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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/12/93

OCTOBER 12, 1993

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:30 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 201 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, BROCK, CORBIN, 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 AND STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE ATTORNEY PERTAINING TO THE WEST TRACO LAWSUIT. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND BROCK VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SAYING ANYTHING THAT IS SAID SHOULD BE DONE IN AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING. CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

AT 6:50 P.M. CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

BUNNIE MIDDLETON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SHIP PROGRAM. SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE BANKS, ONE FROM FHA AND ONE FROM BANC IV TO LOOK AT A DIFFERENT FUNDING FORMULA ON THE PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PLAN OF THE SHIP PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED HE WANTED TO LOOK AT THE TYPE OF PEOPLE BEING HELPED THROUGH THE SHIP PROGRAM DURING THE NEXT FUNDING CYCLE. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHIP PROGRAM WAS IT WOULD HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T HELP THEMSELVES; HOWEVER, HE FEELS THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED HELP ARE THE ONES GETTING HELP.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED THE CAP ON THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HOME. MS. MIDDLETON ADVISED CORBIN IT WAS CAPPED AT \$86,000.00. CHAIRMAN CORBIN FELT THIS WAS TOO HIGH AND WAS INTERESTED IN GETTING THIS CHANGED TO \$60,000.00.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR MS. MIDDLETON TO BRING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE THREE BANKS, FHA AND BANC IV BEFORE THE SHIP COMMITTEE AND HAVE THE SHIP COMMITTEE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

MS. MIDDLETON PRESENTED TWO BILLS ON THE SHIP PROGRAM TO CHAIRMAN CORBIN FOR HIS SIGNATURE. THEY WERE A BILL FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING FOR \$353.19 AND A BILL FROM JULIAN WEBB FOR \$10,834.00. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE CLERK TO REVIEW THE BILLS PRIOR TO HIS SIGNING THEM. THE CLERK AGREED TO REVIEW THEM TO SEE IF THEY ARE LEGITIMATE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS GOING TO BE A MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1993 AT 8:30 P. M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME AT THE BURNS BUILDING IN TALLAHASSEE PERTAINING TO THE STATES INTENTIONS OF TURNING OVER CERTAIN ROADS TO THE COUNTY. HE PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A SAMPLE RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE TURNING OVER MORE ROADS TO THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN TALLAHASSEE PERTAINING TO THIS ISSUE.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ASKING THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES TO BEGIN WORKING ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS ON THE PROJECT AND GIVE THEM COMP TIME. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD TALKED TO THE UNION ON PAYING THE EMPLOYEES OVERTIME AND WAS ADVISED THE BOARD MAY BE SETTING A PRECEDENCE FOR ANY OVERTIME WORKED IN THE FUTURE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY ARE AT IMPASSE NOW, AND IF THEY PAID THE EMPLOYEES FOR OVERTIME, THE EMPLOYEES MAY QUESTION WHY THE BOARD COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN THEM MORE INCENTIVE PAY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING THE \$10,000.00 THE CITY OF CARYVILLE HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE COUNTY ON THE ST. MARYS PROJECT FOR PAYING THE EMPLOYEES' OVERTIME. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO USE THE \$10,000.00 FROM THE CITY OF CARYVILLE TO PAY THE EMPLOYEES OVERTIME AS WELL AS THE FUEL COST ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD OF A LETTER FROM FIRST UNION QUOTING THE FINANCING OF \$300,000.00 AT A RATE OF 4.74% WITH THIS QUOTE BEING GOOD THRU OCTOBER 15, 1993. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY REFERENCED IN THE EASEMENT TO GADASA, INC. AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE THE EASEMENT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO

APPROVE OF THE EASEMENT TO GADASA, INC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD THE INTERVIEWING FOR REPLACING OF BILLY SIMMONS' POSITION AND THE POSITION FOR AN ESCAVATOR OPERATOR HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND HE WAS READY TO TAKE ACTION TO HIRE THESE EMPLOYEES. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GEORGE ROGERS, RECOMMEND- ATIONS BUT THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 1993.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S RECOMMEND- ATION WAS TO HIRE THOMAS BELL AND KENNETH LEVINS.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THESE JOBS HAD BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER AND WAS ADVISED THEY HAD NOT. THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN ACTION TO ADVERTISE ALL JOB OPENINGS. ATTORNEY HOWELL WAS ASKED IF THE BOARD COULD GO AHEAD AND HIRE THESE PERSONS SINCE THEY DIDN'T ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITIONS. ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD HE DIDN'T FEEL THEY WOULD GET INTO ANY TROUBLE WITH ANYONE JUST BECAUSE THEY TOOK ACTION TO ADVERTISE AND DIDN'T. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO RESCIND THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR ALL JOB OPENINGS. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CORBIN FOR WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER, MORRIS AND TAYLOR VOTING NO. THE MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE ALL VACANCIES WITH JOB SERVICES FOR TEN DAYS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED HE IS SEEING SOME DISPARITY WHEN COMPARING WHAT HE IS GETTING IN HIS DISTRICT AND WHAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS ARE GETTING. TAYLOR QUESTIONED WHO MAKES THESE DECISIONS AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE LOOKING AT THIS CLOSELY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD INSTRUCT ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO NOTIFY THE JAIL COMMITTEE TO BE PRESENT AT THE OCTOBER 21ST MEETING FOR THE BOARD TO GIVE THEM DIRECTIONS ON WHAT OBJECTIVES THE BOARD IS LOOKING FOR THEM TO DO.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE ON THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993-94.

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

CLERK
ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/12/93