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BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/18/97

DECEMBER 18, 1997

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 23, AND NOVEMBER 18, 1997 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 18, 1997 MEETING:

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM MILNER AND MAYNE TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EXPANDING EOC AND EXTENDING THE METAL ROOF AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. THE FIVE YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR THESE TWO PROJECTS TO BE DONE.
2. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$38,691.00. THE TRANSFER WOULD BE TO DECREASE THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM AND INCREASE THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM. ALSO, THIS WOULD GIVE THE EOC DIRECTOR PERMISSION TO MOVE WITHIN THE BUDGET FROM THE CONTINGENCY LINE TO OTHER LINE ITEMS AS NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE FIVE YEAR PLAN.
3. APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A PURCHASE ORDER FOR DATA TRANSMISSION NETWORK CORPORATION FOR INSTALLATION AND LEASE OF A DTN WEATHER CENTER. THE COST WILL BE COVERED UNDER THE EMPA GRANT MONIES AND IS ALSO PART OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
4. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REMOVING ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, FROM PROBATION.
5. APPROVAL OF THE REVISIONS OF THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM AND SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY.
6. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE McNEIL AND PATSY JUSTICE TO PREKINDERGARTEN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.
7. APPROVAL AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RENEWAL OF PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RANDY PARKER.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE JAIL INSPECTION REPORT DONE BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 24, 1997 AND HIS RESPONSES TO THE REPORT. PEEL REQUESTED THE BOARD REVIEW THE REPORT AS SOME OF THE ISSUES WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED LONG TERM REGARDING THE JAIL.

JAMES BOSWELL, REPRESENTING THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT, REQUESTED THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING A NEW RESCUE VEHICLE DUE TO THE PROBLEMS THEY WERE HAVING WITH THEIR CURRENT VEHICLE WHICH IS 22 YEARS OLD. BOSWELL ADDRESSED THE COST WOULD RANGE FROM \$65,000.00 TO \$85,000.00, IT COULD BE PURCHASED WITH NOTHING DOWN, A LOW INTEREST RATE, AND FINANCED OVER A FIVE TO TEN YEAR PERIOD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTING THE BOARD HAVE A WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 8TH AT 4:00 P. M. AND INCLUDE THE REQUEST FROM THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE WORKSHOP AGENDA.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE TO SEE IF THEY MAY HAVE A VEHICLE WHICH COULD BE CONVERTED INTO A RESCUE VEHICLE FOR THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. BOSWELL DIDN'T FEEL THE AMBULANCE WAS THE ANSWER.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO WORK WITH MR. BOSWELL ON THE SPECS FOR THE RESCUE VEHICLE THE VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTING, GET A FIRM PRICE ON THE VEHICLE AND PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AT THE JANUARY 8TH WORKSHOP.

STACY WEBB ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SHIP PROGRAM AND REQUESTED THE BOARD REQUIRE AN APPRAISAL ON ALL PURCHASE ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS AS THIS WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE APPLICANT AND THE COUNTY; THE APPRAISAL WOULD BE DONE BY A STATE CERTIFIED APPRAISER.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED A PROBLEM WITH JIM WALTERS HOMES NOT PROVIDING PLANS, A VALUE, OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD GUIDE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN TO THE SHIP PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND AN APPRAISAL BE SUBMITTED ON ALL APPLICATIONS WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM.

MS. WEBB THEN ADDRESSED JULIAN WEBB INQUIRING IF THE NEW COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY COULD POSSIBLY BE APPROVED AT THIS MEETING. THE BOARD ADVISED WEBB THE PERSONNEL POLICY WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER ON IN THE MEETING.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ENABLING THE COUNTY TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING THE NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED NEXT YEAR IN SUNNY HILLS AND OAK HILLS. THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION WAS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS DULY ADVERTISED ON THE RESOLUTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS THE INITIAL STEP IN ESTABLISHING A MSBU IN SUNNY HILLS AND OAK HILLS AND IT HAD TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1998; HE THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE STEPS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO THE MSBU BEING ENACTED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE BOARD TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING ANY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED NEXT YEAR IN SUNNY HILLS AND OAK HILL.

NO ONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE RESOLUTION.

