

BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/22/04

APRIL 22, 2004

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 COPE, HALL, CORBIN, FINCH AND BROCK PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER COPE LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 25, 2004 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONENT AGENDA EXCEPT ITEM D AND INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON ITEM E:

- A. WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEE FOR THE CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET
- B. PURCHASE OF CHAIN LINK FENCE FOR HOLDING PONDS ON THE GORE AND JOHNSON PROPERTY
- C. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FROM WAUSAU ASSEMBLY OF GOD DONATING ABANDONED STRUCTURE TO COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR BURNING/TRAINING EXCERCISE AND ALLOWING PUBLIC WORKS TO DISPOSE OF DEBRIS. FUTURE APPROVAL OF THESE AGREEMENTS WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN AND THE ADMINISTRATOR.
- E. ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR A MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF STATE PARK ROAD FROM SR 77 TO CR 77A; THE EAST SIDE OF CR 77A FROM STATE PARK ROAD TO CR 280 (BRICKYARD ROAD); AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF CR280 FROM CR77A TO SR 77 (MAIN STREET)

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ITEM D PERTAINING TO THE TRANSFER OF RONNIE RILEY TO A GRADER POSITION AT PUBLIC WORKS; THE POSITION WAS VACANT DUE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CARL JENKINS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED CONCERNS HE HAD HEARD PERTAINING TO THE TRANSFER:

- A. WOULD RILEY BE MAKING THE SAME THING HE CURRENTLY MAKES AS A FLOATER OR WOULD HE BE GETTING A CUT IN PAY? COMMISSIONER CORBIN INFORMED THE BOARD IF RILEY STARTS OFF MAKING MORE THAN GRADER OPERATORS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE GETTING COMPLAINTS FROM THESE EMPLOYEES.
- B. WOULD RILEY BE A PERMANENT MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR OR WOULD HE MOVE TO DIFFERENT POSITIONS?

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD BEING ABLE TO MOVE AN EMPLOYEE TO A POSITION WITH THE EMPLOYEE STILL BEING ABLE TO RETAIN THEIR SAME SALARY; HOWEVER, IF AN EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARILY TRANSFERS TO A POSITION WITH A LOWER CLASSIFICATION, THEY WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE A CUT IN PAY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE TRANSFER OF RONNIE RILEY TO A GRADER POSITION WITH NO DECREASE IN SALARY AND HIM BEING A FULL TIME GRADER OPERATOR. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

DEBBIE WAUGH, DIRECTOR OF THE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LITERACY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. SHE THANKED THE BOARD FOR

THEIR PAST SUPPORT AND HOPED THEY COULD CONTINUE FUNDING THEIR BUDGET THE SAME AMOUNT IN THE FUTURE.

MONICA BAXLEY AND ANN SPEARS, PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITERACY PROGRAM, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HOW THE PROGRAM HAD HELPED THEM.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A PARTIAL PLAT VACATION OF LONG LAKE ESTATES, LOTS 37-42 (TO INCLUDE SNAPPER ROAD) REQUESTED BY FLORIDA ASPHALT CORPORATION.

MR. TOM VICKERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST: THEY ARE GOING TO VACATE THESE LOTS OUT OF PHASE I LONG LAKE ESTATES AND INCLUDE THEM IN PHASE II LONG LAKE ESTATES TO MAKE ONE EIGHTY ACRE PARCEL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE PARTIAL PLAT VACATION.

LINDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS DUE TO THE PARTIAL PLAT VACATION.

CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC INPUT. WALLER ADVISED HER OFFICE HAD RECEIVED NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAT VACATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00 CHARGE ON MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS TO BE USED FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS AND WHETHER IT WAS TO FUND THE CLASSES A PERSON IS ORDERED BY A JUDGE TO ATTEND FOR A TRAFFIC TICKET THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED.

MIKE WELCH, WCSB, INFORMED THE BOARD THE DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES ARE TAUGHT MAINLY IN THE SUMMER; THEY TAUGHT ONE PERIOD IN CHIPLEY AND VERNON HIGH SCHOOLS THIS YEAR BUT PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN. HE SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF THE USE OF THE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH DRIVERS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE FUNDS WERE TO BE USED FOR DRIVERS EDUCATION IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS; HE HADN'T HEARD OF THE FUNDS BEING USED FOR DRIVING SCHOOL SHOULD A PERSON RECEIVE A TRAFFIC TICKET.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT BED TAX BY 1%, SAID HEARING WAS HELD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE STATING IT WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH FOLLOWING ITS APPROVAL; THE ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY AT LEAST FOUR VOTES OF THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE.

