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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/01/95

AUGUST 1, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JULY 25, 1995 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:30 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND MORRIS PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

RONALD WRIGHT, PROPERTY APPRAISER, WAS PRESENT TO ADDRESS HIS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 STATING HE WAS THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO HIS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED THE BIG INCREASE ON WRIGHT'S EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND ASKED WHY WRIGHT DIDN'T USE THE 3% SALARY INCREASE. WRIGHT STATED THERE WAS NO DIRECTIVE FROM THE BOARD THIS YEAR ON SALARY INCREASES. WRIGHT ALSO SAID HE REVIEWED BUDGETS OF COUNTIES COMPARIBLE IN SIZE, TAXABLE VALUE, AD VALOREM PROCEEDS, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST OF THE THIRTEEN COUNTIES REVIEWED IN AD VALOREM PROCEEDS AND THE LOWEST IN EMPLOYEE SALARIES. WRIGHT ALSO STATED HE WAS FOLLOWING THE PRECEDENCE SET BY THE BOARD LAST YEAR WHEN THEY SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATING WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD DETERMINED TO GIVE A MAXIMUM OF A 3% INCREASE IN SALARY. WRIGHT REFERENCED THE BOARD TO DATE HAS AWARDED RAISES RANGING FROM 7.5% TO 23.9%. COMMISSIONER MORRIS INFORMED WRIGHT SOME OF THE RAISES WERE GIVEN BECAUSE EMPLOYEES WERE MADE EXEMPT AND WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO EARN COMPENSATORY TIME.

THE BOARD ADVISED WRIGHT THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE THE HEALTH INSURANCE OUT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BUDGETS AND FUND IT UNDER THE BOARD'S BUDGET. WRIGHT STATED HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS BEING DONE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED WRIGHT WHEN THE BOARD FINALIZED THE BUDGET, THEY WOULD NOTIFY HIM.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS REMINDED THE BOARD OF THE DEADLINE TO APPEAL THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED HIS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 WITH THE BOARD AND HANDED OUT COPIES OF HIS REQUEST. HE PRESENTED A THREE YEAR PLAN ON BASE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR PATROL INVESTIGATIONS, CORRECTIONS, DISPATCH/E 911 AND ADMINISTRATION. HE ALSO ADDRESSED A SALARY SURVEY OF SURROUNDING COUNTIES. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD \$34,112.56 PAID OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET FOR LEAVE TIME THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED DUE TO PERSONS LEAVING EMPLOYMENT.

SHERIFF HASTY STATED HE HAD TEN FULL TIME PATROL OFFICERS AND TWO PART TIME, TWO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, A DARE OFFICER, TWO NARCOTICS, TWO REGULAR AND ONE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED THE \$5,000.00 THAT HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE SHERIFF TO ASSIST HIM WITH PART TIME HELP STATING HE DIDN'T RECALL THIS BEING APPROVED BY THE BOARD. MORRIS AGREED TO RESEARCH THE MINUTES WHEN SHERIFF HASTY REQUESTED THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PART TIME HELP.

SHERIFF HASTY ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD GIVING SOME OF THEIR EMPLOYEES RAISES OVER THE 3% THEY HAD ESTABLISHED FOR THE 1994-95 FISCAL YEAR. HE REFERENCED SALARY INCREASES THE BOARD GAVE TO JAMES RILEY, DAVID CORBIN, SAM KENT AND ROBERT HARCUS DURING THE YEAR. COM- MISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED HASTY THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WERE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY COMPENSATORY TIME OR OVERTIME. SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE GARCIA RULE WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO STOP ALLOWING HIS OFFICERS TO MAKE COMPENSATORY TIME.

