

BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/24/05

FEBRUARY 24, 2005

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, COPE, SAPP, FINCH AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF BOBBY HADDOCK PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

BOARD MINUTES-COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2004 AND JANUARY 18, 2005 BOARD MEETINGS.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2005-COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA EXCEPT ITEMS A, D, K AND M:

- B. INVOICE FROM PREBLE RISH FOR \$18,444 FOR FALLING WATERS MULTI-USE PATH FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY
- C. WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEE FOR CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL JOTC FOR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
- E. AGREEMENT FOR CANCELLATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
- F. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES TO PROVIDE SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND HEALTHY FAMILIES
- G. SURPLUS OF 1996 CHEVROLET S-10/ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION
- H. SURPLUS 1995 BUICK CENTURY STATION WAGON/PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION
- I. INVOICE FROM NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSE TOTALLING \$5,867.31
- J. SURPLUS OF 1977 MOBIL COMMAND POST; PROVIDES WASHINGTON CORRECTION INSTITUTE WITH A TRANSPORT VEHICLE
- L. VERNON LIBRARY AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH IN SAM MITCHEL LIBRARY AND PROVIDE UNIFIED LIBRARY SERVICES

ITEM A-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO USE PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF RED LIGHT RUNNING VIOLATIONS. DUE TO COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTING THIS ITEM BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, HE EXPLAINED THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS WITH REAR ENDING ACCIDENTS IN COUNTIES THAT HAD ENFORCED THIS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD CONSENTING, PRIOR TO THEM CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION, IT SHOULD BE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY.

ITEM D-WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEE FOR WASHINGTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO HOLD BEAUTY PAGEANT ON MARCH 12, 2005 TO RAISE MONIES FOR THEIR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM. DUE TO COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTING THIS ITEM BE PULLED, HE ADDRESSED HIM NOT HAVING A PROBLEM SUPPORTING THE WCI WITH ANY ENDEAVOR THEY PROCEED WITH BUT QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES TO WAIVE FEES FOR A BEAUTY PAGEANT. HE REFERRED TO ITEM K ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REQUESTING A WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF THE AG CENTER FOR ANOTHER BEAUTY PAGEANT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATING THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUSLY AGREEING IF THEY WAIVERED FEES, TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE ENTITY

REQUESTING THE WAIVER AND ASK FOR A DONATION TO ASSIST WITH THE UTILITIES; HOWEVER, ALL WAIVER REQUESTS FOR THE AG CENTER WERE TO BE APPROVED BY THEM. IT WAS NOTED THAT NO DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR WHEN THE FEES WERE WAIVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO DENY THE WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR ITEM K ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR CAROLYN'S FASHIONS TO HOLD A BEAUTY PAGEANT TO PROVIDE RELIEF FUNDS FOR THE VICTIMS OF TSUNAMI.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE AND OFFERED A MOTION TO DENY THE WAIVER OF THE AG CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO HOLD A BEAUTY PAGEANT TO RAISE MONIES FOR THEIR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM/ITEM D ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VICE-CHAIR TURNED THE CHAIR BACK TO CHAIRMAN FINCH.

ITEM M-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT GIVING FIRE DEPARTMENTS AUTHORITY TO PERFORM CONTROLLED BURNS OF STRUCTURES. DUE TO COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTING THIS ITEM BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, HE ADDRESSED HIM NOT HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THE FIREMEN BURNING THE STRUCTURES FOR TRAINING; HOWEVER, HE WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM USING COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO BURY THE DEBRIS WITHOUT THE COUNTY GETTING REIMBURSED. HE SUGGESTED THE \$50 PER HOUR FEE BEING CHARGED TO PERSONS HAVING THEIR PRIVATE ROAD REPAIRED BE CHARGED FOR THE BURYING OF DEBRIS FOR THE BURN STRUCTURES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE LEGAL TO BURY THIS TYPE OF DEBRIS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD NOT CHECKED INTO IT BUT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF MATERIALS IN THE HOUSES; ANYTHING TOXIC CAN'T BE BURIED.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LEAVE ITEM M PULLED UNTIL ATTORNEY HOLLEY CAN REVIEW THE LEGALITY ON WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATOR DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM ASKING FOR WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THE COUNTY HAS ADOPTED A POLICY FOR THE RENTAL FEES TO AT LEAST PAY FOR THE UTILITIES AND UPKEEP ON THE FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD CONSENTING FOR THE POLICY TO BE THE SAME FOR ALL COUNTY OWNED RENTED FACILITIES. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD ADVISED HIM ON THE ORANGE HILL, BLUE LAKE AND HINSON CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER, HE COULD WAIVER THE REQUESTS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; ANY WAIVER REQUESTS FOR THE AG CENTER OR ANY OTHER WAIVER REQUESTS WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

THE BOARD CONSENTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE WAY THE RENTAL FEES ARE CURRENTLY BEING HANDLED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WAIVER REQUESTS HAVING TO BE RELATED TO THEIR JOB SUCH AS TRAINING, MEETINGS OR LUNCHEONS BUT NOT TO RAISE FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE RENTAL FEES FOR THE AG CENTER BEING MUCH HIGHER THAN THE FEES TO RENT THE COMMUNITY CENTERS. HE ASKED COULD THE FEES AT THE AG CENTER BE LOWERED SO PEOPLE COULD AFFORD TO USE IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EXPENSE AT THE AG CENTER FOR UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE BEING EXTREMELY HIGH. THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO CHECK TO SEE IF THE AG CENTER RENTAL FEES COULD BE LOWERED AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

PUBLIC HEARING/LAND USE CHANGE FROM AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUTSIDE KENNEL FOR JOANNE TUDGE AND RICHARD INGRAM: RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE:

- A. .334 ACRES OF TEN ACRE PARCEL BEING CHANGED FROM AG/SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR OUTSIDE KENNEL
- B. SURROUNDING LAND OWNERS NOTIFIED OF PROPOSED CHANGE WITH SOME SHOWING UP AT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WITH CONCERNS ABOUT WHERE THE DOGS WOULD BE AT NIGHT DUE TO NOISE FROM THE DOGS BARKING; THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH

THE RESPONSES GIVEN

C. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE LAND USE CHANGE

PARKER ADDRESSED THIS BEING THE FIRST LAND USE CHANGE REQUEST FOR A KENNEL; THEY DID IT AS A LAND USE CHANGE DUE TO CONCERNS PEOPLE COULD HAVE OBNOXIOUS ANIMALS NEXT TO THEM. HOWEVER, PARKER RECOMMENDED IN THE FUTURE, DUE TO GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS, RATHER THAN A LAND USE CHANGE IT BE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION SO IT COULD BE DEALT WITH LOCALLY RATHER THAN HAVING TO SUBMIT IT TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE OF THE LAND USE CHANGE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF ANYONE WAS PRESENT WHO OPPOSED TO THE LAND USE CHANGE. LINDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SHE HAD RECEIVED NO CALLS OPPOSING IT AND THE NEIGHBORS CONCERNS AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WERE RECONCILED WITH THE ANSWERS TUDGE PROVIDED.

MS. JOANNE TUDGE, PETITIONER REQUESTING THE LAND USE CHANGE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S CONCERNS ON HOW HER NEIGHBORS FELT ABOUT THE DOG KENNEL. SHE STATED SHE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE NEIGHBORS SHE WAS GOING TO ONLY HAVE SEVEN TO EIGHT DOGS AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND IT WOULD BE TO HER BEST INTEREST TO KEEP THEM SAFE, WELL HOUSED AND QUIET DUE TO HER LIVING ON THE PROPERTY AS WELL. ACCORDING TO TUDGE, THE NEIGHBORS WERE COMFORTABLE WITH HER ANSWERS.

PARKER RECOMMENDED, IF TUDGE WOULD AGREE, ONCE THE BOARD HAS CHANGED THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION, THEY GO BACK AFTER ADVERTISING, CHANGE IT BACK TO AG/SILVICULTURE AND APPROVE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AT THE SAME TIME. HE EXPLAINED THIS WOULD ALLOW TUDGE TO HAVE THE KENNEL; HOWEVER, IF SHE EVER CLOSED IT, SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO REAPPLY AGAIN. TUDGE WAS IN AGREEMENT TO PARKER'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND STRICKLAND AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THEIR MOTION TO INCLUDE PARKER'S RECOMMENDATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMISSION OR THE AUDIENCE; NO ONE RESPONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION EVIDENCING CLOSING OF AND VACATION OF A PLATTED AND UNCONSTRUCTED ROAD/CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF FIFTH STREET-PARCEL NUMBER 3068-0000 GARY LUNSFORD, OWNER:

LINDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON LUNSFORD WANTING TO CLOSE FIFTH STREET THAT RUNS THROUGH HIS PROPERTY ACROSS FROM THE RAINBOW STORE IN GREENHEAD; SHE EXPLAINED THERE WAS PAVEMENT, A STRIP OF LUNSFORD'S PROPERTY, FIFTH STREET UNPLATTED AND UNCONSTRUCTED AND THE REMAINDER OF LUNSFORD'S PROPERTY. SHE ADVISED BY APPROVING LUNSFORD'S REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF FIFTH STREET AND VACATION OF THE PLAT, IT WOULD MAKE IT ONE COMPLETE PIECE OF PROPERTY. SHE POINTED OUT APPROVING LUNSFORD'S REQUEST WOULD NOT AFFECT ANYONE ELSE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST TO HER KNOWLEDGE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION; NO ONE RESPONDED. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE ROAD CLOSING AND VACATION OF PLAT REQUESTED BY LUNSFORD.

CONSIDERATION OF THE VACATION AND CESSATION OF MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN GRADED ROADWAYS: CHAIRMAN FINCH ANNOUNCED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THIS EVENING AT THE COUNTY ANNEX AND INVITED EVERYONE TO ATTEND.

A. AGENDAED AUDIENCE/TRI-COUNTY HUD SECTION EIGHT PROGRAM-TARA FINCH AND TRACEY HINSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ISSUES THEY ARE FACING WITH THE HUD PROGRAM AND PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN INFORMATION PACKET.

TARA ADDRESSED WASHINGTON COUNTY'S FAIR MARKET RENT SCHEDULES FOR 2005 HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED FROM 2004 AND ARE NOW THE LOWEST COUNTY IN THE STATE. DUE TO THIS AFFECTING A LOT OF THE ELDERLY AND SINGLE FAMILIES, THEY

REQUESTED \$5,000 FROM THE BOARD TO OFFSET SOME OF THE LOSSES THEY WILL BE EXPERIENCING DUE TO THE RENT REDUCTIONS.

TARA UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED TO PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON REQUESTING AN APPEAL OF THE RENT REDUCTIONS; HUD'S JACKSONVILLE OFFICE HAS TOLD THEM THERE IS NO MORE MONIES.

TARA REITERATED THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD TO HELP THEM MAINTAIN UNTIL OCTOBER WHEN THE NEW FAIR MARKET RENT SCHEDULES COME OUT; HOPEFULLY, THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GUARANTEED, THE RENT SCHEDULES FOR THE COUNTY WILL BE INCREASED AT THAT TIME. SHE REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM FACING BIGGER CUTS IN OCTOBER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD NOT HAVING FUNDING IN THIS YEARS BUDGET TO ASSIST BUT WOULD LOOK AT TRYING TO ASSIST TRI- COUNTY DURING BUDGET PREPARATIONS FOR FY 2005-2006 BUDGET YEAR.

TARA INFORMED THE BOARD TRI-COUNTY HAD SOME RESERVE FUNDING WHICH MAY CARRY THEM THROUGH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS; HOWEVER, THEY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE RENT CUTS WILL HURT THEM.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON NONE OF THE COMPARABLE COUNTIES AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY SUFFERING RENTAL RATE CUTS LIKE WASHINGTON COUNTY.

