

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2019**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
SCOTT MONLYN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DANNY RAY WISE
EARL HUNT
JERAL HALL**

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Chairman Bailey called the meeting held in the Regular Meeting room to order at 2:00 P.M.; CT.
Commissioner Monlyn led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

- ❖ A motion to approve the minutes and vouchers as published on the agenda (the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 25, 2019 Emergency Meeting Minutes; vouchers for warrants: accounts payable warrants – 1903-UTL, 1903-1L, 1903-1G, 1903-1RD, 1902-2UT, 1903-UTL, 1903-1E, 1903-1S payroll warrants – none) was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

HLMP SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT, QUICKEN LOANS (MEARS)

Clerk Hand stated Christopher and Nancy Mears are in the process of refinancing their home and are requesting a subordination agreement from the County (Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program). Clerk Hand stated the mortgage company requires the subordination of the County HLMP loan. Clerk Hand stated in the past the Board has voted and approved subordination of loan requests.

- ❖ Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the subordination request. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

BID AWARD – SCRAP COUNTY ROAD 549

Ms. Chelsea Snowden stated the SCRAP (Small County Road Assistance Program) County Road 549 project has been submitted to FDOT for approval, along with a request for additional funds for the project. Ms. Snowden stated based on the detailed bid tab there were no issues with the low bid documents from Roberts and Roberts Contracting, Inc., and recommended award of the project to the company.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to award the SCRAP County Road 549 project to the low bidder, Roberts and Roberts Contracting, Inc. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

ADDENDUM TO AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Ms. Snowden stated at the last meeting, the correct amounts for the addendum to the ambulance contract were stated for the Board. Ms. Snowden stated there is an additional \$12,629.83 needed to complete the project, which the Board would be splitting with the hospital. Ms. Snowden stated the

hospital would be receiving a reduction of \$526.24 monthly for twelve months from their allocation from the Board, with the first deduction to begin April 2019.

- ❖ Commissioner Monlyn made a motion to approve the addendum to the ambulance contract. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA – LOCAL RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 0191

Chairman Bailey read the Resolution aloud to the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CERTIFYING ITS SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 0191 (*Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund*);

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is concerned about the economic health and well-being of our residents; and WHEREAS, we strongly believe in the need to be proactive and not reactive in order to maintain and create employment opportunities benefitting our citizens while still supporting the quality of life in our community and region; and

WHEREAS, enhancing the local infrastructure and workforce training will promote economic growth, competitiveness, and improve quality of life amenities in our community and region; and

WHEREAS, our community and region has endured the devastation of Hurricane Michael and is in the midst of a recovery/rebuilding process following said hurricane; and

WHEREAS, we are in need of financial and political support programs to maintain and continue said recovery/rebuilding process for our community and region; and

WHEREAS, we support this bill and its companion Senate bill(s) to enhance our community and region's recovery and rebuilding processes; and

WHEREAS, we commit to honor our obligations that lie within our capabilities as leaders for economic development, training, and enhancement of quality of life features that will serve our community and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS BOARD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT WE:

1. DO HEREBY AGREE TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION;
2. DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE OUR CHAIR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED AGREEMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS RESOLUTION
3. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of March, 2019.

- ❖ Commissioner Monlyn made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

FRANK SNOWDEN, PLANNING AND ZONING

Mr. Snowden stated Mr. Doug Everett with Ware Oil Company contacted him regarding replacing the sign at the Clarksville General Store with a larger sign. Mr. Snowden stated he has provided the Board with a signed copy of the County Ordinance regarding signs. Mr. Snowden stated the way he reads the

