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BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/27/95

APRIL 27, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE APRIL 20, 1995 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 10:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, MORRIS, DAVIS, CORBIN AND CARTER PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER STATING THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENTERPRISE ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN. OLE ELLIS CONDUCTED THE PUBLIC HEARING. ELLIS STATED A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE HELD AT 5:00 P. M. WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. THE ONLY OTHER TWO STEPS REMAINING WOULD BE FOR LARRY HAYES, WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO DO A FINAL REVIEW AND BLESS IT AS FAR AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ELLIS WOULD DO THE SAME WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. ELLIS SAID THE FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD THEN BE ASSEMBLED AND HE WOULD PRESENT IT FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE AND THE MAYOR OF CHIPLEY'S SIGNATURE.

ELLIS INTRODUCED THE MEMBERS OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE WHO WERE PRESENT. ELLIS INDICATED IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO GO OVER EACH PAGE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, UNLESS THE BOARD SO DESIRED, BECAUSE THEY HAD A COPY OF THE PLAN TO REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT THE PROBLEMS ADDRESSED IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN WERE PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND NOT JUST THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

ELLIS SAID SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN WILL HAVE A SPINOFF EFFECT THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. ELLIS SAID THE PLAN WAS NOT TO JUST TRY AND CREATE JOBS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE BUT FOR ALL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED WHY THE OTHER CITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY COULDN'T BE AN ENTERPRISE ZONE. ELLIS SAID THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE COUNTY AND DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY IT WAS RESTRICTED IN THE SIZE OF THE ZONE IN WHAT COULD BE DONE. ELLIS AGREED TO RESEARCH TO SEE IF THE STATUTES COULD BE MET TO ESTABLISH A REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE COUNTY.

COACH ROBINSON ADDRESSED A MEETING HE AND HIS WIFE ATTENDED WITH THE GOVERNOR ADDRESSING PROBLEMS BEING ADDRESSED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND HE FEELS IN THE NOT TO DISTANT FUTURE, THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE ADDRESSED STATEWIDE. HE EMPHASIZED THE ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMITTEE WAS FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY, NOT JUST FOR THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AREA BUT THERE HAS TO BE A STARTING POINT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADDRESSED THE ROAD PAVING PROJECTS REFERENCED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN BEING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OR ADJOINING THE CITY LIMITS OF CHIPLEY.

MORRIS SAID THERE WERE ROAD PROBLEMS IN THE WHOLE COUNTY. ELLIS SAID AGAIN THAT LEGISLATION IS SPECIFIC TO THE AREA IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID THE MEANS OF PAVING ROADS IN THE COUNTY ARE THROUGH TAX DOLLARS BUT IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN, TAX DOLLARS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO PAVE CITY STREETS. ELLIS SAID THE STRATEGIC PLAN ONLY SAYS THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF FUNDING TO PAVE STREETS REFERENCED IN THE PLAN. ELLIS SAID HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND WHY BECAUSE THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE AND THESE THINGS CAN BE DONE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA OR THE ENTERPRISE ZONE THAT WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR ALL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN BUT WHEN PEOPLE COME TO HIM WITH QUESTIONS AS TO WHY THESE THINGS ARE BEING DONE IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND NOT IN OTHER CITIES, HE NEEDS TO KNOW THE ANSWERS.

JOHN DOUGHERTY STATED HE LIVES IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY BUT PAYS CITY AND COUNTY TAXES; HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM OF USING HIS COUNTY TAXES IN THE CITY.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED WHAT AMOUNT OF AD VALOREM TAXES ARE COMMITTED TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. ELLIS ADVISED THERE WERE NO AD VALOREM TAXES COMMITTED TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. ELLIS SAID THE CITY AND COUNTY CONTRIBUTED \$1850.00 EACH TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PUT THE ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION

TOGETHER.

CORSO THEN QUESTIONED THE REVOLVING LOW INTEREST LOANS. ELLIS SAID THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND, WHICH WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WAS ESTABLISHED BY GRANT FUNDS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A COMMITMENT BY THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IF THEY ADOPTED THE STRATEGIC PLAN. ELLIS TOLD CORBIN THERE IS NO COMMITMENT IN THE PLAN THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OTHER THAN THE GENERAL STATEMENTS SAYING THE BOARD WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE PLAN. ELLIS SAID IF THE BOARD DISCONTINUED FUNDING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE RESOURCES FROM THE AGENCY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO DO THE THINGS WITHIN THE ZONE. ELLIS SAID THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY LINKED TOGETHER COULD DO SOME GOOD THINGS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER STATED IF THE BOARD CREATED A PRIORITY LIST OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY THAT HAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED, SOME OF THE ROADS REFERENCED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN WERE RIGHT OUTSIDE THE CHIPLEY CITY LIMITS AND COULD VERY EASILY BE A PRIORITY.

CARTER SAID EVERY ROAD THAT COULD POSSIBLY GET PAVED WOULD BE A BENEFIT OVERALL.