TED EVERITT, TDC, ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE STATING IT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GIVE MORE MONIES TOWARD WASHINGTON COUNTY EVENTS SUCH AS THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL, TRACTOR PULL, ETC.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF DOGWOOD ACRES PAYS ANY BED TAX, EVERITT SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW BUT AGREED TO RESEARCH TO SEE IF THEY ARE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOLLIE PALMER, FL-DEP DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED NORTHWEST FLORIDA GREENWAY GIVING AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND WHAT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IS; IT INCLUDES A 100 MILE CORRIDOR THAT STRETCHES FROM THE APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST TO EGLIN AIRFORCE BASE AND FOLLOWS THE FLIGHT PATTERN OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

SHE ADDRESSED CONCERNS THE BOARD MAY HAVE:

1. LANDS THAT MAY COME OFF THE TAX ROLL; THE LEGISLATURE HAS CHANGED FROM TEN YEARS TO INDEFINITELY THE TERM THE STATE

- CAN PAY COUNTIES FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ON PROPERTIES THEY HAVE ACQUIRED WHICH WILL COME OFF OF COUNTY TAX ROLLS
2. MOST OF THE LAND NEEDED IS DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE USE
  3. MOST OF LAND WILL BE PURCHASED THROUGH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND WILL NOT COME OFF OF THE TAX ROLLS
  4. AREAS WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR HUNTING, FISHING, ETC.

JESSIE BORTHWITH, PROGRAM MANAGER FOR EGLIN AIRFORCE BASE, PROVIDED A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE OVERVIEW OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA GREENWAYS AND STATED THEIR MISSION AT EGLIN WAS TO PROVIDE TEST AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ALLOWS THE NATIONS WARFIGHTERS, WHEN THEY ENTER INTO BATTLE, TO PUT THE RIGHT WEAPON ON THE RIGHT TARGET AT THE RIGHT TIME.

BORTHWITH THEN ADDRESSED, IN ADDITION TO THE MILITARY INTEREST WITH THE NWF GREENWAY PROPOSAL, THERE IS A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA DUE TO THERE BEING A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF RARE SPECIES. HE REFERENCED THE MILITARY'S INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE BLACK BEAR.

HE REPORTED ON THE FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL BEING BUILT THAT WILL CUT ACROSS NORTHWEST FLORIDA AND WILL BRING TOURIST TO THE AREA. HE ADDRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN HIKING, RECREATION, HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE GREENWAYS AS MS. PALMER HAD INDICATED; THEIR PLAN, AS NORTHWEST FLORIDA BUILDS OUT, IS TO DETERMINE WHAT AREAS THEY WANT TO KEEP AS OPEN SPACE THAT WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR NEEDS.

DEB KELLER, NATURE CONSERVANCY, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR MISSION TO PROTECT BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF LIFE ON EARTH; THEY BUY LAND AND PROTECT IT FOREVER BY USING THE TOOL OF WORKING WITH PARTNERSHIPS, PUBLIC FUNDING AND PRIVATE LAND OWNERS; SHE NOTED THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT THEY HAVE HAD FROM VOTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON THE NWF GREENWAYS PROGRAM. SHE EXPLAINED THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE SUPPORT WAS DUE TO THEM FEELING IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BUY LAND TO PROTECT THE DRINKING WATER QUALITY, THROUGH WATER QUALITY OF LAKES AND STREAMS AND TO PROTECT THE WATER SHEDS.

SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LOCAL POLLING RESULTS ON THE NWF GREENWAYS; THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR PRESERVING LAND, WATER QUALITY, WATER QUANTITY, PROTECTING HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE AREA, CONTROLLING GROWTH, ETC. SHE STATED THEY HOPED THIS PROJECT WOULD BE ONE THAT WOULD NOT JUST PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE AREA BUT BIODIVERSITY; NOT ONLY PROTECTS AND PRESERVES THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE HERE AND THEIR ABILITY TO TEST AND TRAIN, BUT ALSO BE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD HELP WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND SET FORTH A VISION ON WHAT AREAS THEY WANT TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE.

SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING \$20,000,000 BUDGETED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET TO FUND LAND ACQUISITION CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAMS TO BUFFER MILITARY BASES; NATURE CONSERVANCY IS ORGANIZING A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO GET CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS TO SIGN A LETTER REQUESTING THIS AMOUNT BE INCREASED TO \$250,000,000.

SHE ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTION THEY HAD PROVIDED TO THE BOARD REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT ON THE NWF GREENWAYS PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD WOULD BE COMMITTING TO SHOULD THEY ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION.

DEB RESPONDED THE RESOLUTION WOULD BASICALLY HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL TO KEEP THE POPULATION DENSITY DOWN; IT DOESN'T MEAN THERE WOULD BE NO DEVELOPMENT BUT THERE WOULD BE RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW PLANNING WHERE GROWTH WOULD BE.

AFTER BEING QUESTIONED ON THE TARGETED AREA, DEB ADVISED THE CONCEPTUAL AREA WOULD BE 10 MILES WIDE AND ADDRESSED THERE WOULD BE AREAS WHERE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE THIS MUCH; THEREFORE, IT WOULD RANGE FROM 4 TO 10 MILES WIDE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH RAISED QUESTIONS ON THE LOCAL POLLING SURVEY ON WHAT IT ACTUALLY ASKED; MOST PEOPLE WANT TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT. HE ADDRESSED

HIS CONCERNS WITH THE STATE ACQUIRING PROPERTY AND LOWERING THE TAX BASE FOR THE COUNTY.

BORTHWITH STATED BY ACQUIRING THE LAND THROUGH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, THE LAND STAYS ON THE TAXROLLS; HE REFERENCED IN SOUTH WALTON COUNTY, THE PROPERTY VALUES INCREASED.

DEB MADE COMPARABLE ESTIMATES ON THERE BEING \$1.34 COST PER ACRE FOR A \$1.00 PER ACRE COLLECTED IN TAXES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS; ON CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR EVERY \$1.00 COLLECTED IN TAXES, THERE IS ABOUT A \$.11 COST.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED HAVING SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$96,000 SEVERAL YEARS AGO TRYING TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S NATURAL RESOURCES; THE COUNTY HAD REQUESTED NWFWMDC NOT ALLOW A PRIVATE OWNER TO BLOCK ONE OF THE STREAMS ON HOLMES CREEK AND WERE UNABLE TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE. HE STATED THE PRIVATE OWNER WAS WANTING PRIVATE FIRMS TO PUMP WATER AND TRANSFER IT OUT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GAVE THEM A PERMIT AND NEVER CONSULTED THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. HE THEN REFERENCED THE FLORIDA LAW PROHIBITING THE COUNTY FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR WATER TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTY; THE STATE CAN RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT THE COUNTY CAN'T.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD SUPPORTED THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE NWF GREENWAYS, WHAT WOULD BE THE RESTRICTIONS.

DEB REITERED THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREAS UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP WOULD PROBABLY STAY IN THE SAME LAND USE CATEGORY THEY CURRENTLY ARE IN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE COUNTY'S COMPRE- HENSIVE PLAN DOESN'T RESTRICT SOMETHING FROM BEING BUILT ON THE PROPERTY; DEB ADVISED THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT WOULD AND EXPLAINED THAT TYPICALLY THEY WOULD WORK WITH THE PRIVATE LAND OWNER ON THE PROPERTY. SHE GAVE AN EXAMPLE WHERE A LANDOWNER MAY WANT TO SELL HIS DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS BUT WANTED TO RESERVE ACREAGE FOR HIS GRANDCHILDREN TO BUILD THEIR HOME ON; THIS CAN BE WRITTEN INTO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES BILL EXTENDING THE PAYMENT TO COUNTIES ON LANDS THE STATE HAS TAKEN OFF THE TAX ROLLS INDEFINITELY; IT WAS QUESTIONED IF THE LANDS THEY CURRENTLY ARE PAYING ON WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN. DEB ADVISED SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE AWARE OF HOW MANY ACRES THE GREENWAYS WOULD ENTAIL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HOW MANY ARE OWNED BY NWFWMDC. DEB ADVISED THEY DON'T HAVE THIS INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXACTLY WHERE THE LINES ARE GOING TO BE PRIOR TO TAKING ANY ACTION ON THEIR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE GREENWAYS.

