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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/24/95

OCTOBER 24, 1995

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, MORRIS, CARTER, BROCK AND DAVIS PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND CLERK MILLER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE SPECIAL CALLED COMMUNICATIONS MEETING TO ORDER.

RANDALL TRUETTE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS SAYING TEN DAYS IS TOO LITTLE TIME TO DO THE COMMUNICATIONS JOB AND IT STILL WOULD NOT TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS. HE SAID THE CANNISTERS CAN BE PUT BACK ON OR THE SHERIFF'S ANTENNA COULD BE MOVED DOWN SOME. HE FELT THERE WAS THE SAME EMERGENCY NOW AS BEFORE THE STORM. THE THREE OPTIONS ON THE ENGINEERING PLAN WERE ADDRESSED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING WOULD NOT SOLVE THE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM. CARTER AND TRUETTE BOTH FELT THE BOARD SHOULD FOLLOW THE ENGINEERS PLAN STEP BY STEP.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS SAID THE BOARD COULDN'T JUST ADD CANNISTERS TO ANTENNAS WITHOUT STATE PERMISSION. HE FELT THE REPEATER SHOULD BE PUT ON DURING THE WEEKEND TO SEE IF THE SHERIFF CAN GET THE COVERAGE HE NEEDS.

CAPTAIN ROY SANDERS QUESTIONED TERRY IF THEY MOVE THE SHERIFF ANTENNA WHAT DID THAT DO TO THE POWER. TERRY RESPONDED THAT ISOLATION 15 OR 20 FEET WOULD HELP. HE SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO USE AN ENGINEER TO GUIDE THEM.

SANDERS SAID BEFORE THE STORM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD 75% TO 80% COVERAGE; NOW SINCE THE STORM THE SHERIFF HAS ABOUT 60% COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID IF THE SHERIFF WOULD AGREE TO LETTING THE BOARD IMPLEMENT THE ENGINEERING PLAN THEY HAVE, MAYBE THE SHERIFF'S ANTENNA COULD BE STRAIGHTENED OUT AND HE COULD GO BACK TO GETTING 80% COVERAGE. THIS WOULD GIVE MORE TIME TO GET THE ENGINEERING PLAN IN PLACE. CARTER ASKED CAPTAIN SANDERS IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO LET THE PEOPLE PUT THE SHERIFF'S ANTENNA WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE AND SEE IF THIS WOULD GIVE THE SHERIFF THE PROPER COVERAGE. THE SHERIFF WOULD BE UTILIZING ROAD & BRIDGE'S REPEATER FOR A WEEKEND TEST. THIS WOULD ALSO TEST THE HEIGHT OF ANTENNA @ 241 FEET FOR THE SHERIFF TO SEE IF THIS WOULD GIVE HIM FULL COVERAGE.

MR. TERRY SAID IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO SPEND \$18,000.00 TO \$20,000.00 ON COMMUNICATIONS, THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS RELOCATING ANTENNAS. HE SAID THE SHERIFF'S ANTENNA COULD BE PUT AT ROAD & BRIDGE LEVEL AND THE ROAD AND BRIDGE AND GOVERNMENT ANTENNA COULD BE PLACED ON TOP.

FIRST COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE WOULD NOT DO THE WORK WITHOUT AN ENGINEER EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE THE LOW BIDDER.

TERRY SAID MUD HILL TOWER SITE IS AN EXCELLENT SITE AND THE COUNTY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS TOWER.

SHERIFF IS AND WAS BEFORE THE STORM USING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHANNELS TO GET MOBILE UNITS TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS THINKS THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO LET RANDALL TRUETTE HANDLE THIS REALIZING THAT THE SHERIFF IS A PRIORITY OF GETTING 90% COVERAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ASKED WHEN THE TEST COULD BE DONE OF USING THE ROAD AND BRIDGE REPEATER. TERRY SAID IT COULD BE DONE THIS FRIDAY BUT FEELS THAT THE NEXT FRIDAY WOULD BE BETTER; THIS WOULD GIVE THE SHERIFF TIME TO DIGEST THE INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED THAT MAYBE THE BOARD NEEDS TO GO AHEAD AND STRAIGHTEN THE ANTENNA TO GIVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 85% COVERAGE UNTIL THE WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

TERRY FEELS THAT BROCK IS RIGHT AND THE ANTENNA SHOULD BE STRAIGHTENED OUT NOW.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE ANTENNA AT THE MUD HILL TOWER AND AUTHORIZE RANDALL TRUETTE TO CONTINUE WITH IMPLEMENTING THE ENGINEERING PLAN FOR COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND

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CARRIED FOR RANDALL TRUETTE AND TERRY WITH FIRST COMMUNICATIONS TO CONNECT WITH A CONFERENCE CALL TO EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE OPTIONS THAT WILL ACHIEVE THE SAME LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES. .

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR THE ENGINEER WITH FIRST COMMUNICATIONS TO WRITE SPECIFICATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE LEON SEXTON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, TO WORK WITH FLORIDA GAS FOR PROPER GROUNDING OF THE TOWER AT A COST OF \$8,000.00.

RANDALL TRUETTE SUGGESTED MOVING THE DISPATCH OFFICE TO THE E.O.C. AND TAKING DISPATCH OUT FROM ANY ENTITY. CHAIRMAN CORBIN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER CARTER, RANDALL TRUETTE AND MR. SEXTON TO BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD. CAPTAIN SANDERS SAID HE WOULD LOOK AT THIS VERY CAREFULLY AS THIS IS A SENSITIVE AREA AND THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN 9-1-1 AND E.O.C. TRUETTE AGREED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND COMMISSIONER DAVIS HAD MET ABOUT DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CLEANUP ON RIGHT-OF-WAYS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO EXECUTE THE EMERGENCY FUND AGREEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS TALKED TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA ON THE EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK ON HIGHWAY 284. ANDERSON DID NOT WANT TO DO THE JOB FOR THE \$85,000.00 THE BOARD HAD AGREED UPON.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED WOULD THE BOARD BE RECEPTIVE TO BUY CHRISTMAS'S EQUIPMENT FOR \$85,000.00 AND HIRE HIM TO TRAIN SOME PEOPLE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS FEELS THAT IF THE COUNTY IS ANTICIPATING BUYING EQUIPMENT THEY WILL NEED A PAVING MACHINE, AND A STEEL WHEEL VIBRATOR ROLLER. HOWEVER, MORRIS FEELS LIKE COMMISSIONER DAVIS THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BUY SOME EQUIPMENT AND PROBABLY COULD DO THAT WITH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER FEELS THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO GO OUT AND MEASURE AND DO SOME CALCULATIONS TO BE SURE IT CAN BE DONE FOR THE \$85,000.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THINKS THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO USE AN ASPHALT COMPANY TO DO THE JOB ON HIGHWAY 284.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS FEELS THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR OWN ASPHALT PATCHING EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER FEELS THE BOARD NEEDS TO GO GET PRICES ON THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SAID HE DOES NOT FEEL HE CAN WAIT ANOTHER WEEK TO DO COUNTY ROAD 284. HE FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO GO AHEAD AND START WORK ON THE ROAD AND IN THE MEANTIME GET PRICES ON EQUIPMENT; IF IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE THEN GET A CONTRACTOR TO OVERLAY.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS WILL GET PRICES OF EQUIPMENT AND QUANTITIES OF ASPHALT NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS WILL CONTACT AL CHRISTMAS ABOUT PRICES OF EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 10/24/95