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BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/30/92

DECEMBER 30, 1992

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A. M. IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, TAYLOR, BROCK, CARTER AND MORRIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CORBIN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS TO HELP SHERIFF PEEL CLEAR UP ISSUES PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING OFFICE.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE NEEDED BOARD ACTION TO CLOSE OUT HIS TENURE OF OFFICE. HE WAS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE TO PAY HIS DECEMBER BILLS AND PAY HIS EMPLOYEES THEIR LAST PAY CHECK. HE ADVISED THE BALANCE IN HIS CHECKING ACCOUNT WAS \$6,388.47 IN THE RED. HE HAD A REIMBURSEMENT DUE HIM NOW ON THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE GRANT TOTAL- LING \$6,388.47 AND ANOTHER REIMBURSEMENT DUE ON 12-31-92 TOTALLING \$11,559.08 MAKING A TOTAL OF \$17,947.55 WHICH WILL COME IN AFTER HE HAS LEFT OFFICE. HE ALSO ADVISED OF THE SCHOOL BOARD GRANT WHICH TOTALS \$20,000 FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. HE STATED THEY OWE HIM ONE HALF OF THESE MONIES NOW BECAUSE THE CONTRACT TIME RUNS FROM JULY 1 TO JUNE 30.

SHERIFF PEEL THEN ADDRESSED THE MONIES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND STATING THERE WAS \$19,000 PLUS IN THE FUND NOW, WITH HIM HAVING \$9,200 TO PUT IN THE FUND FROM A SALE OF SEIZED PROPERTY AND ANOTHER \$300 FROM OTHER SOURCES TO GO INTO THE FUND. HE ADVISED OF ANOTHER \$5,000 IN CASH THE COURT HAS SEIZED. SHERIFF PEEL STATED THERE WERE RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THESE MONIES COULD BE SPENT. HE SAID HE HAD EARNED A FOURTH OF THE TRUST FUND MONIES NOW FOR MATCHING FUNDS; STATING THE BOARD COULD GIVE HIM ONE FOURTH OF THE TRUST FUND MONIES OR ALL OF THE MONIES TO USE TO PAY HIS LAST PAYROLL OF \$35,000 AND DECEMBER EXPENSES WHICH WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$4,000.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FLORIDA STATUTES DEALING WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND MONIES STATING THESE MONIES CAN NOT BE USED AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR NORMAL OPERATING EXPENSES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE SHERIFF HAS TO REQUEST THE MONIES, PRO- VIDE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD HIS REQUEST COMPLIES WITH THE STATUTES AND UPON THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, IT CAN BE USED.

SHERIFF PEEL REQUESTED THE BOARD GIVE HIM ONE FOURTH OF THE GRANT FOR MATCHING FUNDS NOW WHICH TOTALLED \$12,369.67. HE WAS ASKED WHAT CREATED THE OVER EXPENDITURE OF HIS BUDGET WITH HIM ADVISING IT WAS BASICALLY DUE TO ADDITIONAL SALARIES CAUSED BY DEPUTY BARNE'S ABSENCE FOR ALMOST A YEAR AND RONALD LEE'S ABSENCE FOR ALMOST THREE MONTHS.

SHERIFF PEEL STATED THE BOARD COULD DO A BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANS- FER TAKING MONEY OUT OF THE EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM AND PUTTING IT IN THE SALARY LINE ITEM WITH THE NEW SHERIFF REQUESTING MONIES FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR EQUIPMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY WANTED TO ADVISE THE BOARD THE NEW SHERIFF CAN COME IN AND REQUEST EVERY DIME OF HIS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED SHERIFF PEEL HOW HE WAS GOING TO HANDLE THOSE FOUR DAYS IN JANUARY ON PAYROLL WITH PEEL ADVISING HE WOULD CUT A CHECK FOR FOUR DAYS FOR PEOPLE THAT WERE BEING TERMINATED.

SHERIFF-ELECT DANNY HASTY WAS PRESENT SO HE WOULD BE AWARE AND INVOLVED WITH WHATEVER ACTION THE BOARD MAY TAKE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN EXPLAINED TO HASTY IF THE COUNTY TAKES THE EQUIPMENT MONEY AND GIVES IT TO SHERIFF PEEL THEN WHEN HASTY NEEDS TO BUY EQUIPMENT HE CAN COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND REQUEST THE EQUIPMENT. HASTY WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS.

HASTY ADVISED THE BOARD THE \$5,000 IN THE SO CALLED FORFEITED OR SEIZED FUNDS IS NOT FORFEITED. IT IS NOW SEIZED MONIES THAT WILL BE FORFEITED.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO TRANSFER \$17,000 OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S EQUIPMENT BUDGET AND APPLY IT AGAINST SALARIES AND WHEN SHERIFF-ELECT HASTY NEEDS EQUIPMENT HE WILL REQUEST IT OUT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND MONIES.

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SHERIFF PEEL SAID THE BOARD COULD AUTHORIZE HIM TO DRAW AHEAD ON THE \$12,369.67 MATCHING GRANT MONIES AND REPLACE SALARY EXPENSE WHEN THE REIMBURSEMENT COMES IN.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED SHERIFF PEEL THAT EVERYTHING OUTSTANDING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1992 BE PAID AS FAR AS DUES PAYABLE.

IT WAS PROPOSED FOR THE SHERIFF TO SUBMIT A REQUISITION TO RECEIVE ENOUGH MONIES TO PAY HIS LAST PAYROLL AND HIS DECEMBER BILLS WHICH WOULD COME TO APPROXIMATELY \$45,000.00 AND THEN WHEN HASTY TOOK OFFICE HE COULD REQUISITION HIS 2\12 BUDGET LESS THE \$45,000. AFTER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN MADE WHICH WAS TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFF PEEL TO REQUISITION \$45,000 WITH THE NEW SHERIFF, DANNY HASTY, MAKING A REQUISITION FOR HIS 2\12 BUDGET LESS THE \$45,000.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT ON THE TRANSFER FROM EQUIPMENT TO THE SALARY LINE ITEM.

SHERIFF-ELECT HASTY REQUESTED SHERIFF PEEL PUT ALL THE SHORTFALLS OF HIS BUDGET IN WRITING.

COMMISSIONER CARTER REQUESTED SHERIFF PEEL HAVE ALL EQUIPMENT NEEDING REPAIR BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE GOING TO BE TERMINATED.

ATTORNEY FEES ON THE ETHICS COMPLAINT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD BEING AWARE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE LIABLE FOR THE FEES. CHAIRMAN CORBIN TOLD HASTY THE BOARD, DURING ITS NEXT BUDGET YEAR, WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON THE LEAVE TIME FOR THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT GOING TO RE-HIRED. HASTY STATED HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE TERMINATED PEOPLE THEIR LEAVE TIME BUT SPREADING IT OUT ON A MONTHLY BASIS, NOT IN A LUMP SUM. HASTY ALSO STATED ANY EQUIP- MENT, UNIFORMS, BADGES, ETC. THE OFFICERS MAY HAVE WOULD HAVE TO BE TURNED IN BEFORE ANY LEAVE TIME IS PAID AND HE WOULD ALSO LIKE FOR THE OFFICERS TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT SAYING THIS IS ALL THE PROPERTY THEY HAVE.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF ROAD REQUESTS FROM BOBBY PADGETT AND ED SOWELL WITH THE BOARD TO GO LOOK AT ROADS IN QUESTION.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF A CONFERENCE CALL IN LIEU OF A "SHADE" MEETING WITH LUCY TURNER ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 12/30/92