

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/13/04

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, CORBIN, HALL AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET NOTES ON CHANGES TO THE BUDGET SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2004 BUDGET WORKSHOP. (COPY ATTACHED) AFTER READING THE NOTES FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SHE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET TOTTALLING \$9,032,476.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE SHARED HORTICULTURE POSITION THE AG CENTER HAD REQUESTED BE FUNDED; HE ADVISED THE AG BUDGET WAS LESS THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR. HE AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ACKNOWLEDGED THE BUDGETS SUBMITTED WERE GOOD BUDGETS AND THERE WERE SEVERAL TURNED IN THAT WERE LESS THAN THE CURRENT 2003-2004 BUDGETS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER THEN READ THE NOTES PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. SHE REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON WHAT AMOUNT EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE LEFT IN THE DISTRICT INTEREST MONIES AND DISTRICT LOAN MONIES.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO REASSIGN THE AMOUNT IN EACH COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT INTEREST AND DISTRICT LOAN MONIES AT THIS TIME TO THE FY 2004-2005 BUDGET DUE TO IT BEING HARD FOR THEM TO PROJECT WHAT WILL BE SPENT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE MONIES REMAINING IN THE COMMISSIONERS MATERIALS BUDGET BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FY 2004-2005 BUDGET AND ADDED TO THE \$20,000 PER DISTRICT CURRENTLY FUNDED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT ANY MONIES NOT SPENT THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD WILL BE ADDED TO THE CASH CARRY FORWARD; THE BOARD CAN MAKE WHATEVER BUDGET AMENDMENTS THEY NEED TO AT THAT TIME.

SHE ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING TAKING ACTION TO INCREASE THEIR MATERIALS LINE ITEM BY \$5,000 PER DISTRICT IN THE 2003-2004 BUDGET DUE TO THEM NEEDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND QUESTIONED WHY WOULD ANY OF IT BE LEFT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID DUE TO THE TWO HURRICANES AND THE GILBERTS BRIDGE BEING OUT, HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DO WHAT HE HAD PLANNED ON DOING.

ROGER HAGAN EXPLAINED TO CORBIN HE COULD SPEND HIS ADDITIONAL \$5,000 BY PURCHASING THE MATERIALS HE NEEDS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004.

ED PELLETIER INFORMED THE BOARD PRIVATE CONTRACTORS ARE STILL HAULING OVER GILBERTS BRIDGE EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A SIGN STATING NO LOADED TRUCKS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED SOME OF THE PRIVATE CONTRACTORS HAVE INFORMED HIM THEY WERE NOT HAULING OVER THE BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE TEMPORARY POSITION IN PUBLIC WORKS WAS FUNDED AS A FULL TIME POSITION IN 2004-2005. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED IT WAS NOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO FUND THE POSITION FULL TIME DUE TO THEM NOT HAVING A DRIVER FOR THE STRIPING TRUCK; THE POSITION COULD BE SWITCHED FROM STRIPING TRUCK DRIVER TO A FILL IN POSITION WHERE NEEDED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER THEN WENT OVER THE NOTES ON THE CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL FUNDS SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2004 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN MADE THE BOARD AWARE TOMMY MCDONALD HAD REQUESTED THE BOARD FUND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT THEIR REQUEST OF \$35,000.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF THE BOARD SELLING LAND TO BALANCE A BUDGET; THEY HAVE THE LAND TO SALE NOW BUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN THERE IS NO LAND TO SALE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AGREED WITH COPE BUT SAID THAT WAS BOARD ACTION TO FUND RECREATION AND THE MSBU WITH LAND SALES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED AS THE BOARD BEGINS SELLING THE LAND AND ESTABLISHING HOUSES, ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM TAXES WILL BE GENERATED YEARLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING APPROVED ONLY 22 OF THE TAX DEEDS TO SALE THUSFAR; EVERYONE IS TRYING TO BUY THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THE BOARD NEEDED TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SECURE THE TAX DEED PROPERTIES SO THEY CAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SALE THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE WAS AWARE IT WOULD GENERATE MORE TAX MONIES; HOWEVER, IF THEY WOULD PULL SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS AT RANDOM, THEY WILL SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE WOULD BE PAYING IN TAXES.

ROGER HAGAN REFERENCED THE ORDINANCE THE BOARD HAD ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LAND SALES; HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE PART WHERE THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE BACK ONE-HALF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY IF THE INDIVIDUAL BUILT A HOME AT AN ASSESSED VALUE OF AT LEAST \$100,000 WITHIN TWO YEARS OF PURCHASE DATE. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO GET BACK HALF THE COST OF THE LAND FROM THE AD VALOREM TAXES IT WOULD BRING IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH DISAGREED AS IT NEVER COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING DUE TO THE PROPERTY BEING GIVEN TO THEM; IT ALSO ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO BUILD AND START A TAX BASE RATHER THAN HOLD THE PROPERTY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND TRY TO SELL IT.

JERRY BROCK, 911 DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON DELTONA SELLING LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS AS FAST AS THEY COULD PER HULAN CARTER; IT APPEARS PEOPLE HAVE JUST FOUND OUT THE PROPERTIES WOULD BE A GOOD INVESTMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW THE PROPERTIES WERE GOING TO BE ASSESSED TO DETERMINE THE VALUE AS THE LOT VALUES HAVE INCREASED DRASTICALLY OVER THE LAST YEAR. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHEN THE BOARD WOULD HAVE AN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTIES TO SEE IF THEY AGREE WITH THE ASSESSED VALUE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT STATED GLEN ZANETIC HAD BEEN WORKING WITH DELTONA ON SOME OF THE APPRAISALS AND ESTIMATES ON THE LOTS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER CONTINUED WITH THE BUDGET NOTES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED TO PUT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LOAN PAYMENT PREVIOUSLY MADE VERSUS THE LOAN PAYMENT CURRENTLY MADE DUE TO LOANS BEING COMBINED WHEN THE MONIES WERE BORROWED FOR THE HOSPITAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD PAYING ONLY ON ONE PORTION OF THE LOAN NOW AND IN 2016, THEY WOULD BEGIN PAYING ON THE OTHER PORTION; THIS IS DUE TO THE FIRST PORTION OF LOAN HAVING A HIGHER INTEREST RATE AS IT IS A TAXABLE BOND ISSUE.

IT WAS ALSO ADDRESSED, THE HOSPITAL WOULD PAY ANY INTEREST OVER 4% ON THEIR PORTION OF THE LOAN WHICH IS \$2.9 MILLION.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED TAKING PART OF THE MONIES IN THE LOAN FUND AND APPLY IT TOWARD THE HIGH INTEREST LOAN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO HOLD ONTO THE MONIES IN CASE THE INTEREST RATE DOES GO UP; EVEN AN INCREASE UP TO 4% WOULD COST A LOT OF MONIES ON THE REMAINING LOAN AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHAT IT WOULD DO TO THE LOAN IF THEY DID PUT SOME EXTRA FUNDING TOWARD THE LOAN. COMMISSIONER COPE REITERATED HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HALF OF WHAT IS IN THE FUND AT THE END OF EACH YEAR AND APPLY IT TOWARD THE LOAN.

THE CONCENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS FOR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO BRING BACK A REPORT TO SEE IF THEY PAID \$300,000 PER YEAR EXTRA, WOULD THIS BE TAKEN OFF OF THE PAYMENTS OR AT THE END OF THE LOAN AND WHAT WOULD THIS DO THE TERM OF THE LOAN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD HAVING TO USE PART OF THEIR DEBT SERVICE FUND TO BALANCE THEIR TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. SHE ADDRESSED THE DEBT SERVICE

BUDGET FOR 2004-2005 HAS A CONTINGENCY OF \$288,378 AND OTHER CURRENT CHARGES OF \$217,683; THIS IS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN WHAT THE MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENTS ARE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THIS LOAN BEING PAID OFF IN OCTOBER OF 2007 AND THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OWED WOULD BE \$1.3 MILLION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING THE SURPLUS LOAN FUND MONIES TO PAY TOWARD THE DEBT SERVICE FUND. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE SURPLUS LOAN FUND MONIES COULD BE USED TO PAY TOWARD THE DEBT SERVICE FUND; HOWEVER, THE DEBT SERVICE FUND EXCESS MONIES COULD NOT BE USED TO PAY TOWARD THE GENERAL LOAN FUND.

HAGAN EXPLAINED IF THE DEBT SERVICE TRANSPORTATION LOAN WAS PAID OFF, THIS COULD HELP WITH THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER CHECK ON BOTH LOANS TO SEE WHAT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY; IF THEY PAID EXCESS MONIES TOWARD THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OR THE GENERAL LOAN FUND. THE BOARD AGREED WITH THIS REQUEST AND ASK SHE REPORT BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON SEVERAL ITEMS:

1. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR A NEW SERVER IN THEIR 2004-2005 BUDGET REQUEST AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,000; WARRANTY ON SERVER HE PRESENTLY HAS IS GOING TO RUN OUT IN NOVEMBER; A NEW SERVER COMES WITH A THREE YEAR WARRANTY; IF HE PURCHASES A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT, IT WILL COST ABOUT \$2,000 ANNUALLY; OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS HE WILL SPEND \$6,000 FOR A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WHERE HE COULD PURCHASE A NEW SERVER WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY A WARRANTY FOR THREE YEARS.
2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET TO PURCHASE TWO NEW TRUCKS FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE; THE MONEY IS IN THE BUDGET NOW BUT IT WILL AFFECT THE CASH CARRY FORWARD FOR THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THEY WERE GOING TO NEED AS MUCH CASH CARRY FORWARD AS THEY CAN GET TO BALANCE THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.
3. JERRY BROCK-911 DIRECTOR HAS A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT FOR DISPATCH; THIS WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY QUITE A BIT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ON THIS EQUIPMENT. HE IS REQUESTING A LAP TOP COMPUTER FOR THIS TRAINING.
JERRY UPDATED THE BOARD ON BAY COUNTY HAVING AGREED TO PAY FOR THE SCHOOLING; HOWEVER, HE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS ROOM AND BOARD. HE ADVISED OVER FIVE YEARS, IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY OVER \$75,000 IN MAINTENANCE COSTS.
HE THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE TRAINING HE WOULD BE RECEIVING AND THE NEED FOR THE LAP TOP COMPUTER.
WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHAT IT WOULD COST OVER ALL, JERRY ADVISED THE LODGING COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 AND LAP TOP COMPUTER WOULD COST ABOUT \$2,000.
COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO APPROVE FOR JERRY TO GO TO THE TRAINING FOR MAINTENANCE ON DISPATCH EQUIPMENT.
ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE \$2,000 SHOULD COME FROM WHERE THE SAVINGS WILL BE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHERE THE MAINTENANCE IS FUNDED NOW. BROCK ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT YET; THEY HAVE ONLY PAID THE FIRST PAYMENT ON ORDERING THE EQUIPMENT.
WHEN THE BOARD SAID THEY WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, BROCK UPDATED THEM ON GETTING NEW EQUIPMENT AND GRANT MONIES TO BUY 911 AND MAPPING.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON WHERE THE \$75,000 SAVINGS WAS GOING TO BE; BROCK EXPLAINED THE COUNTY WAS GETTING MAINTENANCE FROM BELL SOUTH RIGHT NOW. HOWEVER, THE MAINTENANCE ON THE EQUIPMENT HE IS GOING TO GET IS GOING TO BE \$125,000 OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND HE WILL SAVE THE COUNTY \$75,000 OVER THIS SAME PERIOD OF TIME.

HAGAN AGAIN QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS ANOTHER CONTRACT THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED. BROCK EXPLAINED IT WAS ALL PART OF THE \$77,000 THAT IS CURRENTLY IN HIS BUDGET FOR BELL SOUTH MAINTENANCE.

AFTER THIS WAS CLARIFIED, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. EMS BUILDING AT HOSPITAL-RANDALL TRUETTE HAD TALKED TO HERBERT ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE BUILDING THE NEW FACILITY WITH THE COUNTY LEASING FROM THEM. TRUETTE HAD THOUGHT THEY WOULD GENERATE ENOUGH FROM THEIR AMBULANCE RUNS AND THEIR DRAW FROM THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR IT; HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEWING THEIR BUDGET, IT APPEARED THEY WOULD BE SHORT BY APPROXIMATELY \$14,000. SCHLENKER HAS CONTACTED HIM TO SAY THIS PLAN WOULDN'T WORK; THEREFORE, HE WASN'T GOING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE NEW FACILITY. AS FAR AS A BUILDING FOR THE EMS, THEY ARE BACK AT LOOKING FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH THE FUNDING.
5. RENEWAL OF BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE-HERBERT HAD TALKED WITH JAMES SPIVEY, BCBS REPRESENTATIVE IN TALLAHASSEE, ABOUT NOT HAVING A LOCAL AGENT. HE AND SPIVEY HAVE BOTH TALKED WITH ALLAN CLARK, THE COUNTY'S LOCAL AGENT, AND HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY NOT USING HIM AS A LOCAL AGENT AND DEALING DIRECTLY WITH SPIVEY. HOWEVER, IF THIS IS WHAT THE BOARD WANTS TO DO, THEY NEED TO WRITE A LETTER WITH THEIR RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR THE NEXT YEAR SAYING THEY ARE NOT GOING TO USE THE LOCAL AGENT; THIS WILL SAVE THE COUNTY SOME MONEY ON THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS.
THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO GET WITH SPIVEY AND GET THE EXACT SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY BY NOT GOING WITH THE LOCAL AGENT AND REPORT TO THE BOARD AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING.
COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE COUNTY'S PREMIUM WAS SO MUCH MORE THAN THE STATE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PREMIUM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN TOLD IT WAS DUE TO AGE FACTORS AND CLAIMS HISTORY.
6. BUILDING OFFICIAL CONTRACT-\$15,000 WAS BUDGETED IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO FUND CONTRACTURAL SERVICES FOR LLOYD POWELL, BUILDING OFFICIAL, WHEN HE RETIRES SO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR CAN WORK UNDER HIS LICENSE. HERBERT REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER HOW THEY WANT TO CONTRACT POWELL'S SERVICES, BY THE HOUR, ETC. POWELL PLANS ON RETIRING THE END OF OCTOBER.
COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF IT WERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS TO WORK UNDER POWELL'S LICENSE. HERBERT REFERENCED THE STATUTE SAYING A BUILDING INSPECTOR NEEDS TO WORK UNDER THE LICENSE OF A BUILDING OFFICIAL.
COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO GET HIS BUILDING OFFICIAL LICENSE; HERBERT SAID POWELL HAD ADVISED HIM IT WOULD TAKE TWO

YEARS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SOME COUNTIES STILL NOT HAVING A BUILDING OFFICIAL; HOLMES COUNTY IS CONTRACTING WITH WALTON COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE COULD DRAW UP THE CONTRACT FOR POWELL; HOWEVER, HE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW THEY WANT TO PAY POWELL, BY THE HOUR, DAY, YEAR, WEEK, MONTH, ETC. HE QUESTIONED HOW MANY DAYS WERE THEY GOING TO REQUIRE POWELL TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED POWELL HAVING TO DO ALL OF THE PLAN REVIEWS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED PAYING POWELL BY THE MONTH WITH HIM TO DO WHATEVER IS REQUIRED OF HIM AS BUILDING OFFICIAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POWELL HAVING TO PROVIDE HIS OWN TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE, ETC. AND WOULD RECEIVE NO COUNTY BENEFITS.

COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK DIDN'T FEEL LIKE POWELL WOULD ACCEPT THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND FINCH SAID THE BOARD COULD PRESENT POWELL THE CONTRACT AND IT WOULD BE UP TO HIM WHETHER TO ACCEPT IT OR NOT.

7. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED THE RESOLUTION ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING AND DISTRICT VOTING ISSUE BEING ON THE BALLOT AS A MANDATE.

MALCOLM GAINNEY, COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIS REQUEST FOR A NEW SERVER:

1. THE MAINTENANCE ON THE SERVER THEY HAVE NOW RUNS OUT IN NOVEMBER
2. A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT COSTS THE EQUIVALENT OF REPLACING A SERVER EVERY THREE YEARS
3. THE COUNTY IS BETTER OFF REPLACING A SERVER EVERY THREE YEARS, KEEPING A MACHINE UNDER WARRANTY AND UP TO DATE COMPARED TO PAYING OUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD TO KEEP THE OLD EQUIPMENT
4. THE ONLY VALUE OF THE PRESENT SERVER WOULD BE TO SURPLUS AND SALE IT TO GET PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OR FIND ANOTHER AGENCY WHO COULD USE THE SERVER

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO REPLACE THE SERVER IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ THE RESOLUTION PREPARED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON COUNTY WIDE VOTING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAS HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTING IT PUT ON THE BALLOT; HOWEVER, HE HAS HAD A LOT MORE PEOPLE WANTING TO TAKE IT OFF. HE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO RESCIND THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION AND LEAVE IT COUNTY WIDE VOTING.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE WANT TO VOTE COUNTY WIDE; THERE IS NO INSTANCE ON FEDERAL OR STATE LEVEL WHERE PEOPLE VOTE WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE SEAT AVAILABLE THAT YOU DO NOT VOTE IN DISTRICT. HE EXPLAINED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THERE IS 123 REPRESENTATIVES, HOWEVER, PEOPLE ONLY GET TO VOTE ON ONE; THERE ARE 40 SENATORS AND PEOPLE ONLY GET TO VOTE ON ONE. HE STATED COUNTY WIDE VOTING IS A MATTER OF LETTING A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE CONTROL THE WHOLE COUNTY, REPRESENTATIVES AND TAKING AWAY THE VOTE FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE HAD NOT HAD THE FIRST PERSON CALL HIM AND TELL HIM THEY WERE HAPPY ABOUT THIS ISSUE GOING BACK ON THE BALLOT; HOWEVER, HE HAS HAD 100 OR MORE CALLS, SAYING THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AND QUESTIONED HIM ON WHAT HIS MOTIVE WAS. HE TOLD PEOPLE HE HAD BROUGHT IT UP BECAUSE HE HAD PEOPLE ASK HIM TO DO SO.

ED PELLETIER REFERENCED THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VOTED IN COUNTY WIDE; PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. HE REFERENCED ELECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD AND COUNTRY OAKS RESIDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ELECTING OFFICIALS. HE VOICED HIS OPINION COUNTY WIDE VOTING WAS THE ONLY FAIR WAY FOR EVERY TAX PAYER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, COUNTRY OAKS HAS FAIRED BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE AND THE COMMISSIONERS WAS BEING VOTED ON BY DISTRICT VOTING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAD GOTTEN A LOT OF CALLS SAYING HE WAS WANTING THE DISTRICT VOTING BACK ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE OF COMMISSIONER BROCK; HE EXPLAINED TO THEM IT WOULD NOT HELP BROCK THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED WALTON COUNTY CAME UP WITH THE SAME ISSUE SEVERAL YEARS AGO; DUE TO THE GROWTH OVER THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, SOUTH WALTON COUNTY DOMINATES THE ELECTIONS. IN THE NEXT TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS, WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL ASSUME THAT SAME AMOUNT OF GROWTH; BROCK TOLD DISTRICT TWO AND FOUR, CHIPLEY, IF THEY WANT SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ELECT THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, THIS WILL HAPPEN IF IT STAYS COUNTY WIDE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED HIM ALMOST GETTING BEAT IN THE AUGUST 31ST ELECTION; HOWEVER, HE CARRIED 84% OF HIS VOTING DISTRICT. HE QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE JUST TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 3 IF HE DIDN'T GET ELECTED.

BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD WORKING TOGETHER AS A BOARD AND TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTY; THEY LOOK AT THE COUNTY AND NOT AT DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, WHEN THEY LEAVE THE BOARDROOM, BROCK SAID THE MOST COMMON THING YOU HEAR IS COMMISSIONERS TELLING PEOPLE TO CONTACT THE COMMISSIONER IN THEIR DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE WORKED MOST OF THE TIME SIX DAYS A WEEK, 10 TO 12 HOURS A DAY; HE CARES ABOUT THE COUNTY NO MATTER WHAT DISTRICT IT IS. HOWEVER, HE SAID WHEN YOU REPRESENT THE PEOPLE AND THEY SPEAK, THEIR VOICE IN THAT DISTRICT SHOULD BE HEARD LOUD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVING ASKED IF THIS ISSUE WAS TAKEN UP WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD; THEY FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THE BOARD AND THE SCHOOL BOARD WERE GOING BACK TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT. HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING THE BOARD DIDN'T WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ON THE DISTRICT LINES AND NOW THEY ARE NOT WORKING WITH THEM ON THE CHANGE TO PUT THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE BACK ON THE BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE WAS SUBJECTED TO THE SAME VOTERS COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS SUBJECTED TO IN THE ELECTION AND HE WAS ELECTED COUNTY WIDE BY 55% AND HAD TWO OPPONENTS; A BOARD MEMBER CAN BE ELECTED COUNTY WIDE AND SATISFY THE BIGGEST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE. HE ADDRESSED THE ONLY PLACE HE LOST WAS SIX VOTES IN NEW HOPE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AS LONG AS CANDIDATES RUN A CLEAN RACE. HE THEN REITERATED THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELD ON AN OFF ELECTION AND THE TURNOUT HAS BEEN POOR; THE MAJORITY OF THE TURNOUT WAS IN THE NORTH END OF THE COUNTY AND THIS GAVE THEM A BIG ADVANTAGE ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HALL OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED A LOT OF CALLS ON WHY GEORGE C. OWENS WAS NOT SERVING ON THE ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD; HE EXPLAINED TO THEM HE DIDN'T QUALIFY OR WITHDREW, ETC. HE HAD SPOKEN TO OWENS AND OWENS THOUGHT HE COULD SERVE ON THE BOARD BUT HE MIGHT NEED A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO HIS BOSS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE SAYING THEY ELECTED OWENS AND THEY WANT HIM TO SERVE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE PEOPLE OUGHT TO PETITION OWENS' BOSS; COPE ADVISED THEY WERE DOING THIS BUT WANTED A LETTER FROM THE

COUNTY COMMISSION TO HIS BOSS ALSO. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN THOUGHT THE BOARD MAY BE MEDDLING IF THEY DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR THE BOARD TO CONTACT OWENS' SUPERVISOR TO SEE IF HE CAN SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT OWENS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BOARD; HOWEVER, IF HE HAD BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT IT, HE SHOULD HAVE MADE SURE HE WAS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT AT THE TIME. HE REFERENCED HIM HAVING HEARD HE WITHDREW HIS NAME; COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THIS WAS WHAT WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID SOMEONE FROM ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD HAD WRITTEN A LETTER REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR REMOVE OWENS DUE TO IT BEING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE HE WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME OF THE ELECTION THAT OWENS WAS NOT A CANDIDATE. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID EVERYONE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE OWENS NAME WAS ON THE BALLOT. COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED HE HAD NEVER SEEN ANYONE ELECTED WHEN THEY WOULDN'T RUNNING; HOWEVER, HE WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND FINCH REITERATED IF OWENS HAD BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT RUNNING, HE SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN EVERYTHING CLEARED UP BEFORE THE ELECTION. COMMISSIONER HALL SAID HE FELT OWENS WANTED TO RUN OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE PUT HIS NAME OUT THERE; HOWEVER, HE WAS DISQUALIFIED BY ANOTHER PERSON.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT OWENS WANTED TO SERVE ON THE OHSWCB; HOWEVER, HE WAS AFRAID HIS JOB MAY BE IN JEOPARDY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH FINCH QUESTIONING IF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED; IF SHE HAS THE UNDERSTANDING OWENS' NAME WASN'T A VALID NAME ON THE BALLOT, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD WOULD HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID OWENS' NAME WAS ON THE BALLOT AND IT WAS GOOD, HE HAD NOT WITHDRAWN UNTIL THE LAST DAY OR SO; THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE THAT VOTED ABSENTEES ACTUALLY VOTED FOR A CANDIDATE THAT WAS RUNNING.

JERRY BROCK QUESTIONED EXACTLY WHAT WAS THE BOARD'S MOTION; IF THEY ADD OWENS' NAME BACK TO THE LIST, WILL HE GET THE JOB; WILL HIS NAME BE BACK ON THE NOVEMBER 2ND BALLOT, ETC. HE STATED HE WAS TOTALLY LOST AS TO WHY THEY ARE EVEN VOTING ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID THE BOARD WAS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO OWENS' BOSS TO LET HIM HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING BECAUSE THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR THAT.

WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS ADVICE WAS, ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW ALL THE FACTS; HOWEVER, IF OWENS WITHDREW BEFORE THE ELECTION, HE DOESN'T SEE ANYWAY THE BOARD COULD DO WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT.