JANIE NORRIS, RESIDENT OF SUNNY HILLS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING OAK HILLS BEING INCLUDED IN THE MSBU. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NORRIS OAK HILLS REQUESTED TO BE INCLUDED; SHOULD THE MSBU BE ENACTED, THE ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED FOR OAK HILL WILL BE USED IN OAK HILL AND THE ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED FOR SUNNY HILLS WILL BE USED IN SUNNY HILLS.

THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION WITH THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING INSERTED WOULD NEED TO BE SENT BY MAIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO CLOSE REDMON ROAD.

MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES REDMON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD UPDATING THEM ON THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE REQUEST FOR CLOSING REDMON ROAD. FUQUA ADVISED MR. REDMON ONLY WANTS HIS 40 ACRES OF PROPERTY FOR HIMSELF; HE DOES NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THE ROAD, DOESN'T WANT PEOPLE CUTTING THROUGH HIS PROPERTY, ONLY WANTS TO SECURE HIS PROPERTY AND REQUESTS THE BOARD TAKE FORMAL ACTION TODAY TO CLOSE REDMON ROAD.

MR. HENRY DAY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CLOSING OF REDMON ROAD AND REQUESTED THE COUNTY LEAVE THE ROAD OPEN. DAY ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY ABANDONED REDMON ROAD TODAY, HE WOULD STOP REDMON FROM CROSSING HIS PROPERTY LINE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER HALL AND DAVIS AGREEING TO CHANGE THEIR MOTION TO STATE THE COUNTY ABANDONS THEIR INTEREST IN THE ROAD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COUNTY TO ABANDON THEIR INTEREST ON REDMON ROAD. (A COPY OF A PETITION SIGNED BY PERSONS IN OPPOSITION OF THE ROAD CLOSING WAS PROVIDED)

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT WITH SEPARATE MOTIONS BEING MADE ON EACH INDIVIDUAL ALTERNATE PROJECT ADVERTISED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE EDA GRANT PROJECT WHICH WAS ANDERSON COLUMBIA.

DAVID FRENNEY, REPRESENTING DAVID H. MELVIN, INC., BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED TO THEM ON THE BIDS RECEIVED ADVISING THE PROJECT WAS BID IN FIVE PARTS WITH THE TOTAL BID FOR ALL FIVE PARTS BEING \$333,467.50. PART ONE AND PART TWO OF THE BID PROJECTS WERE PART OF THE ORIGINAL EDA GRANT PROJECT AND THE LOW BID FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA TOTALLED \$164,668.50. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A

MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PARTS ONE AND TWO OF THE BID PROJECTS TOTALLING \$164,668.50 WHICH COVERS THE GRANT PORTION OF THE BIDS.

FRENNEY THEN ADDRESSED THE REMAINING BID ALTERNATES:

PART 3-CONSTRUCT LEFT TURNLANES ON CR 273

PART 4-CONSTRUCT RIGHT TURNLANE ON BRICKYARD ROAD

PART 5-RESURFACE BRICKYARD ROAD FROM UPS ENTRANCE EASTWARD

FRENNEY ADDRESSED THE WIDENING OF BRICKYARD ROAD WAS NOT BID; HOWEVER, THEY CALCULATED THE COST FOR THIS TO BE DONE USING THE UNIT PRICES ON THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE WIDENING WITH THIS COST TOTALLING \$53,576.00. COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOICED HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH DAVID MELVIN ENGINEERING FIRM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE LOAN MONIES FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TOTALLING \$1,231,000.00 BE DIVIDED AMONG THE FIVE DISTRICTS GIVING EACH DISTRICT \$246,000.00.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PARTS 3, 4 & 5 OF THE PROJECTS ADVERTISED FOR BID AND ON THE WIDENING OF BRICKYARD ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTS 3, 4 AND 5 TO BE DONE ALONG WITH THE WIDENING OF THE PORTION OF BRICKYARD ROAD WHICH WAS NOT ADVERTISED WITH THESE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED USING THE REMAINDER OF THE GRANT MONIES AVAILABLE FIRST WITH THE BALANCE BEING PAID FROM HIS PORTION OF THE 1998 LOAN MONIES. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED FRENNEY TO MAKE SURE THERE WERE NO OVERRUNS ON THESE PROJECTS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON THE BRICKYARD ROAD PAVING PROJECT. FRENNEY ADVISED THE REQUEST FOR BIDS WAS NOT RUN IN THE PAPER; HOWEVER, THEY HAD CALLED WAYNE THOMAS FROM EDA AND EXPLAINED HOW THE AD WAS NOT RUN BUT COPIES OF THE ADS WERE FAXED OUT OR MAILED OUT TO THE CONTRACTORS IN THE AREA. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED FRENNEY MR. THOMAS AND DAVID MELVIN WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE A LETTER TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR FILES STATING WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND THEY ARE IN CONCURRENCE EVERYTHING IS ACCEPTABLE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S MOTION ON THE FLOOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FRENNEY WAS QUESTIONED ON THE TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION DUE TO HIM NOT HAVING THE CONTRACT WITH HIM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING IT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT PARTS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE AND THE WIDENING OF BRICKYARD ROAD WOULD BE COMPLETED FOR \$387,043.50.

THE BOARD REQUESTED FRENNEY ADVISE THEM WHEN THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON THESE PROJECTS.

JOHN WAYNE SMITH, REPRESENTING FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A BRIEF UPDATE ON A CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION PROCESS TO DEVELOP A SOLUTION FOR THE \$600,000,000.00 MANDATE PUT ON COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN RELATIONS TO THE ARTICLE FIVE BUDGET SITUATION WITH THE STATE COURT SYSTEM.

SMITH ADDRESSED THE ARTICLE FIVE TRUST FUND ADVISING THE 1998-99 BUDGET CYCLE WOULD BE THE FIRST YEAR ANY MONIES WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE TRUST FUND; PART OF THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA WOULD BE EVERY COUNTY THAT IS UNDER 75,000 WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GET \$100,000.00 WITH THESE FUNDS TO BE USED TO ADDRESS THE ADA REQUIREMENTS FIRST.

THE BOARD EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO ASSIST THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

WHEN QUESTIONED THE KIND OF SUPPORT THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HAS FROM THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, SMITH ADVISED WHAT WAS BEING ADDRESSED WAS NOT A LEGISLATIVE ISSUE; A CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE MEETS ONCE EVERY TWENTY YEARS TO LOOK AT MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION, IF THE COMMITTEE MAKES A RECOMMENDATION IT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR EVERYONE TO VOTE ON.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, OLE ELLIS, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PRESS RELEASE FROM WEST POINT STEVENS FOR A \$5,000,000.00 DISTRIBUTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT AND UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEW WINN DIXIE PROJECT.

JERRY FARLEY, REPRESENTING WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE ASSOCIATION HAD VOTED TO ASK THE BOARD TO AMEND THEIR AGREEMENTS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS BY DELETING THE WORD STRUCTURE ONLY ON ITEM 6 OF THE AGREEMENTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO LEAVE THE FIRE AGREEMENTS AS THEY ARE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ISSUE WITH THE COUNTY

AGREEING TO LOOK AT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE STATE FORESTRY'S BUDGET REQUEST DURING THE 1998-99 BUDGET PROCESS DUE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPONDING TO FIRES THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE HANDLING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO LEAVE THE FIRE AGREEMENTS AS THEY ARE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY, BASED ON INFORMATION HE HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY REGINA AND CAROLYN CONNER, ADDRESSED A PROBLEM WITH HEIR PROPERTY IN LITIGATION. CAROLYN CONNER AND HER HUSBAND APPLIED FOR A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME THAT WAS SET UP ON THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE LAWSUIT. THE ATTORNEY FOR THE OTHER PARTY OF THE LAW- SUIT WROTE AL CLEVELAND OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASKING HE NOT ISSUE A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT DUE TO A LAWSUIT BEING FILED; CLEVELAND REFUSED TO ISSUE A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD, IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS BECAUSE PREVIOUS PERMITS HAVING BEEN ISSUED ON THE SAME PROPERTY, ANY COUNTY REQUIREMENTS TO THE CONTRARY BE WAIVED AND THE ISSUANCE OF A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT BE AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO:

1. UPON FINAL DECISION OF THE PROPERTY BY THE COURT, IF THEIR MOBILE HOME IS NOT ON APPROPRIATE PARCEL, THEY WILL RELOCATE IT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.
2. PLACING OF THE MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE A FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT IN MAKING A DECISION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO AUTHORIZE AL CLEVELAND TO ISSUE A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT TO THE CONNERS ON THE CONDITIONS STATED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY. THE BOARD AGREED FOR MS. ESTES TO CONTACT AL CLEVELAND AND ADVISE HIM OF THE BOARD'S ACTION AND A COPY OF THESE MINUTES WOULD BE FORWARDED TO HIM WHEN DRAFTED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO WITHDRAW THAT PORTION OF THE CONTRACT THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR INSPECTIONS ON THE EDA GRANT PROJECT AND THE OTHER WORK BID ALONG WITH THE EDA GRANT PROJECT WITH EUDON PETTIS WORKING UP A PRICE PER HOUR FOR INSPECTIONS; IF THE PRICE IS LESS THAN WHAT IT WOULD BE UNDER DAVID MELVIN, THE COUNTY ENGINEER, THE BOARD WORK TOWARD PETTIS DOING THE INSPECTIONS. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK AGREEING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FOR ANY OVERAGE ON THE INSPECTIONS TO COME FROM COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S MATERIAL BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON THE EVACUATION ROUTE AT THE HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD REVIEW, APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH HOLLEY THEN TAKING IT TO BRYAN CONROY FOR CONSIDERATION AND EXECUTION. HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM STILL WORKING ON THE OWNERSHIP OF THE 10' STRIP BUT HOPEFULLY WOULD HAVE THIS INFORMATION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ADDING TO SECTION 5 OF THE AGREEMENT "IF THE COUNTY DECLARES IT TO BE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THE GATES WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE OPENED." COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ADDITION TO SECTION 5 NOTED ABOVE INCLUDED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE POLICY HE HAD PREPARED ON EMPLOYEES ATTENDING SCHOOL AND TAKING TEST. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE POLICY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: MEALS, MILEAGE AND LODGING WILL BE PAID FOR EMPLOYEES BUT EMPLOYEES WILL NOT RECEIVE AN HOURLY RATE WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO BRING BACK THE DRAFTED VERSION OF THE POLICY WITH IT TO BE INSERTED INTO THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY THEN ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED ON THE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR REVIEW PROPERTY WITH HIM ADVISING A PROPER LOG FORM WOULD NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ON TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH MS. ESTES BEING ADVISED TO DRAFT THE PROPER LOG FORM IN ORDER FOR THEM TO LOG IN ALL THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES AND TO ALSO PUT THE EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION IN THE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR WAKULLA COUNTY FOR THEIR REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GIVE A SMALL SALARY INCREASE FOR DAVID CORBIN, GINA GAINY AND FELECIA SMITH. DAVIS ADDRESSED THE INMATE CREWS HAVING BEEN TRANSITIONED UNDER DAVID AND HOW WELL THE PROGRAM WAS WORKING OUT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET NOT HAVING SUFFICIENT

