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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/25/97

SEPTEMBER 25, 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 CORBIN, BROCK, DAVIS, HALL AND CARTER 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 CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 1997 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONE, TWO, FIVE AND SIX:

1. APPROVAL OF CHAIRMAN SIGNING THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; THIS GRANT FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR UPDATING THE COUNTY'S HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.
2. APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR UPDATING THE COUNTY'S VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS GRANT FUNDING.
5. APPROVAL FOR DALE MACUMBER, VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER, TO DISPOSE OF VETERAN'S SERVICE RECORDS FOR PERIOD FROM 01/01/75 THRU 06/30/92 AS HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE STATE TO DISPOSE OF THE OLD RECORDS.
6. APPROVAL FOR DEBORAH RILEY, PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, TO BE REMOVED FROM PROBATION DUE TO RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO DISCUSS ITEMS 3 & 4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR LATER ON IN THE MEETING:

3. APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ANNUAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$95,936.00.
4. APPROVAL OF THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS.

GERALD MASON, REPRESENTING GRACEVILLE LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC., ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON SELLING THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE FOR THE COUNTY AT AN AUCTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 1997. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AUTHORIZE MASON TO SALE THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE AT THE OCTOBER 4, 1997 AUCTION. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THE MONIES FROM THE SALE OF THE EQUIPMENT BE PUT BACK INTO ROAD AND BRIDGE AND BE USED TO PURCHASE A TRAILER TO PULL THE LOADER AND NEW ESCAVATOR. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON BROCK'S REQUEST. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR PASSED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSING.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO WORK WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE ON THE EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AT THE AUCTION AND IN PROVIDING MASON A LIST OF THE EQUIPMENT.

GARY OWENS, MAYOR OF VERNON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEM OF A \$200,000.00 GRANT APPROVED FOR A NEW FIREHOUSE FOR THE CITY OF VERNON AND REQUESTED THE BOARD DONATE APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES TO CONSTRUCT THE FIREHOUSE ON AT THE LOWER END OF THE EMS BUILDING.

OWENS ADVISED THE BOARD THE CITY OF VERNON WAS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING THE PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY DEEDED TO THEM FOR SPRAY FIELDS FOR THEIR SEWER SYSTEM FOR PROPERTY TO CONSTRUCT THE FIREHOUSE ON; IT WAS DETERMINED THE PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY DEEDED TO THEM WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR THE SPRAY FIELDS NOR WOULD IT BE SUITABLE FOR THE FIREHOUSE LOCATION.

OWENS ADDRESSED THE CITY OF VERNON WAS GOING TO APPLY FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR A NEW SEWER SYSTEM AND REQUESTED THE BOARD SUPPLY THEM WITH INFORMATION ON THE JOB DEVELOPMENT FOR THE VERNON PLACE OR ANY OTHER INDUSTRY THAT WAS BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTY. THE BOARD ADVISED OWENS THAT OLE ELLIS, DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COULD SUPPLY HIM WITH THE INFORMATION NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO WRITE A LETTER TO OLE ELLIS, DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REQUESTING HE ASSIST VERNON WITH THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE PROPERTY THE COUNTY HAD DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY IN VERNON AND QUESTIONED THE STATUS OF IT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM STUART CHRISTMAS ON THIS PROJECT BUT THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY HAD A REVERTER CLAUSE IN IT GIVING IT BACK TO THE COUNTY SHOULD THE PROJECT NOT BE FUNDED.

BO CREEL, THE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, ADVISED THE BOARD AJAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DID BID THE JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY PROJECT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY USING THE FORTY ACRE SITE; HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANY RESPONSE ON WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH THE BIDS. THE BOARD DIRECTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CONTACT STUART CHRISTMAS TO GET THE STATUS ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY WHICH WOULD BE LOCATED IN VERNON IF THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO WORK WITH THE MAYOR OF VERNON ON THE TWO ACRE SITE LOCATED AT THE LOWER END OF THE EMS BUILDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW FIREHOUSE TO SEE IF THIS PROPERTY WOULD BE SUITABLE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED A REVERTER CLAUSE BE PUT INTO THE DEED SHOULD THE COUNTY GIVE THE PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF VERNON FOR A FIREHOUSE AND THE CITY OF VERNON CHANGES THEIR MIND ON THE SITE LOCATION.

MAYOR OWENS REFERENCED RECREATION BEING ADDRESSED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE COUNTY FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN PLAYING ON BALL TEAMS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED OWENS NO ACTIVE PROGRAM HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED NOR BUDGETED FOR THIS TYPE OF RECREATION; HOWEVER, THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO INCLUDE ALL THE LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY WHEN ADDRESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TYPE OF RECREATION INTO THEIR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM.

JIM BUNDY, REPRESENTING BCM, INC., BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE SERVICES BCM IS PROVIDING TO THE COUNTY ON THEIR LANDFILL CLOSURES:

1. GROUND WATER MONITORING BIDS-THE BIDS ARE GOOD FOR ONE YEAR; IF THE LAB SELECTED, CURRENTLY THE WATER SPIGOT, DOES NOT INCREASE THEIR PRICES, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE GROUND WATER MONITORING.
2. COST ESTIMATE ON WHAT IT COSTS TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE LANDFILLS PROVIDED EACH YEAR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE PLAN.
3. EVERY TWO YEARS PREPARE A REPORT TO THE "DEP" WHICH LOOKS OVER THE ENTIRE MONITORING FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD; BCM LOOKS OVER THE BACKGROUND VERSUS WHAT IS BEING DISCHARGED AT THE SITE. THIS REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED FOR CHIPLEY SITE AND THE MUDHILL REPORT IS DUE IN DECEMBER.
4. INSPECT THE LANDFILL SITES PERIODICALLY.

BUNDY ADDRESSED THE VINYL CHLORIDE CONTAMINANTS FOUND AT THE MUDHILL LANDFILL SITE ADVISING IT FIRST SHOWED UP IN 1994; THE DEP PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED AND A GROUND WATER ASSESSMENT PLAN WAS DONE. HE SHOWED THE BOARD A LAYOUT OF THE MONITORING WELLS AT THE LANDFILL AND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON WHERE THE VINYL CHLORIDE WAS SHOWING UP. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF VINYL CHLORIDE LEAKAGE; HE DIDN'T FEEL THERE WAS ANY RISK INVOLVED EITHER TO THE HUMAN HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

BUNDY TOLD THE BOARD THE TWO YEAR TECHNICAL REPORT IS DUE ON MUDHILL LANDFILL IN DECEMBER AND THE VINYL CHLORIDE WILL BE ADDRESSED TO DEP AT THAT TIME; DEP WILL THEN DETERMINE IF THEY ARE GOING TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MONITORING OR ANY FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

BUNDY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON HEALTH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO VINYL CHLORIDE AND AGAIN ADVISED THEM THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE PUBLIC OR THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD BRIEFING THEM ON THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGY PLAN AND THE ANNUAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE GRANT FUNDS ARE USED TO HELP IMPROVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; THE FUNDS ARE GENERATED BY SURCHARGES ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AND DISTRIBUTED BY FORMULA THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WASHINGTON COUNTY'S FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALS \$101,000.00 LESS \$6,000 WHICH WILL GO TOWARD THE

MAINTENANCE OF THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD A PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDING WOULD BE USED TO FUND HIS SALARY WITH THE REMAINDER BEING USED TO IMPLEMENT THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGY PLAN.

HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGY PLAN ADVISING IT WAS A WORK PRODUCT ON WHAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO WITH THE GRANT FUNDING MONIES AND IT IS UPDATED ANNUALLY. HAGAN REFERENCED A LETTER HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ADVISING THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN IS LESS AGGRESSIVE THAN THE PRIOR DIRECTOR'S PLAN BUT HE FEELS IT IS A DOABLE PLAN.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE STATE NO LONGER WOULD BE PICKING UP A 100% OF THE MATCH FOR FEMA SHOULD A DISASTER OCCUR; THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO FUND A PORTION OF THESE MONIES. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF TRAINING, LOCAL ORDINANCES AND PROVISIONS, ETC. THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING WHICH WOULD HINDER THEIR CHANCE OF RECOVERY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HAGAN ON WHAT THE GRANT FUNDING COULD BE USED FOR. HAGAN ADVISED IT COULD BE USED FOR HIS SALARY AND BENEFITS, CONSTRUCTION OF EOC, BUYING AND UPGRADING SHELTER SPACE, WARNING AND RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, STOCKING SHELTERS, PAYING PORTIONS OF THE MAINTENANCE FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLE, GENERATORS, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELATED EXPENSES.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR SHELTER MANAGERS, MEDICAL & SECURITY PERSONS, ETC. FOR EACH EMERGENCY SHELTER. HAGAN WOULD LIKE TO TAKE MORE STAFF PEOPLE AWAY FROM RESPONSIBLE AREAS AND BE ABLE TO TRAIN VOLUNTEER PEOPLE FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR VARIOUS ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED TO COVER SITUATIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY; HE ADVISED HE WOULD BE DEVELOPING THESE ORDINANCES DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW IN ORDER FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO BE WHAT THE BOARD WANTS IT TO BE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY SHELTERS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY. HAGAN ADVISED THERE WERE PRESENTLY SEVEN BUILDINGS ON THE SHELTER LIST.

HAGAN ADDRESSED HE WAS SUBMITTING A COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR THE AG CENTER FOR PLACING A GENERATOR THERE AS WELL AS MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE EMERGENCY SHELTER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEMS 3 AND 4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

3. APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 TOTALLING \$95,936.00.
4. APPROVAL OF THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AS PROVIDED BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ROGER HAGAN.

JAN MORRIS, NEWS REPORTER, QUESTIONED THE BOARD ON WHAT LIABILITY THE TAXPAYERS HAVE WHEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TAKES THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN A COUNTY VEHICLE. SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE TAG NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE SHE WAS REFERRING TO. THE BOARD AGREED TO CHECK OUT THE TAG NUMBER AND FIND OUT THE EMPLOYEE WHO WAS USING THE COUNTY VEHICLE TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

ON THE LIABILITY ISSUE, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WAS NEGLIGENT AND SOMEONE GOT HURT ON THE COUNTY VEHICLE, THE COUNTY WOULD BE LIABLE TO THE EXTENT IT WAS NOT COVERED UNDER THE INSURANCE.

