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Board of Commissioners



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Bowen
Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, , Austin Lambert, Debbie Henry, Whitney Butler, Sheriff Clenney, Robert Daubach.

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated everybody looked at the agenda, need any changes? if not need a motion to approve I make a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated approval of the minutes everybody looked over the minutes. If everything looks good need a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated next financial reports. Everybody looked over everything, looks to be in order. Need a motion to approve the financial. Vice Chairman made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

Chairman Calhoun called for appearances Mr. Robert Daubach. Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Robert if you would kind of just tell them about the road situation and Andy can kind of. We are going to talk about the Jernigan road Andy, and so Mr. Robert you will just kind of talk a little bit about it then Andy can kind of go into detail. Mr. Daubach stated okay so the road that runs kind of through our property out

there it's, the address is 88 Jernigan Road where we live and the property is 80 Jernigan road and it's off of a Grady Cobb and the road comes off a Grady Cobb and then comes into our property on the driveway that the county, you guys haven't maintained the drive driveway portion for how long. Mr. Moore stated not since I've been here. Mr. Daubach stated several years it looks like the driveway portion is a pea gravel, you know two rut driveway that goes past our house and another house that's on the property and then out the other end of the property so what we're requesting to do is to close it at where the property lines are. One end it comes in and there's nobody else back there it runs through our property. Chairman Calhoun stated so it would still be open coming from Grady Cobb to pretty much that tree line kind of there a tree line right there like. Mr. Daubach stated there's an actually it runs through a field which is somebody else's field. Chairman Calhoun stated right and then it comes to a tree line. Mr. Daubach stated that's County Road and then yes there's a tree line at our property line and that's kind of where we want to close it on the one end and then the other end comes down and comes around a corner and at the corner there that's where we'd like to close it on that end. Chairman Calhoun stated you all got us all some drawings. Mr. Cofty stated there's a map. Mr. Daubach stated do you have a mark. Mr. Cofty stated let me get you make sure we're on the right page see if that's how you want so somewhere is it back up here or somewhere up in there. Mr. Daubach stated so here. Mr. Cofty stated so, you want to back over to this one. Mr. Daubach stated yeah over here and over here all right. Mr. Cofty stated basically right here but then but then more so down here at the end of the curve. Mr. Daubach stated so, this is Will's property here and then ours is all back on this side.

Chairman Calhoun stated who farms this right here. Mr. Daubach stated that's our property. Chairman Calhoun stated that's your property. Mr. Daubach stated yes you want all this we own from here over to here. Vice Chairman Cox stated are there any other houses on this road. Mr. Daubach stated no sir that's it just our this is our house right here and then there's another house here which we're going to eventually take this down and put another home right there we're planning on building another house there so that's our plan. Chairman Calhoun stated so it won't affect who farms that right there then, Mr. Daubach stated that's our property we farm it, we're actually going to plant pine trees here and there's another field in the back here that we're going to plant trees on as well. Mr. Cofty stated but none of this has been maintained correct. Mr. Daubach stated no I know this here. Chairman Calhoun stated you wouldn't even know there's a dirt road, I haven't been back there in 10-12 years. Mr. Daubach stated there are two big holes right here and here along in here fills up with water so you really can't even when it's wet you can't drive through here this is what we use right here to come into the property and then there's some water holes in here as well that I want to fill in and maintain myself. Commissioner Bowen stated what would be I mean I'm just asking you a question here like this road doesn't go very much further till it hits that dirt road there, you want to close the whole dirt road. Mr. Daubach stated no just leave that one open because this is Willie's driveway, see Willie lives right here, Willie Wallace he owns 9 Acres right here on the corner, he owns this nine acres Vice Chairman stated so does he doesn't go down it. Mr. Daubach stated no he doesn't he comes down this way to his property and actually he the re reason why we want to close it is because we have kids running through there on four-wheelers, pickups and my grandson plays. Chairman Calhoun stated is that guy's name Wayne. Commissioner Bowen stated I can't never his name. Chairman Calhoun stated

