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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/05/95

SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 24, 1995 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, CARTER, BROCK, MORRIS, AND DAVIS PRESENT. CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER, ADMINISTRATOR ROGER HAGAN, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

OLE ELLIS, REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY ADOPT A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE THIRD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AS INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. AFTER HEARING THE READING OF THE PROCLAMATION BY ELLIS, COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18-22 AS INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK.

AFTER HEARING THE READING OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 8, 1995 AS LITERACY DAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGUS REPRESENTATIVES. HE ADDRESSED THE PROPOSALS THAT WERE PRESENTED BY ARGUS: 1. ARGUS WOULD GIVE TO THE COUNTY ALL UNCOLLECTED RECEIVABLES INCLUDING THOSE THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED TO GO ON THE TAX ROLLS; ARGUS WOULD TAKE OVER THE COLLECTIONS FROM THE TIME THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FORWARD; IN EXCHANGE, ARGUS WANTS THE COUNTY TO GIVE THEM A TEN YEAR LEASE ON THE RECYCLING CENTER PROPERTY FREE OF CHARGE; THEY WOULD RUN THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR THE COUNTY AND DO ALL THE THINGS THE COUNTY IS NOW DOING IN THE WAY OF RECYCLING ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF; THEY WOULD MAINTAIN A TRANSFER STATION AT THE RECYCLING CENTER WHICH WOULD BE USED BY PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR SOLID WASTE TO THAT CHOSE TO PURCHASE BAGS FROM ARGUS. ARGUS WOULD ALSO USE THE RECYCLING CENTER AS A BRANCH OFFICE FOR THEIR GARBAGE OPERATIONS. IF THE STATE CHANGES THE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS, ARGUS HAS AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE DURING THE TEN YEAR PERIOD. ARGUS WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN COMPENSATION FOR THIS THE USE OF ANY RECYCLING MONIES COMING IN TO THE COUNTY IF LEGALLY POSSIBLE WITH THE MONIES BEING USED THE SAME AS THEY PRESENTLY ARE. 2. THE MANDATORY NATURE OF THE CONTRACT WOULD BE ELIMINATED. PERSONS COULD PURCHASE A BAG AND TAKE IT TO THE TRANSFER STATION AT THE RECYCLING CENTER OR TRANSPORT THEIR GARBAGE TO SPRINGHILL OR THE INCINERATOR, ETC. 3. ARGUS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT HOLDER. 4. ARGUS WOULD AGREE TO PROVIDE 50% OF THE FUNDING FOR A COMPLIANCE OFFICER PROVIDING 50% OF HIS TIME WOULD BE SPENT ON SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT. 5. ARGUS WOULD PROVIDE 95 GALLON TOTES CARTS TO EACH PERSON WANTING DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE WITH THE APPROXIMATE COST RUNNING \$13.00 TO \$13.50 PER MONTH; A 65 GALLON TOTE CART WOULD COST 20% LESS THAN THE 95 GALLON TOTE CART OR THEY WOULD SELL 35 GALLON BAGS FOR \$3.00 EACH AND PERSONS COULD TAKE THEM TO ANY LEGAL DEPOSITORY OF SOLID WASTE.

HOLLEY STATED THE COUNTY ASKED ARGUS TO AGREE TO TAKE OVER THE COLLECTION PROCESS STARTING OCTOBER 1, 1995 WHICH MEANS THE APPROXIMATE \$150,000.00 THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED TO GO ON THE TAX ROLL WOULD STILL GO ON THE TAX ROLL. ARGUS WOULD TAKE OVER THE COLLECTIONS THEREAFTER; EVERYTHING ELSE WOULD REMAIN AS IS; IT WOULD STILL REMAIN MANDATORY. THE RATES WOULD AGAIN BE \$13.00 TO \$13.50 PER MONTH. IF THE BOARD CHOSE TO GO THAT ROUTE AND ALSO USE THE TOTE CART THE RATE WOULD BE INCREASED \$1.00 PER MONTH.

HOLLEY SAID ARGUS WAS ASKED ABOUT PROVIDING TOTE CARTS IF THE BOARD AGREED TO LEAVE THE CONTRACT AS IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT. ARGUS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE CART FOR \$1.00 EXTRA PER MONTH.

HOLLEY STATED THE FIRST PROPOSAL WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY NATURE OF THE CONTRACT AND GET THE COUNTY OUT OF THE COLLECTION BUSINESS NOW.