ELLIS ADDRESSED A QUESTION ALWAYS ASKED WHEN A NEW INDUSTRY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY WHY DID IT GO IN A CERTAIN CITY, WHY DIDN'T IT GO TO ANOTHER CITY IN THE COUNTY. ELLIS SAID THE LOCATION OF INDUSTRY HAS TO DO WITH THE MATTER OF SIZE; IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, CHIPLEY HAPPENS TO BE THE COUNTY SEAT, THE LARGEST POPULATION CENTER, THE PLACE TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE INDUSTRY AND THIS PROVIDES JOBS FOR WAUSAU, CARYVILLE, AND VERNON. AS CHIPLEY GROWS OVER THE YEARS, ELLIS SAID PEOPLE WHO COME TO BE PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THE OTHER CITIES AND WORK IN CHIPLEY; OPPORTUNITIES MAY THEN COME ABOUT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A NEW STORE, ETC. TO COME IN TO THE OTHER CITIES.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ENTERPRISE ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADDRESSED THE PORTION OF THE PLAN RELATING TO SETTING UP A WATCH PROGRAM IN SOME AREAS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. MORRIS SAID IF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREAS DO NOT WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES, THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE.

ELLIS STATED THE COMMITMENT FROM THE PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS WAS PRETTY MUCH IN PLACE AND WAS DISCUSSED AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM SEMINOLE COUNTY REQUESTING THE BOARD SUPPORT THE AMENDED BILL NOW PENDING IN THE LEGISLATION ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS. HOLLEY SAID THE BOARD HAS THREE OPTIONS: 1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS 2. ADOPT THEIR OWN RULES AND PROCEDURES. 3. TAKE NO ACTION AT ALL. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ENDORSE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMENDED BILL ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH DAVID H. MELVIN, INC. ADVISING THE BOARD THERE NEEDED TO BE TWO CHANGES MADE: THE DATE NEEDED TO BE CHANGED TO APRIL 27, 1995 AND THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SURVEYING TEAM NEEDED TO BE CHANGED TO \$65.00 PER HOUR FOR A THREE MAN SURVEY TEAM. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SIGN THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH DAVID H. MELVIN, INC. MAKING THE CHANGES ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED.

ALLAN CLARK REPORTED ON THE HUMANA GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISING THE BOARD THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ACCREDITED AND HUMANA GAVE THE DOCTORS AUTOMATIC CREDENTIALING UNTIL THEY CAN GO THROUGH THE PROCESS WHICH TAKES ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

CLARK SAID THE COVERAGE WILL BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1 AT 12:01 A.M. AND THE COMPANY WANTS THE BOARD TO GIVE THEM A PROOF OF PAYMENT CHECK. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE THE PREMIUM, AS THE OPEN ENROLLMENT WILL END ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1995. AFTER OPEN ENROLLMENT, ANYONE DESIRING THE COVERAGE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH A MEDICAL SCREEN. CLARK REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO ISSUE A CHECK FOR APPROXIMATELY 80% OF WHAT THE SINGLE EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED THE AMOUNT DUE. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO ISSUE A CHECK TO HUMANA FOR APPROXIMATELY 80% OF WHAT THE SINGLE EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED GROUP LIFE INSURANCE STATING THE HUMANA HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE LIFE INSURANCE. THE BOARD AGREED TO DO A SURVEY TO SEE HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE BOARD REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

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COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THE BOARD ISSUE ONE OF THE OLD STATE TRUCKS TO A DISTRICT EVERY OTHER WEEK TO DO MAINTENANCE WORK.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUNNY HILLS IN ORDER FOR THEIR FIRE ENGINE TO BE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY AUTO POLICY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON COMMISSIONER BROCK'S REQUEST WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO LEAVE ONE TRUCK ON THE EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE TO BE ROTATED EVERY OTHER WEEK TO ASSIST IN MAINTENANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THE JTPA PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXTENDED SOME MONIES TO HELP WITH FLOOD RELATED ACTIVITIES. HAGAN SAID HE HAD ALREADY PUT IN REQUESTS FOR LABORERS AND PEOPLE LIKE THAT. HAGAN REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PURCHASE AN OLD VAN AND PUT THE JTPA PERSONS TO WORK AS THEY ARE NEEDED. HAGAN SAID THE JTPA WORKERS MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO START THE BASIC WORK OUT AT THE EOC. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS SAID ALL JTPA WORKERS BE TOLD UPFRONT THIS IS NOT PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEM BECOMING PERMANENT EMPLOYEES IS ZERO TO NONE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS FELT ALL JTPA WORKERS SHOULD BE WORKING ON DSR'S.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE A VAN AND UTILIZE THE JTPA WORKERS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD A LOCAL COMPANY WOULD PROVIDE A SIGN FREE OF CHARGE TO REPLACE THE SIGN AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE A CHARGE OF \$325.00 FOR AN OUTSIDE WELDER THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO USE. HAGAN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD REPLACE THE OLD SIGN AT THE COURTHOUSE AND TAKE UP SIGHMASTER'S OFFER. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO SHOW THE PICTURES OF THE PROPOSED SIGNS TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THEIR OPINION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO RUN THE PROPOSED SIGNS BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TELL THEM WHAT THE BOARD WANTS TO DO AND PROCEED WITH REPLACING THE OLD SIGN AT THE COURTHOUSE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD GIVE THE OLD PANELS TO THE ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE SIGN TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IF THEY WANTED THEM FOR DISPLAY.

FRANK CORSO ASKED THE SEQUENCE OF DISTRICTS THAT DSR WORK IS GOING TO BE DONE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THE SEQUENCE OF DISTRICTS WAS TO FINISH DISTRICT 3, HEADWALL CREW WILL GO TO DISTRICT 2 WITH THE REST OF THE EQUIPMENT GOING TO DISTRICT 4, 1 AND 5.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST:_____

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

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END OF MINUTES FOR 04/27/95