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BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/23/97

JANUARY 23, 1997

THE BOARD OF 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, DAVIS, AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER, AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH REV. HAROLD WILLIAMS PROVIDING THE INVOCATION. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 1996 AND DECEMBER 19, 1996 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA LESS ITEMS 3, 8 AND 9 WHICH WERE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MEDICAL EXAMINER CONTRACT FOR FY 1996-97. SINCE THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT, CALHOUN COUNTY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSORTIUM.
2. APPROVAL OF THE TELEPHONE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH TELCOM CORPORATION.
4. APPROVAL OF DIRECTIVE 9700002 ALLOWING ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00.
5. APPROVAL OF MARGARET ECKRLE'S APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 5 TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF ROSA LEE BATCHELOR.
6. APPROVAL OF DALE MACUMBER'S APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 1 TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JUDY HUGGINS.
7. APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTING OLE ELLIS TO JEP BOARD AS MR. ELLIS HAS SAID HE IS WILLING TO SERVE ON BOARD.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED ITEM 3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REFERENCING ADOPTING DIRECTIVE 9700001 WHICH ESTABLISHES LIGHT DUTY WORK FOR EMPLOYEES ON WORKERS COMPENSATION. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THIS WOULD LESSEN THE TIME LOSSES DUE TO WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND ALSO HELP HOLD PREMIUMS DOWN. COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD READDRESS THEIR PERSONNEL POLICY ON EMPLOYEES ACCRUING LEAVE TIME AND RECEIVING HOLIDAY PAY WHILE OUT ON WORKERS COMPENSATION. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION ON ITEM 3 AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED ITEM 8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REFERENCING GRANTING A VARIANCE TO KATHERINE CRAWFORD FROM A 10 FOOT SETBACK REQUIREMENT ON EACH SIDE TO 5 FOOT ON HER LOT AT CRYSTAL LAKE. HALL QUESTIONED IF GRANTING THE VARIANCE WOULD CREATE A PROBLEM FOR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS ISSUE B UNDER ITEM 8 FOR APPROVAL OF THE RUSTY ARNOLD PLAT, COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND GRANT THE VARIANCE TO MS. CRAWFORD AND GRANT FINAL APPROVAL OF THE RUSTY ARNOLD PLAT.

ITEM 9 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REFERENCING PLACING THE NEWEST ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS ON A ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WAS ADDRESSED. CHAIRMAN CARTER TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK DUE TO THERE BEING A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THIS ISSUE AS HE IS EMPLOYED BY DELTONA CORPORATION.

COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ISSUE AS HE WAS NEW ON THE BOARD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE DELTONA ISSUE ADVISING WHEN THE PLATS WERE FILED FOR THE SUNNY HILL PLATS AFFECTED, THE ROAD RIGHTS OF WAYS WERE DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC; THE COUNTY'S POLICY AT THAT TIME, AND STILL IS, ONCE THE ROADS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THOSE RIGHTS OF WAY, DELTONA WOULD COME BEFORE THE COUNTY TO ASK THEM TO PUT THEM ON A ONE YEAR'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WHERE DELTONA WOULD MAINTAIN THEM FOR A YEAR, THE BOARD WOULD CHECK THEM AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND THEN TAKE OVER THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS.

HOLLEY STATED THE CONTROVERSY AT SUNNY HILLS HAS BEEN ABOUT THE BASE USED ON THE ROADS. HE HAD BEEN TOLD THERE WAS ACTION AT ONE TIME THE BOARD WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY MORE SOIL CEMENT BASE AND THAT WAS POSSIBLY CHANGED IN 1985; HOWEVER, HE HAD NOT

RESEARCHED THE MINUTES.