JOEL PAUL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRI-COUNTY HUD SECTION 8 PROGRAM, ADDRESSED THE HUD PROGRAM BEING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROGRAM AND THEY WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE RENTAL RATES ISSUE. ALSO, PAUL SUGGESTED THE BOARD CONTACT THEIR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AND HOPEFULLY THEY COULD MAKE THE FAIR MARKET RENT COMPATIBLE TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

PAUL EXPLAINED AS THE FAIR MARKET RENT VALUES DECREASE, THE LANDLORDS WILL NO LONGER WANT TO RENT TO HUD; IF THEY DON'T HAVE LANDLORDS, THEY CAN'T RENT THEIR UNITS; IF THEY CAN'T RENT THEIR UNITS, EVENTUALLY THEY WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD GIVING THE PROGRAM BACK TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO NOTIFY THE PROPER PEOPLE REQUESTING WASHINGTON COUNTY AT LEAST GET THE FAIR MARKET RENTAL RATES BACK UP TO THE NEIGHBORING COUNTIES RATES.

B. AUDREY WOMACK/CHAIN LAKES ROAD: MS. WOMACK WAS NOT PRESENT.

C. NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT PROPERTY/DEON GOODMAN WAS NOT PRESENT.

D. WASHINGTON COUNTY GRANTS-STACY WEBB: CHAIRMAN FINCH ANNOUNCED HE WOULD MOVE TO THE UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE DUE TO WEBB NOT BEING PRESENT AT THIS TIME.

WALTER BURNHAM/MARY GARNETT ACCIDENT: BURNHAM READ A LETTER FROM GARNETT ON AN ACCIDENT SHE WAS INVOLVED IN WITH A COUNTY ROAD GRADER. GARNETT WAS REQUESTING THE COUNTY PAY HER \$2,500 TOWARD A DOWN PAYMENT, TAXES, FINANCE CHARGES, TAG AND FEES FOR A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE DUE TO HER HAVING HAD TO PAY THESE FEES FOR THE VEHICLE THAT WAS TOTALLED.

BURNHAM ADDRESSED THE INSURANCE COMPANY HAVING PAID \$5,005 TO GARNETT; \$3,605 WENT TOWARD PAYING OFF HER VEHICLE AND THE REMAINDER WAS FOR RENTAL FEES. HE REFERRED TO GARNETT STILL NOT HAVING ANY TRANSPORTATION.

BURNHAM REFERRED TO THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE AGENT BEING RUDE AND WANTING TO BLAME GARNETT FOR THE ACCIDENT AT FIRST; HOWEVER, THE ACCIDENT REPORT CLEARLY STATES THE COUNTY GRADER WAS AT FAULT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED IT APPEARED, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, THE INSURANCE COMPANY PAID GARNETT THE FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR HER VEHICLE; HE ADVISED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW OF ANYTHING ELSE THE COUNTY COULD DO PERTAINING TO GIVING HER MORE MONIES. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED THE PART OF THE LETTER REFERRING TO THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE AGENT HAVING TREATED BURNHAM AND GARNETT AS IF THEY WERE TRASH.

MARY GARNETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE ACCIDENT REPORT CLEARLY STATING THE ACCIDENT WAS THE COUNTY ROAD GRADER'S FAULT AS THEY WERE IMPROPERLY BACKING UP.

GARNETT THEN EXPLAINED THE FIGURES SHE WAS REQUESTING WAS FOR THE TAXES SHE IS GOING TO HAVE TO REPAY ON ANOTHER VEHICLE; THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE COMPANY

TOLD HER THE FAIR MARKET VALUE ON HER VEHICLE WAS \$2,100 WHICH SHE DISAGREED WITH AND THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE BETWEEN \$4,000 AND \$5,000.

GARNETT THANKED COMMISSIONER SAPP, FINCH AND STRICKLAND FOR THE HELP THEY HAVE GIVEN HER; HOWEVER, SHE SAID THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE AGENCY IS THE WORST SHE HAD EVER SEEN.

GARNETT REFERRED TO HER OWNING PROPERTY, PAYING TAXES AND WORKING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; HOWEVER AFTER THE WAY SHE HAS BEEN TREATED, SHE WOULD LIKE TO SELL AND MOVE OUT OF THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IN HIS EXPERIENCE, GARNETT WILL NOT GET A CHECK UNLESS SHE SIGNS A LETTER OF RELEASE AND THE AMOUNT THE LETTER SAYS THE INSURANCE COMPANY PAID IS ALL THEY ARE GOING TO PAY; IT WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE BOARD IF THEY WANT TO PAY ANYTHING ELSE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED GARNETT THE COUNTY PAYS INSURANCE FOR THEM TO TAKE CARE OF SITUATIONS AND MAKE IT LEGALLY RIGHT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD HAVE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TALK WITH THE INSURANCE AGENT TO SEE WHAT THEY ACTUALLY PAID GARNETT FOR AND REPORT TO GARNETT AND THE BOARD ON HIS FINDINGS AND TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF ANY OTHER PAYMENTS.

GARNETT REQUESTED THE BOARD ADDRESS WITH THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF LOOKING BEHIND THEM AND SAID IT WAS BAD WHEN THE GRADER OPERATOR'S SUPERVISOR INFORMED HER THE DAY OF HER ACCIDENT, THERE HAD BEEN FOUR OTHER ACCIDENTS THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND INFORMED GARNETT HE WAS LIASON TO ROAD AND BRIDGE AND HE WAS NOT AWARE OF FOUR OTHER ACCIDENTS HAPPENING THE WEEK BEFORE.

THOMAS YOUNG/COX BUILDING CORPORATION: YOUNG UPDATED THE BOARD ON COX HAVING PURCHASED 126 ACRES IN SOUTHERN WASHINGTON COUNTY; BEFORE PURCHASING THE PROPERTY, YOUNG SAID HE HAD GONE TO LINDA WALLER TO SEE WHAT HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT PERMITTING. AFTER GOING THROUGH THE PROPER STEPS, YOUNG SAID THEY STARTED DIGGING ON THE PROPERTY; WALLER PUT A STOP TO HIS DIGGING BECAUSE HE WAS TAKING DIRT OFF THE PROPERTY.

HE ADDRESSED COX MAKING A LOW LYING AREA THAT IS SURROUNDED BY WOODS INTO A LAKE AROUND THE PINEY LAKE AREA. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE DIGGING AND ASSURED THEM HE WOULD NOT HAUL ANY MORE DIRT OFF THE PROPERTY. HE POINTED OUT HE HAD WENT THROUGH THE PERMITTING FOR A BARROW PIT WITH WALLER; HE HAD WENT THROUGH EPA, THE ENVIRONMENTALIST PEOPLE, AND GOTTEN LETTERS SAYING EVERYTHING WAS OKAY FOR HIM TO PROCEED.

YOUNG UPDATED THE BOARD ON JOSEY WALKER, FL-DEP, HAVING ADVISED HIM THEY HAD NO JURISDICTION AT THE PROPERTY DUE TO THERE BEING NO WATER RUN OFF, NO WETLANDS, NO ENDANGERED SPECIES; WALKER ALSO TOLD HIM IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS FOR THEM TO CONTACT HIM.

YOUNG SHOWED THE PLANS FOR THE AREA AND ADDRESSED THERE WOULD ONLY BE COX'S HOUSE AND POSSIBLY A CARETAKER'S HOUSE ON THE PROPERTY AND THEY ARE ONLY USING 18 OF THE 31 ACRES FOR A POND.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EXCAVATION OF LAND MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR YOUNG TO HAVE A BARROW PIT PERMIT. WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER HAVING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE ROAD AND ABOUT THE PIT EXCAVATION.

YOUNG AGREED TO STAY OFF THE PAVED ROAD AND GO IN AND OUT A BACK WAY; BUT, HE WAS UNAWARE OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE PIT EXCAVATION. HE SAID COX HAD TOLD HIM IF THERE WAS DAMAGE TO THE PAVED ROAD, THEY WOULD AGREE TO TAKE CARE OF FIXING IT.

RANDY PARKER SAID HAULING DIRT OFF THE SITE IS CONSIDERED A BARROW PIT AND ALL OF THIS IS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROCESS THAT AMERICAN SAND HAD TO GO THROUGH TO GET APPROVED FOR A BARROW PIT.

PARKER ALSO ADDRESSED WALLER HAVING SENT A LETTER JANUARY 14TH ASKING YOUNG TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO AND TO BRING A LETTER FROM FL-DEP APPROVING THE PROJECT. IF THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF IN JANUARY, PARKER ADVISED THE SITUATION WOULDN'T BE WHERE IT IS TODAY.

YOUNG ADDRESSED HIM HAVING NOT SEEN THE LETTER UNTIL YESTERDAY; IF HE HAD KNOWN THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN REQUESTED, HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF IT. HE REITERATED ALL HE WAS ASKING WAS TO PUT A LAKE THERE; HE IS NOT DIGGING IT TO DEVALUE THE LAND OR THE PROPERTY THERE BUT ONLY TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE.

THE BOARD ADVISED YOUNG THEY DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TELL HIM HE COULD BUILD A POND ON THE PROPERTY; HE HAD TO GO THROUGH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, FL-DEP, ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS, ETC. FOR NECESSARY PERMITS.

YOUNG ADDRESSED WHEN HE CAME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY TO SEE WHAT HE NEEDED TO DO ABOUT DIGGING THE POND, HE WAS TOLD WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD NO RESTRICTIONS ON DIGGING A POND AND THIS IS WHAT HE WENT BY. HE ADDRESSED HIM HAVING GARLIN AND ASSOCIATES DO A STUDY AND HAD TALKED WITH JOSEY WALKER OF FL-DEP.

PARKER REITERATED ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WAS NO ONE WAS AWARE OF THE SCOPE OF WORK ON THE POND AS FAR AS HOW BIG WAS IT GOING TO BE, HOW DEEP WAS IT GOING TO BE AND HOW IT WAS GOING TO LOOK WHEN IT IS FINISHED; IT IS HARD FOR THE COUNTY TO DIRECT ANYONE ON WHAT IS NEEDED UNLESS THE SCOPE OF WORK IS PROVIDED.

THE BOARD ADVISED YOUNG HE NEEDED TO CONTACT JERRY SHEPHARD OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ON THE DIGGING OF THE POND.

PARKER ADVISED YOUNG HE WOULD NEED TO BRING ALL THE APPROVALS FROM FL-DEP, WATER MANAGEMENT, ETC. TO THE COUNTY SO THEY WOULD KNOW HE GOT APPROVAL FOR WHAT HE IS DOING. PARKER ALSO NOTED NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS ONE OF YOUNG'S NEIGHBORS AND WHEN HE GOES THROUGH THE BARROW PIT APPLICATION PROCESS, THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE BARROW PIT.

YOUNG SAID MOST OF THE NEIGHBORS DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WHAT HE WAS DOING ON THE PROPERTY AS THEY CAME AND WATCHED TO SEE WHAT WAS BEING DONE. HE AGREED TO GET WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ON THE PROJECT.

PARKER RECOMMENDED YOUNG GET A LETTER FROM FL-DEP STATING THEY APPROVE OF WHAT IS BEING DONE ON THE PROPERTY.

