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BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/17/94

MARCH 17, 1994

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, MORRIS AND TAYLOR PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOWELL, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

JOSEPH BARNES PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH REVEREND JAMES RAINWATER OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN MORRIS LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 15, 1994 MEETINGS.

ANDY FELDMAN, REPRESENTING CITIZENS OF BUCKHORN CREEK, QUAIL HOLLOW AND TUMBLE CREEK, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO ASK WHAT ACTION THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ON THEIR PREVIOUS REQUEST FROM THE NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED FELDMAN ROAD SIGNS HAVE BEEN BEING PUT UP AS THE SHOULDERS OF THE ROAD ARE DRESSED; AS FAR AS A TRAFFIC COUNT, ONE HAS NOT BEEN DONE. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED FELDMAN, AS FAR AS PAVING OF THE ROADS, THERE WERE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE, RIGHT OF WAYS WOULD HAVE TO BE GOTTEN AND ENGINEERING WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE. CARTER TOLD FELDMAN THE BOARD WAS FIXING TO BEGIN HOLDING WORKSHOPS ON A FIVE YEAR ROAD PLAN. FELDMAN REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A PLAN FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WITH VIEW OF PAVING IN THE FUTURE. HE STATED THE MAJOR PROBLEMS INCLUDED TOPOGRAPHICAL STUDIES, CLAY GETTING HAULED IN AND WASHING OUT, THE ROAD IS FOUR TO FIVE FEET BELOW THE LAY OF THE LAND, AND THERE IS A LOT OF TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD. FELDMAN INDICATED THE ROADS NEEDED RE-BUILDING WITH PROPER DRAINAGE AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A PRUDENT USE OF FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE HAD BEEN PROMISING PEOPLE ON ROCK HILL ROAD FOR TWENTY YEARS THEIR ROAD WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AND THEY ARE NEXT ON THE PRIORITY LIST UNLESS THE BOARD CHANGES IT. CORBIN ALSO REFERENCED POST OFFICE ROAD IN EBRO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE ROAD WHERE YOU LEAVE NEW HOPE, APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES TO THE BAY COUNTY LINE, STATING THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR FORTY YEARS THEIR ROADS WOULD BE PAVED. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN ON A TWO CENTS GAS TAX TO USE JUST FOR PAVING OF ROADS, AS HE FELT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO HAVE ANY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

LOUISE MICHAELS QUESTIONED WHAT CRITERIA THE BOARD USES TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY FOR ROADS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HIS CRITERIA WOULD BE A TRAFFIC COUNT AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS BEING SERVICED BY THE ROAD. MS. MICHAELS REQUESTED THE BOARD DO A TRAFFIC COUNT IN THEIR COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO INSTRUCT ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DO A TRAFFIC COUNT ON THE EXTENSION OF ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY, POST OFFICE ROAD IN EBRO AND ROCK HILL ROAD.

GLENN MICHAELS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING ALL THEY WERE ASKING WAS FOR THE COUNTY TO QUIT PUSHING OUT DIRT AND DIGGING CANALS DEEPER, ADDING THE ROADS HAVE BEEN LOWERED BY THREE FEET.

RENEE SCHAARSCHMIDT AND ED GLOVER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE VERNON RECREATION COMPLEX. THEY PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE RECREATION BUILDING. THEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD HELD THEIR FIRST FUND RAISER AND RAISED \$2,000.00 TO PUT IN THE BUILDING FUND TO GO TOWARD THE PROJECT. THEY WERE REQUESTING THE BOARD REMOVE THE CONTINGENCY CLAUSE FROM THE GRANT WHICH STATED THE BOARD WOULD LEASE THE LAND TO THE CITY OF VERNON FOR THE RECREATION COMPLEX CONTINGENT UPON THEM GETTING THE GRANT FUNDS, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN ON THE PROJECT, SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO SEE IF IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE GRANT IF THEY BEGAN CONSTRUCTION. GLOVER SAID THEY COULD BEGIN BUILDING THE BALLPARK IF THE BOARD WOULD GIVE THEM A LEASE TO USE THE LAND WITHOUT THE GRANT MONEY. COMMISSIONER CARTER TOLD GLOVER THE BOARD WOULD BE GLAD TO WORK WITH THEM IF THEY DON'T GET THE GRANT MONIES.

MS. SCHAARSCHMIDT ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS SOME TIMBER THAT IS USABLE AND

ASKED COULD THEY SELL THE TIMBER AND USE THE PROCEEDS FOR THE BUILDING FUND OF THE RECREATION COMPLEX. ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY COULD GIVE THE TIMBER AWAY. MR. GLOVER THEN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD MARKET THE TIMBER AND IF THE MONIES NEED TO COME TO THE COUNTY, FINE; HOWEVER, THEY COULD USE THESE FUNDS TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT. ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE FUNDS.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE BOARD REFERENCING A FIRE IN QUAIL HOLLOW. HE ADVISED THE BOARD SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO RESPONDED; ADDING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY REFUSED TO COME. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID IT WAS THE CHIEF'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IF ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED. HE ADVISED PELLETIER THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY HAS A PROGRAM FOR PRESCRIPTION BURNING AND WOULD MANAGE BURNS IN THEIR AREA TO PROTECT EVERYONES BUILDINGS.

ROBERT WILSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY PURCHASE A FIRETRUCK FOR THE QUAIL HOLLOW AREA. HE ALSO QUESTIONED IF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA RAISED THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE, WOULD THE COUNTY BUY IT FOR THEM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED HE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND THEY MAY GIVE THEM A FIRETRUCK.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON THE ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE PETITIONED BY NORTH FLORIDA INVESTORS. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD BE FROM AGRICULTURE/SILVERCULTURE USE TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE. THE PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN WITH RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, BRIEFING THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE. HE STATED THE ORIGINAL SUBMITTAL OF THE CHANGE WAS REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND INCLUDED APPROXIMATELY 120 ACRES. THE STATE'S OBJECTIONS WERE: THE AMENDMENT ALLOWED FOR A LARGE AMOUNT OF LOW DENSITY DEVELOPMENT IN A RELATIVELY UNDEVELOPED AREA; GROWTH IN POPULATION IN THE COUNTY DOES NOT SUPPORT THE NEED FOR INCREASED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. PARKER STATED THE PETITIONER REDUCED THE LAND AREA INVOLVED IN THE LAND USE CHANGE/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO APPROXIMATELY 55 ACRES. THE STATE NOW SAYS IT WILL ONLY BE A SLIGHT CHANGE SINCE THE SIZE HAS BEEN REDUCED. PARKER ADVISED THAT THE STATE ALSO ADDRESSED THE WETLANDS SAYING PORTIONS OF THE LAND AREA DOES NOT APPEAR SUITABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. PARKER STATED THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT GIVEN THE REDUCTION IN LAND AREA AGREED TO BY THE OWNER/DEVELOPER. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. NO ONE IN THE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED THE ISSUE. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITIONED BY NORTH FLORIDA INVESTORS.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN ON THE SHIP PROGRAM, ADDRESSED THE BOARD PERTAINING TO THE NEEDED ACTION ITEMS AND HOUSEKEEPING THINGS NEEDING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF FOR THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM. HE WENT OVER ALL THE THINGS HE WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD TAKE ACTION ON. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED ITEM 22 WHICH STATED MRS. MIDDLETON WOULD BE KEEPING SHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES. CARTER SAID VONCILE ESTES KEEPS THE COM- MITTEE MINUTES.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADDRESSED ITEM 23 WHICH STATED FIRST UNION WOULD BE THE DEPOSITORY FOR SHIP FUNDS. HE QUESTIONED IF THE SAME BANK HAD TO BE USED. WEBB SAID THIS WOULD BE UP TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID ARTICLE 36 WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED TO STATE WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD BE RECIPROCAL WITH JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTIES AS FOR AS REQUIRING THE CONTRACTORS TO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED WEBB THE BOARD NEEDED TIME TO REVIEW AND STUDY THE ITEMS. WEBB SAID THE PLAN HAD TO BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 2, 1994.

TAYLOR ADDRESSED ITEM 36 STATING PROVISIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. HE QUESTIONED THE BOARD GIVING ONE PERSON THE AUTHORITY TO USE A HOLMES COUNTY CONTRACTOR AND SOMEONE ELSE COMING BACK AND SAYING HE WANTS TO USE THE SAME CONTRACTOR BUT CAN'T. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS HELPING SOMEONE TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR SCRATCH- ING SOMEONES BACK. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAD CHECKED WITH JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTIES AND THEIR SHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN ON WHO BIDS ON THEIR HOMES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEM 1 TO OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE SHIP PROGRAM OVERSIGHT ENTITY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$2,376.58

SHIP INTEREST MONIES, AND TRANSFERRING \$4,646.81 REMAINING UNSPENT AND UNENCUMBERED IN THE ELDERLY EDUCATION FUND TO THE PURCHASE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO FUND THE LAST APPLICANTS OF THE SHIP PROGRAM.

