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BOARD MINUTES FOR 11/22/93

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PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 1993 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P. M. AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CORBIN, CARTER, MORRIS AND TAYLOR PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

AL CLEVELAND, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND GERALD RICHTER, WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, WERE PRESENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PERSONS BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE ALL OF THEIR PERMITS AT ONE TIME. CLEVELAND ADVISED THE BOARD HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THIS COULD BE DONE. HE STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURES ON THE SELLING OF PERMITS ANY MORE THAN IT IS BEING DONE NOW, AS EVERY- THING IS DONE ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. CLEVELAND SUGGESTED TO ACCENTUATE TO THE PEOPLE THEY CAN DO AS MUCH BY PHONE OR BY MAIL TO OBTAIN THEIR PERMITS. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ASKED CLEVELAND TO CHECK THE PROCEDURES AND SEE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE THIS PROBLEM.

THE WORKSHOP WITH GEORGE ROGERS, SAM KENT AND ROBERT HARCUS OF ROAD AND BRIDGE BEGAN.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED THEM OF COMPLAINTS HE HAD RECEIVED ABOUT COUNTY VEHICLES TRAVELING TOO FAST ON DIRT ROADS. HE SUGGESTED THAT ALL COUNTY VEHICLES NOT TRAVEL MORE THAN 35 MPH ON DIRT ROADS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND INSTRUCT THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE TO TRY AND SLOW THE COUNTY VEHICLES DOWN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION ON LITTER.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THE DEED FOR THE PRISON SITE PREPARED FOR GIVING THE PROPERTY TO THE STATE. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE DEED.

ATTORNEY HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON REA'S REQUEST FOR A MORTGAGE ON THE PRISON PROPERTY FOR THE \$308,000.00 INTEREST FREE LOAN THE BOARD IS GETTING FROM THEM. HOWELL ADVISED REA WOULD ACCEPT SOME TYPE OF PLEDGE FROM A REVENUE SOURCE OF THE COUNTY FOR SECURITY ON THE PRISON LOAN. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO LOOK FOR THE MOST FEASIBLE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO PAY BACK THE \$308,000.00 INTEREST FREE LOAN WITH REA AND NOTIFY REA OF THE PLEDGED REVENUE SOURCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ROGERS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, IF ALL PURCHASES MADE GOES THROUGH HIM. ROGERS ADVISED THAT THE FOREMEN, KENT AND HARCUS, HAS MADE PURCHASES. CORBIN THEN ASKED ROGERS WHAT HIS JOB WAS. ROGERS RESPONDED HE PURCHASES PIPE, HANDLES DRIVEWAY PERMITS, CHECKS OUT ALL PROBLEMS, CHECKS AND INITIALS BILLS, AND WATCHES THE BUDGET. CORBIN STATED ROGERS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF ALL PURCHASES MADE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN HIS DISTRICT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ROAD AND BRIDGE'S BUDGET BEING CUT BY \$25,000.00. BROCK DISCUSSED THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT SAYING THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES ARE TIRED AND WORN OUT WORKING ON THIS PROJECT AND HE DIDN'T FEEL THE COUNTY HAD ANY BUSINESS BEING IN A PROJECT LIKE THAT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT THE ST. MARYS PROJECT WAS LARGER THAN ANTICIPATED. CORBIN SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO HAUL THE DIRT BUT NOT BRING IT UP TO GRADE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE BID SPECIFICATIONS STATED WHAT WORK THE COUNTY WOULD DO ON THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CARTER ALSO STATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE COUNTY WORKERS, WHO WERE ON OVERTIME, DID NOT REPORT TO WORK ON THE PROJECT ON NOVEMBER 19TH UNTIL 8:30 A. M. BECAUSE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HAD THEM MOVING PIPE.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR SPOKE TO ROGERS ABOUT BEING IN CHARGE OF THE BUDGET. TAYLOR STATED BEFORE ANYONE PURCHASES ANYTHING, THEY SHOULD GET A PURCHASE ORDER FROM ROGERS IF HE IS GOING TO BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED ROGERS DEVELOP A PLAN LISTING THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH DISTRICT FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES FOR NEXT YEAR. ROGERS ADVISED HE WILL HAVE A LIST OF THINGS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED ROGERS ALSO GET A LIST OF NEEDS OF THE COUNTY FROM SAM KENT AND ROBERT HARCUS, FOREMAN OF THE EAST AND WEST SIDE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED ROGERS ON HOW HE DETERMINES THE CRITERIA OF NEED OR WHAT WARRANTS THE PRIORITY. ROGERS ADVISED CARTER HE DETERMINES THE CRITERIA BASED ON WHERE THE WORST NEED IS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HE THINKS EACH FOREMAN SHOULD PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS AND GIVE THEM TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; THEN THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR PRIORITIZE FROM BOTH OF THEIR LISTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY GET INVOLVED WITH CLEARING, GRUBBING, AND GRADING.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED HE WAS INTERESTED AS TO WHEN ALL THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DONE; SAYING THE BIGGEST PORTION SHOULD BE DONE BY JANUARY 1ST.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED ROGERS LOOK AT SECONDARY HIGHWAYS AND PRIORITIZE THEM BEFORE ANY OTHERS. COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED SOME ROADS HAVE MORE TRAFFIC ON THEM, SUCH AS BRICKYARD ROAD. TAYLOR SAID BRICKYARD ROAD NEEDED ATTENTION AND STATED IT WAS UNSITELY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS TOLD ROGERS WHEN THEY DO FIX THE ROADS THEY NEED TO SLOW DOWN AND FIX THEM RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS MENTIONED THE FRAMEWORK TO THE SCAR-FIRE NEEDED FIXING AND ASKED ROGERS TO GET AN ESTIMATE ON GETTING IT FIXED.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ALSO REFERENCED THE EMPLOYEES STARTING AND STOPPING WORK ON TIME.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED ONE PERSON BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GOING AROUND AND FUELING UP THE VEHICLES AND GREASING THEM. HE SAID ROGERS MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT GETTING A SERVICE TRUCK WITH A FUEL TANK ON IT. HE SUGGESTED ROGERS IMPLEMENT THE ITEMS DISCUSSED AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A PLAN.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED BUYING AN ASPHALT SPREADER SO THE COUNTY COULD DO THEIR OWN MAINTENANCE ON SECONDARY ROADS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD WHEN THEY GET THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THEY WILL HAVE RADIO CONTACT WITH EACH PAIR OF MOTORGRADERS. THIS WILL FREE UP THE PICKUP TRUCK DRIVER TO DO LABOR, AND THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO USE INMATE LABOR TO POUR HEADWALLS, ETC. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE FELT BETTER SERVICE WOULD BE GOTTEN BY LETTING THE PICKUP DRIVER FOLLOW THE MOTORGRADER.

ROGERS ADVISED THE BOARD AN EMPLOYEE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE, MARK JONES, HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO BE GETTING 20% DISABILITY FROM WORKERS COMPENSATION AND HE WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN IN ORDER TO GET IT. ROGERS SAID JONES WAS PREPARED TO TURN IN HIS RESIGNATION BUT WAS HAVING TO WAIT ON THE PAPERWORK. ROGERS WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO GO AHEAD AND INTERVIEW SOMEONE TO REPLACE HIM. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ROGERS TO GO AHEAD AND INTERVIEW SOMEONE TO REPLACE MARK JONES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD GIVE BELL, AN APPLICANT THEY HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO HIRE, UNTIL THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER TO GET HIS PHYSICAL OR AUTHORIZE ROGERS TO HIRE SOMEONE ELSE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO GIVE BELL UNTIL NOVEMBER 29TH TO CONTACT ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND GET HIS PHYSICAL SCHEDULED. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED IT WAS AGREED ROGERS AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WOULD BE DOING THE INTERVIEWING FOR HIRING OF EMPLOYEES, WITH THEM BEING PREPARED TO JUSTIFY THEIR DECISION TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, SAM KENT AND ROBERT HARCUS WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD AND OFFER ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE TO IMPROVE THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT. KENT SAID MORE EMPLOYEES WERE NEEDED. KENT SAID SOMEONE WAS NEEDED TO PUT ON EQUIPMENT WHEN EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ARE OUT ON WORKERS COMPENSATION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED COULDN'T AN OPERATOR OF A LOADER AFTER GETTING A STOCKPILE OF DIRT AT A PIT BE USED IN ANOTHER POSITION SUCH AS FOLLOWING ONE OF THE DROTTS.

KENT ALSO SUGGESTED GETTING A HEAVY ENOUGH DISK SO WHEN THE MOWERS ARE MOWING

THE RIGHT OF WAYS, THE ROADS COULD BE DISKED UP IN ORDER TO GET A GOOD FIRM ROAD BUILT.

KENT ALSO SUGGESTED GETTING A TACK MACHINE SO THERE WOULD BE MORE COMPACTION WHEN TACK IS BEING PUT DOWN.

KENT ALSO BROUGHT UP THE FACT SEVERAL EMPLOYEES HAD ANNUAL LEAVE THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1994 IN ORDER TO BRING IT BACK DOWN TO THE 240 HOURS ALLOWED, STATING THIS WOULD MAKE ROAD AND BRIDGE SHORT OF EMPLOYEES EVEN MORE. COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED ON JANUARY 2ND OF EACH YEAR THE EMPLOYEES PUT DOWN A DESIRABLE TIME WHEN THEY WANT TO BE OFF DURING THE YEAR AND SCHEDULE THEIR TIME SO IT WOULDN'T CAUSE A PROBLEM.

HARCUS STATED ROAD AND BRIDGE USE TO SHUT DOWN FOR A WEEK IN JULY AND A WEEK IN DECEMBER. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO SHUT DOWN ROAD AND BRIDGE THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH OF JULY AND THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS CONTINGENT UPON CHECKING WITH THE UNION ATTORNEY.

HARCUS ASKED THE BOARD NOT TO LOCK THE LOADER MAN INTO A POSITION OF FOLLOWING THE DROTT ONCE HE GOT ENOUGH DIRT STOCKPILED AT A PIT; LETTING IT BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERVISOR WHAT THE LOADER MAN SHOULD DO. THE BOARD AGREED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED OF SOMEONE BEING ASSIGNED TO FOLLOW THE NEW EXCAVATOR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR COULD COVER FOR THE EAST OR WEST FOREMAN IF THEY HAD TIME THEY NEEDED TO TAKE OFF.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR ON THE HIRING OF AN INHOUSE GRANT COORDINATOR. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE COUNTY HAD ONE GRANT NOW THAT WOULD PAY A GRANTSMANS' FULL SALARY. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CHECK WITH WALTON COUNTY ON THE COST FOR AN INHOUSE GRANTSMAN AND PUT IT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED THE BOARD START LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR AL PYFROM, CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, AS HE WILL HAVE ENOUGH TIME IN TO RETIRE BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED LEON SEXTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY'S VETERAN'S DIRECTOR, WAS QUALIFIED AND MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SUGGESTED APPROACHING PYFROM AND GETTING A CONFIRMED RETIREMENT DATE. HE ALSO SAID THE STATE IS FUNDING SOME MONIES THAT WILL PROBABLY HIRE A PERSON. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED IF THE COUNTY HIRES A GRANTS COORDINATOR, THIS PERSON COULD BE USED FOR THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN IS TO REPORT AT THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING ON THE STATUS OF AN INHOUSE GRANTSMAN AND IF LEON SEXTON IS INTERESTED IN THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S POSITION.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HAS A BUS THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY AT NO COST. HAGAN SAID THE BUS WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO TRANSPORT MORE INMATES. HE SAID THE BOARD MIGHT COULD HIRE A RETIRED PERSON TO TAKE THE BUS AND WORK TWO HOURS IN THE MORNING AND TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON TO PICK UP THE INMATES AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE JOB SITE AND THEN TAKE THEM BACK TO CARYVILLE. HE STATED THE MAJOR AT CARYVILLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HAD ALREADY APPROVED OF THIS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED THE BOARD ASK FOR THE BUS AND USE IT IN THE BEST WAY THEY CAN.

ATTORNEY HOWELL PREFERRED THE RESOLUTION ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD DRAWN UP PERTAINING TO LITTER. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD ALSO PREPARED A LETTER ON LITTER. THE BOARD AGREED TO USE THE RESOLUTION ADMINI- STRATOR HAGAN HAD PREPARED AND TO ALSO SEND THE LETTER ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LETTER WRITTEN BY BERTRAM SMITH ON THE LITTER PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WANTED TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SWAPPING THE OLD COUNTY YARD FOR PROPERTY ADJOINING STATE PROPERTY. (TOWER PROPERTY EAST OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CHIPLEY- APPROXIMATELY 14 ACRES) CHAIRMAN MORRIS AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN IS TO LOOK AT THIS PROPERTY TO SEE WHAT ITS USE WOULD BE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THE TAX COLLECTOR HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE HER THE TAX MONIES DUE BECAUSE OF COMPUTER ERRORS IN THE AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTIONS. MILLER WAS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW THE MONEY THAT IS GOING TO BE NEEDED TO PAY THE BILLS IN CASE THE DISTRIBUTION PROCESS IS NOT CORRECTED. ADMIN- ISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HAS MODI- FIED THE COMPUTER PROGRAM SHE IS USING SEVERAL TIMES SINCE IT WAS PUT IN AND THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE WORKING ON GETTING IT CORRECTED. HE ALSO STATED ALL THE PROBLEM WAS NOT THE COMPUTER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION,

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SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLERK MILLER, IF SHE DOESN'T GET A TAX DISTRIBUTION FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR, TO BORROW UP TO \$300,000.00 TO OPERATE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WAS GIVEN THE DIRECTIVE TO GET THE COMPUTER PROBLEM CORRECTED.

FRANK CORSO ADVISED THE BOARD THE WAUSAU VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PAGER SYSTEM STILL WAS NOT IN OPERATION. ADMINISTRA- TOR HAGAN IS TO CHECK THIS OUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO MAKE A LOAN AT SOUTHTRUST BANK TO PAY FOR THE LOADER AND EXCAVATOR PURCHASED FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY, PAYING THE INTEREST UP TO DATE ON THE PREVIOUS LOAN, AND CONSOLIDATING IT WITH THE NEW LOAN AT THE SAME INTEREST RATE AS BEFORE, MAKING ONE ANNUAL PAYMENT.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADJOURN. FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD ASKED THE MOTORGRADER OPERATORS TO STAY OFF A FENCE HE HAD PUT UP ON HIS PROPERTY BUT WHEN THEY GRADE THE ROAD THEY ARE STILL PUSHING DIRT UP AGAINST IT. HE WAS REQUESTING THEY GET THE DIRT OFF THE FENCE. COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED TO CHECK INTO THIS. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED. ATTEST:_____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 11/22/93