

BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/25/04

MARCH 25, 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 BROCK, COPE, CORBIN, FINCH AND HALL PRESENT. CLERK LINDA COOK, ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. MR. ALCUS BROCK OFFERED PRAYER AND COMMISSIONER COPE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22 AND FEBRUARY 26, 2004 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 25, 2004:

- A. MODIFICATION TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING CONTRACT TO INCREASE IT BY \$11,198.
- B. APPROVAL OF WEATHER SATELLITE SYSTEM MODIFICATION WITH METEROLGIX FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD AT A COST OF \$5,079 FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
- C. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH
- D. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WEEK OF APRIL 18-24, 2004 AS WALKING WEEK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
- E. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MONTH OF MAY AS CIVILITY MONTH
- F. WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR CHIPLEY PEEWEE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD FUNDRAISER FOR UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON A PLAT VACATION FOR GAP COVE ESTATES, BLOCKS B & C, PETER C. RAY REVOCABLE TRUST, SAID HEARING WAS HELD.

RICHARD HARPER, REPRESENTING PETER C. RAY TRUST, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST FOR PLAT VACATION; THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE FOUR 4.5 ACRE PARCELS RATHER THAN SEVENTEEN PARCELS.

RANDY PARKER, WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING CONSULTANT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST:

- A. WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND 9-1-1 REVIEWED REQUEST
- B. ACCESS WILL BE OFF OF EXISTING COUNTY ROAD, GAP BOULEVARD
- C. NO ONE WILL BE DENIED ACCESS
- D. NO ACCESS TO THE LAKE WILL BE AFFECTED
- E. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PLAT VACATION

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

ALCUS BROCK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS WITH THE WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, REQUESTED THE BOARD WAIVE THE PERMIT FEES FOR THE EBRO BAPTIST CHURCH; THEY ARE PLANNING ON AN ADDITION FOR AN ACTIVITIES CENTER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY UNDER THE SUPER- VISION OF THE CHURCH.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE INSPECTIONS FOR THE CHURCH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH WAIVING THE FEES FOR THE CHURCH; HOWEVER, HE ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TRIED TO GET THE BOARD TO ELIMINATE PERMIT FEES FOR CHURCHES IN THE PAST BUT THE BOARD FAILED TO APPROVE IT. HE POINTED OUT HE REALIZED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR WAS A CONTRACTURAL POSITION AT THAT TIME AND IS NOW A COUNTY EMPLOYEE; BUT, THE COUNTY WOULD BE SETTING A PRECEDENCE IF THEY APPROVE THE REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID INDIVIDUAL CASES SHOULD STAND ON THEIR OWN WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH STATING IT WOULD BE HARD TO DO CASE BY CASE ON CHURCHES.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID CHURCHES SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE RESIDENTIAL FOR ADDITIONS BUT IF IT IS A NEW FACILITY, THEY SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR PERMITTING FEES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD BE CONSISTENT WITH WHATEVER ACTION THEY TAKE TODAY ON CHURCHES.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO WAIVE ALL PERMIT FEES FOR EBRO BAPTIST CHURCH. MR. ALCUS WAS ADVISED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR WOULD STILL DO INSPECTIONS ON THE ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH; HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE FOR THESE SERVICES.

LINDA NORTON. LIBRARIAN, UPDATED THE BOARD ON A NEW FEDERAL LAW ON INTERNET FILTERING WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST; THERE IS A BILL IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE THAT WILL TAKE THE FEDERAL LAW AND GO FAR BEYOND ANYTHING THE FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES. SHE PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THEY CONSIDER ADOPTING WHICH OPPOSES SENATE BILL 1552 C-1. NORTON REQUESTED THEY CONTACT THEIR SENATORS AND LEGISLATORS AND LOBBY AGAINST THIS BILL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST TO THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THIS LAW SHOULD IT TAKE EFFECT; THE COMPUTER PROGRAMMER, MALCOLM GAINNEY, HAD ADVISED IT WOULD COST IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 TO PROVIDE A SERVER PER LIBRARY PLUS THE SOFTWARE NEEDED.

NORTON EMPHASIZED HER OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1552 C-1 AND NOTED THE LIBRARIAN WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF SOMEONE USED OBSCENITY OR PORNOGRAPHY AND NOT THE PATRON; SHE DOESN'T FEEL THIS IS THE LIBRARIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND SEND IT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE.

STACY WEBB, GRANTS PERSON, CONDUCTED A FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP FOR THE PUBLIC AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT. SHE PROVIDED HANDOUTS ON FAIR HOUSING STATING THEY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY NOR ANY OF ITS RESIDENTS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST ANYONE BASED ON RACE, COLOR, ANCESTRY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAN STATUS, AGE OR HANDICAP.

WEBB REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY MONIES TO PROMOTE TRAINING, EXERCISES, ENHANCEMENT AND PLANNING FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; THE GRANT FUNDING TOTALS \$56,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO AUTHORIZE WEBB TO SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION.

WEBB WAS ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE A COUNTY MATCH AND IF THE EXERCISES WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. SHE REPORTED THERE WAS NO COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WOULD BE COORDINATING THESE ACTIVITIES AND IN CHARGE OF THE GRANT AND SHE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECORDKEEPING, MONITORING VISITS AND PAPER WORK.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WEBB REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE TOWN OF WAUSAU; THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO WHAT SHE IS DOING IN CARYVILLE AND EBRO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR OF HER ASSISTING THESE SMALL TOWNS; HOWEVER, THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE COUNTY RECEIVING GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON SEVERAL PROJECTS:

1. COST ESTIMATE FOR QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD-\$845,728 WITH NO INVOLVEMENT FROM THE COUNTY; THIS WOULD COVER STRIPING, SEEDING, GRASSING, CONCRETE, ETC.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING A \$300,000 MATCH COMMITMENT AND THE COUNTY DOING INKIND WORK FOR THE MATCH. WEBB REITERATED WHAT SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD THE BOARD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING GOOD RECORDS ON

INKIND SERVICES PROVIDED TOWARD THE PROJECT.  
KNAUER ADDRESSED THE GRANT APPLICATION DELIENIATING ON WHAT PART OF THE \$300,000 IS CASH MONEY AND WHAT WILL BE INKIND; HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON IT HELPING WITH THE COUNTY'S STATUS ON GETTING A GRANT IF THEY PROVIDE MORE MATCH.  
WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR CURRENT SCORE OF 765 POINTS FOR THEIR CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR QUAIL HOLLOW BEING HIGHER THAN THE 719 POINTS SCORED WHEN THEY WERE AWARDED FUNDING FOR RATTLEBOX, JOINER AND HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE COUNTY MATCH WITH KNAUER AND WEBB RE-EMPHASIZING THE GRANT WOULD SCORE HIGHER WITH A GREATER AMOUNT OF CASH MATCH; ANY INKIND MATCH WOULD REDUCE THE POINTS FOR THE GRANT. WEBB STATED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SHOWN ON THE GRANT APPLICATION WHERE THE \$300,000 WOULD BE USED.