WEBB STATED THE BOARD NEEDED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF CONTRACTORS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF FOURTEEN PURCHASE ASSISTANCE GRANTEEES (EXHIBIT B).

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S CLIENT RANKING FOR ELDERLY HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO APPOINT A NINTH COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE TO COME FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER BROCK WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND BECAUSE THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO APPOINT AT THE MOMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE STRATEGIES OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN (EXHIBIT F).

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SHIP (AHIP) COMMITTEE.

WEBB SAID THE CDBG PROGRAM HAD \$75,000.00 LEFT OVER IN COMMISSIONER TAYLOR'S DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO DIVIDE THE MONIES EQUALLY BY FIVE DISTRICTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WAS UNABLE TO USE HIS PART OF THE MONIES, COULD HE SHARE THEM WITH HIM. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MR. MILNER OF MILNER & MAYNE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM, PRESENTED THE BOARD A LETTER REQUESTING THEY ALLOW THEM TO WORK ON A CONTINUING BASIS ON ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO DO A STUDY ON WHAT THE COUNTY COULD DO ON THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING. MILNER SAID IT WOULD BE ON A CALL AS YOU NEED BASIS AND WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE COUNTY FROM HIRING ANOTHER ARCHITECTURAL FIRM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT A CONTINUING CONTRACT WITH MILNER & MAYNE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO DO ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FUTURE COUNTY PROJECTS ON AN HOURLY BASIS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE LEASE WITH PAROLE AND PROBATION WAS GOING TO EXPIRE IN AUGUST AND THEIR NEED FOR SPACE HAS ALMOST DOUBLED. HE TOLD THE BOARD THERE WERE THREE OPTIONS THEY COULD LOOK AT: RENOVATE THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, ENLARGE EXISTING PAROLE AND PROBATION BUILDING AND CONSTRUCT A NEW BUILDING. HAGAN SAID HE FELT THE STATE WOULD COMPENSATE ENOUGH MONEY FOR RENT TO PAY OFF ANY LOAN THE COUNTY MAY HAVE TO OBTAIN TO BUILD A BUILDING. COMMISSIONER CARTER FELT THE BOARD SHOULD EXPLORE THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING FIRST.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE WAS NOT SURE THERE WOULD BE A NEED OF A LOT OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE NEED OF THE PAROLE AND PROBATION OFFICES TO BE LOCATED CLOSE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISING THE BOARD IF THE BOARD CAN'T CONTRACT WITH PROBATION AND PAROLE SOON, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO INTO THE BID PROCESS. HE STATED THE BOARD NEEDED TO GIVE THEM SOME TYPE OF GOOD WILL COMMITMENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1994 ON ASSESSING THE CURRENT NEEDS AND THE FUTURE NEEDS OF PAROLE AND PROBATION AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ASKED MR. MILNER TO GET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO SEE WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO AT THE PRESENT LOCATION AS FAR AS RENOVATION OF THE PRESENT PAROLE AND PROBATION BUILDING OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING NEXT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

GARY THURMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL AND A VARIANCE FROM SIX LOTS TO NINE LOTS ON STEWART LAKE RETREAT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD ALREADY APPROVED OF THIS REQUEST. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND GRANT FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF STEWART

LAKE AND GRANT A VARIANCE ON THE CLUSTERING PROVISION OF THE FINAL PLAT OF STEWART LAKE.

RANDY ELLIS, SPEAKING ON THE PAROLE AND PROBATION OFFICE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND ADVISED THEM THEIR LEASE WAS GOING TO EXPIRE 11-30-94. HE SAID THEIR GROWTH NEEDS AND EXPANSION NEEDS HAVE OUTGROWN THEIR EXISTING SPACE. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET WITH THE BOARD ON THEIR FUTURE NEEDS AND CONTINUE WITH THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED THEY HAD EXPLORED THE ARC CENTER, OPTIONS OF ADDING ON TO THEIR EXISTING SPACE, WHAT A NEW BUILDING WILL BE OR PUTTING IT OUT FOR PRIVATE BID. HE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY BUT THEIR TIME FRAME IS RUNNING OUT. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED ELLIS OF THE WORKSHOP THE BOARD HAD SCHEDULED FOR THE 22ND OF MARCH AT 5:00 P. M. ELLIS SAID THEIR FIRST OPTION WOULD BE A NEW FACILITY RATHER THAN RENOVATING THEIR PRESENT LOCATION.

ATTORNEY HOWELL BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH CHUCK DANIELS, WEST TRACO'S ATTORNEY, TOWARD A CONTRACT AND A SETTLEMENT ON THE GARBAGE ISSUE. HE SAID A LOT OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND MOST OF JACKSON COUNTY'S ORDINANCE WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

CHUCK DANIELS ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND GAVE THE BOARD COPIES OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT. HE STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE A FORMAL PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME BUT JUST WANTED TO LET THE BOARD KNOW CHAIRMAN MORRIS, ATTORNEY HOWELL, HIS CLIENTS, TOMMY AND VICKI CARTER, AND HIMSELF HAD SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE EVERYONE COULD WORK WITH USING THE JACKSON COUNTY ORDINANCE TO TAILOR IT TO FIT WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DANIELS SAID PERFORMANCE STANDARDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO PIECES OF LITIGATION IN EFFECT; WASHINGTON COUNTY VERSUS WEST TRACO AND WEST TRACO VERSUS WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID THIS FORMAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A PROPOSAL FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THOSE LAWSUITS. HE SAID THE SUIT WAS IN TWO COUNTS; ONE WHERE THE COURT HAS ORDERED WASHINGTON COUNTY TO UPFRONT THE MONIES FOR SMALL CLAIMS AND A COUNT REQUESTING DAMAGES. HE STATED THE COUNTY WOULD NOT HAVE THAT EXPOSURE. HE SAID ON THE PORTION OF THE EXISTING LAWSUIT FOR THE COUNTY TO FRONT THE COST, TRACO IS WILLING TO SET A CAP ON THE AMOUNT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PAY AT \$25,000.00.

ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID IT HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO WORK OUT THE CONTRACT WHERE IT WOULDN'T BE MANDATORY. HE ADVISED THAT SECTION 4 OF PAGE 7 STATES THE CONTRACT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR FIVE YEARS FOLLOWED BY A SECOND FIVE YEARS AT AN OPTION TO THE COUNTY WHETHER THEY WANT IT MANDATORY OR NOT.

DANIELS SAID THE PROPOSED CONTRACT WOULD BE MANDATORY AND EXCLUSIVE FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS BUT BE EXCLUSIVE ONLY FOR THE SECOND FIVE YEARS. HE ALSO SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD THE LOWEST GARBAGE RATES OF ANY OTHER COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR REFERENCED AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER THAT ARGUS WAS SELLING OUT TO ANOTHER COMPANY. DANIELS SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ARGUS IS GOING TO BUY ANOTHER COMPANY.

DANIELS SAID THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY KEEPS CHANGING THEIR RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE COUNTY MAY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO MAKE THE ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS OF THE CONTRACT MANDATORY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID THERE WERE TWO IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONCERN; WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS THE LOWEST GARBAGE RATES IN THE AREA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY IS TYING THESE RATES IN FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS EXCEPT FOR THE INCREASES DUE TO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND TIPPING FEES.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR POINTED OUT JACKSON COUNTY MAY HAVE NON-MANDATORY GARBAGE PICKUP BUT JACKSON COUNTY'S CONTRACTOR HAS THEIR OWN DEPOSITORY OF GARBAGE. HE REFERENCED THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY COULD HAVE HAD FREE TIPPING TOO IF THEY HAD A REGIONAL LANDFILL IN THE COUNTY BUT THE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT IT.

DANIELS SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS CHEAPER GARBAGE RATES THAN JACKSON COUNTY. HE SAID JACKSON COUNTY'S HAULER COULD HAUL GARBAGE AT A LESSER PRICE THAN TRACO BECAUSE THEY ARE TIED IN WITH THEIR OWN FACILITY. HE STATED WEST TRACO IS HAULING THEIR GARBAGE TO THE BAY COUNTY INCINERATOR BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER; ADDING THAT SPRINGHILL LANDFILL HAD INCREASED ITS TIPPING FEES TREMENDOUSLY. DANIELS ALSO STATED WASHINGTON COUNTY IS NOT AS POPULATED AS JACKSON COUNTY AS THERE ARE SOME AREAS TRACO HAS TO GO FIVE MILES TO PICK UP SOMEONE'S GARBAGE.

DANIELS SAID THE COMMISSIONERS ARE TO TRY AND KEEP THE COST DOWN FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. HE EMPHASIZED THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETINGS WILL BE UPSET BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY A HIGHER PRICE FOR THEIR GARBAGE IF THE CONTRACT IS MADE NON-MANDATORY.

DANIELS STATED A LOT OF WORK HAD BEEN PUT INTO THE PROPOSED CONTRACT BY CHAIRMAN MORRIS, ATTORNEY HOWELL, WEST TRACO AND HIMSELF. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK AT IT AND COMPARE IT WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY ORDINANCE. HE SAID THERE WERE MORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN THIS CONTRACT THAN IN JACKSON COUNTY'S CONTRACT AND IT WOULD BE ENDING ALL OF THE LITIGATION.

IT WAS QUESTIONED WHO CALLED A SHADE MEETING FOR 1:00 P. M. TODAY. ATTORNEY HOWELL STATED HE HAD CONTACTED CHAIRMAN MORRIS YESTERDAY AND HE CALLED THE SHADE MEETING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN CONTACT THE BOARD MEMBERS AND INFORM THEM OF A SHADE MEETING.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE SHADE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE LAWSUIT OR THE CONTRACT. ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED HIM BOTH WOULD BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE THEY ARE TYING INTO A CONTRACT THAT TIES INTO THE LAWSUIT.

CORSO THEN QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT. ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED CORSO THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING HELD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF DANIELS DRAFTED THE CONTRACT. HE WAS TOLD DANIELS PREPARED THE CONTRACT BUT MOST OF THE LANGUAGE COMES FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY ORDINANCE.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED WHICH ONE OF JACKSON COUNTY'S ORDINANCE DID THEY DRAFT THE CONTRACT BY. HE WAS ADVISED THEY USED ORDINANCE 87-9.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS RECESSED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH UNTIL 1:00 P. M.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 1:00 P. M. AND RECESSED TO A SHADE MEETING ON WEST TRACO LAWSUITS AND THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 2:35 P. M. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON TRANSITIONING ALLISON MCCLOSKEY, 911 DATA BASE MANAGER FROM A PART TIME POSITION TO A FULL TIME POSITION. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD CREATE A DATA SERVICES OFFICE WITH MCCLOSKEY BEING THE MANAGER. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD HAVE TO WAIVE THEIR RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT. HE TOLD THE BOARD WHEN THE 911 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED MCCLOSKEY FOR THE POSITION OF DATA BASE MANAGER, SHE WAS BEST QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION.

KEN TRAWICK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON MCCLOSKEY'S BEHALF. HE STATED HE FELT GOOD ABOUT HER AFTER THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS AND STILL FEELS LIKE SHE DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB. WHEN 911 GOES ON LINE, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A SYSTEM SECOND TO NONE. TRAWICK STATED THERE WOULD BE QUITE A DELAY IN BRINGING SOMEONE UP TO SPEED ON 911 IF THE COUNTY LOSES MCCLOSKEY.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE WAS JUST ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S FEELINGS ON WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD TODAY. HE WOULD GIVE THEM MORE PARTICULARS ON SALARY, ETC. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO WORK WITH MCCLOSKEY ON BECOMING FULL TIME STATUS. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO COME BACK WITH A BUDGET TO MAKE HER POSITION COMPATIBLE, TO SEE WHERE THE MONIES WILL COME FROM TO FUND HER BUDGET, AND FINALIZE THE WORK CRITERIA SHE WILL BE INVOLVED WITH. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE FELT SHE WOULD DESERVE A PAY INCREASE IF SHE IS GOING TO BE A STAFF PERSON.

ATTORNEY HOWELL WENT OVER THE ITEMS IN THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE CONTRACT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE MODIFIED.