HOLLEY STATED ANOTHER OPTION THE BOARD HAS IS TO RIDE OUT THE CURRENT CONTRACT FOR THE REMAINING THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE NON-MANDATORY AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE OUT OF THE COLLECTION BUSINESS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LEASING OF THE RECYCLING CENTER TO ARGUS. DR. FRASIER BINGHAM, RECYCLING CONSULTANT, ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WERE FOUR ANNUAL

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GRANTS THAT DEAL WITH SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING; HOWEVER, THE AVAILABILITY OF THE GRANTS AFTER ONE MORE YEAR IS NOT KNOWN. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER AND WHAT THE PLANS ARE FOR RECYCLING IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED BINGHAM IF RECYCLING COULD PAY FOR ITSELF WHEN THE GRANT FUNDING IS FINISHED. DR. BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD RECYCLING COULD ABSOLUTELY NOT PAY FOR ITSELF WITHOUT THE GRANT FUNDING.

DR. BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD THE RECYCLING SITE IS NOT A GARBAGE SITE OR SOLID WASTE PERMITTED SITE AND IF THE USE IS THERE FOR SOLID WASTE, HEARINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD, ETC.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SUGGESTED IF THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN PURSUING ARGUS'S PROPOSAL TO GET A LIST OF WHAT IS BEING DONE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER NOW AND GET ARGUS TO PROVIDE WHAT THE ACTUAL PRICE FOR GARBAGE SERVICE WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUGGESTED THE BOARD HOLD A WORKSHOP TO LOOK AT THE DOWNSIDE OF ARGUS'S PROPOSAL AS WELL AS THE GOOD SIDE.

AUBREY DAVIS QUESTIONED WHAT THE EXACT AMOUNT OF REVENUE THE RECYCLING CENTER GETS BESIDES THE GRANT FUNDS.

AUBREY DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD BE A NEW CONTRACT OR WOULD IT BE A REVISION TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT. HE WAS ADVISED IT WOULD BE A REVISION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT. HE QUESTIONED WOULD THE BAGS AVAILABLE FOR SALE BE FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COULD THEY BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL ALSO. HE WAS ADVISED ALL THAT HAD BEEN TALKED ABOUT SO FAR HAS BEEN FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE. DAVIS QUESTIONED IF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COME FROM ARGUS TO THE COUNTY, WOULD THE COUNTY PRESS AHEAD FOR COLLECTION OR DROP IT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THIS WOULD BE UP TO THE BOARD.

AUBREY DAVIS STATED THE MANDATORY AND EXCLUSIVE NATURE OF THE CONTRACT IS THE MAIN CONCERN OF CITIZENS VOICE.

BILL ACUFF SAID HE WANTED IT ON RECORD HE WAS NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CITIZENS VOICE. HE REFERENCED UNDER THE PRESENT GARBAGE CONTRACT, THE MANDATORY PART OF THE CONTRACT WOULD BE OVER AT THE END OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS; HOWEVER, IT WOULD STAY MANDATORY IF THE BOARD ALLOWED IT TO. HE REFERENCED THE PRESENT CONTRACT STATING THERE WOULD BE NO MORE THAN A 7% INCREASE IN FEES PER YEAR UNLESS THE LANDFILL RAISES THEIR TIPPING FEES; HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE OWNING THE HOLMES COUNTY LANDFILL IS A SISTER COMPANY TO ARGUS SO ARGUS CAN GO UP ALL THEY CAN GO LEGALLY AND THEN HAVE THEIR COMPANIES RAISE THE TIPPING FEES. COMMISSIONER MORRIS ADVISED ACUFF ARGUS HAS TO HAVE COMPARABLE PRICES TO OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES THAT HAVE LANDFILLS IN THEM.

ACUFF THEN QUESTIONED HOW MUCH GRANT MONIES THE COUNTY GETS FOR RECYCLING ANNUALLY THAT ARGUS IS WANTING THE COUNTY TO GIVE THEM.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF ANYTHING WAS SAID ABOUT THE 150 HALF-PRICE CUSTOMERS IN THE ARGUS NEGOTIATIONS AS THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY LOST \$9,414.00. CORSO WAS ADVISED THIS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

THE BOARD AGREED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P. M. ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1995. ATTORNEY HOLLEY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DR. BINGHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE MONIES LEFT IN THE RECYCLING GRANT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO MOVE THE HOLDING POND AT THE RECYCLING CENTER TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY AND FILL IN THE PRESENT AREA, USING IT AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A TRANSFER STATION. HE WAS SUGGESTING THEY BUY A 100 YARD TANDUM AXLE TYPE TRAILER FOR PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR MATTRESSES, SPRINGS, SOFA, CHAIRS, ETC.