SUSAN ROBERTS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE STATUS OF STATE PARK ROAD. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED ROBERTS THE BOARD HAD QUOTES WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED TODAY TO REPAIR STATE PARK ROAD AND HOPEFULLY THE BOARD WOULD ACCEPT THE LOW QUOTE.

J. R. FOXWORTH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE ACCESS ROAD AT HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES ADVISING THE GATE WAS STILL THERE AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE AS FAR AS MAKING THE ROAD ACCESSIBLE IN CASE EMERGENCY HELP IS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED FOXWORTH THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SAID THE GATE WOULD BE OPENED DURING ANY EMERGENCY AND THERE WERE NO LOCKS ON THE GATE AT THE PRESENT. FOXWORTH ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF JUNK CARS PARKED IN THE END OF THE ROAD. HALL ADVISED THE MAN WAS FIXING TO REMOVE THE JUNK CARS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED FRANK PERICOLA HAD GIVEN THE BOARD A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO THE PROPERTY; HOWEVER, PERICOLA NOW WISHES HE HADN'T GIVEN THE BOARD THE DEED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T FEEL HE OWNED THE PROPERTY. PERICOLA ALSO ADVISED IT WAS NOT INTENDED FOR AN ACCESS ROAD IN THE BEGINNING; IT WAS ONLY A WATER LINE EASEMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONER HALL GET THE AGREEMENT IN WRITING FROM THE OWNER THAT THE GATE WOULD BE OPEN IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND THE JUNKED CARS, ETC. WOULD BE REMOVED SO IT WOULD BE OPEN AND CLEAR AND AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS.

FOXWORTH QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A WAY THE COUNTY COULD PURCHASE PROPERTY AND

CUT AN ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN THE PROPERTY AND SKIPPER ROAD AS HE DIDN'T FEEL THE OWNER COULD BE DEPENDED ON TO HAVE THE JUNK CARS REMOVED. HE REFERENCED THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A LAWSUIT ON THEIR HANDS SHOULD AN EMERGENCY HAPPEN AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES HAD NO ACCESS TO THEM. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED COMMISSIONER HALL RESEARCH THE COUNTY PURCHASING PROPERTY TO CUT AN ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN THE PROPERTY AND SKIPPER ROAD.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, THE BID OPENINGS WERE HELD ON THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FILTER BIDS. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM:

1. TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
3305 HIGHWAY 77  
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32402
2. LEAVINS AUTO SUPPLY, INC.  
1310 W. RR AVENUE  
CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE BIDS FOR TABULATION UNTIL LATER ON IN THE MEETING.

THE BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES WERE OPENED. THREE BIDS WERE RECEIVED:

1. FREETA MARTIN-PROBATION AND PAROLE BUILDING ONLY/  
\$375.00 PER MONTH.
2. ISS SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT-\$3,636.00 PER MONTH
3. UNITED STATES SERVICE INDUSTRIES-\$2,908.00 PER MONTH

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM UNITED STATES SERVICE INDUSTRIES. THE BOARD AGREED FOR UNITED STATES SERVICE INDUSTRIES TO SEND ATTORNEY HOLLEY A COPY OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR HIM TO REVIEW. ALSO, THE BOARD AGREED FOR MS. ESTES TO NOTIFY FREETA MARTIN SHE WAS NOT THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROBATION AND AND PAROLE BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ANNOUNCED THE VEHICLE JAN MORRIS HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD THE TAG NUMBER ON BELONGED TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REVISED LOAN RESOLUTION AND REVISED LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC FINANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. AND EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE REVISED DOCUMENTS WAS DUE TO A REVENUE SOURCE ORIGINALLY PLEDGED WAS NOT AVAILABLE; THE REVISED LOAN DOCUMENTS STATES THE BOARD WILL COMMIT TO BUDGET EACH YEAR SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM WHATEVER LEGAL COUNTY SOURCE TO REPAY THE LOAN. ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE LETTER FROM PUBLIC FINANCE ASSOCIATES ON THE REVISED LOAN RESOLUTION AND REVISED LOAN AGREEMENT. HE THEN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO ADOPT THE AMENDED RESOLUTION AND THE AMENDED LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHANGES THAT THE 1/2 CENT SALES TAX WILL NOT BE PLEDGED AND THE BOARD WILL COVENANT AND AGREE EACH YEAR TO BUDGET THE REVENUE FROM WHATEVER LEGAL SOURCE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO PAY THE NOTE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADOPT THE AMENDED RESOLUTION AND AMENDED LOAN AGREEMENT ADDRESSED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED IF POSSIBLE LATER TO COMMIT THE EMERGENCY 1/2 CENT SALES TAX BECAUSE THIS IS FUNDS THE STATE IS PRESENTLY GIVING THE COUNTY AND IF THE COUNTY HAS THEM PLEDGED, THE STATE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THE REVENUE SOURCE; HOWEVER, IF IT IS NOT PLEDGED, THE STATE MAY DISCONTINUE IT.

THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED LOAN RESOLUTION AND LOAN AGREEMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO FOLLOW UP ON A LATER DATE TO MAKE SURE THE EMERGENCY 1/2 CENT SALES TAX IS PLEDGED TOWARD THIS NOTE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED HE AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD MET WITH THE UTILITY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND MADE CHANGES IN THE UTILITY ORDINANCE; THE BOARD'S DECISION NOW IS WHETHER TO ADVERTISE IT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION. HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE CHANGES IN THE ORDINANCE: IT APPLIES TO ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES ONLY; IT CONTAINS A 1% LEVY RATHER THAN A 4% WHICH WOULD BRING IN ABOUT \$72,000.00 ANNUALLY IN REVENUES; THE WHOLESALE ASPECT OF ELECTRIC SALES WAS DELETED AND THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARE IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE AS REVISED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED CHAIRMAN CARTER POLL THE BOARD MEMBERS TO GET THEIR FEELINGS ON ADVERTISING THE ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER HALL, BROCK, CORBIN, DAVIS AND CARTER ALL SAID THEY WERE OPPOSED TO ADVERTISING THE ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP TO COME UP WITH SOME FUNDING OF THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED DUE TO THE INCREASED MILLAGE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

AND INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES IN THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY NOT ROLLING BACK THE TAX MILLAGE, THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY DO NOT WANT ANY MORE TAXES IMPOSED THIS YEAR.

STAN PORTER, REPRESENTING THE FIRE ASSOCIATION, REQUESTED THE BOARD AT LEAST ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO SEE WHAT THE PUBLIC'S OPINION WOULD BE ON THE UTILITY ORDINANCE TO SUPPORT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE PHONE CALLS HE RECEIVED AT HOME WERE IN OPPOSITION TO THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED THERE WERE SOME MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD CALLED HIM IN OPPOSITION OF THE UTILITY TAXES BEING IMPOSED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED PORTER ON WHAT TYPE OF GUARANTEE DO THE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS HAVE TO GET LOWER INSURANCE RATES OR WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS GOING TO GET OUT OF IT; PEOPLE HAD CONTACTED HIM SAYING THE UTILITY TAX WAS AN UNFAIR TAX.

PORTER ADVISED BROCK THERE WERE NO GUARANTEES OF LOWER INSURANCE RATES; HOWEVER, PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS ARE ABLE TO GET INSURANCE AND IF THERE WERE NO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO.

PORTER ADDRESSED THE FIREMENS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR PROVIDING A CONTINGENCY FUND FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED BY MAKING THE GENERAL PUBLIC AWARE THE BOARD HAS LOOKED INTO A UTILITY TAX FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, HOPEFULLY THEY WILL COME OUT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS MORE READILY ON THEIR OWN. HE ALSO ADVISED PORTER OF BUNKER GEAR THAT WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON FIRE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDING THE DOCUMENT- ATION NECESSARY TO BILL A PERSON'S INSURANCE COMPANY THE \$250.00 FEE FOR FIRE RESPONSES THE BOARD HAD ENACTED.

PORTER ADDRESSED THE REASON THE BOARD HAS NOT RECEIVED INFORM- ATION ON HOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WERE GOING TO SPEND THE UTILITY TAX MONIES WAS DUE TO THEM NOT KNOWING WHAT PERCENTAGE OF UTILITY SALES WAS GOING TO BE USED.

PORTER ADDRESSED CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE UTILITY TAX PASSING AND THEN THE MONIES BEING PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND RATHER THAN FOR FUNDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS; HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN HIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND FELT IF THE TAX PASSED IT WOULD BE USED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HOWEVER, IF THERE WAS A CONCERN, WHEN AND IF THE UTILITY TAX IS PASSED, THE MONIES COULD BE MOVED OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND WHEN RECEIVED AND PLACED INTO THE FIRE CONTINGENCY FUND.

PORTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE "FIRE" PROGRAM WHICH WILL EDUCATE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS, 9-1-1 OFFICE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, HIGHWAY TRAFFIC, ETC.

PORTER, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADVISED THE BOARD OF A THREE RING CIRCUS COMING TO CHIPLEY ON NOVEMBER 6, 1997 BEING SPONSORED BY THE KIWANIS OF CHIPLEY.

STACY WEBB, REPRESENTING JULIAN WEBB AND ASSOCIATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FINAL LIEN WAIVER AND THE ENGINEER SIGN OFF ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT STATING THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE; IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED WITH THE ROADS, SHE IS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA AND TO START CLOSE OUT PROCEEDINGS ON THE GRANT. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING AN OVERAGE ON THE GRANT OF \$4,572.50 FOR ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS AND TESTING FOR THE EXTENSION OF BRICKYARD ROAD AND JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF FINAL PAYMENT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OUT OF THE CDBG ROAD GRANT CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF FINAL INSPECTIONS OF THE ROAD AND THEM BEING SIGNED OFF ON BY DAVID MELVIN.

STACY WEBB ADDRESSED JULIAN WEBB REQUESTING THE BOARD BE FOCUSING ON ROADS WHICH CAN BE USED IN THE NEW CDBG ROAD GRANT APPLICATION.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED APPROVAL OF PAYING TRI-STATE TESTING \$12,002.50 FOR ADDITIONAL TESTING DONE ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT ROADS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PAYMENT OF \$12,002.50 TO TRI- STATE TESTING.

STACY WEBB ADDRESSED SHIP ASSISTANCE TO TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN THEIR ELDERLY EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM DUE TO THEIR FUNDING FROM THE FLORIDA FIX PROGRAM AND THEIR WEATHERIZATION FUNDS BEING EXHAUSTED. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL WAS REQUESTING THE SHIP PROGRAM CONTRIBUTE \$1,000.00 EACH FOR SIX HOMES WITH TRI- COUNTY CONTRIBUTING \$5,000.00 TO \$7,000.00 PER HOME. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SHIP PROGRAM DONATING \$1,000.00 PER HOME FOR SIX HOMES TO TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTINGENT UPON THE SHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING IT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER PROVIDED THE BID TABULATIONS ON THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FILTER BIDS: LEAVINS AUTO SUPPLY TOTAL BID WAS \$565.62 AND TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT COMPANY'S BID WAS \$592.52. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED AS LONG AS THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT IS UNDER WARRANTY, THEY HAVE TO USE THE COMPANY FILTERS FOR THE WARRANTY TO BE GOOD. THEREFORE, NO MORE FILTERS THAN ARE BEING USED ON THE OLDER EQUIPMENT, HE RECOMMENDED LEAVING IT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISORS ON WHERE TO PURCHASE THE FILTERS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO REJECT THE FILTER BIDS RECEIVED. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO LEAVE IT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERVISORS ON WHERE TO PURCHASE THE FILTERS WITH AN AUDIT BEING DONE IN 90 DAYS ON THE USAGE OF THE FILTERS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED IT HAD BEEN THE POLICY OF THE BOARD TO TRY AND DISTRIBUTE THE COUNTY PURCHASES EQUITABLY IN THE COUNTY AND NOT CONCENTRATE ON A SINGLE SUPPLIER AND FELT THE EMPLOYEES NEEDED TO BE INFORMED TO DISTRIBUTE PURCHASES EQUITABLY AS LONG AS THE PRICES ARE FAIR. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE REASON FOR REBIDDING THE FILTER BIDS WAS DUE TO A TRANSACTION IN OWNERSHIP WITH THE COMPANY HOLDING THE COUNTY'S FILTER BID NOT BEING ABLE TO HONOR THE BID.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED KIM QUINN OF WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAD SUBMITTED AN ORIGINAL PACKET FOR FOUR CLOSINGS UNDER THE FEMA ACQUISITION PROGRAM. HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH MR. ARTHUR ASHE'S TITLE HAVING AN ERROR IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION. DUE TO BEING UNABLE TO LOCATE ONE OF THE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY TO CORRECT THE TITLE DISCREPANCY, A QUITE TITLE SUIT WOULD BE NECESSARY. MR. ASHE IS AGREEABLE TO GO AHEAD AND CLOSE AND LEAVE THE MONEY REQUIRED TO FUND A QUITE TITLE SUIT IN HOLLEY'S TRUST ACCOUNT TO CLEAR THE ISSUE. HOLLEY WAS QUESTIONING IF THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD IF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS APPROVES OF THIS BEING DONE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PROCEEDING WITH CLOSING WITH MR. ARTHUR ASHE WITH ASHE LEAVING ENOUGH MONEY IN HOLLEY'S TRUST ACCOUNT FOR A QUITE TITLE SUIT CONTINGENT UPON DCA APPROVAL.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED NOTHING HAD BEEN FINALIZED ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODES AS OF THIS DATE.

COMMISSIONER HALL RECOMMENDED THE BOARD LOOK AT THE BIDS ON PATE LAKE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN SO THE WORK CAN BEGIN ON THE FLOATING DOCK PROJECT. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM GADDIE CONSTRUCTION FOR \$17,712.00 AND COMMERCIAL & MARINE CONSTRUCTION FOR \$12,529.80. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO REVIEW THE BID SPECS PREPARED BY CHARLES DUNN PRIOR TO TAKING ACTION.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION TO REJECT ALL THE BIDS ON THE CARYVILLE RAMP, DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SOLICIT MORE QUOTES AND TAKE THE LOWEST QUOTE TO GET THE RAMP BUILT BEFORE THE RIVER RISES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO BID TO PLAN SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY CHARLES DUNN AND IF THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DELETED FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED, IT NEEDS TO BE MADE CLEAR ON WHAT THE DELETIONS ARE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE A CONTRACT IN PLACE WITH HOLMES COUNTY STATING THEY ARE COMMITTING TOTALLY TO THE FUNDING THEY PROMISED ON THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET CLARIFICATION FROM HOLMES COUNTY ON WHAT THEY ARE COMMITTING TO SPEND; IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT SPEND ALL THEIR \$5,000.00 THEN HOLMES COUNTY MAY NOT GIVE THEIR \$10,000.00 AND IF IT DON'T COST \$15,000.00, HOLMES COUNTY MAY NOT GIVE THEIR FULL \$10,000.00.

JIM MORRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE RECEIVED A SET OF SPECS FOR THE CARYVILLE PROJECT AND PUT TOGETHER A BID. MORRIS QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD REJECTED THE BIDS BECAUSE HE PUT IN A LEGITIMATE BID WHICH MET WHAT THE SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED MORRIS ALLOT OF THE WORK HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE THAT THE SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR AND WAS NOT AWARE HOW IT ALL GOT MESSED UP. HALL REFERENCED THE OLD RAMP HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED AND THIS WAS IN THE SPECS.

MR. MORRIS AGREED HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NEGOTIATING ON THE PORTION OF THE WORK THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE; HOWEVER, HE BID ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS WITHDREW HIS SECOND BECAUSE THE MOTION SAID REJECT ALL BIDS AND QUOTES WERE RECEIVED NOT BIDS. CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF DAVIS WAS AGREEING

TO SECOND THE MOTION IF THE WORDING WAS CHANGED TO QUOTES WITH DAVIS AGREEING.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED THE BOARD OF THE QUOTES RECEIVED:

1. EULESS SHEFFIELD \$ 1,125.00
2. BROXTON \$ 6,500.00
3. U.S. TANK \$13,950.00 SHEFFIELD AND BROXTON BOTH HAD

WITHDRAWN THEIR QUOTES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED AWARDING THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP PROJECT TO THE CONTRACTOR WHO MET THE QUOTE SPECIFICATIONS AND NEGOTIATE ON THAT PORTION OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP NOT HOLMES COUNTY AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO AHEAD WITH THE LOW QUOTE PRICE AND HAVE THE WORK DONE THEMSELVES; HOLMES COUNTY WAS GOING TO REJECT FUNDING THIS PROJECT IF U. S. TANK COMPANY WAS AWARDED THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK FOR THE MOTION TO REJECT ALL QUOTES ON THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP, DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SOLICIT MORE QUOTES AND GET THE WORK DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN, DAVIS AND CARTER OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO DECLARE THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP AN EMERGENCY, GET THE WORK DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AWARD IT TO THE LOW QUOTE THAT QUALIFIED AND NEGOTIATE ON THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ON THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION. WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHEN THE CONTRACTOR COULD BEGIN WORK, MORRIS ADVISED IT WOULD PROBABLY BE SEPTEMBER 29TH BEFORE HE COULD START WORK.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE BOAT RAMP AT CARYVILLE WAS GOING TO BE TORN OUT AND REDONE, WAS THERE ANY SPECIFICATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE THE RAMP STAY IN PLACE BECAUSE OF THE FLOOD WATERS AND HAS ANY ENGINEERING BEEN DONE ON THE PROJECT. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED CORSO AN ENGINEERING PLAN HAD BEEN DONE ON THE PROJECT.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE LOW BID ON THE PATE POND PROJECT CLEARLY STATES IT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED; HOWEVER, THERE WAS A NOTE WHICH STATED RUBBER PAD WOULD BE ADDITIONAL COST AND THEY COULD NOT FULLY GUARANTEE HANDRAILS CAP DAMAGE DUE TO HIGH WIND WAVE ACTION. COMMISSIONER HALL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE FLOATING DOCK AT PATE POND.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY PARKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO GET TO THE DOCK ON PATE LAKE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED CORSO NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS NOW AND THERE WERE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE GRANT TO PURCHASE AN AREA TO PROVIDE PARKING. CORSO SUGGESTED THE COUNTY ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO PUTTING A FLOATING DOCK IN THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE FLOATING DOCK AT PATE POND AND TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL LAND CAN BE ACQUIRED FOR A PARKING AREA. COMMISSIONER DAVIS, BROCK, CARTER FOR AND COMMISSIONER HALL AND CORBIN OPPOSED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REMINDED THE BOARD THE BID WAS ONLY GOOD FOR THIRTY DAYS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION NOT TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH THE PROJECT UNTIL THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE DOCK BY A LEASE OR PURCHASE OF LAND. COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 6TH AND TAKE FINAL ACTION ON AWARDING THE PROJECT AT THAT TIME WITH PROPERTY BEING SECURED FOR PARKING. WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER COMMISSIONER DAVIS WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER SLAB POURED AT THE CEDAR TREE AND BOYINGTON BOAT RAMPS. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE POURING OF ANOTHER SLAB AT THE CEDAR TREE AND BOYINGTON BOAT LANDINGS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF \$600.00 PER BOAT RAMP TO BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTINGENCY FOR THE POURING OF THE SLABS AT CEDAR TREE AND BOYINGTON BOAT LANDINGS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ROAD AND BRIDGE TO BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWING TO PUT THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR AN INMATE CREW PERSON, SERVICE TRUCK OPERATOR AND A PATCH CREW PERSON IN FORCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF BOARD APPROVAL WAS NEEDED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON THE PORTER POND ISSUE