1. REQUIRE A 5% FRANCHISE FEE ON THE 2ND FIVE YEAR TERM OF CONTRACT.
2. SECTION 27-"C", RATES & CHARGES, MODIFY THE DATES WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER.
3. SECTION 18-"B", MODIFY TO BE THE SAME AS PRESENT CONTRACT WHICH IS NO LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF GARBAGE PICKUP.
4. SECTION 11-, MODIFY LIMIT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE TO \$1,000,000.00.
5. SECTION 20-SUBSECTION K, MODIFY TO INCLUDE A PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
6. SECTION 1 "E", MODIFY CURBSIDE DEFINITION TO BE 15 FEET OFF PUBLIC ROADWAY.
7. MODIFY CONTRACT TO SAY SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AFTER RELEASE IS GRANTED, GRANTOR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SERVICE IF MAIL SERVICE IS ON ROAD AND IF ROAD IS WIDE ENOUGH TO OPERATE A MAIL SERVICE AND A COMPACT TYPE TRUCK.
8. SECTION 27 "G", MODIFY BY STRIKING WORD INDIGENT AND COUNTY HAS DISCRETION TO USE THIS AND UNTIL THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN

A LIST OF 300 ACCOUNTS, THE COUNTY WOULD GET THE REBATE OF THAT IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS RECEIVING THE BENEFIT.

9. SECTION 30, MODIFY MAKEUP OF MONITORING OR QUALITY SERVICE COMMITTEE TO BE: ONE PERSON FROM GRANTOR, ONE FROM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THIRD PERSON BEING A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY USING THE COUNTY GARBAGE SERVICE. 10. SECTION 31, MODIFY TO REDUCE FROM \$25,000.00 TO \$10,000.00  
THE CAP ON THE AMOUNT GRANTOR IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR COSTS OF LITIGATIONS TO COLLECT UNPAID ACCOUNTS. 11. CONTRACT MODIFIED FOR RENTAL BILLS TO BE SENT TO PROPERTY OWNER OF LAND AS IDENTIFIED BY 911 OR TAX ROLL.

CHUCK DANIELS SAID HE SEES A PROBLEM WITH A COUPLE OF THESE DECISIONS BUT MOST WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. CHAIRMAN MORRIS REQUESTED DANIELS LET THE BOARD KNOW SOMETHING ON THESE ITEMS THEY HAVE REQUESTED BE MODIFIED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO MEET AND VOTE ON THE CONTRACT ON MARCH 24, 1994 AT 6:00 P. M.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD GULF POWER HAD FILED A COMPLAINT CONCERNING GULF COAST ELECTRIC FURNISHING SERVICE TO THE PRISON SITE. HE STATED HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO GULF POWER FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN REQUESTING THEY DROP THE CHARGE AGAINST GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOP. CHAIRMAN MORRIS READ THE LETTER. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE LETTER REQUESTING GULF POWER DROP THEIR COMPLAINT AGAINST GULF COAST ELECTRIC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD DESIGNATED THE RACE TRACK FUNDS FOR PAY BACK OF THE PRISON LOAN. BROCK WAS ADVISED SINCE THE BOARD COULD NOT GIVE THE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A MORTGAGE ON THE PRISON LAND, THEY HAD INSTRUCTED ADMINI-STRATOR HAGAN TO RESEARCH AND NOTIFY THE COOPERATIVE OF THE FUNDING SOURCE THE COUNTY WOULD USE TO PAY BACK THE LOAN.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADDRESSED THE CUSTODIAL CONTRACT WITH ISS. HE SAID THE SUPPLIES THEY WERE TO FURNISH ON THE DIFFERENT BUILDINGS AND THE SUPPLIES THE COUNTY WOULD BE FURNISHING WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD GET THEM A COPY OF THE CONTRACT AFTER THESE ITEMS ARE INCLUDED.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD OF A HEARING ON MARCH 29TH IN PENSACOLA ON SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD ON THE LANDFILL SITUATION. HE SAID THE BONDING COMPANY HAS SUED WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CUMBAA, AND CUMBAA IS SUING BCM AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID IT APPEARED WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO SUE BCM, INC. FOR THEIR DESIGNING PLAN.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED THE BOARD GUS ALFORD HAD BROUGHT SOME PAPERS ON THE OLD WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT WAS SET UP SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO. IN BUYING AND SELLING LAND, THEY HAD \$1300.00 IN AN ACCOUNT THAT IS JUST SITTING THERE.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOWELL TO SPEND TIME TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THE MONIES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED HOWELL TO SEE IF THE MONIES COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL ADVISED OF A FORFEITURE CASE WHEN MILTON PEEL WAS ARRESTED AND THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM WERE DISMISSED. HOWELL SAID PEEL WAS ASKING THE COST ON THE CASE BE RETURNED TO HIM BY THE COUNTY. THE COURT ORDERED THE \$1400.00 COST TO COME FROM THE SHERIFF'S FORFEITURE FUND. THE SHERIFF'S ATTORNEY FILED A MOTION TO APPEAL SAYING THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY. ATTORNEY HOWELL SAID HE HAD FILED A MOTION TO APPEAL.

ATTORNEY HOWELL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE HETHCOX CASE SAYING HE HAD GOTTEN DEPOSITIONS.

ATTORNEY HOWELL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A CIVIL RIGHTS CASE WHERE A PRISONER HAS SUED WASHINGTON COUNTY AND FORMER SHERIFF FRED PEEL FOR NOT PROVIDING HIM WITH A LAW LIBRARY. THE PRISONER SAID HE WAS ALSO PUT IN A TORTURE CHAMBER. HOWELL SAID HE HAD SENT THE INFORMATION TO BLISS-MCKNIGHT, THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE COMPANY, AND THEY SENT A LETTER SAYING THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE COVERAGE.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SHERIFF HASTY'S LETTER SAYING THE COUNTY WOULD BE OUT OF INMATE DETENTION MONEY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED THE CLERK GET THE MONEY FROM THE SHERIFF'S CORRECTIONS BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED OF CURRENT INMATE DETENTION BILLS AND SAID MONIES COULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE INMATE MEDICAL LINE ITEM TO TAKE CARE OF THESE BILLS BUT THIS WAS NOT THE SOLUTION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOWELL TO SPEAK WITH THE JUDGES ABOUT

THESE COSTS TO SEE IF THEY COULD ASSIST THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOWELL STATED HE HAD LOOKED OVER THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND OTHER PAPERS ON THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR ROAD & BRIDGE, ETC., AND HAD NO PROBLEM RECOMMENDING THE BOARD SIGN IT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROBLEMS ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS HAD WITH THEIR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION TO SIGN THE EQUIPMENT LEASE. THEY ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO NOTIFY THE PEOPLE THE BOARD IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND FIND OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR A BREAK.

PURSUANT TO A BREAK, CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. GEORGE ROGERS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT. HE REQUESTED PICKUP TRUCK #19, A 1979 DODGE PICKUP, BE JUNKED AND USED FOR PARTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO JUNK THE 1979 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK AND USE IT FOR PARTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

ROGERS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PURCHASE \$5,964.96 WORTH OF PIPE. COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED WHERE THE PIPE WAS GOING AND TOLD ROGERS TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY WHERE ALL PIPE IS TO GO AND THAT IT ONLY GO TO THAT LOCATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PIPE AS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR QUESTIONED THE PROCEDURE FOR DRIVEWAY PIPE; ASKING IF A PERSON WANTS A DRIVEWAY, THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR THE PIPE BUT IF IT IS A REPLACEMENT PIPE, THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE PIPE. ROGERS SAID THIS WAS CORRECT. TAYLOR WAS QUESTIONING IF ONE PERSON IS PAYING FOR A PIPE AND ANOTHER PERSON IS NOT MADE TO PAY. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IF THE COUNTY PUTS IN AN ORIGINAL PIPE, THE PERSON HAS TO PAY FOR THE PIPE.

ROGERS RECOMMENDED HIRING SOMEONE TO REPLACE STACY BROWN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ROGERS AND ADVERTISE FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR STACY BROWN. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED ROGERS REPLACE BROWN WITH AN EXPERIENCED, QUALIFIED GRADER OPERATOR.

ROGERS PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SPECIFICATIONS ON A MACK TRUCK FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. HE ASKED THEM TO CONSIDER THIS AT BUDGET TIME.