BINGHAM REFERENCED THE BOARD HAD A CONTRACT WITH BCM, INC. ENGINEERS WHOM HE WORKS FOR AS A SUB-CONTRACTOR TO DO THE RECYCLING GRANTS AND THE CONTRACT RUNS OUT AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS WILLING TO ASSIST IN THE WASTE TIRE CLEANUP ON GRIFFINS PROPERTY. ADDITIONAL FIGURES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE COST TO DO THIS.

BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD BARNES TIRES OF MARIANNA HAD OFFERED A PROPOSAL OF \$75 PER TON TO DISPOSE OF WASTE TIRES.

BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD DAVID H. MELVIN, INC., ENGINEERS FOR THE COUNTY, HAD LOOKED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER AT GRADING THE SITE, COVERING OVER THE EXISTING WATER RETENTION POND AND MAKING PLANS FOR THE NEW ONE. MELVIN ALSO LOOKED AT PLANS FOR A STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR THE ENTIRE RECYCLING SITE. MELVIN'S PROPOSAL WAS FOR A COST OF \$4,635.00 WHICH COULD COME OUT OF GRANT MONIES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO

AUTHORIZE DAVID H. MELVIN, INC. TO PROCEED WITH THE ENGINEERING AT THE RECYCLING CENTER SITE.

UPON THE REQUEST OF DR. BINGHAM, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADVERTISE FOR A 100 YARD STEEL, SELF- EMPTYING TRAILER FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF RECYCLING GRANT MONIES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A 100 YARD STEEL TRAILER FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER AND OBTAIN QUOTES FOR THE TRAILER, ACCEPTING THE LOWEST QUOTE PROVIDING IT IS WITHIN THE GRANT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

THE BOARD BEGAN WITH THEIR BUDGET WORKSHOP. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BUDGET INFORMATION SHEET PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE CHANGES MADE TO THE BUDGET SINCE THE AUGUST 24TH MEETING AND ALSO ON THE PROPOSED SPECIAL FUND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO HAVE ONE SINGLE COMPANY TO DO ALL THE MAINTENANCE ON THE COUNTY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE THREE ALTERNATIVES GIVEN TO THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY THAT WAS DONE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARTER AND CARRIED TO OBLIGATE \$35,000.00 FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION REPAIRS OUT OF THE \$12.50 SURCHARGE FUND.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADVERTISE FOR A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW ON THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED; WHEN BIDS ARE IN REVIEW THEM, HAVE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE USING THE SYSTEM AND MAKE A DETERMINATION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THERE BEING NOTHING BUDGETED FOR ENGINEERING, ETC. FOR RENOVATION OF THE OLD HOSPITAL OR JAIL CONSTRUCTION. DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO MOVE \$20,000.00 OUT OF CONTINGENCY AND PUT IT IN A PROFESSIONAL FEES LINE ITEM. CHAIRMAN CORBIN RELINQUISHED HIS CHAIR AND SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND DAVIS FOR AND COMMISSIONER BROCK, CARTER AND MORRIS OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO MOVE TERESA BARFIELD FROM A TEMPORARY STATUS EMPLOYEE TO A FULL TIME STATUS EMPLOYEE. COMMISSIONER BROCK MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WITH COMMISSIONER MORRIS SECONDING THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND IT CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT POSITION WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN PROVIDING A JOB DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK AND DOING THE HIRING OF THE POSITION. COMMISSIONER MORRIS WITHDREW HIS SECOND TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO MOVE TERESA BARFIELD TO A FULL TIME STATUS EMPLOYEE. THE ORIGINAL MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

THE BOARD INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO DISCUSS WITH SHERIFF HASTY THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM REDUCING HIS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE BUDGET AS THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION TO BUDGET \$35,000.00 IN THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE BUDGET TO FUND THIS EXPENSE.

STEVE ROARK PRESENTED A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR A \$1.50 PER HOUR RAISE FOR KENNETH NAKER. THE BOARD AGREED TO CONSIDER ROARK'S REQUEST AND INSTRUCTED THE CLERK TO BRING BACK A TOTAL PACKAGE ON WHAT CHANGES THIS WOULD MAKE TO THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1995 AT 6:00 P. M. ATTEST:

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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

DEPUTY CLERK

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