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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/13/96

AUGUST 13, 1996

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 6, 1996 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY 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 CORBIN, CARTER, BROCK, MORRIS AND DAVIS PRESENT. CLERK MILLER, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECONVENED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP.

CLAY ROOKS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY AUDITING FIRM, ADDRESSED THE BOARD BRIEFING THEM ON THE CASH CARRY FORWARD OF THE BUDGET AND HOW IT CAME ABOUT. ROOKS REFERENCED IN 1988 AND SEVERAL YEARS THEREAFTER, THE BOARD WAS HAVING TO BORROW MONEY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO PAY BILLS; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOW LOOKING AT A CASH CARRY FORWARD RANGING FROM \$275,000.00 TO OVER \$500,000.00. ROOKS INDICATED TO THE BOARD THIS WAS DUE TO GETTING BETTER RECORDS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE, KEEPING WATCH ON DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS, AND THERE BEING NO MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN CUT.

ROOKS ADVISED THE BOARD IT WAS GOOD BUDGETING TO ALWAYS KEEP ONE MONTH'S EXPENDIURES IN RESERVE AND NOT BUDGET THIS AMOUNT. HE EXPLAINED IF THE BOARD RECEIVED MORE REVENUES THAN BUDGETED, THEY COULD NOT SPEND THESE ADDITIONAL MONIES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A BUDGET PROCESS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER OVERSPENDING THEIR BUDGET. ROOKS EXPLAINED THE OVEREXPENDITURE SHOULD BE MADE UP IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S BUDGET. WHEN QUESTIONED IF IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW FOR THEM TO OVEREXPEND THEIR BUDGET, ROOKS ADVISED IT WAS.

SHERIFF HASTY WAS PRESENT AND QUESTIONED WHAT HE NEEDED TO DO AS FAR AS THE DEFICIT HE INHERITED WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AND THAT IS STILL SHOWING UP ON HIS RECORDS. ROOKS ADVISED THAT HASTY WOULD NEED TO EITHER CUT HIS BUDGET IN SOME AREAS TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIT OR THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO FUND THE DEFICIT TO GET IT OFF THE BOOKS.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS BUDGET REQUEST. HASTY REFERENCED THE SALARY SURVEY IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES THAT WAS DONE LAST YEAR DURING BUDGET WORKSHOPS.

HASTY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON GRANT MONIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FUND TWELVE POSITIONS AT \$16,000.00 WITH ANTICIPATION FOR ADJUSTMENTS FOR THREE YEARS. HASTY WAS NEGOTIATING WITH VERNON, CARYVILLE AND EBRO TO FURNISH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THESE OFFICERS. HASTY ADVISED THE BOARD NONE OF THESE POSITIONS WERE INCLUDED IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST.

HASTY ADDRESSED A \$198,000.00 OVERTIME GRANT AVAILABLE UNDER THE "COPS MORE BILL".

WHEN QUESTIONED ON GRANT MONIES GOING DIRECTLY TO THE SHERIFF, HASTY ADVISED THAT FEDERAL GRANTS COULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE SHERIFF FURNISH THEM WITH A BREAK-DOWN OF THE TOTAL FUNDING GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

SHERIFF HASTY ADDRESSED THE POSITIONS HE WAS REQUESTING IN HIS BUDGET AND THERE BEING THIRTY VEHICLES HE WAS PRESENTLY INSURING. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIS COMMUNICATION EXPENDITURES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TAKE THE BUDGET BACK TO LAST YEAR'S FIGURE, WORK WITH A 3% ACROSS THE BOARD SALARY INCREASE, MAKE ANY LINE ITEM INCREASES THAT ARE JUSTIFIABLE, (UTILITIES, COM-MUNICATIONS, INSURANCE, OPERATING SUPPLIES, ETC.), GIVE THE AMOUNT OF RESERVE ON HAND WITH THE BOARD SETTING THE PRIORITIES ON WHAT IS TO BE FUNDED. THE BOARD AGREED TO LEAVE THE FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STEP PAY PLAN IN TACT FOR THE PRESENT TIME.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO STATED THAT ANY OF THE BOARD WANTING TO COULD WORK WITH ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN OR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ON THE BUDGET.

THE BOARD REQUESTED THE MINUTES BE RESEARCHED ON THE DEFICIT SHERIFF HASTY INHERITED WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AS THEY WERE UNAWARE IT WAS NOT TAKEN CARE OF.

THE BOARD REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN CHECK GRANTS RECEIVED BY CONSTITUTIONAL

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OFFICERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COME THROUGH THE BOARD'S RECORDS.

THE BOARD AGREED TO ADDRESS TAKING THE BLUE LAKE PROPERTY OFF THE SURPLUS LAND SALES LIST.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND CARRIED TO PAY \$75.00 TO CARLOTTA HOOKS FOR REPLACEMENT OF A CHILD SUPPORT CHECK MADE OUT TO HER DATED IN 1985. MS. HOOKS FOUND THE CHILD SUPPORT CHECK THAT HAD BEEN PAID TO HER IN 1985 THAT HAD NEVER BEEN CASHED. DUE TO THE CLERK GIVING ALL EXCESS FEES TO THE BOARD AT THE END OF EACH YEAR, THESE MONIES HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE BOARD.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 08/13/96