FUNDS TO COVER ALL THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE INMATE CREWS AND WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE. THE BOARD AGREED FOR A BUDGET TO BE WORKED UP ON THE INMATE CREWS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO INCLUDE \$.50 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR GINA GAINNEY AND A SALARY INCREASE FOR DAVID AT THE SAME LEVEL OF PAY AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD; FIGURE A \$.50 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR FELECIA REED. THE BOARD AGREED WHEN THESE BUDGETS ARE PREPARED AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD, THE INCREASES CAN BE ADOPTED AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD MAKING VONCILE ESTES AN OFFICE MANAGER AND NEVER COMPENSATING HER FOR THE CHANGE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO INCREASE VONCILE ESTES SALARY BY \$.50 PER HOUR TO BE EFFECTIVE THE NEXT PAY PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED TO REQUEST ARGUS TO LEAVE TAGS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF LOCAL PEOPLE RATHER THAN THEM HAVING TO SEND THROUGH THE MAIL. THE BOARD AGREED FOR MS. ESTES TO WRITE A LETTER TO ARGUS REQUESTING THEY RESPOND MORE QUICKLY WHEN THEY RECEIVE A REQUEST THROUGH THE MAIL FOR THE TAGS. IT WAS THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS FOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO WORK WITH ARGUS ON A PLAN TO LEAVE SOME TAGS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PEOPLE AND MAKE A REPORT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TWO NEW PICKUP TRUCKS AND TWO TRAILERS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE TWO TRUCKS AND TWO TRAILERS WITH THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A REQUEST FOR EDDY HOLMAN AND JERRY TROTTER TO BE REMOVED FROM PROBATION. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISORS AND REMOVE HOLMAN AND TROTTER OFF PROBATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED FOUR HOURS OF ANNUAL LEAVE BEING TAKEN FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES FOR HOLIDAY PAY AND THERE NOT BEING ACTION OF THE BOARD TO DO THIS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE LABOR ATTORNEY HAD RECOMMENDED GIVING THE SAME AMOUNT OF HOURS OFF FOR HOLIDAYS TO ALL EMPLOYEES; ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED THIS WAS THE ADVICE OF THE LABOR ATTORNEY TO DO THE HOLIDAY PAY BY HOURS RATHER THAN BY DAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO GIVE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD EMPLOYEES A \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD GOING BACK TO FURNISHING FISH, OYSTERS, ETC. FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE AT CHRISTMAS AND PAYING FOR IT OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM JACKIE BARBER OF C. W. ROBERTS TO BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO PUT THE EXCESS DIRT FROM THE DETOUR LOCATED THREE MILES NORTH OF VERNON ON HIGHWAY 79 IN THE COUNTY PIT IF THE COUNTY WANTS THE DIRT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF C. W. ROBERTS PUTTING THE DIRT IN THE COUNTY PIT. COMMISSIONER HALL WILL TAKE CARE OF WHERE THE DIRT IS TO BE LOCATED AS IT WILL BE GOING IN THE PIT IN HIS AREA.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED AN AGREEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING THE COUNTY ACCEPT MAINTENANCE AND PAY THE POWER BILL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON HIGHWAY 77 AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEW WINN DIXIE. CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD IT WAS DETERMINED THIS WAS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THIS WOULD NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ADOPT THE PERSONNEL POLICY DRAFTED BY THE LABOR ATTORNEY CONTINGENT UPON CHANGES ISSUED TODAY ALONG WITH ANY OTHER NOTED CHANGES AS WELL AS ANYTHING SUBMITTED BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY FOR LEONARD CARSON TO IMPLEMENT INTO THE POLICY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT COMMISSIONER CARTER'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES ATTENDING SCHOOL WITH THE WORD CHANGES THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS THE WORDING WAS SATISFACTORY TO THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO RETYPE THE RESOLUTION AND PROVIDE IT TO THE BOARD TO SIGN.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A REQUEST BY THE COUNTY OFFICES TO BE ABLE TO TAKE

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OFF JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 2, 1998 FOR NEW YEARS RATHER THAN DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE COUNTY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 2, 1998 FOR NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.

UPON A SUGGESTION BY CHAIRMAN CARTER, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PIPE INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTY WITH THE OPTION TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. CHAIRMAN CARTER PUT COMMISSIONER BROCK IN CHARGE OF WORKING WITH THE ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISORS TO WRITE UP THE SPECS TO PUT OUT FOR BIDS AND PROVIDE THEM TO DEPUTY CLERK CARTER FOR HER TO PLACE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PIPE INSTALLATION BIDS FOR ALL SIZE PIPES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DIRT BEING BID ON A PER CUBIC YARD BASIS AND THE PIPE BEING INSTALLED ON THE SIZE AND PER FOOT BASIS; IF HEADWALLS ARE TO BE BID FOR INSTALLATION, THEY SHOULD BE BID ON AN EACH BASIS.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PIPE INSTALLATION WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1997 TOTALLING \$648,616.32.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH REGIONS LEASING ON THE PURCHASE OF THE VOTING MACHINE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS WAITING ON INFORMATION FROM THE LABOR ATTORNEY ON THE ISSUE OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES HOME.

THE BOARD RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 8, 1998 AT 4:00 P.M.

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

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

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