Ordinance a conditional use permit is necessary to replace the sign, but wanted the Board's opinion on the matter. Mr. Everett stated he is part owner and Vice-President of Ware Oil Company out of Perry, Florida, who is the current owner of the Clarksville General Store. Mr. Everett stated the smaller sign at the store was not placed in a good location. Mr. Everett stated he has a new sign system in his warehouse that is much larger than the current sign. Mr. Everett stated they would like to use the larger sign and move the sign location to the west end of the property. Mr. Everett stated any set back requirements of the County would be met, and an engineered footer would be placed for the larger sign. Mr. Everett provided the Board with a picture of the proposed new sign. There was further discussion about the sign. Attorney Fuqua asked in what land use district is the store located. Mr. Snowden stated the store is in a mixed-use district. Attorney Fuqua stated mixed use includes commercial use, and the way he interprets the County Ordinance, a business is allowed one (1) sign on a permanent support in front of a store and does not require any permitting. There was further discussion regarding the sign placement. Attorney Fuqua stated it is his opinion that Mr. Everett could place the new sign legally without receiving a conditional use permit from the County.

CLIFFORD EDENFIELD – ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Edenfield stated funding for a skid steer and milling head was budgeted for this year, and has not yet been purchased. Mr. Edenfield stated he has found a skid steer and milling head to purchase on State contract from Caterpillar, and asked for Board approval for the purchase. Clerk Hand stated this is allowable as the funding is in Mr. Edenfield's budget, and would require the Board to set aside their procurement policy. Chairman Bailey inquired about the warranty options for the equipment. Mr. Edenfield stated the purchase of the warranty would be the Board's decision, and he would recommend purchasing the premier three (3) year warranty for \$4,097.00. Chairman Bailey stated this would place the total amount for the equipment at around \$93,000. Mr. Edenfield stated he budgeted \$110,000 for the equipment.

- ❖ Commissioner Wise made a motion to set aside the procurement policy for the purchase of the skid steer and milling head. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0
- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to grant Mr. Edenfield permission to purchase the skid steer and milling head. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Edenfield stated other operations at the Road Department are running smoothly. Mr. Edenfield stated advertisements for the prison crew supervisor and two (2) operator positions have been placed in the newspaper for another two (2) weeks, and he hoped to have new employees hired soon.

Chairman Bailey asked where the County stands on meeting the Friday deadline for roads, signs, and GPS points of hurricane damage. Ms. Snowden stated it is her understanding there would be dirt, lime rock, and paved roads on the damage inventory, and then there would be follow up with GPS coordinates after submittal of the damage inventory. Mr. Adam Johnson stated the GPS coordinates would not be needed for the deadline on Sunday, just the line items stating the type of roads. Mr. Johnson stated in the coming weeks the additional supporting information itemizing each road, sign, and culvert damaged would be needed. Mr. Justin Ford with Dewberry Engineers stated they have already provided damaged guardrail GPS information to Rostan, and committed to providing GPS coordinates on all the damaged or missing signs as well. There was further discussion about sign and road damage.

RITA MAUPIN – DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Ms. Maupin stated the Blountstown Library is needing help with lighting in the front and back parking lot, as many of the lights are out and they have evening operating hours.

Ms. Maupin stated Project Hope Crisis Counseling, in partnership with FEMA and several other organizations, would be offering counseling services at the Blountstown Library two (2) days a week. Ms. Maupin stated the organization would be letting them know which two (2) days they would be operating at the library soon.

Ms. Maupin stated there is now a portable building at the Altha Library to serve as the library until the building has been renovated.

Ms. Maupin stated for the Board's information, at the Mossy Pond Library they believe some children are playing in the recycling bin, mostly at night. Ms. Maupin stated she is concerned for the children's safety as there could be glass or small animals in the recycling bin, and have notified the Sheriff of the situation. Ms. Maupin stated there has been vandalism at the Kinard Library with broken windows and water bottles thrown around, and they have informed the Sheriff of this incident as well.

Ms. Maupin stated as of two (2) weeks ago, FEMA is no longer stationed at the library assisting the public.

Ms. Maupin provided the Board with the statistics report for the library, and stated there have been a couple unusual incidents at the library, which have been included in the packet provided to the Board.

Chairman Bailey stated a bucket has been ordered to fix the bucket truck at the Road Department, but if the truck were not fixed soon he would try to work with the City to come out and address the lighting.

Chairman Bailey stated the Board has agreed to place the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department at the site of the Mossy Pond Library. Chairman Bailey stated a coordinated effort between the Fire Department and the Library for placement of the new fire department and landing zone would be needed. Chairman Bailey stated a survey of the area would likely be needed as well. Mr. Tony Mazarrese, Fire Chief of Mossy Pond VFD, brought a map of the parcels and demonstrated where they would like the new fire department building to be placed. Mr. Mazarrese stated the entrance to the fire department would be from Miller Road. Mr. Mazarrese stated Mr. Clay O'Neal has also offered to clear five (5) acres free of charge once the County is ready to move forward with construction.

DOWLING PARRISH – BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mr. Parrish stated he has been busy with inspections and permits. Mr. Parrish stated he has checked with the surrounding counties, and the only counties continuing to waive building fees are Calhoun and Jackson counties. Commissioner Hunt stated he would prefer to continue waiving the fees at least until the debris pickup deadline. (Calhoun County will continue to charge ½ of the normal fees for Hurricane Michael damaged property.)

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to table the building department fee discussion until the next regular Board meeting. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

WHITNEY CHERRY – COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Ms. Cherry stated Ms. Judy Biss' last day with the Extension Office would be this Friday, March 8. Ms. Cherry stated she has been the Calhoun County 4-H agent since June 2008, and would serve as the

Interim Director until the position has been filled. Ms. Cherry stated they do not have a clear timeline on the hiring process at this time, but the District Director has reached out to her and stated they would begin working on a position description for advertisement after Ms. Biss' retirement. Ms. Cherry stated the part-time summer 4-H program assistant position was reposted due to lack of qualified candidates, and closed Friday March 1. Ms. Cherry stated again, there were no qualified applicants for the position. Ms. Cherry stated she and Ms. Pam Skinner would be reviewing the position description this week, revising the advertisement, and reposting again. Ms. Cherry stated hopefully this would be the last time the advertisement would be run and the position could be filled. Ms. Cherry stated last month over 200 people attended the Forest Recovery workshop on February 12, and they are working on scheduling another workshop because there were so many people on the waiting list to attend. Ms. Cherry stated four (4) site visits have been made to cattle producers with herd health issues they have noted since the hurricane, and extension specialists were involved in three (3) of these visits. Chairman Bailey stated the Board has placed the Extension Office on the list of turnkey repair projects. Ms. Cherry stated the Extension Office appreciates what the Board is doing for them.

ADAM JOHNSON – INTERIM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Johnson stated the damage assessment inventory deadline is this Sunday. Mr. Johnson stated he would continue to review the list until the deadline, and to let him know if there is anything that needs to be added.

Mr. Johnson stated regarding the local state of emergency, both Jackson County and Bay County continue to extend their local state of emergencies, along with Calhoun County. Mr. Johnson stated Jackson and Bay County have stated they would continue to extend their local state of emergencies until all storm debris has been picked up.

Mr. Johnson stated the County is under a freeze warning until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Mr. Johnson stated there is also a river flood warning for the Apalachicola River. Mr. Johnson stated the river is currently at sixteen (16) feet, and flood stage is seventeen (17) feet. Mr. Johnson stated the river is expected to rise to 18.8 feet by Friday evening before beginning to recede.

Mr. Johnson stated Ms. Maupin pointed out earlier in the meeting that FEMA is no longer at the library to assist the public, but help is still available online or by calling disaster assistance.

Mr. Johnson stated he sent the Board an email earlier in the afternoon regarding reimbursement for Hurricane Irma. Mr. Johnson stated the reimbursement is for category B, and the response he received this afternoon is that Calhoun County has a \$37,000 project that is currently being processed, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management has moved the County's contract to the top of the list since the County was affected by Hurricane Michael. Mr. Johnson stated a timeline for when the funds would be received could not be provided.

Mr. Johnson stated the County recently acquired by donation 300 new cots. Mr. Johnson stated the County was in need of new cots, and the new cots are ADA compliant. Commissioner Monlyn asked where the cots were being stored. Mr. Johnson stated the cots are being stored at the old sewing factory. There was further discussion about storage at the old sewing factory.

CHELSEA SNOWDEN – PROJECTS AND GRANTS COORDINATOR

Ms. Snowden presented to the Board for approval and execution the agreement and resolution for the SCOP (Small County Outreach Program) Silas Green Road paving project in the amount of \$621,094.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER
INTO THE "SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM AGREEMENT".**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida, has requested the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for financial assistance for costs directly related to the construction and construction engineering inspection for the Silas Green Road Paving Project; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, has agreed to participate in the construction and construction engineering inspection to the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars (\$621,094); and,

WHEREAS, the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement" requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to execute and enter into the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, is authorized to enter into and execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement" attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2019.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution for the SCOP Silas Green Road paving project. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden presented to the Board for approval and execution the agreement and resolution for the SCRAP (Small County Road Assistance Program) County Road 287A project for design funds in the amount of \$88,711.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER
INTO THE "SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT".**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida, has requested the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for financial assistance for costs directly related to the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the resurfacing of CR 287A from CR 287 to SR 73; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, has agreed to participate in the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications to the amount of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$80,711); and,

WHEREAS, the “State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Program Agreement” requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to execute and enter into the “State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Program Agreement attached hereto.

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- ❖ Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution for the SCRAP County Road 287A design project. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden presented to the Board for approval and execution the agreement and resolution for the SCOP Bodiford Road project for design funds in the amount of \$57,130.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE “SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM AGREEMENT”.

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida, has requested the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for financial assistance for costs directly related to the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the resurfacing of Bodiford Road; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, has agreed to participate in the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications to the amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$57,130); and,

WHEREAS, the “State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement” requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to execute and enter into the “State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement attached hereto.

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- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution for the SCOP Bodiford Road design project. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated at the direction of Chairman Bailey she reached out to the Division of Forestry to inquire about their plans for fire protection for the County since there is a lot of fuel on the ground. Ms. Snowden stated Mr. Oswalt stated they have three (3) medium tractor plow units, one (1) heavy dozer and one (1) type six (6) engine stationed in Calhoun County, and have asked for additional equipment as well from the Legislature. Ms. Snowden stated Smith Tower has been taken down due to Hurricane Michael, so this station is no longer in Kinard.

Ms. Snowden stated applications for the FDOT grant programs SCRAP, SCOP, and CIGP (County Incentive Grant Program) are due on March 22. Ms. Snowden requested the Board give her three (3) roads they would like to submit for these programs. Ms. Snowden stated she would like to have the road names by next week. Ms. Snowden stated she would be out of the office on the date the applications are due, but she would have the Chairman sign off on the applications and she would give Ms. Williams the information to submit the applications to FDOT. Chairman Bailey stated he would like to have a Workshop to discuss the roads the Board would like to submit next week. There was consensus to hold the Workshop on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the regular Board meeting room.

Chairman Bailey asked if any further news has been received regarding the Neal Landing project. Ms. Snowden stated neither the Army Corps of Engineers permit nor the Department of Environmental Protection permit have been received. Ms. Snowden stated there have been continuous requests for these permits but they have not been issued. Chairman Bailey asked if a timeline for receiving the permits has been established. Mr. Ford stated the applications for the permits were submitted last June, but they have not been able to have any contact with the divisions regarding the permits. Mr. Ford stated they have tried to call multiple times. Attorney Fuqua stated Congressman Dunn might need to be contacted regarding the permits.

Chairman Bailey called a ten (10) minute recess at 3:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:10 p.m.

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Clerk Hand stated she had nothing to report but stated Mr. Johnson has another item to discuss with the Board.

