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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/12/95

SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 6:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, CORBIN, BROCK, MORRIS AND DAVIS PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK MILLER, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP BUT THE BOARD WAS ALSO TO GIVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT WITH ARGUS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS HAD NO COMMENT ON THE ARGUS NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING THE MANDATORY PART OF THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN WAS INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING THE MANDATORY, EXCLUSIVITY AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PART OF THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED GIVING UP THE MANDATORY CLAUSE WOULD COST 25% MORE SERVICE FEES AND REQUESTED THE ATTORNEY CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE THE 25% SERVICE FEE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ANYONE WHO LIKES THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY ARGUS CAN GET THE SERVICE REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE AS LONG AS THEY PAY FOR THE SERVICE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN READ A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD'S PRIOR ACTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY GARBAGE SERVICE AND REQUESTED THEY LET IT STAND. THE CHAMBER ALSO URGED THE BOARD TO REMOVE THE SOLID WASTE ISSUE FROM THEIR AGENDA IN THE FUTURE.

MR. CANOVA, MANAGER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF ARGUS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT STATING THEY COULD NOT GIVE UP THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE CONTRACT DUE TO THEIR INVESTMENTS; HOWEVER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DROP THE MANDATORY PORTION OF THE CONTRACT OR PHASE IT OUT. THEY WOULD ALSO PROVIDE EACH CUSTOMER WITH A 95 GALLON TOTES CART AND WERE PREPARED TO BUY FOUR NEW TRUCKS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE INCREASE IN THE BASE SERVICE RATE WOULD BE \$1.27 PER MONTH FOR A TOTAL OF \$11.87 PER MONTH.

CANOVA STATED THEY NEEDED A FACILITY TO HOUSE THEIR TRUCKS AND DISPOSE OF THEM.

CANOVA SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO RENT THE LOWER BUILDING AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR \$300.00 PER MONTH AND HAVE SOME LAND TO PUT A LOADER SO THEY CAN EMPTY THEIR LITTLE TRUCKS INTO THE BIG TRUCK AND TAKE THE GARBAGE TO THE LANDFILL. ARGUS WOULD ALSO OFFER A BAG SERVICE FOR \$3.00 PER BAG, PERSONS WOULD BRING THEIR GARBAGE TO THE RECYCLING CENTER AND DEPOSIT IT AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE.

ARGUS WOULD BUILD A BUILDING IF THEY REQUIRED IT FOR MAINTENANCE; HOWEVER, THEY WOULD AGREE TO TURN THE BUILDING OVER TO THE COUNTY AT THE END OF THE CONTRACT. CANOVA SAID THE FIRST INCREASE IN PRICE WOULD BE DUE IN MARCH AS STIPULATED IN THE PRESENT CONTRACT.

THE TOTES CART WOULD BE MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE WANTING TO USE ARGUS'S SERVICES.

CANOVA AGREED ARGUS WOULD CONSIDER ANOTHER LOCATION BESIDES THE RECYCLING CENTER AS LONG AS IT WAS CENTRALLY LOCATED.

CANOVA STATED ARGUS WOULD LIKE TO DO THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CONTRACTS WITH THE STATE BUT IT IS NOT PART OF THE MANDATORY CLAUSE HE ADDRESSED.

CANOVA STATED THE CUSTOMERS WOULD NEED TO COME TO ARGUS TO BUY THE BAGS IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE BAG SYSTEM AND THE CUSTOMER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR BAGS OF GARBAGE TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY LEFT THE MEETING AND MET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE ARGUS REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS.

CHRIS PINA, ACTING JAIL ADMINISTRATOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEM OF THE CONCERN OF TIM YAW, INSPECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH BUILDING A JAIL OR CLOSING THE PRESENT JAIL. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND COMMISSIONER STAFFORD OF HOLMES COUNTY HAD MET AND AGREED TO USE THE WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO DO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE

JOINT JAIL VENTURE AND ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE PLANNING COUNCIL ON THE COST AND DETAILS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED PINA NOTIFY HIM WHEN MR. YAW PLANS ON COMING TO DO ANOTHER JAIL INSPECTION.

