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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/21/89

SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A. M., IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING PLACE IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING IN CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THE ATTORNEY AND DEPUTY CLERK, MELISSA ALFORD, WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED BY PROCLAMATION OF ROGER D. HAGAN, BOARD ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY REVEREND TIM LESLIE.

COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF AUGUST 1, 1989, AND AUGUST 17, 1989, AND THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS OF AUGUST 7, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 1989.

W. L. JENSEN, DISTRICT FORESTER, WAS PRESENT TO PRESENT THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY, ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1988 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1989.

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REPORT

CHARLES REEVES, COUNTY FORESTER, WAS PRESENT TO PRESENT THE REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROJECT FROM JULY 1, 1988 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1989.

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REPORT

HAROLD STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO REQUEST A REFUND ON A BUILDING PERMIT THAT WAS NEVER UTILIZED AND AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AMONG THE BOARD MEMBERS, MR. STRICKLAND AND ROGER D. HAGAN, BOARD ADMINISTRATOR, CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF SAID PERMIT, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO REFUND, TO MR. STRICKLAND, THE PRICE OF SAID PERMIT, LESS \$50.00 TO COVER THE SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED BY THE COUNTY ON SAID PERMIT TRANSACTION.

AT THIS TIME, THE CHAIRMAN INVITED COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE AND THERE WERE NO CITIZENS WISHING TO RESPOND AT THIS TIME.

ACTING UPON A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR \$73,570.00 OF THE BUDGETED MONIES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO REVIEW THE AVAILABILITY OF SAID BUDGETED MONIES.

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LETTER

GERALD HOLLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER COOK HAD MET WITH THE STATE ATTORNEY THAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE THE HANDLING OF THE EMPLOYEE GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS BY TRAVIS W. PITTS, CLERK, AND THAT SAID STATE ATTORNEY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD REQUEST AN AUDIT, BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, OF THE REMAINDER OF ALL BOARD ACCOUNTS HANDLED BY THE CLERK, DUE TO THE BOARD'S NON FAITH IN THE PREVIOUS CONTRACT AUDITS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE GERALD HOLLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL AUDIT THE REMAINING ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF SAID RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION

ACTING UPON A REQUEST BY WEST TRACO, INCORPORATED, THAT THE BOARD TAKE ACTION TO STOP SOLID WASTE COLLECTORS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF WEST TRACO'S EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO COLLECT SOLID WASTE IN THE COUNTY, THE BOARD OBTAINED A LEGAL OPINION FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AFTER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND PASSED BY THE BOARD WITH COMMISSIONERS COOK, ALBERT DAVIS, JOSH DAVIS AND TRACY VOTING IN FAVOR AND

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OPPOSED, TO JOIN IN AND BECOME A PARTY TO ANY LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY WEST TRACO, INCORPORATED, TO STOP OTHER SOLID WASTE COLLECTORS FROM OPERATING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE FRANCHISE AREA.

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LETTER

GERALD HOLLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A LAWSUIT HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RESULTING FROM AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BUS AND THAT HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PANHANDLE AREA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE INSURANCE CONSORTIUM THAT A THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST WASHINGTON COUNTY IN SAID LAWSUIT UNDER THE CONTENTION THAT THE ACCIDENT MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD. MR. HOLLEY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR HIM TO ANSWER SAID COMPLAINT DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE IS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY AND THAT THE BOARD NEEDED TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO ANSWER SAID COMPLAINT. COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY TO ANSWER SAID COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

PURSUANT TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT KETCHAM AND COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, WERE WILLING TO BREAK THEIR PRESENT CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, WITH NO FURTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THEM FROM THE BOARD, THE BOARD DISCUSSED SAID MATTER WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY CONCERNING THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO SAID CONTRACT. MR. HOLLEY WAS INSTRUCTED TO TELEPHONE MR. BILLY KETCHAM OF KETCHAM AND COMPANY TO DETERMINE SAID COMPANY'S EXACT POSITION CONCERNING THEIR CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY AND TO ALSO CONSULT THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO DETERMINE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AUDITS. SAID SITUATION TO BE FURTHER REVIEWED LATER IN THE MEETING.

AT THIS TIME, ROGER D. HAGAN, BOARD ADMINISTRATOR, PRESENTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1989.

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REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST

PURSUANT TO A REQUEST BY THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA/BIG BEND HEALTH COUNCIL, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO APPOINT MS. CINDY MATHIS, AS WASHINGTON COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO SAID COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY, 1990, TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. VIRGINIA CRAVEN.

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LETTER

COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1988, FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INCORPORATED.

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SEC-8 AUDIT

COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE SMALL COUNTY SOLID WASTE GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1989, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.

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GRANT

COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF BCM CONVERSE, INCORPORATED, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM.

ACTING UPON A REQUEST BY BCM CONVERSE, INCORPORATED, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE (1) TO THE RECYCLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND BCM CONVERSE, INCORPORATED.

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT SERVICES WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION.

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CONTRACT

PURSUANT TO ACTION BY THE BOARD AT THE MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 1989, TO TABLE ACTION CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, ACCEPTED AT SAID MEETING, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD TO ACCEPT THE BID OFFERED BY HARRIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE.

ACTING UPON A REQUEST BY JULIAN WEBB AND ASSOCIATES, ADMINISTRATORS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO APPROVE THE POLICY AND POLICY AMENDMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID BLOCK GRANT.

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POLICY STATEMENTS

COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO APPROVE SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1990, FOR ADVERTISEMENT PURPOSES.

PURSUANT TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH KETCHAM AND COMPANY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AUDITING SERVICES, GERALD HOLLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH MR. BILLY KETCHAM OF KETCHAM AND COMPANY AND THAT MR. KETCHAM HAD STATED THAT THEIR COMPANY HAD NO WISH TO CONTINUE AUDITING SERVICES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY IF THE BOARD WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR WORK AND THAT KETCHAM AND COMPANY WAS WILLING TO TERMINATE SAID CONTRACT WITH NO FURTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THEM BY THE COUNTY, EXCEPT FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00 - \$500.00) FOR SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR WHICH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY COMPENSATED FOR. THE ATTORNEY ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD OF STATE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING COUNTY FINANCIAL AUDITS AND STATE LAW REGARDING THE CORRECT PROCEDURES FOR ADVERTISING FOR AUDITING SERVICES BY PRIVATE FIRMS. ACTING UPON SAID INFORMATION, COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, THAT PURSUANT TO THE PRESENT AUDITORS POSITION THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO TERMINATE THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FOR AUDITING SERVICES AND THAT THE COUNTY'S ONLY OBLIGATION TO SAID FIRM IS FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00 - \$500.00) FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED, THE PRESENT CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH KETCHAM AND COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY AND, TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COOK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, THAT COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS BE APPOINTED TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY AUDITING SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF THAT THE BOARD WISHES TO HAVE PERSONS THAT DAMAGE OR STEAL ROAD SIGNS PROSECUTED.

COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO ADVERTISE THE CLOSURE OF THE MUDHILL LANDFILL TO ANY TYPE OF WASTE.

VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING FUND AND AMOUNT:
GENERAL FUND \$278,329.34

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT THIS TIME, THE MEETING ADJOURNED:

ATTEST: _____
CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/21/89