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BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/17/94

JANUARY 17, 1994

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, BROCK, MORRIS, CARTER AND TAYLOR PRESENT. DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AND ADVISED THE WORKSHOP MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS A PLAN FOR FUTURE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. HE EMPHASIZED THE MEETING WAS NOT CALLED TO HEAR COMPLAINTS OR ADDRESS THE PRESENT SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

AUBREY DAVIS, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND CITIZENS VOICE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY CAPITALIZE ON THE PAST MISTAKES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. DAVIS STATED THE EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WAS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM; THE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE WERE INADEQUATE, STATING THE NEW CONTRACT NEEDS TO INCLUDE A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; RECYCLING IS NOT ENCOURAGED BY THE PRESENT SYSTEM; AND THE CURRENT SYSTEM APPEARS TO BE MODELED ON AN URBAN SITUATION BUT THE COUNTY IS ADDRESSING A RURAL PROBLEM. DAVIS ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO STRIVE TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLID WASTE PLAN; HAVE A TWO WAY LINE OF COMMUNICATION ON WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE, WHAT THE CONSIDERATIONS ARE AND WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADDRESSED THE ELDERLY CITIZENS IN RURAL AREAS. HE ASKED DAVIS IF WE DON'T HAVE INDIGENT IN THE CITY, WHY DO WE HAVE THEM IN THE COUNTY. MORRIS WAS REFERENCING THAT EVERYONE PAID THEIR GARBAGE BILL IN THE CITY, SO WHY COULDN'T THEY PAY IT IN THE COUNTY. DAVIS SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER.

BILL ACUFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IF THERE IS COUNTY WIDE GARBAGE PICKUP, THE COUNTY OUGHT TO BE THE ONE WHO DOES IT. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD CHECK INTO THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF ALACHUA COUNTY AS THEY HAVE TRANSFER STATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WITH THE PEOPLE HAVING THE OPTION OF HIRING AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO HAUL THEIR GARBAGE FOR THEM IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE THE GARBAGE TO THE TRANSFER STATION THEMSELVES.

ANDY FELDMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY DESIGNATE AN AREA TO COLLECT TRASH WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE IT THEMSELVES; THIS WOULD INCORPORATE RECYCLING AND SAVE MONEY IN OPERATIONS. HE STATED RECYCLING NEEDS TO BE EMPHASIZED IN THE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM.

MICKEY WRIGHT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON PERSONS LIVING 1/2 TO 1/8 MILE OFF OF A COUNTY ROAD WITH WEST TRACO PICKING UP GARBAGE FOR SOME OF THE PERSONS BUT NOT OTHERS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED WRIGHT THAT TRACO HAS SAID THEY WOULD NEED PERMISSION TO GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

MARTY MEARS ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HE CARRIES EVERYTHING HE HAS TO THE RECYCLING CENTER AND DOESN'T HAVE BUT VERY LITTLE GARBAGE. HE QUESTIONED WHY HE HAD TO PAY A BIG GARBAGE BILL WHEN HE DOESN'T HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE.

AUBREY DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE BUSINESS OF DROP OFF POINTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISMISSED TOO QUICKLY IN THE PAST. HE STATED THE DROP OFF POINTS WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF TRUCKS BEATING UP THE COUNTY ROADS, FACILITATE RECYCLING AND ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM WITH INDIGENT PERSONS.

ANDREW ELLIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY USE THE BAG SYSTEM WHERE PERSONS BUY BAGS RATHER THAN BY TAX ASSESSMENT.

JOHN HARTZOG ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING INSTEAD OF THEM PUTTING THE GARBAGE ASSESSMENT ON THE TAX ROLLS, THEY HAVE A CALENDAR CARD WHERE A PERSON BUYS A CARD AND WHEN THEY DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE, GET THEIR CARD PUNCHED.

MICKEY WRIGHT ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HE AGREED WITH HARTZOG ON A CALENDAR CARD, SAYING THE BOARD COULD MAKE UP CARDS FOR EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY AND IF THERE WERE PERSONS WHO DIDN'T COME GET THEIR CARDS, FIND OUT WHY. HE ALSO ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO ENFORCE THE LITTER LAW.

