

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/02/04

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 CORBIN, COPE, HALL, FINCH AND BROCK PRESENT. ADMINI- STRATOR HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

KERRY ADKISON, REPRESENTING EDDIE DAVIS AND RESIDENTS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, ON DORCH CIRCLE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING AN EXTENSION RUNNING TO THE WEST OFF OF DORCH CIRCLE THAT DAVIS OWNS A HOME OWN AND THREE ARE MORE FAMILIES WHO ARE GOING TO START CONSTRUCTION SOON.

ACCORDING TO LETTERS HE HAS, THE ROAD STARTED BEING MAINTAINED IN 1986. THEY WERE REQUESTING THE COUNTY TAKE THE ROAD AS IS. HE ADVISED THE BOARD OF THE LAW; IF THE COUNTY CONSTRUCTED AND MAIN- TAINED A ROAD FOR FOUR YEARS, IT IS A COUNTY ROAD OR IF THIS DETERMINATION CAN'T BE MADE AND IT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY SOMEONE ELSE, AND THE COUNTY MAINTAINED IT FOR SEVEN YEARS, IT IS A COUNTY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAD LOOKED AT THE ROAD AND IT IS REALLY BETTER THAN A LOT OF THE ROADS THE COUNTY HAS. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED THE ROAD WAS ALREADY A COUNTY ROAD; THEY WOULD JUST BE ACCEPTING THE TOTAL 80'. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ACCEPT THE EXTRA EASEMENTS BEING OFFERED BY EDDIE DAVIS ON DORCH CIRCLE.

EOC DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN, ADDRESSED NAMING THE DORCH CIRCLE EXTENSION AS A SEPARATE ROAD FOR 9-1-1 PURPOSES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS TO LEAVE THE ADDRESSES FOR THE WEST EXTENSION AS DORCH CIRCLE DUE TO THERE ALREADY BEING HOUSES ON THE CIRCLE WITH 9-1-1 ADDRESSES. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HAGAN REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE FRANSCIS BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. AND EXTENDING THROUGH ITS DURATION. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE HURRICANE AND ADVISED THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

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

HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVING MET SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THE LAST BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH THE BOARD ON JULY 19TH; THEY HAVE LOOKED AT THE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS INDIVIDUALLY AND LOOKED AT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE ACCURATE.

HE THEN WENT OVER THE BUDGET NOTES ON THE CHANGES SINCE THE JULY 19, 2004 MEETING. (COPY ATTACHED)

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED THE \$105,000 ADDED TO WORKERS COMPENSATION TO COVER HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS A \$105,000 REVENUE FROM THE HOSPITAL TO COVER THE \$105,000 EXPENSE. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO COVER THE EMPLOYEES BEING COVERED FOR 2003-2004; THE HOSPITAL WILL REIMBURSE FOR WHATEVER THE WORKERS COMP EXPENSE IS.

THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE WAS FOR ALL SALARIES FOR THE BOARD BE FUNDED PER POLICY AT 3% AND LONGEVITY PAY INCREASES; NO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REQUESTS FOR THE BOARD WERE FUNDED. ANY- ONE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL SALARY OR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED LYNN WHITE WEARS A BEEPER ON THE WEEKEND AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY MAKING MORE MONEY THAN SHE IS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE A LESSER AMOUNT OF TIME; HE REQUESTED A SALARY INCREASE FOR HER.

DUE TO WHITE BEING HAGAN'S SECRETARY, WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS RECOMMENDATION WAS, HE STATED TO STICK TO THE POLICY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED. HE THEN REFERENCED THIS HAPPENS YEAR TO YEAR WHERE SOMEONE GETS AN INCREASE DUE TO THEM DOING A GOOD JOB AND QUESTIONED IF THIS IS SAYING SOMEONE ELSE IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID HAGAN MADE A GOOD POINT; DID SOMEONE ELSE DO A BETTER JOB THAN WHITE TO GET AN INCREASE OVER HER WHO HAS BEEN HERE A LESS TIME. HAGAN STATED THE BOARD VOTED ON THE INCREASES AND HE DOESN'T KNOW THE ANSWER; HE ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT TRYING TO SAY NOT GIVE WHITE A RAISE BUT WAS TRYING TO STICK WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. HE THEN ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO GIVE WHITE A RAISE BECAUSE SHE IS WEARING A PAGER AND HE WEARS ONE AND IT DOES NOT WARRANT AN INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED HE WAS NOT WANTING TO GIVE HER MORE THAN OTHER PEOPLE BUT TREAT HER AS FAIR AS OTHER PEOPLE. HAGAN REFERENCED PROMOTIONS AND SOME STEP INCREASES FOR WHITE IN THE PAST THE BOARD HAD GRANTED; SHE IS AN EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE TO HIM BUT HE SAID THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION.

