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BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/01/96

APRIL 1, 1996

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, CARTER, DAVIS, BROCK AND MORRIS PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND GYNELLE MASHBURN, RECORDING CLERK, WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN CARTER.

GERALD ROGERS BROUGHT NEIGHBORHOOD GRIEVANCES PERTAINING TO THE BOARD FENCE THAT HAD BEEN PLACED AROUND THE HOLDING POND IN FRONT OF THE PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING. ROGERS REFERENCED THE FENCE BEING AN EYESORE; DETRACTING FROM THE THEME OF SOUTH THIRD STREET, AND DETRACTING FROM THE HISTORICAL COLOR AND VALUE OF THE COMMUNITY. ROGERS WAS REQUESTING THE FENCE BE TAKEN DOWN AND IF THE HOLDING POND IS TO REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION, DO SOMETHING TO MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE AND GIVE A TIME FRAME WHEN THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO HAVE THE FENCE REMOVED AND THE LOT CLEANED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH IF THE WEATHER PERMITS.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED WITHIN 90 DAYS TO COME UP WITH A DESIGN FOR THE HOLDING POND AND GET THE WORK DONE COST EFFECTIVELY. COMMISSIONER MORRIS WAS APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN CARTER TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT. THE BOARD AGREED TO SHARE THE DESIGN WITH THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE LANDMARK COMMISSION AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A BEAVER ERADICATION PROGRAM PROPOSAL RECOMMENDING THE ENGAGING OF A TRAPPER FOR \$300.00 PER WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS. HAGAN ALSO RECOMMENDED THE BOARD EXTEND THE PROGRAM AFTER SIX WEEKS ONLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS. IN THE PROPOSAL, HAGAN REFERENCED A TRAPPER BEING ENGAGED THE FIRST OF THE 1996 YEAR TO WORK DESIGNATED AREAS TO ERADICATE BEAVERS; THIS WORKED WELL BUT IT BECAME EXPENSIVE PAYING A RATE OF \$20-\$25 PER BEAVER.

DURING DISCUSSION, CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED FOR BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE BEAVERS BEING CAUGHT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS TO ACCEPT ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN'S PROPOSAL ON BEAVER ERADICATION. THE BOARD AGREED ONLY TO ERADICATE THE BEAVERS CAUSING PROBLEMS ON THE COUNTY ROADS; ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISORS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF BEAVERS CAUGHT, WHAT ROADS THEY WERE CAUGHT ON AND PROVIDE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ACCOMPANY THE INVOICE FROM THE TRAPPER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED MINUTES ON THE HIRING OF A ROAD SUPERINTENDENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER INDICATING IF THE BOARD HIRED A SUPERINTENDENT, THE PERSON SHOULD BE AN ENGINEER AND THERE SHOULD BE A PURSUIT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS WANTED THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DID FOR THEIR CITY MANAGER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SPOKE OPPOSITION TO THE POSITION FOR THE PRESENT TIME AS NO MONEY WAS BUDGETED FOR THE POSITION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER FELT A WORKSHOP WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE HIRING OF THE POSITION.

CLARIFICATION OF DUTIES FOR ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WERE DISCUSSED. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN STATED HE WAS APPROACHED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD DIRECTING HIM TO ACT WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. HE WAS TOLD TO IGNORE ANY DIRECTIVE THAT WAS NOT FROM THE ENTIRE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED FOR THE BOARD TO SET POLICIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR AND GIVE A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF HIS DUTIES AS IT RELATES TO ROAD AND BRIDGE.

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

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ATTEST: _____

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