

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2019**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

Chairman Bailey called the meeting held in the regular Board meeting room to order at 3:30 P.M.; CT. Chairman Bailey led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Snowden stated the FDOT Grant Programs, SCOP (Small County Outreach Program), SCRAP (Small County Road Assistance Program), and CIGP (County Incentive Grant Program), applications are due on March 22 and the County can only submit one (1) application for each program. Ms. Snowden stated the SCRAP program is for resurfacing existing paved roads with no widening. Ms. Snowden stated the SCOP program is a broader program for resurfacing and widening, drainage improvements, and various other improvements. Ms. Snowden stated the CIGP program is supposed to relieve traffic congestion on the State highway system. Ms. Snowden stated in the past FDOT has allowed counties to pave dirt and lime rock roads, but recently applications to pave these roads have been discouraged. Ms. Snowden asked the Board if there were any projects they had in mind to submit for these three (3) grant programs. Chairman Bailey stated last year the Board submitted the west side roads in Commissioner Wise's district. Commissioner Wise asked why these roads were not approved for funding. Ms. Snowden stated she has spoken with FDOT, and they are moving away from funding groupings of roads and they also had some right of way concerns through the area. Commissioner Wise asked if the city limit issue was their concern. Ms. Snowden stated there are no city limit concerns however; FDOT was still concerned there was not adequate right of way for any needed drainage improvements. There was further discussion regarding the project. Commissioner Wise stated he would like the project to be submitted again for funding. Chairman Bailey stated last year the Board also submitted Jim Pickron Road and Bodiford Road, of which Bodiford Road in Commissioner Hunt's district was the only project that was selected for funding. Chairman Bailey stated he would like to resubmit Jim Pickron Road. Commissioner Monlyn stated he would like to submit Marysville School Road. Commissioner Hall stated he would like to submit County Road 73A. Chairman Bailey stated he would like to see Jim Pickron Road, the west end roads, and County Road 73A submitted this year and look into paving Commissioner Monlyn's road with Road Department funds since it is just a short section. Commissioner Hunt expressed concern with submitting Commissioner Wise's roads again since the project has been turned down twice. Chairman Bailey stated the project was turned down the first time because a box on the application was checked in error stating the roads were inside the city limits. Chairman Bailey stated last year was the first time the project was legitimately not funded. Mr. Justin Ford with Dewberry Engineers stated the past two (2) years FDOT has scaled back on projects they would fund, and the past two (2) years Calhoun County has only had one (1) road funded per year where previously they would have had multiple roads funded. Mr. Ford stated last year there was only one (1) road awarded funding in the panhandle of Florida, and

that was Bodiford Road. Mr. Ford stated this was a concern to them so they reached out to FDOT, and FDOT stated this was a short-term issue. Mr. Ford stated that this year they expect to see an increase in funded projects. There was further discussion about projects for submittal. Mr. Ford stated the Board could consider funding two (2) of the roads in Commissioner Wise's district per year to be paved from Road Department funds since these are short roads, and projects that are more traditional could be focused on for the FDOT applications. Commissioner Wise stated this would be fine with him, as long as the roads were resurfaced. There was further discussion about projects to submit to FDOT. Mr. Edenfield stated County Road 274 West from Shelton's Corner at State Road 73 to County Road 167 is in bad shape, and could qualify for CIGP since it connects with Highway 231 soon after connecting to County Road 167. There was further discussion about County Road 274 West. Mr. Edenfield stated J.P. Peacock Road is another that is in desperate need of resurfacing and widening. Mr. Ford stated this road would better fit the CIGP program, and the Board could submit County Road 274 West next year for the SCOP program since the project would be costly, and SCOP funding is greater than CIGP funding.

- ❖ Chairman Bailey made a motion to submit J.P. Peacock Road for the CIGP grant program, Jim Pickron Road for the SCOP grant program, County Road 73A for the SCRAP grant program, and for the Board to look at setting aside approximately \$200,000 to address Commissioner Wise's and Commissioner Monlyn's roads. Commissioner Monlyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Ford asked the Board if they would like him to contact Ms. Debbie Belcher and inquire if Commissioner Wise's roads would qualify for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program. Commissioner Wise stated he would like Mr. Ford to contact Ms. Belcher regarding adding the roads to the CDBG list.

Chairman Bailey addressed Commissioner Hall, and stated the building the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department has requested is a larger the Florida League of Cities (FMIT) will provide, and he would like to Commissioner Hall to discuss the building size with the fire chief of the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department. (FMIT is providing the building to protect the fire trucks until a permanent structure is built at no cost to the County.)

Chairman Bailey stated the advertisement deadline for the Mosquito Control Director has closed out and there was one (1) applicant, Mr. Keith Daniels. Chairman Bailey stated Mr. Daniels would have six (6) months to complete the required certifications for the position if the Board made the decision to hire. Chairman Bailey recommended hiring Mr. Daniels contingent upon him successfully passing the required drug test and background check. There was consensus from the Board to hire Mr. Daniels. There was further discussion regarding the Mosquito Control Director.

Chairman Bailey stated a memorandum was received from Senator Bill Montford's office, which has been provided to the Board. Chairman Bailey stated Senator Montford has requested the County and City governments combine and rank each legislative budget request. Chairman Bailey stated a list of the four (4) legislative budget requests has been provided to the Board as well, and asked if this list was compiled in ranked order. Ms. Snowden stated it is her understanding the City Manager, Ms. Traci Hall, would like the list provided to be the order in which the projects are ranked but wanted the list to be brought before the Commissioners to see if they were in agreement. Chairman Bailey stated he would prefer to rank the women's dormitory first, and let the other items fall as they are listed, so the inmates could be brought back from Liberty County and create jobs in Calhoun County. Chairman Bailey stated he makes this decision based on the enormity of the \$15 million dollar request for the Blountstown Wastewater project, since the legislature would likely fund this project no matter where it were ranked.


Chairman Bailey stated if the female inmates could be brought back to Calhoun County, the county could save money.

- ❖ Commissioner Wise made a motion for the women's dormitory at the County Jail be moved to first priority and leave the other items ranked in their current order. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. (#1 Women's Dormitory, #2 Blountstown Wastewater Effluent Discharge, #3 Town of Altha Waste Management Upgrades, #4 Altha Water System Improvements)

Chairman Bailey stated a letter was received from FEMA regarding Private Property Debris Removal that he felt should be addressed during this meeting. Ms. Snowden stated FEMA is requesting specific locations where the County intends to remove debris from residential property, photographic evidence of the need for debris removal from private property, and more documentation on why the debris is a health hazard on said property. Ms. Snowden stated this would be a huge task, and right now all resources are directed towards cleaning the County right of ways, and also the private roads which were recently approved. Ms. Snowden stated the March 15 deadline is also quickly approaching to place debris by the roadside. Chairman Bailey stated there is no one employed by the County who could pursue the right of entry forms and take the photos needed, and was unsure how the process would work. Chairman Bailey stated he spoke with Gulf County and they have County personnel gathering all the information needed and the County Manager reviews the information and decides whether each property qualifies or not, and then the information is submitted to FEMA for a final decision. Chairman Bailey stated they as County Commissioners could go out and gather all the needed information to send the Emergency Management to send to FEMA, but there would only be four (4) more weeks for the debris to be picked up because FDOT would not pick up any debris after April 15. There was further discussion about private property debris removal. Commissioner Hunt expressed concern that there are more debris trucks picking up debris in Sam Atkins Park than are out picking up debris in the County. Commissioner Hunt stated the citizens of the County should have their debris picked up before the debris on County property is picked up. There was further discussion about debris pickup.

Ms. Snowden stated she received an email from FDOT granting the County an additional \$57,524 for the SCRAP John G. Bryant Road project, so that project would not need to be modified in any way.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m., CT.


GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK