

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 1980

The Board of County Commission met this day in regular session with the following members present, to-wit: Lloyd Tatum, Chairman, Clayton Shiver, Gene Bailey, Donnell Whitfield and Bobby Varnum.

Willie D. Wise, Clerk, Attorney Bill Corbin and Sheriff William G. Smith were present and acting.

The meeting was called to order by the Sheriff followed with prayer by Commissioner Bailey.

A public hearing was held for comments on a preapplication to be submitted by the Board to the Department of HUD.

A bid was opened as advertised on a boat, motor and trailer. The bid was from Lee's Cars and Trucks in the amount of \$1,590.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Varnum and duly carried to accept the high bid of \$1,590.00.

Jerry Brooks and Billy Roberson with the Florida Division of Forestry made a report to the Board on the fire protection in the County.

Ms. Betsy Holt with Dothan GMC, Inc. met with the Board and requested that they be placed on the county's bid list on automotive parts. All Board members agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Shiver and duly carried to issue a Letter of Competency to Wendell Register, Route 1, Box 178, Altha, Florida, as an electrical contractor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Shiver and duly carried for the Board of County Commission to act as a go between for the Altha Community Center Committee to purchase a barracks at Ft. Rucker for the Altha Community Center. Commissioner Whitfield stated that Royce Traylor was the contact man.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Shiver and duly carried for the Board of County Commission to act as purchasing agent for surplus property for any non-profit organization or church group.

Commissioner Shiver stated that the Board furnish office space for C.A.P. A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to put the office in the office previously used by the probation department.

Ms. Neel with the Northwest Regional Library System met with the Board.

The Board of County Commission recessed.

The Board reconvened in the courtroom for the public hearing on the proposed 1980-81 budget.

Mr. Jack Van Lierop, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Calhoun General Hospital, read a statement to the Board concerning the hospital millage and ambulance service.

Sheriff William G. Smith explained his proposed budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield to put a referendum for a 1-cent sales tax on the ballot of a special election as soon as possible to let people vote on it. Motion seconded by Commissioner Varnum. Commissioners Varnum and Whitfield voted "yes". Commissioners Bailey, Tatum and Shiver voted "no". Commissioner Shiver stated he did not want the citizens to pay for the election.

Mr. Joe Wood complained of work being done on private property in Calhoun County, specifically on Neal Land and Timber Company roads, and on a road to the Apalachicola River at Hugh Creek for Charlie Anders' benefit. Mr. Lionel Bridges stated he was tired of this also. Mr. Wood stated if the Board of County Commissioners would cut this out, they would not have to raise taxes.

Mr. Tommy Williams complained to the Board about the work being done on the county road going through G. U. Parker Game Reserve stating no one lived on it and it only benefited Neal Land and Timber Company.

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Commissioner Bailey informed the audience that in the past the Board of County Commission had paid \$ 18,000.00 for R.O.W. on the J.P. Peacock Road, \$ 28,245.00 on the Dr. Eldridge Road, \$ 7,382.00 on 287 at Carr, \$ 7,010.00 at Chason for a total of \$ 53,627.00. Commissioner Bailey stated that Neal Land and Timber Company had donated R.O.W. for the Carlos Peavy Rd. \$ 21,600.00 / and \$ 112,807.00 on the Game Reserve Road, 3 acres for clay pits, 2 acres for sanitary landfill, and that Neal Lumber Company had provided many jobs for Calhoun County when it was in operation. He further stated that Neal Land and Timber Company had been generous in giving R.O.W. and land for clay pits and landfills which would have amounted to \$ 12,000.00 if purchased. Also, that except for culverts, no extra money was spent on this road that would not have been spent in the normal operation of the road department. Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Bridges, Mr. Wood and Mr. Williams if they had any animosities against Neal Land and Timber Company. They stated "no".

