

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2019**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
EARL HUNT
JERAL HALL**

**SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MATT FUQUA, COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Chairman Bailey called the meeting (held in the EOC) to order at 5:00 P.M.; CT.

ORDINANCE 2019-02 LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX

Attorney Fuqua read Ordinance 2019-02 by Title.

CALHOUN COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE SIX-CENT GAS AND FUEL TAX, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF A PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, by Florida Statutes Section 336.025, the Legislature of the State of Florida, granted authority to the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to levy a six-cent per gallon local option motor fuel and special fuel tax; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Calhoun County, Florida, that the burden and expense of constructing and maintaining the county road system be placed upon those making use of that system, in the form of a gasoline and motor fuel tax;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County has previously adopted a Calhoun County Ordinance in 1990, 2000 and 2009, assessing the six cent (6¢) per gallon gasoline and fuel tax and Florida Statutes Section 336.025 allows the assessment; and

WHEREAS, the current tax expires, on December 31, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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1. There is and shall be imposed, a continuation six-cent gas tax on every gallon of motor fuel and special fuel sold in Calhoun County, and taxed under the provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 206. Said tax shall be used exclusively for transportation expenditures (as defined in section 336.025(7), Florida Statutes, within Calhoun County, Florida.

2. Said tax shall be and remain in effect for a period of 10 Years, commencing January 1, 2020.

3. In the absence of any written agreement reached before June 10, 2019, between the Board of County Commissioners and the governing bodies of any municipalities within Calhoun County, constituting a majority of the population within the incorporated areas within the county, relating to a distribution of the proceeds of this tax, the proceeds shall be distributed in accordance with the formula provided for in Florida Statutes Section 336.025(4). Said distribution percentages shall be as set forth and shown on Exhibit "A" annexed hereto.

4. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held for any reason, to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgments from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

EXHIBIT "A"

Altha	1.22%
Blountstown	18.89%
Calhoun County	79.89%

Chairman Bailey opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hunt stated he does not like the gas tax, but understands it is needed to fund the Road Department budget.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT BIDS

Ms. Ranew stated at the Special Board Meeting last Thursday bids for guardrail replacement were opened and one bid from Central Florida Street Signs was received. Ms. Ranew stated the bid has been reviewed by Dewberry who has recommended awarding the bid to Central Florida Street Signs in the amount of \$144,825.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to award the Guardrail Replacement bid to Central Florida Street Signs in the amount of \$144,825. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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ALTERNATE VAB (VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD) CITIZEN APPOINTEE

Ms. Ranew stated an alternate VAB member was not appointed at the Special Board Meeting last Thursday, and an alternate citizen member would need to be appointed at today's meeting. Chairman Bailey stated he asked Ms. Sharon Guilford if she would serve and she agreed.

- ❖ Chairman Bailey made a motion to appoint Ms. Sharon Guilford as the alternate VAB citizen appointee. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Chairman Bailey stated he would like language inserted into the Debris Removal and Disposal Contract that sub-contractors be paid within thirty (30) days of their work being completed. Attorney Fuqua stated no contracts have been executed, but when it comes time to draft the contract this language could be inserted. There was further discussion regarding Debris Removal contracts. Commissioner Hunt stated if another hurricane hits the County, he would like to see the County handle debris pick-up. There was further discussion about debris pick-up.

Ms. Ranew requested a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. for the Debris Removal and Monitor bid openings.

Chairman Bailey stated he would like the phone systems at the Road Department and in Emergency Management to be evaluated and see what it would cost to utilize voicemail systems on each phone. Chairman Bailey stated he gets complaints about phones not being answered frequently. There was further discussion regarding the phone system.

Chairman Bailey stated a check for \$461,000 (Hurricane Michael damages) was received today (insurance proceeds) for damages sustained at the Kinard Community Center.

Ms. Ranew stated bid packages for the Synergy turnkey repairs to the Volunteer Fire Departments would be received on July 8 for advertisement. Ms. Ranew stated the advertisement would run for fourteen (14) days before bids are opened. Commissioner Hall asked if the projects would be started immediately. Ms. Ranew stated these bids would be for the projects recently approved for turnkey repairs. Ms. Ranew stated today Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department was discussed, and because the footprint and location of the building was changed more funds would be needed, so the 428 program with FEMA would be utilized for this project. There was further discussion regarding the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department project. Chairman Bailey stated he has a meeting with Mr. Clifford Newsome and the Mossy Pond Fire Chief on Monday to discuss the building footprint and other project details. Chairman Bailey stated the volunteer fire department wanted to start on repairs with the money that the County already has designated for the project, but in order to construct the building they would like, further FEMA funding would have to be received before any money is spent on the project. Commissioner Hall stated the fire department is concerned about vandalism currently because their equipment is just sitting under a pole barn and cannot be locked up. Ms. Ranew stated she could attend the meeting also on Monday to help explain the situation with FEMA to the fire department. Commissioner Hunt stated he believes instead of a separate meeting being held on Monday that the fire department representatives should come to the regular Board meeting so the whole Board will know what is being discussed. There was further discussion about the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Hall asked if any further information has been gathered regarding the volunteer fire department radios. Chairman Bailey stated he attended the County-wide Volunteer Fire Department Meeting and they were going to meet with Mr. Ben Hall to decide what type of radios they wanted to

purchase. Chairman Bailey stated the Board has agreed to purchase the radios up front if a volunteer fire department applies for and is awarded the grant. Chairman Bailey stated not all of the volunteer fire departments want to purchase new radios. There was further discussion regarding the fire radios. Commissioner Hall asked if the County could work out a deal with the contractors building cell towers for the County to have space for repeaters on all new cell towers throughout the County. Chairman Bailey stated an Ordinance is being drafted to this effect to be brought before the Commission at a future Board meeting. There was further discussion regarding County space on cell towers.

Commissioner Hunt asked if the representatives for the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department would be asked to join the regular Board meeting on Tuesday instead of the separate meeting scheduled for Monday. There was further discussion regarding the fire department. Chairman Bailey stated he had no issue with asking them to attend the regular Board meeting on Tuesday instead of the meeting scheduled on Monday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m., CT.



GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK