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BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/12/90

APRIL 12, 1990

PURSUANT TO A SPECIAL CALL, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:00 P. M., AT THE COUNCIL ON AGING, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THE ATTORNEY, CLERK, AND DEPUTY CLERK, MELISSA ALFORD, WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY GERALD HOLLEY, ESQUIRE.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DISCUSS AND INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF A STATE PRISON FACILITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

OLE ELLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WAS PRESENT AND EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD AND THE CHAMBER HAD BEEN INTERESTED FOR SOME TIME IN THE LOCATION OF A PRISON FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY. HE INFORMED THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR A POSSIBLE SITE THAT WOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO OFFER THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID FACILITY AND THAT A POSSIBLE SITE HAD BEEN LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 279 BETWEEN VERNON AND GREENHEAD. MR. ELLIS EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STONE CONTAINER CORPORATION AND THAT THEY OWNED SAID APPROXIMATE 150 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE IT TO THE COUNTY, FOR THE LOCATION OF A PRISON FACILITY, AND THE COUNTY AND CITY OF VERNON OWNED ANOTHER 10 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO SAID PARCEL THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE UTILIZED. THE COUNTY WOULD THEN NEED TO ACQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL 100 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO SAID PROPERTY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITH 250 ACRES OF LAND WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT THE APPROXIMATE 1000 BED PRISON FACILITY. HE STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HAD DONE A PRELIMINARY SITE EVALUATION AND THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO EVALUATE THE PROPERTY IN REGARDS TO THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID FACILITY. MR. ELLIS REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD AS TO WHETHER THE BOARD WISHED TO PROCEED WITH ACTION TO OBTAIN SAID PROPERTY FOR OFFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR SAID PURPOSE. THERE WAS DISCUSSION AMONG THE BOARD, MR. ELLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE CONCERNING THE ADVANTAGES TO THE COUNTY FROM THE LOCATION OF SAID PRISON FACILITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS STATED THAT THE PURCHASE OF ANY OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTY, BY THE COUNTY, WOULD HAVE TO BE FINALIZED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, AS NO FUNDS HAD BEEN BUDGETED FOR SAID PURPOSE THIS FISCAL YEAR.

COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO PURSUE ACTION TO CONTACT ADJACENT LANDOWNERS TO SAID AVAILABLE SITE, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN OPTIONS ON THE NEEDED ADDITONAL PROPERTY, FOR PURCHASE BY THE COUNTY IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

COMMISSIONER ALBERT DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER COOK AND COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS TO WORK WITH OLE ELLIS IN CONTACTING SAID LANDOWNERS FOR SAID PURPOSE.

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD ADDRESSED A MATTER OF REGULAR BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSH DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, TO HIRE A MOTORGRADER OPERATOR AT THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, AT AN HOURLY WAGE OF \$5.79, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

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

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DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 04/12/90