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BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/14/95

MARCH 14, 1995

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:30 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, BROCK, CARTER, MORRIS AND DAVIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE JAIL AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY NEED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED A PROPOSAL FROM GULF POWER COMPANY ON THE INSTALLATION OF TWO LIGHTS AT BLUE POND PARK. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE COST WAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE FIGURES THEY WERE TOLD AT THEIR LAST MEETING. HAGAN ALSO STATED THE BOARD MAY BE OPENING THE DOORS FOR OTHERS TO COME AND REQUEST LIGHTING AT THE OTHER PARKS IN THE COUNTY.

FRANK CORSO ADVISED THE BOARD OF A MEETING HE HAD WITH JIMMY ROGERS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. CORSO SAID HE MADE ROGERS AWARE THE BARRICADES AT THE BLUE POND PARK PUT UP BY THE COUNTY WAS ON THE STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WERE ILLEGAL. CORSO REQUESTED FOR THE THIRD TIME THE BOARD REOPEN THE PARK AND INSTRUCT DAVID CORBIN TO REMOVE THE BARRICADES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 17, 1995.

THE BOARD AGREED NO LIGHTING WAS NECESSARY AT THE PARK BECAUSE IT WOULD BE CLOSED AT SUNDOWN EACH DAY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PLACING A WALK-WAY GATE INTO THE PARK AREA TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM DRIVING INTO THE PARK. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO TAKE CARE OF HAVING THIS DONE.

FRANK CORSO SUGGESTED PUTTING UP SIGNS STATING THE PARK IS CLOSED FROM SUNDOWN TO SUNUP AND THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM; IF THERE IS A VEHICLE PARKED THERE AFTER SUNDOWN, THE PATROLLING OFFICERS CAN TAKE ACTION UPON THAT VEHICLE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED CORSO ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ISSUE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD OF TWO EASEMENTS FROM HENRY AND MICHELLE VAN DINA; ONE EASEMENT WAS FOR DRAINAGE ENHANCEMENT ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD AND ONE EASEMENT WAS FOR WIDENING HOLMES VALLEY ROAD BY TEN FEET. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE TWO EASEMENTS FROM HENRY AND MICHELLE VAN DINA.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM PAMELA KARCHER, PROGRAM ASSISTANT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE, ON THE HISTORY OF REPAIRS ON THE 1981 FLATBED TRUCK THAT IS CURRENTLY AT PETERS GARAGE IN DOTHAN. THE LETTER STATED THE COST FOR A REBUILT MOTOR FOR THE TRUCK WOULD BE \$6,600.00. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO PUT THIS MUCH MONEY INTO THE TRUCK.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD OF AN EQUIPMENT SALE AT NEELS AUCTION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH. HAGAN SAID THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT SELLING SOME OF THEIR SURPLUS PROPERTY AT THIS TIME.

THE BOARD AGREED TO TABLE ACTION ON GETTING THE 1981 FLATBED TRUCK REPAIRED UNTIL ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD ON EXACTLY WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE TRUCK. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO CALL PETERS GARAGE TO SEE WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE ENGINE IN THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD REVIEWED THE REPAIR BILL FROM GULF COAST TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ON THE MACK DUMPTRUCK THAT WAS WRECKED. COMMISSIONER MORRIS RECOMMENDED AND MADE A MOTION TO PAY FOR THE PARTS BILL BUT NOT FOR THE FRAME WORK. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO WRITE GULF COAST TRUCK & EQUIPMENT AND TELL THEM THE BOARD WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE TRUCK WHEN THEY GOT IT BACK.

THE BOARD BEGAN WITH DISCUSSION ON THE JAIL. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A BUDGET ON THE EXPENDITURES ON THE JAIL FROM 1991 THRU MARCH 8, 1995 AND ALSO A PROPOSAL FROM JACKSON COUNTY ON HOUSING INMATES.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD OF A MEETING HE AND LT. BARNES HAD WITH JOHN MILNER, GARY GAZILLO OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE, AND TIM YAW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. HAGAN TOLD THE BOARD THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY MILNER WILL MEET THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REQUIREMENTS FOR VIOLATIONS THE COUNTY IS NOW IN FROM THE LAST INSPECTION AND IT WILL MEET THE LIFE SAFETY CODE VIOLATIONS. HAGAN TOLD THE