KATHY FOSTER, NEWS REPORTER, INFORMED THE BOARD THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS VERY CAREFULLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT OWENS HAD WITHDRAWN HIS NAME PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERENCED THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE; THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS MAY ALREADY HAVE THIS ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 2ND EVEN THOUGH THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO NOT PUT IT ON THE BALLOT TODAY. HE POINTED OUT SHE HAD A DEADLINE TO SEND THE BALLOTS TO THE SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS; IT WOULD BE A STRAW BALLOT AND WOULD NOT BE BINDING SHOULD IT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

ROGER HAGAN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS OPENING THE DOOR FOR THE FUTURE FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND ASK THEM TO WRITE THEIR BOSS A LETTER SO THEY COULD BE ON THE BALLOT. HE REFERENCED COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING VOTED AGAINST ONE MOTION SAYING COMMISSIONERS SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S POLITICS. HE STATED HE WAS ALL FOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, ANYONE WANTING TO RUN FOR ANYTHING OUGHT TO RUN; BUT, IS IT A COMMISSION ISSUE.

FOSTER QUESTIONED SHOULD THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE ALREADY BE ON THE BALLOT, WOULD IT BE A STAW BALLOT OR BINDING BALLOT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WOULD BE A STRAW BALLOT; THE BOARD WOULD HAVE HAD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED TODAY IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE A BINDING BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THEY LOOK INTO THE LEGAL ASPECT OF WHAT THEY ARE WANTING TO DO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED IF OWENS WITHDREW, IT WAS A MUTE POINT. COMMISSIONER COPE AND BROCK WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TRANSMISSION HAVING GONE OUT ON A KING CAB TRUCK AT ROAD AND BRIDGE; THE SHOP FOREMAN HAD GOTTEN AN ESTIMATE TO FIX IT FOR \$2,300. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE WHO TOOK THE TRUCK HOME AND REBUILT THE TRANSMISSION AT A COST OF \$700 FOR PARTS AND LABOR. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE TO PAY THE \$700 FOR THE TRANSMISSION THAT WAS FIXED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS ON HOW MUCH CASH CARRY FORWARD THEY NEEDED TO PURCHASE THE TWO NEW TRUCKS THEY WERE REQUESTING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY HAD MADE BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET TO COVER THE COST IF THE BOARD CHOOSES TO PURCHASE THEM; \$18,954 FROM THE FUEL LINE ITEM, \$10,000 FROM REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND \$1,500 FROM THE PERMIT APPLICATION TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM. HE STATED THEY WOULD HAVE \$34,500 TO PURCHASE THE TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THE REASON WAS FOR THIS TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW; WHY WOULDN'T THIS ROLL FORWARD AND THE TRUCKS BE PURCHASED AT THE RIGHT TIME. HE THEN ASKED IF THEY HAD A SERIOUS TRUCK PROBLEM; HARCUS AND COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY DID HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THIS MONEY WAS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET AND WOULDN'T ROLL FORWARD. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD ROLLS FORWARD.

HARCUS INFORMED THE BOARD THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR THEY HAVE NOT HAD NEW TRUCKS PURCHASED AND ADDRESSED THE EMPLOYEES HAVING TO DRIVE STATION WAGONS, CARS, ETC.; IF THEY GET A TRUCK FROM FL-DOT AND IT BREAKS DOWN, THE BOARD SELLS IT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE IN PURCHASING THE VEHICLES NOW AND IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR; IF THEY DIDN'T PURCHASE THE VEHICLES NOW, THESE MONIES WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CASH CARRY FORWARD. SHE EXPLAINED BOARD FINANCE DID AN ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD FOR FY 2004-2005; A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WILL BE DONE IN DECEMBER TO COVER ACTUAL CASH CARRY FORWARD AND OTHER BUDGET ADDITIONS. SHE STATED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD, EVEN IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL CASH CARRY FORWARD MONIES, TO CONSIDER THE DIFFICULTY IN BALANCING THE BUDGET THIS YEAR AND PUT THE MONIES IN RESERVE FOR FUTURE BUDGETING.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO PURCHASE THE TRUCKS ON A LEASE PURCHASE PLAN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE FELT THE BOARD COULD GET THEMSELVES INTO FINANCIAL TROUBLES BY HAVING A LOT OF LEASE PURCHASES; SHE PREFERRED PURCHASING THE TRUCKS OUTRIGHT IF THE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE COULDN'T GO ALONG WITH PURCHASING THE TRUCKS REFERENCING THEM HAVING TO ALREADY SELL LAND TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED SHE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO BUYING THE TRUCKS; HOWEVER, ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING ENOUGH MONIES TO FUND THEIR FUEL IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR AND NOW THEY ARE WANTING TO TAKE \$18,954 FROM THE FUEL LINE ITEM AND TRANSFER IT TO THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED IF THE COUNTY HADN'T DONE THE TWO RETENTION PONDS, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ENOUGH FUEL MONIES; HE WAS REFERENCING GETTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE GRANTS FOR THIS EXPENSE.