Mr. Adam Johnson stated he attended the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association conference in February where he was honored to speak as the inland county representative for all inland counties affected by Hurricane Michael, and has since been invited to speak at the upcoming Governor's

Hurricane Conference held in West Palm Beach in May from the 12th through the 17th. Mr. Johnson stated he would be speaking during the General Session on Wednesday, May 15. Mr. Johnson asked Board permission to attend the conference. There was Board consensus for Mr. Johnson to attend the conference.

ATTORNEY TIME

Attorney Fuqua advised the Board to change the workshop scheduled for next Tuesday at 3:30 to a Special meeting. It was changed by consensus.

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board the Hurricane Michael Tax Relief Resolution for their approval and execution. Attorney Fuqua stated this Resolution would be sent to the Federal representatives since this pertains to a Federal tax issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS TAX RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYERS SUFFERING FROM HURRICANE MICHAEL

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael was the most intense storm on record to hit the Florida Panhandle, and was among the top four most powerful hurricanes to hit the United States; and

WHEREAS, damages from Hurricane Michael are estimated to exceed \$25.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, 57 deaths have been attributed to Hurricane Michael in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, insurance claims from Hurricane Michael exceed 144,000, with estimated insured losses of over \$5.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael caused 1.7 million electricity outages in the Southeast United States, of which 125,000 were without power for more than ten days; and

WHEREAS, Congress in recent years has enacted temporary tax legislation to assist survivors of disasters, including the Disaster Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-63, which provided relief for survivors of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria; and

WHEREAS, tax relief is an effective tool in helping communities recover from large scale disasters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA;

that the United States Congress is urged to pass tax relief for survivors of Hurricane Michael, consistent with the provisions contained in H.R. 1148 (116th Congress), including

1. Relief from casualty loss deduction limits for personal residence property; and

2. Allowing taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make the casualty loss deduction; and
3. Allowing penalty-free early distributions from a retirement plan; and
4. Allowing for loans from retirement accounts and allowing taxpayers to spread realized income from retirement accounts to be spread over a three year period; and
5. Using earned income from the immediately preceding year to determine the earned income tax credit; and
6. Allowing an employee retention tax credit for employers equal to 40% of qualified wages paid to qualifying employees.

AND FURTHER, Congress is urged to direct the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service to authorize the use of cost indexes to determine the amount of loss to homes consistent with Revenue Procedure 2018-09.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2019.

- ❖ Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-13. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

COMMISSIONER TIME

COMMISSIONER WISE

Commissioner Wise asked who is requesting the March 15 deadline to place debris by the roadside. Chairman Bailey stated the deadline was requested by FDOT. Commissioner Wise expressed concern regarding the deadline. Commissioner Wise stated most people only had so much room to place debris by the road initially and it took Road Inc. so long to pick it up, that now they do not have the equipment to move the rest of their debris to the road at this time. Commissioner Wise stated it is not the citizens' fault that it took longer for the debris to be picked up. Commissioner Hall stated he has had the same problem in his district. Commissioner Hunt stated a deadline should not have to be set, but the Board had no choice but to set one. Commissioner Hunt stated when FDOT stops their debris pickup efforts it would fall to the County to pick up the debris, but the County does not have the employees or the trucks to pick up the remaining debris. Attorney Fuqua stated FDOT wants to pull back from funding the debris pickup, and it may be possible for Calhoun County to piggyback off Jackson County's debris contract but the County would have to fund this contract until FEMA reimbursement is received. Commissioner Hunt asked if the County has the money to fund the remainder of the debris pickup. Chairman Bailey stated the County does not have the funds other than using reserve funds, and the only other option would be to establish a line of credit. Commissioner Monlyn stated the Board would likely have to use some reserve funding to buy some equipment because the County is going to be left with so much debris to clean up, and the County owes it to the citizens to clean up the debris. Chairman Bailey stated he is for staying with the March 15 deadline, and would like to see the Board request an extension and ask the