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BOARD TIM YAW REMINDED HIM THIS WOULD TAKE CARE OF ONLY ONE PART OF THE LAWSUIT; OVERCROWDING, STAFFING AND FOOD SERVICES, ETC. HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS QUESTIONED THE SHERIFF ON HOW MANY PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEEDED TO HANDLE THE BOOKING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE INMATES IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO CLOSE THE JAIL AND HOUSE THEM IN THE JACKSON COUNTY FACILITY. SHERIFF HASTY RESPONDED IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE EMPLOYEES TO TAKE CARE OF THE BOOKING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE INMATES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED THE SHERIFF ON HIS OPINION ON HOUSING THE INMATES AT THE JACKSON COUNTY JAIL. SHERIFF HASTY STATED HE FELT LIKE THIS WAS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. HASTY SAID PRESENTLY THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT A BAND-AID APPROACH IF THEY CORRECTED THE VIOLATIONS REFERENCED IN THE ARCHITECT'S PLAN BECAUSE THERE WOULD STILL BE A STAFFING PROBLEM AS WELL AS OTHER PROBLEMS. HASTY SAID HE FEELS THE COUNTY SHOULD MAKE EVERY PROVISION POSSIBLE TO TRY AND SAVE THE EMPLOYEES' JOBS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DEDICATED. HOWEVER, HASTY SAID THE COUNTY NEEDED TO LOOK AT THE DOLLAR FIGURE, LOOK AT THE OLD STRUCTURE THEY ARE TRYING TO REBUILD, AND THE PROBLEM OF HAVING TO MOVE THE OVERCROWDING OF INMATES TO JACKSON COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT 26 CAP AT THE JAIL. HASTY SAID IT WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION BUT IT MAY BUY SOME TIME IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO GO THIS ROUTE AND HE WOULD SUPPORT THE BOARD IN THIS MOVE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED THE USE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TV FOR FIRST APPEARANCES IF THE INMATES WERE HOUSED AT JACKSON COUNTY. SHERIFF HASTY SAID THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TV WAS A WORKABLE SOLUTION AND THE JUDGES SEEMED TO LIKE IT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOME LANGUAGE CHANGES IN THE PROPOSAL FROM JACKSON COUNTY ON THE COST PER DAY TO HOUSE THE INMATES AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS STATED THE BOARD STILL NEEDED TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A NEW JAIL BUT THEY COULD HOUSE THE PRISONERS ON A SHORT TERM BASIS, EVEN IF IT TAKES TWO TO THREE YEARS.

SHERIFF HASTY AGREED TO BRING BACK INFORMATION TO THE BOARD ON WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO SHIFT FUNDS FROM THE EXISTING BUDGET ON THE JAIL TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYING JACKSON COUNTY FOR HOUSING OUR INMATES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED THE SHERIFF WHERE THE BOOKING WOULD BE DONE, IF HE WAS LOOKING AT TOTALLY CLOSING THE JAIL, OR IF THERE WOULD STILL BE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AT THE JAIL. SHERIFF HASTY STATED IT WAS POSSIBLE THE BOOKING COULD BE DONE AT JACKSON COUNTY; HOWEVER, THE COST OF JACKSON COUNTY DOING THE BOOKING VERSUS WHAT IT WOULD COST TO SET UP TEMPORARY BOOKING QUARTERS HERE WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE SCENARIO OF THE COUNTY GOING AND PICKING UP INMATES AT JACKSON COUNTY AND BRINGING THEM TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL NEEDS SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO ALSO SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE TO HOUSE THE INMATES AT THE JACKSON COUNTY FACILITY.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE SHERIFF TO COME BACK ON THURSDAY, OR IF NECESSARY A SPECIAL MEETING CAN BE CALLED, WITH MORE BUDGET INFORMATION ON HOUSING THE INMATES AT THE JACKSON COUNTY FACILITY. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE INSPECTOR JUST GAVE THE BOARD UNTIL THURSDAY TO TAKE ACTION ON DOING SOMETHING AT THE JAIL. THE BOARD SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY COULD REQUEST AN EXTENSION IF NECESSARY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED IF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FILED A LAWSUIT, THE BOARD COULD STILL CLOSE THE JAIL AND SOLVE IT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD MET WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM, REVIEWED ALL THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE SHIP PROGRAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION, AND STILL HAS ONE MAJOR CONCERN DEALING WITH PURCHASING AND BRINGING THE EXISTING HOMES UP TO STANDARDS FOR QUALIFYING OF THE SHIP PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER DAVIS STATED HE FOUND NO PROBLEM WITH THE PRESENT BOARD AND THE WAY IT IS ESTABLISHED; THEREFORE, HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD RETAIN THE SHIP PROGRAM AS IT IS INTACT UNTIL LATER IN THE FALL WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE TAKEN AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED A PROPOSAL OF \$16,982.00 TO REPAIR A 500' SECTION AND A 900' SECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 166. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO GET ANOTHER QUOTE ON THE COST TO DO THE REPAIR WORK AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THURSDAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID FOR OVERTIME WORK ON THE HIGHWAY 279, 280 AND 284 WORK. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS FOR THESE EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID OVERTIME. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN CAUTIONED THE BOARD ABOUT THEIR CONSISTENCY WITH THEIR PERSONNEL

