

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 12, 2015 Workshop - Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush Chairman	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Charles Brock	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott	DISTRICT 5 Lynn Gothard Vice-Chair
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Present at the meeting were Chairman Bush, Commissioners Kent, Abbott, and Gothard. Commissioner Brock was present via polycom. Also attending the meeting were County Attorney Goodman, County Coordinator Corbin, Shawna Faison, Clerk Executive Assistant, and Deputy Clerk Brantley and Odom.

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- A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush
- B. Invocation/Pledge – Pastor Ore/Chairman Bush

II. AGENDA

- Resolution – Ted Everett requested Board approval of a resolution to support concern about the economic health and well-being of residents in Florida’s rural counties.

Ted Everett introduced Jim Brook, Executive Director of Opportunity Florida, who participated in writing the resolution.

Mr. Brook thanked the Board for their support.

The Board approved to list the resolution on the consent agenda.

Ted Everett updated the Board on the progress of the Exploratory Committee.

- Road Closure – Ted Everett requested the Board consider a road closure

on a portion of Hard Labor Road September 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The closure would be at the top of Hard Labor and Clayton before the bridge, which is an approximate distance of 2/10 of a mile.

He advised that he would contact neighbors in reference to the closure personally as well as provide flyers.

Chairman Bush suggested the public be provided ample opportunity to plan around the closure.

The Board agreed to list the road closure for the portion of Hard Labor Road on the consent agenda.

- Sheriff's Office Budget – Sheriff Haddock advised the Board the budget projection he provided includes an increase of \$79,062.20, which does not include implementing the salary study. The increases included are beyond the control of the Sheriff's Office, which include retirement increases totaling \$42,051.81. The bailiff position at the County Annex is included for \$37,010.41.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised Sheriff Haddock the bailiff's position is included in the current projected budget for the Board.

Sheriff Haddock clarified with that information, the amount requested is \$42,051.81.

Chairman Bush advised the Board after research, the courthouse facility monies can be used for courthouse renovations, as well as security. The bailiff's salary and benefits can be taken from the \$800,000.00.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the statute is 318.17.

The difference required is \$5,041.40.

Commissioner Gothard asked Sheriff Haddock if he would have any funding at the end of the budget year that could be applied to the retirement increase.

Sheriff Haddock advised no but he would not know for certain until later in the budget. In the past years there was funding saved, which allowed him to give employees additional but that would not happen this year.

There was not any increase in the insurance for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board in reference to the salary study and advised that he had met with Sheriff Haddock and the Board's Human Resource Department.

There was \$80,000.00 allocated budget year 2014-2015 was set aside, contingent on the pay study.

Sheriff Haddock advised his largest turnover is in dispatch.

Sheriff Haddock suggested the \$80,000.00 be split up, giving each one a \$450.00 annual increase, which would cost \$60,000.00.

Chairman Bush asked if the \$80,000.00 was reoccurring.

Commissioner Gothard and Deputy Clerk Odom advised no.

Commissioner Abbott thanked Sheriff Haddock for his staff's assistance with computer technology.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board she is uncertain of her feelings in reference to giving some raises and not others. She does not feel it would sit well with the employees.

The Board is too far into the budget process to try to implement the salary study. Implementing the salary study should be planned in advance.

Sheriff Haddock advised the salary study does not include a step plan.

Commissioner Abbott suggested implementing the plan.

Commissioner Gothard suggested looking at everyone on equal ground.

Sheriff Haddock advised his employees have not been included in the step pay plan.

Commissioner Gothard asked Sheriff Haddock if he had the funding to cover Commissioner Abbott's suggestion.

Sheriff Haddock advised no.

Commissioner Gothard advised the budget committee agreed to put the money in the Board's contingency and pay for the salary study and then decide what would be done with the remainder.

Commissioner Brock advised he is a believer in equal treatment of all

employees suggesting fairness should be the objective.

Chairman Bush suggested prioritizing increases.

Sheriff Haddock advised that has been done. The projection does not bring them into the slide but it is a start. This includes $\frac{1}{2}$ for dispatch and $\frac{1}{4}$ for the road patrol.

Commissioner Gothard clarified the full-time bailiff should be subtracted from the \$120,930.00.

- Building Project – Commissioner Abbott requested discussion on the building that is being constructed by the Sheriff’s Office to be used as a holding cell and jury room.

Sheriff Haddock advised the holding cell that is being constructed will hold an estimated 40 inmates.

He advised the Board his understanding was \$65,000.00 was budgeted but has since been corrected that the correct amount is \$60,000.00, which comes out of the courthouse maintenance fund.

He advised there was an issue with inmate workforce, which increased the expense cost.

The project is contingent on being able to use inmate workforce in order to stay within budget.

The project has been on hold for a couple of months.

The additional cost of labor has caused the project to be over \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott suggested no more funds be spent on the project

until the Board knows exactly where they stand financially.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised the Board has currently paid \$49,000.00 on the project based on Finance records.

Sheriff Haddock advised the figures that have not been invoiced total \$19,972.77, which bring the figure to \$68,899.14.

If it were not for the cost of labor the project would be within budget. There will be additional cost of \$2,000.00 for fabrication, \$900.00 for electrical, and the outside cost which is currently unknown.

Commissioner Abbott suggested the back side of the building does not have to be done due to the budget.

Sheriff Haddock advised the Board, it is their building and he will proceed with the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Gothard asked if there is a contractor working.

Sheriff Haddock advised there are sub-contractors currently working since the inmate workforce has not been available. There have not been any contracts entered into. Everything that has been done is under the minimum of the Board's policy.

Commissioner Gothard advised the minutes reflect the funding would be taken from courthouse facility with The Department of Corrections providing the labor. When that changed, the Board should have been notified.

Sheriff Haddock agreed.

Chairman Bush advised the Board he is currently trying to get clarification on what the funds can be spent on and who directs that.

Chairman Bush advised that he directed Jackie Snowden not to issue any purchase orders until they get a clear handle on the correct course of action for the funds.

None of the funds should be spent without the Board's approval, because that is who is ultimately responsible for the administration of the funds. In the past the responsibility has been relinquished to court administration.

Chairman Bush suggested the Board be kept abreast of the project.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised the checks are being paid to the Sheriff.

Sheriff Haddock advised that is reimbursement because the Sheriff's Office is issuing payment upfront.

- FEMA Coordinator Update – Jason Wheeler, updated the Board on FEMA. He advised the Board they are working on 4138 because it is a large project and that is where their time can be applied to.

Commissioner Abbott expressed concern about the reimbursement turnover.

Commissioner Kent advised he felt the objective was to cut the invoice

cost in half, and currently there is a difference of \$10,000.00. Also, the information received displays discrepancies.

Chairman Bush advised Jason Wheeler to provide a revised expense sheet 8/20/15.

- Explore Our Florida Resolution – Heather Lopez, Director of Tourist Development Council, introduced the Director for RiverWay South, Pam Fuqua.

Heather asked the Board to pass a resolution designating October 2015, Explore Our Florida Month, which would be used to highlight the events in October.

Pam provided the Board an overview about RiverWay South as an organization.

- TDC Surplus Items – Heather Lopez, Tourist Development Director advised the Board the Tourist Development has a brand new apple and cable purchased July 2014.

The Board provided suggested contacting the School Board, PAC, and Florida Panhandle Technical College to see if they are interested in the items.

If the item is still available, it will be listed on the agenda as surplus.

Chairman Bush called a recess.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order.

- State Aid to Libraries Agreement – Renae Rountree, Library Director asked the annual State Aid Agreement to Libraries be put on the agenda, which will allow the library to receive an estimated \$80,000.00 from the State.

The Board agreed to list the agreement on the agenda.

- SHIP Annual Report – Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator requested the annual report be put on the consent agenda. The reports are due to the State by 9/15.

The Board agreed to list the reports on the consent agenda.

- Land Development Code and Future Land Use Map Amendment Schedule – Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner requested the above be listed on the consent agenda.

The commercial overlay concept will be addressed.

The Board agreed to list the Land Development Code and Future Land Use Map Amendment.

- Proposed Fire Contracts – Gene Brandow, Fire Coordinator requested the Board’s direction on the proposed fire contracts.

He provided the Board a copy of the responses to the proposed contacts from the fire departments.

Gene Brandow advised the Board the Fire Departments would like to revert back to the contract that was effective in 2006, which includes less restrictions.

The negotiation meeting with the Chief’s has not occurred.

E-mails were sent out for a response as well as a date to meet.

No appointments have been scheduled.

Chairman Bush advised at the Chief's meeting, it was discussed what they would like to see in the contracts. One thing they wanted to discontinue is the purchase order system and receive their quarterly draw instead. They also would like to see their funds protected from year to year.

The Board will have to make a decision on the terms of the contract. There needs to be a starting place.

Commissioner Gothard asked if Chairman Bush, Gene, and County Attorney Goodman could meet with the Chief's and solve the issues.

Commissioner Kent and Chairman Bush advised no.

Chairman Bush advised the Board, the Board needs to come to a consensus before negotiating.

Commissioner Brock spoke on fire departments that do not answer calls but are still receiving funding.

He also suggested the trucks should be in the Board's name; titles are an issue.

Commissioner Gothard expressed concern about knowing the fire departments are operating legally/operating under the Florida Statutes because the Board is held accountable. The Commissioners need to be accountable for the fire department funding.

The 2006 contract was too open.

If the trucks are on the County insurance and volunteers are on the worker's compensation policy the County has a responsibility to know if the trucks works. The County is liable if there is a wreck.

Another option is for the fire department to obtain their own insurance allowing the County to step away.

Gene recently scheduled pump testing for all the fire departments at a cheaper price and there were (5) five departments that did not show up.

Gene also offered to pick the trucks up and take them.

Gene addressed the Board the fire departments became aware of the testing at a WCFA meeting and they were also e-mailed with pump testing dates.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board, Gene has the right to ensure the testing is done because of the vehicles being on the County insurance.

In reference to the purchase order system, that was put in place not only because of things that happened with Sunny Hills Fire Department but there were purchases of vehicles that were not street legal.

The Board needs assurance that departments have gear, apparatuses, air packs, gloves, boots, etc. before they purchase vehicles that are not street legal.

Commissioner Abbott requested the fire department's insurance (vehicle and worker's compensation) be broken out.

Marla Hayes advised it can be done but would take some time.

Commissioner Gothard placed emphasis on the fact it is tax payers money.

Commissioner Gothard requested the Board act when they are advised by Gene that the contracts are not being fulfilled. They cannot continue to receive funding when they are not providing fire services.

It is not happening in Caryville, Country Oaks, or Ebro.

Commissioner Kent asked why all the fire departments are being put together.

Commissioner Gothard advised they wanted to negotiate together.

Chairman Bush advised per Orange Hill, some Country Oaks fire fighters do respond, which means they are providing a service to some extent.

Chairman Bush advised he would like the fire departments looked at as individuals.

Chairman Bush advised he would like to see the insurance transferred to the fire departments.

Marla Hayes advised the worker's compensation cost has been provided to Gene Brandow per fire fighter as well as a list of the vehicles with the premiums identified.

Gene Brandow advised it is currently broke down by apparatus.

Chairman Bush advised once the insurance is transferred the tags would follow. The fire fighters are not contractors but hybrid contractors. Instead of listing detail, include in the contract for the volunteer fire fighters to provide services per statute. Quarterly allotments should be started again.

Chairman Bush expressed concern about empowering the departments more instead of regulating.

If the departments don't provide the services, their funding will be cut.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board, the question at hand is what is expected in return for handing over a \$500,000.00.

- Services that are being provided
- Provide the Board documentation that the volunteers are certified
- Insurance and the reliability that is attached to insuring them

There has to be a willingness to enforce the agreement.

Chairman Bush advised they can proceed forward if the Board establishes a platform of their request.

Commissioner Kent asked why the Board is negotiating with the Chiefs of the municipalities when they are ran by the councils of their cities.

County Attorney Goodman advised that he does look at them separately in the sense another municipality is being supplemented in that situation for an expansion of services. There is an extra layer of

statutory oversight that does not necessarily exist in a 501(c)3.

The key is the agreement to work in good faith by all parties.

Commissioner Abbott asked what the Cities give to the fire departments.

Commissioner Gothard advised she would like what is required by the Board specified in the contract.

Chairman Bush clarified it is the consensus of the Board for the fire departments to cover their worker's compensation and vehicle insurance.

Marla Hayes asked if the Board would like to continue to maintain the insurance on the buildings.

Chairman Bush advised to continue the building insurance.

Marla Hayes asked if the Board would like to continue to maintain the liability insurance.

The consensus of the Board is not to maintain the liability insurance.

Chairman Bush clarified the Board is in agreement to include in the contract proof of testing records are required.

County Attorney Goodman suggested tying performance with the quarterly payment request.

Another draft will be prepared for 8/20.

Commissioner Brock advised he supports the purchase order system.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the purchase order system supports accountability.

Commissioner Kent advised he supports the quarterly allotment along with backup paperwork.

Chairman Bush asked how the Board felt about any funding left at the end of the budget year.

Commissioner Abbott advised it is the fire departments money.

Chairman Bush suggested the funding that is used determine how vehicles are titled.

Commissioner Gothard suggested a portion of the allotment is kept by the Board for the County to purchase vehicles and assign them to the fire department.

This would protect the County in the event a fire department decides not to discontinue fire protection.

Michael J. DeRuntz advised the Board several years ago, GSG composed a plan in reference to fire protection for the County. The plan identifies the needs for fire hydrants and tanks that should be placed around the County.

A portion of the monies could be set aside annually, which could be used for seed money for grants that would accomplish those elements.

Chairman Bush suggested using that as a planning tool.

Chairman Bush recessed the meeting.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order. 1:15

- Incident Reports – Gene Brandow advised the Board he has been tracking incident reports from January thru July versus last year. The reports are increasing.
Gene Brandow provided the Board a handout.
- Purchase Negotiation Savings – Gene Brandow provided the Commissioners a handout.

Commissioner Brock asked Gene Brandow how many structure fires have been responded, as well as the percentage of savings.

- Accomplishments – Gene Brandow provided the Board a list of accomplishments since his employment.

Commissioner Gothard clarified with Gene that the fit testing's actual cost was \$0.00 because he borrowed the machines.

Gene clarified that is correct.

Marla Hayes advised the Board Gene has worked with the Human Resource Office to ensure the vehicles listed on the County policy are correct. In doing this, some have been added, while some were deleted.

Gene provided the Board with reference letters he has received.

Gene advised the Board he would be provide them quarterly reports.

- Country Oaks Fire Department – Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board in reference to Country Oaks VFD advising the Board they are not about to provide the required number of fire fighters to provide fire protection.

The majority of their trucks are not working.

Commissioner Gothard expressed concern about the language in the agreement stating the agreements automatically renew October 1 as long as all conditions are met. The agreement may be cancelled by either party given a (60) sixty day notice.

Commissioner Gothard asked the Board to notify those fire departments that are not in compliance with their contract that the Board is giving them (60) sixty day notice to not renew the contract unless they provide a written plan.

The list received from Gene advises that Caryville currently has no certified fire fighters, Ebro has (1) one, and Country Oaks has (1) one. That does not meet the minimum standards.

The City contracts does not give an out and will automatically renew October 1.

Chairman Bush suggested identifying the areas they are not in compliance.

The Board held discussion on the fire departments.

County Attorney Goodman asked the Board if the staff has the authority to send a letter to the fire departments.

Gene advised the Board with the Board's approval, he will contact his supervisor on proceeding.

Commissioner Abbott advised Gene that is who he receives direction from.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board not issuing funds will be their call but the day to day compliance issues are with staff.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board if the fire departments funding is going to be affected he needs to give them notice. The letters need to be sent out certified overnight.

Kathy Foster clarified with the Board there are current contracts with the County that require compliance of the departments.

Gene Brandow advised the Board, Caryville receives \$16,342.00 and Ebro is \$26,236.00 from the County.

Commissioner Brock exited the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Chairman Bush suggested giving (14) fourteen days to respond as well as include in the letter funding may be affected depending on the response.

County Attorney Goodman advised he would assist with the letter.

- Country Oaks – County Coordinator Corbin asked the Board if they are interested in purchasing the property.

Chairman Bush advised at the last meeting there was not support to purchase the property.

- Courthouse Facility Funds – Chairman Bush advised the Board he has been researching the uses and authority of the courthouse facility

monies suggesting the Board should approve the expenditures. In the past he had been led to believe the funds were controlled by court administration.

He requested any expenditures that come out of the fund come before the Board with the exception of County Coordinator Corbin signing off on what his spending limit is.

The funds are collected by an ordinance effectuated by the County Commissioners.

County Attorney Goodman went over section 318.18(a) as well as an Attorney General Opinion in relation to the funds.

The Board held discussion on the court facility funds.

Chairman Bush referenced monies the Board has received in previous years, which was a courthouse grant. The funds have never been spent. He questioned if the funds could be used for the new building.

County Attorney Goodman advised if the funds were to be used outside the specificity of the grant, an amended spending plan would need to be submitted to OSCA.

Chairman Bush suggested the Board have oversight of the monies.

Commissioner Gothard asked if a motion was required for the Board to have oversight of the funds.

County Attorney Goodman advised no.

There was additional discussion about the court facility monies.

Chairman Bush called a recess. 2:27 p.m.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order. 2:46 p.m.

III. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS –

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board, Public Works does not have an operable generator. The City of Wausau has a 100 KW generator for \$20,000.00.

The funding is in Public Works budget to cover the purchase.

Chairman Bush suggested Lynne Abel assist with the purchase.

Lynne Abel advised she would research.

The Board agreed to list the purchase of the generator on the consent agenda.

Chairman Bush asked if the Board would need to vote on transferring monies from the court facility to public works.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised the Board they would have to vote because it is transferring from one fund to another.

County Attorney Goodman encouraged the Board to hold on.

The suggested funds to transfer to public works are due to public works moving dirt from the courthouse site.

IV. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board on the following:

- FEMA Projects – The first phase of the FEMA projects are complete. The roads in zone 2 are Lassiter, Worley (phase 1 and 2), Hartzog, Coon Hollow, Dottie West, and Chevrie Circle Roads. The PW's on each of the roads are 100% complete per the work that is listed on the pw.

Currently the inspection reports are being compiled in order to submit for reimbursement.

County Engineer Knauer spoke to the Board in reference to some rock causing difficulty for vehicles to get through.

The next project will be phase 4, which includes Cypress Creek, Gilberts Mill, Kent Road (phase 1 and 2), Pike Pond, Rudd, and Victory Road. That is \$436,000.00 worth.

Commissioner Gothard advised County Engineer Knauer not to proceed any further after phase 4 in order to allow the Board time to see where they are.

Lucas Lake Road – County Engineer Knauer provided the Board a detailed bid calculation. There were (7) seven bidders on the SCOP project. GAC Contractors bid \$1,474,769.68, Roberts and Roberts

\$1,620,832.75, North Florida Construction \$1,496,459.05, Gulf Coast Utility Contractors \$199,521.25, H & T Contractors \$1,634,300.50, C.W. Roberts Contracting \$1,723,591.70, and Anderson Columbia \$1,579,329.15.

Over budget is, GAC 7%, Roberts and Roberts 15%, North Florida Construction 9.4%, Gulf Coast Utility Contractors 45.9%, H & T Contractors 19.4%, C.W. Roberts 25.9%, and Anderson Columbia 15.4%.

There are items in GAC's bid that can be adjusted in order to maintain the budget.

The adjustments would include overlaying 4/10 of a mile that already has a good base.

County Engineer Knauer asked the Board to award the project to GAC contingent upon him getting the project in budget. Currently it is \$106,769.00 over budget.

He suggested using county workforce to dig a pond at the inter-section of Lucas Lake and Stewart Lake that would provide treatment for the run-off that has been discharged in the lake with no treatment. The Board currently has right-of-way.

The Board agreed to list awarding the project to GAC contingent upon County Engineer Knauer getting it in budget.

The county workforce is prepared for clearing on Lucas Lake Road.

Roche Road – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he has been negotiating with Roberts and Roberts in order to get the project within budget, which has been successful.

Also, additional funding has been requesting from DOT.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board at the regular meeting he would suggest to award to Roberts and Roberts with the value engineering or award with the additional DOT funds.

Currently the power company is prepared to work on power poles and installing lines on Roche Road, which will be (10) ten to (14) fourteen days.

Wilderness Road – CW Roberts is progressing on schedule on Wilderness

Road. A change order will be presented at the regular Board Meeting for driveway pipes, paving driveways, and additional lime rock base. The project is currently \$305,000.00 under budget.

Griffin Road – The paving, and striping is complete, with the earthwork currently being worked on.

Campbell Park – A contract has been prepared for the Chairman to sign, which includes the electrical, plumbing, and mechanical.

Quail Hollow – The paving is complete with grass remaining to be done.

County Coordinator Corbin advised grass was planted 8/12.

Shakey Joe – The road project has not be started.

Gainer Road – GAC prepared a proposal for Gainer, per the request of Commissioner Gothard.

Commissioner Abbott suggested to pave the road an additional 4/10 of a mile.

Commissioner Gothard advised County Engineer Knauer to request another quote.

County Engineer Knauer clarified the new request would include paving to Clayton Road.

County Coordinator Corbin advised if it is paved all the way through it would go over to Clayton.

County Engineer Knauer clarified it would be State Park and Clayton Road.

County Coordinator Corbin advised it is an estimate at 1 mile and 4/10.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he has a quote for Old Bonifay and Cope Road. Cope Road is self-destructing.

Commissioner Kent suggested using the remaining funds of the impact monies that were designated for Griffin Road.

Commissioner Gothard suggested paving in district 5.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the Board obtain a quote to pave Greenhead about a 1 ½ miles, after the FEMA work has been completed.

County Engineer Knauer introduced Justin Ford and Donald Stanly who will be helping with the day to day as well as working on new projects.

Easement Agreement – County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board in reference to an easement agreement on Roche Road requesting fence installation as well as driveways.

The Board advised to include on the regular agenda or leave it under County Engineer Knauer's section.

V. COUNTY COORDINATOR –

- Building Official – County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the building officials has been paid \$73,846.70 in this year but has offered to be a Washington County Employee for \$27.54, working 30 hours per week.

Commissioner Abbott suggested 32 hours.

- Salary Increase Proposal – County Coordinator Corbin suggested a 3% increase, with a \$2.00 cap in order to get employees in the slide.

Marla Hayes provided the Board proposals for a 2%, 3%, and a \$500.00 one-time incentive/cost of living.

Temporary employees were not included in the 2% and 3%.

The public works department can absorb some of the cost, and the library, and EOC can absorb 100% of the cost.

The Board was also provided a proposal to support the salary study up to \$2.00. If this scenario was implemented the study would be met, with the exception of (6) six people.

