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BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/06/93

JULY 6, 1993

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 6:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, CARTER, TAYLOR, MORRIS AND BROCK PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ADVISED THIS WAS A CALLED MEETING TO DISCUSS A SALES TAX AND A GAS TAX TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN PRESENTED A PACKET TO THE BOARD MEMBERS ON THE GAS TAX AND SALES TAX WITH FORMULAS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND BRIEFED THEM ON THE PACKET'S CONTENTS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT THE MONIES GENERATED FROM THE TAXES WOULD BE USED FOR. COMMISSIONER MORRIS RECOMMENDED THE MONEY GENERATED FROM THE ONE CENT SALES TAX BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: 40% FOR ROAD EQUIPMENT, 40% FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION, 5% FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, 10% FOR GENERAL REVENUE AND 5% FOR A CONTINGENCY FUND.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD THE SMALL COUNTY SURTAX COULD BE USED FOR ANY OPERATIONAL PURPOSE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ALSO GAVE A PROPOSAL ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED ON A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PAID FOR WITH A PORTION OF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX PROCEEDS.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FELT THERE WERE OTHER AREAS OF NEED BESIDES ROAD AND BRIDGE; SPECIFICALLY THE NEED OF A NEW JAIL. COMMISSIONER MORRIS FELT IF PEOPLE WANTED A JAIL, IT COULD BE PLACED ON A REFERENDUM AND A TAX COULD BE PASSED TO PAY FOR IT.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD THE SALES TAX CAN GO INTO EFFECT THE FIRST DAY OF ANY MONTH UPON NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; THEREFORE, IF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS NOTIFIED IN AUGUST, IT WOULD BE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 1, 1993.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO INCORPORATE AN ELEVATOR IN THE SPACE BETWEEN THE JAIL AND THE COURTHOUSE AND GET A PLAN TO COME IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD OF A LETTER FROM THE CHIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYING THEY HAD WENT TO 49 CALLS AND AFTER THE 50TH CALL THEY WOULD BE CHARGING \$504 PER FIRE CALL. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD SIGN THE LETTER IN AGREEMENT TO THIS CHARGE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD THAT IF THE BOARD PASSED THE ONE CENT SALES TAX, IT WOULD BRING IN MONEY TO EACH OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY; THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITIES MAY BE WILLING TO GIVE THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THE BOARD TOOK A TEN MINUTE RECESS WHILE COMMISSIONER MORRIS WENT TO THE CHIPLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO GIVING THEIR PORTION FROM THE ONE CENT SALES TAX TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER MORRIS REPORTED HE HAD TALKED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TOMMY MCDONALD, AND HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT TO TAKE THE \$91,000.00 THEY WOULD RECEIVE FROM THE ONE CENT SALES TAX AND FUND THE CHIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED THE SALES TAX BE BROKEN DOWN TO 50% FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS (NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION FOR JAIL OR COURTHOUSE) AND 50% TO GENERAL REVENUE AND TO PASS A TWO CENT GAS TAX FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT & CONSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FELT THIS WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH WITH PASSING A TWO CENT GAS TAX IN ADDITION TO A SALES TAX. HE FELT IF THERE WAS ANYWAY TO AVOID A GAS TAX, THE BOARD SHOULD TRY TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO CONSIDER USING 30% OF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, 30% FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND THE BALANCE SPLIT FOR OTHER USES.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ASKED COMMISSIONER CARTER TO GO ALONG WITH 35% CONSTRUCTION FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, 30% EQUIPMENT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE AND THE BALANCE SPLIT FOR OTHER USES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED IT WOULD TAKE FOUR COMMISSIONERS TO PASS THIS AND HE IS NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT IF HE DOESN'T FEEL IT WILL LEAVE THE NEXT BOARD IN BETTER CONDITION. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

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CARTER FOR THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES TO BE USED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX: 35% FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, 30% FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT, 20% FOR GENERAL REVENUE AND 15% FOR A CONTINGENCY FUND. COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARTER FOR WITH COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, BROCK, AND CORBIN OPPOSED.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THREE ISSUES. HE BEGAN WITH UPDATING THE BOARD ON THE EMERGENCY SITUATION WITH THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND GAVE THEM A QUOTE OF \$151,942.00 FOR STAGE ONE AND \$24,526.00 FOR STAGE TWO TO TOTALLY REVAMP THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. HE WAS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE ON WITH THIS PROJECT, LOOKING FOR DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR FUNDING. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAS OFFERED \$10,000, AN EMS GRANT IS AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD COVER APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE COST AND THERE IS APPROXIMATELY \$7500 IN THE \$12.50 SURCHARGE FUND. COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED SHERIFF HASTY TIE IN THE \$.50 CHARGE ON THE 911 SYSTEM FOR THIS PURPOSE IF IT IS A LIGITIMATE EXPENSE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE STAFFING OF THE 911 DISPATCHING WITH HASTY ADVISING IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES WITH SALARIES RANGING FROM \$11,500 TO \$12,000 PER YEAR PLUS FRINGE BENEFITS FOR AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE 911 SYSTEM FOR PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE HASTY TO PROCEED WITH THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT DUE TO THE EMERGENCY STATUS OF THE EQUIPMENT, RESEARCH A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, GET THREE QUOTES ON EQUIPMENT, AND PROCEED WITH THE VENDOR PROVIDING THE BEST SERVICES, BRINGING BACK THE QUOTES TO THE BOARD.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND READ A LETTER HE HAD PRE- PARED REQUESTING THEY REINSTATE THE JAIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE. HASTY FEELS IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE COUNTY JAIL TO BE COLLOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SITE OF THE NEW MAJOR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. HASTY ALSO BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A NEW PROGRAM WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO HOUSE NON-VIOLENT STATE PRISONERS. HASTY EXPLAINED THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WOULD CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FOR BED SPACE AT AN AVERAGE PER DIEM RATE OF \$32. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO DISBAN THE PREVIOUS JAIL COMMITTEE AND EACH COME PREPARED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A NEW JAIL COMMITTEE AT THE JULY 15TH MEETING.

SHERIFF HASTY THEN PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE BOARD REQUESTING \$1,103.81 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO PURCHASE A MODEL 203 POLAROID MINI PORTRAIT CAMERA. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SOLD SOME WEAPONS AND RECEIVED \$1,110 FOR THEM; AND HAD GIVEN THESE MONIES TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR DEPOSIT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE CAMERA FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND MONIES.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE GAS TAX AND SALES TAX.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED. ATTEST:_____

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CHAIRMAN ATTEST:_____

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