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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/24/93

AUGUST 24, 1993

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 19, 1993 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:30 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, CARTER, BROCK, MORRIS AND TAYLOR PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO RESCIND THEIR ACTION OF AUGUST 19, 1993 TO FINANCE THE TWO PIECES OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY THROUGH CATERPILLAR.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF UP TO \$450,000.00 FROM SOUTHTRUST BANK OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA FOR THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN A COMMITMENT LETTER TO SOUTHTRUST BANK SAYING THE BOARD HAS TAKEN ACTION BY FORM OF A RESOLUTION ON THE BORROWING OF UP TO \$450,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES OBLIGATING THE 9TH CENT GAS TAX TO PAY BACK THE LOAN. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. PRIOR TO ACTION ON THE MOTION, THE BOARD AGREED TO CHANGE THE WORDING IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION TO READ:

WHEREAS, WASHINGTON COUNTY "MAY" BE REQUIRED TO BORROW UP TO FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$450,000.00) DOLLARS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES THAT MAY ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME.

DON WALTERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE WHARC MODIFIED LEASE AGREEMENT . ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD MET WITH MR. WALTERS AND PREPARED A REVISED LEASE AGREEMENT WHICH AUTHORIZES ARC THE RIGHT TO USE THE ACCESS TO THEIR PROPERTY FROM SOUTH THIRD STREET AS LONG AS THE COUNTY DOES NOT NEED THE PROPERTY FOR A USE WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE TO OR WOULD PREVENT ARC'S USE OF THE STRIP. MR. WALTERS WAS QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS AN ASBESTOS PROBLEM ON THE BUILDING THE COUNTY IS SUPPOSE TO REMOVE OFF THE PROPERTY. MR. WALTERS ADVISED THEY HAD SPENT ABOUT \$40,000 TO \$60,000 REMOVING ASBESTOS FROM THE BUILDING BUT HE COULDN'T ASSURE THE BOARD IT WAS COMPLETELY REMOVED. THE BOARD QUESTIONED THE TIME FRAME THEY WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE THE BUILDING OFF THE PROPERTY. MR. WALTERS SAID ARC WOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD IN ANY WAY THEY COULD BUT DID NOT WANT A LONG DELAY IN THE REMOVAL OF THE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MODIFIED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WHARC AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN IT.

MR. WALTERS REQUESTED THE BOARD WAIVE BUILDING INSPECTION FEES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW WHARC BUILDING. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE NEW WHARC CENTER.

ATTORNEY HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PURCHASE OF THE JACKSON CLAY PIT FOR ST. MARYS ROAD. HE ADVISED THE BOARD SOME OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY WERE DEAD AND THERE WAS NO WAY THE BOARD WAS GOING TO GET THE LAND BEFORE THEY NEEDED IT FOR THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT. THE BOARD AGREED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOWELL TO PROCEED TO SECURE THE PROPERTY FOR \$500.00 PER ACRE GIVING THE HEIRS THREE MONTHS TO CLOSE ON THE PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON THE HOSPITAL RETIREMENT FOR GLEN BROWN WAS GOING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 25TH. HOWELL STATED UNLESS THE BOARD DIRECTED HIM TO ATTEND THE MEETING, HE DIDN'T SEE THE NEED FOR TWO ATTORNEYS TO BE PRESENT. HOWELL FELT ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ATTORNEY FOR THE HOSPITAL, COULD TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER AS THE LIABILITY WILL BE AGAINST THE HOSPITAL. THE BOARD AGREED IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR ATTORNEY HOWELL TO BE PRESENT.

ATTORNEY HOWELL CONFIRMED A HEARING ON WEST TRACO WOULD BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1993. HOWELL REQUESTED THE BOARD MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION NEXT TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1993 AT 5:30 P. M. ON THE WEST TRACO ISSUE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE

BOARD LEONARD CARSON, OF CARSON AND LINN, WAS WANTING TO SET UP A SHADE MEETING ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEXT TUESDAY AT 9:00 A. M. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO SET THE SHADE MEETING FOR 4:30 P. M. ON THE 31ST OF AUGUST.

MARY HODGES, TAX COLLECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 93-94 FISCAL YEAR. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD SHE HAD TURNED IN HER EXCESS FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991-92 ON THIS DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,713.55. MS. HODGES ADVISED THE BOARD SHE HAD AN EMPLOYEE POSITION APPROVED IN THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN FILLED. SHE STATED SHE INTENDED TO FILL THE POSITION IN THE 93-94 FISCAL YEAR.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED MS. HODGES ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS HER EMPLOYEES WORK. MS. HODGES STATED HER EMPLOYEES WORKED FROM 8:00 A. M. TIL 4 P. M. GETTING AN HOUR FOR LUNCH; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE TO TALLY UP AFTER 4:00 P. M. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD SHE DOES NOT GIVE COMP TIME.