Commissioner Gothard clarified the cost for the slide scenario is \$58,529.00.

Marla Hayes advised there were (6) six that exceeded the \$2.00 cap.

The Board was provided a proposal, which includes a 3% increase or the minimum of the pay study not to exceed \$2.00.

Commissioner Gothard clarified the cost to implement is \$104,201.00.

Chairman Bush clarified the cost to implement the cost of living is estimated at \$50,000.00.

Marla Hayes advised the Board, Lynne Abel requested a \$2.00 increase for John Roney, Animal Control. In order to get Mr. Roney in the slide the cost would be \$865.40.

In order to cover Mrs. Abel's request the cost would be an additional \$3,900.00.

Commissioner Gothard advised she does not support selecting individuals for raises.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the Ag Center requested an upgrade from their 2002 van. This request was missed during the initial budget process due to a printing issue. There is a purchase price of \$27,000.00. The lease proposal provided is \$372.00 for (60) months. They cannot afford to cover it during the current budget year.

Renae Rountree advised the vehicle is also used for the library as well as the national gardeners.

Commissioner Kent suggested the funds are in the current administrative budget.

Commissioner Gothard requested County Coordinator Corbin bring a proposal before the Board at the regular meeting.

Chairman Bush clarified with County Coordinator Corbin the request is to purchase/lease an expedition.

Commissioner Gothard advised County Coordinator Corbin to direct the Ag Center to look at their current budget for \$4,500.00.

County Coordinator Corbin advised if the funding is not in the Ag Center budget it is in the administration budget.

Chairman Bush advised County Coordinator Corbin to research the Sheriff's State Contract.

There was discussion on the budget by the Board.

Commissioner Gothard suggested scheduling a budget meeting.

County Attorney Goodman suggested scheduling a workshop after the regular meeting 8/20.

Chairman Bush suggested for the budgets to be reviewed and to mark questions/suggestions.

Carol Rudd, Supervisor of Elections asked the Board for \$60,000.00 for poll workers instead of \$35,000.00.

The Board set a budget workshop after the board meeting Thursday at 1:00 or (20) twenty minutes after the regular board meeting ends.

VI. CLERK – Clerk Bell was not present.

VII. DEPUTY CLERK – None

VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY –

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the courthouse meeting is August 18, at 4:00. The courthouse color will be discussed.

Quitclaim Deed Correction – The piece of property has previously been deeded, but contained an error.

The Board agreed to list the quitclaim deed on the consent agenda.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board, during his tenure (2) two things that he has been very pleased about is Washington County being awarded with the Courthouse funding and the Board accelerating payment on the series B debt of \$3.6 million.

Series A – County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in reference to loan options.

- Option 1 – Variable Rate, which is currently at 2% and is due to be paid off 2028.
- Option 2 – 4 year fixed rate, which includes an interest rate of 2.25%. The estimated issuance cost is \$25,000.00 for the refinance. The monthly payment is \$40,000.00. In (4) four years the Board will have to return to the market and refinance for a period of time thereafter.

County Attorney Goodman advised the current payment is \$45,833.00.

- Option 3 – 7 year fixed rate, the interest is 2.70%. The monthly payment will be \$41,500.00 monthly, with a payoff of December 2028, and issuance cost of \$32,500.00.

- Option 4 – 13 year fixed rate, 3.24%, with a monthly payment of \$42,750.00, with a payoff of December 2028, and issuance cost of \$40,000.00, with an all-in of 3.36%.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the budget for the current loan payment is \$45,833.00 monthly. At the current rate of 2.25%, with an anticipated 4% roll, the payoff would be August 2027.

The Board discussed the loan options.

Commissioner Abbott suggested, option 4, Kent, option 3, Gothard, option 4, and Chairman Bush, option 3.

The consensus of the Board is to select option 3.

- IX. ADJOURN – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adjourn.

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved