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BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/23/98

APRIL 23, 1998

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER AND OFFICE MANAGER VONCILE ESTES WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH REV. JAMES PATE OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 1998 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APRIL 23, 1998 MEETING:

1. APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN SHERIFF SERVICE OF PROCESS CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99.
2. APPROVAL TO REMOVE ROBERT PETTIS FROM PROBATION EFFECTIVE APRIL 27, 1998.
3. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM IVEY LEE GOODMAN EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 1998 AND JAMES SHEFFIELD EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 1998.

REV. JAMES PATE, REPRESENTING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN VERNON, REQUESTED THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN UNLOADING, PLACING AND COVERING A PIPE IN A DITCH LOCATED BEHIND THE CHURCH. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THERE BEING EASEMENTS PROVIDED TO THE STATE WHEN THEY BUILT HIGHWAY 279; THROUGH PROCESS 279 BECAME COUNTY AND THEY ACQUIRED THE EASEMENTS ON THE DITCH. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO STAY WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE COUNTY POLICY IN ASSISTING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN VERNON. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISING COMMISSIONER BROCK TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY DID HAVE AN EASEMENT IN PLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDELL JOHNSON, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY DONATE AN APPROXIMATE ACRE OF LAND AT THE CORNER OF RUSTIN DRIVE AND RAILROAD AVENUE TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY; THE UNITED STATES HUMANE SOCIETY HAD DONE AN INVESTIGATION OF THEIR PRESENT FACILITY AND CITED IT AS INADEQUATE. JOHNSON ADVISED THE BOARD THE FACILITY WOULD BE OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR A SMALL FEE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON THE COUNTY OWNED LAND THEY ARE REQUESTING FOR AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL DUE TO THEIR FACILITIES BEING LOCATED SO CLOSE TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD THE CITY OF CHIPLEY BE WILLING TO DO FOR THE COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE COUNTY CONVEYING THE PROPERTY THEY ARE REQUESTING FOR THEIR ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.

MR. JOHNSON ADDRESSED TRI-COUNTY'S CONCERN ON THE LOCATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY STATING THE NEW FACILITY WOULD BE CLOSED IN WHICH SHOULD REDUCE THE NOISE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANIMALS. JOHNSON ALSO ADDRESSED THE ODORS AT THE NEW FACILITY WOULD BE CONTROLLED AS IT WOULD HAVE SANITARY FACILITIES INSTALLED WHERE IT COULD BE WASHED AND GO DIRECTLY INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM.

ON ADDRESSING THE BENEFITS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, MR. JOHNSON STATED THE COUNTY RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE A CLOSER FACILITY TO BRING THEIR ANIMALS AND THE FACILITY WOULD BE STAFFED AND RUN BY THE STATE REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE SHERIFF OR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WERE TO PICK UP A NUISANCE ANIMAL WOULD THERE BE A CHARGE FOR THE ROOM AND BOARD OF THESE ANIMALS. MR. JOHNSON STATED HIS POSITION WOULD BE IF THE SHERIFF OR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER PICKED UP A NUISANCE ANIMAL, IT WOULD BE A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE THE ANIMAL AND DISPOSE OF IT IN A HUMANE MANNER; THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED SOMEONE TALK WITH THE SHERIFF ABOUT NOT PICKING UP ANIMALS FOR

EVERYBODY IF THEY ARE NOT NUISANCE ANIMALS.

MR. JOHNSON ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT TO DONATING THE PROPERTY, AND AS TIME GOES BY AND THE FACILITY IS CONSTRUCTED, AN ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED, AND THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY, HE WOULD REQUEST THE BOARD BE OPEN TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS IF IT IS DISCOVERED THE COST WILL BE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THE CITY CAN ABSORB.

AFTER MR. JOHNSON AGREED THE SITE LOCATION WOULD BE SATISFACTORY, COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED TO ADD TO HIS PREVIOUS MOTION TO CONCUR TO DONATE 180' ON RUSTIN DRIVE BY 240' DEEP WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS AGREEING TO THIS ADDENDUM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES NOT HAVING AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND QUESTIONED HOW IT WOULD BE HANDLED ON THEIR USING THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. MR. JOHNSON STATED THERE WOULD BE A SMALL FEE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED FOR CITIZENS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR ANIMALS, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN CHIPLEY, WAUSAU, VERNON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ETC. HOWEVER, IF THE SHERIFF OR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER PICKS UP AN ANIMAL IN ANY OF THESE MUNICIPALITIES AND BRINGS THEM TO THE SHELTER, THERE WOULD BE NO FEE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER BUDGETING MONIES TO HELP FUND THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CORBIN AGREED TO ADD TO THEIR MOTION FOR THE ATTORNEY TO WORK UP AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO DONATE 180' ON RUSTIN DRIVE BY 240' DEEP TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO WORK UP AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON THE FACILITY.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANT CONSULTANT, REQUESTED THE BOARD COMMIT TO HIRING ONE FULL TIME WAGES EMPLOYEE TO WORK IN THE COUNTY AS THIS WOULD GIVE THEM 25 POINTS TOWARD THEIR 1998 CDBG ROAD GRANT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO CONSIDER OR MAKE THE NEXT EMPLOYEE HIRED BY THE COUNTY, IF THEY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS, A WAGES PERSON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED FEMA WOULD PAY \$5.00 PER FOOT TO WASH OUT ANY PIPE ON A COUNTY ROAD THAT IS OVER ONE FOURTH FILLED AND IF THERE IS A CONCRETE PIPE THAT IS SEPARATED DUE TO THE RAIN, THEY WILL REPLACE IT; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO IDENTIFY EVERY PIPE ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS. HE SUGGESTED THE COUNTY MAY GET A TEMPORARY WAGES PERSON TO IDENTIFY ALL THE PIPE IN THE COUNTY AND THEN TRANSITION THEM INTO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT LATER ON IF AN EMPLOYEE RETIRES, ETC.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE MOTION CARRYING UNANIMOUSLY.

WEBB ADVISED THE BOARD OF CDBG MINI GRANTS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR NEEDED DUE TO THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE FLOODS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE FEMA REPRESENTATIVES HAD ADVISED HIM HUD GRANTS WERE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH FEMA REPAIRS.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON HOUSING BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE MINI GRANTS, WEBB STATED HE HAD NOT SEEN THE RULE ON THE MINI GRANTS BUT FELT HOUSING WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. WEBB REQUESTED THE BOARD IDENTIFY PLACES OR LOCATIONS THAT WILL HELP THEM QUALIFY FOR THE MINI GRANTS.

STEPHANIE WATSON, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY PROGRAM. WATSON EXPLAINED THIS PROGRAM IS NOT A FUNDING RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR THE MOST RECENT FLOODING AND TORNADO DISASTERS FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA BUT IT IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE WITH ITS INTENT TO ENCOURAGE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNITIES MORE RESISTANT TO FUTURE DISASTERS.

WATSON SHOWED SLIDES WHICH ADDRESSED THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY PROGRAM.

WATSON ADVISED THE BOARD OF A WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 1998 IN NICEVILLE AT THE OKALOOSA/WALTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12 NOON ON LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

MARK FLOWERS WITH FEMA AND J. R. REGISTER WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON RECOVERY FROM THE 1998 FLOODING.

FLOWERS ADVISED THE BOARD FEMA WOULD COME IN AND ASSESS THE DAMAGES TO BRING THE COUNTY BACK TO PRE-DISASTER CONDITIONS. AS FEMA REPRESENTATIVES, HE AND REGISTER HAVE THE ABILITY TO AUTHORIZE 15% ON TOP OF THE REPAIR COST TO MITIGATE TO HELP PREVENT A SIMILAR SITUATION IN THE FUTURE. FEMA AND THE STATE HAVE ESTABLISHED PRE-APPROVED MITIGATION MEASURES WHICH THEY FEEL ARE A VERY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO

PREVENT FUTURE DAMAGES FROM OCCURRING; THESE MEASURES CAN GO UP TO 100% OF THE REPAIR COST. WITH THESE MEASURES PRE- APPROVED AND THEM BEING INCLUDED ON THE DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT, THEY WILL ESSENTIALLY GO THROUGH TALLAHASSEE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER APPROVAL BEING NECESSARY. FLOWERS ADDRESSED THERE BEING MITIGATION MEASURES WHICH MAY COST MORE THAN THE REPLACEMENT COST AND TALLAHASSEE WILL DO A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS; IF THESE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE JUSTIFIED, THE COUNTY MAY GET MITIGATION MEASURES IN EXCESS OF REPLACEMENT COST.