Legislature to request FDOT give the County an extension on the debris pickup so the citizens could have more time to clean up their debris. Commissioner Wise stated he thought FDOT made a contract for a full year, and does not see the issue with them continuing the debris pickup. Chairman Bailey stated FDOT does have a contract for a year, but have only assumed six (6) months of the contract. Commissioner Wise stated he is not for the March 15 deadline and would like to see an extension, and possibly protest FDOT not honoring their contract. There was further discussion about debris pickup. Chairman Bailey stated Senator Montford has requested the Board to come to Tallahassee on Thursday morning, March 7, at 11:00 central time, in a show of support for him as he presents a bill for Hurricane Michael Relief, of which debris cleanup is included. Chairman Bailey stated the Board should be there to show their support for what Senator Montford is trying to do for the counties affected by the storm. There was further discussion about debris pickup. Commissioner Wise stated he would like to send a revised resolution to the one already approved by the board to request an extension of the debris deadline. Chairman Bailey stated the resolution could be revised and ready to present to the Board at the Special meeting on Tuesday. Chairman Bailey stated the Board should speak with the Legislators on Thursday morning and request an extension from them directly as well. Attorney Fuqua stated the Board might want to see if there was any interest to advertise a three (3) or four (4) county RFP going forward in case another storm happens for debris pickup and monitoring companies so they would already be procured. Ms. Snowden stated she sent an email to FDOT asking for an answer on private road debris pickup, and regarding an extension for the debris pickup, to which she just received a reply. Ms. Snowden stated FDOT responded they would send the County a response regarding private road debris pickup by the end of the week, and were not considering an extension for debris pickup at this time.

COMMISSIONER HALL

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER HUNT

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER MONLYN

Nothing to report.

CHAIRMAN BAILEY

Chairman Bailey asked Commissioner Hunt if he has found an elected official from the Town of Altha to serve on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Board. Commissioner Hunt stated he has not spoken to anyone at this time. Attorney Fuqua suggested Commissioner Hunt speak with the newly elected Mayor of Altha.

Chairman Bailey stated most of the names submitted by the Board for the Citizen Advisory Task Force did not meet the criteria, so new citizens have been appointed. Chairman Bailey stated the new list includes Curtis Battle, Phyllis Lord, Chad Bailey, Angie Stone, June Harvey, and as an alternate Pinky McCall.

- ❖ Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the new citizen appointees. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Bailey stated they are trying to move forward expeditiously with the turnkey repairs to the first buildings on the list. Chairman Bailey stated Synergy should be back in contact with the County on Friday.


Chairman Bailey stated there is a FEMA meeting with the FEMA representative and the County consultant on Thursday at 1:00.

Chairman Bailey stated a plan to move forward with the debris clean up at the airport and fence bids for Sam Atkins Park need to be finalized. Chairman Bailey asked Clerk Hand if she thought the Board would be able to move forward with the fence bids on Thursday afternoon. Ms. Snowden stated she anticipates receiving the bid package by Thursday from ROSTAN, and an advertisement could be placed in The County Record on Wednesday and in the Tallahassee Democrat according to their advertisement schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m., CT.


GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

**RESOLUTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-9**

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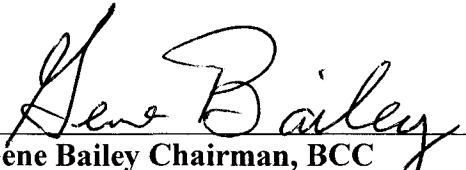
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**CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Gene Bailey Chairman, BCC

ATTEST:


Carla Hand, Clerk BCC

**RESOLUTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO
THE "SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT".**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida, has requested the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for financial assistance for costs directly related to the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the resurfacing of CR 287A from CR 287 to SR 73; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, has agreed to participate in the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications to the amount of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$80,711); and,


WHEREAS, the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Program Agreement" requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to execute and enter into the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Program Agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, as follows:


1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, is authorized to enter into and execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Program Agreement" attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2019.

**CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Gene Bailey Chairman, BCC

ATTEST:


Carla Hand, Clerk BCC

**RESOLUTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO
THE "SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM AGREEMENT".**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida, has requested the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for financial assistance for costs directly related to the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications for the resurfacing of Bodiford Road; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, has agreed to participate in the survey, design, permitting and preparation of construction plans and specifications to the amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$57,130); and,

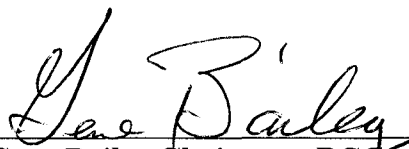
WHEREAS, the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement" requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, to execute and enter into the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, is authorized to enter into and execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement" attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2019.

**CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Gene Bailey Chairman, BCC

ATTEST:


Carla Hand, Clerk BCC

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CERTIFYING ITS SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 0191 (Northwest Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund);

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is concerned about the economic health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, we strongly believe in the need to be proactive and not reactive in order to maintain and create employment opportunities benefitting our citizens while still supporting the quality of life in our community and region; and

WHEREAS, enhancing the local infrastructure and workforce training will promote economic growth, competitiveness, and improve quality of life amenities in our community and region; and

WHEREAS, our community and region has endured the devastation of Hurricane Michael and is in the midst of a recovery/rebuilding process following said hurricane; and

WHEREAS, we are in need of financial and political support programs to maintain and continue said recovery/rebuilding process for our community and region; and

WHEREAS, we support this bill and its companion Senate bill(s) to enhance our community and region's recovery and rebuilding processes; and

WHEREAS, we commit to honor our obligations that lie within our capabilities as leaders for economic development, training, and enhancement of quality of life features that will serve our community and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS BOARD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT WE:

1. DO HEREBY AGREE TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION;
2. DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE OUR CHAIR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED AGREEMENTS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS RESOLUTION
3. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of March, 2019.

CALHOUN COUNTY BOCC

BY: 

GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY: 

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS TO PASS TAX RELIEF FOR
INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYERS SUFFERING FROM
HURRICANE MICHAEL**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael was the most intense storm on record to hit the Florida Panhandle, and was among the top four most powerful hurricanes to hit the United States; and

WHEREAS, damages from Hurricane Michael are estimated to exceed \$25.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, 57 deaths have been attributed to Hurricane Michael in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, insurance claims from Hurricane Michael exceed 144,000, with estimated insured losses of over \$5.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael caused 1.7 million electricity outages in the Southeast United States, of which 125,000 were without power for more than ten days; and

WHEREAS, Congress in recent years has enacted temporary tax legislation to assist survivors of disasters, including the Disaster Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-63, which provided relief for survivors of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria; and

WHEREAS, tax relief is an effective tool in helping communities recover from large scale disasters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA;**

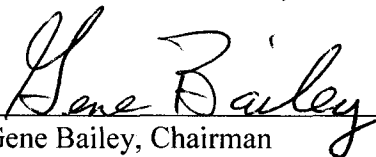
that the United States Congress is urged to pass tax relief for survivors of Hurricane Michael, consistent with the provisions contained in H.R. 1148 (116th Congress), including

1. Relief from casualty loss deduction limits for personal residence property; and
2. Allowing taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make the casualty loss deduction; and
3. Allowing penalty-free early distributions from a retirement plan; and
4. Allowing for loans from retirement accounts and allowing taxpayers to spread realized income from retirement accounts to be spread over a three year period; and
5. Using earned income from the immediately preceding year to determine the earned income tax credit; and
6. Allowing an employee retention tax credit for employers equal to 40% of qualified wages paid to qualifying employees.

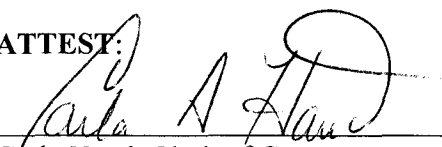
AND FURTHER, Congress is urged to direct the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service to authorize the use of cost indexes to determine the amount of loss to homes consistent with Revenue Procedure 2018-09.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2019.


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**


Gene Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:


Carla Hand, Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Attorney