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BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/31/97

JULY 31, 1997

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JULY 24, 1997 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CORBIN, CARTER, HALL, BROCK AND DAVIS PRESENT. CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER AND DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON BUILDING ORDINANCE 97-4 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 27, 1997 ALLOWING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER UPON HIS OWN PROPERTY FROM PERMITTING FOR ANY ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS THAT DO NOT EXCEED 500 SQUARE FEET OR ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS DONE BY A NON-OWNER PROVIDED THE COST DOES NOT EXCEED \$5,000.00.

BO CREEL, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, ADVISED THE BOARD THEY CAN EXEMPT THE COST FOR PERMITTING BUT CAN'T EXEMPT THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PERMIT AS THE STATE STATUTE REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR ALL PURPOSES.

ALSO CREEL ADDRESSED ORDINANCE 97-4 ALLOWING ELECTRICAL UPGRADING WITHOUT PERMITTING AND IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT REGULATE THE PERMITTING, THEY COULD BE HELD LIABLE SHOULD AN ACCIDENT OCCUR.

CREEL WAS REQUESTING CLARIFICATION FROM THE BOARD ON ORDINANCE 97-4 AND READ THE STATUTE COVERING ITEMS ADDRESSED IN THE ORDINANCE.

CREEL ADDRESSED ORDINANCE 97-4 COULD JEOPARDIZE THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM APPLICATION BEING DONE BY WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL DUE TO MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATION CERTIFICATES ON ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ALL SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS BEING A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF THE CRS PROGRAM; THEREFORE, THE COUNTY MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE FEMA FUNDING ASSISTANCE OR ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CONTRACTORS ASSUMING THEY ARE ALSO EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING FOR ITEMS ADDRESSED IN ORDINANCE 97-4. THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO RESEARCH WITH JACKSON COUNTY AND SEE WHAT IS COVERED UNDER THEIR EXEMPTIONS AND DO THEY REQUIRE EXEMPTION OR WAIVER CERTIFICATES FOR WORK EXEMPTED FROM PERMITTING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REQUESTING SURVEY INFORMATION ON WHAT ISSUES WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO LOBBY FOR. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IF THEY HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO FORWARD TO FAC.

CLERK LINDA COOK ADDRESSED JOHN WEEKS PROVIDING HER WITH A BILL FOR \$172.79 FOR DAMAGE DONE TO HIS CAR ON HIGHWAY 273 AND WAS REQUESTING A RESPONSE AS TO WHETHER THE BOARD WOULD OR WOULD NOT PAY THE BILL. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO DENY THESE TYPE PAYMENTS AS IT WAS BELOW THE DEDUCTIBLE. CLERK LINDA COOK AGREED TO NOTIFY MR. WEEKS OF THE BOARD'S ACTION.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED A REPORT SUBMITTED BY MARY ENFINGER ON THE EXPENDITURES OVER THE \$100,000.00 GRANT RECEIVED FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS BUILDING FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING; ENFINGER WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD CONSIDER PICKING UP THE COST OVER THE \$100,000.00 GRANT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHY A CHANGE ORDER WAS NOT ISSUED AND APPROVED FOR THE OVERAGE ON THE ROOF AS WELL AS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION BE PROVIDED ON THE EXPENDITURES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO PICK UP THE \$7,416.58 COST OVER THE \$100,000.00 GRANT UNTIL MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE.

VONCILE ESTES, OFFICE MANAGER, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE A USED CHIPPER FOR \$3,500.00 TO DISPOSE OF LIMBS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO DENY THE PURCHASE OF THE USED CHIPPER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ADVISE ROAD AND BRIDGE, IF THEY DESIRE TO PURCHASE A CHIPPER, TO WRITE UP THE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS.

ESTES BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR TWO

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RADIOS FOR THE NEW AMBULANCE AT A COST OF \$3,982.50 EACH TO BE PAID FROM THE \$12.50 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE MONIES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO PURCHASE THE TWO RADIOS FROM THE \$12.50 SURCHARGE MONIES CONTINGENT UPON FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD OF THE BALANCE IN THE \$12.50 SURCHARGE FUND. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND DAVIS AGREED TO AMEND THEIR MOTION TO PURCHASE ONE RADIO NOW AND THE OTHER RADIO WHEN FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE PATE POND PROJECT. AS THE MONIES AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT IS A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT, THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER HALL TO WORK WITH DAVID TO DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY AND WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM WITH PARKING AT PATE POND. THE BOARD REQUESTED A RECOMMENDATION BE PROVIDED TO THEM ON WHAT COULD BE DONE REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHY THE OWNER HAD CLOSED THAT PORTION OF ROAD GOING INTO WAGES POND THAT DEAD ENDS AND TURNS IN TO A TWO TRAIL ROAD; THIS WAS DUE TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADVISING THE OWNER SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE AS HE WAS RENTING OUT PROPERTY TO PERSONS AND RAW SEWAGE WAS BEING DUMPED ON THE GROUND; NO SEWAGE FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE ON THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AS NO ONE HAS A BOSS. HE ADDRESSED A PROBLEM WITH A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS AS TO WHAT AND WHEN EQUIPMENT WOULD BE GOING TO WORK IN WHAT AREAS OF THE COUNTY. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN GETTING NO COOPERATION AT ALL DURING THE EMERGENCY SITUATION WITH THE STORM WATER; THE FOREMEN AT PUBLIC WORKS NEED TO RECOGNIZE WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM IN THE COUNTY, IT SHOULD BE EQUALLY COVERED WHETHER IT BE ON THE EAST SIDE OR THE WEST SIDE.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE EXPENSE AND LOSS OF TIME DUE TO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE LIVING IN THE CARYVILLE AREA HAVING TO DRIVE TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EACH MORNING, DRIVE A COUNTY VEHICLE TO THE LOCATION OF HIS EQUIPMENT, AND THEN DRIVE THE VEHICLE BACK TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE DAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO GO WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER HAVING CHARGE OVER HIS OWN EQUIPMENT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD SET POLICIES WITH EVERYONE ADHERING TO THEM.