LOU TRACY, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY VOTE DOWN ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS UNTIL THEY ARE BROUGHT UP TO COUNTY ROAD STANDARDS. THE ASSOCIATION WAS REQUESTING THE COUNTY NOT ACCEPT ANY MORE ROADS UNTIL SOME FINANCIAL PLAN AND FEASIBILITY IS UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE HOW THE TAXPAYERS WILL EVER AFFORD TO PAY FOR RESURFACING 200 MILES OF ROADS, WHICH IS WHAT DELTONA IS REQUESTING WITH THE ADDITIONAL 66 MILES OF ROADS.

TRACY REFERENCED SPEAKING TO EACH ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS PRIVATELY ON THE PHONE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COMMISSIONER CARTER, AND EACH ONE ASSURED HIM HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE ROADS ACCEPTANCE.

TRACY REFERENCED THE ROADS WHICH WERE DONE TWO YEARS AGO WERE ALREADY CRACKING AND COMING APART. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD PUT OFF TAKING ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THESE ADDITIONAL 66 MILES OF ROADS UNTIL THEY HAVE COME AND LOOKED AT WHAT THEY WERE VOTING ON.

BILL KATHMAN, SURVEYOR FOR DELTONA CORPORATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO SPEAK ON THE DELTONA ROADS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED KATHMAN IF HE HAD A LETTER AUTHORIZING HIM TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE DELTONA CORPORATION. KATHMAN ADVISED THE BOARD ANYTHING HE SAYS HE CAN HAVE DELTONA'S CORPORATE OFFICE SEND A LETTER OUT VERIFYING WHAT HE SAYS AS THEIR POSITION.

KATHMAN REFERENCED HAVING SEEN A 1985 LETTER WHERE THINGS WERE CHANGED TO THE AFFECT THE COUNTY WOULD ACCEPT SOIL CEMENT AND ONE INCH OF ASPHALT.

THE BOARD AGREED TO TABLE THE DELTONA ROADS ISSUE UNTIL THE BOARD MINUTES COULD BE RESEARCHED TO SEE IF ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE BOARD TO ACCEPT SOIL CEMENT BASE.

MAX LANEY AND RANDY PEEL, REPRESENTING THE FAITH COVENANT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THAT BPR SAYS THE ISSUE OF GRANTING A PERMIT TO ADD BATHROOMS ON TO THEIR CHURCH WAS A COUNTY ISSUE AND UP TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IF A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO THE FAITH COVENANT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH TO ADD THE BATHROOMS ON TO THEIR CHURCH. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD ADVERTISE TO AMEND THEIR BUILDING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE FORMULA TO A LESSER FIGURE ON COMMERCIAL WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND THIS IS WHAT THE CHURCH IS ASKING; IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO ADVERTISE FOR THAT CHANGE, HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THEM AUTHORIZING THE PERMIT TO BE ISSUED NOW WHILE THE BOARD IS TAKING THIS ACTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO ADVERTISING TO AMEND THE BUILDING ORDINANCE IN ANY WAY, THE CHAIRMAN APPOINT A BOARD MEMBER TO WORK WITH HIM TO DECIDE WHAT AMENDMENTS NEED TO BE MADE.

THE MOTION TO GRANT THE FAITH COVENANT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH A PERMIT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MO PUJOL, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON LEGAL ADS QUESTIONING WHAT THE BOARD'S INTEREST WAS AS FOR AS THE ADVERTISING OF LEGAL ADS. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PUT THE LEGAL AD ADVERTISEMENTS OUT FOR BID USING THE SAME SPECIFICATIONS AS PREVIOUSLY BID.

JIM PARRISH, REPRESENTING THE FLORIDA SMALL COUNTIES FOUNDATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD PROVIDING THEM WITH A STATUS REPORT ON THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM, WHAT SERVICES THEY HAVE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY IN THE PAST AND WHAT IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE 1997 SCTAS PROGRAM YEAR.

GREGORY MORTON ADDRESSED PERSONS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPRESSOR STATION IN CARYVILLE ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD TAKE ACTION TO HAVE FLORIDA GAS REDUCE THEIR NOISE LEVEL AT THE FACILITY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTING COMMISSIONER HALL TO CHECK INTO THE COMPLAINT OF THE NOISE LEVEL AT THE COMPRESSOR STATION AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT ITS FEBRUARY MEETING.

