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BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/20/94

JULY 20, 1994

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CORBIN, MORRIS, TAYLOR AND CARTER PRESENT. CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER AND ADMINISTRATOR ROGER HAGAN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE EMERGENCY MEETING TO ORDER STATING THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO EXTEND THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE DURATION OF THE RECOVERY PERIOD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY DUE TO FLOODING CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD ED PUCKETT HAD TOLD HIM TO CHANGE THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TO READ EXTEND THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE DURATION OF THE RECOVERY PERIOD. BY DOING THIS, THE BOARD WOULD NOT HAVE TO MEET EVERY SEVEN DAYS TO EXTEND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE DURATION OF THE RECOVERY PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISORS RIDE WITH FEMA AND MAKE A DECISION IF THEY FEEL A PARTICULAR ROAD NEEDS THEIR HELP. HE ALSO STATED THAT EACH DISTRICT SHOULD MAKE A DECISION AS TO THEIR NEEDS.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID DISTRICT TWO IS PRETTY WELL UP TO DATE ON ITS ROADS, ADDING THE REST WOULD BE UNDER REGULAR MAINTENANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE HAD A LOT OF EMERGENCY WORK LEFT TO BE DONE IN HIS DISTRICT. HE HAS PEOPLE THAT CAN'T GET TO THEIR HOMES AND STILL HAS BARRICADES UP ON SOME ROADS. COMMISSIONER CARTER AND MORRIS TOLD CORBIN THAT FEMA WILL ALLOW A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT TO DO THE WORK THEY FEEL NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THEN HE COULD CONTRACT THE WORK OUT USING THESE DOLLAR AMOUNTS. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAS A ROAD IN HIS DISTRICT THAT FEMA TOLD HIM TO GET A CREW ON TODAY TO BUILD A DETOUR ROAD; ADDING THAT FEMA SAID GET A CONTRACTOR IN THERE THEN. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, THE BOARD CAN WAIVE THEIR NORMAL BID PRACTICE IN EMERGENCY AREAS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO WAIVE THE BOARD'S NORMAL BID PROCESS ON EMERGENCY FLOOD RELATED WORK FOR SIXTY DAYS IF IT IS PERMISSIBLE WITH FEMA. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD STILL NEED TO GET QUOTES FOR ANY PROJECT THEY WOULD NORMALLY BID OUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ASKED HIM TO BRING IT BEFORE THE BOARD HE HAD FIVE EMPLOYEES WHO HE WANTED TO HAVE ELEVATED. THE BOARD AGREED THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING AND NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE TODAY.

LEON SEXTON, CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THE FOOD IS COMING IN LESS AND LESS TO THE EVACUATION CENTERS. HE ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD THE STATE IS IN THE PROCESS OF PULLING OUT THEIR PEOPLE. SEXTON RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY START PHASING DOWN THEIR FOOD TENTS AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GO TO THE RED CROSS AND THE SALVATION ARMY FOR FOOD VOUCHERS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO FOLLOW SEXTON'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ETC. THAT WAS RUINED DURING THE FLOOD. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THERE ARE DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE THE COUNTY CAN GET IF THEY CAN BE DELIVERED AND SERVICED. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE STATE SENT THREE TRUCKS TO CARYVILLE THIS MORNING TO PICK UP THESE TYPES OF ITEMS. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED BROCK ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS CONTACT THE STATE SUPERVISOR AND TELL HIM HOW MANY TRUCKS HE NEEDED TO COLLECT THE RUINED FURNITURE AND THEY WILL TAKE THE DEBRI TO THE STEELFIELD OR SPRINGHILL LANDFILLS. CHAIRMAN MORRIS AGREED TO CHECK WITH THE STATE SUPERVISORS ON THIS.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THE TRANSPORTATION FUND DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO MAKE PAYROLL. SHE ASKED THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE HER AND THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE A LOAN TO TAKE CARE OF PAYROLL AND OTHER FLOOD RELATED EXPENSES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK AND CHAIRMAN TO MAKE A LOAN FOR PAYROLL AND OTHER FLOOD RELATED EXPENSES WITH IT BEING REIMBURSED WHEN FEMA MONIES COME IN.

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CLERK MILLER ALSO REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE A LOAN FOR GENERAL FUND BECAUSE THOSE MONIES WOULD BE LOW WHEN SHE PAID THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE SHERIFF THEIR REQUEST. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD THAT BOTH THE APPRAISER AND THE SHERIFF HAD SUBMITTED THEIR REQUISITION FOR THEIR FINAL DRAW AND THIS WOULD BE ALL THEY WOULD GET. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID JUST MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THIS. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY MEETING.

CLERK MILLER REFERENCED THE PERSONNEL POLICY STATING ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL COULDN'T GET PAID OVERTIME. SHE STATED THE BOARD TOOK ACTION AT THEIR LAST EMERGENCY MEETING TO PAY OVERTIME FOR FLOOD RELATED WORK AND IT WAS NOT SPECIFIED WHO WOULD RECEIVE OVERTIME PAY: THEREFORE, EVERYONE PUTTING IN OVERTIME RECEIVED OVERTIME PAY. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD KEITH FIELDS OF DAVID M. GRIFFITH AND ASSOCIATES HAS SINCE TOLD HER, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN THAT FEMA WOULD NOT PAY OVERTIME TO ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. CLERK MILLER ASKED THE BOARD ABOUT THE UPCOMING PAYROLL TO SEE IF THEY WANTED TO STILL PAY OVERTIME TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. CLERK MILLER AND CHAIRMAN MORRIS AGREED TO TALK WITH A FEMA REPRESENTATIVE THAT WAS PRESENTLY IN THE BUILDING ON THIS ISSUE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE COULDN'T EXPECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO WORK THE HOURS THEY HAVE WITHOUT GETTING COMPENSATED FOR IT. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE FELT THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE OVERTIME SINCE A PRECEDENCE WAS SET WHEN THEY WERE PAID FOR THE PRIOR PAYROLL. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE WAS FOR PAYING THEIR OVERTIME.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED HIS DISTRICT WAS IN A POSITION NOW FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO TAKE A ONE DAY BREAK IN THEIR WORK SCHEDULE. THE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN WORKING SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND CARTER THOUGHT THEY NEEDED A BREAK. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TAKING A ONE DAY BREAK IN THE WORK SCHEDULE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO WORK WITH THE SUPERVISORS OF THE STATE BECAUSE THEY ARE HERE TO HELP THE COUNTY AND IF THEY WORK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, THEN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES NEED TO BE THERE ALSO. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE STATE SUPERVISORS ON THEIR WORK SCHEDULE.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 07/20/94