HORACE NELSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A MOTORGRADER OPERATOR REMOVING A CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGN ON PIKE POND ROAD AND LEAVING IT SIDE OF A FENCE WHEN HE DUG OUT A DITCH. THE BOARD ADVISED NELSON THEY WOULD HAVE ROAD AND BRIDGE TAKE CARE OF REPLACING THE SIGN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE AGREEMENT THE BOARD PASSED NOT TO ASSIST WITH DRIVEWAY INSTALLATIONS ON STATE HIGHWAYS. AS THE STATE IS NOW CHARGING \$185.00 FOR PERMITTING FOR DRIVEWAYS AND THIS PUTTING A SQUEEZE ON SOME PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO RESCIND THE AMENDMENT TO THE DRIVEWAY POLICY PASSED BY THE BOARD ON NOT ASSISTING WITH DRIVEWAY INSTALLATIONS ON STATE HIGHWAYS AND TREAT PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY LIVING ON STATE ROADS THE SAME AS THOSE LIVING ON A COUNTY ROADS.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO HOLD A WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS FOR THE COUNTY AND TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO FOLLOW.

THE BOARD WAS PRESENTED A BUDGET PACKET OF ALL THE BUDGET REQUESTS AND AN INFORMATION SHEET ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS REQUESTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$287,659.00.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BUDGET REQUEST. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE TWO ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WOULD BE NEEDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR ONCE THE TAX CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS STATED THE NEW CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR INHERITED PROBLEMS WHEN THEY TOOK OFFICE AND FELT THE BOARD OWED IT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GIVE HER A YEAR OR TWO TO GET THE WORK CAUGHT UP.

CLERK COOK QUESTIONED WHAT COMPLAINTS DAVIS HAD RECEIVED ON THE CLERK'S OFFICE. DAVIS REFERENCED COMPLAINTS SUCH AS NOT BEING ABLE TO GET WAITED ON, NOT BEING ABLE TO LOCATE DOCUMENTS, PROBLEMS WITH THE MICROFISH, ETC.

CHUCK YATES AND MONICA CORSO BOTH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THESE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE CLERK'S OFFICE BEING UNJUSTIFIED AS THEY BOTH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PLEASED WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

THE BOARD AGREED TO REVIEW THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BUDGET REQUEST PRIOR TO THE BOARD TAKING ACTION ON IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE COUNTY CLERK/ACCOUNTANT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$129,550.00 AND THE CLERK/COUNTY COURT PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALLING \$126,420.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$181,118.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$1,049,140.00, THE SHERIFF'S CORRECTION PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$402,408.00 AND THE SHERIFF'S DISPATCH PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALLING \$161,112.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A STEP PAY PLAN TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES BASED ON SENIORITY. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE TO PREPARE THE COST TO IMPLEMENT A \$.10 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING 5-9 YEARS, \$.20 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING 10-14 YEARS AND \$.30 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING 15-OVER YEARS ABOVE THE STANDARD 3% ACROSS THE BOARD RAISES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR REPAIRS TO STATE PARK ROAD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR- MAN TO GET AN ESTIMATE TO REPAIR STATE PARK ROAD AND AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED \$2,000.00, HAVE THE REPAIRS TO THE ROAD DONE. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION. THE BOARD AGREED FOR CHAIRMAN CARTER TO GET AN ESTIMATE TO REPAIR STATE PARK ROAD AND BRING IT BACK TO THE AUGUST 11TH RECESSED MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A WEIGHT LIMIT ON HIGHWAY 280 AT THE JOHN PIPKINS OLD PLACE TO BE ESTABLISHED. THE CONDITIONS OF THE BRIDGE WERE DISCUSSED AS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAD INSPECTED IT AND HAD NOTED THERE WERE BAD SPOTS ON THE BRIDGE. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE FOREMEN AT ROAD AND BRIDGE TO LOOK AT THE BRIDGE TO SEE IF THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THE NEEDED REPAIRS.

THE BOARD AGREED TO RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL AUGUST 11, 1997 AT 4:30 P. M.

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

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DEPUTY CLERK

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