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BOARD MINUTES FOR 05/23/94

MAY 23, 1994

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE MAY 19, 1994 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 6:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS MORRIS, CORBIN, TAYLOR, CARTER AND BROCK PRESENT. CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER AND ADMINISTRATOR ROGER HAGAN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE HAD CONTACTED CHIPOLA FORD ON THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND WAS TOLD THEY COULDN'T HONOR THEIR BID BECAUSE THEY CAN'T ORDER THE VEHICLE. HAGAN SAID HOPKINS COULD STILL HONOR THEIR BID ON THE GMC VEHICLE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO RESCIND THEIR ACTION TO AWARD THE BID TO CHIPOLA FORD AND AWARD THE BID TO HOPKINS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF SERVICE OF PROCESS ON CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR JULY 1, 1994 THRU JUNE 30, 1995. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN THE HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT LLOYD BRUNER HAD TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IN TWO WEEKS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT LLOYD BRUNER'S RESIGNATION AND AUTHORIZE THIS POSITION TO BE ADVERTISED. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED TO BE RUSS SIT IN ON THE INTERVIEWING FOR THIS POSITION.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND RECOGNIZED THE JAIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. THEY WERE JOHN FOSTER, OBIE MORRELL, KENNETH HOOD AND NAOMI MELVIN. HASTY STATED TIM YAW, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INSPECTOR FOR THE JAIL, AND GARY GAZZILLO FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE, WERE ALSO PRESENT. HASTY STATED THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE FIRE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL DATED MAY 3, 1994.

SHERIFF HASTY EXPLAINED HOW LEON SEXTON, CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, DID A FIRE INSPECTION OF THE JAIL; IT BECAME EVIDENT SEXTON WAS NOT CERTIFIED TO DO THE INSPECTION; SHERIFF HASTY CONTACTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIM, THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE WAS CONTACTED. SHERIFF HASTY SAID HE WANTED TO SEEK THE BOARD'S GUIDANCE AND WORK WITH THEM IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS AT THE JAIL AND CORRECTING THE VIOLATIONS. HASTY SAID A NUMBER OF THE VIOLATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CORRECTED AND LT. BARNES HAS RESPONDED TO THESE VIOLATIONS. HASTY SAID THAT BASICALLY HIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE ALL THEY CAN DO AT THIS TIME.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS QUESTIONED WHY SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS IN THE REPORT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS AND WHY OVERNIGHT THEY SEEM SO IMPORTANT. SHERIFF HASTY EXPLAINED THESE VIOLATIONS WERE NOT AN OVERNIGHT THING THAT CAME ABOUT AND THAT INFORMATION ON SOME OF THESE VIOLATIONS HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS. HASTY SAID AS FAR AS A NEW JAIL, HE WAS NOT PUSHING FOR THAT. HE WAS JUST INTERESTED IN GETTING A FACILITY THAT CAN BE OPERATED WITHOUT A LOT OF LIABILITY. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID IF THAT WAS TRUE AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL WOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD, HE DIDN'T SEE WHY THESE ISSUES COULD NOT BE RESOLVED.

SHERIFF HASTY ADVISED THE BOARD OF THE VIOLATIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. THEY WERE VIOLATIONS 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 13. HE THEN INVITED MR. GAZZILLO TO GO OVER EACH OF THE VIOLATIONS STATED IN THE REPORT WITH THE BOARD. GAZZILLO TOLD THE BOARD ON ALL OF THE MAJOR VIOLATIONS LISTED, THEY WOULD NEED TO SUBMIT A REPORT IN WRITING WITHIN SIXTY DAYS STATING THEIR PLAN OF CORRECTIVE ACTION. VIOLATION 1, REFERENCING DUE TO THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAIL IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY A SPRINKLER SYSTEM, WAS ADDRESSED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS QUESTIONED WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN THIS HAS TO BE CORRECTED: WHY IT HAS NOT BEEN REQUIRED IN THE PAST. GAZZILLO STATED IT WAS A VIOLATION OF THE CODES, AS THERE IS NO SMOKE OR FIRE PROTECTION.

VIOLATION 6, REFERENCING THE FIRE ESCAPE FOR THE SECOND FLOOR WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE, WAS ADDRESSED. THE PIPE CHASE EXHAUST FAN OPENS TO THE CENTER OF THE ESCAPE AND THE WEST FIRE ESCAPE DOOR INTERFERES WITH THE EGRESS. COMMISSIONER

CORBIN SAID WHEN THIS WAS BUILT, IT WAS DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. GAZZILLO SAID THERE WERE THINGS THAT WERE VIOLATIONS THAT EXISTED TEN YEARS AGO; ADDING THAT THE LOCAL FIRE INSPECTOR ANSWERS TO THE BOARD. IF THERE IS A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE LOCAL FIRE INSPECTOR, THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL IS CALLED IN. GAZZILLO SAID SINCE THE COUNTY HAD NO CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTOR ON HAND, THEY REQUESTED THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S SERVICE AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE INVOLVED NOW.

VIOLATION 14, REFERENCING THE INTERIOR STAIRS TO THE SECOND FLOOR CELL BLOCK; STAIRS TO EVIDENCE ROOM, STORAGE AND CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS OFFICE NOT BEING PROTECTED IN CASE OF FIRE, WAS ADDRESSED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ASKED GAZZILLO WHAT COULD BE DONE TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM. GAZZILLO SUGGESTED GETTING AN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER. JOHN MILNER, ARCHITECT FOR SOME OF THE COUNTY PROJECTS, WAS PRESENT AND SAID THE STAIRS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED VIOLATION 12 WHERE THE WATER WAS LEAKING INTO THE FLORESCENT LIGHTING FIXTURES CAUSING ELECTRICAL TROUBLE. HE SAID THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST LIFE THREATENING VIOLATIONS. TOBE RUSS, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, SUGGESTED SEALING THE FLOOR WITH A PLUMBING CHASSIS.

VIOLATION 15, REFERENCING THE INTERIOR STAIRWAYS DO NOT MEET THE CODE REQUIREMENTS, WAS ADDRESSED. THE STEPS ARE TOO SHORT AND NARROW.

VIOLATION 17, REFERENCING THE LAUNDRY ROOM NOT BEING PROPERLY PROTECTED WAS ADDRESSED. THERE WAS NO FIRE ALARM IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM.

VIOLATION 18, REFERENCING THE AREA OF REFUGE, WAS ADDRESSED. THE FENCED AREA AROUND THE JAIL IS SUPPOSE TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE JAIL BY AT LEAST FIFTY (50) FEET. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE FENCED IN AREA WAS ALSO DONE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SUPERVISION AND APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHALL. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE LOCAL FIRE PEOPLE WHEN THE FENCE WAS INSTALLED SO IT HAD TO BE APPROVED BY SOMEONE. GAZZILLO SAID THERE ARE NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS. HE SAID IF THE OCCUPANCY OF THE BUILDING CHANGES SO DO THE REQUIREMENTS.

VIOLATION 21, REFERENCING THE COOKING AREA BEING INADEQUATELY COVERED, WAS ADDRESSED. GAZZILLO SAID THERE CAN'T BE ANY DEEP FAT FRYING. GAZZILLO SAID THERE WAS NO SIX YEAR INSPECTION TAG BUT UNDER AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF AND MR. HARRIS, HE AGREED TO TAG THE SYSTEM UNTIL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO REPLACE THE SYSTEM.

VIOLATION 22, REFERENCING THE IMPROPER WALL COVERING IN THE BOOKING ROOM, WAS ADDRESSED. ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM WAS FOR SHEETROCK TO BE INSTALLED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN TOLD GAZZILLO THE BOARD'S BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WOULD BE IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 1994 AND IT MAY BE THEN BEFORE ANY MAJOR VIOLATIONS COULD BE CORRECTED. GAZZILLO SAID THE BOARD HAD UNTIL JULY 5, 1994 TO RESPOND TO THESE VIOLATIONS WITH A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. GAZZILLO SAID IF IT WAS GOING TO TAKE BUDGET TO TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT THESE VIOLATIONS, ANY REASONABLE TIME FRAME WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY HIS OFFICE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS REQUESTED TOBE RUSS GET WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER AND COME UP WITH A PLAN OF CORRECTIVE ACTION, GET THE COST INVOLVED AND GET THIS INFORMATION BACK TO GAZZILLO. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID THIS INFORMATION WAS ALSO NEEDED FOR BUDGET PURPOSES.

JOHN FOSTER SUGGESTED LT. BARNES WORK WITH MR. RUSS AND COMMISSIONER CARTER ON THE COMMITTEE AS HE IS THE PERSON WHO OPERATES THE JAIL. BARNES AGREED TO WORK WITH THEM.

TIM YAW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD. HE SAID ROGER MCDANIEL, SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER, WOULD BE COMING TO CERTIFY THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT AND ANY LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS. YAW AGREED TO CHECK ON THE EXHAUST FAN AND THE FIRE ESCAPE STAIRWELL. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY MAY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DOES THEIR INSPECTION BEFORE DECIDING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

YAW STATED THAT OVERCROWDING IN THE JAIL WAS ALSO A PROBLEM. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE JAIL WAS HOUSING ITS MAXIMUM OF 26 INMATES AT THE PRESENT TIME. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW MANY OF THESE HAD BEEN SENTENCED. CORBIN SAID THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN SENTENCED ARE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS'S PROBLEM.

YAW SAID THE AGE OF PLUMBING IS BEING HANDLED BUT IT IS A CONSTANT PROBLEM. HE STATED THAT PLUMBING, OVERCROWDING AND CONSTRUCTIVE VIOLATIONS WERE THEIR CONCERNS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE THAT IS REFERENCED IN

FLORIDA STATUTE 951.26 AND IS SUPPOSE TO BE CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THIS COMMITTEE EXISTS BUT HAS NOT MET FOR AWHILE. THE COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSE TO PLAN FIVE YEARS AHEAD FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION NEEDS FOR CORRECTIONAL AND DETENTION FACILITIES.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID THE BOARD WAS WAITING FOR A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE JAIL COMMITTEE AND ALSO FUNDING IS A PROBLEM.

SHERIFF HASTY ASKED WHAT DIRECTION THE BOARD WANTED HIM TO GO. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THAT YAW HAD SUGGESTED THE BOARD WAIT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DOES THEIR REPORT TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE MINOR THINGS NOW AND CORRECT THE LIABILITY ITEMS IMMEDIATELY.

KENNETH HOOD, CHAIRMAN OF THE JAIL COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD HE GAVE AN ESTIMATED COST ON TAKING CARE OF SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS REFERENCED IN THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT. IT WAS ESTIMATED THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM WOULD COST ROUGHLY \$90,000 TO \$160,000, THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$280,000.00, THE EVACUATION SYSTEM WOULD COST \$200,000.00 AND THE SEPARATION OF COMMUNICATED FLOORS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.00. HOOD SAID ONCE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE EXISTING BUILDING, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO COME UP AND MEET THE NEW CODES AND THEY MAY HAVE MORE STRINGENT MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THEM. HOOD REQUESTED THE BOARD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW THE JAIL COMMITTEE TO RESPOND TO THE FIRE MARSHALLS FINDINGS. HOOD REFERENCED ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MR. JUNIOR WORTHINGTON, BEING IN BAD HEALTH AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM. HE ALSO REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL PERSON BE APPOINTED BESIDES THE REPLACEMENT.

HOOD SAID AS FAR AS FEDERAL GRANTS TO BUILD A PRISON, THEY ARE VERY LIMITED. HE SAID THE STATE MAY HAVE SOME GRANTS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

MR. BILL LEE QUESTIONED IF THE REQUIREMENTS WERE STRICTER FOR JAILS THAN STATE PRISONS. YAW STATED THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS CIVIL RIGHTS.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR REFERENCED THE FACT THAT UNLESS A JUVENILE IS ADJUDICATED AS AN ADULT, THEY CAN'T STAY IN THE SAME FACILITY WITH OTHER INMATES.

MR. BURLY HILL SUGGESTED THE BOARD HOUSE THE PRISONERS IN JACKSON COUNTY ON A PER DIEM BASIS UNTIL SUCH TIME MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO BUILD A NEW FACILITY. LT. BARNES STATED IT WOULD COST \$324,000.00 TO HOUSE NO MORE THAN THIRTY INMATES PER YEAR. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS LOSE THEIR JOBS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE COUNTY SHOULD BUILD A NEW JAIL OR NOT BE PUT ON THE VOTER BALLOT IN THE NEXT ELECTION.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID IT NEEDED TO BE DECIDED FIRST IF A NEW JAIL IS NEEDED OR IF THE INMATES SHOULD BE SENT TO JACKSON COUNTY.

NAOMI MELVIN, JAIL COMMITTEE MEMBER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING ALL THE RESEARCH SHOWS THE COUNTY NEEDS A NEW JAIL. SHE SAID IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AS A MONEY MAKING PROJECT. SHE SAID SERVICE COULD BE GOTTEN IN EXCHANGE FOR LABOR REFERENCING THE LAUNDRY AND COOKING. SHE SAID IT SHOULD BE A SELF-FUNDING, SELF-SERVING FACILITY.

JOHN MILNER, SR. HAD THE NEW CONTRACT ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE WANTED TO REVIEW THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF ANYONE HAD HEARD ANYTHING ON THE TRACO SITUATION. CHAIRMAN MORRIS REPLIED NOT YET.

SHERIFF HASTY SAID KENNETH HOOD HAD REQUESTED AN ALTERNATE MEMBER BE APPOINTED TO THE JAIL COMMITTEE. HE SUGGESTED MR. BILL LEE. MR. LEE DECLINED THE APPOINTMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD WOULD COME UP WITH A REPLACEMENT FOR MR. JUNIOR WORTHINGTON AND AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE JAIL COMMITTEE AND APPOINT THEM AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. THE JAIL COMMITTEE WAS REQUESTED TO COME UP WITH A SCHEDULE ON WHEN THEY MEET.

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

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CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 05/23/94