HAGAN STATED ANYTIME THERE IS A JOB DESCRIPTION AND A POLICY AND THE BOARD VARIES FROM IT, THERE NEEDS TO BE A MEASURABLE INCREASE IN DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITY, CHANGE IN WORKING CONDITIONS, INCREASE IN POWERS. HE FURTHER COMMENTED THE EVALUATIONS DONE ON ALL EMPLOYEES NEED TO BE LOOKED AT BY A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WITH THEIR SUPERVISOR TO BE BENEFICIAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY MATCH FOR MSBU NOT BEING FUNDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE FELT THERE WAS A COMMITMENT FROM THE COUNTY TO SPEND MONIES IN THE MSBU AREA OTHER THAN THE MSBU ASSESSMENTS DUE TO THEIR INVESTMENT IN EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE PURCHASED AND MAINTENANCE THEY ARE DOING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T FUND THE MATCH, WHAT WOULD IT DO TO THE MSBU BUDGET. ZANETIC ADVISED THE BOARD MSBU WOULD HAVE TO QUIT MAINTAINING PARKS, ROAD SIGNS, MOWING, ETC.; THERE WAS ALSO \$35,000 FOR FUEL INCLUDED IN THE MATCH.

HE TOLD THE BOARD HE ALWAYS TRIED TO MAKE IT A LOW IMPACT ON THE COUNTY WITH EVERYTHING THE MSBU DID. HE THEN REFERENCED THE LIST OF LANDS HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WHICH WAS PROBABLY WORTH A NET OF \$2,000,000; THE 20 LOTS THEY ARE LOOKING AT SELLING WOULD BRING IN OVER \$150,000. HE WAS REQUESTING MSBU BE GIVEN PART OF THAT MONEY TO REINVEST TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS; THE BOARD NEEDS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO USE THE MONEY MADE OFF THE LIST OF LANDS AND REINVEST IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED COMMITTING UP TO \$100,000 FROM THE SALE OF THE LIST OF LANDS TO MSBU.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE REVENUE NOR EXPENDITURES FOR THE SALE OF LANDS IS INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET PROJECTION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REMINDED THE BOARD THOSE WHO PURCHASE A PARCEL AND BUILD A HOUSE ON IT WITH AN ASSESSED VALUE OF AT LEAST \$100,000 WITHIN TWO YEARS WOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR HALF OF THE AMOUNT THEY PAID FOR THE PARCEL.

ZANETIC REQUESTED THE BOARD BE VERY CAREFUL WHO THEY SELL THE PROPERTY TO. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HIM THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO BID THE PROPERTIES AND THEY COULDN'T DISCRIMINATE UNLESS THEY WRITE THE BID SPECIFICATIONS UP.

ZANETIC ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD SET THE MINIMUM BID PRICES FOR THE SALE OF THE LOTS; THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK CLOSELY AND GET GOOD INFORMATION ON WHERE THE PROPERTIES ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE WORTH. HE THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VALUE OF SOME OF THE PROPERTIES INCREASING IF THEY WAITED ANOTHER YEAR TO SALE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE MSBU COMMITTEE WOULD LOOK FAITHFUL IF THE BOARD COMMITTED, AS THEY SELL THE LIST OF LANDS, TO RE-INVEST UP TO \$100,000 TO THE MSBU BUDGET; ZANETIC RESPONDED THEY WOULD. COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN PUT THIS IN A MOTION.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING ADDRESSED AT ONE TIME FOR ALL SURPLUS PROPERTIES TO BE PUT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT; THE LIST OF LAND SALES AND THE DANIELS LAKE MONIES WILL BE PUT INTO AN ACCOUNT OF ITS OWN WITH THE \$100,000 TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET MSBU COUNTY MATCH LINE ITEM.

CLERK LINDA COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LIST OF LANDS; THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANOTHER SALE. WHEN THEY ARE ON THE LIST OF LANDS, ANYONE CAN PURCHASE THESE PROPERTIES; THE BOARD HAS THE OPTION FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS ON THE PROPERTIES, IT THEN GOES ON A LIST OF LANDS AND ANYONE CAN PURCHASE THEM. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAD TWO EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THESE PROPERTIES; PEOPLE ARE CALLING WANTING TO PURCHASE NUMEROUS LOTS.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED HE AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAVING READ THE STATUTE; BASICALLY AFTER THE 90 DAYS WHEN IT GOES ON A LIST OF LANDS, AFTER THREE YEARS, THE CLERK SHOULD ESCHEAT ALL OF THE LAND TO THE COUNTY.

CLERK COOK STATED THIS WENT INTO AFFECT IN 2001; PRIOR TO THAT, IT WAS SEVEN YEARS.

ZANETIC SAID THE CLERK WOULD ISSUE AN ESCHEATED DEED AND THE STATUTE SAYS THE PROPERTY WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S FREE AND CLEAR; THE CLERK DISAGREED WITH ZANETIC.

HALL QUESTIONED IF THERE COULD BE TWO CERTIFICATES PICKED UP ON THE SAME PIECE OF PROPERTY; ZANETIC ADVISED THE LIST OF LANDS IS PROPERTIES THAT HAVE ALREADY WENT TO AUCTION AND DIDN'T GET PICKED UP.