WEBB TOLD THE BOARD EACH JURISDICTION HAS A COUNTY WIDE NEEDS SCORE BASED ON POPULATION; BECAUSE THE NEW CENSUS HAS COME IN, ALL COUNTIES STATE WIDE NEEDS SCORE HAS GONE UP AND THIS IS THE BASE POINTS THEY WORK WITH. SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE AFRAID TO MESS WITH THE \$300,000 CASH MATCH. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LEAVE IT AS A \$300,000 CASH MATCH AND IF THE BOARD CAN'T FUND THE MATCH, THEY WILL RETURN THE GRANT.

2. KNAUER PROVIDED A QUOTE FROM C. W. ROBERTS TO PAVE THREE MILES ON CREEK ROAD USING THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT PRICE OF \$42 PER TON FOR ASPHALT; 3080 TONS OF ASPHALT AT \$42 PER TON AND \$2500 FOR MOBILIZATION FOR A TOTAL OF \$131,860. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE C. W. ROBERTS TO DO THE PAVING OF CREEK ROAD WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM COMMISSIONER HALL'S DISTRICT MONIES.
3. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FL-DOT PROJECT; THE GORE PROPERTY WAS LAID OUT AND IS READY TO MOVE FORWARD. THE BOARD ADVISED KNAUER THEY WERE ALREADY WORKING ON THE GORE PROPERTY.
4. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT; THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED GOING TO COLEMAN AVENUE AFTER THEY FINISHED THE GORE PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD HAVING PLEDGED \$10,000 TO PAVE COLEMAN AVENUE; HOWEVER, THE PROJECT COST HAS ESCULATED DUE TO THE COUNTY DOING THE SURVEYING, ETC. COMMISSIONER CORBIN WAS IN FAVOR OF STOPPING AS CLOSE TO \$10,000 AS POSSIBLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE AMOUNT OF PAVING TO BE DONE ON COLEMAN AVENUE; KNAUER ADVISED HIS PLANS CALLED FOR PAVING ALL OF COLEMAN AVENUE. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS ONLY THE LOWER PART WAS TO BE PAVED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD'S ASSUMPTION COLEMAN AVENUE, AG CENTER PROJECT, HOSPITAL PROJECT AND THE SOUTH BOULEVARD WOULD BE DONE TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THE \$2,500 PER PROJECT MOBILIZATION CHARGE BY C. W. ROBERTS.

KNAUER REPORTED HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH C. W. ROBERTS AND IF THE BOARD HAD ALL THE PROJECTS READY TO BE DONE AT ONE TIME, THEY WOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE MOBILIZATION CHARGES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED KNAUER TO CONFIRM WITH C. W. ROBERTS THEY WOULD CHARGE ONLY ONE

MOBILIZATION FEE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR DISCUSSION, ONCE ALL THE \$10,000 COMMITMENT FOR COLEMAN AVENUE IS REACHED, ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT SPENT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF COMMISSIONER COPE HAS THE FUNDING AND WANTS TO DO THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT, HE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO SO. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE COULD DO IT ALL IF ONLY ONE MOBILIZATION FEE WAS CHARGED AND IT COULD BE CHARGED TO THE AG CENTER GRANT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED HE WOULD ASSIST COMMISSIONER COPE IF THERE WAS A SMALL OVERRUN ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT; HE REFERENCED THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT BEING A TRADEOFF FOR RECREATION FOR THE KIDS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AMENDED HIS MOTION, IF THE COST TO DO THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT EXCEEDED THE \$10,000 COMMITTED, CAP IT AT \$15,000, WITH COMMISSIONER COPE, BROCK AND POSSIBLY COMMISSIONER HALL, TAKING CARE OF THE OVERRUN FROM THEIR DISTRICT MONIES. COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT; ANDERSON COLUMBIA HAS AGREED TO START BACK ON HOLMES VALLEY PROJECT ON APRIL 1, 2004.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO LET THE EQUIPMENT, WHEN THEY FINISH THE RETENTION PROPERTY, GO TO COLEMAN AVENUE AND THE AG CENTER TO GET THOSE PROJECTS COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER COPE TO WORK THOSE TWO PROJECTS AND PUSH THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT NEEDING TO GET BACK IN THE DISTRICTS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED POWER POLES ARE GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROJECT; SOME OF THEM WILL BE VERY CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE PAVEMENT IF THEY DON'T GET MOVED. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE POWER POLES WERE GOING TO BE MOVED; KNAUER SAID THAT WAS THE PLAN BUT SOMETIMES THINGS DON'T HAPPEN AS FAST AS THEY SHOULD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED KNAUER BE PRESENT WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA DOES THE OVERLAY ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD COMMIT TO HIM THE USE OF ALL THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT WHEN HE GETS READY TO DO THE LEISURE LAKE AND CRYSTAL LAKE PROJECTS. DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT HAVING BEEN TIED UP ON THE JOHNSON/GORE PROJECT AND NOW THE BOARD HAVING TAKEN ACTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE AG CENTER AND COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECTS, HE ADDRESSED HIM NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANY WORK ON THE CRYSTAL LAKE AND LEISURE LAKE PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE REMAINDER OF WORK LEFT TO BE DONE ON THESE PROJECTS WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER ADVISING EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER TO START THE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING USE OF ALL THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THESE TWO PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT ACQUIRING ANOTHER DOZIER; COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT BUDGETING FOR A DOZIER AS WELL AS AN EXCAVATOR.

CYNTHIA WATKINS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SEGREST WOLF PRESERVE SHE AND HER HUSBAND, WAYNE WATKINS, FORMED IN 1999 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THEY ARE MAKING HISTORY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PUTTING CHIPLEY ON THE MAP. SHE REPORTED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO COME TO VISIT THEIR PRESERVE.

WATKINS STATED THEY WERE A 5013C NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND RELY SOLELY ON SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS TO EXIST. DUE TO ALL THEIR ENCLOSURES FOR THE WOLVES AT SEGREST BEING TEMPORARY, THEY ARE WANTING TO BUILD A NEW THREE ACRE ENCLOSURE WITH A 10' NINE GAUGE CHAIN LINK PRIMARY FENCE AND AN 8' PERIMETER FENCE.

WATKINS SAID SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE HERE TODAY TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT THEIR WORK AND THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THEY ARE PROVIDING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY REQUESTED THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN GETTING SOME LARGE CULVERTS DONATED BY SIKES CONCRETE COMPANY TO THEIR PROPERTY; THE CULVERTS WOULD BE WOLFGED IN FOR THEIR ENCLOSURES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED, TO ASSIST THE WATKINS WITH HAULING THE CULVERTS TO THEIR PROPERTY AND UNLOADING THEM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THIS PROJECT BE COORDINATED WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS IN COMMISSIONER FINCH'S DISTRICT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF PIPES TO BE HAULED AND THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

CHAIRMAN HALL APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FINCH TO COORDINATE THE HAULING AND UNLOADING OF THE CULVERTS TO THE WATKINS PROPERTY. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEANN DAVIDSON, DIRECTOR OF NURSING AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL, REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF WAIVING THE FEES FOR EMS TO USE THE ORANGE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT CARDIAC ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT AND PEDIATRIC ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: APRIL 12 & 13, JUNE 21 & 22, OCTOBER 18 & 19 AND NOVEMBER 8 & 9 FROM 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR THESE DATES TO BE COORDINATED WITH DAVID CORBIN; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IS TO CONTACT DAVIDSON IF THERE ARE ANY CONFLICTING DATES.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, EULESS SHEFFIELD, REPRESENTING THE T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ISSUES THEY NEED ANSWERS ON AND THEIR DESIRE TO TRY AND RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THEY MAY HAVE WITH THE BOARD.

HE DISCUSSED STUMBLING BLOCKS THEY HAD RAN ACROSS EVERYTIME THEY STARTED TO DO SOMETHING AT THE CENTER:

- A. THEY HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR SIX MONTHS TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS REQUIRED FOR THE ROOF TO BE REPLACED. ONCE WORD GOT OUT THEY WERE GOING TO REPLACE THE ROOF, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PUT A STOP ORDER ON IT.
- B. THE YARD WORK AT THE FACILITY WAS BEING TAKEN CARE OF AT ONE TIME BY THE COUNTY; THAT HAS STOPPED AND T. J. ROULHAC IS TAKING CARE OF IT THEMSELVES.
- C. THEY ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY TO GET SOME THINGS FIXED AT THE FACILITY AND WAS REFUSED HELP; THEY TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO FIX THEM.

SHEFFIELD EXPLAINED THEY WERE TRYING TO UTILIZE THE T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER; BUT, IF THINGS KEEP GOING THE WAY THEY ARE NOW, EVERYTHING WILL DETERIORATE. HE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM AND IF THEY WEREN'T DOING SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THE COUNTY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

SHEFFIELD ITERATED THEY WERE TRYING TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDE ADULT EDUCATION AND PROVIDE COMPUTER TRAINING.

SHEFFIELD ADDRESSED THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE FACILITY AND QUESTIONED WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO GO UNDER THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE POLICY WITH T. J. ROULHAC REIMBURSING THEM FOR THE PREMIUM. HE SAID HE AND OTHER MEMBERS HAD HEARD AT A MEETING THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE BUT IT CAN'T BE FOUND IN THE MINUTES.

SHEFFIELD SAID THEY WERE NOT TRYING TO TAKE OVER WASHINGTON COUNTY BUT ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE BOARD FRESH START

HAS JOINED THEM IN THE WORK THEY ARE TRYING TO DO BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT IF EVERYTIME THEY START TO DO SOMETHING, THEY ARE BEING PUSHED TO THE SIDE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED SHEFFIELD ADDRESS ONE ISSUE AT A TIME AND LET THE BOARD VOTE ON THEM INDIVIDUALLY.

SHEFFIELD REQUESTED THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING AGREED TO PAY THE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE FACILITY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT POINTED OUT COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS ARE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY POLICY; BUT, WHEN THEY LEASE A FACILITY TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEY REQUIRE THEM TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN CASE SOMEONE IS AT THE BUILDING, AND IT IS NOT A BOARD SPONSORED ACTIVITY, AND GETS HURT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE BOARD COULD PUT T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER UNDER THE BOARD'S LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY AND LET THEM PAY THE PREMIUM. DUE TO NO ONE HAVING THE ANSWER, THE BOARD TOLD SHEFFIELD THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THEIR INSURANCE CARRIER AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF SHEFFIELD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE T. J. ROULHAC FACILITY AND IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS THE SOUTH END OF THE PROPERTY BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE RAILROAD FOR ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.

SHEFFIELD TOLD THE BOARD, WHEN THEY LOOK AT SELLING IT, THAT SOME OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONDEMNED AND MOST PEOPLE CONSIDER IT TO BE A HIGH RISK AREA. HE ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE TO TALK WITH THE COMMITTEE ABOUT PURCHASING IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THERE WAS A NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE INSURANCE ISSUE IF T. J. ROULHAC WAS GOING TO CONSIDER PURCHASING THE PROPERTY. MS. SHEFFIELD ADDRESSED THE BOARD REITERATING THEY HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE THE LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THE FACILITY; WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THE BOARD WASN'T GOING TO PROVIDE IT, THEY HAD TO CLOSE DOWN THE GYM AND THE CHILDREN ARE UPSET ABOUT THIS. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED FRESH START WANTING TO DO THINGS AT THE FACILITY BUT THEY NEED LIABILITY INSURANCE; AFTER GOING TO CLARKS INSURANCE SERVICE, HE ADVISED THE CHEAPEST RATE HE COULD FIND WAS \$5,000.

EULESS SHEFFIELD SAID IT WAS ALSO HIS UNDERSTANDING WHEN THEY LEASED THE FACILITY, THEY WERE LEASING EVERYTHING; BUT, HAS SINCE LEARNED THE COUNTY HAS DEEDED SOME OF IT TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

THE BOARD EXPLAINED TO SHEFFIELD THE COUNTY HAD DEEDED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PROPERTY FOR A WATER TANK BUT THE CITY AGREED TO ALLOW T. J. ROULHAC TO CONTINUE TO USE ALL THE PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.

COMMISSIONER COPE INFORMED SHEFFIELD THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY PROPERTY BEHIND THE BALLFIELDS MAY HAVE TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO OFFER THE PROPERTY TO T. J. ROULHAC ENRICHMENT CENTER FOR \$10 EXCLUDING THE PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HOSPITAL, THE BUILDINGS, THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND BETWEEN THE TWO EASEMENTS. COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AMENDED HIS MOTION TO READ THE BOARD IS OFFERING THE T. J. ROULHAC PROPERTY TO THE ENRICHMENT CENTER AND IF THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT, ATTORNEY HOLLEY WILL PREPARE THE DEED LESS THE PROPERTY ALREADY DEEDED TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, LESS THE EASEMENT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AT THE NORTH END OF THE BUILDING, LESS THE EASEMENT NEEDED ACROSS THE PROPERTY BEHIND THE BUILDINGS AND ACROSS THE RAILROAD FOR ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AND PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID A SURVEY WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT T. J. ROULHAC WOULD BE PURCHASING AND QUESTIONED SHEFFIELD IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY FOR A SURVEY.

SHEFFIELD AGREED THEY WOULD PAY FOR A SURVEY IF THE COMMITTEE AGREES TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE LEGAL WAY TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE THOUGHT IT HAD TO BE ADVERTISED BUT THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO ASK ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND COPE AGREED TO AMEND THEIR MOTION TO INCLUDE CONTINGENT ON ATTORNEY HOLLEY APPROVING THE BOARD COULD SELL THE PROPERTY TO THEM.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHEFFIELD THEN REQUESTED THEY BE ALLOWED TO PUT UP THE PROPER LIGHTING AT ST. JOSEPH PARK SITE WITH THEM PROVIDING THE LIGHTS AND FURNISHING SOMEONE TO PUT THEM UP. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE SHEFFIELD TO PUT UP THE LIGHTS THEY WANT AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY.

MS. SHEFFIELD QUESTIONED IF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY NEEDED THE TRACK AND THE BALLFIELD AT THE OLD ROULHAC SCHOOL; THE BOARD ADVISED HER SHE WOULD NEED TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON THE PORTION OF PROPERTY THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY DEEDED TO THEM.

C. J. SILVIA REQUESTED THE BOARD PUT UP NO PARKING ON SWALE SIGNS IN SUNNY HILLS. HE ADDRESSED MSBU HAD PUT ROADS IN, GRASSED OVER THE SWALES AND NOW THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE PARKING ON THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM; IF SIGNS CAN BE PUT UP, HE WILL GET WITH GLEN ZANETIC AND HAVE THEM PUT UP AND WILL ALSO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENFORCE IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER FINCH TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM AND IF COMFORTABLE IN DOING SOMETHING, GO AHEAD AND TAKE CARE OF IT; IF NOT, BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

IVEY SUNHOLM, CHAIN LAKES ROAD, THANKED THE BOARD FOR HAVING THE TWO BAD SPOTS SHE COMPLAINED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY ON CHAIN LAKES ROAD REPAIRED. SHE ALSO THANKED COMMISSIONER FINCH FOR NOT FORGETTING ABOUT THEM AND TOLD HIM TO CONTINUE TO PUSH GETTING THE CHAIN LAKES ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED.

SHARRON MCCLEARY ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPRESSING HER GRATITUDE TO COMMISSIONER FINCH FOR HIS EFFORTS IN TAKING CARE OF LEISURE LAKES ROADS.

DEBORAH MCGHEE ADDRESSED THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY, ON THEIR ROAD CONDITIONS AND HOW THEY ARE TREACHEROUS TO THEIR VEHICLES. SHE REFERENCED THE TRENCHES BEING LOW AND WIDE ON ONE SIDE OF JESSIE WAY ROAD AND ON THE OTHER SIDE AT THE END OF THE ROAD WHERE IT JOINS MONROE SHEFFIELD ROAD, THE MUD IS SO HIGH THEY CAN'T GET IN.

MCGHEE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING COME OUT ABOUT SIX TO NINE MONTHS AGO AND PUT DOWN GRAVEL IN CERTAIN SPOTS ON SOME ROADS IN THE COMMUNITY BUT THEY WERE REQUESTING THE COUNTY PUT DOWN GRAVEL ON THE ENTIRE ROADS SO IT WON'T WASH OUT EVERYTIME IT RAINS. SHE POINTED OUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET TO THEIR HOMES WHEN IT RAINS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED TO CHECK ON MCGHEE'S REQUEST.

JUANITA FENNING, REPRESENTING FRESH START ANTI-DRUG COALITION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE NO LONGER HAD TO BRING THE ISSUES SHE WAS GOING TO BEFORE THEM DUE TO WORKING WITH T. J. ROULHAC AND HOPE- FULLY THE ISSUES ARE NOW RESOLVED.

SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR HAVING HELD AN ANTI-DRUG YOUTH RALLY AT GILMORE PARK ON THE 13TH OF MARCH AND THERE WERE APPROXIMATE- LY 50 KIDS THAT SIGNED UP FOR ACTIVITIES AT ROULHAC. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO REBUILD THE VESSELS WITH SOMETHING POSITIVE SO THAT NOTHING NEGATIVE CAN COME OUT OF THEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BID AWARDS FOR CAMPBELL PARK WELL; NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED, THEY CONTACTED DIXON WELL DRILLING AND THEY PROVIDED A QUOTE OF \$5,986.12. HE THEN RECOMMENDED AWARDING THE PROJECT TO DIXON WELL DRILLING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE CAMPBELL PARK WELL WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PAPER; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN INFORMED THE BOARD THE REASON FOR THE QUOTE BEING SO HIGH WAS PROBABLY DUE TO HAVING TO GROUT FOR A PUBLIC WELL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM DIXON WELL DRILLING ON THE CAMPBELL PARK WELL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH TWO ISSUES TO TAKE CARE OF:
1. HE HAD PREPARED THE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT BED TAX BY 1%. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE.
  2. HE HAD PREPARED AN ORDINANCE ON TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00 CHARGE TO MOVING VIOLATIONS WHICH IS DESIGNATED TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR DRIVERS EDUCATION. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.
  3. HOSPITAL LAWSUIT ON EMERGENCY ROOM; ALL FUNDS THE COUNTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD EXCEPT FOR \$50,000; ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS ASKING THE BOARD APPROVE OF PAYING THAT \$50,000 TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT. WHEN QUESTIONED WHAT HAD BEEN SPENT ALREADY ON THE SUIT, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED \$100,000 HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT BESIDES THE AMOUNT LISTED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE \$50,000 TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT.
- B. APPROVAL OF PAYING OVERTIME FOR JOHNSON/GORE RETENTION POND PROJECT TO ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES; THIS AMOUNT IS TO BE PAID BY GRANT FUNDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE OVERTIME. COMMISSIONER COPE THANKED THE EMPLOYEES FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON THE PROJECT. DISCUSSION HAD ALSO BEEN HELD ON MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO WORK MARCH 26TH AND 27TH. COMMISSIONER COPE FELT THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN RESOLVED DUE TO ENOUGH EMPLOYEES HAVING ALREADY VOLUNTEERED TO WORK.
- C. BOARD APPROVAL ON RENTAL OF DOZIER FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY TO BE PAID FROM GRANT FUNDS. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE DOZIER RENTAL.
- D. PUBLIC WORKS IS REQUESTING THE BOARD ADOPT A POLICY ON TARDINESS:
- IF AN EMPLOYEE IS OVER EIGHT MINUTES LATE, HE/SHE WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN AN ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FOR ONE QUARTER HOUR. IF THE EMPLOYEE IS OVER FIFTEEN MINUTES LATE, HE/SHE WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN AN ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FOR ONE HALF HOUR. IF THE EMPLOYEE IS OVER THIRTY MINUTES LATE, HE/SHE WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN AN ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FOR THREE QUARTERS HOUR. IF THE EMPLOYEE IS OVER FORTY FIVE MINUTES LATE, HE/SHE WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN AN ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FOR ONE HOUR. ANY TIME OVER ONE HOUR, WILL BE HANDLED ON AN HOUR BY HOUR BASIS.



COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO THIS POLICY DUE TO IT OPENING THE DOORS FOR EMPLOYEES TO COME IN WHEN THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO SEND A MEMO TO THE SUPERVISORS ENCOURAGING THEM TO FOLLOW POLICY ALREADY IN PLACE ON TARDINESS IN LIEU OF GRANTING THEIR REQUEST.

- E. REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY ON TELEPHONE CALLS:

RECEIVING OR MAKING EXCESSIVE PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALLS. IF AN EMPLOYEE RECEIVES A PHONE CALL DURING THE WORK DAY, THE CALLER WILL BE ASKED IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY OR IF IT IS CONCERNING A FAMILY MEMBER. EACH EMPLOYEE WILL BE EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR FAMILY WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY. IF THE CALLER INDICATES THAT IT IS NOT AN EMERGENCY, A MESSAGE WILL BE TAKEN AND PLACED ON THE EMPLOYEE'S TIME CARD, AND THE CALLER WILL BE ADVISED IT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 4:00 TO 4:30 P.M. BEFORE THE EMPLOYEE IS GIVEN THE MESSAGE. IF THE CALLER INDICATES THAT IT IS AN EMERGENCY, THE CLERICAL STAFF WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EMPLOYEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY TO GET THE EMPLOYEE TO A PHONE OR BACK TO THE YARD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO HONOR PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST ON ADOPTING THE POLICY ON TELEPHONE CALLS. COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE THEIR PERSONAL CELL PHONES WITH IT BEING AGREED THIS DOES NOT CAUSE THE EMPLOYEE TO HAVE TO LEAVE HIS PLACE OF WORK TO GO TO A PHONE TO TALK TO SOMEONE OR DRIVE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT BACK TO PUBLIC WORKS TO TALK TO SOMEONE. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- F. PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET AMENDMENT ON MSBU COUNTY MATCH-QUESTION HAS COME UP CONCERNING MATERIALS THAT ARE HAULED FROM THE PIT TO THE MSBU AREA BEING CHARGED TO MSBU THE SAME AS IT WAS DONE ON THE FEMA PROJECTS; HOWEVER, ZANETIC DOESN'T THINK IT IS FAIR MSBU GETS CHARGED FOR DIRT FROM THE PIT AS IT IS USED ON OTHER COUNTY ROADS. HERBERT QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THE CHARGE FOR THE DIRT COULD BE WIPED OUT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS NEVER THE INTENTION TO CHARGE MSBU FOR ANY DIRT; THE FEMA RULE ONLY APPLIES TO THE EQUIPMENT AND LABOR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO TAKE THE DIRT OUT OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT AND ANYTHING REMAINING BE APPROVED. HERBERT REQUESTED HE HAVE PUBLIC WORKS REDO THE BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TAKE CARE OF IT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

- G. BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFERRING \$10,677.20 FROM DISTRICT 3 LOAN MONIES TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO REPLACE MONIES USED ON THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

- H. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS: DUE TO COMMITTEE HAVING MET WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, GONE OVER THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS AND THEM HAVING RECOMMENDATIONS ON DRIVEWAY PERMITTING FEES, ETC/, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO REQUEST A WORKSHOP WITH THE BOARD

SOMETIME IN APRIL. THE COMMITTEE IS MEETING AGAIN ON MARCH 31ST AND WILL PUT TOGETHER AN AGENDA FOR THE WORKSHOP PRIMARILY ON PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET.

HERBERT ADVISED ATTORNEY HOLLEY SHOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION ON THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX; THE ORDINANCE WILL NEED TO BE ADOPTED BY JULY 1ST FOR IT TO GO INTO AFFECT JANUARY 1ST. HE POINTED OUT THERE WERE RESTRICTED USES ON THE GAS TAX AND THE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER IT WOULD QUALIFY FOR ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION WITH PARKER ADVISING IT WOULD. HERBERT ADDRESSED HE AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER DISCUSSING USING THESE MONIES FOR THE \$300,000 CASH MATCH FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO SET THE WORKSHOP FOR APRIL 19TH AT 9:00 A.M.

- I. TENTATIVE DATE OF MAY 10TH HAS BEEN SET FOR COURT ORDERED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING; FACT IS GOING TO PROVIDE ONE OF THEIR ATTORNEYS TO DO THE TRAINING AND PAY FOR IT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD TO ATTEND; HERBERT ADVISED IT WAS MANDATORY FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW LONG THIS TRAINING WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE. HERBERT ADVISED THIS WAS BEING CHECKED INTO. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE TENTATIVE DATE OF MAY 10TH FOR THE TRAINING.

- J. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8TH AND WILL BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON WITH A FISH AND CHICKEN DINNER SPONSORED BY THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY.
- K. DAVID CORBIN REQUESTED HERBERT ANNOUNCE OPEN HOUSE AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7TH.
- L. THE FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A CONVENTION AT THE AG CENTER AND ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD WAIVE THE FEE. IT WAS DISCUSSED THEY ARE A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BUT THEY WILL BE CHARGING A REGISTRATION FEE. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED IF THE FEE CAN BE WAIVED DUE TO THEM CHARGING A FEE.
- M. DAVID CORBIN IS REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL TRAILER AND SOME EQUIPMENT FOR JAKE STRICKLAND TO USE WITH HIS INMATE CREW DUE TO JAKE RETURNING TO WORK AFTER BEING ON MILITARY LEAVE. HIS ESTIMATED COST FOR THE REQUEST IS \$2,000 WHICH HE DOESN'T HAVE INCLUDED IN HIS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT REPLACING ONE OF THE OLDER VANS AND AGREED TO LOOK AT FL-DOT FOR A VAN THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR ONE EMPLOYEE TO PICK UP ALL INMATES. DAVID ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING ALL INMATE CREWS REPORT TO WORK AT ONE LOCATION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON DAVID WORKING WITH LT. LAWSON AT THE PRISON ON HAVING ONE EMPLOYEE PICK UP ALL THE INMATES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DAVID TO WORK OUT HAVING ALL INMATE CREWS MEET AT THE OLD IFAS BUILDING. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED OF EXPENSES THAT WOULD

BE INCURRED BY THIS MOVE SUCH AS UTILITY BILLS, AN ICE MACHINE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED BY HAVING ONE EMPLOYEE PICK UP ALL THE INMATES IT WOULD CUT BACK ON EXPENSES DUE TO THE FUEL COST AND WEAR AND TEAR ON THE VEHICLES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD'S BLESSING IN LOOKING FOR A FIFTEEN PASSENGER VAN FROM FL-DOT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO TAKE \$2,000 FROM CONTINGENCY AND FUND DAVID CORBIN'S REQUEST FOR A TRAILER AND EQUIPMENT FOR JACK STRICKLAND'S INMATE CREW.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LOOK FOR A FIFTEEN PASSENGER VAN AFTER DAVID CORBIN ADVISED HIM THEY HAD A VAN THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM BY TRI-COUNTY. AFTER DAVID INFORMED THE BOARD TRI-COUNTY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND THE TITLE, THE BOARD INSTRUCTED HIM TO APPLY FOR A DUPLICATE TITLE AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVING PURCHASED THE INMATE CREW EQUIPMENT OUT OF THEIR DISTRICT MONIES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE INMATE CREWS HAD THEIR OWN BUDGETS. COMMISSIONER BROCK THEN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER HALL HAVING PURCHASED A DIXIE CHOPPER.

THE QUESTION ON THE FLOOR WAS CALLED FOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SATURDAY CEMETERY WORK CREWS STARTING AGAIN ON MARCH 27TH AND THE EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN BEING USED FOR THE PARKS AND THE CEMETERY MOWING IS GETTING OLD AND WORN OUT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A NEW SKAGG.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON PERSONS GOING ON THE OLD BEEF UNIT PROPERTY TO FISH WHICH HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER. DUE TO THE COUNTY HAVING \$32,000 WORTH OF SOD EQUIPMENT THERE, DAVID ADVISED COMMISSIONER COPE HAD PURCHASED A GATE AND HE HAD FENCED THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED A SPARE KEY BE GIVEN TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

DISCUSSION WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN ON ALL INMATE CREWS MEETING AT THE OLD IFAS PROPERTY. DAVID ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR COMMISSIONER HALL'S INMATE CREW LEADER TO GO TO THE SAME LOCATION HE HAS BEEN GOING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN TOLD DAVID TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT AND HE DIDN'T HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD WITH EVERY LITTLE MOVE HE MADE; THE BOARD AGREED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF FOR TWO STALKER RADAR GUNS FOR \$4,620; IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE BEEN PURCHASED OUT OF THE COURT BUDGET. WHEN HE ASKED CLERK COOK IF MONIES WERE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THE GUNS, SHE INFORMED HIM THAT MIKE MYRIC, STATE TROOPER, HAD ALSO REQUESTED THE PURCHASE OF TWO RADAR GUNS. CLERK COOK ADVISED THE MONIES WERE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ALL FOUR RADAR GUNS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE RADAR GUNS.

HERBERT REPORTED ON C. W. ROBERTS PAY REQUEST FOR MSBU RESURFACING TOTALLING \$51,869.96 WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PAY REQUEST.

HERBERT REPORTED ON THE BANK OF AMERICA PAYMENT DUE ON THE MSBU LOAN TOTALLING \$169,298.92 ADVISING MONIES WERE AVAILABLE IN THE MSBU BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF MSBU LOAN PAYMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED:

1. VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FEBRUARY 2004 TOTALLING \$4,307,024.06. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE VOUCHERS.
2. LETTER FROM CSX TRANSPORTATION ON CONTRACTS THE BOARD HAD ENTERED INTO ON RAILROAD CROSSING MAINTENANCE; THEY HAD COMPLETED AN AUDIT AND REALIZED THEY HAD FAILED TO INVOICE THE COUNTY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND WENT BACK FOUR YEARS AND BILLED \$34,773.50.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD COULDN'T PAY THIS AND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO WRITE THEM A LETTER ADVISING THE BOARD WILL PAY WHAT IS DUE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2003 FORWARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHEN THE CONTRACTS WERE EFFECTIVE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WERE CONTRACTS ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT RAILROAD CROSSINGS, WITH ONE GOING BACK TO 1974. SHE ALSO SAID CSX HAD BILLED THE COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE ON ONE CROSSING BUT HAD FAILED TO BILL THEM ON THE OTHER CROSSINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID DUE TO THE BOARD HAVING CLOSED OUT THEIR BOOKS FOR ALL PRIOR YEARS AND CSX HAVING FAILED TO BILL FOR THE MAINTENANCE, THE BOARD SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY THE BACK CHARGES.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE, JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER AND STEVE PADGETT HAD ON THE FALLING WATERS GOLF COURSE. PADGETT HAD PROVIDED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD REVIEWED THEM. FINCH SAID THE FINANCES DON'T LOOK GOOD AS FAR AS THE AMOUNT OF MONIES THE GOLF COURSE HAS GENERATED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

FINCH SAID THE MAYOR OF CHIPLEY AND MORRIS HAS ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD COMMIT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY EACH YEAR AND THEY HAD A PROPOSAL FROM THE BANK IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO BORROW THE MONEY. THE PROPOSAL WAS FOR DIFFERENT TERMS; IF THE MONEY IS BORROWED FOR TWENTY YEARS, THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$20,000.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIS AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER'S REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE GOLF COURSE AND POINTED OUT:

1. IN THE LATE 90'S, REVENUES SEEM TO BE GOOD BUT THEY BEGAN TO DROP OFF FROM 2001 TO DATE.
2. THEY CALLED THE CONTACT PERSON, AMY, FOR THE GOLF COURSE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. SHE ADDRESSED:

- A. SALARIES WERE DOWN FROM 2001 TO 2003 DUE TO PART TIME OR CONTRACTURAL LABOR BEING HIRED TO KEEP THE COURSE OPEN; IF THE COUNTY OR CITY OPERATES IT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO HIRE AT LEAST TWO EMPLOYEES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REFERENCED IT HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED THERE WOULD NEED TO BE AT LEAST ONE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE; SHE WANTED TO CLARIFY SHE AND HERBERT HAD AGREED THERE WOULD NEED TO BE AT LEAST TWO EMPLOYEES BUT WAS NOT AGREEING THIS IS WHAT THE BOARD SHOULD DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED WITH GARY CLARK, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER; HE WAS EXCITED AND WAS GOING TO ASK THE SCHOOL BOARD IF THEY WOULD PROMOTE THE VO-TECH SCHOOL OFFERING MANAGEMENT COURSES, GREENSKEEPER COURSES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ALL HE WAS NEEDING TODAY WAS THE BOARD'S BLESSING TO CONTINUE PURSUING THE GOLF COURSE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE GREENS AT THE GOLF COURSE WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING THEY WERE PRETTY BAD IN THE WINTER MONTHS BUT NOW THEY ARE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE; THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT THERE IS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY WITH THE COUNTY'S INMATE CREWS AND POSSIBLY A COMMITMENT FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD. HE THOUGHT THE GOLF COURSE WOULD BE A GOOD PROJECT IF THE BOARD CAN HANDLE IT; HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T WANT TO COMMIT THE BOARD TO SOMETHING IF THEY CAN'T PAY FOR IT.

STEVE PADGETT UPDATED THE BOARD ON FAMILY HEALTH PROBLEMS HAVING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE GOLF COURSE AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN A BUSINESS THEIR FAMILY WAS INVOLVED WITH FULL STRENGTH; THEY ARE IN THE MANUFACTURING BUSINESS AND THIS WAS MORE OF AN INVESTMENT.

PADGETT ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF POSSIBILITIES FOR THE GOLF COURSE AS FAR AS GRANTS AND PROGRAMS THE COUNTY AND CITY COULD GET INVOLVED WITH.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE GOLF COURSE AND THE COUNTY COULD POSSIBLY SELL SHARES ON IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM SOME MORE TIME TO CHECK OUT ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE GOLF COURSE AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOARD TO DECIDE WHAT ACTION THEY MAY WANT TO TAKE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO GIVE COMMISSIONER FINCH THIRTY MORE DAYS TO EXPLORE THE PURCHASE OF THE GOLF COURSE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH MADE A STATEMENT OPPOSING ACTION THAT WAS TAKEN, WHICH WAS AGAINST COUNTY POLICY, WHERE A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE WAS PUT INTO A PERMANENT POSITION THIS PAST WEEK; THE POSITION WAS NOT ADVERTISED AND OTHER EMPLOYEES WERE NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE JOHNSON/GORE HOLDING PONDS AS FAR AS THE AMOUNT OF DIRT HAULED OFF OF EACH OF THE PROPERTIES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON NOTIFICATION RECEIVED THAT THE COMMODITY PROGRAM WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITHOUT THE COUNTY MAKING OTHER ARRANGEMENTS; TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOST THEIR CONTRACT TO HANDLE THE PROGRAM. HE STATED THE SERVICES ARE STILL AVAILABLE BUT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO SET A DATE TO PICK UP THE COMMODITIES AND TO DISBURSE THEM. HE VOICED HIS CONCERN FOR THE 600 TO 700 FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THE COMMODITIES AND WANTED THE COUNTY TO ASSIST THEM. HE OFFERED A MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO GET WITH JOEL PAUL TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE COMMODITY PROGRAM; IF NECESSARY, HE AGREED TO TAKE THE MONIES OUT OF HIS INTEREST FUNDS TO COVER THE EXPENSES. HE REQUESTED THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ASSIST ALSO.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EXPENSES INVOLVED. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED EXPENSES WOULD INCLUDE FUEL AND RENTING A TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED HE BE ALLOWED TO GET WITH PARKER AT THE VO-TECH SCHOOL TO SEE IF THE COMMODITIES COULD BE PICKED UP BY THEIR TRUCK DRIVING TRAINING CLASS.

COMMISSIONER HALL ALSO ADDRESSED THE SCHOOL BOARD HAVING A TRUCK WHERE THE COMMODITIES COULD BE STORED UNTIL DISPERSED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TEMPORARY POSITION THAT WAS MADE PERMANENT; TWO TEMPORARY BACKUPS FOR THE GRADER POSITION AT PUBLIC WORKS, DONNIE STRICKLAND AND RONNIE RILEY, WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE PERMANENT GRADER POSITION BY ROBERT HARCUS AND DALLAS CARTER, THE TWO PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, AND NEITHER WANTED IT. DUE TO THIS, IT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION OF HARCUS, AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO FILL THE GRADER POSITION WITH THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE INDIVIDUAL TAKING THE POSITION; HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT NOT BEING ADVERTISED PER POLICY. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THERE WASN'T ANYONE ELSE AT PUBLIC WORKS TO RUN A GRADER WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH STATING THE POLICY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED IF THIS IS THE WAY VACANT POSITIONS ARE GOING TO BE HANDLED IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO TAKE WILLIAM YATES OFF OF TEMPORARY AND PUT HIM IN PERMANENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT LOOK AT THE POLICY TO SEE WHAT THE BOARD CAN DO TO GIVE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING IN A TEMPORARY POSITION WHO IS QUALIFIED TO HOLD A PERMANENT POSITION A PROMOTION IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE ANY CONFUSION IN THE FUTURE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE ALREADY BEING A POLICY IN PLACE WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT STATING THE ONLY THING THAT WAS NOT DONE WAS ADVERTISING THE POSITION IN HOUSE FOR ONE WEEK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EMPLOYEE WHO WAS HIRED AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE BEING WELL QUALIFIED TO HOLD THE GRADER POSITION WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTING OUT THE EMPLOYEE CIRCUMVENTED THE WHOLE SYSTEM; HE DIDN'T HAVE TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION, GO THROUGH AN INTERVIEW, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REMINDED THE BOARD THE STATE TROOPER, WHO LIVES NEXT TO GILBERT PIT, WANTS SOMETHING DONE WITH THE LAKE AS IT WAS GOING TO BREAK THROUGH ONE DAY; HE THREATENED TO SUE THE COUNTY IF IT DID BREAK AND RUINED HIS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN RITERATED THE BOARD DIDN'T NEED TO FORGET THIS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE RALPH C. CARTER FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE SERVING AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE; THEY ARE REQUESTING A STRIP OF ROAD STARTING AT THE GATE OF FALLING WATERS STATE PARK TO THE BUILDINGS, APPROXIMATELY 1/4 MILE, BE NAMED RALPH C. CARTER PARKWAY. TO DO THIS, DONALD BROWN, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, HAS REQUESTED A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD TO NAME IT RALPH C. CARTER PARKWAY BE SENT TO HIM TO PRESENT TO THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO NAME THAT SECTION OF ROAD THE RALPH C. CARTER PARKWAY.

MR. SILVIA READDRESSSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF ATV'S ARE ALLOWED ON THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS AS HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET AN ANSWER WHETHER THEY ARE ALLOWED OR NOT. THE BOARD DIRECTED HIM TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WITH THE ATV'S.

MR. SILVIA THEN ADDRESSED A LIGHT BEING OUT AT THE BELL SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON ELCAM BOULEVARD SINCE THANKSGIVING. CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO CONTACT BELL SOUTH ABOUT THE LIGHT BEING OUT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO RECESS OR ADJOURN UNTIL APRIL 19TH FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON APRIL 19TH.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING ATTENDED LEGISLATIVE DAY AND BUDGET ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED WITH REPRESENTATIVE BROWN:

- A. ARTICLE V-EVERYONE THOUGHT IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTIES A LOT OF MONEY DUE TO THE STATE FUNDING THE COURT SYSTEM; HOWEVER DUE TO THE REVENUES THE COUNTY WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE AND THE NEW EXPENSES CREATED FOR COUNTIES BY THIS, THE COUNTY MAY END UP IN A WORSE POSITION. HERBERT ADDRESSED THE COUNTY NOW HAVING TO FUND STATE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROGRAM. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE LEGISLATORS REQUESTING THE STATE FUND THE TECHNOLOGY.

2. THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT PUTTING JUVENILE JUSTICE UNDER THE COUNTIES; THIS WILL HAVE A \$200,000 IMPACT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. FACT HAS ADVISED THEY FEEL THEY CAN REVERSE THE DECISION TO PUT JUVENILE JUSTICE UNDER THE COUNTY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE STATE LEGISLATORS OPPOSING PUTTING JUVENILE JUSTICE UNDER THE COUNTY.
- C. BILL INCREASING THE PORTION OF LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX THE COUNTY RECEIVES; IF APPROVED, IT WOULD BE A ONE TIME BILL AND COUNTY WOULDN'T GET ANY SCRAP OR SCOP FUNDS THIS YEAR. ALSO, THE FORMULA FOR LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX WOULD BE REDONE NEXT YEAR.
3. AS FAR AS WATER TRANSPORTING, NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN THE LEGISLATURE THIS YEAR.
4. POSSIBLE CUTS TO SHIP PROGRAM IF PROPOSED BILL IS PASSED; BCC CONSENSUS FOR ADMINISTRATOR TO WRITE A LETTER TO LEGISLATORS OPPOSING ANY CUTS TO THE SHIP PROGRAM.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING ASKED REPRESENTATIVE BROWN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE ARC CENTER PROGRAM AS IT COULD CAUSE WASHINGTON COUNTY'S CENTER TO LOSE 1/3 OF THEIR CLIENTS AND SERVICES PER MAVIS SMITH.

BROWN HAD ADVISED THESE DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE BY PEOPLE ABOVE HIM. HERBERT ADVISED THAT MS. SMITH HAD ADDRESSED THESE CUTS AT A KIWANIS MEETING AND HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE LEGISLATORS OPPOSING THESE CUTS. DUE TO THERE BEING CONFUSION IF THESE WERE THE SAME CUTS THE BOARD HAS ALREADY WRITTEN A LETTER OPPOSING, PER A REQUEST FROM MS. SMITH, THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT MS. SMITH AND ASK IF SHE NEEDS FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL APRIL 19TH AT 9:00 A.M. AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 03/25/04