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BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/23/92

MARCH 23, 1992

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE MARCH 19, 1992, MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:30 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, TAYLOR, TRACY AND DAVIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER, AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN OFFERING PRAYER.

MR. LESTER MAPLES ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON RECYCLING ADVISING THEM THEY NEEDED TO HAVE A COUNTY OPERATED RECYCLING FACILITY. HE STATED THE PRICES HAD FELL OUT ON WHAT PERSONS COULD RECEIVE FOR RECYCLING ITEMS; THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COULD NOT RELY ON AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR AS THE MONEY WAS NOT THERE FOR THEM TO MAKE.

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING WE HAVE EQUIPMENT IN A LOCAL BUILDING WE ARE NOW LEASING AND WE NEED TO GET THE EQUIPMENT TO A NEW SITE THAT IS EITHER OWNED OR LEASED BY THE COUNTY AND HIRE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO OPERATE THE SITE. DR. BINGHAM SAID THREE SITES HAD BEEN LOOKED AT:

1. COGGIN DEERMONT PROPERTY-THE BOARD AGREED TO CEASE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS PROPERTY AS THE CITY COMMISSIONERS DID NOT WANT THE RECYCLING FACILITY LOCATED THERE.
2. OLD COUNTY YARD-DR. BINGHAM STATED SEVERAL LARGE BUILDINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED AND IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND EXPENSIVE TO TEAR THEM DOWN. HE STATED THE EXPENSE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE COUNTY PURCHASING THE SITE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 77 KNOWN AS THE OLD NORTHWEST FLORIDA LUMBER COMPANY. HE ALSO STATED THE COUNTY WOULD BE LOOKING AT TWO (2) ACRES AT THE OLD COUNTY YARD VERSUS SIX (6) ACRES AT THE SITE ON HIGHWAY 77. HE ADVISED THE COUNTY COULD GET RECYCLING WORKING QUICKLY AT THE HIGHWAY 77 SITE WHERE IT WOULD TAKE SIX (6) TO EIGHT (8) MONTHS TO GET THE OLD COUNTY YARD READY.
3. HIGHWAY 77 SITE OWNED BY T. D. SMITH KNOWN AS THE OLD NORTHWEST FLORIDA LUMBER COMPANY. DR. BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD MR. SMITH WOULD SELL HIS PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 77 FOR \$86,000.00. THE LAND WOULD BE PURCHASED FOR \$5,000.00 AND PAID FOR OUT OF GENERAL FUND AND THE BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY COULD BE PURCHASED FOR \$81,000.00 AND PAID FOR OUT OF SEVERAL GRANT FUNDS OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. DR. BINGHAM SAID MR. SMITH WAS WANTING TO KEEP A 130' X 150' PARCEL, APPROXIMATELY .6 ACRES.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REFUSE ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS AND STOP THEIR RECYCLING PROGRAM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THEY CONTINUE WITH THE RECYCLING PROGRAM AS LONG AS GRANT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED AND SPENT LOTS OF GRANT FUNDS ON RECYCLING.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR DR. BINGHAM TO NEGOTIATE WITH MR. T. D. SMITH ON THE ENTIRE PIECE OF PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 77 AT THE OLD NORTHWEST FLORIDA LUMBER COMPANY AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

STAN PORTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON AN OFFER FROM MR. DARRELL ALLEN TO SELL THE COUNTY EIGHTY (80) ACRES OF LAND WHICH JOINS THE GILBERT PIT. THE BOARD ADVISED MR. PORTER THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING ANY PROPERTY FROM MR. ALLEN BUT WAS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING AN EASEMENT TO HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO THE GILBERT PIT.

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LETTER FROM NORTHWEST FLORIDA REALTY

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD AGAIN AT THIS TIME ADVISING THE BOARD MR. T. D. SMITH WOULD SELL ENTIRE PIECE OF PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 77 FOR \$90,000.00 TO BE PAID OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS OUT OF SEVERAL GRANTS UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

1. THE COUNTY WOULD PAY MR. SMITH \$60,000 ON CLOSING.
2. THE REMAINING \$30,000 WOULD BE PAID BY FEBRUARY 1, 1993 AT 10% INTEREST.

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3. AN AMOUNT OF \$5,000 WOULD BE PAID FOR OUT OF GENERAL FUND MONIES FOR THE COST OF THE LAND WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS TO BE PAID OUT OF GRANT FUNDS OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.
4. FLORIDA FAIRCHILD WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE USING THEIR OFFICE LOCATED IN A TRAILER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1992.
5. MR. T. D. SMITH WOULD HAVE THIRTY DAYS FROM CLOSING TO EVACUATE.
6. MR. T. D. SMITH WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 1991 TAXES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY FROM MR. T. D. SMITH UNDER A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE TERMS OUTLINED BY DR. BINGHAM.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRACY AND CARRIED FOR EACH COMMISSIONER TO GET PAID A MONTHLY TRAVEL ALLOWANCE BASED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

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TRAVEL VOUCHERS

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A HAUL ROUTE MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE WITH THE BOARD REQUESTING ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE PUTTING PENALTIES TO FORCE LOGGERS TO REPAIR THE ROADS THEY DAMAGE.

COMMISSIONER TRACY OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 03/23/92