HALL THEN QUESTIONED IF SOMEONE PICKED UP A TAX DEED ON THE FIRST YEAR AND THEN ON THE SECOND YEAR; IF THE COUNTY PICKS IT UP, THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THE CERTIFICATE ON IT LOSES THEIR MONEY; ZANETIC ADVISED THIS WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO ANY MONIES BEING SPENT FROM THE SURPLUS PROPERTY FUND, IT BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN ASKED IF A QUARTERLY TRANSFER COULD BE MADE TO MSBU FOR THE \$100,000 BEING COMMITTED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WOULD BE HANDLED AS IN THE PAST; DEBBIE RILEY OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL SEND IN BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO COVER THE \$100,000 IN KIND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY TO MSBU WHEN THE WORK IS DONE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED ZANETIC IF THE \$100,000 MATCH WOULD BE A CONTINUOUS THING. ZANETIC STATED THIS MONEY WAS TO DO WHAT THEY TOOK OVER FOR THE COUNTY; IT WOULD BE A CONTINUOUS THING.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT SELLING ALL THE COUNTY PROPERTIES RATHER THAN JUST THE PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED THE INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO HER ON THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR FY 2004-2005 FROM LAND SALES SO A BUDGET CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON GETTING THE SUNNY HILLS PROPERTIES READY FOR SALE; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY WERE READY WHEN ATTORNEY HOLLEY GETS THE ORDINANCE PREPARED. COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED HERBERT CONTACT THE ATTORNEY ON GETTING THE ORDINANCE PREPARED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HERBERT ADVISED HOPEFULLY THE 22 PROPERTIES WILL BE READY TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE WHEN THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET THE 22 PROPERTIES SOLD BY JANUARY OF 2005 IN ORDER TO GET THEM BACK ON THE TAX ROLL FOR NEXT YEAR.

ZANETIC ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MSBU BUDGET TO ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE \$25 ASSESSMENT; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS BEEN PREPARING THE RESOLUTION.

CLERK COOK REQUESTED THE BOARD HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY CHECK ON ZANETIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE STATUTE ON THE LAND BEING THE COUNTY'S FREE AND CLEAR AFTER THREE YEARS. ZANETIC ADVISED IT WAS IN THE 2003-2004 STATUTE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS BEEN PROVIDED A COPY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MSBU BUDGET AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION WHICH PUTS THE \$25 MSBU ASSESSMENT IN PLACE.

JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY ADMINISTRATOR, QUESTIONED IF MSBU WAS NOT THE SAME AS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, A TAXING AUTHORITY; HE THEN ASKED WHY THE COUNTY DIDN'T GIVE THE CITY \$100,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED ALL THE COUNTY WAS DOING IS GIVING MSBU MONIES TO DO THE MAINTENANCE, ETC. THE COUNTY HAD BEEN DOING IN THE MSBU AREA. MORRIS STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS; HOWEVER, CHIPLEY IS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ALSO.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID IF THE BOARD DID LIKE THEY USE TO, EACH DISTRICT GOT THE SAME AMOUNT OF BUDGET MONIES AS THE OTHER DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT 5 HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SUNNY HILLS WITH THE BUDET MONIES THEY RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED ALL THE GRADING, GRASS CUTTING, ETC. WAS BEYOND THE DISTRICT MATERIALS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HALL SAID BEFORE THERE WAS MSBU, THERE WAS NOTHING TO COVER IT EXCEPT OUT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED WHEN THE \$100,000 WAS FIRST SET FOR MSBU, THIS IS THE AMOUNT THAT HAD BEEN BEING SPENT IN THE MSBU AREA; RATHER THAN THE COUNTY DOING IT, THEY AGREED TO COMMIT THIS AMOUNT TO MSBU TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID THE ARGUMENT FOR THE MSBU WHEN IT WAS PUT INTO AFFECT WAS THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THE COUNTY COULD TAKE THE MONEY THEY HAD BEEN SPENDING IN SUNNY HILLS AND USE IT ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T THINK THE COUNTY CAN LEGALLY DO THIS; THE LAW SAYS YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE A SERVICE. HIS POINT WAS, THE OTHER DISTRICTS SUFFERED JUST LIKE SUNNY HILLS WAS SUFFERING BEFORE THEY IMPLEMENTED THE MSBU.

MORRIS SAID THE CITY OF CHIPLEY RESIDENTS ARE PAYING TAXES JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS; IF THEY PAY TEN MILLS, WHY DON'T THEY GET \$100,000. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY WAS GETTING QUADRUPLED MAINTENANCE NOW IN THE MSBU AREA THAN WHAT THEY DID PRIOR TO THE MSBU BEING IMPLEMENTED AND HAVEN'T COMMITTED ANY MORE MONIES THAN THEY WERE ALREADY SPENDING.

MORRIS TOLD THE BOARD THEY HAD NOT DONE ANYTHING FOR CHIPLEY IN YEARS; COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD JUST GIVEN \$5,000 OUT OF HIS DISTRICT MONIES FOR COLEMAN AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID SUNNY HILLS WOULD HAVE NEVER GOTTEN THEIR ROADS PAVED IF THEY HAD NOT IMPLEMENTED THE MSBU ASSESSMENT.

MORRIS SAID IF THE CITY PAYS THE SAME 10 MILLS SUNNY HILLS PAY, WHY DON'T THEY GET TREATED THE SAME; THAT IS A FAIR QUESTION. HE ALSO ADDRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF CHIPLEY PAY SIX MILLS MORE THAN THE PEOPLE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS; CHIPLEY PROVIDES THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MORRIS THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CITY HAVING A LINE ITEM IN THEIR 2004-2005 BUDGET FOR RECREATION TOTTALLING \$14,000 FOR NEW EQUIPMENT; OVER 80% OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING LIVE IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND THEY NEED HELP FUNDING IT.

