

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP – AMBULANCE
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
MARION “LEE LEE” BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DENNIS JONES
DARRELL MCDOUGALD
WOODROW “LEE” SHELTON**

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

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:30 p.m., CT.

AMBULANCE

Ms. Ruth Attaway, Interim Administrator, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital (Hospital), advised the Board the Hospital has good staff and is providing good medical services to the citizens of Calhoun County. Ms. Attaway stated they have added a third ambulance to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Ms. Attaway discussed the ambulance supply inventory and stated they are working toward establishing a perpetual inventory system. Ms. Attaway stated she asked for an early audit for Calhoun-Liberty Hospital and Ambulance Service. The portion of the audit attributed to the ambulance service will be first and will begin on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Ms. Attaway asked the Board for a time extension of 4-6 weeks to provide them with financial reports on the Ambulance Service and assured the Board the reports will be transparent. Ms. Attaway stated once the audit has been completed she will come back before the Board with updated financial information. Chairman Flowers asked if a Board employee could observe the ambulance operations in the interim. Ms. Attaway stated it would be acceptable for a Board employee to observe the ambulance operations and the Chairman recommended Mr. Jody Daniels. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner McDougald opened the discussion to obtain clarification regarding the benefits of the County taking over the ambulance service instead of Calhoun-Liberty Hospital. The Chairman stated there is not a current contract with the Hospital for Ambulance Services, the Board has not been provided with Financial Statements, and there are occasions when the citizens are left without ambulance coverage. Chairman Flowers challenged the Board to talk to the Calhoun-Liberty Hospital Board members and Ms. Attaway. Chairman Flowers asked for public comment. Mr. Gene Rollins stated he had an ambulance issue earlier in the year with needing to be transported to Gainesville. There were no further comments.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the workshop at 6:03 pm.



THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK