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BOARD MINUTES FOR 11/10/94

NOVEMBER 10, 1994

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

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO MEET WITH HOLMES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS A JOINT VENTURE ON A JAIL.

PRIOR TO GETTING INTO THE WORKSHOP WITH HOLMES COUNTY, COMMISSIONER CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS HE, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND ALLAN CLARK HAD REVIEWED. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE ONLY QUOTE THAT WAS FEASIBLE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS FROM AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE. GERALD STANFORD OF AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIS PROPOSAL. WHEN ASKED WHAT THE COMPANY'S RATING WAS, STANFORD SAID IT WAS A "B" RATED COMPANY. AS COMMISSIONER CARTER AND THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO REVIEWED THE PROPOSALS WERE TOLD IT WAS AN "A" RATED COMPANY AND AS THE SPECS CALLED FOR AN "A" OR BETTER RATED, CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED STANFORD HIS COMPANY DID NOT MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED; THEREFORE, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO REGROUP AND GO AGAIN.

THE WORKSHOP ON THE JOINT VENTURE WITH HOLMES COUNTY ON A JAIL BEGAN. KENNETH HOOD, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE, RECOMMENDED HOLMES COUNTY ESTABLISH A JAIL COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY JOINTLY TO COME UP WITH SOME METHOD ON HOW TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY THAT IS NECESSARY. HOOD SUGGESTED THE FACILITY BE MANAGED BY A BOARD WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM EACH COUNTY, THE SHERIFF OF EACH COUNTY, AN INDEPENDENT PERSON FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND A PERSON FROM THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. HOOD SAID IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A RESOLUTION WITH THE TWO COUNTIES BEING IN AGREEMENT TO WORKING TOGETHER ON A JOINT JAIL VENTURE AND COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO ANOTHER JOINT MEETING WITH THE COUNTIES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HIS CONCERNS OF MOVING FORWARD ON THE JOINT JAIL VENTURE PRIOR TO KNOWING FEDERAL FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. HOOD ADVISED BROCK THE BOARD HAD TO DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO KNOW THE COSTS OF THE FACILITY AND THEN PROGRESS WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO SEE WHAT LEVEL THEY CAN ASSIST THE COUNTIES WITH AS FAR AS DESIGNING OF THE FACILITY AND FUNDING. HOOD SAID THERE WAS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF GRANT MONIES BEING AVAILABLE IF IT IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN TWO COUNTIES.

SHERIFF BRAXTON, SHERIFF OF HOLMES COUNTY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS IN AGREEMENT OF COMBINING BOTH COUNTIES AND WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH SHERIFF HASTY AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE JOINT JAIL VENTURE.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE AND SHERIFF BRAXTON SHARE SOME OF THE SAME PROBLEMS AS FAR AS CONCERNS WITH THEIR PRESENT JAILS. HASTY ADVISED OF A NEW CRIME BILL THAT WOULD ASSIST WITH FUNDING OF A JAIL. HASTY TOLD THE BOARD HE AND SHERIFF BRAXTON COULD GET TOGETHER ON THE OPERATIONS OF HOW THE JOINT FACILITY WOULD BE RUN IF THE BOARDS COULD AGREE TO PROCEED WITH THE PLANNING PROCESS TODAY.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED HE WAS DEFINITELY FOR PURSUING THE JOINT JAIL VENTURE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO PROCEED WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION WITH HOLMES COUNTY ON A JOINT JAIL VENTURE. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE ACTION THE BOARD TOOK WAS STRICTLY TO PROCEED WITH A STUDY AND GETTING EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS REQUESTED WHEN HOLMES COUNTY ESTABLISHES THEIR COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE AND DETERMINE THE CRITERIA THE BOARD NEEDS TO PURSUE AND HOLD ANOTHER MEETING ON THE ISSUE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEIR PERMISSION TO USE THE EMS BUILDING AT VERNON FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE, BOTH MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONICAL, AS HE HAS AN EMPLOYEE THAT IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE MAINTENANCE

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OF THE VEHICLES AND THIS SHOULD CUT HIS MAINTENANCE COSTS CONSIDERABLY. HASTY AGREED TO COMPLY WITH DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN A PROPER MANNER, ASSURED THE BOARD NO WORK WOULD BE DONE ON PRIVATE VEHICLES, THE AREA WOULD BE KEPT CLEAN, AND HE WOULD PROVIDE INSURANCE ON THE EMPLOYEE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN QUESTIONED CHECKING WITH THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY OF USING THE EMS BUILDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE VEHICLES. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO USE THE EMS BUILDING FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ON THE CONDITION IT MEETS ALL CRITERIA MENTIONED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EMPLOYEE WORKING AT THE ROAD & BRIDGE SHOP AND POSSIBLY ADDING ANOTHER WING ON THE SHOP. THE MOTION TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO USE THE EMS BUILDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF HIS VEHICLES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHERIFF HASTY THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON PART OF HIS BUDGET BEING USED TO ASSIST DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, IN PATROLLING THE TYPE II LEASE PROPERTY TO KEEP IT A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. SHERIFF HASTY SAID THERE HAD BEEN TWO VEHICLES STOLEN FROM THE LANDINGS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO GET TOGETHER WITH DAVID AND REVIEW HIS BUDGET TO SEE IF THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PATROLLING. THE BOARD AGREED THIS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT FURTHER AND TOOK NO ACTION ON THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO TAKE THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING CASINO GAMBLING OFF THE TABLE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO TRASHCAN THE RESOLUTION AS THIS ISSUE IS A THING OF THE PAST AND ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOANS. CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY ACCEPTED THE LOW BID ON THE PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING FOR \$289,000.00, TO MAKE THE LOAN PAYMENT THE \$10.50 PER SQUARE FOOT WOULD FALL SHORT. MORRIS HAD TALKED WITH PROBATION AND PAROLE AND THEY AGREED TO PAY \$11.73 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR RENT AND THIS WOULD MORE THAN COVER THE LOAN PAYMENTS.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ALSO SPOKE WITH RON KENT ON THE 250 DAY TIME FRAME HE QUOTED TO COMPLETE THE PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING AND KENT HAD NO PROBLEM WITH MAKING AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE TIME FRAME. ALSO, KENT DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES BEING MADE PART OF THE CONTRACT. THE BOARD AGREED TO BRING THIS BACK UP AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRING THE NEW PAYMENTS PROBATION AND PAROLE WILL PAY PER MONTH AND INFORMATION ON WHAT THE LOAN AMOUNT IS AND WHAT THE LOAN PAYMENTS ARE TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, MARIE MITCHELL, WAS GOING WITH HIM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER TO SEE IF THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO STORE THE VOTING MACHINES.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED COMMISSIONER CORBIN WAS NOT PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE VANS LEASED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS ADDRESSED THE LEASE PURCHASE PRICES ON MACK TRUCKS AND STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO LEASE FOUR AND SELL TWO OF THE TRUCKS THE COUNTY PRESENTLY OWN. THE BOARD AGREED FOR CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO PRESENT FACTS AND FIGURES ON LEASE PURCHASING OF FOUR MACK TRUCKS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN REPORTED HE WAS STILL WORKING ON GETTING A FLASHING SIGN NORTH OF CARYVILLE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS RECEIVED ON THE TWO NEW ROAD & BRIDGE VEHICLES. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE PICKUP TRUCKS FROM HOPKINS-PONTIAC FOR \$18,151.67. CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS ONLY \$13,000.00 BUDGETED FOR MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT IN THE ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER CARTER WITHDREW HIS SECOND. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND CLERK MILLER ARE TO RESEARCH THE BUDGET TO SEE IF MONIES ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR THE TRUCK.

THE INDIGENT CRITERIA ON GARBAGE SERVICE WAS DISCUSSED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO PROVIDE EACH BOARD MEMBER WITH THE STATE GUIDELINES FOR INDIGENCY AND EACH COMMISSIONER BRING BACK THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE NOVEMBER 22ND MEETING ON WHAT THE INDIGENT CRITERIA SHOULD BE ON GARBAGE SERVICE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TOLD THE BOARD PART OF THEIR ACTIONS IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN TO BEGIN A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT IN THE EVENT YOU HAVE NON-PAYMENT FOR SOLID WASTE. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO ADVERTISE A NOTICE OF INTENT AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION BEFORE

DECEMBER 31, 1994. THE ATTORNEY HAD SENT THE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AS WELL AS THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE ADOPTED AT THE DECEMBER 15, 1994 MEETING. HOWEVER, THE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT WOULD NEED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 14, 1994. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SOLID WASTE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN MORRIS TO SIGN A MONTH TO MONTH LEASE WITH PROBATION AND PAROLE UNTIL A NEW BUILDING IS COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD ALREADY AGREED TO PAY MILNER, MOORE & MAYNE AT A RATE OF 6% ON \$253,042.00 FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ON THE PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING. SINCE THE BIDS WERE RECEIVED ON A NEW PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING, THEY HAVE BILLED AT 6% OF THE BID PRICE OF \$289,976.00. THE BOARD AGREED TO TABLE ACTION ON THIS UNTIL THE BOARD MAKES A DECISION IF THEY ARE GOING TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OR NOT.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD THE WORKERS COMPENSATION BILLING WAS \$42,530.00, WHICH WAS \$28,920.00 LESS THAN THE AMOUNT BUDGETED. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DUE TO THE YEAR END AUDIT OF THE OLD COMPANY AND ALSO DUE TO THE NEW COMPANY DOING A QUARTERLY AUDIT.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD MILNER, MOORE & MAYNE HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED BILLS FOR JAIL INSPECTION WORK THEY HAVE DONE TOTALLING \$2,626.00 AND ASKED THE BOARD IF THERE WAS A LIMITED AMOUNT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO SPEND. MILLER TOLD THE BOARD MILNER, MOORE AND MAYNE WAS CHARGING THEIR NORMAL FEE OF \$65.00 PER HOUR. THE BOARD ADVISED CLERK MILLER THE ARCHITECTS ARE TO GET PAID ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS WHEN THEY ARE CALLED. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE BILLS FOR \$2,626.00 TO MILNER, MOORE & MAYNE.

CLERK MILLER ASKED THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO PAY A PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED BY KATHY MARSH FOR \$9,642.51 FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WHICH IS MORE THAN SHE IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND. MILLER SAID A LASER PRINTER ON THE PURCHASE ORDER WAS FOR HER OFFICE BUT STILL THE PURCHASE ORDER WAS MORE THAN WHAT MS. MARSH IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE HAD COUNTERSIGNED THE PURCHASE ORDER BUT IT WAS OVER THE AMOUNT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND, TOO. HAGAN SAID THE BOARD HAD TOLD HIM AND MARSH TO DO WHATEVER WAS NECESSARY TO DO TO GET THINGS SET UP.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED HAGAN IF MS. HODGES WAS WORKING UNDER CONTRACT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS STILL NOT A CONTRACT WITH MS. HODGES BUT SHE HAS PROMISED TO GET THE BOARD ONE. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID TO GIVE MS. HODGES A DEADLINE TO PROVIDE A CONTRACT OR CUT HER SERVICES OFF. COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED THE BOARD LET MS. HODGES COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DEFEND HERSELF. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH CHAIRMAN MORRIS APPOINTING COMMISSIONER CARTER TO WORK WITH MS. HODGES ON GETTING A SIGNED CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER SERVICES AND FIND OUT WHY THE TAX BILLS WENT OUT LATE.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD SHE NEEDED AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY IF NECESSARY UNTIL THE TAX MONIES COME IN. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLERK MILLER TO BORROW UP TO \$300,000.00 UNTIL TAX MONIES COME IN.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE ORDER SIGNED BY KATHY MARSH FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TOTALLING \$9,642.51.

CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD A BILL WAS RECEIVED FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA WHICH WAS MORE THAN THE CONTRACT PRICE. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE OVERAGE AND HIS INTENTIONS WAS TO TABLE THE OVERAGE UNTIL COMMISSIONER CORBIN COULD BE PRESENT BUT ADVISED THE CLERK TO GO AHEAD AND PAY ON THE CONTRACT BASIS OF \$249,000.00.

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

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ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 11/10/94

CHAIRMAN