POLICY; AS THE POLICY STATES EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE TIME AND A HALF OFF FOR OVERTIME. THE MOTION CARRIED FOR THESE EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID FOR OVERTIME WORK ON THE HIGHWAY 279, 280 AND 284 WORK WITH THERE BEING NO MORE OVERTIME PAID UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE WORK BEING DONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED THE COUNTY OBLIGATING THEMSELVES TO HAUL FILL FOR SOIL CONSERVATION ON A PROJECT AT NEW HOPE TO CORRECT EXTREMELY BAD EROSION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY A SUPER- INTENDENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WHEN THIS PROJECT IS DONE TO COMBINE ALL THE TRUCKS AND LET THEM RUN TO GET THE WORK COMPLETED.

JULIAN WEBB QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD AN ENGINEER TO WORK WITH HIM ON ROAD PRICES FOR A CDBG GRANT. COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD SELECT A ROAD AND DO IT PROPER SO THEY WON'T GET HOOKED FOR A LOT OF MONEY OVER THE CONTRACT PRICE.

WEBB QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH A 25% MATCH FOR THE GRANT. COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED WEBB ON HOW MUCH OF THE GRANT IS TOTALLY ENGINEERING RELATED. WEBB ADVISED IT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 8 OR 9 PER CENT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED WEBB USE CHARLES DUNN IF HE NEEDS AN ESTIMATE FOR ROAD PRICES.

WEBB PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A PACKET OF ITEMS FOR THEM TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON AT THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING. WEBB CAUTIONED THE BOARD TO REFER TO THEIR ATTORNEY ON ADA REQUIREMENTS, ETC. AS HE WAS ONLY GETTING THEM IN SHAPE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AND IS NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CLEAN UP OF THE OLD CARS BY RAILROAD AVENUE. HASTY SAID THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF STRIPPING ALL OF THESE FOR PARTS TO BE USED FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE. SHERIFF HASTY SAID IF THE BOARD WANTED THE CARS FOR SALVAGE AS PART OF THE CLEANUP, HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE THEM.

SHERIFF HASTY ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD MET WITH THE VERNON CITY COUNCIL AND THEY APPROVED TO PAY THE 25% MATCH FOR THE COPS GRANT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION. HASTY ASKED THE BOARD IF HE WERE OFFERED ANOTHER POSITION THROUGH THE COPS GRANT PROGRAM DUE TO OTHER ENTITIES NOT PROVIDING THE 25% MATCH, WOULD THE BOARD SUPPORT THE 25% MATCH FOR THE POSITION. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED SHERIFF HASTY TO COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD IF HE IS OFFERED ANOTHER POSITION THROUGH THE COPS PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR WORKING ON THE PRESERVATION CAMP AT VERNON SAID THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TOLD THE BOARD THERE WAS A MEETING SCHEDULED TOMORROW, MARCH 15TH, WITH COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS ON THE COMMUNICATIONS BILL PRESENTED AT THE LAST MEETING FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN STATED THE ACTION THE BOARD TOOK AT THEIR LAST MEETING WAS TWO PART: ONE, IF COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST GIVES THE CREDIT MEMO ON THE EQUIPMENT AND RE-ISSUES ANOTHER INVOICE, PAY AND TWO, TO FURNISH YOU INFORMATION ON WHERE THE EQUIPMENT IS. HAGAN ASKED IF THIS INFORMATION WAS SATISFACTORY, COULD THE BILL BE SETTLED. COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HIS QUESTIONS HAD NOT BEEN ANSWERED AS TO WHY THIS EQUIPMENT DIDN'T GET PAID FOR OUT OF THE ENHANCEMENT GRANT MONIES LAST YEAR AND WHY HAS THE COUNTY NOW GOT TO PAY FOR IT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO GET WITH MR. SEXTON AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO HAVE HIS QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND INSTRUCTED THE CLERK NOT TO PAY THE BILL UNTIL IT IS BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AND EVERYONE IS SATISFIED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD HE COULD NOT GIVE THEM THE RANKINGS OF THE ENGINEERS ON THURSDAY AS THE BOARD HAD NOT TURNED IN THEIR TALLY SHEETS FOR RANKING.

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

ATTEST: _____
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CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 03/14/95