FLOWERS ADDED HE AND REGISTER ARE PRESENTLY LOOKING TO ESTABLISH WHAT THE COSTS ARE FOR REPLACEMENT VALUE AND IF THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE MITIGATION MEASURES, THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE COMMISSIONERS IN THE DISTRICTS.

FLOWERS ADDRESSED THE DSR'S BEING WRITTEN TYPICALLY ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS; THERE ARE SEVEN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES CAN HAVE MULTIPLE PROJECTS WITHIN THEM. SHOULD THE COUNTY DECIDE TO WRITE A DSR ON EACH PROJECT, THE MITIGATION FUNDS AVAILABLE PER PROJECT WILL BE 15% TO 100% OF THAT PROJECT; HOWEVER, FEMA AND THE STATE HAVE THE ABILITY TO GROUP DIFFERENT PROJECTS COUNTY WIDE AS LONG AS THEY ARE RELATED. BY GROUPING THE PROJECTS TOGETHER, EITHER DISTRICT WIDE OR COUNTY WIDE, THERE WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY BY BEING ABLE TO USE MITIGATION FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AT THEIR DISCRETION.

FLOWERS ADVISED THE BOARD WHEN HE AND REGISTER WRITES UP THE DSR'S, THEY WILL BE PUTTING IN WHAT THE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE; ONCE A DSR IS WRITTEN WITH CERTAIN MITIGATION PROCEDURES IDENTIFIED, THEN THE MONIES WILL NEED TO BE USED FOR THOSE MITIGATION PROJECTS.

FLOWERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER THEY WANTED A DSR WRITTEN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ROAD IN THE COUNTY OR WHETHER THEY WANTED TO GROUP IT TOGETHER COUNTY WIDE OR DISTRICT WIDE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED FEMA ADVISING HIM THEY WOULD NOT PAY FOR REPLACING THE PIPES BUT THEY WOULD PAY FOR WASHING THE PIPES OUT IF THE COUNTY WOULD IDENTIFY THE PIPES BY SIZE AND LENGTH. IF IT IS A CONCRETE PIPE THAT HAS SEPARATED OR SOMETHING THAT IS RELATED TO STORM DAMAGE, FEMA MAY REPLACE THESE PIPE.

FLOWERS ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPLY AN INVENTORY OF WHAT PIPES NEED TO BE CLEANED OUT AS IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSESS THE DAMAGES AND LET FEMA KNOW WHERE THE DAMAGES OCCURRED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD A FORM HAD BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH FEMA HAS APPROVED WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED TO AN EMPLOYEE TO GO OUT AND IDENTIFY THE PIPE ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS THAT ARE 25% OR MORE FILLED.

FLOWERS ADDRESSED THEY WOULD DRIVE A REPRESENTATIVE AMOUNT OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE EVERYONE OF THEM AND BASED ON WHAT THEY SEE ESTABLISH A PERCENTAGE OF WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE FOR GRADING, DITCHPULLING, ETC. TO GET AN ESTIMATED COST; HOWEVER, HE AND REGISTER WOULD LIKE TO GO AND CHECK ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS THERE ARE IN THE COUNTY. ALSO, THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MITIGATION MEASURES THEY FEEL ARE NEEDED.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTS MAN, QUESTIONED IF SOME OF THE MITIGATION MONIES COULD BE USED TO PUT INTO THE CDBG ROAD PAVING PROJECT TO DO DITCH PAVING TO CORRECT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE TRUE MITIGATION. FLOWERS ADVISED THERE WERE GOING TO BE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MITIGATION FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PROJECTS; HOWEVER, HOW THE COUNTY WISHES TO BREAK UP THE MITIGATION DOLLARS AND SPEND THEM WILL BE UP TO THE COUNTY.

WEBB ALSO REFERENCED HE HAD REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS LOOK IN THEIR DISTRICTS FOR AREAS WHERE THERE ARE POOR FOLKS WHICH MIGHT HAVE A BRIDGE OUT OR ROAD DAMAGE WHICH HE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IN THE GRANT APPLICATION HE IS TURNING IN FOR THE COUNTY. WEBB QUESTIONED FLOWERS ON THE TIME FRAME INVOLVED ON THE MITIGATION AND RECOVERY FUNDING PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A TIME FRAME INVOLVED FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FLOWERS AND REGISTER THE INFORMATION NEEDED ON IDENTIFYING THE PIPES ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS. FLOWERS ADVISED THEY WOULD LIKE THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY UNTIL THEY ARE DONE WITH ALL THE DSR'S. HOWEVER, HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A NUMBER OF COUNTIES IN THE AREA HE AND REGISTER HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AND THEY COULD GO TO THOSE LOCATIONS AND THEN COME BACK FOR THE PAPERWORK TO GET THE INFORMATION TO COMPLETE A DSR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED FLOWERS TO SEE IF FEMA WOULD ACCEPT THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK DONE ON FANNING BRANCH ROAD AND SHEFFIELD ROAD AS THESE WERE EMERGENCY MEASURES WHICH THE BOARD HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO CORRECT. FLOWERS ADVISED