PRESENTLY SET FOR OCTOBER 9, 1997. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED BROCK HE ALREADY HAS BOARD APPROVAL; HOWEVER, SOMEONE WILL NEED TO GO AND DO SOME MEASURING AND BE PREPARED TO TESTIFY AS TO WHAT THE ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS ARE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERENCED THE PERMIT SAYS IT SHALL BE 36" ABOVE THE WATER LINE AS OF MARCH 6, 1977 AND A DEP REPRESENTATIVE SAID THEY MEASURED IT ON THAT DATE AND IT WAS IN COMPLIANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PUT THE ESCAVATOR IN FORCE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE ON ROTATION UNTIL THE NEW ESCAVATOR IS RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED RECEIVING A CALL STATING AN INDEPENDENT HAULER WAS HAULING OUT OF A COUNTY PIT. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED HE ALSO GOT A CALL PERTAINING TO THIS; HE WENT AND CHECKED IT OUT AND NO ONE WAS THERE WHEN HE CHECKED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED HE DID NOT GO AND LOOK WHEN HE WAS CONTACTED; HOWEVER, HE HAD IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THERE WERE WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED AN INDEPENDENT HAULER HAULING THE DIRT OUT OF A COUNTY PIT. HE ALSO WAS ADVISED OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES PILING AND MIXING DIRT AND IT WAS ALL HAULED OUT BY AN INDEPENDENT HAULER ONE WEEKEND.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THERE BEING AN ACCESS PROBLEM TO GETTING TO A PIT MR. JACK GREEN OWNS WHERE THE INDEPENDENT HAULER WAS SUPPOSE TO BE GETTING THE MATERIALS FROM.

ANN WARD, REPRESENTING LEON WARD CONTRACTING COMPANY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING MR. EARL PETTIS, WHO WAS THE INDEPENDENT HAULER WHO SUPPOSEDLY WAS HAULING DIRT OUT OF A COUNTY PIT, TOLD THE DRIVER OF ONE OF WARD'S TRUCKS HE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO GET DIRT OUT OF THE COUNTY PIT ON ROCHE ROAD.

MS. WARD WAS ADVISED THERE WAS NO SUCH AGREEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WARD ADVISED THE BOARD IF PETTIS CAN GET FREE DIRT, THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET FREE DIRT BECAUSE THEY ARE HAVING TO HAUL THEIR DIRT FROM BONIFAY AND ARE HAVING TO PAY FOR IT.

DALE YATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEM THERE WAS A WITNESS WHO SAW THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR HAULING DIRT FROM THE COUNTY PIT AND WOULD AGREE TO TESTIFY IN COURT. YATES SUGGESTED THE BOARD CHECK INTO THIS ISSUE.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CONTACT MR. PETTIS AND RESEARCH THE ISSUE TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENED, HOW MUCH DIRT WAS HAULED OUT OF THE COUNTY PIT, RECOVER THE COST OF THE DIRT IF ANY WAS HAULED OUT OF THE COUNTY PIT BY PETTIS AND ALSO IF THERE WERE ANY PROVISIONS IN THE DEED TO ROCHE PIT GIVING MR. JACK GREEN ACCESS TO HIS PROPERTY OR AN EASEMENT GIVEN TO GREEN.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE FIVE, TEN AND FIFTEEN YEAR SENIORITY PLAN THE BOARD WAS PUTTING INTO EFFECT IN THE 1997-98 BUDGET AND QUESTIONED IF IT COVERED EVERY EMPLOYEE WORKING IN ANY DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING IF AN EMPLOYEE RESIGNED A POSITION WITH A DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY AND WAS PAID FOR THEIR LEAVE TIME, THEY WOULD NOT BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS UNDER THE SENIORITY PLAN. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED FOR ANY BOARD EMPLOYEE WITH A LATERAL TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT WHO HAS CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO BE COVERED UNDER THE FIVE, TEN AND FIFTEEN YEAR SENIORITY PLAN.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD BEING ABLE TO BUY A RIDER ON THE SHERIFF'S LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY FOR \$3,200.00 WHICH WOULD COVER THE BOARD FOR ANY LIABLE SUIT INVOLVING THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE A RIDER ON THE SHERIFF'S LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY FOR \$3,200.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED IF DAVID CORBIN AND GINA GAINNEY WERE GOING TO BE UPDATED IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF A NEW JOB, NEXT YEAR THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT MAKING A DETERMINATION OF THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION TO SEE IF THEY JUSTIFY AN INCREASE IN PAY. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO COMMIT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN SIX MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE STANDARD CONTRACT FOR THE WASH-INGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DAVID MELVIN'S CONTRACT FOR \$28,000.00 FOR INSPECTIONS AND ENGINEERING ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER READ A LETTER FROM THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, DALE MACUMBER, REQUESTING HE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO A THREE DAY WORK WEEK EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 13,