WALLER ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO ADVISE THEM HER OFFICE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL SAYING YOUNG IS PUMPING WATER FROM ONE POND TO ANOTHER, DRILLING MORE LINES, USING A DIESEL PUMP AND PUMPING THE WATER OUT OF THE WATER TABLE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER HAVING BEEN ISSUED TO ALLAN WHITE ON BOYNTON CUTOFF IN 2001 DUE TO HIM SELLING LOTS LESS THAN ONE ACRE. DUE TO WHITE WANTING TO SELL THE ENTIRE PARCEL OF LAND, WALLER SAID THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO LIFT THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER; THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE AFFECT BY DOING THIS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO APPROVE TO REMOVE THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ON ALLAN WHITE'S PROPERTY ON BOYNTON CUTOFF.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER ANYTHING WAS ON THE PROPERTY NOW. WALLER ADDRESSED THEY HAD AN APPROVED RECOGNIZED RV PARK THERE AND THE NEW OWNERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE PROCESS THEY WOULD NEED TO GO THROUGH TO EXPAND THE PARK.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

KELLY BROCK/HOSPITAL REPORT: BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD REPRESENTING A GROUP INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH CARE AND THE HOSPITAL FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, BUSINESSES AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN COMING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HE REFERRED TO A PETITION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT A PREVIOUS MEETING FROM PERSONS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION FOR SOME POSSIBLE WRONG DOING WHICH THE BOARD MAY HAVE IN WRITING WHAT THE WRONG DOINGS ARE THEY WANT INVESTIGATED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CORRECTED BROCK AND SAID THE PETITION SAID AN INDEPTH INVESTIGATION; IT DID NOT MENTION A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION. THE GRAND JURY WILL BE A MEANS FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY TO USE IF HE WANTS TO.

BROCK INFORMED THE BOARD THE GROUP HE IS REPRESENTING IS NOT HERE TO SUPPORT OR NOT SUPPORT THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE OR ANYTHING RELATIVE TO THE HOSPITAL EXCEPT A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO EVER WHAT AGREEMENT THEY ENTERED INTO. BROCK SAID THEY WERE ASKING THE BOARD TO GO

FORWARD, CONCENTRATE ON THE POSITIVE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, PROMOTE THE WELFARE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS AND BASE EVERYTHING ON THE BEST INFORMATION THE DECISIONS THEY HAVE.

THE GROUP WAS ALSO ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER RESCINDING THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION TO ASK FOR AN INDEPTH INVESTIGATION INTO THE HOSPITAL UNTIL OR UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIFICS TO TURN OVER TO AN INVESTIGATING AUTHORITY.

BROCK SAID IF THE HOSPITAL WAS OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT THEY HAVE WITH THE BOARD, EVERYBODY SHOULD GET BEHIND IT. HE ADDRESSED THE GROUP NOT WANTING TO ARGUE IF THE DECISION ON THE HOSPITAL WAS RIGHT OR WRONG; HOWEVER, WHEN THE BOARD REACHES A DECISION, EVERYONE SHOULD GET BEHIND IT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED BROCK WHAT HE WAS ASKING THE BOARD TO DO. BROCK ADDRESSED THE PETITION PRESENTED HAD ABOUT 600 NAMES ON IT AND THEY WERE ASKING THE BOARD, IF THEY HAD TAKEN OFFICIAL ACTION TO TURN THE PREVIOUS PETITION OVER TO THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC REASONS, TO CONSIDER RESCINDING THIS ACTION AND SEE IF THEY COULD ALL REACH A POINT THEY COULD ALL COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THE ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERRED TO A LETTER THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ADVISING HE WILL BE SENDING TWO INVESTIGATORS TO LOOK INTO THE PREVIOUS PETITION TODAY.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY BROCK ON WHAT SPECIFICALLY DID THE BOARD REQUEST OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THEM WRITING A LETTER TELLING THE STATES ATTORNEY THEY HAD BEEN PETITIONED BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO INVESTIGATE THE LEASE OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE. HE SAID THE NAMES AND THE REQUEST WERE TURNED OVER TO THE STATES ATTORNEY TO LOOK AT TO DO WITH AS HE PLEASED; THEY DIDN'T SAY THEY TOTALLY SUPPORTED FOR THIS TO BE INVESTIGATED BUT JUST NOTED THEY HAD ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

BROCK THEN ASKED WHAT THE GROUP WHO PRESENTED THE PETITION SPECIFICALLY SAID THE QUESTIONABLE WRONGDOINGS WERE. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THERE WAS NONE LISTED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID IF NOTHING IS WRONG, THERE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLES MINDS WHO WILL BE EASED AT SOME POINT; HE SAID IF IT COMES BACK A CLEAN SLATE AND THERE WAS JUST BAD JUDGEMENT IN TAKING THE DEAL THE BOARD TOOK, HE AND OTHERS WILL HAVE A PEACE OF MIND. HE EXPLAINED NOBODY IS TRYING TO KICK NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE AROUND OR SAYING THEY ARE A BAD GROUP; THEY WEREN'T A GROUP UNTIL THE BOARD GAVE THEM THE HOSPITAL. HE SAID IF THE AIR IS CLEAR, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM.

BROCK SAID THE AIR SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR, WHETHER IT WAS GOOD OR NOT, AT THE POINT THE COMMISSION MAKING THE DECISION TO SIGN OFF ON THE LEASE. AFTER A DECISION IS MADE BY THE BOARD, BROCK SAID THERE SHOULD BE 100% SUPPORT WHETHER IT WAS A 3-2 OR 4-1 VOTE OR EITHER IF THERE WAS A HIGH DEGREE OF DISSENTION OR UNBELIEF OR QUESTIONS, THIS ISWHERE THE SPECIFICS WOULD BE OUTLINED, INVESTIGATED AND CLEARED UP.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID HE WAS ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS WHO WAS OPPOSED TO GOING THROUGH THE DEAL WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE; HE STATED THE REASONS OFTEN WHY HE WAS OPPOSED. FINCH SAID HIS PROBLEM WAS HE DIDN'T HAVE A REASON TO DO THE DEAL BY THE OPPOSING SIDE; HE NEVER HAD ONE VALID REASON TO MOVE FORWARD. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD ASSISTED AN INDIVIDUAL IN GOING INTO HIS OWN BUSINESS AT THE HOSPITAL; IF IT WORKS OUT, HE WILL BE HAPPY BUT FEELS IT COULD BE DONE A DIFFERENT WAY.

BROCK ADDRESSED NEGATIVISM TRANSFERS ACROSS COUNTY LINES; HE LIKES TO SEE GOOD DECISION MAKING AND HAVING A GOOD POSITIVE IMAGE FOR THE COUNTY. HE REITERATED THE NEED TO GET BEHIND THE HOSPITAL AND SUPPORT IT AS THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN INFORMED BROCK HE VOTED AGAINST THE TRANSFER OF THE HOSPITAL TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE DUE TO THE COUNTY BEING OFFERED \$500,000 A YEAR RENT FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND INSTEAD THEY GAVE \$3.2 MILLION

LESS DEDUCTIONS TO A COMPANY UNDER A LEASE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT THAT HAD WENT THROUGH \$4,000,111 PLUS A CHECKING ACCOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 AND WAS BROKE AND OWED ABOUT \$3,000,000.

BROCK INFORMED CORBIN HE RESPECTED HIS POSITION AND HAD NO QUALMS WITH HIM STAYING WITH THAT POSITION UNTIL POINT "X" IS REACHED; POINT "X" IS WHEN THE BOARD MADE THE FINAL DECISION AS A GROUP. HE AGREED WITH AN ISSUE BEING DISCUSSED AND DEBATED VIGOROUSLY UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE AS A BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ONCE THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE OF THE TRANSFER OF THE HOSPITAL TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE, HE HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT IT UNTIL THE LAST ISSUE COME UP; HOWEVER, IF THERE IS NOTHING TO HIDE, HE DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG TO HAVE AN INVESTIGATION. IF THERE IS SOMETHING TO HIDE, CORBIN SAID EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

BROCK TOLD CORBIN IF HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE INVESTIGATION, THEN INTERNALLY HE FEELS THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG; CORBIN REFERRED TO HIM NOT UNDERSTANDING WHERE ALL THE MONIES WENT IN A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH AGREED AFTER THE 3-2 VOTE BY THE BOARD TO GO WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTH CARE, THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO BUT ACCEPT IT AND MOVE FORWARD UNTIL A PETITION CAME BEFORE THEM WITH A 4-1 VOTE TO PRESENT IT TO THE STATE ATTORNEY.

CORBIN SAID HE HAD SUPPORTED THE HOSPITAL AND THE BUILDING OF THE HOSPITAL MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE; WHEN HE LEFT THE BOARD IN 1998, BETWEEN THEN AND WHEN HE CAME BACK, HE SAID THE MONEY WAS ALL GONE.

BROCK SAID EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE PROUD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE; IF THERE WAS NO HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTY, WOULD PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE BE THE SAME IT IS TODAY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASSURED BROCK THE BOARD WOULD MAKE SURE THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GETS THE PETITION; HE THEN INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATOR PRESENT THE PETITION TO THE STATE ATTORNEY TO USE IT IN HIS INVESTIGATION, DO AWAY WITH THE INVESTIGATION OR WHATEVER HE WANTS TO DO WITH IT.

OLE ELLIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THE NEED TO STOP THROWING STONES AT THE HOSPITAL. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN MAKING A STATEMENT THE BOARD GAVE NORTHWEST HEALTH CARE MONIES; THERE WAS NO MONIES GIVEN TO NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE ENTITY AS IT WAS A LOAN DOCUMENT THAT REQUIRES THE REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN.

ELLIS REITERATED WHAT BROCK HAD SAID ABOUT THE BOARD MAKING A DECISION TO LEASE THE HOSPITAL TO NORTHWEST HEALTH CARE ENTITY; IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE DECISION, INVESTIGATE THE BOARD'S OWN DECISION AND STOP THROWING ROCKS AT THE HOSPITAL AND LET THE PEOPLE OUT THERE DO THEIR JOB.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED ELLIS IF HE HAD READ THE LEASE AND REFERRED TO THE PORTION OF THE LEASE WHERE NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE, AS THE LOAN IS PAID DOWN, CAN REFINANCE THE LEASE BACK TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT AND USE THE ORIGINAL COLLATERAL TO REFINANCE THE LOAN.

ELLIS SAID HE HAS READ THE ENTIRE LEASE DOCUMENT; HE WANTED THE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MONIES GIVEN TO NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE WAS A LOAN AND NOT A GIFT.

FINCH REFERRED TO NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE USING \$2.9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR TEN YEARS INTEREST FREE; ANY INTEREST ACCUMULATED GOES BACK TO NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE.

ELLIS QUESTIONED WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THE \$2.9 MILLION AND ANSWERED THAT \$1.3 THAT WAS PUT IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THINGS TO BE DONE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS PART OF THE \$2.9 MILLION AND WASHINGTON COUNTY STILL OWNS EVERYTHING OUT THERE.

FINCH QUESTIONED IF HE OWNED SOMETHING, WHY WOULD HE WANT TO GIVE SOMEONE ELSE MONEY TO DO SOMETHING AT THE FACILITY; WHY WOULDN'T HE DO IT HIMSELF. ELLIS SAID HE DIDN'T MAKE THAT DECISION; THE COUNTY COMMISSION MADE THE DECISION AND HIS WHOLE POINT IS TO STOP THROWING STONES AT THE HOSPITAL AND ITS

EMPLOYEES. HE POINTED OUT THERE ARE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN THE CONTRACT AND IF CERTAIN THINGS ARE NOT DONE, THE COUNTY GETS IT BACK.

KATHY FOSTER, FOSTER FOLLIES, QUESTIONED WHEN THE PETITION PRESENTED BY KELLY BROCK WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE ATTORNEY. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED AS SOON AS A LETTER COULD BE PREPARED TO ACCOMPANY THE PETITION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANY BOARD MEMBER HAD ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE HOSPITAL ISSUE OR IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY COMMENTS; NO ONE RESPONDED.

RICK MARCUM/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF SOME OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND THE INITIATIVES THEY ARE UNDERTAKING. HE REPORTED IN NOVEMBER OF 2004 OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA'S STATUS AS A RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN WAS SUNSETTED; THEY GATHERED INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING HE REINSTATE THEM AS A RURAL AREA OF ECONOMIC CONCERN AND IN DECEMBER, THE GOVERNOR REINSTATED THE DESIGNATION FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

HE EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE DESIGNATION AS IT REMOVES SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL MATCHES ON GRANT FUNDING AND A LOT OF INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON INITIATIVES OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA ARE UNDERTAKING:

1. BROAD BAND INITIATIVE-MAKING SURE ALL PEOPLE IN ALL EIGHT COUNTIES HAVE BROAD BAND CAPACITY
2. ENTERPRISE ZONE-RE-EVALUATE ENTERPRISE ZONE; TO RURAL COMMUNITIES THESE ARE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS TO HELP COMPETE WITH THEIR URBAN COUSINS ON RECRUITING NEW JOBS AND COMPANIES; THE STUDY CAME BACK SHOWING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PAID OFF IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. ENTERPRISE ZONES WILL STAY IN TACT; THERE WILL BE A CHANCE AT EACH LEVEL SOME REDRAWING OF SOME LINES AND SUGGESTED THE BOARD WORK WITH THE CHAMBER ON THE EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONES TO SEE IF IT NEEDED TO BE TWEAKED TO ACCOMMODATE SOME CHANGES SINCE THEY WERE ORIGINALLY DRAWN UP.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING-FOR EIGHT COUNTIES IN OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA THERE WILL BE 2800 NEW JOBS COMING ON LINE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS; OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WILL BE ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE THE PEOPLE COMING INTO THE AREA

MARCUM ADDRESSED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA OFFERING EVERY SINGLE BUSINESS THAT EXISTS IN THEIR EIGHT COUNTIES A ONE PAGE INTERNET PRESENCE OF PHOTOS, CONTACT INFORMATION, ETC.

HE ADDRESSED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WORKING WITH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND INDIGO KEY FOR LOCAL PROCUREMENT SO WHEN AN RFP GOES OUT FOR A PRODUCT OR BIDS, ALL OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE NOTIFIED VIA THE PROCESS AND HARDWARE THEY HAVE. HE POINTED OUT OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA'S PRIMARY MISSION IS TO TAKE EXISTING BUSINESSES AND GIVE THEM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED MARCUM INDIGO KEY HAS ALREADY MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON THEIR SOFTWARE FOR LOCAL PROCUREMENT. HE ASKED MARCUM IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD COME AND EXPLAIN THE TAX INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE BUILDING BUSINESSES WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

MARCUM ADVISED THE INFORMATION COULD BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA COULD ALSO HAVE SOMEONE COME AND DO A HALF DAY SEMINAR TALKING ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE ZONES.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA COME DO A PRESENTATION ON ENTERPRISE ZONES; MARCUM AGREED TO PROCEED WITH THIS IN CONCERT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

GARY FULMAR/ROCHE ROAD-FULMAR ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IT HAVING BEEN A YEAR SINCE HE BEGAN COMING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE EROSION PROBLEM ON HIS PROPERTY. HE QUESTIONED IF THE PROJECT WAS GOING TO BE DONE INHOUSE OR CONTRACTED OUT.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON NRCS BEING THE FUNDING AGENCY FOR THE ROCHE ROAD PROJECT WITH THE COUNTY PROVIDING A 25% INKIND MATCH.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED FULMAR IF IT IS POSSIBLE, THE PROJECT WILL BE CONTRACTED OUT IF IT IS WITHIN THE FUNDS ALLOTTED.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COST ESTIMATES HE HAD NOW SHOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CONTRACT OUT THE PROJECT FOR \$45,000. HE HAD PREPARED A DRAWING FOR A 100' X 200' EASEMENT THAT SPLITS FULMAR'S PROPERTY AND MOORE'S PROPERTY AND HAD E-MAILED IT TO SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS TO GET A LEGAL DESCRIPTION TOGETHER TO GET TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY IN ORDER FOR HIM TO PREPARE THE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT EXECUTED BY THE OWNERS.

MATT DEMETRIAL, FL-DEP IN PENSACOLA, WHO IS HANDLING THE PROJECT NOW, E-MAILED KNAUER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A SEQUENCE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH PAST FL-DEP/EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT. KNAUER ADDRESSED EVERYTHING WAS HINGING ON THE COUNTY HAVING A PERMIT IN HAND BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE CAN BE DONE.

KNAUER ASKED IF THE BOARD DESIRED TO GO AHEAD AND PUT THE PROJECT OUT FOR BID WHILE WAITING ON THE FL-DEP PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE ROCHE ROAD PROJECT OUT FOR BID.

KNAUER REPORTED THAT THE FL-DEP PERMIT FOR THE ROCHE ROAD PROJECT COULDN'T BE APPLIED FOR DUE TO THE COUNTY BEING UNDER AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION; THE FL-DEP HAS REQUESTED UNDER ENFORCEMENT ACTION THE COUNTY CORRECT THE ROCHE ROAD PROBLEM IMMEDIATELY.

KNAUER SAID WHAT THE COUNTY NEEDED FOR FL-DEP TO SAY, AS PART OF THEIR ENFORCEMENT ACTION ITEM, IS THEY HAVE AGREED WITH WHAT THE COUNTY'S ENFORCEMENT ACTION PLAN PROPOSES TO DO TO CORRECT THE ROCHE ROAD PROBLEM.

KNAUER ADVISED HE HAD COME UP WITH A COST ESTIMATE OF \$18,000 FOR THE COUNTY TO DO THE ROCHE ROAD PROJECT INHOUSE; THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE PROJECT WILL COME IN OVER \$45,000 IF BID OUT BUT THERE IS A CHANCE THE COUNTY COULD SUPPLY SOME MATERIALS IF THIS HAPPENED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.

FULMAR REQUESTED ANY HELP THE BOARD COULD PROVIDE WITH FL-DEP AND EXPLAINED HE AND KNAUER HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEM SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2004 AND IT HAS BEEN A NIGHTMARE DUE TO THEM SWITCHING PERSONNEL SEVERAL TIMES. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO KNAUER AND HIS EFFORTS.

STACY WEBB/GRANTSPERSON-WEBB REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PURSUE TWO GRANTS THROUGH THE 9-1-1 DEPARTMENT WITH THE APPLICATION DEADLINE BEING MARCH 1, 2005:

1. UPS SYSTEM-UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY AT THE 911 CALL CENTER;
NO COUNTY MATCH
2. PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT-PORTABLE BACKUP SYSTEM FOR
911 CALL CENTER; NO COUNTY MATCH

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE WEBB TO APPLY FOR THE TWO GRANTS ON BEHALF OF THE 911 DEPARTMENT.

FEMA-WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVING APPLIED FOR PROJECT WORKSHEETS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; WITH THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS, EACH ENTITY IN THE COUNTY HAS TO BE BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR A KICK OFF MEETING. SHE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A LIST OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR THE COUNTY SO WHEN A DISASTER SITUATION OCCURS, SHE WILL HAVE A LIST TO GO BY TO CONTACT THE DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS TO GET THEM INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST. ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, EMPHASIZED WEBB'S REQUEST WAS TO TRY AND SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS WHEN A DISASTER OCCURS AND A KICK OFF MEETING IS REQUIRED. HE EXPLAINED EVERYONE THINKS THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO ALL THE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DAMAGES; THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE AS THE DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS IS ELIGIBLE TO GET REIMBURSEMENTS ON THEIR OWN.

HAGAN ALSO EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF EACH JURISDICTION DOING THEIR OWN PROJECT WORKSHEETS FOR FEMA REIMBURSEMENT IS THEY WOULD GET TO KEEP THE

ADMINISTRATIVE COST; IF THE COUNTY DID THE PROJECT WORKSHEETS, THEY WOULD GET TO KEEP THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST. HE REFERRED TO THE DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS SOMETIMES NOT PROVIDING THE PROPER INFORMATION TO FILL OUT FOR THEIR REIMBURSEMENTS. IF WEBB HAS A LIST OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS COMPILED, HAGAN ADVISED SHE COULD CONTACT ALL THE JURISDICTIONS FOR THE KICKOFF MEETING ANYTIME THERE IS A DISASTER.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

STACY WEBB/GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT; THESE GRANT FUNDS ARE TO BE USED TO MITIGATE A PROBLEM BEFORE IT ACTUALLY EXISTS AND ARE 75% FEDERALLY FUNDED AND 25% LOCALLY MATCHED. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD APPLY FOR A WAIVER ON THE LOCAL MATCH WITH THE FUNDING THEN BEING AT 90/10. SHE AND EOC DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN, WAS REQUESTING THESE FUNDS GO TOWARD RESISTANCE IMPACT GLASS TO BE INSTALLED AT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON A SECOND GRANT SHE AND HAGAN WERE WANTING TO APPLY FOR; A HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT WITH IT BEING A 75/25 MATCHING GRANT WITH NO WAIVER OF THE 25% LOCAL MATCH. SHE WAS REQUESTING THESE MONIES BE USED FOR THE RESISTANCE IMPACT GLASS TO BE INSTALLED AT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

HAGAN EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PDA GRANT AND THE HMA GRANT. HE ADDRESSED THE SCHOOLS HAVING TO MEET 50% OF ENHANCED HURRICANE PROTECTION STANDARDS ACCORDING TO STATE LAW AND THIS IS BUILT INTO THE CONTRACT FOR THE SCHOOL NOW; AN ESTIMATE FROM THE ARCHITECT BUILDING THE SCHOOL HAS SAID IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$70,000 TO BRING THE SCHOOL TO 100% HURRICANE SAFETY STANDARDS. IF THE COUNTY APPLIES AND GETS THE GRANT FUNDING, HAGAN ADDRESSED THE COUNTY BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE 100% OF THE SCHOOL DURING DISASTERS IF NEEDED AND IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY FROM HAVING TO COME BACK AND DO A RETROFIT.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY HAVING A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND A SECOND PORTION FOR THE ROULHAC SCHOOL AND HAD BEEN HOPEFUL THEY WOULD RECEIVE A GLOBAL MATCH; IF THE GLOBAL MATCH WAS RECEIVED THE COUNTY WOULD ONLY HAVE HAD TO PAY 12.5%. HE ADVISED THEY HAD GOTTEN NOTIFICATION THE GLOBAL MATCH HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED; THERE IS NOW \$117,878 FUNDING AVAILABLE WHICH THE COUNTY CAN'T GET DUE TO NOT HAVING \$40,000 FOR THE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.

HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE AND SUGGESTED ASKING THE SCHOOL TO PAY HALF OR ALL OF OF THE MATCH REQUIREMENTS.

HE THEN POINTED OUT THE COUNTY HAD UNTIL THE 14TH OF MARCH TO APPLY FOR THE PREDISASTER MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING AND UNTIL THE 15TH OF APRIL TO APPLY FOR THE HMGP; HE RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY APPLY FOR BOTH OF THESE GRANTS FOR THE SAME PROJECT AT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DIFFICULTY IN DEOBLIGATING THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING DUE TO IT USUALLY BEING THE FIRST SHELTER OPEN AND SOMETIMES THE ONLY ONE OPEN.

HAGAN SAID THE BOARD, IF THEY FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE MATCHING MONIES AND IF THE SCHOOL BOARD IS STILL COMMITTED TO ROULHAC, CAN SAY THEY WILL MATCH THE COUNCIL ON AGING AND ROULHAC WITH \$40,000 AND APPLY FOR THE HMGP AND THE PDA FOR THE IMPACT GLASS FOR THE VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

HAGAN SAID IF THE BOARD WANTED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON THE \$117,000 THEY WOULD BE DEOBLIGATING IF THEY DIDN'T COME UP WITH THE MATCHING FUNDS, THEY COULD APPOINT A COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN FINCH, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, ROGER HAGAN AND STACY WEBB TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THE \$117,000 GRANT FUNDS WITH THE BOARD AGREEING TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS AND TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT AND THE HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT TRAINING-ROGER HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TRAINING BEING HELD ON MARCH 1, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M.; HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE

FOR THE BOARD TO ATTEND AND ADDRESSED THERE BEING SEVERAL TRAINING SESSIONS IN THE FUTURE.

