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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/22/95

AUGUST 22, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 17, 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 DEPARTMENT, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, CORBIN, MORRIS, BROCK AND DAVIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK MILLER, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE AND CHAIRMAN CORBIN HAD WITH ARGUS REPRESENTATIVES STATING PART OF WHAT HE WAS GOING TO SAY WAS HIS LANGUAGE AND PART OF WHAT HE WAS GOING TO SAY WAS ARGUS'S LANGUAGE: ARGUS WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE TO ELIMINATE TWO OF THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE PARTS OF THE CONTRACT. UNDER THE MANDATORY NATURE OF THE CONTRACT, PERSONS COULD TAKE THEIR GARBAGE TO ANY LAWFUL DEPOSITORY FOR SOLID WASTE; ARGUS WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE COUNTY IN LOCATING AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF COLLECTING THE GARBAGE IN THE FORM OF A DROP STATION FACILITY WHERE ARGUS WOULD PUT IN A FACILITY AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE AND CHARGE PERSONS FOR THE QUANTITY OF GARBAGE DROPPED.

ARGUS WOULD NOT AGREE FOR THE BOARD TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO OTHER HAULERS UNTIL THEY COULD RECOUP SOME OF THEIR INVESTMENTS; HOWEVER, AT SOME POINT IN TIME THEY MAY BE WILLING TO AGREE TO GRANT OTHER HAULERS NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISES PROVIDING THE COUNTY MAKES THE HAULERS SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES THEY ARE MAKING ARGUS SUBJECT TO, SUCH AS BONDING REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

ARGUS WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH TO ELIMINATE THE BURDEN ON THE COUNTY TO ASSIST IN COLLECTIONS OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. A TENTATIVE SUGGESTION WAS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY FOR A FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY ARGUS TO THE COUNTY AS A PERCENTAGE OF PROFITS, ETC. TO COME UP WITH A LOGICAL FRANCHISE FEE; THEY WOULD THEN SWAP OUT A PORTION OF THE TRANSFER FEE FOR THE FIRST YEAR OR SO, KEEP IT AND RELIEVE THE COUNTY OF HAVING TO PUT THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ROLLS. IF THE BOARD CHOSE TO EXERCISE THIS OPTION, ARGUS WOULD FROM THAT TIME FORWARD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND THE BOARD WOULD BE OUT OF THAT BUSINESS.

ARGUS COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATE TO HELP THOSE CUSTOMERS WHO MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR INDIGENT SERVICE BUT MAY HAVE LITTLE ENOUGH GARBAGE AND LITTLE ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE TO QUALIFY FOR A LESSER FEE. THE CUSTOMER WOULD BUY A BAG FROM ARGUS, FILL THE BAG UP, ARGUS WOULD PICK UP THE BAG AND CHARGE THEM JUST FOR THE PRICE OF THE BAG.

HOLLEY STATED ARGUS WAS SUPPOSE TO PUT SOME SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THESE POINTS REFERENCED AND GET IT TO HIM BY FRIDAY. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TAKE ACTION TO HOLD THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO FILE A SUIT TO ATTACK THE CONTRACT AND DESIGNATE CHAIRMAN CORBIN AND HIM TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARGUS TO SEE IF THEY CAN ADDRESS THESE POINTS TO THE BOARD'S SATISFACTION AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ARGUS FURNISHING GARBAGE CONTAINERS SUCH AS THE ONES LOCATED IN WAUSAU. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID ARGUS WOULD BE WILLING TO FURNISH THESE TYPE CONTAINERS BUT THERE WOULD BE A CHARGE FOR THEM. HOLLEY SUGGESTED CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADD THIS TO THE LIST OF THINGS TO BE DISCUSSED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CORBIN AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARGUS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE ONGOING PROBLEMS AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ACCEPTING THE DEED FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF THE OLD CHIPLEY LANDFILL AS COMMISSIONER MORRIS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY IF THERE WAS A CONTAMINATION PROBLEM ON THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE DEED FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IF THEY WILL PROVIDE A LETTER SAYING THEY HAVE NOT DUMPED ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON THE PROPERTY.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR \$8,602.69 FROM THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE MONIES FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASED AND LABOR TO BE OPERATIONAL WHICH HAD BEEN PAID OUT OF HIS BUDGETED MONIES. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF THE EXPENDITURE OF \$8,602.69 FROM THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE MONIES FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO SHERIFF HASTY FOR THESE EXPENSES.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND III ACCOUNT FOR FUEL COST INCURRED IN EXTENSIVE DRUG INVESTIGATIONS TOTALLING \$3,543.43. HASTY STATED THIS EXPENDITURE MEETS THE GUIDELINES, IS AN ALLOWABLE EXPENSE, AND SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO REIMBURSE SHERIFF HASTY \$3,543.43 OUT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND III ACCOUNT CONTINGENT UPON SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION BEING PROVIDED. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DRUG GRANT WHICH REQUIRES A 25% MATCH; THE 25% MATCH OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN COMING OUT OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. HASTY REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO TAKE \$6,000.00 OUT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND II ACCOUNT AND APPLY IT TOWARD THE \$10,514.00 MATCHING FUNDS AND MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE OR SOMEWHERE ELSE THE MONIES MAY BE FOUND. SHERIFF HASTY STATED HE HAD CLEARED THIS EXPENDITURE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND IT IS AN ALLOWABLE EXPENSE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF THE EXPENDITURE OF \$6,000.00 OUT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT II ACCOUNT TOWARD THE 25% MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DRUG GRANT. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD FOURTEEN (14) PERSONS WHO LEFT HIS DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF BETTER JOBS, RETIREMENT ETC. WITH ONLY THREE (3) OF THESE LEAVING DUE TO RETIREMENT. HASTY STATED HE HAD NO BUDGETED MONIES TO PAY FOR ANY LEAVE TIME AND AS A RESULT OF FOURTEEN (14) PERSONS LEAVING, HE PAID \$34,112.56 OUT OF HIS BUDGET FOR LEAVE TIME WHICH HE DID NOT HAVE. HE REQUESTED ANY HELP THE BOARD COULD GIVE HIM TOWARD THIS COST. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO TABLE ACTION ON THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE CLERK AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO SEARCH FOR MONIES TO ASSIST THE SHERIFF AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS AND UPON A REQUEST FROM AUBREY DAVIS FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CITIZENS VOICE TO BE ABLE TO SIT IN ON THE SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ALLOW A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CITIZENS VOICE TO SIT IN ON THE SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, REQUESTING HE BE ALLOWED TO SIT IN ON THE SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS ALSO. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ALLOW CORSO TO SIT IN ON THE SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS. THE BOARD AGREED FOR CORSO, CITIZENS VOICE OR ANYONE HAVING ANY SUGGESTIONS, ETC. ON THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TO PUT THEM IN WRITING AND GIVE THEM TO CHAIRMAN CORBIN.

THE BOARD BEGAN WITH THEIR BUDGET WORKSHOP. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HANDED OUT BUDGET PACKETS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD ROBERT HARCUS HAD CONFRONTED HIM SAYING IF GEORGE ROGERS GOT A PAY INCREASE, HE DESERVED ONE TOO AS THEY DID THE SAME WORK.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WENT OVER THE BUDGET PACKETS PRESENTED WHICH HAD SALARY INCREASES BASED ON A 3% OVERALL SALARY INCREASE ALLOCATED TO EMPLOYEES BASED ON LONGEVITY WITH INCREASES RANGING FROM 1% TO 5% WITH SOME EMPLOYEES RECEIVING NO INCREASES.

SHERIFF HASTY WANTED IT CLARIFIED THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR COUNTY INMATE DETENTION EXPENSE WAS NOT PART OF HIS DETENTION & CORRECTIONS BUDGET REQUEST. HE THEN ADDRESSED HIS BUDGET REQUEST.

SHERIFF HASTY AGREED TO SEE IF LAW ENFORCEMENT III FUNDS COULD BE USED TO PAY OFF ONE LEASE ON AN AUTOMOBILE USED FOR NARCOTIC CASES.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED HIS FLEET INSURANCE STATING HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER THESE INCREASES.

SHERIFF HASTY ADVISED THE BOARD THE INCENTIVE PAY IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST WAS STATUTORILY MANDATED AND WENT OVER THE COMPARISONS OF SALARIES OF HIS OFFICERS TO OTHER COUNTIES. HE THEN ADDRESSED THE THREE YEAR PLAN HE HAD PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR UPGRADING HIS SALARIES AND ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE THREE YEAR SALARY ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE. SEVERAL OFFICERS SPOKE ON THEIR PRESENT SALARIES AND THEIR

NEED FOR SALARY INCREASES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET REQUEST. THE BOARD AGREED THEY COULDN'T MAKE ANY DECISION ON WHAT THEY COULD FUND THE SHERIFF UNTIL THEY HAVE READDRESSSED ALL THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BUDGET REQUESTS.

THE BOARD REQUESTED SHERIFF HASTY BRING BACK TO THE BOARD THE DOLLAR AMOUNT NEEDED TO BRING HIS EMPLOYEES BASE PAY UP TO THE SCHEDULE HE HAD PRESENTED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE SHERIFF TO GET THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BOARD ON SALARIES AND ALSO TO CUT ANY OTHER ITEMS IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST THAT HE POSSIBLY CAN AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 5:30 P. M.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD WEST POINT PEPPERELL BROUGHT IN \$38,530.00 LAST YEAR AND \$104,120.00 THIS YEAR IN AD- VALOREM TAXES; WAL-MART BROUGHT IN \$3,278.00 LAST YEAR AND \$49,995.00 THIS YEAR IN AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE BOARD ADDRESSED THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. THE BOARD AGREED NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT OUT ON GETTING SOME AMOUNT OF A SALARY INCREASE. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS THE BOARD AGREED THEY NEEDED TIME TO REVIEW IT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ASSIGN THE OLD PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND STATE ATTORNEY OFFICES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD COMMISSIONER DAVIS HAD BEEN LOOKING AT THE OLD HOSPITAL EOC RENOVATION PLANS AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO LOOK AT THE PLANS: IF THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD OR INFORM COMMISSIONER DAVIS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1995. CLERK MILLER ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING PLACED \$35,000.00 IN THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR COURT REPORTER SERVICES AND QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE GOING TO HIRE A PERSON OR WAS SHE. COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND BROCK WITHDREW THEIR MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION TO FUND THE \$35,000.00 FOR COURT REPORTER SERVICES WITH CLERK MILLER HAVING THE EMPLOYEE WHO WILL SHARE DUTIES WITH THE COURT REPORTER AS WELL AS OTHER DUTIES. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD STATED IT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THE \$35,000.00 WAS TO CONTRACT WITH A COURT REPORTER AND FUND ONE-HALF OF AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO OPERATE THE RECORDER IN THE COURTROOM WHEN A COURT REPORTER WAS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT, TYPE TRANSCRIPTS, ETC. WITH CLERK MILLER PAYING THE OTHER HALF OF THE EMPLOYEE'S SALARY TO DO OTHER CLERICAL DUTIES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ISSUE. COMMISSIONER CARTER WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER BROCK WITHDREW HIS SECOND TO THE MOTION. THE BOARD REQUESTED CLERK MILLER GET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO DETERMINE WHAT IT WOULD COST TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY COURT REPORTER SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECESS UNTIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1995 AT 5:30 P. M. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

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