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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/06/97

OCTOBER 6, 1997

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 HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER STATING THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DECISION OF THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE BOARD AND THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THOSE PRESENT THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, ON OCTOBER 2, 1997; THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 TOTALS \$23,239,042.00. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS 5.274% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE WAS PRESENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 WHICH TOTALLED 10 MILLS; NO ONE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE. AS NO ONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 AT TEN MILLS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE PRESENT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 TOTALLING \$23,239,042.00. NO ONE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN CARTER THEN ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED \$10,000,000.00 OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS THE LOAN MONIES ACQUIRED TO BUILD A JAIL, DO ROAD PAVING, ETC. AND IS NOT PART OF THE REGULAR GENERAL FUND MONIES.

BOBBY ANDERSON QUESTIONED THE BOARD WHEN FALLING WATERS ROAD WAS GOING TO BE REPAIRED. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED ANDERSON THE BOARD WAS IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO GET EASEMENTS TOGETHER IN ORDER TO GET RIGHT OF WAYS ON THE ROAD. ANDERSON REFERENCED HIS TAXES HAVE DOUBLED AND THE ROADS ARE IN WORSE SHAPE; PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY DESERVE MORE. ANDERSON VOICED HIS DISSATISFACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 TOTALLING \$23,239,042.00.

THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 WAS CONCLUDED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS PRIOR TO GETTING INTO THE RECESSED MEETING FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 1997 MEETING.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THE BOARD AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A 95% TO 5% MATCH WITH THE COUNTY FURNISHING A 5% INKIND MATCH TO MAKE THE AG CENTER AN EMERGENCY IMPACT SHELTER; ALSO AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ENDORSING RESOLUTION AND THE CONTRACT FOR FUNDING IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL. HAGAN ADVISED THE GRANT WOULD TOTAL \$38,000.00 WITH \$36,097.00 COMING FROM THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT FUNDING TO MAKE THE AG CENTER AN IMPACT SHELTER.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WHAT THEIR FEELING WAS CONCERNING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS IN CASE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SALE OR NOT SALE THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD NOT HEAR WHAT WAS BEING SAID; THE BOARD CHECKED THE MICROPHONES AND DETERMINED THEY

WERE ON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN FELT THE NEWSPAPER BLEW THE HOSPITAL ISSUE OUT OF PROPORTION; ALL THE BOARD WANTED TO DO WAS TO GET MORE FACTS PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION WHETHER TO SALE THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS ACTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY TO DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE HOSPITAL. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS COMMENTED THE BOARD WAS NOT IN A FRAME OF MIND TO SALE THE HOSPITAL; A GROUP CAME IN AND WAS TRYING TO MAKE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE HOSPITAL. DAVIS REFERENCED IT BEING A TREND THAT HAS DEVELOPED ACROSS THE NATION FOR FIRMS TO TRY AND BUY RURAL HOSPITALS AND CONSOLIDATE THEM. HE ALSO ADDRESSED PEOPLE BEING PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE HOSPITAL, THEIR JOBS, ETC. AND MAY FEAR FOR THEIR JOB IF THE HOSPITAL IS SOLD; HOWEVER, IF THESE PEOPLE DO THEIR JOB AND DO IT WELL THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AS FAR AS THEIR JOB.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, COMMISSIONER HALL, BROCK, CORBIN, DAVIS AND CARTER VOTED FOR THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR. CHAIRMAN CARTER MADE A STATEMENT TO THE EMPLOYEES AT THE HOSPITAL ON WHAT A GOOD JOB THEY WERE DOING AND IT WAS GOING TO TAKE THEM TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL GOING.

MR. SAM AUSTIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF MR. HENRY DAY ADVISING THAT MR. DAY WAS GOING TO DONATE THE NEEDED PROPERTY FOR A PARKING AREA FOR THE FLOATING PIER ON PATE LAKE. AUSTIN AGREED THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON THE PROPERTY WOULD BE DELIVERED TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON OCTOBER 7TH IN ORDER FOR HOLLEY TO PREPARE A DEED TO THE COUNTY FOR THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT PAPERWORK ON THE FLOATING PIER PROJECT ON PATE LAKE PENDING ON THE PROPERTY BEING DONATED BY MR. HENRY DAY FOR A PARKING AREA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO REMOVE LYNDA WALLER OFF PROBATION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD LOOKED OVER A LEASE THE COUNTY HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR TWO VANS AND RECOMMENDED THE WORD "SOLE" BE STRICKEN FROM PAGE FOUR; CARTER AGREED TO STRIKE THROUGH THE WORD AND INITIAL IT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE WITH TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THE TWO VANS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE JOB DESCRIPTION PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR PER THE JOB DESCRIPTION PROVIDED. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR A HAND HELD RADIO. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A HANDSET RADIO FOR COMMISSIONER HALL.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THREE ADDITIONAL HAND SET RADIOS FOR DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, TO BE USED FOR EMPLOYEES OVER INMATE CREWS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO PURCHASE A HANDSET RADIO FOR COMMISSIONER HALL AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE THREE HANDSET RADIOS FOR EMPLOYEES OVER INMATE CREWS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE INCREASE IN TAXES OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD WORK TO TRY AND LOWER ITS MILLAGE RATE TO TAKE SOME OF THE BURDEN OFF OF AD VALOREM TAX PAYERS IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED IF IT WAS LEGAL, TO PUT ON A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE ELECTION FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PASS A ONE CENT SALES TAX TO BE USED TO LOWER THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED IF THE PEOPLE VOTED IN A ONE CENT SALES TAX AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECIDED THEY WANTED TO STILL SET THE MILLAGE RATE AT TEN MILLS, THEY COULD DO SO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO PUT ON A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE ELECTION FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PASS A ONE CENT SALES TAX TO BE PLEDGED TO LOWER THE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE TO BE USED AS A TAX RELIEF.

CHUCK YATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THERE WAS NO WAY THE TAXPAYERS IN

WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS GOING TO GET AWAY WITH PAYING LESS TAXES.

STEVE MASON, TAXPAYER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX TO BE PLACED ON THE REFERENDUM TO BE USED TO LOWER THE MILLAGE RATE AS HE FELT IT WAS A MUCH FAIRER TAX; IT WOULD AFFECT EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY AND EVERYBODY THAT COMES INTO THE COUNTY.

CECIL SMITH ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF A STIPULATION COULD BE PLACED THAT THE AD VALOREM TAX ON TAXPAYERS COULD NOT BE RAISED ANY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE SALES TAX WOULD LOWER IT FOR A YEAR. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SMITH THIS BOARD COULD NOT LEGALLY DO THIS AS THEY COULD NOT VIE THE FUTURE BOARD FROM CHANGING IT.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO PROCEED TO DRAW UP THE NECESSARY PAPER WORK FOR THE ONE CENT SALES TAX ISSUE TO BE PLACED ON A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE ELECTION TO HELP LOWER THE MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED RALPH C. CARTER BEING THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE WASHINGTON HOLMES AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. BROCK REFERENCED ALL THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA GOT NAMED AFTER THE REPRESENTATIVE WHO GOT THE SCHOOL FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTING THEY RECOGNIZE RALPH C. CARTER FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE WASHINGTON HOLMES AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED AN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE BOARD ON REDUCING THE SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS AND WAS REQUESTING THE SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED ON IRA ROAD IN EBRO. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL FOR A RESOLUTION TO BE DRAFTED TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON IRA ROAD TO 35 MPH. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTING CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE AND CRYSTAL LAKE CIRCLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HALL AGREED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE AND CRYSTAL LAKE CIRCLE AND ALSO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH AND THEN REDUCE IT DOWN TO 35 MPH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN PROVIDED THE BOARD A LIST OF ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES WHO HAD AGREED TO DONATE A TOTAL OF 560 HOURS OF THEIR SICK LEAVE TO JAMES SHEFFIELD IN ORDER FOR SHEFFIELD TO BE ABLE TO STAY ON THE STATE RETIREMENT PLAN. MR. SHEFFIELD HAD SUFFERED A STROKE AND LIKED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE BEING QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE HIS STATE RETIREMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED CORRESPONDENCE HE HAD FROM THE COUNTY LABOR ATTORNEY AND HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND WAS ADVISED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY DOING THIS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ACCEPT THE 560 HOURS DONATED BY THE EMPLOYEES AT THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT FOR JAMES SHEFFIELD WITH IT TO BE PRORATED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVEN MONTHS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER OF 1997 AND ENDING IN APRIL OF 1998; THIS WILL BE A ONE TIME BASIS ONLY; ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE REQUESTING USE OF SICK LEAVE DONATED BY OTHER EMPLOYEES WILL BE REVIEWED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK AGREED TO AMEND THEIR MOTION IF THIS NUMBER OF HOURS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, THE EMPLOYEES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE MORE SICK LEAVE HOURS TO JAMES SHEFFIELD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO HIRE A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FOR JAMES SHEFFIELD WHILE HE IS OUT ON SICK LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER HIRING ONE TRUCK DRIVER TO HAVE A DRIVER FOR ALL MACK TRUCKS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TRUCK DRIVERS THAT WERE DRIVING THE FOUR OLD MACK TRUCKS THAT WERE SOLD. CORBIN ADDRESSED THIS POSITION WOULD NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL THE NEW ESCAVATOR IS DELIVERED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CANCEL THE REQUEST OF THE NEW EXCAVATOR AS HE FELT ONLY ONE WAS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO ONLY HAVE ONE ESCAVATOR, THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO DESIGNATE IT BE USED STRICTLY ON SECONDARY HIGHWAYS AND TO OPEN UP CROSS DRAINS.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO TAKE A SALARY OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT AND FILL THE TRUCK DRIVER POSITION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER AND DAVIS OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE ROAD FOREMEN BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND GIVE ACCOUNTABILITY OF EVERY ONE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE

EMPLOYEES. CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO INSTRUCT GEORGE ROGERS AND ROBERT HARCUS TO BE PRESENT AT THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING. THE CHAIRMAN INSTRUCTED VONCILE ESTES TO SCHEDULE ROGERS AND HARCUS FOR A SPECIFIED TIME AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND BRIEFED THEM ON HIS TAKING OVER THE SCHEDULING OF THE INMATE CREWS. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THREE WEED EATERS AND FOUR LAWNMOWERS FOR THE INMATE CREWS. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR CORBIN TO GET THREE QUOTES ON THE WEED EATERS AND LAWNMOWERS AND PROVIDE THEM AT THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS DAVID CORBIN WAS GOING TO BE OVER THE SCHEDULING AND OVERSEEING THE INMATE CREWS. CARTER FELT THIS NEEDED TO BE CLARIFIED BY THE BOARD SO COMMISSIONER BROCK CAN CLARIFY IT WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE SUPERVISORS OF ROAD AND BRIDGE AND ANYONE ELSE NEEDING THE USE OF INMATE CREWS TO CONTACT DAVID CORBIN ON WHAT THEY ARE WANTING DONE; CORBIN WOULD THEN SCHEDULE THE WORK TO BE DONE. ANY- THING THAT HAS TO BE SCHEDULED WITH THE INMATE CREWS HAS TO BE SCHEDULED THROUGH DAVID CORBIN'S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE COMPENSATORY TIME ACCUMULATED BY BOARD EMPLOYEES. HE ADVISED THE BOARD OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATORY TIME ACCUMULATED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, BO CREEL, WHICH CREEL WAS UNABLE TO TAKE NOR WAS HE PAID FOR LAST YEAR. CREEL PRESENTLY HAD 320 HOURS COMPENSATORY TIME AND 148 HOURS ANNUAL LEAVE AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO USE THIS AMOUNT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS REFERENCED THE BOARD TAKING ACTION TWO YEARS AGO TO PAY UP ALL THE COMPENSATORY TIME TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES WHO HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATORY TIME EARNED AND ESTABLISHED A POLICY OR RULE NOT TO LET THIS COMPENSATORY TIME BUILD UP AGAIN. HE ADDRESSED IT BEING THE BOARD'S FAULT FOR ALLOWING THE GROWTH OF CREEL'S COMPENSATORY TIME. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO PAY CREEL THE 320 HOURS OF COMP TIME AND REACH A LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPLOYEES HOW THEY CAN RUN UP A LARGE AMOUNT OF COMP TIME AND HOW THE BOARD WANTS TO ADDRESS IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW CREEL ACCUMULATED ALL THE COMPENSATORY TIME.

CREEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR HIS COMPENSATORY TIME WERE DUE TO HIM ALREADY SIGNING UP FOR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE PREVIOUS BUILDING INSPECTOR LEAVING THE COUNTY; THE PREVIOUS BUILDING INSPECTOR LEFT THE SAME WEEK CREEL STARTED THE SCHOOLING AND DUE TO THIS MR. LLOYD POWELL CAME ON BOARD WITH ONLY PROVISIONAL LICENSES; THE STATE REQUIRES A PERSON WITH A STANDARD LICENSE BE IN CHARGE AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT; THEREFORE, THIS DIDN'T LEAVE HIM A LOT OF TIME TO TAKE OFF; POWELL WAS STILL IN TRAINING ALSO AND STILL ONLY HAS PROVISIONAL LICENSES; CREEL HAD 450 HOURS COMPENSATORY TIME AND HAS GOTTEN IT DOWN TO 320 HOURS THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED CREEL IF HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE BUILDING UP COMPENSATORY TIME THIS NEXT YEAR OR WOULD HE BE ABLE TO TAKE IT OFF AS HE MADE IT. CREEL ADDRESSED HE DIDN'T FEEL THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH COMPENSATORY TIME AS MR. POWELL WAS ON THE VIRGE OF GETTING HIS STANDARD LICENSE.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO PAY CREEL FOR HIS 320 HOURS COMP TIME CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND HALL AGREEING TO AMEND THEIR MOTION TO INCLUDE CREEL BE PAID FOR HIS COMP TIME CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING BEING AVAILABLE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO AUTHORIZE ALL COMP TIME FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS PRIOR TO IT BEING MADE, THE BOARD BE ADVISED AT THEIR FOLLOWING MEETING OF THE COMP TIME ACCRUED AND REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TAKE OFF THE COMPENSATORY TIME ACCORDING TO THE BOARD POLICY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR FOR:

COPS MORE GRANT	\$193,000.00
COPS FAST GRANT	55,000.00
SRO REVENUE	19,500.00
DARE GRANT	10,250.00
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	\$277,750.00

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO AUTHORIZE MS. ESTES TO HAVE SOMEONE COME AND CHECK THE PA SYSTEM IN THE BOARD ROOM.

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