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BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/22/94

FEBRUARY 22, 1994

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 1994 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:30 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, MORRIS AND TAYLOR PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS RECEIVED ON THE VEHICLE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD NONE OF THE BIDS RECEIVED MET ALL OF THE SPECIFICATIONS; HOWEVER, IT APPEARED COOK WHITEHEAD FORD, INC. WAS THE LOW BIDDER AT A COST OF \$16,448.00. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM COOK WHITEHEAD FORD, INC.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES. HE GAVE THEM A BREAKDOWN ON THE COST OF HIRING AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE VERSUS THE CONTRACTING OUT OF THE CUSTODIAL SERVICES. HAGAN STATED THE EMPLOYEE WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE BUT HE FELT CONTRACTING OUT THE CUSTODIAL SERVICES WOULD PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON CUSTODIAL SERVICES FROM ISS/SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1994 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SPOKEN TO JANE REED OF JULIAN WEBB AND ASSOCIATES. SHE STATED JULIAN WEBB HAD SPOKEN TO COMMISSIONER BROCK ON A HOUSING PROJECT BEING DONE FOR THE CLEMMON'S UNDER THE CDBG PROGRAM AND THOUGHT BROCK UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING. REED ADVISED HAGAN THE CLEMMONS' HOUSE WOULD BE READY NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 1994 AND THE CLEMMONS' WERE SATISFIED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER TOLD THE BOARD MR. OBERT DOES A LOT OF COST WORK FOR WEBB & ASSOCIATES AND HAS ASKED GERALD RICHTER, COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, TO DO THREE OR FOUR COST ESTIMATES ON HOUSES FOR HIM. CARTER FELT IF WEBB WANTED RICHTER TO DO COST ESTIMATES HE SHOULD TAKE IT OUT OF HIS FUNDS TO PAY HIM FOR THESE SERVICES. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WAS ADVISED HE NEEDED TO CONTACT RICHTER AND TELL HIM TO ONLY DO INSPECTIONS ON CDBG HOUSES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HIS CONCERN THAT PEOPLE WHO QUALIFIED TWO YEARS AGO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CDBG PROGRAM NO LONGER QUALIFY.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADDRESSED THE WAY THE SHIP PROGRAM CHECKS ARE PRESENTLY MADE OUT TO THE APPLICANT AND THE BANK. HE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A PRESENT SITUATION WHERE A CHECK WAS ISSUED IN THIS MANNER; THE CLOSING AGENT WAS READY TO CLOSE; HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT WAS OUT OF TOWN DUE TO ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY AND COULD NOT SIGN THE CHECK. CHAIRMAN MORRIS FELT THE CHECKS FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE CLOSING AGENT AND THE BANKS ON THESE LOANS. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO NOTIFY WEBB & ASSOCIATES THAT ALL CHECKS FOR LOANS UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE CLOSING AGENT AND THE LENDING INSTITUTION.

A DISCUSSION WAS THEN HELD ON AN APPLICANT WHO APPLIED FOR SHIP FUNDS THAT HAD CHOSEN A BUILDER OUT OF HOLMES COUNTY. IT WAS IN SHIP MINUTES THE CONTRACTOR HAD TO BE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOWELL RECOMMENDED THIS PARTICULAR APPLICANT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE CONTRACTOR FROM HOLMES COUNTY BECAUSE THIS CONTRACTOR WAS ON THE LIST THE APPLICANT RECEIVED FROM WEBB & ASSOCIATES, THE GRANTSMAN FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM. ATTORNEY HOWELL STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH MS. CLYDE AND JULIAN WEBB AND WAS ADVISED THESE STATE FUNDS WERE GIVEN TO THE COUNTIES AND THEY LIKE FOR THE COUNTIES TO MAKE LOCAL RULES; THEY WANTED THE COUNTY TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS FELT THE CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FELT THE BOARD SHOULDN'T TRY TO RESTRICT THE CONTRACTORS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY; STATING IF THE APPLICANT CAN GET A BETTER PRICE FROM A CONTRACTOR OUTSIDE THE COUNTY WHY NOT LET HIM.