PATTY GRANTHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE ROAD NAME CHANGE ON WORLEY ROAD. WORLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROCESS SHE HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS TO TRY AND GET WORLEY ROAD NAME CHANGED TO A GENERIC NAME AND NO ONE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE HER AN ANSWER AS TO WHY THE NAME CHANGE HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE. GRANTHAM WAS ADVISED THERE WAS A MORATORIUM THERE WOULD BE NO MORE ROAD NAME CHANGES AND THE BOARD HAS NOT LIFTED THIS MORATORIUM. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO NOTIFY MS. GRANTHAM WHEN THE MORATORIUM IS LIFTED AND GIVE HER THE PROCEDURE TO

FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE ROAD NAME CHANGE AT THAT TIME.

STACY WEBB, REPRESENTING JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SHIP PROGRAM PACKET SHE HAD PROVIDED TO THEM. THE FIRST ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS THE ELIGIBILITY OF CHRIS AND SUSAN LAWSON TO RECEIVE SHIP FUNDING. DUE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THE LAWSON'S INCOME BEING OVER THE SHIP GUIDELINES BECAUSE OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME CHRIS HAD PUT IN, COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CHRIS AND SUSAN LAWSON FOR SHIP PROGRAM FUNDING.

THE SECOND ISSUE ADDRESSED BY WEBB WAS TO REQUEST THE INTEREST ACCRUED AT FIRST UNION FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE SHIP PROGRAM TOTALLING \$13,721.46 BE TRANSFERRED TO THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES. PARKER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD BE TAKING THE FIRST STEP TODAY ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES BY VOTING WHETHER TO TRANSMIT THE CHANGES TO THE STATE FOR THEIR REVIEW:

1. ALLOW FOR THE PLATTING OF SUBDIVIDED AREAS WHEN ALL PARCELS ARE GREATER THAN 4.5 ACRES WITHOUT REQUIRING THAT THE LAND USE CHANGE BE DONE.
2. AMEND THE CLUSTERING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN TO GIVE THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY INCENTIVE TO PAVE THE ROADS IN THE SUBDIVISION. ALLOWS FOR UP TO 49 RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO BE DEVELOPED WITHOUT A LAND USE CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE AREAS AT LESS THAN 4.5 ACRES MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE WITHOUT A LAND USE CHANGE IF THIS AND OTHER CLUSTERING PROVISIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH. ALSO REDUCES OPEN SPACE RATIO FROM 55% TO 25%.
3. SMALL CHANGES WHICH MORE CLEARLY LINK SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ESPECIALLY CLUSTERING PROVISIONS. ALSO ELIMINATES WORDING OF SEMI-ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS BEING REQUIRED SINCE SMALL SCALE AMENDMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED MORE FREQUENTLY THAN TWICE PER YEAR.

AS THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENT WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SUBMITTAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE LITIGATION PENDING AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE JAIL AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. PEEL PROVIDED THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME HE TOOK OFFICE WHICH SHOWED A LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS TOTALLING \$104,691.48. PEEL ADVISED THE BOARD DUE TO THE CLERKS OFFICE LETTING HIM MAKE TWO DRAWS IN JANUARY, WHICH HE IS ALLOWED TO DO, ALL THESE BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID. PEEL RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF A COUPLE OF COMMISSIONERS, ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN, JOE TAYLOR, AND HIMSELF TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THAT WILL NEED TO BE DEALT WITH. PEEL AGREED TO KEEP THE ADMINISTRATOR UP TO DATE ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF ANY MORE OUTSTANDING DEBTS PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THIS INFORMATION. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED PEEL THE BOARD WOULD APPOINT ONE OR TWO MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

SHERIFF PEEL THEN ADDRESSED THERE BEING FOUR CASES OF LITIGATION PENDING AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME HE TOOK OFFICE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERENCED HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN HAD GIVEN AUTHORIZATION TO THE LAW FIRM REPRESENTING THE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION TO HANDLE ONE OF THE LAWSUITS PENDING AGAINST THE COUNTY DUE TO THE DEADLINE TO ANSWER THE SUIT AND THE FIRM BEING FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE AS THE PRIOR SHERIFF HAD CONTACTED THEM. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD RATIFY THE DECISION HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN MADE TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRM TO ANSWER AND PREPARE THE DEFENSE ON THE SUIT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO RATIFY THE ACTION OF ATTORNEY HOLLEY

AND ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE JAIL ISSUE ADVISING THE BOARD THERE WERE PRESENTLY THREE MALES AND ONE FEMALE BEING HOUSED IN JACKSON COUNTY. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIS PLAN FOR USING PLASTIC STACKABLE BUNKS AT THE JAIL OR THE POSSIBILITY OF WELDING SOME OF THE OLD METAL BUNKS TO THE WALL; EITHER PLAN WOULD ONLY COST APPROXIMATELY \$2,000.00. PEEL ADVISED THE BOARD AFTER DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH LT. BARNES AND THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH WELDING THE OLD BUNKS TO THE WALL OF THE JAIL. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE WELDING OF THE BUNKS TO THE WALL AT THE JAIL AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN TO PROCURE THE MONEY NECESSARY TO SEE THIS IMPLEMENTED AS WELL AS THE MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE BUNKS.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS STUDY DONE BY OMNICOM. PEEL ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD READ THE PLAN ON THE COMMUNICATIONS AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH LEON SEXTON AND RANDALL TRUETTE. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TURN SEXTON AND TRUETTE LOOSE TO CORRECT THE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM. THE BOARD ADVISED SHERIFF PEEL TRUETTE AND SEXTON ALREADY HAD THEIR BLESSINGS ON IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN TO SOLVE THE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM.

GLENDIA GRICE ADDRESSED THE BOARD SHOWING THEM PICTURES OF THE CONDITION OF FOXWORTH ROAD WHILE ROAD & BRIDGE WAS CLOSED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. SHE VOICED HER OPPOSITION TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT BEING CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS OR ANYTIME AND RECOMMENDED EMPLOYEES VACATION TIME BE STAGGERED WHERE AT LEAST ONE-HALF TO THREE QUARTERS OF THE PERSONNEL WOULD BE WORKING AT ALL TIMES.

AUBREY DAVIS, REPRESENTING CITIZENS VOICE ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE PUBLICITY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND BUILDING CODES HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HAS PROJECTED A NEGATIVE IMAGE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DAVIS ADDRESSED HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTOR FOUND HIS PERFORMANCE UNACCEPTABLE.

DAVIS ADDRESSED THE PROBLEMS WERE: CREEL'S ATTITUDE, COUNTY CODES ARE OVERLY STRINGENT AND STATE CODES SEEM TO BE EXCESSIVE FOR SMALL RURAL COUNTIES.

CITIZENS VOICE RECOMMENDED: THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TAKE A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH AND IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CREEL TO DO SO PRIOR TO HIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD ENDING; HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S PERFORMANCE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK ALSO; NOT TO RETAIN CREEL ON A PERMANENT BASIS BASED ON WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN AND HEARD; AMEND THE EXISTING CODES AND USE THE JACKSON COUNTY AMENDMENT AS AN EXAMPLE; CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A STUDY GROUP OR COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OTHER COUNTIES' CODES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD; ESTABLISH A BOARD OF APPEALS IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO; PUT THE BUILDING CODES ON THE COMPUTER SO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THE CODES AND REFER SPECIFICS TO PERSONS WANTING INFORMATION ON PERMITS; WORK WITH THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION TO HAVE THE STATE MINIMIZE CODES IN RURAL COUNTIES; ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND/OR LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER THE COUNTIES NEEDS AND USE STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO PUSH FOR MORE HOME RULE POLICIES.

MR. TOM CROW, PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON-HOLMES BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, ADVISED THE BOARD THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THE JACKSON COUNTY ORDINANCE WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AS MUCH AS IT WOULD DO THINGS TO CREATE PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. HE REFERENCED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING CODES REGULATE THE BUILDERS WORK AND THEIR JOB IS TO SEE THE BUILDERS PRODUCE STRUCTURES THAT ARE SAFE FOR THE INHABITANTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS THE MOST LAX BUILDING CODES THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE IN THIS COUNTRY; JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY WAS IN THE 90 MPH WIND BLOW AREA WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY BEING IN THE 100 MPH WIND BLOW AREA; THEREFORE, THE LAWS IN JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY DO NOT PERTAIN TO WASHINGTON COUNTY; THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WAS DOING THEIR JOB AND DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS THAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS DON'T ENCOMPASS; IF THE COUNTY ACCEPTS LOWER BUILDING STANDARDS AND THE INSURANCE PEOPLE COME IN AND RATES THE COUNTY POORLY, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT HARM THEMSELVES; THERE WAS NOT A PROBLEM WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.

JOEL PATE, REPRESENTING THE BLUE LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD PRESENTING THEM WITH A BLUE LAKE RESTORATION REPORT AND A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARK FOR 1996-97. THE COMMITTEE WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD MAKE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR A DOCK REPLACEMENT AT BLUE LAKE TO SENATOR W. D.

CHILDERS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO MAKE A REQUEST TO CHILDERS TO SEE IF HE CAN MAKE AN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DOCK REPLACEMENT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S ACTION IN 1985 STIPULATED IF DELTONA WOULD PUT THE SOIL CEMENT BASE WITH THE ONE INCH LAYER OF ASPHALT AND DO OTHER CERTAIN DRAINAGE, THE COUNTY WOULD ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE OVER THE ROADS AFTER A YEARS PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE ISSUE, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD UNLESS THEY TAKE ACTION TO CHANGE THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION OF 1985, IF THAT ACTION WAS AS COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED, THE BOARD HAS NO OPTION BUT TO ACCEPT THE ROADS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ROADS ON ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE TO ADHERE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES OF 1985. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

THE BOARD RECESSED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, REPORTS ON THE TABLED OR REPORT BACK ITEMS WERE GIVEN. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE REMOVAL OF THE MOBILE HOME FROM BIG PINES RECREATION AREA WOULD BE COMPLETED TODAY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOAT LAKE COMMITTEE WHEN THEY WERE REQUESTED TO BE FILLED.

COMMISSIONER HALL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ALLEN DOWNS CULVERT PROBLEMS ADVISING DOWNS WAS TO PURCHASE A DRIVEWAY PERMIT; THE CULVERT HAS BEEN ORDERED AND DOWNS WILL INSTALL THE PIPE WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS. ROYCE PITTS HAD REQUESTED HIS NAME BE REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD AGREED TO MOVE ON WITH THE MEETING WHILE ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEWED THE STATUTES ON THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE APPOINTEES TO THE ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS BOARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOWARD LOVETT GOING TO OFFICIALLY RESIGN FROM THE HOSPITAL BOARD. COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD AS A REPLACEMENT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT COMMISSIONER BROCK'S APPOINTMENT TO THE HOSPITAL BOARD CONTINGENT UPON LOVETT RESIGNING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER MET WITH MR. JEEP SULLIVAN, CARETAKER OF THE OLD HENTZ DAIRY, ON A DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON THE PROPERTY COMING OFF THE COUNTY ROADS; THE PROPERTY IS BEING DEVELOPED INTO A FISHING AND HUNTING PRESERVE. CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD PURCHASE TWO 30' PIPES AND THE DROP INLETS, THE OWNER HAD AGREED TO BUILD AND CONSTRUCT THE SETTLEMENT PONDS TO HELP CURTAIL THE DRAINAGE COMING OFF THE COUNTY ROADS. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE TWO PIPES AND DROP INLETS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM MR. ED MOYER OF THE FLORIDA GAME AND FRESH WATER FISH COMMISSION ON THE SAFETY ISSUE AT CYPRESS SPRINGS. MOYER PROVIDED A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE BOARDS' PROPOSED ORDINANCE THEY ADVERTISED IN OCTOBER ADDRESSING CYPRESS SPRINGS WHICH WOULD REGULATE BOAT TRAFFIC WITHIN 50 YARDS OF THE BOIL OF CYPRESS SPRINGS AND ADDRESS THE SAFETY ISSUE AT THE SPRINGS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE DIDN'T KNOW THE LEGALITY OF PROHIBITING BOATS IN THE SPRINGS. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION TO ADVERTISE THE MODIFIED VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE STATUTE ON THE ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS BOARD ADVISING IT WAS A SEVEN MEMBER COMMITTEE WITH TWO ALTERNATES WITH THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE STAGGERED SO NO MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE BOARD APPOINTED ARE REPLACED WITHIN ANY TWELVE MONTH PERIOD; THE TWO ALTERNATES WILL SERVE ONE YEAR TERMS. CHAIRMAN CARTER READ THOSE NAMES RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT: RICHARD WORLEY, DON HARREL, REDUS COGGINS, LAMAR TOWNSEND, JIM SMITH, TOM CROW, ART PATER AND JOHN FOSTER.

FRANK CORSO REQUESTED HIS NAME BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS BOARD. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, ADD CORSO'S NAME TO THE LIST WITH EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BRINGING BACK A LIST OF WHO THEY HAVE CONTACTED WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE AND TAKE ACTION AT THAT TIME ON THE APPOINTMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO DIG A HOLE AND BURY THE DEBRIS ON ONE OF THE SITES AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO WHICH HIT WASHINGTON COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD IF NO DISASTER HAD BEEN DECLARED IN THE

AREA, HE WAS NOT SURE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL WAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PREPARING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR RESURFACING OF BRICKYARD ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY, DOWN ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY TO COMMERCE DRIVE. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH THE GRANT, WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL WAS NEEDING THE BOARD TO COMMIT TO A \$100,000.00 MATCH IF THE GRANT WAS FUNDED. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO PURSUE THE GRANT FOR RESURFACING BRICKYARD ROAD.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADDRESSED TWO LETTERS ON 9-1-1 REFERENCING UPDATING ORDINANCE 89-5 ON THE CRITERIA USED FOR 9-1-1 ROAD NAMING AND ON PROVIDING A 9-1-1 MAILING LIST. WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE LEGALITY OF PROVIDING THE 9-1-1 MAILING LIST, THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO RESEARCH THE ISSUE. CHAIRMAN CARTER AGREED TO WORK ON A ROUGH DRAFT OF A PLAN ON THE 9-1-1 CRITERIA AND PROVIDING THE MAILING LIST SHOULD ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISE IT WAS LEGAL TO DO SO.

LEONARD CARSON, REPRESENTING CARSON & LINN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR ROLES AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. CARSON BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE RIGHTS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND ADVISED THE BOARD IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, THEY NEEDED TO KEEP THEMSELVES IN PROPER FUNCTION WHICH WAS A POLICY MAKING BODY; GET TRAINING ON A REGULAR BASIS ON WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE; ESTABLISH A DEFINITE LINE OF AUTHORITY; DEVELOP A UNIFORM POLICY AND ADHERE TO IT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CARSON TO REVIEW THE CURRENT COUNTY POLICIES, WORK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD ON CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO THE POLICIES.

ADMINISTRATOR HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ON CARDROOM ACTIVITY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB IN CASE IT IS DETERMINED THE RESOLUTION PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE WASHINGTON COUNTY KENNEL CLUB TO CONDUCT CARDROOM ACTIVITY. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE KENNEL CLUB TO PAY FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1996 TOTALLING \$764,091.81.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD TO MAKE A CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT TO A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH THE WATER TESTING FOR THE LAKEWATCH PROGRAM. IT WAS THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD FOR CHAIRMAN CARTER TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 01/23/97