ROGERS DISCUSSED TELEPHONE CABLE PROBLEMS HE IS HAVING. HE SAID SOUTHERN BELL BIDS THEIR LOCATES OUT. THE CONTRACTOR CALLS AND TELLS ROAD AND BRIDGE WHAT TIME THEY WILL BE AT A CERTAIN LOCATION; THEY DON'T SHOW UP AND THEN THEY RE-SCHEDULE THE CABLE LOCATE. ROGERS SAID THIS WAS WASTING TIME THEY NEEDED TO BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WAS ASKED TO HAVE HARRY FLEENER OF SOUTHERN BELL AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER CARTER BROUGHT UP THE \$25.00 FEE FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT. HE SAID THIS MAY COVER THE EXPENSE OF A PERSON IDENTIFYING WHERE IT SHOULD BE LOCATED AND THE SIZE OF PIPE NEEDED BUT THEN THE COUNTY HAS TO GO BACK AND PUT A COVER ON THE PIPE. HE STATED THE COUNTY IS WORKING TWO DAYS A WEEK PUTTING IN PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS AND THIS ISSUE NEEDS ADDRESSING AS FAR AS COST. DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON ROAD & BRIDGE HAVING TO PUT A COVER ON PIPES THE STATE INSPECTS. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CHECK WHAT THE STATE AND COUNTY POLICY IS ON DRIVEWAYS IN JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED ROGERS IF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHECKED THE FLEET OF ROAD AND BRIDGE VEHICLES, HOW MANY WOULD THEY PULL OVER FOR TIRES OR MECHANICAL REASONS. CARTER THEN ASKED IF THE JOHN DEERE SPREAD GRADER WAS GOING TO LAST ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO. ROGERS SAID THE MECHANIC AT ROAD AND BRIDGE SAID IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY \$2800.00 TO FIX IT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ROGERS TO HAVE THE JOHN DEERE GRADER REPAIRED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ROGERS IF HE HAD A MECHANIC THAT WAS WORKING ON FRIDAYS. ROGERS ADVISED HIM HE DID NOT. ROGERS SAID THEY GET SLACK ON WEEKDAYS IF THEY WORK ON FRIDAYS. HE SAID THE MECHANICS CAN WORK ON FRIDAY AND ADJUST THE BRAKES ON THE EQUIPMENT AND THE EQUIPMENT IS BROUGHT BACK IN ON WEDNESDAY TO HAVE THEIR BRAKES REPAIRED AGAIN. CORBIN TOLD ROGERS HE SHOULD EXERCISE HIS LEADERSHIP AND AUTHORITY AND HAVE ONE OF THE MECHANICS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WORK ON FRIDAY.

BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD MR. FLOYD HARDEN HAS GOT A TWO TO TWO AND ONE-HALF ACRE BARROW PIT HE WILL SELL TO THE COUNTY FOR \$2,000.00 PER ACRE AND IT IS AN EXISTING PIT. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED ROGERS TO GET WITH BROCK AND CHECK THE PIT OUT, HAVE IT TESTED AND BORED. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CHECK AND SEE IF

THIS LAND IS DESIGNATED AS A BARROW PIT.

MR. LEON SEXTON, FILLING IN AS CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROBLEM. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE NOT GETTING THE QUALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS THEY WERE EXPECTING TO OUT OF THE EQUIPMENT. HE STATED THE TRUCKS WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY TRANSMITTING TO EACH OTHER. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH MR. CHIP BILTA OF FIRST COMMUNICATIONS AND WAS TOLD IF THE DIAMETER OF THE CABLE WAS CHANGED TO 7/8" AND THE ANTENNAS ON THE VEHICLES WERE REPLACED, IT WOULD UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERABLY. SEXTON SAID THE RADIOS WE HAVE ARE LOW FREQUENCY AND WILL REACH 23 1/2 MILES; HOWEVER, TO UPGRADE, IT WOULD GO UP A LITTLE OVER A 35 MILE RADIUS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TOTALLING \$629,751.25.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CONTINUE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GREG STEWART OF NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. HAGAN SAID STEWART HAD FILED A RESPONSE TO DWAYNE JOHNSON'S APPEAL ON THE BOARD'S DECISION TO ALLOW AN ASPHALT PLANT PETITIONED BY ANDERSON COLUMBIA. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ANDERSON WAS THE ONE WANTING THE BARROW PIT, STATING IF THE COUNTY HAS TO HELP INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS THEY SHOULD PAY. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM THE LAW FIRM STATING THEIR RATES. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE LAW FIRM OF NABORS, GIBLIN AND NICKERSON TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY THROUGH THE FIRST APPEAL ON THE DWAYNE JOHNSON CASE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1994 AT 5:00 P.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

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