is it Johnson. Mr. Daubach stated I don't know think that. Commissioner Bowen stated Gerald Mock and they farm it but I can't remember who owns it. Mr. Daubach stated somebody told me gentleman from out of state. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah but he's from here originally if Keith would say his name I'd remember it. Commissioner Bowen stated I can't remember it right now either. Mr. Daubach stated that's the that's our plan. Chairman Calhoun stated so what do we have to do, we have to advertise it or do any what we have to do. Mr. Cofty stated that's what we're going to have to kind of just discuss let you all look at it you make sure we follow right steps I don't think we have to advertise that do we Andy. Mr. Moore stated I don't think you have to really you may have to advertise it Doug because I think you got to have a hearing on it. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah I think you got to put it in the paper. Mr. Moore stated you got have a hearing. Mr. Cofty stated if everything's good nobody shows where then you all can vote. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah you all check that out. Mr. Cofty stated I just want to make sure we follow the steps if you all are good we we'll proceed. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah I mean nobody else, I mean I don't have a problem. Mr. Moore stated when I started there was three houses in there and there're still the two old houses that are still there it was just you couldn't blade through there for their flowers and things like that you everybody said don't nobody go down it leave it alone don't mess with it so we never mess with it. Mr. Daubach stated I understand that there was a barn across the street actually I think the barn on so right across from the house right here there was a there was a barn over here. Mr. Moore stated yeah then there's another house. Mr. Daubach stated there's another house right here and then there's a house right there yeah that's right. Chairman Calhoun stated all right so we need a motion to proceed with the steps to close steps to close that those roads from that tree line to that curve right there all right how it is marked on the map. We need a motion. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated they'll get, he'll go through the steps and we'll see what we got to do and okay I know we have to have a hearing I think. Mr. Cofty stated so it may be able to be put on April but it all depends on you know if we have to run it one week two weeks and then we have to have a public hearing. I think we have to run it two weeks and then have a public hearing so it may not be the April it may be the May but we'll go and start process. Mr. Daubach stated so can you call me when you get that. Mr. Cofty stated Yes sir. Mr. Daubach stated thank you guys very much. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we'll move on

Old Business

Commissioner Packet into Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated Commissioner packet into minutes. Mr. Cofty stated so you all were going to discuss that at this meeting how you want to proceed with doing that. Chairman Calhoun stated right so that's where we had talked about opening up the packet that we get. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. Chairman Calhoun stated to everyone. Mr. Cofty stated to put it on in the minutes like when I post the minutes online it would be pretty much part of that the minute packet minus out like personnel or you know personal data and stuff like that it would be just like quotes or just basically the packet that you get is what it would be put in there. Chairman Calhoun stated so it would go in after the fact you talking about. Mr. Cofty stated yeah it would go in with the minutes and I have it would just be part of

the minute record. Chairman Calhoun stated is it already is it open request now is that what. Mr. Cofty stated yeah all of it all of it's open record request like I say if it's got any kind of personal data in there we would have to redact that. Chairman Calhoun stated I would say keep it like it is but that's just me anybody got any feelings on it. Commissioner Bowen stated I just I the reason I'm saying that I brought it up is to have our commissioner board not saying it hasn't been but add another layer of transparency to it where everybody can see because I naturally I've just elected on so I remember how it was out there and I've always wondered how you all made decision so quickly and if it's open record requestable it's nothing that can be hidden so that might build more a better relationship with our constituents them seeing what we're doing to make the decisions we make. Vice Chairman Cox stated right but it is open request. Commissioner Bowen stated everything's open record requestable now. Vice Chairman Cox stated I guess they just make a request. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah they I mean they can do it but then I'm saying why not us take the step because I believe Doug you said some counties do it already. Mr. Cofty stated some do, some don't it depends on what the board want. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to either adopt it or not adopted. Commissioner Bowen stated can I make the motion to adopt it to put it on the or that has to come from the chairman. Chairman Calhoun stated no you can make the motion. Commissioner Bowen stated I'll make a motion to adopt that we start putting our packet onto our minutes. Chairman Calhoun stated all right and I need a second. Commissioner Nixon stated I mean I don't have a problem with it but it how much is that going to be a whole lot more on you guys. Chairman Calhoun stated oh absolutely because they'll have to go through it. Mr. Cofty stated that yeah it all depends on what like I say if what's in there I mean I could just black it out this personal data but as of right now I scan it in anyway so I mean it doesn't to me it doesn't matter. Chairman Calhoun stated but it's already open request so. Commissioner Nixon stated that's my thing it's already open request but. Chairman Calhoun stated it's just going to put more work on them to have to go through it and read through it and if anybody wants it they can get it already so all right if I don't get a second I can't go forward. Commissioner Bowen stated okay. Chairman Calhoun stated all right so I didn't get a second so we'll just we'll keep it like it is all right.

Tire Reimbursement

Chairman Calhoun time re reimbursement for Bush Dar Road. Mr. Cofty stated I went out there and in the packet you see the tire, the marks where Andy had already fixed the road and there is no pothole in the drivable area of the road, these all the markings that we have on the side of the road or towards the white line out to the shoulder so I know the Decatur County, they will not ,the only way they'll pay for a tire I think, Jeff correct me on this is if it's been reported. So, if it's reported and you don't fix it then with if you damage your tire then it'll be fixed, they'll pay for it. I think Mr. Keith didn't Seminole tell you that they won't pay for one. Commissioner Bowen stated that's correct. Mr. Cofty stated so I mean we have never paid for tire that I'm aware of or any kind of damages. I kind of think we should probably kind of match what they do if you know if it's been reported then I can understand paying for it but if it's something like just brought to us like this then we set a precedence if we start now. Chairman Calhoun stated so we just want to keep it like it is. Mr. Cofty stated that's what I would do but that's up to you all. Chairman Calhoun stated so we don't need to do anything then take no action

