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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/24/95

AUGUST 24, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 22, 1995 MEETING, THE BOARD OF 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 CARTER, DAVIS, CORBIN, BROCK AND MORRIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED SHERIFF HASTY ON THE THREE AUTOMOBILES HE OBTAINED FROM ALACHUA COUNTY. SHERIFF HASTY ADVISED CHAIRMAN CORBIN THAT ALACHUA COUNTY OFFERED HIM FIRST CHOICE OF THE VEHICLES FOR \$2,018.00 EACH; NO MONEY HAS BEEN EXCHANGED BUT HE DOES HAVE INTENTIONS TO PAY FOR THEM OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED HIS PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE AUGUST 22, 1995 MEETING. HASTY STATED THERE WERE TWENTY TWO (22) EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE FORTY TWO (42) THAT NEEDED THEIR SALARY INCREASED TO BRING IT UP TO THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE HE HAD PRESENTED WHICH LEFT TWENTY (20) EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD RECEIVE THE 3% SALARY INCREASE AS THEY ALREADY EXCEEDED THE BASE PAY RATE. HE THEN ADDRESSED THE REMAINDER OF HIS BUDGET HANDOUT WITH THE BIGGEST INCREASES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING FOR COMMUNICATION EXPENSES, LEASED VEHICLES, INSURANCE, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND MOTOR FUEL AND LUBRICANTS. HASTY STATED THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN THE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS BUDGET WAS FOR FOOD FOR THE JAIL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD QUESTIONING SHERIFF HASTY ON THESE INCREASES.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED SHERIFF HASTY ON HIS PROPOSED BUDGET VERSUS HOLMES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS THE SQUARE MILES AND POPULATION IS ABOUT THE SAME AND HOLMES COUNTY BUDGET IS 55% TO 60% OF WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S BUDGET IS. SHERIFF HASTY STATED SHERIFF BRAXTON IS FRUSTRATED BECAUSE HE CAN'T PROVIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR HOLMES COUNTY THAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD REALLY WANTED TO COMPARE THE TWO COUNTIES. HASTY STATED HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IS ONLY ASKING THE BOARD FOR THINGS HE NEEDS TO DO THIS.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE INCREASES IN ROAD & BRIDGE EXPENSES AND QUESTIONED SHOULDN'T THE STATE RACING TAXES AND THE ORDINARY HALF CENT SALES TAX BE IN THE GENERAL FUND REVENUES RATHER THAN THE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND; THIS WOULD ASSIST IN FUNDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS NEEDS. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED HASTY THE ROADS HAD TO BE KEPT UP.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET REQUEST. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET TOTALLING \$1,422,012.00 AS A TENTATIVE WORKING BUDGET. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED AN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION THAT MONIES COMING INTO THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT HAVE TO BE PUT BACK INTO THE DEPARTMENT AND CAN NOT BE USED IN THE GENERAL FUND. GERALD RICHTER, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND REQUESTED THEY MOVE THE BUILDING INSPECTION FEES OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AND LET THE FEES FUND HIS BUDGET REQUEST.

DALE MACUMBER, VETERANS OFFICER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS BUDGET REQUEST STATING THE MAJOR INCREASES IN HIS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 WAS FOR A COMPUTER, PRINTER AND SOFTWARE WHICH WAS NEEDED FOR AUTOMATION OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96. THE DIRECTOR SAID LITTER COMPLAINTS HAVE INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY AND HE NEEDED SOME TYPE OF CREDENTIALS TO GO OUT ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WAS REQUESTED TO SEE WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH ESTABLISHING THIS POSITION. THE DIRECTOR ALSO ADDRESSED THE INCREASES IN OPERATING SUPPLIES IN HIS BUDGET BEING FOR GAS AND HE WAS REQUESTING A LAWNMOWER.