PINA ALSO SAID JACKSON COUNTY HAS BEEN QUESTIONING HIM ON WHAT THE BOARD'S PLANS ARE ON HOUSING ALL OF THEIR INMATES THERE. CHAIR- MAN CORBIN ADVISED PINA JACKSON COUNTY NEEDS TO CONTACT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

SHERIFF HASTY QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY HAD A CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTOR TO DO THE FIRE INSPECTION AT THE JAIL OR WHETHER THE BOARD WANTED HIM TO PURSUE GETTING THE STATE TO DO THE INSPECTION. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE SHERIFF TO USE THE CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTOR FROM JACKSON COUNTY TO DO THE JAIL INSPECTION.

JAMES BOSWELL, VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE, ADDRESSED THEIR BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 1995-96 FISCAL YEAR AND QUESTIONED WAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING AT THE SAME LEVEL IT WAS FOR LAST YEAR. BOSWELL SAID THE COUNTY WAS NOT DOING ANYTHING TO HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO TAKE \$20,000.00 OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY AND PUT IT IN THE COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SPLITTING IT EQUALLY AMONG THE FIVE DISTRICTS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED TO CLARIFY HE THOUGHT THE \$20,000.00 FOR THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SHOULD BE SPLIT EQUALLY AMONG THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND NOT BY DISTRICTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ARGUS NEGOTIATIONS AND WHAT ARGUS HAD AGREED ON:

1. FURNISH A 95 GALLON TOTES CART, RAISING THE BASE RATE BY \$1.27 PER MONTH WITH THE INCREASE BEING IMPLEMENTED 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE CONTRACT IS REVISED.
2. PURCHASE FOUR SMALLER TRUCKS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY DESIGNED TO PICK UP THE TOTES CARTS; THE SMALLER TRUCKS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE RECYCLING CENTER WHERE THEY WOULD DUMP THEM INTO A LARGER TRUCK. THIS WOULD BE IN LIEU OF A TRANSFER STATION. ARGUS WILL BE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING A PERMIT IF ONE IS REQUIRED BY "DEP" AND WILL HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS TO "DEP" AND ANY ADJACENT LANDOWNERS FOR ANY SPILLAGE, POLLUTION, ETC. THEY MAY CAUSE WITH THEIR OPERATIONS.
3. THEY WILL SELL 35 GALLON BAGS FOR \$3.00 EACH; THE CUSTOMER WILL HAVE TO DROP THESE OFF AT THE RECYCLING CENTER OR CARRY THEM TO ANY LAWFUL DEPOSITORY. ARGUS WILL NOT PICK UP THE BAGS.
4. MANDATORY WILL COME OFF THE CONTRACT.
5. EXCLUSIVITY WILL STAY IN THE CONTRACT WITH ARGUS HAVING THE ONLY FRANCHISE TO PICK UP THE GARBAGE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT.

HOLLEY STATED THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT FINALIZED IS ARGUS STILL WANTS THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS. THE \$150,000.00 IN UNCOLLECTED DEBTS THE BOARD HAS TAKEN ACTION TO PUT ON THE TAX ROLLS WILL CONTINUE TO GO ON THE TAX ROLLS UNLESS THE BOARD SWAPS THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS. IF THE BOARD DOES NOT GIVE THEM THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS, THE \$150,000.00 UNCOLLECTED DEBTS WILL GO ON THE TAX ROLLS THIS YEAR AND THEN ARGUS WILL ASSUME ALL FUTURE COLLECTIONS.

ARGUS WOULD HAVE SOMEONE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FORTY HOURS PER WEEK TO COLLECT THE BAGS CONTINGENT ON THEM GETTING THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS.