JIMMY WILSON, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHIP COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IF THE OTHER COUNTIES WOULD BE WILLING TO LET WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDERS DO THEIR SHIP PROGRAM, THEN WASHINGTON COUNTY MIGHT BE WILLING TO LET BUILDERS FROM OTHER

COUNTIES PARTICIPATE. HE SAID IF JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTIES ARE GOING TO RESTRICT THEIR FUNDS, THEN WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS GOING TO KEEP THEIRS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE FELT LIKE COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, ANYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BID.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO GRANT A VARIANCE ON THIS APPLICANT, GIL CARTER, AND ALL OTHER APPLICANTS WHO ARE BEING PROCESSED AT THE BANK AT THIS TIME WHO WERE GIVEN THE LIST WITH THE OUT OF COUNTY CONTRACTORS ON IT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE BOARD HAD A VERY EFFECTIVE SHIP COMMITTEE AND WAS WILLING TO LIST TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY COMPLAINTS THEY MAY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE CAP ON A PERSONS INCOME TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM. MR. WILSON ADVISED BROCK IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN A FAMILY.

UPON MR. WILSON'S RECOMMENDATION, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO VOID A CHECK WRITTEN TO RACHAEL MCNEIL AND SOUTHTRUST BANK, (THE ONE CHAIRMAN MORRIS PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED) AND WRITE ANOTHER CHECK TO REPLACE IT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY ABSTRACT AND SOUTHTRUST BANK.

COMMISSIONER CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE NEARING HILLS PROJECT REQUESTING THE BOARD GIVE HIM GUIDANCE AS TO HOW MUCH THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE PAVED. HE ADVISED THE BOARD SO FAR PERSONS IN THAT AREA HAVE AGREED TO DONATE \$6,200.00 TOWARD THE PAVING PROJECT. HE SAID THE CONTRACTOR DOING THE WORK AT KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN HAD GIVEN A PRICE OF \$9,100.00 TO GO TO THE FIRST INTERSECTION PAST THE CHURCH PROPERTY AND A PRICE OF \$17,453.00 TO GO TO THE TOP OF THE HILL. MR. JOHNSON, WHO LIVES ON THE NEARING HILLS ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THEY WERE THREE OWNERS WHO FRONT THE NEARING HILLS ROAD THAT ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING ANYTHING AND HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD FORCE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE. ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD THIS WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR PANHANDLE GRADING & PAVING, INC. TO PAVE THE NEARING HILLS ROAD TO THE TOP OF THE HILL AT A COST OF \$17,453.00 WITH THE COUNTY PAYING ALL COSTS ABOVE THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED. THE BOARD AGREED FOR MR. JOHNSON TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND ATTORNEY HOWELL TO INSURE THE PLEDGES ARE PROPERLY ACCEPTED FROM THE CONTRIBUTORS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF PAYING ROBERT HARCUS FOR DIRT THE COUNTY GOT FROM HIS PROPERTY TO USE ON THE ST. MARYS PROJECT. BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD HARCUS HAD AGREED TO DONATE 17,000 YARDS OF DIRT TO THE COUNTY FOR THIS PROJECT BUT AN ADDITIONAL 6,000 YARDS WAS NEEDED BECAUSE THE BRIDGES WERE NOT FIGURED IN. BROCK HAD SPOKEN TO HARCUS AND ADVISED THE BOARD HARCUS WOULD BE SATISFIED IF THEY WOULD PAY HIM \$.50 A YARD FOR THE ADDITIONAL OVER RUN OF 6,000 YARDS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3,000.00. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION TO PAY ROBERT HARCUS \$3,000.00 FOR THE OVER RUN OF DIRT. CHAIRMAN MORRIS RELINQUISHED HIS CHAIR AND TURNED IT OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN TAYLOR AND SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER CARTER FELT A CROSS SECTION NEEDED TO BE MADE TO GET A READING ON THE AMOUNT OF DIRT ACTUALLY HAULED OFF OF HARCUS'S PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED THERE WERE A LOT OF BAD MATERIALS GOTTEN FROM THE PROPERTY ALSO THAT COULDN'T BE USED. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED THAT HARCUS WAS THERE WHEN THE DIRT WAS BEING HAULED AND DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT CHARGING THE COUNTY FOR THE DIRT OR DIDN'T STOP THE DIRT FROM BEING HAULED. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND MORRIS FOR WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, TAYLOR AND CORBIN OPPOSED. THE MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD WHEN THEY DENIED AN ASPHALT PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF THE COUNTY, THE OWNER DENIED THE BOARD THE USE OF THE BARROW PIT IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. BROCK SAID NOW THE NEAREST BARROW PIT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 28 MILES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED BROCK FIND A BARROW PIT AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO PURCHASE IT. BROCK STATED HE HAD TALKED TO MR. HARDEN AND HARDEN HAD AGREED TO SELL DIRT TO THE COUNTY AT \$1.00 A YARD. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SUGGESTED BROCK FIND A BARROW PIT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF DWAYNE JOHNSON FILING AN APPEAL ON THE BOARD'S DECISION AT A PREVIOUS MEETING TO ALLOW AN ASPHALT PLANT BEHIND DIXIE LILLY.

HOWELL SAID THERE MIGHT BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SINCE HE LIVES CLOSER TO THE PLANT THAN DWAYNE JOHNSON. HE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO TALK TO ANOTHER ATTORNEY ABOUT REPRESENTING THE COUNTY IN THIS SUIT, SEE WHAT HIS FEE WOULD BE AND BRING THIS INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN MORRIS REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO

TALK TO MR. JOHNSON FURTHER BEFORE RELIEVING ATTORNEY HOWELL FROM REPRESENTING THE COUNTY ON THIS SUIT. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO TABLE ACTION ON ATTORNEY HOWELL'S REQUEST AND GIVE CHAIRMAN MORRIS A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE MATTER AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE CONDITION OF ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY GETTING WORSE AND WORSE AND NOT GETTING THE ASPHALT IT NEEDS. CHAIRMAN MORRIS AGREED TO CONTACT GEORGE ROGERS, ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT, TO HANDLE GETTING ASPHALT FOR THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE GRANT FOR PAVING OF HIGHWAY 279A TO CARYVILLE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN STATED REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL IS STILL PURSUING THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR ONE MAN, A TRUCK AND A PATCH CREW TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTY ROADS WITH USE OF INMATE LABOR. CHAIRMAN MORRIS AGREED TO TALK WITH GEORGE ROGERS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GET A PATCH CREW IN PLACE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DISCUSSION ON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BEGAN. CHAIRMAN MORRIS HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGUS SERVICES, INC., WHO HAD AUTHORITY FROM WEST TRACO TO OFFER THE ITEMS MORRIS WAS GOING TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADDRESSED THE INDIGENT, HANDICAPPED AND SENIOR CITIZENS. ARGUS WOULD AGREE TO REDUCE THE FEES FOR THE INDIGENT AND HANDICAPPED WITH THE COUNTY SETTING UP A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THOSE APPLICATIONS REQUESTING THIS SERVICE. ARGUS WOULD AGREE TO A 10% DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. ALSO, THERE WOULD BE 300 HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, INDIGENT AND HANDICAPPED, THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR A 50% REDUCTION IN THEIR MONTHLY BILL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF ARGUS WAS GOING TO BUY OUT TRACO. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID IF TRACO HAS THE CONTRACT, THEY WILL SELL TO ARGUS AND GET OUT OF THE GARBAGE BUSINESS.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADDRESSED THE COLLECTION OF PAST DUE RECEIVABLES STATING ARGUS HAD AGREED TO PURCHASE ALL OF TRACO'S PAST DUE ACCOUNTS. ARGUS WOULD FINANCE THESE FEES AT NO INTEREST FOR THREE YEARS WITH EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS INCLUDED WITH THE CURRENT MONTHLY BILLING CHARGES.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR REFERENCED UNDER THE CONTRACT TERM IT SAID ARGUS'S RATES WOULDN'T BE GREATER THAN ANY OTHER CONTRACT RATE IN THE GENERAL MARKET AREA.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID ARGUS WAS ONLY WILLING TO DISCUSS A TEN YEAR CONTRACT. MORRIS ADVISED THEM WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS NOT WILLING TO DISCUSS NOTHING MORE THAN THE FIVE YEARS THEY ARE IN NOW. MORRIS SAID ARGUS WAS GOING TO BUY WEST TRACO OUT AND ARE GOING TO HAVE OBLIGATIONS DUE; THEY MAY MAKE A MINOR PROFIT FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS. ARGUS IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP MANDATORY OR EXCLUSIVE AT THIS MOMENT BUT IF THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE THEM AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS, THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS LEAVING OUT MANDATORY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED THE PICKING UP OF LEAVES AND YARD TRASH. CHAIRMAN MORRIS READ THE PORTION OF THE CONTRACT TERMS ARGUS HAD PRESENTED ON YARD TRASH WHICH STATED THEY WOULD PICK UP BRUSH, LIMBS, LEAVES, ETC.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS THEN READ THE PORTION OF THE CONTRACT TERMS PERTAINING TO PRIVATE DRIVES. IT STATED A PERSON WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE COMPANY SPECIFIC PERMISSION AND A RELEASE TO ENTER THEIR PRIVATE DRIVE AND RELEASE THE COMPANY FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE. THE COMPANY ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE PRIVATE DRIVE SERVICE.

ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID THE HEARING TO DECIDE IF THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO BREAK THE CONTRACT OR NOT WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 1ST. HE SAID ARGUS MAY DECIDE TO BID IF THE BOARD WANTED TO PUT IT OUT FOR BIDS. HOWELL SAID TRACO IS NOT GIVING UP THEIR PAST ACCOUNTS THAT RESIDENTS OWE, THE COUNTY IS STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING UP FRONT MONEY TO SUE IN SMALL CLAIMS. HE SAID THE COUNTY MIGHT LIMIT THE AMOUNT UP TO "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS. ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID IF THE COUNTY RE-NEGOTIATES THE CONTRACT, ONE STIPULATION WOULD BE THAT TRACO WOULD DISMISS COUNT 2 FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE ONLY THING THEY COULD PURSUE WOULD BE THE COURT COST.

HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY COULD ENTER INTO A NEW RE-NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS, GIVE TRACO THE OPTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN TO ARGUS AND ARGUS WOULD HAVE TO PUT UP A PERFORMANCE BOND. HOWELL SAID IF THE BOARD GOES THROUGH WITH THE CONTRACT, EVERYBODY WOULD START FROM SQUARE ONE. IF A PERSON DOESN'T PAY THEIR BILL BY A DATE DETERMINED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR, ARGUS WOULD SEND THE AMOUNT OWED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AN ASSESSMENT WOULD BE PLACED ON THEIR TAX

BILL. IF PERSONS ARE NOT DELINQUENT ON THEIR ACCOUNTS, THEY WILL NOT BE ASSESSED. COMMIS- SIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY HOWELL TO DRAW UP A COUNTER PROPOSAL ON THE TERMS THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN THE CONTRACT AND PRESENT IT BACK TO THE BOARD. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS MOTION.

ARGUS WOULD HAVE A TOLL FREE NUMBER AVAILABLE AND SOMEONE TO ANSWER THE PHONE FROM 8 A. M. UNTIL 5 P. M. FIVE DAYS A WEEK; THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH PERSONS HAVING MORE THAN ONE RESIDENTIAL PIECE OF PROPERTY; WILLING TO WORK AND GIVE DISCOUNTS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAVING THEIR HOME FOR ONE TO TWO MONTHS, THEY WON'T CHARGE YOU IF YOU CALL THEM TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE GONE. ARGUS WILL AGREE TO A THREE MEMBER COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS, TO BE CALLED A QUALITY SERVICE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF A COMMISSIONER, A MEMBER AT LARGE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD AND A MEMBER FROM ARGUS. ALL COMPLAINTS WOULD BE IN WRITING. ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID ARGUS IS MORE INCLINED TO GIVE A BETTER DISCOUNT THAN WEST TRACO IS WANTING TO GIVE THE COUNTY. HE ALSO REMINDED THE BOARD THE HEARING WAS ONLY NINE DAYS AWAY AND DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS ENOUGH TIME TO SOLVE THIS. THE BOARD AGREED FOR CHAIRMAN MORRIS AND ATTORNEY HOWELL TO DRAW UP A COUNTER PROPOSAL AND INCLUDE THE ITEMS THE BOARD WANTED IN THE CONTRACT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS THEN READ A LIST OF THINGS THE BOARD HAD GIVEN HIM TO ASK TRACO (ARGUS) ABOUT AND THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.

