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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/23/97

SEPTEMBER 23, 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 CARTER, CORBIN, BROCK, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEYHOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998. EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING BY THE REQUIRED TRIM NOTICES. THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 TOTALS \$24,100,911.00 WITH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE BEING SET AT TEN MILLS. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS IS 5.274 PERCENT GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE BUDGET INFORMATION SHEET PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE AUGUST 28, 1997 MEETING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD ON HOLMES COUNTY'S FUNDING TO THEM LAST YEAR; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT FUNDING IN THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO NOT FUND TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AT THIS TIME AND SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO AT A LATER DATE, THE FUNDING COULD COME FROM THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM. THE BOARD ALSO REQUESTED VONCILE ESTES, THE OFFICE MANAGER, TO CHECK WITH HOLMES AND JACKSON COUNTY TO SEE WHAT FUNDING THEY ARE PROVIDING TO THE AUTHORITY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998. FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO OBTAIN A \$10,000,000.00 LOAN .

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE \$10,000,000.00 LOAN ADVISING CORSO THIS WAS NOT AN UPFRONT LOAN BUT THE MONIES WOULD BE DRAWN DOWN AS NEEDED FOR THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION, EOC RENOVATIONS, \$100,000.00 MATCH FOR EDA GRANT, \$200,000.00 MATCH FOR CDBG ROAD GRANT IF THE BOARD RECEIVES THE GRANT AND THE REMAINDER PAYING FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THERE HAD BEEN NO PAYMENT SCHEDULES PROVIDED FOR A \$10,000,000.00 LOAN; ALL THE REVENUES AVAILABLE TO BE PLEDGED WERE BUDGETED FOR DEBT SERVICE. HOWEVER, THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH AVAILABLE REVENUES TO FUND THE ENTIRE \$10,000,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING SEVERAL INQUIRIES ON THE TAX ISSUE THAT IS GOING OUT THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND HE WANTED THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO KNOW, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS IN NO WAY INCREASED THE TAX MILLAGE OF THE COUNTY OR TAXES; THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS INCREASED THEIR MILLAGE BY TWO MILLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT HAVING A THIRD PERSON IN THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET. BROCK WAS ADVISED THIS POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR BUDGET REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN CARTER READ INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE BOARD BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE ON PROPERTIES RECEIVING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:

A. TOTAL HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES	5,136	100%
2. HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES PAYING TAXES	3,469	68%
3. HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES TOTALLY EXEMPT	1,667	32% COMMISSIONER DAVIS

OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 AT TEN MILLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$24,100,911.00 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADVERTISE THE "SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET; AND THE "NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING" IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE

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AND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 ON OCTOBER 6, 1997 AT 5:05 P. M.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR APPROVING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

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DEPUTY CLERK

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