Mr. Cofty stated well you got to decide whether you want to pay or not, if you don't want to you just make motion not to pay. Chairman Calhoun stated can I get a motion not to pay. Vice Chairman Cox made motion not to pay for tire repair, Commissioner Bowen seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

West Tel Contract

Chairman Calhoun stated new business is the West Tell maintenance contract. Whitney Butler stated all right West tell is our 911 phone provider. I got a call about 3 weeks ago from John Clayton who does their accounting and he said that they have since we joined with them they have split ways with who provides our CAD because when we got the phone they were also in they were in a group with Resilient or Easy911 but they since Easy911 has sold to resilient West Tel has parted ways. They told me they were having issues getting the payment that we give Easy911 for them for their maintenance they're having issues getting their money from Easy911. So, they're requesting a separate contract year to year from us that we'll just pay them directly so that they don't have to fight with Resilient. Ms. Whittaker stated Resilient bills us for it and what we have found out is we think that what they're billing us they're not giving all of that to West Tel they're charging more than West Tel charges. So, we're kind of Chairman Calhoun stated but they pay West Tel and they're paying West Tel. Ms. Whittaker stated they pay West but they charge us more than West Tel charges them so they're making a little profit off of us. Mr. Cofty stated then they started their own telephone service. Ms. Butler stated yes they started their own phone plan but it is not one that I'm interested in going with West Tel works for us it's user friendly it works for the our both of our communities. I have a good working relationship with their IT and Mr. Clayton so I'm not interested in going with Resilient phone. Ms. Whittaker stated I talked to the same gentleman she did and I told him what Resilient was charging us for West Tel and it is more than they charge Resilient so I did verify that they are overcharging, it's not a big amount but it is overcharging. Chairman Calhoun stated so we just need a motion to go with just West Tel exclusively. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated Departments. Mr. Cofty stated I know Ms. Debbie's got something to talk about. Ms. Henry stated just a reminder we got May 1 is our meeting for the NIMS class at night 5:30 to 6:00. Chairman Calhoun stated you going to send a reminder out correct. Mr. Cofty stated I have registered all of you all for the class so you all are registered. Ms. Henry stated and on our mobile command I got a price on the one originally wanted 450,000. They found us another one that was a little better at 325,000 so we found a used SWAT vehicle for 26,000. Chairman Calhoun stated oh that's is better I like this. Ms. Henry stated 160 something thousand miles, I got pictures. It was a prisoner transport van. Mr. Cofty stated we would just need to see what it would cost to re-outfit it for a mobile command. I like the color of it don't you Debbie. Ms. Henry stated no, we need to paint it.

Chairman Calhoun stated let's put a wrap on it, we can sell like Franklin ford on the side sponsorships on it. Ms. Henry stated we wanted to put Windows in it but the guy was not he didn't think he could cut into it put Windows in it so it's got two doors, he said he could put a generator in it for us and put lights and sirens because he does that and he hold for us to go look at. Chairman Calhoun stated this is 26,000 and how much you think, you got a budget I mean it isn't going to cost 450,000 is it. Ms. Henry stated no, if he out we might I mean all we need then is some counter space and maybe some cabinet we have chairs in it. Chairman Calhoun stated right, it looks like it's in pretty good shape looks like it's in pretty good shape. Ms. Henry stated he said it was well maintained it's a diesel F550. Mr. Cofty stated but we were going to go down there next week after yeah and then just kind of look at it and see. Ms. Henry stated I don't know what the city's going to do but I feel like they'll help pay for part of it I don't know if it's going to be on that same percentage as the tax I have no idea but I think they are willing to help out and I would say it would definitely be under 100,000.00. Charman Calhoun stated well I'm better with this, so do you want to go look at it do you want us to go ahead and make a motion what do you want us to do. Mr. Cofty stated we need to go look at it first. Chairman Calhoun stated okay I understand calm down over there. Ms. Henry stated anyway all right that's what I got anything Chairman Calhoun stated anything else Doug. Mr. Cofty stated just the fueling station pretty much it's on par to be normal. We haven't had any problems with it. I don't know Andy you got anything. Sheriff you got anything. Chairman Calhoun stated anybody else any question. I need a motion to adjourn if not. Mr. Cofty stated one more thing, we are having the meeting on the 20th of March at 6:30 it's going to be at Debbie's EOC building. Chairman Calhoun stated that's the joint meeting. Mr. Cofty stated that's the Joint meeting with the city and we'll discuss flost and a number of other things we'll get the agenda out to you all by then.

Executive Session

NONE

Chairman Calhoun stated if there is nothing else, I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

SIGNATURES

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager