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BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/25/94

JANUARY 25, 1994

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JANUARY 20, 1994 MEETING, 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 BROCK, CORBIN, TAYLOR, MORRIS AND CARTER PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BID TABULATIONS FOR PIPE USED BY THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM GULF ATLANTIC CORPORATION ON PIPE USED BY THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE TABULATION OF THE FILTER BIDS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD CLOUD AUTO PARTS HAD CONTACTED HIM ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THEIR BID EVEN THOUGH THE BID WAS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION ON HIS REQUEST. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON FILTERS FROM GODFREY AUTO SUPPLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE EQUIPMENT HE AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GEORGE ROGERS, HAD RESEARCHED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT CONTINGENT UPON MONIES BEING AVAILABLE IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET:

1. 15' 88 MOWER FOR \$1800.00
2. 15" 86 MOWER FOR \$1200.00
3. 85 DODGE TRUCK FOR \$1600.00
4. 81 FORD TRACTOR FOR \$4100.00
5. 81 GMC TRANSPORT TRUCK FOR \$5300.00

RENAE SCHAARSCHMIDT, REPRESENTING THE VERNON RECREATION COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND PRESENTED THEM WITH A SURVEY ON THE PROPERTY THE COMMITTEE WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD DONATE FOR A RECREATIONAL FACILITY. ATTORNEY HOWELL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT HE HAD PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF VERNON ON THE LAND THEY WERE REQUESTING. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ENTER INTO A 25 YEAR LEASE WITH THE CITY OF VERNON WITH THEM HAVING THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL 25 YEARS AT \$1.00 PER YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITY. THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY WAS INACCURATE ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT; WITH ATTORNEY HOWELL AGREEING TO CHANGE IT TO READ EAST OF HIGHWAY 279, SOUTH OF THE CITY LIMITS OF VERNON. COMMISSIONER CARTER WANTED TO BE SURE THE COUNTY WAS COVERED ENVIRONMENTALLY AS FAR AS THE CREEK LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOWELL STATED IT WAS IN THE AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE THE CITY OF VERNON WOULD INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY FROM ALL LIABILITY. ATTORNEY HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO LEASE THE CREEK. COMMISSIONER CORBIN FELT VERNON SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THE CREEK WITH THIS PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD THE CONTRACT WITH MILNER AND MAYNE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ON THE \$15,000.00 MATCHING COURTHOUSE RENOVATION GRANT APPEARED TO BE IN ORDER. HE HAD QUESTIONED THE 2.9% RATE THEY WERE GOING TO CHARGE FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES. HE STATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND WAS ADVISED THIS WAS THE SAME PERCENTAGE MILNER & MAYNE USED IN THE PREVIOUS HISTORICAL GRANT. HE ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER PERTAINING TO AUDITING FEES ON THE GRANT. THE AUDITOR, CLAY ROOKS, ADVISED CARTER NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR GRANT BUT IF THEY APPLIED FOR THE \$50,000.00 MATCHING GRANT FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS, THEY NEEDED TO INCLUDE AUDITING FEES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSAL HE HAD ON THE COST TO DO THE NEARING HILLS ROAD TO THE BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH. THE PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS FROM PANDHANDLE GRADING & PAVING, THE CONTRACTORS DOING THE WORK FOR THE KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED ON NEARING HILLS ROAD, TO PAVE 900' L.F. 20' WIDE USING 1.5" S-1 ASPHALT WOULD COST \$9,127.00. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED THAT COMMISSIONER CARTER BE APPOINTED TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED CARTER GET A VERBAL QUOTE FROM ANOTHER CONTRACTOR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED DRAWING UP SPECS AND ADVERTISING THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED PANHANDLE IS DOING THIS PROJECT FOR THIS COST BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY ON A JOB AT THIS LOCATION. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER CARTER TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT, GETTING A COST ON THE PROJECT FROM ANOTHER CONTRACTOR, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THIS AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTIONS. DORIS MAXWELL QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD DIDN'T GO FURTHER UP THAN THE BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH. COMMISSIONER CARTER EXPLAINED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE ENGINEERING WORK REQUIRED BECAUSE OF DRAINAGE. J. P. JOHNSON REQUESTED THE BOARD GO FURTHER UP ON NEARING HILLS ROAD AND CONSULT ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE ROAD ON CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD OF A BRUSHFIRE WHERE THREE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO GET THE SHERIFF AND WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE OF DISPATCHING FIRE CALLS TO COME AND TALK TO THE BOARD ON THE DISPATCHING OF FIRE PROTECTION.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED THE WORKSHOP ON SOLID WASTE WOULD BEGIN AT THIS TIME. HE REMINDED EVERYONE PRESENT THE WORKSHOP WAS NOT TO LISTEN TO PAST PROBLEMS WITH WEST TRACO BUT TO TALK ABOUT FUTURE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. HE STATED HE HAD DIRECTED EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO BRING BACK A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN.

COMMISSIONER CARTER BEGAN BY STATING THE ONLY FAIR WAY TO DISPOSE OF SOLID WASTE WOULD BE TO HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH MANDATORY PICKUP, AND HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE WAY IT IS HANDLED NOW.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR'S PLAN CALLED FOR THE CONTRACT TO BE RENEWED FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD WITH TRACO, CONTRACT BE EXCLUSIVE, REAL PROPERTY LIEN BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1994, ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADVANCE THE RESOURCES TO TRACO TO PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COURT ORDER, EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER SERVE AS LIASON BETWEEN CITIZENS OF THEIR DISTRICT AND WEST TRACO, AND THE CONTRACT BE REVISED WHERE WEST TRACO WILL CONSENT FOR INTEREST TO STOP ACCUMULATING ON ALL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1994 UNTIL PERSONS CAN PAY THEIR ACTUAL BILL.

JOANN CHANCE ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING SHE WAS PLEASED WITH WEST TRACO'S SERVICE AND ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO WORK OUT A PLAN WITH WEST TRACO. SHE COMMENDED THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO AND ASK THEM TO CONTINUE IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK BEGAN WITH HIS PLAN STATING HE BELIEVES IN EVERYBODY HAVING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. HIS PLAN WAS TO GO BACK TO THE BAG SYSTEM, HAVING A WEEKLY PICKUP WITH THE COUNTY DOING THE GARBAGE BUSINESS. BROCK ALSO SAID ANOTHER PLAN WOULD BE TO GO TO THE BIG DUMPSTERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WITH TAG PERMITS GOING ON THE BAGS. HE STATED HE DID NOT LIKE A MANDATORY SYSTEM AND HIS RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR THE COUNTY TO USE THE BAG SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN BEGAN WITH HIS PLAN SAYING HE WAS CONCERNED WITH RECYCLING IN THE COUNTY. CORBIN SAID THE PRESENT CONTRACT ADDRESSES RECYCLING BUT THE BOARD HAD NOT ADDRESSED IT. HE STATED THE BOARD COULD AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO TO COVER SEVERAL ITEMS OR BREAK THE CONTRACT AND CONCENTRATE ON RECYCLING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED THE BAG SYSTEM SAYING IT WOULD WORK AND THE COUNTY COULD HIRE A SANITATION OFFICER TO STOP PERSONS FROM PUTTING GARBAGE IN THE WOODS. HE ADVISED IF HE HAD TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, HE RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY PURCHASE TRUCKS AND USE THE BAG SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED HIS PLAN WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE A TRANSFER STATION CENTRALLY LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO TAKE GARBAGE TO THE TRANSFER STATION OR HAVE SOMEONE TAKE IT FOR THEM ON A PER BAG TYPE SALE, WITH THE MATERIALS THEN BEING HAULED TO SPRINGHILL LANDFILL. THIS SYSTEM WOULD NOT ELIMINATE PEOPLE FROM MAKING A LIVING OFF OF HAULING GARBAGE. MORRIS STATED IT MAY BE FEASIBLE TO BID OUT A FRANCHISE ON THE HAULING OF THE MATERIALS PER DISTRICT WITH A COUNTY PERSON PATROLLING THE ROUTE TO ELIMINATE THE LITTER PROBLEM. HIS RECOMMENDATION WAS GO WITH THE TRANSFER STATION AND WORK OUT A PLAN FOR GARBAGE PICKUP IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED IF THE BOARD IMPLEMENTED ANY OF THESE PLANS, THEY COULDN'T DO IT IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. CARTER SAID A STUDY WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ON COSTS INVOLVED TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN. HE ALSO SAID LOOKING AT THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE, A CENTRAL TRANSFER STATION PLACE MIGHT BE 25 MILES AWAY FOR SOME PERSONS. CARTER ALSO REFERENCED RECYCLING, STATING THE COUNTY HAS TEN OR MORE DUMPSTERS THAT CAN'T BE PUT OUT IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE PEOPLE PUT HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE RATHER THAN RECYCABLE

ITEMS.

PENNY LOVETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT ON THEIR HANDS IF THEY PUT A TRANSFER STATION IN THE COUNTY.

GEORGE SQUIRES ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHY WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN'T TAKE CARE OF GARBAGE THEMSELVES.

PRICE MEEKS QUESTIONED WHY THE GARBAGE BUSINESS HAD BEEN MOVED OUT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. MEEKS STATED THE COUNTY HAD A GARBAGE PIT AND THEY MOVED IT OUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED MEEKS THE BOARD WAS UNDER A MANDATE BY THE STATE TO CLOSE THE LANDFILL.

GARY WIGGINS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HIS SATISFACTION WITH WEST TRACO'S GARBAGE SERVICE.

WESLEY SYFRETT FROM DISTRICT FIVE ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HIS SATISFACTION WITH WEST TRACO'S GARBAGE SERVICE. SYFRETT STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE COUNTY GETTING INTO THE GARBAGE BUSINESS. HE ALSO STATED HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS RIGHT THAT HE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING THEIR GARBAGE BILLS.

ROYSTER HAYES ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE FEELS THE BOARD WOULD DO WHATEVER IS BEST FOR THE COUNTY ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TRACO'S SERVICE. HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE HONORED THEIR CONTRACT WITH TRACO FROM THE BEGINNING.

LARRY HAYES ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE RECEIVED EXCELLENT SERVICE WITH WEST TRACO. HE STATED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HONOR THE CONTRACT ON GARBAGE DISPOSAL. HE RECOGNIZES THAT TRACO PROVIDES HARD WORK AND GOOD SERVICE AND FEEL THEY SHOULD BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICE. HAYES SAID HE FELT THE COMMISSIONERS WERE CAPABLE TO MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT POLLING THE OPPOSITION.

JIM TRAWICK ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING WEST TRACO HAD DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AND HE WAS PLEASED WITH THEIR SERVICE.

J. P. JOHNSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING WHEN THE GARBAGE SYSTEM FIRST STARTED, PEOPLE VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY FOR A MANDATORY COUNTY WIDE GARBAGE SYSTEM. HE PROVIDED THESE COMMENTS: THERE SHOULD BE A COMPO- SITE TYPE TRUCK USED TO HAUL GARBAGE AND NOT AN OPEN TYPE TRUCK; THERE SHOULD BE A BASIC CHARGE FOR ONE 30 GALLON CAN, IF THEY USE MORE THAN THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY MORE; THERE SHOULD BE DOOR TO DOOR PICKUP FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO CARRY THEIR GARBAGE TO THE ROAD WITH THESE PERSONS FURNISHING A STATEMENT FROM THE DOCTOR SAYING THEY ARE NOT ABLE, OR PERSONS SHOULD SIGN A STATEMENT SAYING THEY DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO TAKE THEIR GARBAGE TO THE ROAD; THERE SHOULD BE A COUNTY WIDE VOTE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO RETAIN, RENEW, OR RESCIND THE CONTRACT WITH WEST TRACO; WEST TRACO SHOULD BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES AS THEIR SERVICE AND WORK IS EXCELLENT; AFTER 90 DAYS FAILURE TO PAY, A LIEN SHOULD BE ASSESSED ON THEIR PROPERTY; THERE SHOULD BE ONE COLLECTOR OF GARBAGE; IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TRACO, IT SHOULD BE REBID AND TRACO SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID.

DORIS MAXWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO CARRY THEIR GARBAGE TO THE ROAD, AND IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO GIVE DOOR TO DOOR PICKUP FOR THESE PERSONS AND THE ELDERLY. MAXWELL ALSO SAID THE COST FOR GARBAGE SERVICE SHOULD BE PRORATED BY THE COST OF THE CONTAINER; SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR PICKUP OF ITEMS NOT CONSIDERED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE; TRACO DOESN'T HAVE A PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH THEIR CUSTOMERS, TRACO SHOULD PRACTICE BETTER BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH THEIR CUSTOMERS BY PUTTING INSERTS WITH THEIR BILL ASKING THEM IF THEY HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS OR COMMENTS ON THEIR GARBAGE SERVICE.

M. C. WOODBURY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING YOU DON'T GET TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. HE STATED HE HAD NEVER ASKED FOR ANYONE TO PICK UP HIS GARBAGE. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT PAY FOR SOME- THING HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED SERVICE FOR. HE SAID HE WAS AGAINST ANYTHING MANDATORY. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO GO 25 MILES TO A TRANSFER STATION AND IF HE HAD THE LAND HE WOULD DONATE IT FOR THE STATION.

ERNEST OWENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHY DON'T THE PEOPLE TRUST THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND QUIT BICKERING AND FIGHTING WITH ONE ANOTHER. OWENS STATED THE PEOPLE ELECTED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE CARE OF THE COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T GET MAD AT ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T AGREE WITH EACH OTHER; PEOPLE SHOULD LOVE AND RESPECT ONE ANOTHER.

WESLEY CULPEPPER ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS WELL SATIS- FIED WITH TRACO.

JUNIOR OWENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE PRESENT GARBAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS THE BEST SYSTEM HE HAS EVER SEEN AND IT WORKS FOR HIM, ADDING THAT TRACO WAS

CONSISTENT.

LYNN WEST ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE WAS TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH WEST TRACO. SHE STATED SHE DIDN'T WANT 20% OF THE COUNTY SPEAKING FOR HER; SHE WANTED THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE'S WISHES TO BE KNOWN. SHE SAID THE COUNTY SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH TRACO AND THEY SHOULD BE BOUND BY IT. SHE ALSO SAID THE COUNTY SHOULD GET OFF OF GARBAGE AND GET WITH ISSUES THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COUNTY.

NELLIE QUICK ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING SHE HAD NOTHING TO COM- PLAIN ABOUT TRACO WHEN SHE USED IT. SHE SAID HER HUSBAND HAD DIED AND TRACO SHOULD CONSIDER CHARGING PEOPLE BY THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE THEY HAVE. SHE STATED TRACO COULD TAKE HER TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT OR PUT A LIEN ON HER PROPERTY BUT SHE DON'T HAVE NO MONEY. SHE ALSO SAID TRACO HAS NOT COLLECTED HER GARBAGE IN THREE YEARS AND SHE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE PAYING FOR SOMETHING SHE HASN'T RECEIVED.

ROSA HOLMES ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE HAD LET TRACO PICK UP HER GARBAGE TWICE AND TOLD THEM NOT TO COME BACK BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY THE GARBAGE BILL. SHE STATED TRACO ONLY PICKED UP HER GARBAGE TWICE. SHE DIDN'T MIND PAYING THE \$10 FOR THAT SERVICE BUT THAT IS ALL.

OSCAR HARMON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING WHEN THE UTILITY COMPANY CUTS OFF YOUR UTILITIES, THEY DON'T TAX THE PEOPLE OR CHARGE THEM INTEREST, THEY JUST DISCONTINUE YOUR SERVICE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, FRED MCENVOY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS FOR MANDATORY GARBAGE PICKUP TO START WITH AND WILL STILL BACK IT. HE ALSO STATED HIS SATISFACTION WITH TRACO'S SERVICE.

OSCAR WORLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HE DOESN'T HAVE TRACO'S SERVICE, BUT HE BELIEVES IF SOMEONE DOESN'T PERFORM A SERVICE, THEY SHOULDN'T GET PAID. HE WAS REFERENCING TRACO NOT PICKING UP A LADY'S (MS. BROCKS) GARBAGE.

HARVEY COSA, PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION IN SUNNY HILLS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THEY WERE ALL SATISFIED WITH TRACO'S SERVICE.

ELSIE HARMON ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING SO MANY OF HER NEIGHBORS ARE NOT TREATED RIGHT BY TRACO. SHE STATED TRACO GOES RIGHT BY THEIR HOUSE AND DON'T PICK UP THEIR GARBAGE BUT THEY WROTE A LETTER TO THEM ASKING TO HELP PAY THEIR LAWYERS BILL.

PENNY LOVETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE RECEIVED GOOD SERVICE FROM WEST TRACO. SHE SAID SHE HOPES THE BOARD WILL HAVE A GOOD SYSTEM TO REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE NO MATTER WHAT PLAN THEY CHOOSE TO USE. SHE ALSO STATED SHE APPRECIATED WHAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE DONE TO TRY AND SOLVE THE GARBAGE ISSUE; HOWEVER, THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER PRESSING MATTERS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BESIDES GARBAGE.

LAURA JOHNSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHAT TO DO WITH A REFRIGERATOR. SHE STATED TRACO PICKS UP HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND SHE IS SATISFIED; SHE CAN PAY \$10.05 BUT THERE ARE MANY PERSONS WHO CAN'T AFFORD IT. SHE SAID SHE WAS FOR FREE ENTERPRISE AND TRACO NEEDS TO COME TO TERMS TO WORK WITH THESE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T PAY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED JOHNSON SHE COULD TAKE THE REFRIGERATOR TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

ORLANDO YGLESIAS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD PAID TRACO EVERY MONTH SINCE THEY STARTED PICKING UP HIS GARBAGE BUT PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE TO DECIDE A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD TAKE THE BOND AND DON'T FORFEIT IT NEXT TIME WHEN ENTERING A CONTRACT. HE STATED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE AT FAULT WITH THE POSITION THE COUNTY IS IN WITH THE GARBAGE ISSUE. HE SAID EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE SERVICE. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE RECYCLED. HE ALSO TOLD THE BOARD SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED WITH DOOR TO DOOR PICKUP AND SOME PERSONS ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE THEIR GARBAGE 1/4 MILE TO THE COUNTY ROAD.

AUBREY DAVIS, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND CITIZENS VOICE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD. HE STATED TO THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE IN FAVOR OF WEST TRACO, IF THEY WANTED TO USE TRACO'S SERVICE USE IT BUT DON'T CRAM THEIR SYSTEM DOWN CITIZENS VOICE THROAT. HE STATED THE PROBLEM WITH GARBAGE WOULDN'T BE HERE IF THERE WEREN'T ALLOT OF LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS AND TRACO WOULD HAVE BEEN HALFWAY REASONABLE AND TRIED TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND COMPROMISE ON LEGITIMATE PROBLEMS.

DAVIS SAID CITIZENS VOICE FIGHT WAS NOT WITH TRACO BUT THE CONTRACT. DAVIS SAID THOSE OF CITIZENS VOICE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR TRASH BILL, OR ALLEDGED DEBT, HAVE OTHERWISE AND LEGITIMATELY DISPOSED OF THEIR TRASH. DAVIS STATED TRACO IS IN A POSITION TO PERFORM A PUBLIC SERVICE; THEY HAVE A MONOPOLY. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY HAD THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE WITH GOOD, REASONABLE AND FAIR SERVICE AT A

FAIR PRICE, AN OBLIGATION TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE AND NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND COMPROMISE. DAVIS SAID TRACO WAS NOT PERFORMING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. HE SAID TRACO'S CONTRACT IS UP FOR RENEWAL AND THEIR PRESENT CONTRACT HAS PROVEN TO BE DISASTROUS. HE REFERENCED THE SURVEY THAT WAS MADE ON TRACO'S SERVICE STATING 23% OF THOSE SURVEYED WERE DISSATISFIED. HE SAID THERE WERE 1500 PEOPLE REFUSING TO PAY THEIR BILL; HOWEVER, ALLOT OF THEM ARE NOW PAYING UNDER DURESS AND PROTEST. DAVIS STATED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS THE OPTION TO DEEM WEST TRACO'S SERVICES UNSATISFACTORY; STATING THE BOARD DID THIS LAST NOVEMBER. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO HAVE A SYSTEM THAT WILL SERVE RURAL RESIDENTS AND NOT AN URBAN SYSTEM. HE ADVISED THE BOARD JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTIES HAD A GOOD WORKING SYSTEM. HE LISTED SOME SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM . THEY WERE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE CONTRACT, FIXED RATES, URBAN SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK, REFERENCED LONG DRIVEWAYS AND PERSONS NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE THEIR GARBAGE TO THE ROAD AND MULTI-TON VEHICLES NOT NEEDING TO BE TRAVELLING ON COUNTY ROADS, AND THE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE IN THE CONTRACT ARE POOR. DAVIS AGREED THERE HAS TO BE A MANDATORY SYSTEM AND THE SYSTEM HAS TO BE FAIR TO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE ALACHUA COUNTY SYSTEM NEEDED TO BE EXPLORED WHICH IS A TRANSFER STRATION. HE SAID FOR THE BOARD NOT TO EXTEND THE URBAN ORIENTED SYSTEM IN RURAL AREAS.

DORIS HERRINGTON ADDRESSED THE BOARD COMPLAINING OF TRACO'S SERVICE AND ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO GO WITH THE BAG SYSTEM.

DON SPIKER ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THE ONLY WAY TO MANAGE GARBAGE IS BY A MANDATORY PICKUP, STATING THIS IS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE AGREED THE CONTRACT IS FLAWED. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD, IF THEY DESIRE TO OPEN BIDS AGAIN, WRITE IN THE CONTRACT IT HAS TO BE A STATE AUTHORIZED VEHICLE USED TO COLLECT THE GARBAGE AND DON'T AGREE ON MONEY. HE STATED HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH TRACO AND THEY MAKE NO MESS. HE SAID BEFORE TRACO, THE COUNTY HAD A BAG SYSTEM AND THE GARBAGE WAS PICKED UP IN AN OPEN TRUCK. HE DOESN'T FEEL THE BAG SYSTEM WILL WORK. HE STATED THE TRANSFER STATION WOULD NEED TO BE MANNED TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY. HE SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER GETTING INTO THE GARBAGE BUSINESS.

BERT ROBERTS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON PROBLEMS HE WAS HAVING WITH TRACO BILLING HIM FOR HIS RENTAL HOUSES. HE ALSO STATED HE WAS HAVING TO TAKE GARBAGE TO THE ROAD WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 900 FEET, SINCE THE BOARD STOPPED FARRIS STEWART FROM PICKING IT UP. HE SAID HE IS PAYING TRACO EVERY MONTH BUT DOESN'T PLAN ON PAYING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SERVICES. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ADDRESS PEOPLE WHO HAVE GARBAGE HAULED AWAY PAY FOR IT RATHER THAN THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY. NELL ROBERTS STATED THEY NO LONGER OWN THE RENTAL HOUSES, BUT ARE STILL GETTING BILLED FOR THE SERVICES.

REV. MARTY MEARS ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HE PAYS HONEST DEBTS AND IS WILLING TO PAY ANY DEBT WHEN HE HAS RECEIVED THE SERVICES. HE SAID HE GOT A BILL BEFORE A TRUCK EVER RUN BY HIS HOUSE. HE SAID HE MET THE TRUCK AND TOLD THEM HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PAY BECAUSE HE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH GARBAGE. HE SAID HE TOLD THEM WHEN HE GOT A BAG OF GARBAGE, HE WOULD MEET THE TRUCK AND WOULD WORK OUT A PRICE. HE SAID HE WAS TOLD GARBAGE PICKUP WAS MANDATORY AND HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE BILL. HE SAID HE BELIEVES IN RECYCLING AND HE TAKES WHAT GARBAGE HE HAS TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

HORACE NELSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD REFERENCING THE PERFORMANCE OF WEST TRACO STATING HE WENT DOWN ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND SEEN GARBAGE CANS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

MARTY MEARS TOLD THE BOARD TO GO BACK TO THE BAG SYSTEM THEY HAD BEFORE TRACO STARTED PICKING UP GARBAGE.

SAM AUSTIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE BOARD HAS HEARD THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE GARBAGE SYSTEM; WE ELECTED YOU TO FIX IT, FIX IT.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED THE PEOPLE THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TAKE ALL IDEAS INTO CONSIDERATION AND HOPEFULLY COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

WESLEY SYFRETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD OFFERING AN APOLOGY IF HE OFFENDED ANYONE WHEN HE MADE A STATEMENT THAT ALLOT OF PEOPLE SPEND MORE MONEY ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARY THAN IT WOULD COST THEM FOR A MONTHS GARBAGE BILL. HE DID NOT WANT TO RETRACT HIS STATEMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED THE CHAIRMAN TO PERMIT HIM TO DO A STUDY ON THE BAG SYSTEM, WORK ON A BUDGET SO THE BOARD CAN GIVE A PRESENTATION ON COST, ETC. HE STATED IF THE BOARD IS FORCED TO RENEW THE CONTRACT, CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE. CHAIRMAN MORRIS APPOINTED CORBIN TO DO A STUDY ON THE BAG SYSTEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. MORRIS AGREED TO DO A COST STUDY ON A TRANSFER STATION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED THE BOARD TO INSTRUCT VONCILE ESTES THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR TO GET WITH ALACHUA AND WAKULLA COUNTIES AND ASK THEM TO SEND A ROUGH DRAFT OF THEIR GARBAGE DISPOSAL PLANS AND GET THE COST TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PLANS.

ELSIE HARMON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THERE WAS A STRIP FROM NEW HOPE BACK TO THE BAY COUNTY LINE THAT NEVER SEES TRACO BECAUSE TRACO DON'T PICK UP THEIR GARBAGE.

MS. MINER ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING WE HAVE TRIED TO NEGOTIATE WITH WEST TRACO FOR FIVE YEARS AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN WILLING TO NEGOTIATE. SHE STATED IF THEY OWE A BILL, THE CITY OF VERNON, WAUSAU, EBRO AND CARYVILLE OWES A BILL.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT, TRACO HAS THE OPTION TO RENEW. HE QUESTIONED WHEN WILL THE COUNTY BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONTRACT IF THEY PLAN TO RENEW. THE BOARD DIDN'T KNOW AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING ON FUTURE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ON FEBRUARY 10, 1994 AT 6:00 P. M.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR ADDRESSED THE BAG SYSTEM AND THE TRANSFER STATION QUESTIONING IF THEY WERE FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE. HE THOUGHT PAYING \$10.05 PER MONTH TO HAVE YOUR GARBAGE PICKED UP ONCE A WEEK IN FRONT OF YOUR DOOR WAS A PRETTY GOOD SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED WHY THE BOARD STOPPED THE BAG SYSTEM. HE ADVISED THE LANDFILLS WERE CLOSED AND THE BOARD ADVERTISED FOR A CONTRACT TO PICK UP GARBAGE DOOR TO DOOR.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED WHEN THE BOARD GETS INFORMATION BACK ON THE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS AND DETERMINES THE COST PER YEAR PER SYSTEM, THE BOARD CAN THEN MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHAT TYPE OF SYSTEM THEY NEED TO USE FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

VIRGINIA HEWETT STATED THE BAG SYSTEM USED PRIOR TO TRACO WAS SUCCESSFUL.

ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID PREVIOUSLY WHEN THE BAG SYSTEM WAS USED THE COUNTY WAS NOT HAVING TO PAY ANY TIPPING FEES FOR DUMPING BECAUSE THEY HAD THEIR OWN LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6:00 P. M.

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END OF MINUTES FOR 01/25/94