DEB EXPLAINED THE AREA THEY WERE SHOWING WAS A CONCEPTUAL PLAN; HOWEVER, THIS IS WILLING SELLERS; IF THEY DON'T GET WILLING SELLERS WITHIN THE CONCEPT, THE LINES WOULD MOVE CONSIDERABLY. SHE FURTHER EXPLAINED THIS IS THE REASON THEY CAN NOT GIVE THE BOARD THE EXACT LINES AT THIS TIME.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF LANDOWNERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR PROPERTY, DEB EXPLAINED THEIR STRATEGY WAS TO APPROACH THE LARGEST LAND OWNERS FIRST; HOWEVER, SHE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT THEM.

RANDY PARKER, WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING CONSULTANT, ADDRESSED PRESERVING THE MILITARY MISSION WAS ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN AND QUESTIONED WHEN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE FINAL- IZED; THE AGREEMENT WAS TO PROVIDE MORE DETAIL ON WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ROLE WOULD BE. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THEY WERE HOPING TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE END OF MAY.

PARKER ALSO ADDRESSED THE PRESENTATION INDICATING MOST OF THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN AREA WOULD BE AG/SILVICULTURE ZONED AND THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN WHEN THEY HAVE A REQUEST FOR A LAND USE PROPOSAL.

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED A PACKET WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE SLIDE PRESENTATION THEY MADE, A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SIGNED BY JEB BUSH AND MILITARY FORCES, ETC, THEIR CONCEPT MAP, THE INFORMATION ON THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A

FACT SHEET ON NATURE CONSERVANCY AND WHO THEY ARE, INFORMATION ON THE GREENWAY, ETC.

SHE AGREED TO GIVE THE BOARD THE STATISTICS FROM THE POLLING SURVEYS DONE ON THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE TIME TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED. CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MIKE WELCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO BEGIN EXPLORING WAYS FOR THEM TO EXTEND HOYT STREET FROM SOUTH BOULEVARD ACROSS THE WCSB PROPERTY TO BRICKYARD ROAD. HE STATED THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO RE-DO THE BUS LOOP SO IT WOULD SUBJECT THE BUSES AT ROULHAC TO MATCH UP WITH THE HOYT STREET EXTENSION. HE ALSO ADVISED IT WOULD NOT AFFECT ANY WETLANDS NOR CONCEDE ANYONES PROPERTY AS SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE WCSB'S REQUEST.

LAURA JONES, SENIOR PROBATION OFFICER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROBATION PROGRAM ADVISING THEY WERE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK AND ARE LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. SHE SAID THEY WERE CURRENTLY WORKING WITHIN THEIR BUDGET AND ARE HOPING TO GET A NEW COPIER AND SOFTWARE IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

SHE REPORTED THE PROBATION OFFICE HAD COLLECTED, THUS FAR THIS YEAR, \$35,622.58 IN COSTS FOR SUPERVISION; HER GOAL IS TO BRING IN \$5,000 PER MONTH.

SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AGENCIES THEY ARE WORKING WITH ON THEIR CLIENTS WHO HAVE TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK.

TED EVERITT, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE UPCOMING BALLOON FESTIVAL EVENTS AND ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS. WHEN ASKED IF ANY STREETS WOULD BE CLOSED, EVERITT ADVISED RAILROAD AVENUE BY THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM WOULD BE THE ONLY STREET CLOSED.

EVERITT ALSO ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NO SHUTTLE SERVICE OFFERED THIS YEAR.

STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON, BEGAN WITH HER REPORT:

1. HERITAGE VILLAGE-DUE TO THE MOSS HILL LOCATION NOT WORKING OUT, THE HERITAGE VILLAGE COMMITTEE WAS REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE PROPERTY LOCATION. THEY WERE REQUESTING THE BOARD CONSIDER LOOKING AT DESIGNATING 40 ACRES GOING INTO DANIELS LAKE PARK AS THE NEW SITE. SHE EXPLAINED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY FOR A GREENWAY TRAIL, A BIRD SANCTUARY, ETC. ON THIS SITE; THEY COULD ACCESS WATER, ELECTRICITY AND BATHROOMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE PARK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A PROPERTY LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE HERITAGE VILLAGE SITE.

2. CDBG GRANT FOR QUAIL HOLLOW-SHE HAD SPOKEN TO TALLAHASSEE ON THE GRANT AND IT LOOKED FAVORABLE.
3. COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT-WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON REIMBURSEMENTS HAVING BEEN SENT IN FOR THIS GRANT; THE PROJECT IS ALMOST COMPLETE.
4. BRICKYARD ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT-WEBB REPORTED SHE WAS BEGINNING TO CLOSE OUT THIS PROJECT AND SUBMITTING REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS.
5. FALLING WATERS GOLF COURSE-WEBB REPORTED, BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED, SHE WAS NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THIS PROJECT; THE BUREAU OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SEEMS INTERESTED AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS ACTIVELY PURSUING THE PURCHASE OF THE GOLF COURSE.
6. SHIP-WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM ADVISING IT WAS DOING VERY WELL.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPOSALS FROM C. W. ROBERTS-KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD HAD APPROVED THE PROPOSALS FROM C. W. ROBERTS FOR THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT, AG CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT, NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PARKING LOT PROJECT, ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY PROJECT, HIGHWAY 273 PROJECT AND CREEK ROAD PROJECT; HOWEVER, THEY NEVER GOT SIGNED. HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THE PROPOSALS TO THE CHAIRMAN FOR HIS SIGNATURE. COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHO WOULD PAY C. W. ROBERTS FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PARKING LOT PROJECT. THE BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING WAS THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE WITH THEM; HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL WOULD REIMBURSE THE COST. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON C. W. ROBERTS CHARGING ONLY ONE MOBILIZATION FEE FOR ALL OF THE PROJECTS; KNAUER ADVISED ROBERTS HAS AGREED TO WORK WITH THE BOARD; HOWEVER, THEY DON'T WANT TO COMMIT TO ONE FEE UNTIL THEY KNOW ALL PROJECTS WILL BE READY TO DO AT ONE TIME. HE REMINDED THE BOARD THE FINAL DRESSING AND SHOULDERS ON THE PROJECTS WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE LINERS TO BE PUT IN THE PIPES ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AROUND KAYS CORNER AND FELT LIKE THIS COST SHOULD COME FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE COST FOR THE LINERS WOULD BE \$13,216. CORBIN SAID HE COULD PROBABLY FUND THIS EXPENSE BUT REITERATED IT SHOULD COME FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING A PROBLEM WITH PUTTING 2" ASPHALT ON THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT AS HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS NEEDED ALL OVER, ONLY IN CERTAIN PARTS. KNAUER POINTED OUT THE PROBLEM WAS THE CRACKS IN THE EXISTING PARKING LOT WOULD COME BACK THROUGH IF PROPER AMOUNT WAS NOT PUT DOWN. COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED, FOR COST SAVINGS, TO CUT DOWN ON ASPHALT QUANTITIES AND ONLY PUT 2" WHERE NEEDED. KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT AND WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DESIGN FOR THE PROJECT OR THE LIMITS OF PAVEMENT. THE BOARD RECOMMENDED HE GET WITH PAT SCHLENKER AT THE HOSPITAL ON WHAT WAS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THE BOARD COMMITTED TO ANYTHING ON THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT THAT WOULDN'T BE PAID FOR BY THE HOSPITAL.
2. PUBLIC WORKS RENOVATIONS-KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD A LAYOUT ON WHAT PUBLIC WORKS WAS WANTING TO DO FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE; HE REQUESTED THE BOARD MARK UP THE LAYOUT TO SEE WHAT THEY MAY WANT CHANGED SO IT CAN BE FINALIZED. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD UP ON THIS PROJECT UNTIL THE BUDGET ISSUES ARE WORKED OUT.
3. DISTRICT 1/DORCH CIRCLE-KNAUER REPORTED HE HAD MET WITH FL-DEP ON PROPERTY BEHIND DORCH CIRCLE; HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING FUNDING THROUGH A WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM THROUGH FL-DEP. COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED KNAUER SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT AND THE COUNTY DO THE WORK THEMSELVES. KNAUER REQUESTED APPROVAL TO GET A \$100 CHECK FROM BOARD FINANCE FOR THE DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER HALL'S REQUEST.
4. COLEMAN AVENUE-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROJECT;

THE SIDEWALK THAT TIES IN ON 3RD STREET NEEDS MOVING BACK ABOUT 25' TO MAKE IT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD PROBABLY WILL HAVE \$50,000 TIED UP IN THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT WHEN THEY GET THROUGH WITH IT AND THEY ONLY COMMITTED \$10,000. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER COPE TO TALK WITH THE CITY ON REIMBURSING THE COUNTY FOR SOME OF THE COSTS INCURRED. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS NECESSARY TO TALK TO THE CITY COUNCIL; THE CITY WOULD CORRECT THE SIDEWALK TO MAKE IT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY WAS SUPPOSE TO BUILD COLEMAN ROAD; HE UNDERSTOOD THE COUNTY WAS COMMITTING TO ASPHALT THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO MEET WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT NOTIFY HIM WHEN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S MEETING WILL BE HELD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER CORBIN TALK WITH JIM MORRIS, CITY MANAGER, ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD TELL HIM NOW IF THEY UNDERSTOOD THE BOARD WAS SUPPOSE TO PAY FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT THE ASPHALTING ON COLEMAN AVENUE. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCING MORRIS COMING BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM DUE TO COUNTY CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY'S PROGRAM; THE BOARD AGREED TO PAVE COLEMAN AVENUE AND COMMITTED \$10,000 TO DO SO WITH THE CITY TO FUND THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM WHAT THEY HAD ESTIMATED THE COST (\$25,000) FOR THEM TO DO THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF HE WAS THE ONLY ONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXPENSE IT HAS COST THE COUNTY TO DO THE PROJECT. HE ALSO ASKED IF THE BOARD COMMITTED TO BUILD THE ROAD OR RESURFACE THE ROAD AND DID THE BOARD COMMIT MORE THAN THE ASPHALT.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD NOT CHARGED THE COUNTY ANYTHING FOR HIS COMPANY'S SERVICES ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT.

5. BIKE PATH PROJECT-COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED KNAUER THE BOARD TOOK CARE OF THIS ISSUE UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA.
6. LAP APPROVAL-KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD SINCE THEY ARE A LAP APPROVED COUNTY, ANYTIME ON A LAP PROJECT, THE COUNTY CAN BUILD A PROJECT AND BE REIMBURSED FROM FL-DOT WHEN THE PROJECT COMES UP FOR FUNDING UNDER THEIR PROGRAM. HE ADDRESSED FL-DOT HAVING TO APPROVE THE PROJECT PRIOR TO THE BOARD STARTING CONSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE REIMBURSEMENT WOULD INCLUDE WORK DONE INHOUSE. KNAUER AGREED TO CHECK TO SEE IF WORK DONE INHOUSE WAS REIMBURSABLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PROBLEMS WITH THE BRICKYARD ROAD SIDE- WALK PROJECT. KNAUER ADVISED THE BURSTED PIPE HAD BEEN FIXED AND A LOT OF CRACKS IN THE CONCRETE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE ONE YEAR TIME FRAME FROM THE DATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED, TO MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER COPE TO MEET WITH KNAUER AND THE CONTRACTOR ON THE PROJECT SITE TO MAKE SURE ALL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED WITH THE PROJECT AND THE BOARD IS SATISFIED PRIOR TO PAYING THE CONTRACTOR'S FINAL INVOICE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROBLEMS WITH THE JOINER ROAD PROJECT. KNAUER AGREED TO GET THE ENTIRE ROAD CORED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$600. HE REMINDED THE BOARD THERE WAS ALSO A ONE YEAR ROAD MAINTENANCE WITH THE CONTRACTOR ON THIS PROJECT.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE SPREADER THE CONTRACTOR USED ON THE PROJECT WAS SET AT 10.6' AND COULDN'T BE ADJUSTED TO 10'; HE ADVISED THE CONTRACTOR WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED ON THE PROJECT THE SPREADER WAS WIDER THAN WHAT IT SHOULD BE AND THEY BASICALLY SAID THEY WOULD MAKE SURE THEIR QUANTITIES COME OUT CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN, FOR THE RECORD, SAID HE DID NOT GIVE THE CONTRACTOR ANY INSTRUCTIONS ON THE JOB.

KNAUER AGREED TO SEE IF THE CONTRACTOR, HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION, WOULD PAY FOR THE CORING.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON NEEDING A \$300 CHECK TO TURN IN AN APPLICATION TO FL-DEP FOR A LIMITED USE WATER WELL PERMIT FOR CAMPBELL PARK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PERMITS THAT HAD BEEN OBTAINED FOR OTHER WELLS AT OTHER COUNTY PARKS. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE WELL AT ST. JOSEPH PARK; BROWN WELL DRILLING GOT A CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT FROM THE NFWFMD AND A FL-DEP PERMIT. AT DANIELS LAKE PARK, KNAUER ADVISED THE CONTRACTOR WAS GOING TO GET TWO PERMITS FOR THAT AS WELL; HOWEVER, CECELIA WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION ALL THE PERMITS WERE NOT OBTAINED BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE OR NOT.

KNAUER STATED IN THE PAST, THE DRILLERS USUALLY PULL THE PERMITS. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HANDLE THE WELL AT CAMPBELL PARK THEMSELVES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PERMIT COST FOR THE CAMPBELL PARK WELL AND OTHER COUNTY PARK WELLS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING JUST PAID \$200 FOR A WELL PERMIT AND HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GET A WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE WAS A CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT THAT HAD TO BE ACQUIRED FROM NFWFMD THAT HE NEVER RECALLS PAYING A FEE FOR.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH ON WHY IT IS BEING DONE NOW AT CAMPBELL PARK, KNAUER SAID A CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT WAS DONE AT ST. JOSEPH PARK AND ANY PARK HE WAS INVOLVED WITH BUT THE CONTRACTOR USUALLY GOT THE PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM KNAUER TO PAY \$300 FOR A WELL PERMIT FOR CAMPBELL PARK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD GIVE KNAUER A TENTATIVE DATE WHEN THEY WOULD BE READY TO START ALL THE PAVING PROJECTS SO HE CAN GET WITH THE CONTRACTOR ON THE DATE; THE PAVING ON COLEMAN, AG CENTER, ORANGE HILL, NWFCH, SOUTH BOULEVARD, ETC. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT COUNTY WORK WAS LEFT TO BE DONE ON THESE PROJECTS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TENTATIVELY START ALL PROJECTS BY JUNE 1ST.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CAMPBELL PARK SEPTIC TANK BEING ADVERTISED FOR BIDS AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE ACTION TO AWARD IT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER WHEN THE BIDS COME IN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE BID TO THE LOWEST BIDDER WHEN THEY COME IN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON A RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED CONVEYING THE OLD ROULHAC PROPERTY TO T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER, INC. LESS THE PART THE CITY IS USING, LESS THE PART THE COUNTY IS GOING TO RESERVE FOR ACCESS FOR \$10; THE LAND CONVEYED TO THEM WILL HAVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REQUIRING THE LAND ONLY BE USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES THAT WOULD PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND WELFARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AS SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES.



COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED MS. JOSEPHINE ROBINSON IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR THE CAR SEATS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS STORED AT THE FACILITY TO REMAIN THERE UNTIL ANOTHER STORAGE PLACE CAN BE FOUND. ROBINSON AGREED THIS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED MR. EULESS SHEFFIELD HAVING AGREED TO DO THE SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS BEING ATTACHED TO IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE WANTED THE PROPERTY TO BE REVERTED BACK TO THE COUNTY SHOULD T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER DECIDE THEY WANT TO DISSOLVE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THIS WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO GET THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION TO DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WHEN HE GETS ALL THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ATTACHED.

JOSEPHINE ROBINSON QUESTIONED IF SOUTH BOULEVARD AND ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY PROJECTS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY JUNE; COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HER THEY WOULD BE COMPLETED.

ROBINSON ADDRESSED CULVERTS NEAR HER HOME WERE ALMOST CLOSED UP; COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF THAT PROBLEM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD THE RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED DESIGNATING PART OF STATE PARK ROAD AS RALPH C. CARTER PARKWAY. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED COMMISSIONER HALL ON HAVING SENT A LETTER TO GRANGER ASPHALT'S BONDING COMPANY AND COPIED IT TO C. W. ROBERTS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD'S CONCERNS ON HIGHWAY 280.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING--THE DATE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED UNTIL MAY 11, 2004; THE BOARD HAD TENTATIVELY APPROVED IT FOR MAY 10TH. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE DATE CHANGE.
2. RECYCLING SCRAP MATERIALS--HERBERT ADDRESSED PROBLEMS WITH PEOPLE TRYING TO GET INTO THE SCRAP PILE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER AFTER AMNESTY DAY. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE OF ADVERTISING FOR SOMEONE TO COLLECT THE SCRAP MATERIALS TWICE A MONTH. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS--LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$2,400 IN BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET IN ORDER TO DO MAINTENANCE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY FACILITY; PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO MSBU--TAKING \$22,093.10 FROM ROAD CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM AND REIMBURSING MSBU COUNTY MATCH LINE ITEM FOR FILL THAT WAS CHARGED TO MSBU; CHARGING \$19,478.14 TO THE MSBU COUNTY MATCH LINE ITEM AND REIMBURSING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE LINE ITEMS; PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET--TRANSFER FROM ANIMAL SERVICE IMPOUNDED ANIMALS REVENUES TO ANIMAL SERVICES REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE \$2,000 AND \$600 TO ANIMAL SERVICES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.  
ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ALL THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
4. POLICY CHANGES: HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF POLICY CHANGE ON SECTION 6.04--UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE; CHANGE THE

"USE IT" OR "LOSE IT" DATE FROM JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR TO DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR. SECTION 6.05-DONATION OF ANNUAL LEAVE; DONATIONS OF ANNUAL LEAVE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION ON POLICY CHANGES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR MARCH 2004 TOTTALLING \$1,360,240.06. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON A BUDGET AMENDMENT TAKING \$40,000 OUT OF THE BARROW PIT LINE ITEM FROM LAST YEAR AND PUTTING IN COMMISSIONER BROCK'S DISTRICT MONIES IN ROAD AND BRIDGE AND AN ADJUSTMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET ON ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY LINE ITEM DUE TO ACTUAL SALARY BEING LESS THAN ESTIMATED SALARY; \$1790 FOR THE BOARD AND \$982 FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON A GRANT THE SHERIFF RECEIVES THROUGH THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM; THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND DESIGNATE WILLIAM D. FINCH TO COORDINATE THE PREPARATION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR FUNDING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND DESIGNATE WILLIAM D. FINCH AS COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHITE OAK CHURCH HAVING BEEN DESTROYED MANY YEARS AGO; HE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN, HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THE SYFRETT FAMILY AND THEY HAVE INFORMATION WRITTEN DOWN ABOUT THE CHURCH. HE AND ROGER ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ERECTING A SIGN AND IF THE BOARD HAS NO OBJECTIONS HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT UP A BRASS MONUMENT WITH WORDING ON IT; HE AGREED TO BRING THE WORDING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, DALLAS CARTER AND ROBERT HARCUS, RECOMMENDING DENNIS SMOTHERS BE MOVED TO THE FLOATER POSITION LEFT VACANT BY RONNIE RILEY. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO TRANSFER DENNIS SMOTHERS TO THE FLOATER POSITION LEFT VACANT BY RONNIE RILEY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT BEING NEEDED BADLY AT LEISURE LAKES DUE TO THE ROAD CONDITIONS. HE ALSO REFERENCED COMMISSIONER HALL NEEDING THE EQUIPMENT WITH HIS PROJECT ALSO. THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK TO WORK TOGETHER ON GETTING THE WORK DONE ON THESE PROJECTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY GLEN ZANETIC ON A LIST OF LANDS IN SUNNY HILLS WHICH A TAX DEED APPLICATION WAS ADVERTISED FOR AND NO ONE PURCHASED; THERE IS A PROCEDURE WHERE THE BOARD CAN GET TITLES TO THE LANDS AND SELL THEM TO GET THEIR TAXES BACK.

WHEN COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THIS WOULD COST THE COUNTY A LOT OF MONEY TO GET THE TITLES, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO GET AN ESTIMATED COST.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE AND GLEN HAD LOOKED AT SOME OF THE PROPERTY AND THERE ARE 300 TO 500 GOOD MARKETABLE PROPERTIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN IDEA GLEN ZANETIC HAD COME UP WITH; TAKE SOME OF THE PROPERTIES AND ADVERTISE FOR FREE LAND AND THE COUNTY COULD GET BACK THE TAXES ON THE HOUSE.

ZANETIC REFERENCED THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED TO THEM ON WHAT MONIES THEY COULD MAKE IF THEY CHOSE TO ADVERTISE THE PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

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DEPUTY CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 04/22/04