1. HOUSEHOLD ONLY OR BUSINESSES ALSO.
2. GET A GOOD DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE. ARGUS AGREED TO ADHERE TO DEFINITION OF FLORIDA STATUTES.
3. CUSTOMER RELATIONS ON TELEPHONE. ARGUS WILL HAVE OFFICE OPEN 8:00 A. M. UNTIL 5:00 P. M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THEY WILL HAVE A RECORDER AND AN 800 NUMBER.
4. NEED TO CREATE WAY TO HANDLE BAD DEBTS OTHER THAN FOR THE COUNTY TO COLLECT. ARGUS IS WILLING TO COLLECT THEIR OWN DEBTS.
5. ADDRESS PEOPLE WHO HAVE TWO HOUSES ESPECIALLY IF ONE IS VACATION HOUSE. IF YOU HAVE A HOUSE ON THE LAKE, YOU WILL BE CHARGED ONE REGULAR FEE PLUS 10% OVER TO COVER BOTH PLACES.
6. PERSON CALL TRACO ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE GONE FOR MORE THAN A MONTH. YOU HAVE TO BE GONE FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH TO GET 0 BILLING FOR THE MONTH.
7. ANYONE WISHING TO PAY IN ADVANCE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO.
8. NOT AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT. ARGUS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP EXCLUSIVITY.
9. NO MANDATORY CONTRACT. ARGUS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP MANDATORY. IF COUNTY GIVES THEM TEN YEAR CONTRACT, AFTER FIRST FIVE YEARS, THEY WOULD CONSIDER TAKING OUT MANDATORY.
10. FEE NOT TO BE ON TAX ROLL.
11. ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR PERFORMANCE BOND. ARGUS NOT WILLING TO GIVE ONE YEAR CONTRACT.
12. COLLECT ON RENTAL PROPERTY. EXPECT THE OWNER OF PROPERTY TO COLLECT GARBAGE FEE. IF NOT RENTED, NO BILL WILL BE RECEIVED.
13. SETTLE FOR 20% ON PREVIOUS BILLING. WILL NOT LOCK SELVES IN ON THAT.
14. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SET OUT IN CONTRACT. ARGUS HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS.
15. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES SET OUT IN CONTRACT. ARGUS WILLING TO SET UP GRIEVANCE BOARD TO CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER FROM COUNTY COMMISSION, ONE AT LARGE AND ONE FROM ARGUS.
16. HANDICAPPED GARBAGE PICKED UP AT DOOR. ARGUS WILLING TO HELP WITH THIS.
17. BI-WEEKLY PICKUP FOR ELDERLY. ARGUS IS WILLING TO HELP OUT THE ELDERLY.
18. PICKUP GARBAGE WITH COVERED TRUCK. ARGUS HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THIS.
19. CANNOT SELL OR ASSIGN CONTRACT WITHOUT COUNTY APPROVAL. ARGUS DOESN'T HAVE PROBLEM WITH THIS.
20. RENEW THREE YEAR NO MANDATORY CONTRACT. ARGUS WANTS AT

LEAST FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH IT BEING MANDATORY.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED MORRIS ON WHO THE GENTLEMAN WAS HE SPOKE WITH FROM ARGUS. MORRIS ADVISED CORSO IT WAS DON COLLOVA. CORSO THEN REQUESTED THE ADDRESS WITH CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISING HIM IT WAS CITY MANAGEMENT INCORPORATION, P. O. BOX 28391, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA 32407.

HORACE HEWETT ASKED IF BEING CHARGED FOR THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE YOU HAVE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED ONLY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

SOMEONE QUESTIONED IF THE PEOPLE WHO TRACO HAS NOT SERVED AT ALL WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED THAT ARGUS WAS WANTING TO BUY OUT ALL OF TRACO'S PAST DEBTS OFFERING PERSONS A THREE YEAR PAYMENT PLAN WITHOUT INTEREST.

SOMEONE ELSE QUESTIONED IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR BILL, YOU DON'T GET SERVICE. CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED THE GARBAGE PICKUP WOULD BE MANDATORY AND PERSONS WILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR BILL.

PAULINE PIPKIN ASKED IF TRACO HAD NEVER STOPPED OR PICKED UP YOUR GARBAGE WHAT DO YOU DO. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID TRACO WOULD TAKE YOU TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED IF TRACO RUNS THEIR TRUCK IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE, THEY ARE PROVIDING A SERVICE.

MARY PIPKIN SAID SHE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH VICKI CARTER SINCE 1989 AND ALL SHE HAD DONE WAS THREATEN HER. SHE ASKED WHY DID THEY BILL HER WHEN THEY HAVE NOT PROVIDED HER WITH SERVICE. SHE SAID SHE HAD TRIED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO HEALTH REASONS TO HAVE HER GARBAGE PICKED UP AT HER DOOR BUT TRACO NEVER TRIED TO HELP HER. SHE SAID SHE WAS GONE FOR SIX MONTHS TO PANAMA CITY FOR CANCER TREATMENTS.