1997 AS HE FELT THE CURRENT WORKLOAD DIDN'T WARRANT A FIVE DAY WORK WEEK. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT MACUMBER'S REQUEST FOR A THREE DAY WORK WEEK WITH HIS PRESENT SALARY TO BE PRO-RATED ON A THREE DAY SALARY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED PART TIME EMPLOYEES RECEIVING FULL BENEFITS. THE BOARD AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING WHEN THEY ARE TO HAVE A DRAFT OF THEIR REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED JUDGE GLENN HESS OWNING PROPERTY AT THE LUCAS ADJACENT TO ONE OF THE BOAT RAMPS AND IS WANTING SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE CLAY, RED DIRT, ETC. THAT IS WASHING INTO THE LAKE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE FEMA ACQUISITION PROGRAM TOTALLING \$95,318.00. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS CONTINGENT UPON ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S APPROVAL.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTER THE PRESERVATION 2000 GRANT AT A COST OF \$35.00 PER HOUR NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS HALL, DAVIS AND BROCK TO SERVE ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED LOIS JONES BEING WILLING TO WORK STRICTLY AS A GRANTS PERSON FOR THE COUNTY ONLY IN ACQUIRING GRANTS, NOT AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY. THE BOARD AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH MS. JONES AT THEIR NEXT WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 1997 AT 9:00 A. M.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED FOUR QUOTES BEING RECEIVED ON STATE PARK ROAD: PANDHANDLE GRADING AND PAVING BID \$31,947.00, SOUTHEAST EQUIPMENT SERVICES BID \$19,140.00, BAXTER ASPHALT COMPANY BID \$41,149.00 AND ANDERSON COLUMBIA BID \$42,300.00. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON STATE PARK ROAD FROM SOUTHEAST EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR \$19,140.00.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED JAMES SHEFFIELD HAVING USED UP HIS SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE AND IS OFF THE PAYROLL. AS HE LIKES ONLY A FEW MONTHS BEING WITH THE COUNTY LONG ENOUGH TO GET HIS STATE RETIREMENT, CORBIN WAS ASKING COULD SHEFFIELD JUST BE LEFT ON THE COUNTY PAYROLL WITH NO BENEFITS, ETC. AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CONTACT LEONARD CARSON ON SHEFFIELD'S RETIREMENT WITH THIS TO BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 6, 1997.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR BASED ON THE GUIDELINES RECEIVED FROM WALTON COUNTY SETTING THE SALARY AT \$28,000.00. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED DRIVERS WORKING FOR TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL JUST GETTING PAID FOR THE TIME THEY ARE BEHIND THE WHEEL. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THIS ISSUE WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED WITH THE TRI-COUNTY BOARD; HOWEVER, THESE PEOPLE ARE PART TIME PEOPLE AND THEY UNDERSTAND THIS WHEN THEY ARE HIRED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED THE VALUE OF A LOAD OF DIRT IN ORDER FOR HIM TO RECOUP THE MONIES FROM EARL PETTIS IF HE DID HAUL DIRT FROM THE COUNTY PIT. HOLLEY WAS ADVISED TO USE \$5.00 A YARD AS A COST FOR THE DIRT.

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP WITH JIM MORRIS WAS ADDRESSED. AS THERE WAS \$500.00 BID FOR RUBBLE REMOVAL AND SOME OF THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADJUST \$250.00 OFF THE \$500.00 BID FOR THE RUBBLE REMOVAL. JIM MORRIS, WHO WAS AWARDED THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP BID, WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE \$250.00 DEDUCTION FROM THE BID PRICE FOR THE RUBBLE REMOVAL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1997 TOTALLING \$719,142.14.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WHICH WERE INTERDEPARTMENTAL TOTALLING \$3,562.00, INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TOTALLING \$4,475.00, INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE 911 OFFICE TOTALLING \$8,970.00, INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE TOTALLING \$800.00, AND APPROVAL OF

THE GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FOR THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TOTALLING \$5,224.00, GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE PORTION OF BONNETT POND GRANT FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR TOTALLING \$44,744.00, DISTRICT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUDGET FOR TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR TOTALLING \$20,800.00, ARGUS FUND BUDGET TOTALLING \$57,640.00, FLGFA 1998 FUND BUDGET FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR TOTALLING \$812,544.00 FOR THE SIX MOTORGRADERS PURCHASED FROM THOMPSON WITH THIS AMOUNT TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE \$10,000,000.00 LOAN BUDGET WHICH WAS TENTATIVELY APPROVED FOR THE 1997-98 YEAR, BUDGET FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FOR THE PORTION SPENT IN THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR TOTALLING \$22,760.00, AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO CLOSE OUT THE PROBATION AND PAROLE FUND AND PUT IT IN THE TRANSPORTATION FUND TOTALLING \$7,226.00. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS PRESENTED BY DEPUTY CLERK CARTER.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE HOSPITAL BOARD HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO SALE OR LEASE THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WITH THE DECISION TO FALL ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON WHETHER THEY WANT TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE OR LEASE OF THE HOSPITAL; IF SO, THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO DIRECT ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAFT THE SPECIFICATIONS WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WOULD DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS AND BRING THEM BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW IF THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE WANTING TO DO.

JAN MORRIS QUESTIONED WHO WAS THE COMPANY THAT HAD APPROACHED THE BOARD TO SELL THE HOSPITAL AND WAS ADVISED COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE HAD APPROACHED THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR LEASING AND/OR SELLING THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

THE BOARD ADVISED THOSE PRESENT THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS WOULD BE HELD ON THE ISSUE SHOULD IT DEVELOP ANY FURTHER; HOWEVER, THE BOARD'S DEMANDS MAY BE TO THE POINT THE COMPANY MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF THE HOSPITAL.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 6, 1997 AT 5:05 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN

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

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 09/25/97