HE ADDRESSED THE INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION IN THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS EACH YEAR. HE SUGGESTED DONATING SOME OF THE FUNDS FROM THE LIST OF LAND SALES TO RECREATION AND REFERENCED WAUSAU AND VERNON BEING IN THE SAME BOAT AS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IN NEEDING ASSISTANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF THE COUNTY COULD ASSIST THEM DOLLAR WISE, HE WOULD SUPPORT IT; HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T WON'T TO UNDER- TAKE ANOTHER PROJECT LIKE COLEMAN AVENUE DUE TO IT BEING SO MUCH BIGGER THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE PROJECT TAKING A LONG TIME DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR; ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS PREPARED THE ROAD FOR THE PAVING NUMEROUS TIMES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY GETTING TWO GRANTS FOR RECREATION. MORRIS UPDATED THE BOARD ON ONE OF THE GRANTS BEING FOR A SOCCER FIELD; HOWEVER, THEY CAN'T GET A GRANT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, PAY SALARIES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHAT THE COUNTY MATCH WAS ON THEIR RECREATION GRANTS; COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COUNTY HAD INKIND SERVICE MATCHES FOR THEIR RECREATION GRANTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON GETTING ASSISTANCE FROM TDC FOR RECREATION AND TO REQUEST THE SCHOOL BOARD FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATION IN PROVIDING A SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID 60% OF THE TDC REVENUES CAN BE OBLIGATED TOWARD RECREATION.

MORRIS SAID THE CITY AND COUNTY NEEDS TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MAKE FUNDING RECREATION A JOINT EFFORT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON COGGIN AVENUE, PARCEL #1292, FOR SALE AND COMMIT UP TO \$10,000 TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO JUST FUND CHIPLEY; THE BOARD NEEDS TO SUPPORT VERNON, WAUSAU AND THE OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNTY WITH THEIR RECREATION PROGRAMS.

COMMISSIONER HALL RECOMMENDED SELLING THE PROPERTY, GO TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND ASK THEM TO MATCH IT AND THEN DIVIDE IT AMONG THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE A RECREATION PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK READDRESSSED THE BOARD HAVING BEEN ASKED TO PASS AN ORDINANCE FOR A BED TAX FOR TDC FOR A SOURCE OF INCOME FOR RECREATION AND NOW THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TDC FUNDS GOING TOWARD FUNDING FUN DAY, WATERMELON FESTIVAL, TRACTOR PULL, ETC.

MORRIS SAID HE NEEDED SOME TYPE OF COMMITMENT FROM THE BOARD SO HE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH AT THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S BUDGET WORKSHOP THIS AFTERNOON.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD ANY INTEREST MONIES, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE AMOUNT COMMISSIONER COPE, BROCK AND FINCH HAD REMAINING IN THESE FUNDS.

JANE NORRIS REFERENCED ALL THE PARKS BUILT EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTY; IF THE BOARD DOES SOMETHING FOR CHIPLEY, THEY WOULD NEED TO IN TURN DO SOMETHING FOR VERNON, WAUSAU, CARYVILLE, ETC. SHE WAS IN AGREEMENT THE SCHOOL BOARD SHOULD ASSIST WITH FUNDING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

MORRIS SAID IF THE BOARD COMMITTED \$14,000 TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR RECREATION, THE CITY WOULD COMMIT A LITTLE OVER \$176,000.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAVING A JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON FUNDING A RECREATIONAL BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO TAKE \$25,000 OFF THE LIST OF LAND SALES, CHALLENGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO MATCH IT, AND PRORATE IT OUT TO ORGANIZED SPORTS TO THE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE WANTING A BINDING REFERENDUM TO BE PUT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO LET PEOPLE DECIDE IF THEY WANT COUNTY WIDE OR DISTRICT VOTING. CORBIN SAID THE PEOPLE FEEL IF IT WERE DISTRICT VOTING, THEY WOULD KNOW THEIR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, COUNTY COMMIS- SIONERS, ETC. BETTER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE PREVIOUS TIMES IT WAS PUT ON THE BALLOT IF IT WAS BINDING OR A STRAW BALLOT; ON THE 2002 NOVEMBER BALLOT, THE COUNTY WIDE VERSUS DISTRICT VOTING WAS PUT ON AS A BINDING REFERENDUM AND THE PEOPLE VOTED TO CHANGE TO COUNTY WIDE VOTING.

