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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/03/96

OCTOBER 3, 1996

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND MORRIS PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, CLERK EARNESTINE MILLER AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997. THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1996. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS 12.7% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE WITH THE ROLLED BACK RATE BEING 8.9%. THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 TOTALS \$11,560,770.00 WHICH IS 6.5% GREATER THAN THE 1995-96 BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE REMAINS AT 10 MILLS; THE MILLAGE RATE HAS NOT INCREASED. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A TAX INCREASE NOTICE WHICH HAD TO BE PUBLISHED. THIS IS DUE TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE BEING GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE; THE ROLLED BACK RATE WOULD PROVIDE THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE AS RECEIVED FOR THE 1995-96 FISCAL YEAR.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE PRESENT WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997.

A GENTLEMAN IN THE AUDIENCE QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING IN THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIS CAR HAVING TO BE REPAIRED DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD HE LIVES ON.

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED A LIST OF CHANGES MADE TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1996. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO TAKE \$9,106.00 FROM CONTINGENCY AND FUND THE PART TIME POSITION FOR COUNTY COURT THAT CLERK MILLER HAD REQUESTED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CLERK MILLER ADVISING THE BOARD THIS POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN FILLED AND IF HER FEE MONEY IS NOT ENOUGH TO FUND THE POSITION, SHE HAD THE OPTION TO USE THE BOARD'S INTEREST MONEY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN, DAVIS, MORRIS AND CARTER VOTED AGAINST THE FUNDING OF THE POSITION AND COMMISSIONER BROCK VOTED FOR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LIST OF BUDGET CHANGES PROVIDED TO THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MORRIS OPPOSED.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD NOT FUNDING REPAIRS AT THE OLD COUNTY YARD IN THE BUDGET WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY IF THEY WANTED TO USE IT AS A STORAGE AREA. HE ALSO ADDRESSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE MADE WHEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MOVES TO THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING IF THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REMAINS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING; AN AMENDMENT TO FUND ALL OF GINA GAINNEY'S POSITION OUT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT AND AN AMENDMENT TO MOVE THAT PORTION OF GAINNEY'S SALARY PRESENTLY BUDGETED UNDER THE PARKS & RECREATION BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION WHICH STATED THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 WAS SET AT TEN MILLS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 AT TEN MILLS. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, COMMISSIONER CORBIN, DAVIS AND CARTER VOTED FOR WITH COMMISSIONER MORRIS AND BROCK OPPOSING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE BUDGET RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 TOTALLING \$11,560,770.00. CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADOPT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 TOTALLING \$11,560,770.00. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, COMMISSIONER DAVIS, CORBIN AND CARTER VOTED FOR WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND MORRIS OPPOSING.

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

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CHAIRMAN

CLERK

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

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