THE BOARD TOOK THE BUDGET PRESENTED TO THEM ON AUGUST 22, 1995 AND BEGAN WORKING TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD OF THE INCREASE IN AUDITING FEES SUBMITTED BY GRIMSLEY & CAVIN AND THE NEED TO MAKE THAT LINE ITEM \$32,000.00 IF THEY WERE GOING TO RETAIN THEM AS

AUDITORS.

THE BOARD ADDRESSED THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET WHICH TOTALLED \$1,041,346.00. UNDER THE FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THE \$7,000.00 INCREASE IN AUDITING FEES OVER LAST YEAR INCLUDED \$5,000.00 FOR AUDITING FEMA RECORDS AND AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000.00 IN REGULAR AUDITING FEES.

CLERK MILLER ADDRESSED THE COST OF COURT REPORTER SERVICES AND PRESENTED A HANDOUT TO THE BOARD ON THIS EXPENSE. CLERK MILLER ADVISED THE BOARD SHE NO LONGER DESIRED TO SHARE AN EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST WITH COURT REPORTER SERVICES AS SHE FELT THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE TIME FOR THE EMPLOYEE TO DO ANYTHING BUT THE COURT WORK. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONTRACT OUT COURT REPORTER SERVICES FOR THE 1995-96 FISCAL YEAR AND FUND \$35,000.00 FOR THE COURT REPORTER BUDGET FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF \$130,664.00 FOR THE COUNTY CLERK- ACCOUNTANT LINE ITEM FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO APPROVE OF \$245,174.00 FOR THE PROPERTY APPRAISER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96. COMMISSIONER CARTER WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND MORRIS WITHDREW HIS SECOND. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF \$281,455.00 FOR THE PROPERTY APPRAISER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF \$130,000.00 TAX COLLECTOR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, THE BOARD AGREED FOR WORKING PURPOSES ONLY TO FUND THE COUNTY AUDITING FEES AT \$32,000.00, THE TRANSPORTATION LINE ITEM AT \$15,000.00 AND THE DELINQUENT ADVERTISING LINE ITEM AT \$35,000.00.

THE BOARD AGREED TO APPROVE OF THE \$81,000.00 BUDGET FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE GENERAL COURT SERVICES BUDGET, COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO FUND THE OTHER CONTRACTURAL SERVICES LINE ITEM AT \$2,500.00 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION TO FUND THE CLERK/COUNTY COURT FEES AT \$107,114.00. UPON A REQUEST FROM DEPUTY CLERK CARTER FOR A MOTION NOT TO BE MADE ON EVERY LINE ITEM BUT WAIT FOR A TOTAL BUDGET FIGURE, COMMISSIONER MORRIS WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE CLERK/COUNTY COURT FEES AT \$107,114.00 WITH THE TOTAL GENERAL COURT SERVICES BUDGET BEING FUNDED AT \$200,679.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET REQUEST OF \$153,763.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE GENERAL BUILDING SERVICES BUDGET, THE BOARD AGREED TO MAKE THE REPAIR AND MAINT-WEAVER HILL LINE ITEM 0 AND THE REPAIR AND MAINT-FIVE POINT LINE ITEM \$200.00 WITH THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 BEING \$147,323.00 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE GENERAL INSURANCE SERVICES BUDGET AT \$115,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD DIDN'T ADDRESS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BUDGET AS THEY HAD ALREADY AGREED ON THE SHERIFF'S FUNDING.

THE BOARD AGREED TO LEAVE THE FIRE CONTROL BUDGET FUNDING AT \$101,323.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS BUDGET, THE ONLY CHANGES MADE WERE DUE TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET REQUEST THE BOARD HAD ALREADY TENTATIVELY APPROVED WITH THE TOTAL BUDGET BEING \$721,101.00.