JANE NORRIS VOICED HER OPPOSITION TO HAVING THIS ISSUE PUT BACK ON THE BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TRUE VOTE ONE TIME; IT HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE BALLOT WHEN THERE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION. HE

REFERENCED IN 2002 THE PERCENTAGES OF PEOPLE VOTING IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS; IT WAS LESS THAN WHAT IT WILL BE THIS YEAR DUE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BEING ON THE BALLOT. HE SAID THERE WERE NO COUNTY RACES EITHER IN 2002; IT WAS ONE OF THE WORST TIMES AN ISSUE COULD HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT IT UP; HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY AND DO HIS BEST TO DO WHAT THEY WANT DONE. HE SAID IT WOULD NOT COST ANYTHING TO PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THERE WERE COMMISSIONERS RUNNING ON THE 2002 BALLOT; COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE WERE NO CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS RUNNING.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED ALL THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THE COUNTY SPENT TO TRY AND GET THE VOTING BACK TO COUNTY WIDE VOTING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AT THE TIME THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION TO PUT THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE ON THE BALLOT, HE ASKED THEM TO WAIT UNTIL A GENERAL ELECTION SO THEY COULD GET A TRUE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

MS. NORRIS SAID EVERYONE SHE HAD TALKED TO WAS PLEASED THEY WERE GOING TO GET TO VOTE FOR ALL CANDIDATES THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF IT WAS PUT ON THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, THE PEOPLE COULD VOTE FOR WHAT THEY WANTED AND SETTLE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN DISAGREEING THIS ISSUE WAS ON THE BALLOT IN 2002; HOWEVER, INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS IT WAS A BINDING REFERENDUM ON THE 2002 BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER HALL SUGGESTED NOT HAVING A LAWYER WRITE UP THE WORDING FOR THE BALLOT; MAKE THE LANGUAGE SIMPLE BY ASKING "DO YOU WANT COUNTY WIDE VOTING".

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING TALKED WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; SHE STATED IT WOULD NOT COST ANYTHING TO ADD THIS TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IF THE BOARD CHOOSES TO DO SO.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, AS A CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY, VOICED HER OPINION THAT EVERYONE HAD THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON THE NOVEMBER 2002 BALLOT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED; HOWEVER, HE FELT THE PROBLEM WAS GETTING THE MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE AS THE PAPERS ONLY COVER 10% TO 15% OF THE POPULATION.

ROGER HAGAN POINTED OUT HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE PEOPLE WOULD TRUST THE BOARD TO DO THE RIGHT THING ANYMORE ONCE THEY VOTE BECAUSE THEY DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IT; HE WAS ADDRESSING THEM WANTING TO PUT THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING BACK ON THE BALLOT.

ED PELLETIER READDRESSSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS IN FAVOR OF COUNTY WIDE VOTING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO PUT COUNTY WIDE VOTING ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AS A MANDATE. CORBIN SAID WHATEVER THE VOTE IS, HE IS IN FAVOR OF STICKING WITH IT AND IT BEING A DEAD ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BOARD WANTS TO PUT THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING BACK ON THE BALLOT AND CHANGE THEIR DIRECTION AGAIN; THE ISSUE OUGHT TO BE PUT TO REST AS IT HAS BEEN VOTED ON BY THE PEOPLE TWICE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REITERATED IT WOULDN'T GOING TO COST ANYTHING TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND ANY TIME ANY OF HIS CONSTITUENTS ASK HIM FOR SOMETHING, THERE IS A POINT IN IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH OPPOSING.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED FOR A RECESS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET BEING BALANCED WITH THE ACTION THE BOARD TOOK TO TRANSFER \$100,000 FROM THE LAND SALES BUDGET TO THE TRANSPORTATION COUNTY MATCH FOR MSBU; HOWEVER, IT IS ONLY BALANCED IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY PUBLIC WORKS AND PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AT THEIR JULY 19TH WORKSHOP.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. SALARIES FUNDED AT CURRENT LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT; 47 EMPLOYEES; THE BOARD HAS HIRED TWO MORE EMPLOYEES WHICH MAKES TRANSPORTATION HAVE A \$0 CONTINGENCY.
2. DISCONTINUE ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE LINES THAT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR SHOP, REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SOUTHERN LINC RADIOS THAT HAVE PHONE SERVICE, ONLY EAST AND WEST SUPERVISORS AND SHOP SUPERVISORS WOULD HAVE BOTH DIRECT CONNECT AND TELEPHONE SERVICE. SET A CAP ON TELEPHONE EXPENSE, ANY EMPLOYEE GOING OVER ON TELEPHONE USAGE WOULD BE ASKED TO PAY OVERAGE AMOUNT.
3. NATIONAL LINEN ASSESSES DELIVERY CHARGE AND FUEL SURCHARGE TO INVOICES; DIVIDE THIS CHARGE EQUALLY BETWEEN THOSE EMPLOYEES USING THE UNIFORM SERVICES.
4. DISCONTINUE CLEANING SERVICES
5. RELOCATE SIGN SHOP (COMPUTER AND PLOTTER) TO THE MAIN OFFICE BUILDING AFTER ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE IS COMPLETED
6. REDUCE ROAD CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM BY \$25,000 (\$5,000 PER DISTRICT)
7. REDUCE OPERATING SUPPLIES BY (\$2,000)
8. REDUCE OFFICE SUPPLIES BY (\$2,000)
9. REDUCE SMALL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT BY (\$2,300)
10. REDUCE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM BY (\$125)
11. REDUCE PRINTING AND BINDING BY (\$250)
12. REDUCE BOOKS AND MEMBERSHIPS BY (\$250)

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TELEPHONE OVERAGE USAGE. ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED COMMISSIONERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES SOMETIMES CALL THE PEOPLE WITH PHONES AND COULD CAUSE THEM TO GO OVER THEIR ALLOTTED MINUTES THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. HE STATED HE WOULD HATE TO SEE SUPERVISORS HAVING TO PAY FOR CALLS THE COMMISSIONERS ARE MAKING TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE DID NOT FEEL THE OVERAGE WOULD BE THAT MUCH.