WEBB ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO PURSUE THE PDM GRANT AND HMGP GRANTS BASED ON THE COMMITTEE FINDINGS. THE BOARD ADVISED HER THIS WAS INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS ACTION.

HMGP/TIER 2 AND TIER 3 MONIES- WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THESE MONIES AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR DRAINAGE ISSUES FOR QUAIL HOLLOW BOULEVARD; THIS FALL, SHE WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK AND APPLY FOR A CDBG GRANT FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND ROAD PAVING OF QUAIL HOLLOW.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE WEBB TO APPLY FOR THE HMGP TIER 1 AND TIER 2 MONIES TO CORRECT DRAINAGE ISSUES FOR QUAIL HOLLOW BOULEVARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR WEBB TO PURSUE ANY GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY; IF THERE IS A COUNTY MATCH REQUIREMENT, SHE IS TO BRING IT BEFORE THE BOARD.

HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING ADDRESSED THE RULES COMMITTEE ON GRANTS PERTAINING TO THE MATCH REQUIREMENTS BEING WAIVED FOR SMALLER COUNTIES OR COUNTIES WITH CRITICAL CONCERN; HOWEVER, POINTS ARE GIVEN IN THE RANKINGS FOR PEOPLE WHO DO PROVIDE A MATCH. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ASKED TO RESEARCH THIS RULE TO TAKE THIS OUT; IT IS ONE THING TO SAY SOMEONE DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE A MATCH BUT IF THEY GIVE CREDIT TO THOSE WHO DO, THEY ARE PENALIZING FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT REQUIRED ANYWAY.

HAGAN ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY ARE GOING AFTER A GRANT AS IT RELATES TO ROADS, TRAINING, ETC, THE PROJECT NEEDS TO BE ON THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY LIST.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED THE APPLICATION FOR THE HERITAGE VILLAGE GRANT; WEBB ADVISED THE APPLICATION WAS DUE IN APRIL 2005 AND UPDATED THE NEW COMMISSIONERS ON THE GRANT BEING FOR A PIONEER VILLAGE TO PRESERVE HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY. SHE EXPLAINED IT WOULD BE AN EIGHT TO TEN YEAR PROCESS TO GET IT COMPLETED.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT-MALCOLM GAINNEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER FOR THREE OF THE COMPUTERS THE BOARD HAD SURPLUSED. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPUTERS BE DONATED TO THE CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT-MALCOLM GAINNEY REQUESTED THE FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT BE REFUNDED BACK TO THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN PURCHASE IMPROVED EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COM- MISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF GAINNEY'S REQUEST.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. ROCHE ROAD-HAS SENT EASEMENT DRAWINGS TO THOMAS MEADE TO PUT TOGETHER A LEGAL DESCRIPTION; HE SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GET WITH MEADE TO WORK OUT THE FEES MEADE WILL CHARGE SO THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION CAN BE PROVIDED TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY.
KNAUER RECOMMENDED HE AND CHAIRMAN FINCH CONTACT FL-DEP PER TELEPHONE ON THE ROCHE ROAD ISSUE.
2. CARR ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THIS PROJECT COMING ALONG GREAT; ALIGNMENT IS FANTASTIC AND THE DRAINAGE IS ALMOST DONE; C. W. ROBERTS WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN THEY ARE READY FOR ASPHALT.
3. LEISURE LAKE ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND CHAIRMAN FINCH HAVING A MEETING WITH A LANDOWNER TO GET ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY; IN ORDER TO GET THE RIGHT OF WAY, LANDOWNER WAS REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO CARTER CIRCLE AND REPLACEMENT OF HIS FENCES. LANDOWNER IS

PUTTING TOGETHER AGREEMENT TO GET BACK FOR CHAIRMAN FINCH TO SIGN.

TWO BIDS RECEIVED FOR PAVING, MIXING AND FINE GRADING ON LEISURE LAKE/CHAIN LAKE ROAD:

ANDERSON COLUMBIA	\$188,450.00
C. W. ROBERTS	\$208,000.00

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER TO DO WHATEVER NECESSARY TO ASSIST HIM WITH FUNDING NECESSARY TO GET THE ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED. HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING RECEIVED A WRITTEN PROPOSAL FROM C. W. ROBERTS OVER A YEAR AGO FOR \$42 A TON; HOWEVER, NOW THEY ARE CHARGING CONSIDERABLY MORE. KNAUER IS LOOKING FOR THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL TO SEE IF THEY WILL NEGOTIATE FOR THAT PRICE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE BEING WORK TO BE DONE ON THE ROAD PRIOR TO STARTING PAVING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH KNAUER AGREEING TO GET UP WITH ROBERTS ON HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO DO THE PROJECT AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY WAY THE COUNTY COULD ELIMINATE THE RESURFACING PART ON THE PROPOSAL AND IF HE WOULD HONOR HIS ORIGINAL QUOTE.

4. FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT-APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING IS DUE IN JULY OR AUGUST; KNAUER REQUESTED THE BOARD GET CONSENSUS ON WHAT PROJECTS THEY WANT TO SUBMIT SO HE CAN START DOING THE NECESSARY HOMEWORK ON THEM.

HE ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING DISCUSSED SUBMITTING ROLLING PINES ROAD; THIS PROJECT WOULD IMPROVE DOWNSTREAM WATER QUALITY WHICH IS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DEMONSTRATED WITH ANY PROJECT SUBMITTED FOR THIS FUNDING. OTHER ISSUES THE GRANT APPLICATION WILL ADDRESS IS IF THE COUNTY CAN IDENTIFY THERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM NOW AND CAN THEY PROVE WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING TO DO WILL FIX THE PROBLEM AND IMPROVE THE DOWNSTREAM WATER QUALITY.

HE HAD MET WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP ON SPRING POND ROAD AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING ISSUES ON WHAT IS COUNTY ROADS AND WHAT IS NOT IN THAT AREA.

HE ADDRESSED BONNETT POND ROAD BEING ANOTHER GOOD ROAD TO APPLY FOR FUNDING. HE THEN INVITED THE BOARD TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A LIST OF ROADS THEY FEEL WOULD BE EASY TO IDENTIFY THERE ARE PROBLEMS ON.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED THE GRANT THE TWO SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS HAD DONE A LIST FOR. KNAUER SAID THIS WAS GRANT FUNDING FROM U.S. FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FOR CRITICAL STREAM CROSSINGS WITH DIRT ROADS AND UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING.

KNAUER REITERATED THE NEED TO PUT TOGETHER AN APPLICATION, USE PICTOMETRY TO SHOW THE AREAS THEY PLAN ON IMPROVING AND HAVE SECTIONS OF THE ROADWAYS SURVEYED TO PUT TOGETHER A DEMONSTRATION SECTION TO TURN IN WITH THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

5. INVOICING FOR COUNTY ENGINEER-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HOW HE OPERATES, WHAT THE COUNTY IS GETTING BILLED FOR, WHAT THEY ARE GETTING INVOICES FOR AND HOW THEY PAY FOR HIS TIME.
 - A. THE BOARD COMES TO HIM WITH A PROJECT
 - B. HE PUTS TOGETHER A PROPOSAL
 - C. THE PROPOSAL IS GIVEN TO THE BOARD
 - D. THE BOARD APPROVES IT AND HE DOES THE PROJECT

HE POINTED OUT HE DIDN'T CHARGE FOR INSTANCES WHERE THE BOARD CALLS AND IT ONLY REQUIRES A FEW MINUTES OF TIME TO GET IT STRAIGHTENED OUT; ALL OF LAST YEAR, HE ONLY CHARGED FOR FOUR HOURS FOR ALL THE TIME HE SPENT AT THE COMMISSION MEETING FOR ALL OF 2004. HE INVITED THE BOARD TO GO THROUGH ALL OF HIS INVOICES AND SEE WHAT HE ACTUALLY INVOICED THEM FOR; ABOUT 95% OF HIS INVOICES WERE GRANT RELATED. AFTER LOOKING OVER HIS INVOICES, KNAUER SAID THE BOARD WOULD FIND OUT HE HAS BEEN PRETTY ECONOMICAL FOR THE COUNTY.

FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING AREIALS FLOWN OF THE ENTIRE ROUTE OF THE PROJECT, PUT TOGETHER A POWER POINT PRESENTATION AND PUT TOGETHER AN APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY; THIS COST TO HIM WAS APPROXIMATELY \$8,500. HE POINTED OUT THERE WERE MANY GRANTS HE HAS APPLIED FOR THAT TAKES A LOT OF HIS TIME THAT HE DOESN'T SEND A BILL FOR IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET THE GRANT.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INVOICE HE HAD SUBMITTED ON THE MULTI-USE PATH FOR SURVEYING; HE THOUGHT HE HAD PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO DO THE PROJECT TO THE BOARD AS IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE AGREEMENT WITH FL-DOT. HE REFERRED TO HIS INVOICES NOT HAVING TO BE APPROVED AT THE COMMISSION MEETING ONCE THE BOARD HAS APPROVED THE PROPOSAL.

HE SAID IF HIS PROPOSAL FOR THE BIKE PATH WAS NOT ALREADY APPROVED, HE REQUESTED THEY APPROVE HIS PROPOSAL FOR \$78,000 TO DO DEP PERMITTING, ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERING PERMITTING, SURVEYING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO APPROVE KNAUER'S PROPOSAL TO DO THE BIKE PATH PROJECT. CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED FL-DOT HAS SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY'S APPLICATION WAS ONE OF THE BEST PROPOSALS THEY HAD EVER RECEIVED FOR THAT TYPE OF GRANT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. KNAUER NOTED HIS FEES ON THE BIKE PATH PROJECT WOULD BE PAID OUT OF THE GRANT FUNDING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED A BILL FROM PREBLE-RISH FOR \$4,770 FOR CREEK ROAD AND PARISH STEEL ROAD PROJECT FOR PAVING INSPECTION AND LAY OUTS. KNAUER ADVISED THIS WAS STRICTLY FOR HIS INSPECTOR AT A RATE OF \$45 PER HOUR. KNAUER OFFERED TO TEAR UP THE INVOICE DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THESE TWO ROAD PROJECTS AND THE BOARD ALREADY HAVING TO COME UP WITH MONIES TO PAY FOR OTHER SERVICES ON THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED AN INVOICE FOR \$11,000 FROM BAXTERS ASPHALT FOR CREEK ROAD AND PARISH STEEL; THE INVOICE WAS APPROVED LAST MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO PAY THE PREBLE-RISH INVOICE FOR INSPECTIONS ON PARISH STEEL AND CREEK ROAD TOTTALLING \$4,770.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED KNAUER CLARIFY HE DIDN'T HAVE AN INSPECTOR ON THE PARISH STEEL ROAD PROJECT AS IT WAS DONE ILLEGALLY. KNAUER REFERRED TO HIM HAVING EXPLAINED THIS SEVERAL TIMES IN WAY MORE DETAIL THAN HE CARES TO DO; HE SAID HE ACTUALLY HAD AN INSPECTOR ON THE PARISH STEEL ROAD PROJECT THAT MORNING AND THE INSPECTOR WAS NOT ABLE TO GET UP WITH HIM. HE POINTED OUT HE WAS NOT THERE HIMSELF AND EVERYTHING HE HAS HEARD IS SECOND HANDED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON MEETING WITH KNAUER ON SOME OF THE BOARD'S CONCERNS WITH THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AND KNAUER HAS REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON HOW TO BETTER SERVE THE COUNTY. KNAUER OFFERED TO BE AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ONE DAY A WEEK BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M. AND WAS WILLING FOR IT TO BE STRUCTURED ANYWAY THE BOARD DESIRES SO HE COULD BETTER TAKE CARE OF THEIR NEEDS.

KNAUER ALSO AGREED TO SEND E-MAILS TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO FOLLOW UP WITH EVERYTHING HE DOES; THE ADMINISTRATOR COULD THEN PUT A COPY OF HIS E-MAILS IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOXES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD CONSENTING FOR KNAUER TO LET ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT KNOW THE DATE AND TIME HE WILL BE AT THE COUNTY ANNEX FOR HIM TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. THEY ALSO REQUESTED KNAUER DO E-MAIL UPDATES TO FOLLOW UP ON EVERYTHING HE DOES.

JIM ZEDIKER/PINE RIDGE DRIVE-ZEDIKER ADDRESSED SEVERAL ISSUES WITH THE ROAD:

- A. THE ROAD HAS BEEN TOTALLY DESTROYED DUE TO IT BEING A STAGING AREA FOR ANY TYPE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT USED BY COX BUILDING CORPORATION IN BUILDING POOLS
- B. WATER IS BEING PUMPED OUT WITH TWO TWELVE INCH PUMPS USING TEN INCH PIPE LINE
- C. THE WATER TABLE HAS DROPPED IN WELLS AND IN THE LAKES; WELLS ARE GETTING MUDDY

ALLAN THOMPSON/PINE RIDGE DRIVE ADDRESSED ROLLING PINE ROAD IS THE ROAD THE BOARD TALKED ABOUT GETTING A STUDY DONE ON DUE TO WATER RUN OFF GOING OFF INTO THE POND GOING INTO THE ACQUIFER. HE REFERRED TO THERE BEING A LAKE BEHIND HIS HOUSE WHICH IS NOW DRIED UP.

ZEDIKER ADDRESSED THIS BEING A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND NOT AN INDUSTRIAL SITE. HE SAID THERE IS NO HAULING BEING DONE TODAY; HOWEVER THE TRUCKS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR OVER A MONTH.

THOMPSON ADDRESSED THEIR CONCERNS IS THE AFFECT OF WHAT COX IS DOING TO THE ENVIRONMENT, LAKES, PONDS, ACQUIFERS, POSSIBILITY OF SINKHOLES ERUPTING, ETC.

LYNDA WALLER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED WITH GEORGE FLEMING, WHO IS A REAL ESTATE AGENT AND THE SELLER OF THE PROPERTY, AND THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS ONLY UNDER CONTRACT AND WHAT IS HAPPENING, SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING. FLEMING ADVISED HER THAT YOUNG REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS BUILDING A SMALL, AGRICULTURAL TYPE POND FOR A HOMESITE FOR MR. COX. FLEMING IS ON HIS WAY TO THE SITE NOW.

RANDY PARKER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TELL YOUNG TO CEASE AND DESIST ALL DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY AND NOT DO ANYTHING FURTHER UNTIL HE CAN SHOW A PLAN ON WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE AND SHOW ALL NECESSARY PERMITS REQUIRED FROM ALL STATE AGENCIES AND/OR NO PERMITS REQUIRED BE IN WRITING. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE OF PARKER'S RECOMMENDATION.

PARKER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CONTACT NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON; WALLER AGREED TO CALL THEM AND PUT IT IN WRITING.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR SOMEONE, ALONG WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO GO ADVISE YOUNG OF THE BOARD'S ACTION.

WALLER REITERATED SHE WAS GOING TO TYPE A CEASE AND DESIST LETTER TO COX DEVELOPMENT ORDERING THEM TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST ALL ACTIVITIES ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED SHE EXPOUND ON THIS BEING IN EFFECT UNTIL HE PROVIDES A CLEAR DEFINITION OF WHAT HIS INTENTIONS ARE AND WHAT HIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN ENCOMPASSES.

ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. DEED FROM MR. WALTER MCDERMOTT DONATING PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS TO COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT AND RECORD THE DEED.
- B. RESOLUTION TO EXTEND GAS TAX FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS AS IT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 1, 2005. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE SIX CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2015. CHAIRMAN FINCH PASSED HIS GAVEL AND

- SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF TWO LOTS OWNED BY THE COUNTY FOR TWO LOTS OWNED BY DELTONA THAT ARE ADJACENT TO THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION.
 - D. COUNTY DEED TO DELTONA FROM THE COUNTY; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, ONCE DEED IS SIGNED AND BEFORE IT IS RECORDED, TO CONTACT HIM TO GET THE DEED DELTONA WILL HAVE TO SIGN ON THE PROPERTY THEY ARE GIVING THE COUNTY.
 - E. HEARING BEFORE JUDGE REGISTER ON THE OVID LANE ROAD ON MARCH 15TH AT 1:00 P.M. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND A GRADER OPERATOR THAT HAS BEEN GRADING THE ROAD FOR A LONG TIME BE AT THE HEARING. THE BOARD AGREED FOR DALLAS CARTER AND JOHNNIE PIPPIN TO ATTEND THE HEARING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. ROADS AT AIRPARK-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING WRITTEN A LETTER TO SOUTHTRUST BANK AS THEY HAD REQUESTED; HE RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM BILL HOWELL ADVISING SOUTHTRUST BANK DOESN'T OWN ALL THE PROPERTY THEY HAD THOUGHT AND ARE GOING TO HIRE A SURVEYOR TO SURVEY OUT THE PARCELS THEY ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY ON. (APPROXIMATELY NINE ACRES) THE BANK HASN'T SETTLED ON THE \$45,000 FOR THE MATERIALS FOR THE COUNTY TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO STANDARDS. HE ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THE SURVEY IS COMPLETED TO SEE WHAT PROPERTIES THEY HAVE TO NEGOTIATE BEFORE BRINGING THIS BACK UP TO THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BANK NOT OWNING THE BOOGER HILL PART OF THE PROPERTY BY THE POND AND POSSIBLY NEGOTIATING WITH STAN PORTER ON THAT PROPERTY.

- B. W.C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION-REQUEST FROM THE ASSOCIATION ON WHAT TO DO WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT PAY THE FEES REQUIRED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR FIRE SERVICES THEY RECEIVED. HE ADDRESSED ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, SENDS THREE LETTERS TO PERSONS TO TRY AND COLLECT MONIES; AFTER THIRD LETTER, HE ADDS THEIR NAME TO A LIST IF THEY STILL DON'T PAY AND GIVES IT TO HERBERT.

ED PELLETIER, REPRESENTING THE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AMOUNT OF FEES THAT ARE NOW DUE:

2003-\$10,575	SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR
2004-\$ 3,000	SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR
2004-\$ 7,690	NOT SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR/NOT A YEAR OLD
2005-\$ 6,600	NOT SENT TO ADMINISTRATOR/NOT A YEAR OLD
\$ 712.79	OWED ON PAYMENT PLAN
\$28,577.79	TOTAL OWED TO COUNTY

PELLETIER ADDRESSED IT NOT BEING RIGHT FOR SOME PEOPLE TO PAY THE FEES FOR SERVICE AND OTHERS NOT PAYING IT.

PELLETIER THEN ASKED THE BOARD FOR ASSISTANCE WITH A 5% MATCH FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR A NEW PUMPER; THE MATCH WOULD BE \$6,875 BUT WON'T BE DUE UNTIL 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PERCENTAGE BEING COLLECTED NOW FOR FIRE SERVICE FEES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO COLLECT THE PAST DUE FEES; HOWEVER,

SET UP A HARDSHIP BOARD FOR PEOPLE TO COME BEFORE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND IF THIS BOARD APPROVES TO EXCUSE IT, THE COUNTY COMMISSION CAN EXCUSE IT. PELLETIER UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOMETHING ALREADY BEING IN PLACE FOR HARDSHIP CASES WHERE PEOPLE CAN MAKE PAYMENTS FOR FEES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE METHOD OF COLLECTION TO USE TO COLLECT THE PAST DUE FIRE SERVICE FEES. WHEN IT WAS REFERENCED TO PUT THE FEES ON THEIR TAX BILL, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEM THEY COULDN'T DO THIS; ON THE SMALL CLAIMS PROCESS, HE ADVISED IT WOULD COST \$80.50 FOR FILING FEES FOR ALL CLAIMS UNDER \$1,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO PROCEED TO TRY AND COLLECT THE PAST DUE FIRE FEES. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON A METHOD OF COLLECTION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE ONLY RECOURSE THE BOARD HAD WAS TO FILE THROUGH SMALL CLAIMS; HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A CREDIT COMPANY COULD DO.

CLERK LINDA COOK ADVISED THE BOARD SHE HAD MARIANNA CREDIT BUREAU WORKING ON COLLECTING SOME OLD TRAFFIC FINES FOR HER.

THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO TRY AND COLLECT THE PAST DUE FIRE FEES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEND A LETTER ADVISING PERSONS IF THEY DON'T PAY, THEIR INVOICE WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE CREDIT BUREAU.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED ABOLISHING THE FEES IN THE FUTURE AND BUDGET A SUPPLEMENT TO TAKE CARE OF THE FEES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH IT BEING ADDRESSED THE ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE ABOLISHED. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THIS REQUEST.

- C. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM—HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT HE AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WERE RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD FOR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WHICH WAS MODELED AFTER THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S PROGRAM. THE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER WOULD RECEIVE A PLAQUE, A CERTIFICATE, \$100 CHECK, ONE DAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR; THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WOULD RECEIVE A PLAQUE, A CERTIFICATE, \$250 CHECK, THREE DAYS ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND A 2% SALARY INCREASE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED THIS GO BEFORE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DUE TO THE EXPENSE INVOLVED AND LET THEM MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD DURING BUDGET PREPARATIONS FOR FY 2005-2006.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROGRAM BEING FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION EMPLOYEES ONLY AND THERE WOULD BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER SELECTED FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COUNTY ANNEX AND THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AND EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005. HE ADDRESSED THIS HELPING THE MORAL OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THEY MAY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TO DO A BETTER JOB TO GET THE RECOGNITION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAYING THE \$100 CHECK FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER COULD BE

CHANGED TO A \$50 CHECK WITH EVERYTHING ELSE REMAINING THE SAME. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE CHECK FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HIS MOTION WAS FOR THE \$100 CHECK FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- D. COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM THE TEAM TO PUT RUMBLE STRIPS ON CLAYTON ROAD AND COUNTY ROAD 276A. A PREVIOUS REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE BY THE TEAM TO PUT RUMBLE STRIPS ON BONNET POND ROAD AND PIONEER ROAD; THE BOARD APPROVED OF DOING THESE AND THEY HAD GOTTEN QUOTES FROM GUETTLER AND GUETTLER, THE QUOTES WERE PROVIDED TO CTST AND THEY APPLIED FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH FL-DOT TO DO THE PROJECT AND THEY PAID FOR IT. HERBERT ADDRESSED THIS IS WHAT CTST WAS REQUESTING BE DONE ON CLAYTON ROAD AND COUNTY ROAD 276A. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO CHECK WITH THE NEIGHBORS TO SEE HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE RUMBLE STRIPS ON CLAYTON ROAD AND COUNTY ROAD 276A. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE RUMBLE STRIPS NOT BEING ON BONNET POND AND PIONEER ROAD. THE BOARD REQUESTED HERBERT CHECK WITH FL-DOT TO SEE IF THESE WERE EVER INSTALLED.
- E. MERCHANT PROCESSING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHTRUST BANK-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT PAYMENT BY VISA AND MASTER CARD. HE REPORTED ON A MEETING HE, LLOYD POWELL, DIANNE CARTER, FELECIA REED, AND CONNIE ANDERSON HAD WITH JIM HILL AND THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. HE WENT OVER THE FEES INVOLVED WHICH COULD BE SET UP AS A CONVENIENCE FEE AND PASSED ON TO THE APPLICANT OF THE PERMIT. FEES INVOLVED INCLUDE BETWEEN \$100 AND \$200 FOR SET UP FEES; \$20 A MONTH AND \$.10 PER TRANSACTION. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW THE CREDIT CARD PERMITTING WOULD WORK. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED PERSONS WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY ON LINE OR IN THE OFFICE WITH SOUTHTRUST DOING MOST OF THE INSTALLATION, ETC.; MALCOLM GAINNEY COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, HAS REVIEWED THE PROGRAM AND FEELS THE COUNTY EQUIPMENT CAN HANDLE IT. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.
- F. BUDGET COMMITTEE-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON JAMES SPIVEY, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD REPRESENTATIVE, HAVING MET WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE HIGH COST FOR FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE AND TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY AVENUES THE COUNTY COULD TAKE TO MAKE THE COST MORE REASONABLE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ADD FAMILIES TO THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. SPIVEY HAD SOME IDEAS TO HELP LOWER THE COST AND WAS GOING TO PROVIDE A PROPOSAL TO THE COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING DISCUSSED BIDDING OUT THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE AND DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GET SOME GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE GOING TO REBID THE HEALTH INSURANCE OR STAY WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO FIND AN OPTION TO MAKE

THE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FAMILY COVERAGE MORE AFFORDABLE TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. OTHER ISSUES ADDRESSED WERE THE HISTORY OF REBIDDING USUALLY COSTING THE COUNTY MONIES, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO GET CHEAPER INSURANCE BUT THERE IS A NEED FOR GOOD QUALITY INSURANCE WHETHER IT IS BID OUT OR NOT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SEE WHAT SPIVEY HAD TO OFFER WITH BCBS ON CHEAPER FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED WITH AN INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE ON HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; THE REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS HEALTH INSURANCE WITH THE BOARD BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

- G. SURPLUS PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSING SELLING MORE OF THE COUNTY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTIES; THERE ARE FORTY MORE PROPERTIES ZANETIC HAS LISTED AND ZANETIC HAS A COUPLE OF PROJECTS HE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SOME OF THE SURPLUS FUNDS BE USED FOR.

ZANETIC PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A SPEADSHEET ON THE SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES IN SUNNY HILLS AND FUTURE SALES. TO DATE, ZANETIC REPORTED THE COUNTY HAS SOLD \$701,400 OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS; HE PROPOSED TO SELL FORTY MORE PROPERTIES IN UNITS 6, 8 AND 19 WITH MINIMUM BID BEING \$728,000. HE SAID THE ACTUAL SALE WOULD PROBABLY BE AROUND \$800,000.

ZANETIC THEN ADDRESSED THE EXPENSES AND COMMITMENTS TAKEN FROM THE SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES TO DATE. HE REPORTED THERE WERE 198 PROPERTIES THE COUNTY WAS HOLDING WHICH WOULD BRING IN APPROXIMATELY \$4,000,000 IF SOLD AROUND AUGUST.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE FORTY PARCELS WOULD BE BID WITH THE BOARD REFUNDING HALF THE PURCHASE PRICE IF PURCHASER BUILDS A HOME ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN TWO YEARS; THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A MINIMUM BID PLACED ON EACH PARCEL AND SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO BID ON ALL FORTY PARCELS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ELIMINATING THE REFUNDING OF HALF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY DUE TO PEOPLE BUYING THE PROPERTY REGARDLESS IF THE MONEY WAS REFUNDED OR NOT.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BIGGEST REASON FOR REFUNDING HALF THE PURCHASE PRICE IF HOMES ARE BUILT ON PROPERTY WITHIN TWO YEARS WAS TO ENCOURAGE A HOME BUILDING EXPLOSION TO GET THEM ON THE TAX ROLL SO THE COUNTY CAN BENEFIT FROM THE ORIGINAL SALE AND HAVE A CONTINUOUS BENEFIT FROM AD VALOREM TAXES DUE TO HOUSES BEING ADDED ON TO THE TAX ROLL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ADVERTISING TO SELL THE 40 LOTS WITH INDIVIDUAL PRICES BEING PLACED ON EACH LOT, THE BIDDER HAVING TO BID ON ALL 40 LOTS AND HALF THE MONIES BEING REFUNDED TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IF HOME IS BUILT WITHIN TWO YEARS. SOME OF THE BOARD WAS IN DISAGREEMENT ON THE BIDDER HAVING TO BID ON ALL 40 LOTS AND QUESTIONED WHY COULDN'T THESE LOTS BE SOLD SO INDIVIDUALS COULD PLACE A BID.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO ADVERTISE THE 40 LOTS AS GLEN ZANETIC RECOMMENDED. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE LOTS WOULD BE BID OUT USING THE SAME PROCESS WHERE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WOULD GET HALF OF THE PURCHASE PRICE REFUNDED IF THEY BUILD A HOUSE ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN

TWO YEARS, BIDDER MUST BID ON ALL 40 LOTS WITH INDIVIDUAL PRICES BEING PLACED ON EACH LOT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION NOT TO SELL ANY MORE PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS THIS YEAR. HE RECOMMENDED LETTING DEVELOPMENT GET THERE AND THEN THE PRICES WILL GET HIGHER.

ZANETIC AGREED THE PROPERTY WAS NOT AT ITS PEAK YET; HOWEVER, THE BOARD NEEDS TO LEAVE THEMSELVES SOME FLEXIBILITY TO MANEUVER WITHIN THE MARKET AS IT CHANGES DUE TO IT BEING A VAST CHANGING MARKET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING DUE TO GROWTH AND ALL THE HOMES BEING BUILT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION NOT TO SELL ANY MORE PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS THIS YEAR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR A PLAN ON WHERE THE SURPLUS PROPERTIES MONIES ARE GOING TO BE USED. THE BOARD AGREED TO GET SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE SMALL COUNTIES COALITION TO WORK UP A FIVE YEAR PAVING PLAN BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED THE \$5,000 ZANETIC HAD REFERRED TO THAT THE COUNTY WAS SUPPOSE TO GET FROM THE SMALL COUNTIES; HERBERT ADVISED THIS WAS TO ASSIST WITH THE QUITE TITLE FEES ON THE FIRST GROUP OF PROPERTIES SOLD. HE HAS WRITTEN A LETTER REQUESTING THE \$5,000 BUT HE DOESN'T THINK IT HAS COME IN YET.

ZANETIC REPORTED IF THE SALE ON THE SURPLUS PROPERTIES IS SUCCESSFUL, ROAD SIGNS ARE NEEDED IN SUNNY HILLS.

HE THEN REQUESTED APPROVAL TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM LANES EQUIPMENT FOR PARTS FOR THEIR SKAGG MOWERS FOR \$7,705.42 WHICH IS BUDGETED IN THE MSBU MAINTENANCE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE INVOICE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CONTINUED WITH HIS REPORT:

- H. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM ROGER HAGAN FOR HE AND LYNN WHITE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS PERTAINING TO AMERICAN RED CROSS RESPONSES WHEN A HOME BURNS AND SOMEONE LOSES EVERYTHING. THEY WILL GO THROUGH TRAINING, HAVE BLANKETS ON HAND, ETC. HAGAN WAS REQUESTING HE AND WHITE GET COMP TIME IF THEY HAVE TO RESPOND AT NIGHT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HAGAN'S REQUEST FOR HE AND WHITE TO REPRESENT WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS PROGRAM AND TO RECEIVE COMP TIME IF THEY HAVE TO RESPOND AT NIGHT.
- I. BUDGET AMENDMENTS/PARK AND RECREATION-REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN PARKS FACILITIES BUDGET TO TRANSFER \$1,000 FROM LITARD LOG MAINTENANCE TO ORANGE HILL MAINTENANCE; IN PARK AND RECREATION BUDGET, TRANSFER \$13.78 FROM OPERATING SUPPLIES TO SMALL TOOLS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.
- J. ANNUAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON TRAINING BEING DONE EVERY YEAR PER A JUDGE'S ORDER; TRAINING TO BE HELD MARCH 29TH AT 6:00 A.M. AT PUBLIC WORKS, 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM. KEN MONOGHAN AND TIM WARNER WILL BE DOING TRAINING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE TRAINING SCHEDULE AND FOR ALL EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE TRAINING.
- K. REBECCA HARRIS-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING CHECKED WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR

ON WHAT THEY DISPLAYED ON THEIR COMPUTERS TO SHOW PROPERTIES ARE ON THE LIST OF LANDS OR GONE BACK TO THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE A COUPLE OF INDICATORS THAT WILL LET A TITLE COMPANY KNOW THE PROPERTY IS DEEDED TO THE COUNTY OR IS ON THE LIST OF LANDS ON ITS WAY TO THE COUNTY. HE ADDRESSED REBECCA HARRIS HAVING FAXED HIM WHAT SHE HAD PRINTED OFF THE COMPUTER AND THE 09 CODE INDICATING IT WAS ON THE LIST OF LANDS WAS ON WHAT SHE FAXED; APPARENTLY, HERBERT SAID HARRIS DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE CODE MEANT.

HE TALKED WITH CLERK LINDA COOK AND WAS TOLD REBECCA HARRIS HAD CALLED TO THE COURTHOUSE BEFORE CLOSING ON THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND REQUESTED IT NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY. WHEN CLERK COOK ASKED ABOUT THE PROPERTY, SHE WAS TOLD IT WAS DUE TO COME TO THE COUNTY AND TOLD HER OFFICE TO DEED IT TO THE COUNTY.

HERBERT ADDRESSED REBECCA KNOWING PRIOR TO CLOSING ON THE PROPERTY, IT WAS GOING TO BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF THE CODE WAS ON WHAT REBECCA HAD GOTTEN FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR INDICATING IT WAS ON A LIST OF LANDS TO BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY WASN'T NEGLIGENT IN WHAT THEY HAD POSTED.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR, THE ABSTRACT PEOPLE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE 09 CODE, THERE BEING A VALUE WITH NO TAXES AND SOME EVEN SAY TRANSFER TO TAX CERTIFICATE OR TAX DEED. CHAIRMAN FINCH NOTED HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THERE WAS ANYTHING THE BOARD COULD DO.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED HER NOT KNOWING IF REBECCA KNEW WHAT THE CODE MEANT OR IF SHE WAS THE ACTUAL PERSON DOING THE TITLE WORK; HOWEVER, THE TIME HAD PAST FOR THE CLERK TO DEED THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY. WHEN JOANI ROGERS ASKED ABOUT NOT TRANSFERRING IT TO THE COUNTY AS REBECCA HAD REQUESTED, CLERK COOK SAID SHE ADVISED ROGERS TO DEED IT TO THE COUNTY. SHE ADDRESSED JOANI BEING BEHIND IN HER WORK.

- L. BUILDING PERMIT FEE REFUNDS—HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION TO REFUND BUILDING PERMITS FEES TO FOUR PEOPLE BUILDING HOUSES WHOM THE CONTRACTOR WENT BANKRUPT AND THEY DIDN'T GET THEIR HOUSES COMPLETE. IN A MEETING HE AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD WITH HUGH ROCHE AND LLOYD POWELL, HERBERT SAID THE REIMBURSEMENTS WERE DISCUSSED. ROCHE ADVISED OF A CONTRACTORS RECOVERY FUND WHICH WAS AN AVENUE FOR THESE PEOPLE TO GET REIMBURSED; IF THE COUNTY REIMBURSES THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE MAY GET A SECOND REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE STATE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED IT BEING DIFFICULT FOR THE HOMEOWNER TO GET MONIES FROM THE RECOVERY FUND. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THEY CAN GET THESE MONIES FROM THE STATE; HOWEVER, IF THEY CAN'T, THE HOMEOWNERS NEED TO GET REIMBURSED.

HERBERT ADDRESSED IT BEING DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WHETHER THE CONTRACTOR OR THE BUILDER SHOULD GET REIMBURSEMENT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE HOMEOWNER TO GET REIMBURSED.