UNDER THE BUILDING INSPECTION BUDGET, THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE REQUEST OF \$86,696.00 FOR WORKING PURPOSES ONLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96. THEY AGREED FOR A SEPARATE FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTION BUDGET.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE CIVIL DEFENSE BUDGET AT \$35,144.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER BUDGET AT \$30,800.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE SOLID WASTE CONTROL BUDGET, THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND LANDFILL

UTILITIES AT \$4,000.00 MAKING THE TOTAL BUDGET \$15,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE POLLUTION CONTROL BUDGET AT \$40,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE SOIL CONSERVATION BUDGET AT \$4,649.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

UNDER THE AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION BUDGET, THE BOARD AGREED THE ONLY CHANGE THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE WAS TO INCREASE THE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE (BLDG) LINE ITEM TO \$29,500.00 MAKING THE TOTAL BUDGET FUNDED AT \$115,277.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TOTALLING \$64,832.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE VETERANS SERVICE BUDGET AT \$18,194.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE GENERAL HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET AT \$14,800.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 AT \$29,000.00 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE WELFARE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 AT \$329,666.00 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE OTHER HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET AT \$5,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE LIBRARIES BUDGET AT \$63,015.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED UNDER THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET TO FUND OPERATING SUPPLIES-VEHICLES AT \$3,500.00, OPERATING SUPPLIES- OTHER AT \$1,000.00 AND COMMUNICATIONS AT \$1,000.00 MAKING THE TOTAL BUDGET \$63,580.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE COMPUTER OPERATIONS BUDGET AT \$109,450.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES ONLY.

THE BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BUDGET AT \$14,300.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR WORKING PURPOSES.

THE BOARD AGREED TO RECESS FOR A DINNER BREAK WHILE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY CLERK MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE AUGUST 22, 1995 BUDGET PACKET.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD AFTER MAKING THE CHANGES THEY HAD REQUESTED TO THE AUGUST 22, 1995 BUDGET PACKET, THEIR TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET WAS \$4,836,806.00 WITH A CONTINGENCY OF \$56,923.00. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE HEALTH INSURANCE HAD BEEN DEDUCTED FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET AS IT WAS ALREADY FUNDED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO DECREASE THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM BY \$4,500.00 AND INCREASE THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET BY \$4,500.00 MAKING A LINE ITEM FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER TO ADOPT THE GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET AS PRESENTED TOTALLING \$4,836,806.00 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN REMINDED THE BOARD THIS IS ONLY A \$50,000.00 TRANSFER TO THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET FROM THE ONE CENT SALES TAX. THE BOARD AGREED IF ALL THE FEMA MONEY COME IN, \$45,000.00 OF THE FEMA MONEY WILL BE PUT WITH THE \$50,000.00 FOR STRIPING, ETC. IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON STEVE ROARK'S SALARY. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO HIS MOTION TO ADOPT THE GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET AS PRESENTED TOTALLING \$4,836,806.00 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET TO INCLUDE A \$3,000.00 INCREASE IN SALARY FOR STEVE ROARK IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CARTER SECONDED THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE. THE ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE WITH COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSING.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WENT OVER THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WITH THE BOARD WHICH TOTALLED \$3,315,002.00. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD KATHY FOSTER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST AND JAN MORRIS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS HAD INFORMED HIM THE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH ARGUS IS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AND AS SUCH IT WOULD FALL UNDER THE

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SUNSHINE LAW. FOSTER WANTED IT CLARIFIED CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED HER A QUESTION, SHE GAVE HER OPINION AND SUGGESTED HE ASK THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON WHETHER IT WAS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE HAD REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN CONTACT ATTORNEY HOLLEY FOR A LEGAL OPINION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE IF THE COMMITTEE THAT IS DOING ARGUS NEGOTIATIONS IS DETERMINED TO BE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE BE DISSOLVED AND THE NEGOTIATIONS BE BETWEEN ARGUS AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH HOLLEY REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD. CORBIN STATED HIS TWO MAIN CONCERNS WITH THE GARBAGE NEGOTIATIONS IS THE MANDATORY AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 AT 4:00 P. M.

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CHAIRMAN

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DEPUTY CLERK

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