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BOARD MINUTES FOR 93/09/28

1993 SEPTEMBER 28

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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, BROCK, CARTER, TAYLOR AND MORRIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER STATING THIS WAS A RECESSED MEETING. THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET WAS ADVERTISED TO BE HELD AT 5:05 P. M. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING ADVERTISED TO BE HELD AT 5:05 P. M. WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DECISION OF THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE BOARD AND THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994. THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1993. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS 5.25% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT OR ASK QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD THE TWO COMPUTER OPERATORS WERE LOOKING FOR OTHER EMPLOYMENT AS THEY DID NOT GET THE SALARY INCREASE THEY HAD SUBMITTED ON THEIR BUDGET REQUEST. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO INCREASE THE SALARIES FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD TO AMEND THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SALARY INCREASES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD A QUESTION PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET NOTICE IN THE PAPER WHICH STATED THERE WAS A TAX INCREASE. BROCK WAS ADVISED THERE WAS NOT AN ACTUAL INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES AS THE BOARD IS ALREADY AT TEN MILLS. THIS WAS NOTIFYING PERSONS OF THE INCREASE DUE TO THE NEW ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLLS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994 AT TEN MILLS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL-CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994 AT TEN MILLS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED, ON A ROLL-CALL VOTE, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET, WHICH TOTALS \$9,550,927.00, AS THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE STANDARD CONTRACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD IT APPEARED GERALD RICHTER WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN WORK AS THE BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY ON OCTOBER 18, 1993.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED FOR PAY RAISES FOR NON BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 1993 AS THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A PAY PERIOD.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD PRESENTED THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH A COPY OF A LETTER FROM SHERIFF HASTY CANCELLING HIS DEPARTMENT'S WORKMANS COMPENSATION INSURANCE EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1993 AS THEY HAD OBTAINED INSURANCE THRU THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOWELL TO REPORT ON THE HADDOCKS LAWSUIT. ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE LAWSUIT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT DAVID SOLGER, AG AGENT, HAD REQUESTED THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS RENTAL FEES AT THE AG CENTER TO DETERMINE WHO WOULD GET EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE FEES. THE BOARD AGREED THAT EVERYBODY WHO USES THE BUILDING SHOULD AT LEAST PAY THE UTILITIES AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE RENTAL FEE WOULD HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE STATE THREATENING TO TURN OVER CERTAIN ROADS TO THE

COUNTY. THE ADMINISTRATOR IS TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING STATING THE BOARD'S OBJECTION TO THE TRANSFER OF ROADS FROM THE STATE TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FROM CLAYTON PHILLIPS ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT.

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THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE GIVEN A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION ON THE BONNET POND COMMUNITY PARK AND WAS ADVISED THIS ISSUE WOULD BE BROUGHT UP AT THE OCTOBER 21, 1993 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE STATE AID TO LIBRARY GRANT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PAYMENT OF \$750.00 TO CLAYTON PHILLIPS FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PAYMENT OF \$285.00 TO ELMIRA LETT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD PROJECT.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THERE HAD TO BE DOC STAMPS PAID ON THE GRANT LIENS BEING HANDLED THROUGH THE SHIP PROGRAM. ATTORNEY HOWELL AGREED TO TALK TO THE BANKS HANDLING THE LIENS ON THE PAYING OF THE DOC STAMPS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS PRESENTED TO TAKE CARE OF LINE ITEM OVER EXPENDITURES IN THE E 911 DEPARTMENT AND THE OVER EXPENDITURES IN THE COURT REPORTERS DEPARTMENT.

CLERK MILLER BROUGHT UP THE BILLS FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR FIRE CALLS THEY MADE ABOVE THE AMOUNT STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT THEY HAVE WITH THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED WHETHER THE AGREEMENT WAS FOR STRUCTURE FIRES ONLY. MORRIS AGREED TO CHECK THE AGREEMENT TO SEE IF IT SPECIFIES STRUCTURE FIRES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THE BOARD WOULD NOW GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE COURT REPORTER AND ATTORNEY HOWELL ON THE WEST TRACO LAWSUIT FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 7:35 P. M.

MS. BILL LEE ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND READ A LETTER ENTITLED "AN ORDINARY CITIZENS PERCEPTION" WHICH STATED HER VIEWS ON DIFFERENT ISSUES IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS PERSONALLY THANKED MS. LEE.

MR. BERTRAM SMITH, REPRESENTATIVE OF EBRO, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO REQUEST THEIR HELP IN IMPLEMENTING A TRASH AWARENESS TYPE PROGRAM. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD SEND A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF TRASH AWARENESS. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING SIGNS IN THE COMMUNITY INFORMING PEOPLE ABOUT TRASH AWARENESS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF THE BOARD IMPLEMENTING AN "ADOPT A MILE" PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO IMPLEMENT AN "ADOPT A MILE" CLEAN UP PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MR. BERTRAM SMITH AGREED TO WRITE UP SOMETHING FOR THE BOARD TO SIGN ON "TRASH AWARENESS" AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER MORRIS AGREED TO ADOPT THE BILL HUTCHINSON ROAD AND REQUESTED A NOTICE BE PLACED IN THE NEWSPAPER TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE "ADOPT A MILE" PROGRAM.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FLORIDA COUNTIES FOUNDATION, UPON INVITATION ONLY, COMING AND MAKING ASSESSMENTS OF THE COUNTY OPERATIONS. HAGAN STATED THEY WOULD WANT TO MEET WITH EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THEM LOOKING AT. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO INVITE THE FLORIDA COUNTIES FOUNDATION TO COME AN INTERVIEW THE BOARD INDIVIDUALLY TO GET IDEAS ON WHAT EACH BOARD MEMBER WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO LOOK AT, WITH THE FOUNDATION TO BRING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE BOARD.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD A POLICY ON MAINTAINING CEMETERIES AND IF PRISONERS COULD BE USED TO DO THIS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED CORSO THE COUNTY CAN'T USE PRISONERS BUT CAN USE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS TO MAINTAIN THE CEMETERIES.

THE BOARD RECOGNIZED KEITH BISHOP, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND CITY COMMISSIONER OF EBRO, AND JERRY YOUNG, CITY COMMISSIONER OF EBRO. MR. BISHOP AND MR. YOUNG STATED THEY WERE JUST VISITING AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE

BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED A REQUEST HE HAD MADE FOR INFORMATION ON TWO EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE, A MECHANIC AND A WELDERS POSITION, AT A SHADY MEETING WITH HIM BEING PROMISED THE INFORMATION WITHIN A MONTH. BROCK STATED HE HAD STILL NOT RECEIVED THE INFORMATION. BROCK STATED IF THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AT THIS BOARD MEETING, THESE TWO EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE GOTTEN A RAISE NOW AND THEN IN OCTOBER THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN ANOTHER 3%. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED BROCK A POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE CREATED AND THEN A JOB DESCRIPTION, BUT THE BOARD WOULD STILL HAVE TO WAIT ON THE UNION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO GIVING ANY RAISES. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AGREED TO GET COMMISSIONER BROCK A JOB DESCRIPTION AND TO CALL LUCY TURNER, THE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS, ON JIMMIE KENT BEING PLACED IN A WELDERS POSITION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

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DEPUTY CLERK

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