- M. INMATE MEDICAL INVOICE—HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INMATE MEDICAL INVOICE FOR \$8,364.11. COMMISSIONER CORBIN

QUESTIONED IF IT SHOULD COME BEFORE THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD WAS OBLIGATED BY LAW TO PAY THE INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD WAS OBLIGATED TO PAY THE INDIGENT BILLS ALSO BUT ONLY HAS TO PAY IT ACCORDING TO THE MEDICAID/MEDICARE RATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO PAY THE INVOICE ACCORDING TO MEDICARE RATES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON EXPLORING INMATES BEING SENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO TALK WITH PATSY JUSTICE ABOUT THIS BEING DONE. ALSO, HE WAS REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH JUSTICE ON THE STATUS OF THE DENTIST OFFICE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- N. RECYCLING CENTER TRUCK-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON QUOTES RECEIVED FOR THE BODY OF THE NEW RECYCLING TRUCK:
 - A. SUN STATE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS/14' DUMPING BODY FOR \$12,896
 - B. TRUCK EQUIPMENT SALES/24' DUMPING BODY FOR \$14,250 DUE TO THE 24' DUMPING BODY SAVING ON THE NUMBER OF RUNS MADE FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER AND BEING ABLE TO GET BETTER PRODUCTION WITH IT, HERBERT RECOMMENDED PURCHASING THE 24' TRASH BODY WITH DUMP FROM TRUCK EQUIPMENT SALES. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
- O. HOLDING CELLS AT COURTHOUSE-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON CLERK COOK HAVING TALKED TO THE WARDEN AT WASHINGTON CI ABOUT DOING RENOVATIONS AT THE COURTHOUSE TO BUILD HOLDING CELLS; MATERIALS COST ESTIMATE TOTALLED \$2,020.91 WITH WASHINGTON CORRECTION INSTITUTION PROVIDING THE LABOR AND FUNDING TO COME FROM THE COURT FACILITY FUND FOR MATERIALS. CLERK COOK ADVISED THE HOLDING CELLS WILL BE BUILT AT WCI AND BE BROUGHT TO THE COURTHOUSE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WCI BUILDING THE HOLDING CELLS.
- P. ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON IT COSTING \$400 TO FIX THE TRANSMISSION IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE THE SHERIFF HAD DONATED TO THE COUNTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING MAX CRUTCHFIELD TO FIX THE TRANSMISSION ON THE VEHICLE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER BEGAN WITH HER REPORT:

- A. VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JANUARY 2005 TOTALLING \$1,653,995.65
- B. \$9.5 MILLION LOAN-DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ A LETTER FROM TED KEISER OF SUNTRUST BANK ON APPLICABLE FEES TO THE LOAN:
 - A. REMARKETING AGENT-\$14,250 (ANNUALLY)
 - B. RATING AGENT-\$2,000 (ANNUALLY)
 - C. TRUSTEE-\$3,500 (ANNUALLY)
 - B. LETTER OF CREDIT-\$96,715.56 (1%) OF BOND ANNUALLY BASED ON PRINCIPAL OF LOAN

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION TO PAY THE BILL TO THE RATING AGENT, STANDARD AND POORS, FOR \$2,000 AND TO SUNTRUST FOR THE LETTER OF CREDIT TOTALLING \$96,715.56. SHE ADDRESSED NO BILLS HAVE

BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE TRUSTEE OR THE REMARKETING AGENT COSTS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PAY ALL FEES APPLICABLE TO THE \$9.5 MILLION LOAN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THESE FUNDS WOULD BE TAKEN FROM THE LOAN FUND WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WAS BEING PAID TOWARD COUNTY LOANS AND WHAT IS BEING PAID NOW WAS PUT.

- C. \$9.5 MILLION LOAN-DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON REFINANCING THE LOAN AT A FIXED RATE FOR A TEN YEAR PERIOD PER A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER SAPP; THERE WOULD BE A COST OF \$275,000 TO CONVERT THE BOND TO A FIXED RATE PLUS INSURANCE WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF \$97,000.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ALSO REPORTED ON A QUOTE SHE HAD GOTTEN FROM KEISER IF THE COUNTY PAID AN ADDITIONAL \$300,000 A YEAR TOWARD THE LOAN; KEISER'S ESTIMATE WAS THE TERM OF THE LOAN WOULD BE CUT BY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS WHICH WOULD MEAN IT WOULD BE PAID OFF IN 2020 RATHER THAN 2028.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INTEREST RATE ON THE LOAN BEING A VARIABLE RATE AND IF IT IS INCREASED UP TO 5%/8%, THERE WON'T BE ANY RESERVE MONIES TO PAY IT IF THEY USED THE EXCESS MONIES NOW.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SUGGESTED TAKING SOME OF THE SURPLUS LAND SALES TO CUT THE DEBT DOWN TO GET IT UNDER CONTROL BEFORE THE INTEREST RATES DO CLIMB UP DRASTICALLY.

THE BOARD AGREED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE DEBT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PLEDGING SOME OF THE SURPLUS LAND SALES TOWARD THE DEBT.

- D. BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR FY 2004/2005-DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEED TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR MARCH 24TH MEETING ON A BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR FY2004-2005 TO INCLUDE ANY ACTUAL CASH CARRY FORWARDS AND ANY FUNDS THAT WERE NOT ANTICIPATED, SUCH AS GRANTS, ETC. ABOVE AND BEYOND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE TOTALLING \$2,242,390. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF MONIES WERE AVAILABLE IN THE STRIPING BUDGET FOR PAINT TO DO THE PARISH STEEL AND CREEK ROAD STRIPING. THE BOARD ADVISED STRICKLAND PAINT WAS ALREADY AVAILABLE FOR STRIPING; THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR HIM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE STRIPING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO TRY USING TWO INMATES TO CLEAN THE COURTHOUSE AND THE AG CENTER TO SEE HOW IT WORKS; BY DOING THIS, IT COULD SAVE THE COUNTY \$19,788. HE ADDRESSED CAPTAIN BARNES HAVING AGREED TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON THE INMATES NEEDED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN USSI'S CONTRACT; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT THE CONTRACT REQUIRED A 30 DAY NOTICE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS WITH THE CLEANING SERVICE; HE WOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH TODD ABBOTT AND IT WOULD GET BETTER FOR A WHILE AND THEN IT WOULD GO BACK TO NOT BEING DONE GOOD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED THAT CLERK LINDA COOK, COURT- HOUSE, AND ANDY ANDREASON, AG CENTER, AGREED THEY WERE OKAY WITH THE USE OF THE INMATES TO DO THE CLEANING AT THESE FACILITIES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING JACK DORCH TO SUPERVISE THE INMATES TO CLEAN THESE TWO FACILITIES AS HE IS ALREADY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY WOULDN'T HAVE TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON USING AN INMATE SUPERVISOR UNDER DAVID CORBIN WHO HAS TROUBLE WITH HIS FEET TO SUPERVISE THE INMATES CLEANING THESE TWO FACILITIES; THIS POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO USE INHOUSE PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE THE INMATES; IF NOT, THERE WOULDN'T BE A SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY.

CLERK COOK REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER IF THEY USE INMATES TO CLEAN THESE FACILITIES, THEY WILL HAVE TO FURNISH THE CLEANING SUPPLIES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO USE INMATE LABOR TO CLEAN THE AG CENTER AND THE COURTHOUSE, SEND TODD ABBOT A 30 DAY NOTIFICATION AND MAKE THE CHANGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2005. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INMATE SUPERVISOR WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS THIS WOULD BE DETERMINED LATER. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVING LOOKED AT TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE MONIES TO CONTRACT WITH TODD ANDERSON, VETERINARIAN, TO TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. HE ADVISED THIS COULD BE FUNDED; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE THE FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR. DUE TO THE BOARD LOOKING AT A \$100,000 BUDGET FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FOR FY 2005-2006 WHETHER THEY KEEP IT UNDER THE COUNTY OR GO WITH ANDERSON, COPE SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL THEY GET INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY HAVING CUT A DITCH ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE FALLING WATERS HIGHWAY; HE AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER FEELS THE WATER PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED. HOWEVER, WHEN THE PROPERTY WAS DEVELOPED AND SOLD, A ROAD WAS NEVER PUT IN; DITCHES NEED TO BE PUT IN AND THE ROAD NEEDS BUILDING UP THAT IS GOING THROUGH THE PROPERTIES.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO DATE TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM AND MR. BUSH'S CONCERN IS WHAT STORM WILL THE DITCH HANDLE.

BUSH ADDRESSED HIS REQUEST TO PULL THE DITCHES ON EACH SIDE OF THE EASEMENT BETWEEN HIS AND LANEY'S HOUSE TO ALLEVIATE ANY DRAINAGE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED IT BEING CONSIDERED PRIVATE WORK TO DO WHAT BUSH WAS REQUESTING AND HE WOULD NEED BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO DO IT.

IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO OBLIGATE THE EQUIPMENT, CORBIN SAID THEY COULD GO IN AND CUT A DITCH ON THE ROADWAY BETWEEN BUSH'S AND LANEY'S HOUSE AND BUILD A ROAD DOWN PAST THEIR HOUSES.

CLIFF SAID THE PLAN HE HAD PUT TOGETHER ORIGINALLY WOULD HANDLE A 100 YEAR STORM; HOWEVER, HE HASN'T PUT TOGETHER ANY CALCULATIONS ON USING THE 36" PIPES THERE.

SAPP ASKED WHERE THE WATER WOULD GO FROM THERE; BUSH SAID IT WOULD GO TO A CYPRESSHEAD WHERE THE WATER IS GOING NOW EXCEPT IT IS OVER A BIG AREA; BY DOING THE ROAD THE WATER COULD BE CHanneled A DIFFERENT WAY AND HOPEFULLY THE PEOPLE SOUTH OF THEM WOULDN'T BE LEFT WITH A WATER SITUATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED FOR KNAUER TO CALCULATE THE 36" PIPES TO SEE WHAT KIND OF STORM THEY WOULD HANDLE. KNAUER SAID BUSH WAS TALKING ABOUT AN OVERFLOW FOR THE SYSTEM OUT THERE NOW; WHEN THE 36" PIPE OUT THERE NOW CAN'T HANDLE IT, IT BLOWS ACROSS THE BERM AND SHEET FLOWS IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSES AND THE DITCH BUSH WAS REQUESTING WOULD INTERCEPT THE SHEET FLOW AND TAKE IT ON DOWN TO THE CYPRESSHEAD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID BUSH HAD ONLY TALKED TO HIM ABOUT GOING TO THE BACK SIDE OF HIS PROPERTY; IT WILL THEN PROBABLY FLOW OUT OF THAT DITCH AND FLOW OVER THE OTHER PROPERTY AND LATER SOMEBODY MIGHT SAY WE ARE PUTTING WATER ON THEM.

BUSH SAID ALBERT DAVIS HAD ALREADY TOLD BUSH AND LANEY TO USE WHATEVER PROPERTY NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM.

CLIFF IS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON WHAT THE 36" PIPE WOULD HANDLE AND TELL THEM WHAT THE FLOW FOR A 100 YEAR STORM IS.

DUE TO THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOSPITAL PASSING AWAY THAT WAS ON THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPOINT LINDA CAIN AS A REPLACEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED A RESOLUTION THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN OF EBRO OPPOSING THE MAINTENANCE IN THE CLOSING OF THE ROADS INVOLVED IN THE NORTHERN TRUST LAWSUIT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON A FENCE BEING TAKEN DOWN AND NOT PUT BACK UP AS PROMISED TO MR. COLLINS UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT. THE BOARD APPROVED FOR COMMISSIONER SAPP TO HAVE THE FENCE PUT BACK UP WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE CARE OF IT.

ED PELLETIER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER THE FIRE DEPART- MENTS WERE TO STOP BILLING FOR FIRE SERVICES NOW DUE TO A DISCUSSION HELD EARLIER BY THE BOARD ON DISCONTINUING THE BILLING. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THE BILLINGS NEEDED TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL OCTOBER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. THIS EVENING.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 02/24/05