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BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/27/93

JULY 27, 1993

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.

PURSUANT TO AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON THE BIDS FOR THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER OPENED THE BIDS WITH LAMAR PETERMAN READING THE CONTENTS OF THE BIDS. BIDS RECEIVED WERE FOR THREE SEPARATE CONTRACTS WHICH INCLUDED:

CONTRACT ONE - CONSTRUCT THREE CONCRETE PRECAST SLAB BRIDGES

CONTRACT TWO - RESURFACE EXISTING PAVEMENT FOR ST. MARY ROAD

CONTRACT THREE - CONSTRUCT 0.7 MILE OF ROADWAY FOR ST. MARY ROAD BIDS RECEIVED ON THE ABOVE CONTRACTS WERE:

1. BAXTER'S ASPHALT, CONTRACT ONE , NO BID  
CONTRACT TWO , \$30,774.75  
CONTRACT TWO , ALTERNATE ONE \$38,017.75  
CONTRACT THREE, NO BID  
CONTRACT THREE, ALTERNATE TWO NO BID
2. PHOENIX CONST. CONTRACT ONE , NO BID  
CONTRACT TWO , \$44,803.20  
CONTRACT TWO , ALTERNATE ONE \$55,534.74  
CONTRACT THREE, \$101,995.32  
CONTRACT THREE, ALTERNATE TWO \$240,270.00
3. PANHANDLE GRAD. CONTRACT ONE , NO BID  
CONTRACT TWO , \$24,783.84  
CONTRACT TWO , ALTERNATE ONE \$30,032.55  
CONTRACT THREE, \$60,455.50  
CONTRACT THREE, ALTERNATE TWO \$127,343.00
4. MCCORMICK CONST. CONTRACT ONE , \$165,862.50  
CONTRACT TWO , NO BID  
CONTRACT TWO , ALTERNATE ONE NO BID  
CONTRACT THREE, NO BID  
CONTRACT THREE, ALTERNATE TWO NO BID

THE BOARD AGREED FOR MR. PETERMAN TO REVIEW AND CHECK THE BIDS RECEIVED ON THE THREE CONTRACTS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE 3RD OF AUGUST AT 5:30 P. M.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD OF A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE BE ALLOWED TO DO THE SOLID WASTE SURVEY RATHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA. MR. JOSEPH CONDRI, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE COMMITTEE DIDN'T FEEL THE TELEPHONE SURVEY OF 200 PERSONS IN RURAL AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD BE ENOUGH TO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, THE COMMITTEE FEELS THEY COULD GET A GREATER NUMBER OF RESPONSES AND PROBABLY AT A CHEAPER PRICE BY MAILING OUT THE SURVEY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SPOKEN WITH CHARLES DANIELS, ATTORNEY FOR WEST TRACO, AND THERE IS A CONFLICT WITH THE HEARING WHICH IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. BOTH HE AND DANIELS AGREE TO TRY AND RESCHEDULE THE HEARING, PROBABLY FOR OCTOBER. ATTORNEY HOWELL WAS ASKED IF THE SURVEY COULD BE USED IN COURT. HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE SURVEY COULD BE USED IN COURT, BUT IF IT COULD, HOWELL RECOMMENDED LETTING THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA DO THE SURVEY SO IT WOULD BE STATISTICALLY SOUND.

FRANK ACUFF, ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH THE COMMITTEE'S CONCERN THAT \$2,000 FOR 5% REPRESENTATION SEEMED COSTLY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND MR. ACUFF, MR. JOSEPH CONDRI AND THE BOARD AGREED THE SURVEY WOULD BE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY IF THE UNIVERSITY WOULD SURVEY 500 PERSONS RATHER THAN THE 200 THEY WERE ORIGINALLY GOING TO DO. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO CONTRACT WITH THE

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA TO DO A TELEPHONE SURVEY ON SOLID WASTE USING 500 NAMES AT A COST OF \$3,000.00.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD ONE OF THE LOADERS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS DOWN DUE TO A BUSTED HEAD AND SEVERAL OTHER PROBLEMS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THE BOARD COULD DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY IF THE MACHINE WAS DOWN.

