIME

COMMISSIONER SHELTON

The August 5, 2014 BOCC Meeting will be held at the Mossy Pond Library.

- ❖ Commissioner Shelton made a motion to pay the invoice from Liberty County EMS in the amount of \$697.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were not comments from the public. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner McDougald voting NO.

COMMISSIONER BROWN

1. Commissioner Brown said Mr. Jim Kearce came before the Board a while back and recommended the County name or include the name of Terrell Yon to the Calhoun County Airport. Commissioner Brown said he couldn't find where a name for the Airport had been approved or adopted by the Board.

Mr. Wood read from the October 16, 2012 Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes that the IDA Board made a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to name the airport Maxi Waldorff Airport at Oren Clements Field. Commissioner McDougald made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Grant and the motion carried.

Commissioner McDougald said he would be in favor of placing a plaque at Courthouse, or naming a building at the Airport in honor of Colonel Yon, but did not want to change the name of the Airport.

2. Commissioner Brown said he spoke to a pilot who expressed interest in using the Calhoun County Airport, but he needed a 5,000 ft. runway. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Fleck when the runway extension would reach 5,000 feet. Mr. Fleck said right now the runway extension

project is at 3,600 feet with the next extension at 4,300. Mr. Fleck said it would be approximately 5 years down the road.

COMMISSIONER GRANT

Commissioner Grant reported he has received complaints about the big trucks using train horns in the Scotts Ferry area and wanted to know if anything could be done.

Attorney Fuqua stated that is a matter for DOT.

CHAIRMAN FLOWERS

1. The Post Office is changing the way they deliver mail to the Courthouse. They will no longer deliver to individual offices. There are several options with one being having a centralized mail receptacle. It was the general consensus of the Board to allow Joe Wood and Angie Smith discuss this with the Post Office.
2. Request from a Judicial Candidate to hold his announcement ceremony on the Courthouse lawn. Attorney Fuqua said it is allowed, but the County Commission has nothing to do with it.
3. Chairman Flowers said he was notified that on the Supervisor of Elections website doesn't link to the County website or to the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Flowers asked Joe Wood to contact the Supervisor of Elections to see if she can link to the other County websites.
4. Supervisor of Elections is asking the Board to approve and execute the Help America Vote Act Funds (HAVA) in the amount of \$1,387.24 – 15% match (\$208.09) to be paid by Supervisor of Elections.
 - ❖ A motion to approve and execute the Help America Vote Act Funds (HAVA) in the amount of \$1,387.24 was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Grant. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
5. Supervisor of Elections requested approval to increase her line item budget by \$1,387.24 to accept the HAVA grant funds.
 - ❖ A motion to approve an increase in the Supervisor of Elections line item budget by \$1,387.24 to accept the HAVA grant funds was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
6. Reminder – the June 6, 2014 Board Meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church
7. Chairman Flowers presented a request for a proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Calhoun County.
 - ❖ A motion to adopt a Proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Calhoun County was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

8. The Sheriff's Department provided the Commissioners with the Inmate Work Squad Report for April 2014.
9. Mr. Richard Williams, Executive Director of Career Source Chipola (formerly Chipola Workforce Board) informed the Chairman if President Obama declares the Florida Panhandle a disaster area, then Calhoun County could apply for federal disaster funds through Career Source Chipola to employ up to 20 part time employees for up to 6 months to work on any damaged roads in Calhoun County and would be 100% reimbursable by the federal government. Chairman Flowers asked the Board to allow Joe Wood to meet with Mr. Williams to start the process. It was the general consensus of the Board to allow Joe Wood to meet with Richard Williams of Career Source Chipola to discuss applying for federal assistance to hire employees to work on the damaged roads.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

**RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners have met and considered the conditions caused by the 2014 Spring rains/flooding, severe weather conditions, and the fact that there is a likelihood of substantial injury to the population and substantial damage due to the loss of property, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County, Florida, is hereby declared to be in a state of emergency.

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

While the state of emergency continues to exist, the County shall have the power and authority to carry on those activities set forth in Florida Statutes 252.38, including but not limited to: appropriate and expend funds; make contracts, obtain and distribute, equipment, materials and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of person and property, including emergency assistance to the victim of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of the emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the plans and policies set forth by federal and state emergency management agencies;

To appoint, employ, remove or provide with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel and other emergency workers;

To establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations;

To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction and similar items of services for emergency operation purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision.

To request state assistance or invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of an emergency affecting only one political subdivision. The duration of this state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary in 7-day increments.

ORDINANCE 15 PAGE 33

By special order of the County Commissioners in a vote of 5 to 0, this
6th day of May, 2014.

ATTEST:

CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY:


CARLA HAND, Ex Officio
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners


THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

WILDFLOWER RESOLUTION # 2014-10

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Calhoun County can be enjoyed by everyone; can attract tourists, and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well-being; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of native wildflowers is an occasion for all County and community leaders to unite for the benefit of everyone; and

WHEREAS, many naturally beautiful species of native wildflowers, including Coreopsis, the state wildflower, as depicted upon the State Wildflower license tag, are already prominently displayed along Calhoun County's state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Calhoun County is consistent with the vision and goals of many individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the fitness of native pollinator species needed for productive and profitable farms and forests; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this resolution would be a fitting tribute to the work and dedication to wildflowers exemplified by our dear friend and colleague Angus Gholson, Northwest Florida's beloved Botanist; and

WHEREAS, passage of the resolution will enable the County to access funds and expertise from the Florida Wildflower Foundation to help establish candidate pilot corridors and wildflower plots as well as collaborate with Florida Department of Transportation on the frequency and extent of mowing on said corridors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, does hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of native wildflowers on project corridors along state and county roadways and other off-roadway locations, and does hereby encourage County staff to partner with the Florida Wildflower Foundation's Panhandle Wildflower Alliance, county stakeholders, and landowners, to plan and implement management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida's native wildflowers.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALHOUN COUNTY



ATTEST:



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