Concerning the road at Hugh Creek, Commissioner Bailey stated that he had requested from Mr. Anders if he would give the county river sand from his land to go on the clay at the Hugh Creek Park. Mr. Anders said he would if the county would fill in the holes on the road. Commissioner Bailey stated he would only if Mr. Anders would give the County an easement on the road. Mr. Anders had agreed to, and a copy was on file in the Clerk's office. The Clerk produced a copy of the recorded easement. The easement stated the County would not be liable for use of the road nor would the County furnish any culverts, bridge material or dirt for the use of the road.

Chairman Tatum relinquished his chair to Commissioner Shiver.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Varnum and duly carried to cut \$900.00 from Account No. 511.40.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Varnum and duly carried to cut \$600.00 from Account No. 519.40.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Varnum and duly carried to cut \$875.00 from Account No. 534.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum to cut \$13,242.00 from Account No. 552.00. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum to cut \$26,000.00 from Account No. 564.34. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and duly carried to cut \$750.00 from Account No. 569.40.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and duly carried to cut \$8,000.00 from Account No. 572.49.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and duly carried to cut \$20,000.00 from Account No. 541.44.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to cut \$20,000.00 from Account No. 541.64. Motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum to cut \$23,477.10 from Account No. 541.53. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bailey, but did not carry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum to cut \$8,845.00 from Account No. 541.12. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bailey, but did not carry.

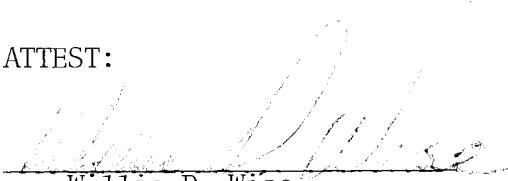
A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to cut out the assistant mechanic position and move up the employees of the County Road Dept. by seniority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to cut \$4,400.00 from Account No. 541.61. Motion did not carry.

There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

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ATTEST:

  
Willie D. Wise  
Clerk

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Lloyd Tatum  
Chairman

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 23, 1980

The Board of County Commission met this day in special session with the following members present, to-wit: Lloyd Tatum, Chairman, Clayton Shiver, Donnell Whitfield, Bobby Varnum and Gene Bailey. Willie D. Wise, Clerk, and Sheriff William G. Smith were present and acting.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Smith followed with prayer by Chairman Tatum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield to adopt the budget as it was discussed at the meeting of October 21, 1980, with the amendment of adding \$10,000.00 to physical environment, Account No. 534.00, delete \$10,000.00 out of line item 513.32. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shiver for discussion. Commissioner Whitfield stated this was the last time he would vote on this budget. Commissioner Whitfield voted "yes". Commissioners Bailey, Shiver, Tatum and Varnum voted "no".

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield and seconded by Commissioner Varnum to give to the property appraiser a millage rate of 8.58 for a proposed tax rate. Commissioner Whitfield voted "yes". Commissioners Bailey, Shiver, Tatum and Varnum voted "no".

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey to set the millage rate at 4.736 which will bring in \$57,000.00 over last years \$405,243.97 collected or a total of \$462,243.96, and cut the budget to operate on an 8% increase. Chairman Tatum relinquished the chair to Vice-chairman Shiver. Motion then seconded by Commissioner Tatum. Commissioners Bailey and Tatum voted "yes". Commissioners Shiver, Varnum and Whitfield voted "no".

Commissioner Bailey stated that for 8 years the county has operated without this increase and could in the future, and that a lot of people's taxes would double if the millage was set at 6.7 or 8.58.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to set the millage at 6.80. At this time, Commissioner Tatum left the meeting.

The motion was then withdrawn by Commissioner Varnum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield to set the millage at 8.58 to have sufficient money to operate the county tentatively. The vice-chairman polled the Board. Commissioners Whitfield, Varnum, and Shiver voted on 8.58 tentatively. Commissioner Bailey voted on 4.736. Commissioner Tatum did not vote as he had left the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey to use the \$4,700.00 from H.U.D. to reduce the \$43,000.00 note at the Ellis Bank of Blountstown to \$39,300.00 for the Fiscal Year 1979-80.

There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
Willie D. Wise

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Lloyd Tatum  
Chairman