STEVE PARRISH, REPRESENTING THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEM HE HAD INSPECTED THE LOADER AND IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$5,180 TO REPAIR IT IF IT WAS IN THEIR SHOP. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD TAKEN A 950 4 YD CATERPILLAR LOADER TO ROAD AND BRIDGE FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES TO SEE IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO CONSIDER ANYTHING OTHER THAN REPAIR. HE QUOTED A PRICE ON THIS LOADER OF \$115,095.00, WITH A TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$10,000.00 OFF THIS PRICE, MAKING THE COST \$105,095.00. HE ALSO QUOTED A PRICE ON A 3 YD CATERPILLAR LOADER OF \$84,459.00, WITH A TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$13,000.00 OFF THIS PRICE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH TED MCKENZIE, PRESIDENT OF FIRST UNION BANK IN CHIPLEY, AND WAS ASSURED OF A 4.94% INTEREST RATE IF THE BOARD WANTED TO FINANCE THROUGH THEM. PARRISH ADVISED IF THE BOARD AGREED TO GO WITH A LEASE PURCHASE PLAN WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY, THE INTEREST RATE WOULD BE 6%. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO DECLARE THIS AN EMERGENCY AND PURCHASE THE 950 4 YD CATERPILLAR LOADER, TRADING IN THE 920 LOADER, WITH THE FINAL COST BEING \$105,095.00. PARRISH ADVISED THE WARRANTY ON THE ENGINE WOULD BE FIVE YEARS OR 7500 HOURS, WHICHEVER OCCURRED FIRST, WITH THE ENTIRE MACHINE BEING UNDER WARRANTY FOR SIX MONTHS.

MR. PARRISH ADVISED THE BOARD THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY WAS GOING TO START HOLDING A CATERPILLAR CARE CLASS FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE. THE CLASS WOULD COVER THE MAINTENANCE NEEDED ON THE MACHINES, HOW TO LUBRICATE THE MACHINES AND HOW TO DO MINOR ADJUSTMENTS ON THE MACHINES. HE WILL SCHEDULE A TIME FOR THE SCHOOLING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A BACKHOE LOADER. MR. PARRISH SAID A 416, 4 WHEEL DRIVE MACHINE WOULD COST \$46,411 AND HE WOULD ALLOW A TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$6,000.00 ON THE 410, MAKING THE PURCHASE PRICE \$40,411.00. HE ADVISED THE LEASE PURCHASE PRICE WOULD BE \$1,071.00 PER MONTH FOR 48 MONTHS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION TO ENTER INTO A 48 MONTH LEASE PURCHASE PLAN. COMMISSIONER MORRIS WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD WRITE SPECS AND ADVERTISE WITH BIDS TO BE OPENED ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO DECLARE THIS AN EMERGENCY AND RENT THE BACKHOE LOADER FOR SIX MONTHS AT A COST OF \$1,600.00 PER MONTH. COMMISSIONER MORRIS WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER BROCK WITHDREW HIS SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY AND PURCHASE THE BACKHOE LOADER FOR \$46,411.00 WITH A TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$6,000.00 LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$40,411.00.

THE BOARD AGREED TO LET MR. PARRISH KNOW IF THEY ARE GOING TO LEASE PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY OR IF THEY ARE GOING TO FINANCE THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THREE NEW RESOLUTIONS ON CONDEMNATION SUITS ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY TO BEGIN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CLAYTON PHILLIPS, ELMIRA LETT AND EDMONIA GAINES, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING ATTORNEY HOWELL IS TO WORK WITH COMMISSIONER MORRIS ON CLAYTON PHILLIPS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD BILL PERRY AND MARVIN URQUHART WAS WANTING PERMISSION TO CLOSE AND FENCE THE EXISTING COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD GOING ACROSS WALSINGHAM BRIDGE AND IN EXCHANGE THEY WOULD GIVE THE COUNTY A SIXTY FOOT RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT AND CLEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY TO GET BACK TO THE WALSINGHAM BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO GRANT BILL PERRY AND MARVIN URQUHART PERMISSION TO CLOSE AND FENCE THE EXISTING COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD GOING ACROSS WALSINGHAM BRIDGE IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM GIVING THE COUNTY A SIXTY FOOT RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO GET BACK TO WALSINGHAM BRIDGE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THEY WILL CLEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY. ATTORNEY HOWELL IS TO CHECK AND SEE IF THE BOARD NEEDS TO ADVERTISE THIS.