JOEY FOREHAND SAID HE LIVED IN HOLMES COUNTY BUT HAS BEEN GETTING A BILL FROM WEST TRACO.

ELSIE HARMON SAID SHE HAD BEEN PAYING HER GARBAGE BILL BUT SHE RECEIVED A LETTER SAYING SHE OWED A BILL TO TRACO. CHAIRMAN MORRIS TOLD HARMON TO GO TO ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN'S OFFICE WITH HER RECEIPTS AND HE WOULD HELP HER WITH HER PROBLEM.

JOHN PRESCOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS VOICE BUT APPRECIATED THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMITTEE. HE ASKED THE BOARD WHY THEY WERE CONSIDERING RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO WHEN THEY SEE THEY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THIS PROPOSAL AND THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH TRACO WAS THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED WERE GETTING SOME SMALL BENEFITS. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT THE JACKSON COUNTY CONTRACT AND TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR SAID ARGUS WAS OFFERING A TEN YEAR CONTRACT. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE ALREADY COVERED THIS AND TOLD THEM THEY WERE OUT OF LUCK ON A TEN YEAR CONTRACT.

AUBREY DAVIS, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND CITIZENS VOICE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THIS APPEARED BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAD IN THE PAST BUT IT COULDN'T BE ANY WORSE. HE FEELS THE MANDATORY AND EXCLUSIVITY IS STILL NOT GOOD. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO, OPEN BIDS AND SEE WHAT OTHER CONTRACTORS HAVE TO OFFER. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED DAVIS ARGUS IS REPRESENTING TRACO AND TRACO GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY ON THEIR BEHALF.

DAVIS THEN SUGGESTED THE BOARD ADDRESS THE JACKSON COUNTY ORDINANCE AND USE IT AS A MODEL FOR THIS COUNTY. HE SAID THIS ORDINANCE IS A VOLUNTARY SYSTEM, SERVES AND PROTECTS THE PEOPLE, ADDRESSES EVERY PROBLEM THEY HAVE LISTED WITH 88-4 CONTRACT, AND IT SERVES THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE CONTRACTOR, GOVERNMENT AND ALSO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. HE STATED AGAIN FOR THE COUNTY NOT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT. HE SAID ATTORNEYS, JUDGES, EVERYBODY HAS SAID THE EXISTING CONTRACT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THE BOARD HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FIX IT. HE SAID BACK IN 1992, THE JUDGE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD HE WAS NOT GOING TO OVERRULE THE OPINION OF FIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS. DAVIS STATED IF THE BOARD DID NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO AND PROVIDE THE PEOPLE WITH A BETTER ALTERNATIVE AND TRACO FILES A SUIT, CITIZENS VOICE WOULD AGREE TO JOIN WITH THE COUNTY IN THE LAWSUIT. HE HAD ALREADY STATED IF CITIZENS VOICE DIDN'T GET THE SATISFACTION ON THE CONTRACT RESOLUTION, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE BOARD WOULD FIND THEMSELVES IN ANOTHER LAWSUIT. DAVIS SAID THE COUNTY NEEDS A CONTRACT THAT SERVES RURAL PEOPLE.

BILL ACUFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO EACH COMMISSIONER LAST WEEK AND ASKED IF THEY READ IT. THEY RESPONDED THEY HAD READ THE LETTER. HE SAID HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH GOOD HARD EVIDENCE TRACO HAD

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VIOLATED THE CONTRACT SINCE THE JUDGE MADE HIS RULING. HE SAID HE COULD DOCUMENT THIS AS TRACO TOLD HIM THEY WOULD NOT PICK UP HIS GARBAGE BUT THEY ARE CASHING HIS CHECKS. HE ASKED IN THEIR OPINION, WAS TRACO VIOLATING THEIR CONTRACT. HE SAID APPARENTLY THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING RENEWING THE CONTRACT. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO TAKE THIS EVIDENCE AND DO NOTHING WITH IT, WHAT GUARANTEE DOES THE PEOPLE HAVE THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE NEW CONTRACT. ACUFF PREDICTED COM- MISSIONER CARTER, TAYLOR AND MORRIS WOULD VOTE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT.

EARL CARMICHAEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY HAD SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TRACO HAS BROKEN THEIR CONTRACT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS NOT. ATTORNEY HOWELL STATED THE JUDGE HAS SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS BROKEN THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE EMA AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993-94.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1994 AT 5:30 P. M.

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CLERK CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 02/22/94