

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOCC MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2015**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
DENNIS JONES
DARRELL MCDUGALD**

**EMORY GODWIN, DEPUTY SHERIFF
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPROLLER
KATHY STEWART, CLERK FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING MANAGER
BECKY BROWN, DEPUTY CLERK**

The special meeting held in the Regular Meeting Room was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 10:00 a.m., CT. Commissioner Jones led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Flowers reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

- ❖ A motion to approve voucher for warrant: 1508-GS1 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 3-0. (Voucher is available in the Clerk's Office)

FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Commissioner McDougald presented to the Board for their consideration certain recommendations. Commissioner McDougald stated there have been some changes with the LAP Participation Program and it is to the County's best interest to accept and administer these grants. Commissioner McDougald offered the following suggestions: to place Ms. Angie Smith, Emergency Management Director, as the "responsible charge" for the LAP Participation Program and to assign Mr. Jodie Daniels, 911 Coordinator, to facilitate the LAP Participation Program under the direction of the "responsible charge" (Ms. Smith). Commissioner McDougald suggested by moving the responsibility for making and installing road signs to the Road Department the 911 Coordinator (Daniels) would have approximately two (2) days per week to facilitate the LAP Participation Program and eliminate the need to hire a new employee for the LAP Participation Program. Commissioner McDougald also suggested a change to Ms. Amy Hall's budgeted salary and time allocation for 2015-2016 as follows: 5% Recycling, 20% Road Department and 75% Emergency Management. Commissioner McDougald also recommended the 3% raise not be given in addition to the proposed salary adjustment necessary for meeting the anticipated exempt status earnings requirement.

- ❖ A motion to place Ms. Smith as the "responsible charge" for the LAP Participation Program; to assign Mr. Daniels to facilitate the Lap Participation Program under the direction of Ms. Smith, the "responsible charge"; move road sign making and installation to the Road Department; change Ms. Amy Hall's salary allocation to 5% from Recycling, 20% from Road Department and 75% from Emergency Management; and eliminate the 3% raise for any employee receiving a salary adjustment necessary to meet the exempt status anticipated earnings requirement was

made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Chairman Flowers. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. Ms. Smith advised 5% is not a realistic estimate of the time it takes to administer the solid waste grant and asked the Board to reconsider. There was further discussion regarding cross training employees to assist with grants. Commissioner McDougald withdrew Ms. Hall's salary allocation from the motion for consideration at a later date. Chairman Flowers called for additional public comment. Mr. Kevin Jackson made suggestions to the Board regarding the allocation of salaries to the budget. There were no further comments. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Joe Wood, Director of Operations, asked the Board if they wanted to continue funding "Keep Calhoun County Beautiful" in the amount of \$2,500 and not fund Riparian County Stakeholders Coalition.

- ❖ A motion to fund "Keep Calhoun County Beautiful" at \$2,500 and not fund Riparian County Stakeholders Coalition 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 3-0.

Chairman Flowers advised the Board there are some funds available in the Road Department's 2014-2015 budget, a combination of savings from vacant position(s) and anticipated unemployment expenditures in the amount of \$40,000. Chairman Flowers asked the Board to move the excess funds budgeted as personnel costs and unemployment to the equipment line item of the budget. The Road Department is in the process of purchasing a hot asphalt machine to fix/patch roads.

- ❖ A motion to reduce line items for personnel costs and unemployment and increase the budget line item for equipment in the Road Department by \$40,000 was made by Chairman Flowers and seconded by Commissioner McDougald. Chairman Flowers called for public comment. There were no comments from the public. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The Clerk advised the Board Ms. Annie Dawson, their homeowner appointee to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) will be unable to attend the VAB Organizational meeting which is Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Board Room. The Clerk stated the Board needs to appoint an alternate VAB member. Commissioner Jones stated he would recommend an alternate VAB member at the next Board meeting, August 25, 2015.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bob Fleck, IDA Board Chairman, if the IDA Board is spending more than it is bringing in. Mr. Fleck stated everything at the Calhoun County Airport is fully leased and the IDA Board is not spending in excess of earnings.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the special meeting at 10:24 am.



THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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