ARGUS IS WANTING TO RENT THE LOWER RECYCLING BUILDING FOR \$300.00 PER MONTH; THEY WILL REQUIRE ADEQUATE PARKING FOR THEIR FOUR TRUCKS AND A PLACE TO STORE THEIR BIG TRUCK, INCLUDING A PLACE TO MAINTAIN THEIR FOUR TRUCKS AND A PLACE TO STORE THEIR TOTES CARTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID BEFORE HE COULD CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, HE NEEDED TO KNOW IF THE BOARD WAS WILLING TO TALK ABOUT RENTING ARGUS SPACE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER AND WILLING TO GIVE THEM THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS. THE CONSENSUS OF THE ENTIRE BOARD WAS NOT TO RENT ARGUS THE LOWER BUILDING AT THE RECYCLING CENTER OR GIVE THEM THE RECYCLING OPERATIONS. THEY DID AGREE TO PURSUE TO FIND ANOTHER LOCATION FOR ARGUS.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARGUS TO STAY WITH THE PRESENT \$10.60 PER MONTH FEE UNTIL MARCH OF 1996 WHEN IT WOULD NORMALLY INCREASE AND PROVIDE THE TOTES CART AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO DECLINE ANY LOCATION AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR ARGUS SERVICES. CHAIRMAN CORBIN AGREED TO CHECK WITH C. W. ROBERTS ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER AS A POSSIBLE SITE ARGUS COULD

USE.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP BEGAN WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPLAINING DUE TO THE BOARD'S ACTIONS AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 MEETING, CHANGES MADE DUE TO THE ACTUAL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS SALARIES COMING IN, AND IF THE BOARD GAVE KENNETH NAKER THE \$1.50 PER HOUR INCREASE, THEIR GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY WOULD BE \$39,031.00. WITH THE BOARD'S ACTION TO PROVIDE A \$20,000.00 INCREASE IN THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, THIS WOULD BE REDUCED TO \$19,031.00. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET WITH THESE CHANGES HAVING A \$19,031.00 CONTINGENCY IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE SHERIFF WAS PRESENT TO DISCUSS HIS COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISER HAD SUBMITTED A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REDUCING HIS HEALTH INSURANCE FROM HIS BUDGET REQUEST.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS STATING THE MUD HILL TOWER WAS LOADED UP AND THERE WERE ALLOT OF DEAD AREAS IN THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED THE BOARD RECESS THIS MEETING AND HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THE JAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD TRYING TO HAVE THE CONSULTANT WHO DONE THE COMMUNICATIONS STUDY PRESENT AT THE WORKSHOP. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN FELT THE BOARD SHOULD ONLY TAKE UP ONE OF THESE ISSUES AT A WORKSHOP AND HOLD ANOTHER WORKSHOP ON THE OTHER ISSUE. THE BOARD AGREED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SHERIFF REDUCING HIS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET DUE TO THE BOARD'S ACTION TO USE ONE CONTRACTOR TO SERVICE THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND FUND THIS OUT OF THE \$12.50 SURCHARGE FUND. HASTY SAID THERE WERE NO MONIES APPROPRIATED IN HIS BUDGET FOR TOWER REPAIR; THEREFORE, HE COULDN'T REDUCE HIS BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE SHERIFF AGREEING TO USE THE REPAIR CONTRACTOR SELECTED BY THE BOARD ON REPAIRS TO HIS RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. THE SHERIFF ALSO AGREED TO COME BACK AND MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO HIS BUDGET AFTER THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH A VENDOR TO DO THE REPAIR SERVICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AS WORKED UP WITH THE GENERAL FUND HAVING A \$19,031.00 CONTINGENCY.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY PAY FOR LIFE INSURANCE FOR HIS EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT WANT TO TAKE THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. THE BOARD ADVISED HASTY THEIR EMPLOYEES DID NOT HAVE THE OPTION; THEY HAD TO TAKE THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE. IF THEY DIDN'T WANT THE INSURANCE AND WANTED LIFE INSURANCE, THEY HAD TO PAY FOR IT ON THEIR OWN. HASTY AGREED TO CHECK WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN OFFERED BY HUNT INSURANCE COMPANY TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED IF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WERE FUNDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO TAKE CARE OF THE INMATE CREWS TO BE USED BY THE BOARD. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN SAID THERE WERE TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE BUDGET AND ENOUGH MONIES BUDGETED FOR SEVEN POSITIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR; HOWEVER, IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DO AS FAR AS SELLING SOME OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND REDUCING THEIR EMPLOYEES AFTER THE FEMA WORK WAS CONCLUDED.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1995 AT 6:00 P. M. TO DISCUSS THE JAIL ISSUE. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/12/95