

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in regular session at 8:30 A. M. on Tuesday, November 12, 1957, with the following members present and participating: O. O. Thompson, Chairman; G. A. McLeod; Hubert Bell; Coy Burgess; and Albert Gavin, together with S. M. Preacher, Attorney to the Board; E. Leo Andrews, Clerk; and Weba Paul, Deputy Clerk.

The Board proceeded to examine the bills which were presented for payment, and to approve those which should be approved for payment at this time. Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Burgess, the Board voted unanimously to pay all approved bills, and instructed the Clerk to issue warrants as follows:

From the General Revenue Fund - -	- \$19,992.53
From the Fine and Forfeiture Fund -	7,305.75
From the Road and Bridge Fund - - - - -	28,028.79
From the Hospital Bonds, I&S Fund	1,595.97

Mrs. Marie Oberheiser, RFD, City, appeared before the Board requesting that her driveway be clayed. Commissioner McLeod, in whose district this property is located, advised Mrs. Oberheiser that he would check into the legality of claying this driveway with the Board's Attorney and advise her by letter. (Mr. McLeod later this same day instructed the Deputy Clerk to advise Mrs. Oberheiser that this work could not be done, this being the advice he had received from Mr. Preacher.)

Harold Gomillion, City, appeared before the Board asking assistance in a tax matter, he having been sent to the Board by the Tax Assessor. He was advised by the Board that it had no authority in this matter. Mr. Thompson called Mr. Kelly on the phone and advised him that this advice had been given to Mr. Gomillion, and then sent Mr. Gomillion back to Mr. Kelly.

The matter of Workmen's Compensation Insurance was discussed, and it was decided that if this coverage could be handled by Harris Insurance Agency of this city, this would be done; otherwise, Aetna Casualty & Surety Company of Hartford, Connecticut, would be requested to continue the coverage.

The matter of paying Road and Bridge employees before the 10th of each month was discussed, and it was pointed out that payment after this date works a hardship on the employees. Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve a labor voucher in advance each month and to authorize the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the preparation of the warrants for all workmen, same to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and delivered to the workmen on or about the 5th of each month.

Mr. Goudy Monk, RFD, City, appeared before the Board for the purpose of determining whether or not he could get a refund of \$67.50, representing a fine which had been imposed upon him a number of months ago by George Dandelakis, Justice of the Peace. He was advised that the Board had no authority in this matter, and it was suggested that if he seriously considered seeking a refund, his recourse would be through the courts and that it would be necessary for him to employ an attorney.

Mrs. G. E. McDaniel, Red Bay, Florida, appeared before the Board regarding an increase in her taxes for 1957. She was advised that this was brought about by an increase in the tax millage.

A petition was received from property owners in the various subdivisions along State Road 20 between the Okaloosa County Line and Basin Bayou, requesting the Board of County Commissioners to secure clay for use on roads to their properties. (41 signatures on petition). The Board directed the Clerk to submit this petition to proper authorities at Eglin Field and ask them to reconsider their former refusal to supply clay in the light of the need as outlined in this petition.

A petition signed by most of the residents of Portland, Florida, was received, requesting the Board to repair the bridge across West Bayou on the road between Portland and Whitfield. Commissioners McLeod and Bell stated that if this bridge were in their districts they would feel, since so many people wanted it repaired, that this should be done if it could be done without excessive cost. Commissioner Thompson expressed the feeling that the dragline could be used to fill in, and that the bridge could be raised a few feet very effectively. Mr. Gavin stated that this could be done; that with the dragline and two or three trucks the work would probably require about a week. Mr. Gavin also stated that he was somewhat reluctant to repair this bridge since there had been an understanding between Mr. Sharon, the former County Commissioner from District 5, and the property owners that if a new road were built (which was done), there would be no need for this old bridge. No definite action by the Board.

Mr. Lindsey appeared before the Board regarding a hospital bill in the amount of \$98.00. It had been his understanding that the County would pay part of this bill, and the State would match the money paid by the County. That since his stay in the hospital, he had been advised that the card he had received was no longer in effect and that the County was not appropriating anything for this purpose. He was advised by the Board that the Board had made no appropriation for hospitalization of indigent patients for the year beginning October 1, 1957. Mr. Lindsey stated that his purpose in coming had been to learn the exact situation, and that he wanted the Board to know that he was not attempting to meddle or beg for assistance.

Mr. M. O. Warren, Mrs. Hazel Daughette, and Mrs. Estelle Griswold, of the Welfare Department, appeared before the Board requesting that the payment of \$35.00 per month which had for the past 10 years been made for rent of the local welfare office be continued, even though the building is now owned by the State and no rent is to be paid; that the Florida Development Commission will match this amount, as will the City of DeFuniak Springs, and that the funds will be used for maintenance, air conditioning, etc., of the offices. Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Gavin, the Board voted unanimously to continue this monthly payment of \$35.00.

County Judge Joe Dan Trotman having again appeared before the Board regarding the Board's allowing him \$50.00 per month for travel expense, same to be deducted from fees collected by the judge, the Board was advised by Mr. Preacher that he did not feel that this was within the contemplation of the law; that he had checked with Cecil Anchors, Clerk Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, and had been advised that there was a special law under which Okaloosa County operated. The Clerk was instructed to write to the State Auditing Department for advice in this matter.

Mr. C. G. Meigs and Mr. Howard Minger, Niceville, Florida, appeared before the Board regarding their former request for assistance in securing clay for the subdivision streets. After rather lengthy discussion, Mr. Meigs was advised by Commissioner Gavin that since he was without funds for maintaining the streets of these subdivision, he did not feel that he could accept the streets as public streets, as Mr. Meigs was requesting. Mr. Meigs was also advised of the earlier action of the Board in directing the Clerk to send a copy of the petition to Eglin officials requesting clay.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gavin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the petition of Oliver P. Hood for admission to the State Tuberculosis Hospital.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gavin, seconded by Commissioner Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution and approve the right-of-way contract with the State Road Department for Section 606.-150, Road S-278. (In District #5).

Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Bell, the Board voted to purchase 1,000 safety magazines for distribution to the public schools.

Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Gavin, the Board voted to rent storage space for their voting machines from Pennsheer Hosiery Company, with rent to be paid quarterly, in advance, at the rate of \$75.00 per quarter. (Next rent due 1-17-57)

Mr. Preacher was requested to investigate the possibility of a court order regarding disposition of a truck which was confiscated by the beverage agents and is now located behind the court house. Also, Mr. Farrison is to be contacted regarding storing the truck in the Fair Building.

Upon motion of Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Gavin, the Board voted to adopt a resolution requesting the State Road Department to proceed with the establishment of C. G. Meigs Wayside Park. Mr. Preacher to prepare this resolution.

A letter from J. Will Kelly, Tax Assessor, was read, pertaining to the need for a meeting on the matter of tax re-evaluation. The Clerk was directed to advise Mr. Kelly that the Board members will meet with him whenever he sets his meeting.

Inspection Reports were filed by the various commissioners. (See Page 203 for list)  
\*\* See Page 204 for Bid Notices ordered published.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: E. Leo Andrews  
E. Leo Andrews, Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
O. O. Thompson, Chairman

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1957

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 7:00 P. M. on Wednesday, November 13, 1957, with all members present and participating, together with E. Leo Andrews, Clerk.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following plats: (Recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 16-23, respectively)

- Country Club Heights NW
- Country Club Heights SE
- Country Club Heights SW
- Country Club Heights NE
- Country Club Heights South
- Country Club Heights North

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Albert Gavin, the Board voted unanimously to allow all full time employees in the Road and Bridge Department one week's vacation with pay each year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Commissioners' Inspection Reports for the month of October 1957:

Commissioner McLeod, District #1:

- October 1 Red Hill Bridge and Road
- 2 Lazy B Ranch Road to Freeport Highway
- 3 Sandy Creek Bridge & Road
- 4 McKinnon Bridge and Road
- 7 Eucheeanna to Frank Lowe's Store
- 14 Negro Road, Red Bay
- 15 Harvey Tharp Road
- 16 Walden Bridge and Road
- 17 Jess Gommillicn Road
- 18 Knox Hill to Douglass Crossroad
- 28 John Frank Mitchell Road
- 29 Douglass Crossroad to Highway 81
- 30 John Cobb Road

Commissioner Thompson, District #2:

- October 1 Cook Bridge
- 2 Hemphill Bridge
- 4 Commander Bridge
- 7 Harrison Road
- 10 Chestnut Bridge
- 11 Paxton Roads
- 14 Lakewood Roads
- 16 Gaskin Road
- 21 Gill Road
- 22 Flowers Quarters Roads
- 24 Spears Road
- 25 Miller Bridge
- 29 Limestone Bridge

Commissioner Bell, District #3:

- October 1 Ted Sunday Road
- 4 Gum Creek Church Road
- 5 Kidd Road
- 7 M. L. Vann Road
- 10 Howard Jones Road
- 12 Henry Nowling Road
- 16 Willard Munn Road
- 18 Leamon Garrett Road
- 19 Lance Price Road
- 21 Henley Road
- 26 McCollough Road
- 28 Bingham Road
- 30 J. D. Wooten Road

Commissioner Burgess, District #4:

- October 1 Adams Road and Bridges
- 2 Richardson Road
- 3 Jones Road
- 7 Watson Road
- 8 Clyde Beard Road
- 9 Babe Gordon Road and Bridges
- 14 Brannon Road
- 15 Steel Church Road
- 16 Mossy Head Road and Bridges
- 22 Spence Road
- 23 Foreman Road
- 24 Cosson Road and Bridges
- 29 Nelson Road
- 30 Adkison Road and Bridges

Commissioner Gavin, District #5:

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- October 1 Roads in Bruce
- 3 River Road
- 5 Jolly Bay Road
- 8 McDaniel Road
- 10 Ferry Road
- 12 Mack Bayou Road
- 14 Old Boyd Road
- 16 Hatcher Cemetery Road
- 17 Floyd Hardee Road
- 19 Colored Church Road
- 23 Bishop Road
- 26 Villa Tasso Roads
- 30 Roads in Portland

Upon motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted to advertise for bids for (1) a new dragline; (2) culverts for 1958; (3) lumber for 1958; and ordered the following notices published for two consecutive weeks in THE DeFUNIAK HERALD, a local newspaper:

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A. M. on Friday, December 6, 1957, at their office in the Court House in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, for the following:

One 3/8-yard truck mounted dragline with 30-foot boom and pile driver complete with 1400-pound hammer; with 6-cylinder gas engine; mechanical controls; not less than 6 double hook rollers with a dragline pull of at least 10,050 pounds. Must be mounted on a crane carrier type truck designed and built by manufacturer with 6-wheel drive; cab over engine; 7.50 x 20 mud tires; micro-brake lock for digging operation; turn signals.

Terms: To be purchased on 24 months lease-rental.  
Bid to be net price f.o.b. DeFuniak Springs.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

This by order of the Board on November 12, 1957.

/s/ O. O. Thompson  
O. O. Thompson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Walton County, Florida

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Rough Oak Bridge Lumber, sizes and quantity needed during the year January 1, 1958, through December 31, 1958; f.o.b. mill or lumber yard or f.o.b. job site.

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Item 1. Galvanized Metal Pipe: Price per foot on the following diameters: 12 inch; 18 inch; 24 inch; 30 inch; 36 inch (Round pipe). Also price per foot on oval pipe in sizes comparable to each of the diameters listed above.

Quantity: Amount needed from January 1, 1958, through December 31, 1958, to be delivered in truckload lots.

Item 2. Plain Concrete Sewer Pipe: Price per linear foot on the following diameters: 12 inch; 15 inch; 18 inch; 24 inch; 30 inch; 36 inch.

Quantity: Amount needed from January 1, 1958, through December 31, 1958, to be delivered in truckload lots.

Prices quoted to be f.o.b. DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

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