HERBERT RE-READ THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS FOR TRANSPORTATION.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMING THE BOARD THAT PUBLIC WORKS IS THE ONE THAT MADE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS; THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DID NOT MAKE THESE CUTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WITH THESE CUTS AND NO CONTINGENCY.

ROBERT HARCUS SUGGESTED THE BOARD LEAVE IN THE CLEANING SERVICES FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CREATING AN INMATE CREW LEADER POSITION AND LET THEM GET INMATES FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL TO DO THE CLEANING OF COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS, THERE WOULD BE SAVINGS.

HARCUS THEN SUGGESTED LETTING ONE OF THE CREWS THAT COMES TO PUBLIC WORKS FOR FUEL IN THE MORNINGS CLEAN THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR HOWELL'S CREW TO BE IN CHARGE OF CLEANING THE FACILITY THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING PRIOR TO DOING HIS OTHER DUTIES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CALL THE PRISON TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND AND APPROVE OF HOWELL'S CREW CLEANING THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE HAVING RECOMMENDED SALARIES BE ACCORDING TO BOARD POLICY; 3% AND LONGEVITY PAY INCREASES. SHE MADE THE BOARD AWARE THERE WERE SOME BOARD DEPARTMENTS WHO HAD ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INCREASES; THE ONLY ONE THEY HAD NOT BEEN MADE AWARE OF WAS THE LIBRARY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE REQUEST FOR CONNIE GILMAN TO BE PROMOTED TO A CLERICAL II POSITION; HAGAN ADVISED THAT GILMAN IS MAKING THE GREATEST AMOUNT IN THE CLERICAL ONE POSITION.

HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON LINDA NORTON ASKING FOR JOB DESCRIPTION CHANGES WHICH WILL CREATE A RAISE GREATER THAN 3%; HOWEVER, SHE WAS NOT ASKING FOR MORE EMPLOYEES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE RE-CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES BEING REQUESTED BY NORTON:

THREE EMPLOYEES AS BRANCH MANAGERS
CREATE A POSITION AS LIBRARY ASSISTANT
CREATE A POSITION AS CHILDREN LIBRARIAN

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED NORTON'S REASON WAS IT WOULD ASSIST HER WITH GETTING MORE STATE AID GRANT MONIES; ALL THE EMPLOYEES ARE PRESENTLY CLASSIFIED AS BRANCH MANAGERS.

HAGAN EXPLAINED THE REASON THERE WAS AN EMPLOYEE MAKING MORE THAN SOMEONE ELSE IN THE SAME CATEGORY WHO HAD BEEN EMPLOYED A LONGER AMOUNT OF TIME WAS DUE TO BOARD POLICY PREVIOUSLY ALLOWING A NEW HIRE STEP PAY INCREASES FOR EXPERIENCE. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE REASON THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO STAY WITH THE 3% INCREASES AND LONGEVITY PAY INCREASES ACROSS THE BOARD WAS DUE TO SOME DEPARTMENTS OPERATING ON GRANT FUNDING; THEY HAVE THE FUNDING FOR RAISES BUT OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND CAN'T AFFORD TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WERE AWARE THEY COULD TURN IN A REQUEST FOR A SALARY INCREASE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES; THIS IS A LITTLE UNFAIR.

HAGAN RECOMMENDED, IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO CONTINUE WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO BEGIN WORKING ON FUTURE BUDGETS, A REFINED BUDGET FORM AND BUDGET REQUEST BE PROVIDED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS. HE FELT LIKE EVERYONE HAD THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT THE SAME BUDGET AND A LETTER OF JUSTIFICATION; HOWEVER, THERE WASN'T A HALF DOZEN WHO DID SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED THE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO BE PROVIDED A PACKET AND POSSIBLY NEED SCHOOLING ON SUBMITTING THEIR BUDGET REQUEST.

THE BOARD AGREED TO CONTINUE WITH THE WORKSHOP RATHER THAN TAKING ACTION ON CONTINUING WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AG CENTER PRESENTING A BUDGET REQUEST FOR A SHARED POSITION WITH HOLMES COUNTY FOR A HORTICULTURE POSITION; THEIR ACTUAL BUDGET REQUEST WAS LESS THAN LAST YEAR. COPE INFORMED THE BOARD THE COMMITTEE HAD INSTRUCTED ANDREASON, AG AGENT, IF HE COULD FUND THE SHARED POSITION WITHIN HIS BUDGET REQUEST, THE POSITION COULD BE FUNDED. TO DATE, ANDREASON HAS ADVISED HE COULD FUND ALL OF IT EXCEPT \$1,700.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND COPE ADVISED THE REASON THE AG BUDGET WAS LESS WAS DUE TO THE LEASE ON A VEHICLE HAVING BEEN PAID OFF AND HE HAD POSITIONS TO LEAVE WHICH WERE REPLACED WITH EMPLOYEES STARTING OFF AT A LESSER PAY SCALE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF IT WAS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ABIDE BY BOARD POLICY AND GIVE 3% AND LONGEVITY PAY INCREASES. HE THEN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WOULD BE RECEIVING A LONGEVITY PAY INCREASE; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WOULD BE NINE THIS YEAR. SHE AND HAGAN ADDRESSED THIS WOULD VARY YEAR TO YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED THE BOARD NOT DO LIKE THEY HAVE IN THE PAST AND WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MEETING TO TRY AND GIVE SOMEONE AN INCREASE; THEY HAVE VOTED ON THE ISSUE AND NEED TO ABIDE WITH THAT DECISION.

HAGAN THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT BUDGET REQUESTS; HE REFERENCED THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT HAVING SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR A SERVER, ETC. AND THERE WERE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD REQUESTS WHICH MAY BE INSTRUMENTAL TO THEIR OPERATIONS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD THE RECYCLING CENTER WAS WANTING A NEW TRUCK; THEY HAD THE FUNDING DUE TO AN INCREASE IN RECYCLING GRANT FUNDING.

HAGAN SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT GIVING INCENTIVES TO DEPARTMENTS WHO MANAGE THEIR BUDGETS WISELY AND ENCOURAGE THEMSELVES, AS BOARD MEMBERS, TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS AND LET THE DEPARTMENTS DO THE SPENDING.

HAGAN POINTED OUT THE BUDGET REQUESTS SUBMITTED WERE SOME OF THE BEST HE HAD SEEN IN ALL OF HIS YEARS OF BUDGETING AND FELT LIKE INCENTIVES TO THE DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED ROAD AND BRIDGE DO SOME OF THE SERVICING, SUCH AS OIL FILTERS, OIL CHANGES, ETC., ON THEIR EQUIPMENT THAT IS OUT OF WARRANTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTACT THE SHOP FOREMAN AND TELL HIM HOW ESSENTIAL IT WAS TO MAKE SURE THESE SERVICES ARE DONE ON THE EQUIPMENT; IF NOT DONE, THE EQUIPMENT WILL NOT HOLD UP.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED A SURVEY BE DONE TO SEE WHAT EQUIPMENT IS BEING PARKED EVERYDAY; HE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY HAD TOO MUCH EQUIPMENT OR NOT ENOUGH EMPLOYEES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS ON EMPLOYEES OUT EACH DAY AND EQUIPMENT PARKED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THEY PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT FOR ONE MONTH ON THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OUT AND THE EQUIPMENT PARKED.

ROBERT HARCUS ADDRESSED IF EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED A BENEFIT, THEY ARE GOING TO USE IT; HE WAS SPEAKING OF ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE ACCRUALS. HE AND DALLAS CARTER BOTH SAID IT WAS NOT THE SAME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OFF EACH WEEK.

COMMISSIONER COPE DISCUSSED, SINCE ROAD AND BRIDGE ARE ON A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK, HAVING SOME CREWS WORK ON FRIDAYS AND SOME ON MONDAYS. HARCUS ADVISED THERE WOULD STILL BE EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT SHOW UP FOR WORK AND THE WORK FORCE WOULD BE EVEN LESS. HE ALSO ADDRESSED SOME EQUIPMENT OPERATORS HAVE TO WORK ALONG WITH OTHER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AND IF ONE OF THEM IS OFF ON FRIDAY, THEN THE MONDAY CREW WOULD BE SHORT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED ROAD AND BRIDGE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO DO MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS DUE TO THE BOARD HAVING THEM BUILD ROADS; HE REFERENCED THIS BEING THE REASON THERE WAS SO MANY PEOPLE AT THE AUGUST MEETING ON ROAD MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

HAGAN, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WAUSAU, HE AND DALLAS CARTER, WHO SIT ON THE CITY COUNCIL, EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR GIVING THEM MONIES TO ASSIST WITH THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE GOOD JOB THEY DONE AND THE TIME THEY SPENT ON PREPARING THE BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERENCED EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER HAVING LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS AND WERE PROVIDED WITH IDEAS ON HOW TO SAVE MONIES. HE RECOMMENDED A COMMITTEE START WORKING ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS SOON AS THIS BUDGET PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED TO THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. BUDGET AMENDMENT AT PUBLIC WORKS SHOP FOR ROLLING DOORS \$17,300; TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM SEVERAL LINE ITEMS TO ROLLING DOORS. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE. EDDIE RILEY, SHOP FOREMAN, HAD INFORMED HERBERT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH MONIES LEFT IN THE SHOP BUDGET TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.
2. INVOICE FROM C. W. ROBERTS FOR \$188,620.48 ON CREEK ROAD; THE BOARD TOOK ACTION AT THEIR AUGUST MEETING TO NOT PAY INVOICE UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED. GEORGE ROBERTS IS CALLING REQUESTING PAYMENT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO PAY THE INVOICE WITHHOLDING 10% RETAINAGE UNTIL THE JOB IS FINISHED.
3. THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY DO RESEARCH ON EXEMPTIONS ON IRS TAXES FOR EMPLOYEES DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES HOME. AN IRS REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH JOHNNIE ODOM, BOARD FINANCE; HERBERT DISCUSSED THIS WITH MS. ODOM

AND DISCUSSED IT WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S OPINION IS THAT NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE COULD BE EXEMPT, NOT EVEN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. BOARD FINANCE IS PREPARED TO SET IT UP WHERE IT CAN BE PAYROLL DEDUCTED IF THE BOARD CHOOSES FOR THIS TO BE DONE; IF NOT, EACH JANUARY THE EMPLOYEE WILL BE BILLED FOR THE TAXES ON \$3.00 A DAY, AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE ROAD FOREMEN, WHO THE BOARD REQUIRES TO GO OUT DURING STORMS, ETC., WOULD HAVE TO BE CHARGED. HARCUS AGREED WITH CORBIN; HE IS CALLED OUT AFTER HOURS, AND DON'T GET PAID BUT IS BEING CHARGED FOR USE OF THE TRUCK. THE BOARD AGREED IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO THEM. DALLAS CARTER ADDRESSED THERE BEING SOME WEEKENDS WHEN THEY DON'T GO OUT; HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME WEEKENDS THEY GO OUT SEVERAL TIMES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY WERE NOT CHARGED IF THEY WENT OUT ON EMERGENCY CALLS ON THE WEEKENDS; HARCUS AND CARTER SAID THEY BOTH HAD TURNED IN THE WEEKENDS ON THEIR VEHICLE POLICY FORM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AGREED TO CHECK INTO THIS AS MS. ODOM HAD ADVISED THEY HAD ONLY BEEN CHARGED FOR REGULAR WORKDAYS AND WHEN DOING FEMA WORK AND REPORTING TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW MANY CALLS DID ROBERT AND DALLAS GO OUT ON THAT COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING. THEY POINTED OUT THEY DIDN'T GO OUT UNLESS ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTACTED THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE ROAD FOREMEN SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED FOR GOING OUT ON WEEKENDS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REITERATED SHE WOULD CHECK TO SEE IF THEY HAD BEEN CHARGED. DEBBIE RILEY, SECRETARY AT PUBLIC WORKS, QUESTIONED COULD SHE GO BACK TO JANUARY OF 2004 AND RESUBMIT THE VEHICLE FORMS TO ELIMINATE THE WEEKENDS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED HER SHE COULD FOR THIS YEAR; HOWEVER, PRIOR TO THAT, THE INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO IRS AND THE TAXES PAID. SHE ALSO SAID THE ONES THAT HADN'T PAID FOR 2003 TAXES NEEDED TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR THE TAXES ON USE OF A COUNTY VEHICLE FOR EMPLOYEES BE PAYROLL DEDUCTED.

HARCUS AND CARTER BOTH SAID THEY MAY HAVE CREDITS COMING FROM PRIOR YEARS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD IF CARTER AND HARCUS DIDN'T PAY THEIR TAXES FOR 2003, THE OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ABIDED BY THE POLICY, SHOULD BE REIMBURSED BY THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO BE TREATED FAIRLY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON HOLMES SCHOOL READINESS COALITION; THEY HAD SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ARE REQUESTING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COUNTY TO MEET THEIR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THERE WAS ANY FUNDING AND RECOMMENDED WRITING THEM A LETTER ADVISING THERE WAS NO FUNDS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR. THE TOTAL MATCHING MONIES THEY WERE NEEDING WAS \$33,463. THE BOARD CONSENTED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION.
5. REQUEST FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH

THEIR FACILITY; THEY ARE HOPING TO BUILD A 40' X 80' METAL BUILDING AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000. HERBERT WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE REQUEST EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO MONIES IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR.

ROBERT HARCUS QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN MACHINE BE GIVEN TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; CHRIS LAWSON WHO IS CURRENTLY MOVING THE SIGN TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS HAS FULL TIME DUTIES AS THE SIGN MAN AND STRIPING HAD ALREADY BEEN ADDED TO HIS DUTIES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, IF IT IS LEGAL, TO OFFER THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN MACHINE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PUT THE SIGN AT THE VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED IF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO TAKE IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY STRIPING DONE AND WHEN WAS IT GOING TO GET STARTED. HARCUS ADVISED THE STRIPING MACHINE HAD NOT BEEN USED AND CARTER ADVISED HE THOUGHT THEY WERE WAITING ON THE LIGHTS TO BE PUT ON THE TRUCK TO BE USED TO PULL THE MACHINE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE MACHINE AND TRUCK WERE READY AND REQUESTED HARCUS AND CARTER CHECK AND SEE; HE HAS PLENTY OF PLACES TO PRACTICE IN SUNNY HILLS. HARCUS REMINDED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED A DRIVER ALSO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED ALL THE DUTIES CHRIS LAWSON HAS STATING THERE AREN'T ENOUGH CHRIS LAWSONS; NOW, THEY ARE WANTING HIM TO PRACTICE STRIPING. BROCK SAID LAWSON'S JOB WAS A SIGN MAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT LAWSON HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN THE STRIPING DUTIES AND HAD GOTTEN A RAISE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SEE THE MINUTES ON THAT RAISE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO RESEARCH THE MINUTES AND UPDATE THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING WHEN LAWSON RECEIVED THE RAISE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED IT BEING HARD TO BELIEVE WE GAVE AN EMPLOYEE AN INCREASE IN SALARY WHEN WE JUST GOT THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IN NOT LONG AGO. HE EMPHASIZED IF STOP SIGNS ARE DOWN, THEY NEED TO HAVE EMERGENCY ATTENTION AND BE PUT BACK UP.

CHAIRMAN HALL RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004.

ATTEST: _____

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CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/02/04