JULIAN WEBB, CDBG GRANTSMAN ON REHAB PROGRAM, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AT THEIR REQUEST. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CARL OBERT AND WALLER EVERITT'S DISSATISFACTION WITH BIGGS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, A CONTRACTOR DOING WORK ON THE REHAB PROGRAM. WEBB SUGGESTED THE BOARD TALK WITH THEIR ATTORNEY ON DEBARRING THE CONTRACTOR.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED IN THE FUTURE ALL CONTRACTS HAVE A TIME ELEMENT IN THEM FOR COMPLETION.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED A CLAUSE BE PLACED IN EACH CONTRACT STATING IF THE CONTRACTOR CANNOT FINISH WORK IN A TIMELY MANNER AND IF THE WORK IS NOT QUALITY WORK, THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE DISBARRED.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LENGTH OF TIME IT IS TAKING THE CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE A JOB AND THE LENGTH OF TIME IT IS TAKING TO EXHAUST THE GRANT FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED PLACING A STATEMENT IN EACH CONTRACT ONCE THE PROJECT IS STARTED, THE CONTRACTOR CAN'T LEAVE THE PROJECT UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED.

MR. WEBB IS TO BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD ON WHAT CAN LEGALLY BE DONE TO MOVE PROCEEDINGS ALONG ON THE HOUSING CONTRACTS.

SAM KENT AND ROBERT HARCUS WERE PRESENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE BOARD AGREED TO WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GEORGE ROGERS, COULD BE PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN READ A LETTER FROM JIM BUNDY OF BCM TO DER ON THE BOARD'S ACTION TO ESCROW MONIES FOR THE LONG TERM CARE CLOSURE COSTS FOR THE CHIPLEY AND MUDHILL LANDFILL. THE LETTER ADVISED THE FUNDING OF THE ESCROW ACCOUNT WOULD BE OPENED SHORTLY AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1993. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ALSO ADVISED HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL ON THE COUNTY'S REQUEST TO SEE IF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE LONG TERM CARE COSTS COULD BE USED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING TO BE USED FOR TIRE STORAGE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$26,000.00 FOR MATERIALS TO CONSTRUCT THE BUILDING AND TO EXTEND THE FENCING AT THE CENTER. HAGAN EXPLAINED THESE MONIES WOULD COME FROM THE RECYCLING GRANTS. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$26,000.00 FROM RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING TO STORE TIRES AND FOR COSTS INVOLVED IN EXTENDING THE FENCE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE \$15,000.00 MATCHING GRANT FOR SPECS AND DRAWINGS ON THE COURTHOUSE. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE GOING TO NEED PLANS ON THE COURTHOUSE BEFORE THEY COULD GET GRANT MONIES TO RENOVATE IT. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO BUDGET \$15,000.00 MATCHING FUNDS FOR A HISTORICAL GRANT TO GET A SET OF PLANS ON THE COURTHOUSE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT FROM LUIE PHILLIPS, DEAN E. & KATHLEEN BARTEMY AND RALPH AND DOROTHY DANIELS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THEIR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 93-94. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY HOLD THEIR SPENDING TO FALL WITHIN THEIR CURRENT YEAR BUDGET, THERE SHOULD BE A CASH CARRY FORWARD OF \$120,000.00 TO \$125,000.00 IN THE TRANSPORTATION FUND. HAGAN THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE GENERAL FUND STATING DUE TO RESERVE FUNDS SET ASIDE IN CASE OF A DEPRESSION, ETC, THE CASH CARRY FORWARD FOR THE GENERAL FUND IS GOING TO BE GREATER THAN EXPECTED. HAGAN STATED THE AUDITOR ADVISES IT IS A GOOD RULE OF THUMB TO KEEP TWO MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES IN RESERVE FOR SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ADVISED THE BOARD WITH THE ADDITIONAL CASH CARRY FORWARD

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MONIES, HE AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE COULD BRING BACK A BALANCED BUDGET ON THE 31ST OF AUGUST. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO BRING BACK A BALANCED BUDGET ON THE 31ST FOR THEIR REVIEW.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD HE PLANNED TO BE OFF ON SEPTEMBER 14TH AND 15TH DUE TO THE SCHEDULED DELIVERY OF HIS GRAND- CHILD. HE ALSO ADVISED HE WOULD BE TAKING OFF ON THE 26TH OF AUGUST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A RUBBER TIRED EXCAVA- TOR AND A RUBBER TIRED FRONT END LOADER; TRADING IN THE 920 LOADER AND D6 DOZIER AS A DOWN PAYMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE HIRING OF A CONSULTANT TO REVIEW THE BOARD'S PRESENT GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND DRAW UP SPECS TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

CLERK MILLER IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THEIR AUGUST 31ST MEETING ON AN ORDINANCE TO JOIN THE FLORIDA COUNTIES INVESTMENT TRUST.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF COMMISSIONER CARTER AND BROCK HAD MADE THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO THE JAIL COMMITTEE. THEY ADVISED HIM THEY WERE NOT READY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO FILL THE POSITION WHICH WAS LEFT VACANT DUE TO THE DEATH OF BILLY SIMMONS. COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WITH INTERVIEWS FOR THIS POSITION.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 5:30 P. M. ON AUGUST 31, 1993.

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DEPUTY CLERK

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