

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2015**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN  
MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS JONES  
DARRELL MCDUGALD  
WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON**

**GENE MORRIS, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
BECKY BROWN, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting held in the Regular Meeting Room was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 3:00 p.m., CT. Commissioner Brown led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Flowers reminded everyone to silence their cell phones and reminded those on the agenda they will have three minutes to speak on their topic. The public will have an opportunity to speak on items before the Board votes on a motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

❖ A motion to approve the April 28, 2015 Workshop – Technical Assistance Grant Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2015 Regular BOCC Meeting Minutes; vouchers for warrants: 1505-GS, 1505-1G, 1505-1RD, 1505-1L, 1505-1ES, 1505-1E and payroll warrants: PR15-B12, PR15-B13, PR042315 was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**KEVIN JACKSON – BAILEY SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Jackson addressed the Board with comments regarding drainage and mosquito issues.

**PAULINE STOKES – ABANDON ROAD RIGHT OF WAY**

Ms. Stokes asked the Board to consider abandoning the undeveloped roadway by her home on Highway 20 which is the extension of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Attorney Fuqua stated the Florida Statute 336.10 states "Before any such road shall be closed and vacated, or before any right or interest of the county or public in any land delineated on any recorded map or plat as a road shall be renounced and disclaimed, the commissioners shall hold a public hearing, and shall publish notice thereof, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in such county at least 2 weeks prior to the date stated therein for such hearing. After such public hearing, any action of the commissioners, as herein authorized, shall be evidenced by a resolution duly adopted and entered upon the minutes of the commissioners." Attorney Fuqua advised Ms. Stokes to get with the adjacent landowner, Bennett Eubanks, to see if he would petition with her.

**ETTA PARKER – RENAMING ROAD**

Not in attendance at this time.

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**DEBBIE BELCHER – CDBG APPLICATION**

Ms. Belcher provided the Board with a list of roads that have been proposed for paving during the last two (2) CDBG application cycles, which are being considered again for the current application and roads that are scheduled for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding in 2015 which are not included in the CDBG application list. There was discussion of the need for additional right of way for NW Suggs Attaway Road and possibly NE Autumn Lane and NW Goodwin Lane. Commissioner McDougald emphasized that adequate right of way is important for maintaining the roads and the best opportunity to obtain additional right of way is before paving. Ms. Belcher suggested NE Autumn Lane may be difficult/expensive to pave, so listing it as an “unmet need” would be appropriate, NE J.W. Alexander Road may be a good road to include in the grant application because the County recently acquired the right of way and possibly list Miller Road as an unmet need for paving because residents living on the road have requested paving. Ms. Belcher stated no income survey or cost estimates have been prepared for these roads. Ms. Belcher requested the Board finalize the list of roads to include in the grant application during the next Board meeting on May 26, 2015. The Board agreed by consensus to have a list of roads from their district to Ms. Belcher by the next Board meeting.

**DONALD STANLEY – PREBLE-RISH – COUNTY ENGINEER**

Mr. Stanley gave the Board an update on two (2) County projects:

1. Airport Entrance Road – The Contractor has successfully completed the project.
2. CR 69S Phase II – under construction. There are 120 days remaining on the contract.

Mr. Stanley advised the Board the FEMA match waiver has not yet been approved.

**ANGIE SMITH – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Not in attendance at this time.

**JOE WOOD – DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Wood presented the Board for their approval and execution Resolution 2015-11 to adopt the Calhoun County Local Mitigation Strategy and committing to develop and submit funding proposals to implement hazard mitigation initiatives.

**CALHOUN COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE CALHOUN COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION  
STRATEGY AND COMMITTING TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT FUNDING  
PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT HAZARD MITIGATION INITIATIVES.**

**Whereas**, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners (the County) together with the Town of Altha and the City of Blountstown created a Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (the Working Group) comprised of Town and County employees, business community representatives, professionals and private citizens; and

**Whereas**, the County Commission and Town and City Councils charged the Working Group with the responsibility to assess the hazards facing the Community’s citizens and to identify initiatives designed to reduce the impacts created by said disasters; and

**Whereas**, the Working Group has incorporated their findings and recommendations into the *Calhoun County Local Mitigation Strategy*; and

**Whereas**, the County is committed to a policy of reducing the impacts of hazards for all County residents; and

**Whereas**, the *Calhoun County Local Mitigation Strategy* supports hazard mitigation actions in both incorporated and unincorporated areas throughout the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

1. The Board adopts the Calhoun County Local Mitigation Strategy, which reflects the current needs, and citizen desires to identify and implement hazard mitigation initiatives that will reduce the County's susceptibility to numerous hazards.
2. Together, the County, the City of Blountstown and the Town of Altha jointly resolve to develop and submit funding proposals to the appropriate agencies to implement the hazard mitigation initiatives identified in said *Calhoun County Local Mitigation Strategy*.

Done and Adopted by majority vote of the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

- ❖ A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-11 was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**CARLA A. HAND – CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

The Clerk requested the Board transfer a 1995 Dodge Ram Wagon B-350 (asset 975) from the County Extension office to the Maintenance Department.

- ❖ A motion to transfer assets 975 to the Maintenance Department was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Clerk advised the Board since the Pine Island Water System (funded through North West Florida Water Management District) is complete it is time to transfer ownership to the City of Blountstown in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City. Attorney Fuqua stated he would prepare the transfer document for approval and execution at the May 26, 2015 Board Meeting and asked Mr. Stanley for the legal description of the Water System.

**ATTORNEY FUQUA**

Attorney Fuqua advised the Board he is meeting with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Preble-Rish, Inc. and URS sometime in May in regards to the North Florida Construction, Inc.'s change order request for extra steel which was used during construction of the foundation of the Airport Hangars.

Attorney Fuqua read Ordinance 2015-02 which is scheduled for final hearing at the June 12, 2015 Board meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2015-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A PRE-TRIAL  
RELEASE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER,  
CONFLICTS, AND MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM  
CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; SEVERABILITY AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**COMMISSION TIME**

**COMMISSIONER MCDUGALD**

Commissioners McDougald had nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER JONES**

Commissioners Jones had nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER SHELTON**

Commissioners Shelton had nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER BROWN**

Commissioners Brown had nothing to report.

**CHAIRMAN FLOWERS**

The Chairman advised the Board the Calhoun County Health Department wants to make \$100,000 in improvements to the County Health Department building at no cost to the County. The Chairman stated Ms. Manspeaker with the Health Department is asking the Board for their support for this project. The Chairman further explained the expenditures for these improvements would be made in accordance with the County procurement policy and would be reimbursed to the County. The Board agreed by consensus to allow the Health Department to make improvements to the building.

Attorney Fuqua recommended the Board allow the Chairman to sign a Resolution in the event one is needed for the Calhoun County building improvements.

- ❖ A motion to allow the Chairman to sign a Resolution was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comments. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Chairman asked the Board permission to execute a Memorandum of Support for office space as a match for the Habilitative Services Healthy Families Program.

- ❖ A motion to execute the Memorandum of Support for the Habilitative Services Healthy Families Program was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Shelton. Chairman Flowers called for public comments. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The Chairman reminded the Board a Technical Assistance Grant Public Hearing will be held on May 26, 2015 at 5:00pm prior to the Board meeting.

The Chairman advised the Board the Small County Coalition is requesting an additional Board representative. Commissioner McDougald nominated Commissioner Jones to be the additional Board representative for the Small County Coalition.

- ❖ A motion to appoint Commissioner Jones as a Small County Coalition designee was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Chairman Flowers called for public comments. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**Chairman Flowers called for a break at 3:50 pm and reconvened at 4:30 pm.**

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Attorney Fuqua.

Attorney Fuqua introduced Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/State Fire Marshall, for the State of Florida. Attorney Fuqua stated CFO Atwater will be speaking at the joint Volunteer Fire Department meeting in Jackson County to include Gulf County, Gadsden County, Jackson County and Calhoun County.

CFO Atwater thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and address any questions or concerns they may have. CFO Atwater expressed greetings from Senator Bill Montford and House Representative Brad Drake.

CFO Atwater advised the Board he will be meeting with the Volunteer Fire Departments from Gulf County, Gadsden County, Jackson County and Calhoun County this evening. CFO Atwater stated there are currently 25,000 certified professional fire fighters within the State of Florida. CFO Atwater stated his responsibility as State Fire Marshall is to train and equip them so they are ready in a time of need. CFO Atwater stated there are currently 35,000 volunteer fire fighters within the State of Florida and they support the community by accepting a deeper responsibility to their community.

CFO Atwater spoke about the financial health of the State of Florida. CFO Atwater stated the reserves have been built back, job creations are improving and home values have improved. CFO Atwater stated he is pleased to see all the efforts being made statewide to help local citizens.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

  
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THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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CARLA A. HAND, CLERK