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BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/29/93

MARCH 29, 1993

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE MARCH 26, 1993 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, MORRIS, CARTER, TAYLOR AND BROCK 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.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO MEET WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND TRY AND RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THEY MAY HAVE WITH THEIR FIRE AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD. WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD NOTIFIED THE BOARD THEY WERE NOT GOING TO SIGN THEIR AGREEMENT AND SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAD NOT RETURNED THEIR AGREEMENTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED WERE:

HINSON CROSSROADS	RON SMALL, CHIEF
EBRO	JERRY YOUNG, ASST. CHIEF
FIVE POINTS	MYRON PIERCE, CHIEF
SUNNY HILLS	LUTHER BELLAMY, CHIEF
CITY OF CHIPLEY	KEVIN PARKER, CHIEF
VERNON	RICHARD WOODHAM, CHIEF
WAUSAU	JOHNNY FINCH, CHIEF

CHARLES PARK, WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL PERSON OVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THEIR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY; STATING THEY WERE NOT RECEIVING ENOUGH MONEY TO OPERATE. PARK ADVISED THE BOARD THE WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD GONE TO TWO FIRES INSIDE THE WAUSAU CITY LIMITS AND NINETEEN OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS SO FAR THIS YEAR. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE DEPARTMENTS PRESENT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO AT THIS TIME AS FAR AS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING. COMMISSIONER CARTER ALSO EXPLAINED THERE WERE NO FUNDS SET TO CHARGE THE BUDGET NOW BUT THE BOARD COULD TAKE IT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND WORK WITH THE ISSUE AT ITS NEXT BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FIRE PROTECTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN THE FUTURE. THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE BOARD PLACING A USERS FEE FOR USERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BE PAID FOR BY A PERSONS HOME OWNER POLICY. DANA BROCK, HINSON CROSSROADS, BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES DROPPING INSURANCE COVERAGE AS THEY DID DURING HURRICANE ANDREW.

VERNON, HINSON CROSSROADS AND EBRO FIRE DEPARTMENTS SAID THEY WERE SURVIVING WITH THE FUNDING THEY RECEIVED BUT COULD USE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT.

KEVIN PARKER, CHIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON THE NUMBER OF FIRES THEY HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS YEAR; ADVISING THE BOARD EVEN IF A \$250 SERVICE FEE WAS COLLECTED ON HOUSE FIRES, YEAR TO DATE THIS WOULD ONLY HAVE BROUGHT IN AN ADDITIONAL \$4,000. PARKER ADDED THIS IS STILL NOT ENOUGH FUNDING IN COMPARISON TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AS THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT PUTS FIVE TIMES THE MILEAGE ON THEIR VEHICLES FIGHTING FIRES IN THE COUNTY AS THEY DO IN THE CITY.

LUTHER BELLAMY, SUNNY HILLS, QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THE COUNTY COULD GET A SMALL FIRE STATION LOCATED WHERE IT COULD GET TO THE TUMBLE CREEK AREA MORE QUICKLY AND ADVISED THERE WERE VERY FEW STREET SIGNS IN THE AREA MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO LOCATE A FIRE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T SEE HOW THE COUNTY COULD PLACE A SMALL FIRE STATION IN THE AREA. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED BELLAMY THE STREET SIGN PROBLEM WOULD BE ELIMINATED WHEN 911 WAS IMPLEMENTED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO GET ACCOUNTABILITY FROM ALL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS: COPIES OF THEIR AUDIT REPORTS, HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHOW REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ON THE BUDGETS THEY SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP, ETC. JOHNNY FINCH, WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATED HE FELT LIKE WHEN HE SUBMITTED THEIR BUDGET THE BOARD HAD ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MINDS WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN DISAGREED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH THE BOARD AND GIVE THEM SOME

IDEAS FOR FUNDING. HE STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR ASSESS A USERS FEE FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED HE LIKED A ONE CENT GAS TAX BETTER THAN A SPECIAL ASESSMENT.

MYRON PIERCE, FIVE POINTS, FEELS WHEN 911 IS PUT IN EFFECT, HE THINKS THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE FIRE DISTRICTS SHOULD BE RE-WORKED.

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL \$2400.00 IN FUNDING FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR.

CHUCK YATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THE \$12.50 ASSESSMENT ON MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SHOULD HELP WITH RADIO COST FOR THE DEPARTMENTS.

WAUSAU WAS ASKED IF THEY WERE GOING TO CUT FIRE SERVICES OFF OUTSIDE WAUSAU AS OF TONIGHT. CHIEF FINCH SAID THE WAUSAU CITY COUNCIL SAID REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY AND IF THEY DON'T PROVIDE THE FUNDING, THEN DON'T RESPOND TO ANY MORE FIRE CALLS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE ON THE AG CENTER FOR AS MANY YEARS AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO GET A PETITION TO THE STATE TO OBTAIN OWNER- SHIP OF THE AG CENTER LAND.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD OF A LETTER FROM CHARLES DANIELS, WEST TRACO ATTORNEY, SAYING THEY WERE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT THE BOARD'S PROPOSAL WITHOUT TYING IN THE NEW FIVE YEAR CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO GIVE TRACO TEN DAYS TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OFFERED AT THE LAST MEETING OR LET TRACO DO WHATEVER THEY HAVE TO. COMMISSIONER MORRIS, CARTER, CORBIN AND TAYLOR FOR WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSING.

THE CLERK, EARNESTINE MILLER, BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD A BILL RECEIVED FROM WEST-TRACO'S ATTORNEY FOR \$1,407.50 FOR PAYMENT OF TIME HE HAS SPENT SINCE THE DATE OF THE COURT ORDER. THE CLERK ADVISED SOME OF THE CHARGES WERE BILLED AT \$150.00 PER HOUR. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID DON'T PAY IT UNTIL WE ARE ORDERED TO PAY AS BEFORE.

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKED THAT THE DISPATCHER BE TOLD NOT TO DISPATCH FIRE CALLS TO THEM OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 03/29/93