ANDY FELDMAN TOLD THE BOARD IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY THEY ISSUE CALENDAR CARDS WITH THEIR TAXES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON RENTALS WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAYING IF YOU GET AN ASSESSMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS AND ONLY RENT FOR FIVE MONTHS, A PERSON WOULD BE PAYING ON SOMETHING THEY HAVE NOT GOTTEN SERVICES ON.

CLYDE LAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING EVERYONE HAS TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE.

LAND STATED HE GETS LITERATURE ABOUT RECYCLING AND THE BOARD MIGHT AS WELL, WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO, BEGIN TO START PLANNING FOR RECYCLING.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED HAVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY MEET WITH THE BOARD TO WORK OUT FUTURE PLANS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON RECYCLING, ROADS, ETC.

AUBREY DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING IT IS GETTING TO BE QUIET A PROBLEM TO DISPOSE OF BULK BRUSH.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN STATED THE LEGISLATION HAS ELIMINATED COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 50,000 FROM HAVING A CERTAIN MANDATED PERCENTAGE OF RECYCLING. HE ADVISED OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER WHICH INCLUDES THE COUNTY, WITHIN A YEAR OR TWO, TO BEGIN USING A CHIPPER TO MAKE MULCH.

BILL ACUFF SUGGESTED THE COUNTY HAVING A CHIPPER AND START IT UP, SPREAD IT ON SET ASIDE LAND AND PLOW IT UNDER TO BUILD BACK SOIL.

CLYDE LAND SUGGESTED JACKSON, WASHINGTON AND HOLMES COUNTY AND CITIES IN THE COUNTY CONSIDER BUYING A BIG CHIPPER AND USING IT TOGETHER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAVE A VIDEO ON CHIPPING IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO STUDY AND IMPLEMENT ANY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM, AND SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO BE COMING UP WITH WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO FROM NOW UNTIL THEY CAN GET INTO A GOOD SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED A TRANSFER STATION IN THE COUNTY SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO HIM IF THE BOARD CAN GET THE COST WHERE THEY CAN LIVE WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE BOARD WAS HERE TONIGHT TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO MARCH 1ST WHEN WEST TRACO'S CONTRACT IS UP. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE BOARD MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE TRACO A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT AND EXTEND THEIR CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD UNTIL THE BOARD CAN IMPLEMENT ANOTHER PLAN.

AUBREY DAVIS STATED THE BOARD WAS FIXING TO GO BEFORE JUDGE COLE TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO AS FAR AS BREAKING THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO. HE ASKED IF THEY CONSIDERED A NEGOTIATED CONTACT WITH TRACO FOR ONE YEAR, TO ALLOW THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO CONTRACT WITH TRACO THE OPTION TO CARRY THIER OWN GARBAGE TO THE LANDFILL.

WILLIE T. JACKSON ADDRESSSED THE BOARD SAYING HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMEONE ANSWER AUBREY DAVIS'S QUESTION AND ADDRESS WHAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO PUT IN THE NEGOTIATED CONTRACT.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THIS MEETING WAS NOT TO HEAR ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST BUT DECIDE WHAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO FOR FUTURE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

WILLIE T. JACKSON ADDRESSSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY GIVE THE GUYS WHO PICKED UP GARBAGE BEFORE WEST TRACO A CONTRACT FOR A YEAR. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED JACKSON THOSE TWO GUYS DID NOT HAVE BIG ENOUGH OPERATIONS TO TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE COUNTY'S GARBAGE DISPOSAL. JACKSON QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THEY PICKING UP BEFORE TRACO. MORRIS STATED THEY WERE BUT THERE WERE OTHERS ALSO PICKING UP. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED TRACO HAS AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO PICK UP THE GARBAGE UNTIL THE BOARD CAN GET OUT OF THE CONTRACT. JACKSON STATED THE PEOPLE IN NEW HOPE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT PUTTING DUMPSTERS IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED JACKSON IF THE BOARD WENT WITH THE TRANSFER STATIONS, PEOPLE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GET SOMEONE TO GO TO THEIR HOME AND PICK UP THEIR GARBAGE AND TAKE IT TO THE TRANSFER STATION. JACKSON STATED HE BURNED HIS GARBAGE AND TOOK THE REST TO THE PANAMA CITY LANDFILL. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T GO FOR TRANSFER STATIONS. JACKSON SAID THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE NOT PAYING TRACO THAN PAYING AND HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY IF HE DOESN'T WANT TRACO TO PICK UP HIS GARBAGE. COMMISSIONER MORRIS DISAGREED SAYING 80% OF THE PEOPLE ARE PAYING TRACO.

WADE BROWN ADDRESSSED THE BOARD SAYING FOR TWO YEARS HE DIDN'T GET A BILL AND THEN HE GOT A BILL. HE QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD COULDN'T SET UP A TRAILER WHERE PEOPLE CAN PUT THEIR GARBAGE, AND THEN ONCE A WEEK THE COUNTY COULD TAKE IT TO THE BAY COUNTY INCINERATOR. HE STATED HE DID NOT WANT THE BOARD TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO. HE ALSO ASKED WHEN THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DO A STUDY TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID IT WOULD TAKE A WHILE TO WORK UP COST TO GET INTO A NEW SYSTEM; ADVISING THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO PRORATE THE COST TO THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM. HE STATED THERE WOULD STILL BE A CHARGE FOR PERSONS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN TO

PRESENT TO THE JUDGE. HE STATED JACKSON COUNTY HAD AN OPTIONAL PLAN; PERSONS COULD RECEIVE SERVICE THROUGH WASTE AWAY, INC. OR TAKE THEIR GARBAGE TO THE SPRINGHILL LANDFILL. HE STATED THE BOARD COULD CALL DOTHAN, ALABAMA AND GET TRUCKS ON LEASE PURCHASE AND GET IN THE GARBAGE BUSINESS THEMSELVES USING THE BAG SYSTEM. HE ALSO STATED THE BOARD COULD HIRE A LITTER OFFICER TO PATROL THE COUNTY. HE SAID THE BOARD WOULD STAND A BETTER CHANCE TO BREAK THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO IF THEY HAVE A PLAN THEY CAN BACK UP WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY.

WADE BROWN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEM TO GO AHEAD WITH A PLAN AND DON'T WAIT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE HAD HEARD SOLID WASTE FOR A YEAR AND HE WAS READY TO START A BEGINNING FOR MARCH 1ST. HE STATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO SEND BIDS OUT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL UNDER A PLAN GIVING OPTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS REQUESTED EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BRING BACK A PROPOSAL ON THE 25TH OF JANUARY AT 4:00 P. M. ON WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO ON FUTURE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN READ THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AT THE REQUEST OF COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCING TRACO HAS THE OPTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT TRACO HAS, IN THE OPINION OF THE COUNTY, SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED UNDER THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE BOARD DID NOT WANT TO COST THE COUNTY \$100,000.00 BECAUSE OF STUPIDITY BY BREAKING THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO; JUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE JUDGE TELLS US.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED BEFORE THE BOARD CAN BID THESE SERVICES, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE BID SPECIFICATIONS WITH STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE INCLUDED AS WELL AS THE SCOPE OF WORK THEY WANT PROVIDED.

MARTY MEARS STATED IF TRACO HAS NOT GIVEN THE PEOPLE SATISFACTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THE BOARD DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THEM.

AUBREY DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD AGAIN SAYING THE PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED AS THE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 1ST OF 93 VOTED TO BREAK THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO. HE SAID THIS IS GOING TO TAKE LEGAL CONTACT AND THAT HE HAD, IN THE PAST, REQUESTED THE BOARD GO OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY FOR GOOD LEGAL ADVICE. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO GET SOMEONE WHO IS WELL ESTABLISHED IN GOVERNMENT LAW WITH A GOOD TRACK RECORD FOR WINNING. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED DAVIS THE COUNTY IS NOT ONLY USING THEIR LOCAL ATTORNEY BUT ALSO ARE USING THE SERVICES OF NEIGHBORS AND NICKERSON FROM TALLAHASSEE. MORRIS SAID THIS FIRM HANDLED ONLY GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND ASKED THEY NOT PERCEIVE HIS REMARKS AS BEING NEGATIVE. HE STATED THE LAST TIME WE WENT TO COURT, JUDGE COLE PUT CERTAIN PEOPLE IN HIS CHAMBERS AND CLOSED THE DOORS TO THE PUBLIC. CORSO REQUESTED THE BOARD ASK JUDGE COLE TO HOLD THE COURT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING SO THE PUBLIC CAN HEAR. CORSO REQUESTED THEY PUT IT IN THE MINUTES THE BOARD WILL ASK JUDGE COLE TO HOLD THE WEST TRACO HEARING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY ASK JUDGE COLE TO HOLD THE HEARING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

JOHN HARTZOG ASKED IF THE MARCH 1ST HEARING WOULD BE AN OPEN HEARING OR A CHAMBER HEARING. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED ANYTIME YOU HAVE COURT, IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR ADVISED THE AUDIENCE THE BOARD CAN'T TELL THE JUDGE HOW TO RUN HIS COURT. HE STATED THE BOARD CAN REQUEST HE HOLD COURT AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING BUT THEY CAN'T TELL HIM WHAT TO DO. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED HE WOULD TRY AND FIND OUT SOME TIME THIS WEEK IF POSSIBLE IF IT IS GOING TO BE A CLOSED HEARING OR NOT AND LET ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN KNOW BY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

FRANK ACUFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THEY ELECTED THE BOARD TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND ASKED WHY THE BOARD WAS ASKING THE JUDGE TO SEE IF THEY COULD BREAK THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO. HE QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD JUST DIDN'T BREAK THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED IF THE JUDGE SAYS WE CAN'T BREAK THE CONTRACT, THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE WON'T. MORRIS SAID THE BOARD WANTED A GOOD LEGAL OPINION IF THEY CAN BREAK THE CONTRACT.

HORACE NELSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING IF THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IS PUT ON THE BALLOT AGAIN, PLEASE CONSIDER WORDING IT SO EVERYBODY CAN UNDERSTAND IT.

BILL ACUFF SAID HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWER THE BOARD GAVE FRANK CORSO ON ASKING THE JUDGE TO HOLD THE HEARING ON MARCH 1ST AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE ACTION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING

TO ASK JUDGE COLE TO MAKE THE MARCH 1ST HEARING ON WEST TRACO AN OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AND HOLD THE HEARING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

KATHY FOSTER, NEWS REPORTER, QUESTIONED IF THE MARCH 1ST HEARING WAS GOING TO BE ON RENEWING TRACO'S CONTRACT OR ON CHUCK DANIELS, TRACO'S ATTORNEY, MOTION TO DISMISS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE THOUGHT THE JUDGE DIDN'T ALLOW CHUCK'S DISMISSAL.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF THE CITIES VOTING ON THE LAST SOLID WASTE ISSUE. HE STATED THE CITIES HAD THEIR OWN GARBAGE PICKUP FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; THE COUNTY OFFERED THE CITIES TO JOIN IN THE COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN OR THEY HAD THE CHOICE TO ALSO CONTRACT WITH OTHER VENDORS. A STATEMENT WAS MADE WHY THE CITIES WERE ABLE TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. COMMISSIONER MORRIS READ THE PART OF THE CONTRACT PERTAINING TO THIS ISSUE AND STATED AT THE TIME THE ISSUE WAS VOTED ON, THE CITIES COULD HAVE WENT WITH THE COUNTY.

HORACE HEWETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND ASKED IF THEY HAD CHECKED WITH THE TALLAHASSEE LAWYERS TO SEE WHETHER JUDGE COLE HAS THE RIGHT TO CLOSE THE DOORS ON THE PEOPLE. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID THE JUDGE HAS THE RIGHT; AS LONG AS THE NEWS REPORTERS ARE INVOLVED, THEY CONSIDER IT AN OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.

AUBREY DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN. HE STATED IN THE PAST THE BOARD HAS DONE A POOR JOB OF PUBLICIZING WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY; TO DATE VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE TO ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM. HE REFERENCED BAY COUNTY HAVING A VERY ITEMIZED AGENDA ON WHAT IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THEIR MEETINGS PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER. MORE IMPORTANT, AFTER A MEETING IS OVER, THEY HAVE A PRESS RELEASE SUMMARIZING THE MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD PUT IN BOTH COUNTY PAPERS, A WEEK IN ADVANCE, NOTIFICATION OF ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS. HE SUGGESTED PUTTING THE NOTICES IN THE HIGHLIGHTED BOXES. HE FELT THE PAPERS WOULD PROBABLY DO IT AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.

HE SAID THE RADIO STATIONS WOULD PROBABLY ADVERTISE THE HEARINGS ALSO. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD SUMMARIZE THEIR MEETINGS WITH A PRESS RELEASE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE WEEKLY ADVERTISER GOES OUT TO EVERYONE AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO PUT THE INFORMATION IN IT. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED DAVIS THAT KATHY FOSTER, NEWS REPORTER, DID A GOOD JOB OF SUMMARIZING THE BOARD MEETINGS.

ANDY FELDMAN STATED IT WAS THE CITIZENS RESPONSIBILITY TO BE INFORMED AND IT IS UP TO THE CITIZENS TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.

MS. BILL LEE STATED THE BOARD HOLDS THEIR MEETINGS EVERY THIRD THURSDAY AND THEY USUALLY SET THEIR WORKSHOPS AT THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS. SHE SUGGESTED PERSONS SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD MEETINGS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED IF THEY WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THEMSELVES.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED WHERE THE NAMES WERE ACQUIRED FROM FOR THE LETTERS THE BOARD SENT OUT ON WEST TRACO. HE STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LIST OF THE NAMES IF POSSIBLE. THE BOARD AGREED TO CHECK ON THE LEGALITY OF GIVING OUT THE LIST OF NAMES. CORSO WAS ADVISED THE LIST WAS FURNISHED BY TRACO AS THEY PROVIDED LABELS FOR THE LETTERS, ETC. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED CORSO THERE WERE 135 PAGES OF NAMES AND IT WOULD COST \$20.75 TO GET A COPY. CORSO STATED THERE WAS A PREVIOUS LIST PROVIDED BUT HE WANTED THE COPY OF THE MOST RECENT LIST OF NAMES THAT WERE SENT OUT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THEY HAD ONLY BEEN PROVIDED WITH ONE SET OF LABELS FROM WEST TRACO.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ASKED THAT ANYBODY WHO HAD SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT IN THE NEW CONTRACT GET IT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AUBREY DAVIS QUESTIONED THE TRANSITION POINT BETWEEN PAYING TRACO A MONTHLY BILL BUT HAVING TO PAY ON THE TAX BILLS IN NOVEMBER. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED THAT PERSONS WOULD PAY MONTHLY THIS YEAR, BUT IN NOVEMBER THEY WOULD PAY A YEAR IN ADVANCE FOR GARBAGE SERVICE FOR 1995.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED THE CONTRACT SAYS WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTIONS, YET WE HAVE TO PUT IT ON THE TAX ROLLS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED IF THE BOARD CAN COME UP WITH SOME TYPE OF WORKABLE SOLUTION, WE CAN DROP THE TAX ASSESSMENT. BILL ACUFF QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COLLECTS THE MONEY A YEAR IN ADVANCE, WILL THEY GIVE IT TO TRACO TO DRAW INTEREST. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED ACUFF THE MONEY WOULD BE PAID IN INCREMENTS TO WHOMEVER WAS CONTRACTED BY THE COUNTY TO PICK UP GARBAGE.

ANDREW ELLIS QUESTIONED HOW THE ASSESSMENT WAS GOING TO WORK IF A PERSON DOES NOT RECEIVE A TAX BILL. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED ACUFF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HAVE TO GENERATE AND PRINT A NEW TAX ROLL FOR THE GARBAGE ASSESSMENT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ALSO STATED, RONALD WRIGHT, THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, IS GOING TO GO AND INVESTIGATE ALL PROPERTY AND THE BOARD WILL KNOW IF THERE IS A

DWELLING ON THE PROPERTY OR NOT.

WAYNE JOHNSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING IF THEY ENTER INTO ANOTHER CONTRACT, THEY REQUIRE AN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM SO THEY WILL KNOW WHO CUSTOMERS ARE. HE QUESTIONED IF A PERSON OWNS TWO RESIDENCES, WOULD THEY GET TWO BILLS. HE WAS ADVISED THEY WOULD AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS. HOWEVER, IN THE FUTURE IT MAY BE THEY WOULD HAVE TO ONLY BE ASSESSED ON THE ONE THEY LIVED IN, BUT THE BOARD DOESN'T KNOW RIGHT NOW.

MARTY MEARS QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD DIDN'T USE THE DUMPSTERS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR PERSONS TO PUT THEIR GARBAGE IN. HE WAS ADVISED THESE DUMPSTERS WERE ONLY FOR RECYCLING ITEMS.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF LEISURE LAKES WAS THE ONLY PLACE TRACO HAS PROVIDED A DUMPSTER TO PUT GARBAGE IN AND WHAT POSITION WERE THEY PERMITTED TO PUT IT OUT. COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT IT SAYS DOOR TO DOOR PICKUP.

LOUISE ADAMS ASKED THE BOARD IF THE PERSON OWNING RENTAL HOUSES WAS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RENTERS GARBAGE BILLS. COM- MISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED AT THE MOMENT THE RENTER WAS RESPONSIBLE. THE BOARD ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CHECK WITH ATTORNEY HOWELL TO SEE HOW THE RENTALS ARE GOING TO BE SET UP.

LOUISE ADAMS ASKED IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PERSON LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD AND EACH RECEIVED A BILL, COULD THEY SUE TRACO FOR A BILLING ERROR.

FRANK CORSO ASKED COULD THE BOARD ASSIST PEOPLE THAT OWE BILLS BY INFORMING THEM OF THE LEGALITIES THEY COULD PROBABLY TAKE.

JOHN HARTZOG ADDRESSED THE LETTERS THE BOARD SENT OUT GOING TO THE ELDERLY PEOPLE. HE STATED ELDERLY PEOPLE NEEDS LAWYERS TO INTERPRET THE LETTERS FOR THEM. HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE BOARD COULD DO THIS TO THE ELDERLY PEOPLE..

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE BOARD CAN'T KEEP TRACO FROM PUT- TING LETTERS IN THEIR BILLING. MORRIS SAID THE LETTER THE COUNTY SENT OUT WAS NOT THREATENING ANYBODY. IT WAS URGING PEOPLE TO GO AHEAD AND PAY THEIR BILL SO IT WOULDN'T COST THEM ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR COURT COST, ETC.

WILLIE JACKSON STATED THE BOARD NEEDED TO GET ON THE JOB BECAUSE THEY HAVE ELDERLY PEOPLE AND THIS GARBAGE ISSUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FURTHER ALONG THAN IT IS NOW.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED TRACO HAS BEEN OFFERED SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE AND HAVE WENT TO COURT TWICE.

COMMISSIONR BROCK STATED THE LETTERS THE BOARD MAILED OUT WERE MORE OR LESS LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT IS FIXING TO HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED IF A PERSON OWNED ONE HOME AND AN ACRE OF PROPERTY, COULD A JUDGEMENT BE GOTTEN ON THEIR PROPERTY. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED A JUDGEMENT CAN BE LEVIED AGAINST HOMESTEADED PROPERTY BUT CAN ONLY BE COLLECTED WHEN THE PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS. HAGAN STATED A JUDGEMENT CAN BE LEVIED AGAINST PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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

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DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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