CLERK MILLER ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO PAY SHERIFF HASTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1993 TOTALLING \$4,362.32. SHERIFF HASTY HAD

ALREADY REQUESTED THEY PAY THE BILL BUT THE BOARD HAD TAKEN NO ACTION. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PAY THE SHERIFF'S UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1993 TOTALLING \$4,362.32.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE CDBG HOUSING GRANT AND WHY MR. WEBB WAS NOT PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT MR. WEBB WAS OUT OF TOWN BUT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH HIM ON THE CDBG GRANT. WEBB HAD ADVISED HAGAN THE CDBG HOUSING GRANT IS NOT OVER UNTIL OCTOBER OF 1994 AND HE IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE ON BIDDING OUT THE CONTRACTS ON THE HOUSING GRANT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED ADMINI-STRATOR HAGAN AND JULIAN WEBB GET WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK TO HELP HIM BETTER UNDERSTAND THE STATUS OF THE CDBG HOUSING GRANT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLERK MILLER TO FURNISH THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FIRST UNION TO MAKE APPLICATION AND GET APPROVAL FOR A LOAN TO PURCHASE THE WHEEL LOADER AND THE BACKHOE LOADER AND OBLIGATE THE ONE CENT GAS TAX TO PAY BACK THE LOAN.

THE BOARD THEN STARTED THEIR WORKSHOP ON THE BUDGET.

EACH COMMISSIONER WAS GIVEN A NEW BUDGET PACKET DATED THE 27TH OF JULY. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE CHANGES MADE TO THE BUDGET PACKET SINCE THE JULY 20TH MEETING. HE ADVISED THEM OF THE CHANGES IN THE REVENUES DUE TO PROPOSED INCREASES IN SOME AREAS. HE BRIEFED THEM ON ALL EXPENDITURE CHANGES MADE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND ADVISED THEM THE THREE PER CENT RAISES WERE INCLUDED AS WELL AS THE TWO NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE GENERAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS THEY HAD REQUESTED. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THIS BUDGET PACKET SHOWED A DEFICIT OF \$435,866.00 OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TOLD THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO BE THINKING OF WAYS TO INCREASE THE REVENUES OF THE COUNTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CHARGING A PERMIT FEE FOR THE USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THE COUNTY PRESENTLY IS NOT CHARGING FOR. MR. BILL LEE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY CAN NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR THE USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHERE THE STATE PROVIDED THE FUNDING FOR A BOAT RAMP.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SUGGESTED CONTACTING THE MUNICIPALITIES WHO ARE PART OF THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND GET THEIR FEELING ON THEM FUNDING \$2,000.00 TOWARD THE COMP PLAN FOR THEIR CONSULTANT SERVICES. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO TAKE THIS ACTION. THE MUNICIPALITIES INVOLVED WOULD BE CARYVILLE, EBRO, WAUSAU AND VERNON.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SOME OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS PAYING 100% OF THEIR EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS' EMPLOYEES, BE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR THE COUNTY WILL NOT FUND ANY PORTION OF THEIR INSURANCE; AND THE COUNTY WILL ONLY FUND THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S EMPLOYEES INSURANCE AT THE SAME RATE THEY ARE FUNDING THEIR EMPLOYEES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO SCHEDULE SHERIFF HASTY TO MEET WITH THEM ON AUGUST 3RD TO JUSTIFY HIS BUDGET REQUESTS.

THE BOARD ALSO INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND CLERK MILLER TO INCREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS BY \$5,000 PER DISTRICT OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WHICH WOULD BE \$17,600.00 PER DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOWELL TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD TO JOIN THE FLORIDA COUNTIES INVESTMENT TRUST.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO WRITE A LETTER TO "CARE" OFFERING TO CONSIDER PROVIDING THEM WITH OFFICE SPACE RATHER THAN FUNDING.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND CLERK MILLER TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE BUDGETS AND BRING BACK THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE AUGUST 3RD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL 5:30 P. M. ON AUGUST 3, 1993.

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

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 07/27/93