HARCUS STATED THE COUNTY WOULD BE SAVING A LOT OF MONEY ON GAS IF THEY DIDN'T PURCHASE SOME TRUCKS; THE EMPLOYEES WOULDN'T HAVE ANY- THING TO DRIVE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HARCUS IF THEY HAD CHECKED INTO USED VEHICLES FROM FL-DOT. HARCUS ADVISED THEY COULD GET USED TRUCKS FROM DOT; HOWEVER, IF THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM, THE COUNTY SELLS THEM AND DOESN'T GET ANYTHING TO REPLACE THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO PURCHASE TWO TRUCKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IF THE INVOICE WAS DATED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, IT WOULD BE CHARGED TO FY 2003-2004 BUDGET; IF THE INVOICE WAS DATED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, IT WOULD BE CHARGED TO FY 2004-2005.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ROAD AND BRIDGE NEEDED TO DECIDE IF THEY WOULD BE BETTER OFF TO GO AND LOOK AT FL-DOT TRUCKS OR GET THE TWO NEW TRUCKS; THIS WILL ONLY GIVE THEM TWO MORE VEHICLES TO PUT OUT ON THE LINE TO BE USED. HE THEN ADDRESSED WHEN THE COUNTY HAS PURCHASED NEW TRUCKS FOR ROBERT AND DALLAS, DAVID CORBIN GOT ONE OF THEIR OLD TRUCKS.

WHEN IT WAS REFERENCED THAT HARCUS HAD SAID THE TRUCKS WERE WORN OUT, COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS JUST TRYING TO GET MORE TRUCKS ON THE LINE FOR THE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THE TRUCKS ARE PASSED DOWN.

HARCUS REITERATED WHAT HE SAID ABOUT PURCHASING VEHICLES FROM FL-DOT AND IF SOMETHING GETS WRONG WITH IT, THEY SELL IT RATHER THAN FIXING IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID SOMETIMES IT IS BETTER TO SELL THE TRUCKS PURCHASED FROM FL-DOT RATHER THAN FIX THEM DUE TO BEING ABLE TO GO AND PURCHASE ANOTHER ONE FROM THEM.

HARCUS AND COMMISSIONER BROCK POINTED OUT THE LAST TRUCKS PURCHASED FROM FL-DOT WERE PRETTY EXPENSIVE.

JERRY BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IT BEING IN THE NEWSPAPERS ON IT BEING A HARD YEAR TO BALANCE THE COUNTY BUDGET; IF THERE IS NEW TRUCKS PURCHASED NOW, IT WOULDN'T LOOK GOOD AT ELECTION TIME.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERENCED THE BOARD A FEW MONTHS AGO BEING IN BAD NEED OF AN EXCAVATOR TO DIG IN THE BARROW PIT; COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED THE NEED TO GET GILBERTS BRIDGE FIXED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HARCUS ON THE CONDITION OF HIS TRUCK; HARCUS ADVISED IT WAS IN FAIR CONDITION BUT IT IS OUT OF WARRANTY. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NOT GETTING A NEW TRUCK FOR HIMSELF; THEY JUST NEED MORE VEHICLES AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HAVE TO EITHER PURCHASE TWO NEW TRUCKS FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE AND PUT THEIR OLD TRUCKS ON THE LINE FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO DRIVE OR GO TO FL-DOT AND PURCHASE SOME.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW THE TRUCKS WOULD BE ORDERED AND THE SPECIFICATIONS; HERBERT ADVISED THE TRUCKS WOULD BE PURCHASED ON STATE BID PRICES.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON FBIP MONIES HAVING TO GO TOWARD BOATRAMP; HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND THE \$22,000 IN THE FBIP FUNDS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE BOATRAMP AT SHELL LANDING AND CRYSTAL LAKE AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF CORBIN SPENDING THE FBIP FUNDS ON SHELL LANDING AND CRYSTAL LAKE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CORBIN SAYING HE WAS ONLY ASKING FOR APPROVAL TO DO SHELL LANDING AS HE DON'T HAVE THE PLANS ON CRYSTAL LAKE AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED SOMEONE NEEDS TO CLEAN OUT AT THE BOAT RAMP AT PORTER POND. CORBIN SAID HE COULD DO THIS ONE TO IF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF CORBIN'S REQUEST WAS JUST TO DO SHELL LANDING AT THIS TIME; CORBIN ADVISED THIS WAS CORRECT.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DAVID THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THEM NEEDING TO ADDRESS GETTING SOMETHING NICE FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COME AND LOOK AT THE ELECTION RESULTS. HE REFERENCED THE COMPLAINTS HE HAD HEARD FROM THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SEE THE RESULTS STATING THEY COULDN'T READ THE NUMBERS ON THE SCREEN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED GOING BACK TO WRITING THEM ON A BOARD LIKE THEY USE TO. COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED HIM HAVING WRITTEN THE RESULTS DOWN ON THE BOARD FOR NUMEROUS YEARS.

MALCOLM GAINNEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIM WORKING ON IMPROVEMENTS AS FAR AS THE QUALITY OF THE OUTSIDE SIGNAGE THAT WAS USED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER FINCH TO WORK WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO IMPROVE THE OUTSIDE SIGNAGE SO PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE ELECTION RESULTS, EVEN IF HE HAS TO WRITE THEM.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HURRICANE IVAN AND REQUESTED THEY ADOPT A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004, AT 9:00 A.M. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

HAGAN THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE USE OF THE BOARD ROOM FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEES DURING HURRICANE IVAN. HE STATED THE BOARD CERTAINLY WANTED ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES TO HAVE A REAL SAFE SHELTER; HOWEVER, A PLACE IS NEEDED FOR THE EOC WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FIRST. HE REFERENCED THERE WERE GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS FOR EMPLOYEES THAT DO NOT HAVE AN EOC ROLE OR RESPONSIBILITY CAN GO TO.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN IF HE RECOMMENDED GRANTING THE USE OF THE BOARD ROOM TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEES, HAGAN RESPONDED HE RECOMMENDED GRANTING EOC WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THE USE OF IT. IF IT OPENS A DOOR, HE SAID HE CERTAINLY WANTS EVERYONE SAFE; HOWEVER, HE KNOWS EVERYBODY'S FAMILY IS NOT UNDER CONTROL AND THEY DON'T NEED PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR FAMILIES TO THE BOARD ROOM JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE AN EMPLOYEE AND BE CONSTANTLY GOING IN AND OUT OF THE EOC UNLESS THEY HAVE AN EOC ROLE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEES TO BE ABLE TO USE THE BOARD ROOM DURING HURRICANE IVAN. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAGAN HAVING RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ROOM BE USED FOR EOC WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. HAGAN SAID HE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO OTHERS BUT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT NEEDS FOR THE WORD TO GO OUT IF THEY ALLOW OTHERS, THEY WOULD BE PROVIDED SHELTER ONLY; EOC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FEED THEM NOR WILL THEY BE ABLE TO GO IN AND OUT OF THE EOC FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED HAGAN REPEAT HIS RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF THE BOARD ROOM FOR HURRICANE IVAN. HAGAN SAID HIS RECOMMENDATION, FIRST OF ALL, WAS FOR THE EOC STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE FIRST OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE OF THE BOARD ROOM; IF THE BOARD CHOOSES TO ALLOW OTHERS TO COME, WORD BE PUT OUT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES, IF THEY DON'T HAVE AN ASSIGNED TASK IN THE EOC ACTIVATION, THEY STAY IN THE BOARD ROOM AND DO NOT COME TO EOC. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HAGAN'S RECOMMENDATION.

HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD, SINCE THEY ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE IVAN, IF THEY DO GET DECLARED, THEIR OVERTIME AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE COVERED UPFRONT; IF THEY GET A STRIKE, CATEGORY C THROUGH G, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE EVALUATED, A PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WILL BE DONE, FEMA TEAMS WILL COME, ETC. HE ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NATIONAL GUARD PRESENCE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14TH.

HE THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PATH OF HURRICANE IVAN; THEY ARE LOOKING AT LANDING AROUND 2:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY MORNING. HE STATED IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE NIGHT OF THE 14TH OR MORNING OF THE 15TH BEFORE EOC IS FULLY ACTIVATED.

HE SAID THEY HAVE NOT ASKED OR LOOKING TO ASK THE BOARD FOR A MANDATORY EVACUATION; THEY ARE GOING TO PUT OUT THE BEST WORDING THEY CAN TODAY AND TOMORROW WITH PRESS RELEASES ON THE INTENSITY OF THE STORM BASED ON THE LATEST INFORMATION THEY HAVE.

DUE TO SCHOOLS BEING THEIR SHELTERS, AT 1:00 P. M. THIS AFTER- NOON, EOC HOPES TO HAVE A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TO TELL THEM WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES.

LYNDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAVING TALKED ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SHE HAD SCHEDULED FOR LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH; SHE IS GOING TO CANCEL THESE MEETINGS DUE TO RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT AND WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, NOT WANTING TO

BE ON THE ROAD THAT NIGHT BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE WEATHER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE IVAN.

WALLER ALSO ADDRESSED SHE WOULD BE MAKING A CALL ON WHETHER TO CANCEL A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 5:00 P.M.; THIS IS ON HOLD AT THE PRESENT TIME.

KATHY FOSTER, NEWS REPORTER, INFORMED THE BOARD GEORGE C. OWENS' LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL WAS DATED AUGUST 6TH AND RECEIVED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ON AUGUST 12TH; IT REQUESTED HIS NAME BE WITHDRAWN.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED KENNETH LASSITER HAVING BEEN A MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR FOR A YEAR; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED HE MUST HAVE BEEN HIRED IN AS A BUSH CUTTER PER HER SALARY SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THE BOARD HAD SAID IF A PERSON CONTINUES TO DO A JOB OTHER THAN WHAT THEY WERE HIRED TO DO FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, THEY COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THAT POSITION AND RECEIVE THAT RATE OF PAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO MOVE KENNETH LASSITER AT A MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR'S PAY. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED HIM CURRENTLY MAKING MORE THAN A BEGINNER MOTORGRADER OPERATOR'S PAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT STATED THE BEGINNING SALARY FOR MOTOR- GRADER OPERATOR PAY WAS \$9.25; THEREFORE, HE WOULD BE MAKING \$.02 MORE PER HOUR THAN WHAT HE IS CURRENTLY MAKING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD CONSENTING FOR DALLAS AND ROBERT TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION WHETHER TO MOVE LASSITER TO A MOTORGRADER OPERATOR, KEEP THE SAME SALARY, ETC.

THE BOARD RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 5:05 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2004.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/13/04