WHEN GOING OVER THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF AGREED POSITION 223, THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST IF THE MONIES ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE SHERIFF FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE NEED TO ADJUST HIS OFFICERS SALARY SO HE WOULD NOT BE LOSING EMPLOYEES ALL THE TIME DUE TO THEM FINDING BETTER PAYING JOBS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED THE INCREASE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND LEASES AND RENTALS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET. SHERIFF HASTY SAID THIS WAS DUE TO BEING UNDER BUDGETED LAST YEAR AS THE BOARD ONLY FUNDED HIM A 5% ACROSS THE BOARD

INCREASE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSED SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR HIS EMPLOYEES. THE BOARD AGREED THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT MONIES TO FUND HASTY'S REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED THE CONSENT ORDER THE BOARD IS UNDER ON THE STAFFING AT THE JAIL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST OF INMATE DETENTION, THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING THE JAIL AND THE BUILDING OF A NEW JAIL.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS REFERENCED THE STATE MANDATES THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO FUND.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON INFORMATION THE SHERIFF HAD PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON AD VALOREM TAXES WHICH SHOWED TAXES TOTALLING OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; HOWEVER, THE SHERIFF WAS ADVISED ALL OF THESE TAXES DID NOT COME TO THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON FUNDING FOR THE NEW JAIL. JOHN FOSTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE JAIL COMMITTEE AND THE SHERIFFS FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HOMLES COUNTY WERE TRYING TO GET A TWO COUNTY GRANT WHICH WOULD PAY 75% TO 80% OF THE TOTAL COST OF A NEW COUNTIES JAIL. FOSTER SAID THERE WAS CURRENTLY A PROGRAM FOR THREE COUNTIES TO GET A GRANT BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE TO ALLOW FOR A TWO COUNTY GRANT. EVEN WITH GRANT MONIES, BOTH COUNTIES WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS A PIECE FOR UPFRONT MONEY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE ANY KNOWN SOURCES OF REVENUE THE BOARD COULD PURSUE. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN STATED THERE WAS A FIVE CENT GASOLINE TAX WHICH WOULD HELP FREE UP THE ORDINARY HALF CENT TAX AND THE STATE RACING TAX FROM THE TRANSPORTATION FUND. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN REFERENCED SOME OF THE MONIES PRESENTLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET SHOULD BE GENERAL FUND MONIES BUT HAVE BEEN MOVED TO KEEP THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT GOING. HAGAN THEN REFERENCED RIGHT OF WAY FRANCHISE FEES WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS MAKING COMPARISONS OF WHAT OTHER EMPLOYEES IN OTHER COUNTIES MAKE BUT THESE COUNTIES HAVE A BIGGER TAX BASE. BROCK STATED THE BOARD HAD EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WHO HAD WORKED MANY YEARS WHO MAKE THE SAME AS EMPLOYEES WHO STARTED SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS AGO AND FELT THIS WAS NOT RIGHT. THE BOARD AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO BRING BACK A BUDGET FUNDING EVERYBODY AT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL, TAKE HEALTH INSURANCE OUT OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BUDGET AND FUND UNDER THE BOARD'S BUDGET, FUND THE MANDATES REQUIRED AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO COVER INCREASES IN UTILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, INSURANCE, INMATE DETENTION EXPENSES, COURT REPORTER SERVICES, ETC., AND MAKE A LIST OF ALL BUDGETS THE BOARD IS MANDATED TO FUND OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AND A LIST OF ALL BUDGET REQUESTS THE BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO FUND. THE BOARD ALSO AGREED NOT TO INCLUDE CARE, COUNCIL ON AGING, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNTY AND OTHER AGENCIES THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FUND. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN GET WITH RONNIE WRIGHT ON HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUE WAL-MART AND WEST POINT PEPPERELL WOULD BRING IN. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO BRING BACK THE FIGURES REQUESTED AND RECESS THIS MEETING. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID HE HAD SOME OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS THE BOARD NEEDED TO ADDRESS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE POSSIBILITY SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THEIR BUDGET REQUEST AS THEY MAY BE WILLING TO TAKE THE OLD COUNTY YARD, PUT A BUILDING UP, AND USE THE SPACE FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES. THE BOARD AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THREE BACKHOES PRESENTLY BEING LEASED FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY STATING THEY COULD BE PURCHASED FOR THREE PAYMENTS OF \$15,898.96 EACH PER BACKHOE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED THE BOARD TAKE THIS UNDER CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE AUGUST 17TH MEETING. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID THE BOARD SHOULD PURCHASE THE MACHINES EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T WANT THEM AND BID THEM OFF AND MAKE MONEY OFF OF THEM BECAUSE THE FIRST PAYMENT WOULDN'T BE DUE UNTIL AUGUST OF 1996.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED AN ESTIMATED REPAIR BILL ON A JOHN DEER BACKHOE FOR \$12,200.00.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO SEE IF THEY COULD MAKE MONEY ON PURCHASING THE THREE BACKHOES FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY, PUT THE TWO 950'S PURCHASED LAST YEAR OUT FOR SEALED BIDS; HOWEVER, THIS WOULDN'T MEAN THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO SELL THEM. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO PURCHASE THE THREE BACKHOES

FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY AT A COST OF \$47,694.78 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS WITH THE INTENT TO SELL THEM WHEN THE DSR WORK IS COMPLETE IF THEY ARE SURPLUS AT THAT TIME.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED A QUOTE FROM TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF \$7,457.00 TO REPAIR A 1989 DRESSER MOTORGRADER USING A REMANUFACTURED ENGINE OR GET PARTS TO REBUILD IT FOR \$7,695.00 PLUS \$500.00 TO BORE BLOCKS, ETC. THE BOARD RECOMMENDED GOING AHEAD AND REPLACING THE CLUTCH ON THE MACHINE. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OF \$7,457.00 FOR THE REMANUFACTURED ENGINE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN GIVE A REPORT ON THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES SPENT ON THE 1989 DRESSER GRADER.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT AT THEIR LAST MEETING. HE HAD PRESENTED THEM A DRAFT LETTER THEY NEEDED TO APPROVE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE TAX COLLECTOR PENDING THE HEARING ON THE 17TH OF AUGUST, 1995 TO AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND AUTHORIZE THE FEES FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS BY AUGUST 10TH. THE BOARD AGREED TO TABLE ACTION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL THE NEXT RECESSED MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THE INDIGENT CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD FOR INDIGENT GARBAGE SERVICE AND SAID THERE WERE SEVERAL APPLICANTS WHO WOULD MEET ONE OR TWO OF THE CRITERIA BUT NOT ALL OF THEM. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE SOMEWHAT OPERATING ON A CONFLICT OF GUIDELINES ON INDIGENCY DUE TO THEM ADOPTING THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CRITERIA AS WELL AS ADOPTING THEIR OWN INDIGENT CRITERIA FOR GARBAGE SERVICE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO DISSOLVE THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE AND OPERATE ON THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS DOING AWAY WITH THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE AND WHO WAS THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE THAT WAS APPOINTED. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED CORSO THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE HE, THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, ARLETA SELLARS, PATSY JUSTICE AND EULESS HARRISON.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO AMEND THE CRITERIA THEY HAD ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THE HANDICAPPED.

CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD CONTACTED ARGUS TO ENCLOSE A NOTICE OF THE HALF PRICE RATE IN THEIR MONTHLY BILLS FOR THOSE WHO MEET THE INDIGENT CRITERIA. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THAT ARGUS HAD BEEN CONTACTED BUT HAD NOT RESPONDED.

CORSO ALSO QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD CONSIDERED APPOINTING A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE ARGUS CONTRACT WHICH IS IN THE CONTRACT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED CORSO THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE BUT FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER TO COME PREPARED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE. CORSO SAID BY THE BOARD PROCASTINATING ON THIS HALF- PRICE GARBAGE SERVICE FOR 150 PEOPLE, THE COUNTY HAS LOST IN THE ARGUS BILLING \$9,414.00 TO THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE BOARD AGREED TO TABLE ACTION ON CHANGING THE INDIGENT CRITERIA TO ADDRESS THE HANDICAPPED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED HURRICANE ERIN AND READ A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING IN CASE THE HURRICANE BECOMES SEVERE.

THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE INDIGENT GUIDELINES SUBMITTED BY THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE AND OPERATE BY THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DUE TO HURRICANE ERIN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN IF HE HAD MANY CALLS ABOUT ARGUS MISSING GARBAGE PICKUPS FOR TWO DAYS IN HIS DISTRICT. HAGAN SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY CALLS PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL 5:30 P. M. ON AUGUST 8, 1995.

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