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BOARD MINUTES FOR 94/09/27

1994 SEPTEMBER 27

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, BROCK, MORRIS, CORBIN AND CARTER PRESENT. CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER AND ADMINISTRATOR ROGER HAGAN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER STATING THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DECISION OF THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE BOARD AND THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995. THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1994. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPLAINED THE CHANGES MADE TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET ADDING THE BOTTOM LINE TOTAL REMAINED THE SAME BUT SOME CHANGES WERE MADE DUE TO ACTUAL SALARY FIGURES FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BEING DIFFERENT THAN THE ESTIMATED SALARIES. THE CHANGES MADE WERE REDUCED FROM THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS STATED THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS 7.24% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995 AT TEN MILLS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CARRIED, ON A ROLL-CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE AT TEN MILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995 TOTALLING \$12,489,466.00. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED LT. BARNES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ABOUT A PRIOR CONSENT ORDER TO HAVE SIXTEEN CORRECTION OFFICERS TO RUN THE JAIL. CORBIN WAS CONCERNED THE COUNTY WAS UNDER A CONSENT ORDER TO HAVE SIXTEEN CORRECTION OFFICERS AND ONLY HAVE EIGHT. LT. BARNES TOLD CORBIN HE FELT THE JAIL WAS BEING OPERATED ADEQUATELY CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF CORRECTIONS OFFICERS THERE WERE. BARNES SAID 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS WERE USED AS LONG AS THEY WERE HOUSED AT THE JAIL BUT SINCE THEY MOVED OUT OF THE JAIL, THEY CAN NO LONGER BE USED. CHAIRMAN MORRIS SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT GETTING THE CONSENT ORDER LIFTED. LT. BARNES SAID EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING PROPERLY AT THE JAIL.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR QUESTIONED BARNES IF IT WOULD BE COST EFFECTIVE TO HOUSE ALL PRISONERS OUT OF THE COUNTY. BARNES STATED THIS WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED OF THE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS. BARNES SAID TO MEET THE LETTER OF THE LAW THERE WOULD NEED TO BE FIVE ADDITIONAL PERSONS HIRED. COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED THE COST OF HIRING FIVE MORE PERSONS WITH BARNES RESPONDING IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.00.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE A BIG PUSH FOR A NEW JAIL. MORRIS ASKED BARNES TO PROVIDE A LIST OF THINGS THAT ARE DONE FOR THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS THE COST, SHOULD THE COUNTY CHOOSE TO DISCONTINUE JAIL SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED BARNES ON HOW MANY PERSONS ARRESTED BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ARE HOUSED AT THE JAIL. BARNES RESPONDED APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF INMATES AT THE JAIL ARE CREATED BY THE CITY. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE BOARD MAY HAVE TO ADDRESS THE EXPENSE THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE PUTTING ON THE COUNTY FOR HOUSING THEIR INMATES WHEN WORKING ON BUDGET RESTRAINTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO CHECK THE STATUTES TO SEE IF THE COUNTY HAS TO FURNISH DISPATCHING AND INCARCERATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OR IS IT A COURTESY.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS QUESTIONED BARNES ON HOW THE SHERIFF COULD AFFORD TO PURCHASE A NEW VAN WITH BARNES RESPONDING THE VAN WAS PAID FOR OUT OF CONTINGENCY MONIES. THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995 WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL-CALL VOTE.

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

CLERK
ATTEST: _____

CHAIRMAN

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DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 94/09/27