CORBIN THEY WOULD NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MATTER PRIOR TO SAYING IT WOULD BE APPROVED BY FEMA.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED FLOWERS COMMISSIONER CARTER WOULD BE WORKING WITH THEM IN DISTRICT FIVE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1998 AND COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK WOULD BE WORKING WITH THEM IN DISTRICTS ONE AND THREE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO GO COUNTY WIDE WITH THE DSR PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD GOES COUNTY WIDE, FEMA WILL DETERMINE IF 75% OR 50% OF THE DIRT ROADS COUNTY WIDE NEEDS WORK; EACH DISTRICT WOULD GET THE 50% OR 75% OF THE NUMBER OF MILES IN THAT DISTRICT. FLOWERS ADDRESSED HE AND REGISTER WOULD TRY AND TAKE THE LIST PROVIDED TO THEM BY THE COUNTY, IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF MILES ON EACH ROAD AND THEN WHAT IS BEING AWARDED FOR REPAIR COST ON EACH ONE OF THE ROADS. IT WILL THEN BE UP TO THE COUNTY TO KEEP THE RECORDS TO SHOW THESE MONIES WERE SPENT ON THE ROADS SPECIFIED.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED IF HE UNDERSTOOD IF THE BOARD WENT COUNTY WIDE ON DSR'S THE MONEY MAY NOT HAVE TO BE USED ON ONE PLACE BUT COULD BE USED ON ANOTHER LOCATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HALL THE MONIES THE COUNTY WOULD GET FOR REPAIRS WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT ON THE ROADS SPECIFIED BUT THE MITIGATION MONIES COULD BE USED ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY THAT IS JUSTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO GO COUNTY WIDE WITH THE DSR PROGRAM.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING, AS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, A HEARING WAS HELD ON THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLIED FOR BY ALFRED D. GUETTLER WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A MINING USE IN AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR AG/SILVICULTURE USE. RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST FOR THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION WHICH WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2.8 MILES NORTH OF WAUSAU AND 8.5 MILES SOUTH OF CHIPLEY ON HIGHWAY 77. GUETTLER IS PROPOSING TO USE THE MATERIALS EXCAVATED AT THE SITE FOR AN EMBANKMENT AT A PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER ON HIGHWAY 77.

PARKER ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD REVIEWED THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLIED FOR BY ALFRED D. GUETTLER.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING, AS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, SAID HEARING WAS HELD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE COUNTY. PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EAR AND PROVIDED THEM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FINDINGS ON THE DRAFTED EAR PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THEM FOR REVIEW AND A COPY OF HIS RESPONSE TO DCA ON THEIR FINDINGS. PARKER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIS RESPONSE TO DCA'S CONCERNS ON WHAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO DO WITH LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIALS AND ON THE CONSERVATION LANDS. HE ADDRESSED HE WOULD BE COMING BACK BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPERTY BEING PUT UNDER CONSERVATION USE.

PARKER ADDRESSED ANOTHER CONCERN OF DCA WAS A LAW CHANGE ABOUT SCHOOL SITINGS AND THE COUNTIES BEING REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY WHERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO BE AND ALLOW SCHOOLS IN A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS. THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY DEFINED THIS IN THEIR COMP PLAN AS PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC USE AND SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED IN EVERY DISTRICT EXCEPT INDUSTRIAL AND CONSERVATION. IN HIS RESPONSE TO DCA, PARKER MADE A SIMPLE STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

ANOTHER CONCERN OF DCA WAS THE POTABLE WATER USAGE AS IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER NOW THAN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THREE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES. IN TRYING TO DETERMINE THE REASON FOR THE INCREASE, THE MUNICIPALITIES FELT IT WAS DUE TO THE DATA BEING BETTER USAGE DATA THAN WAS AVAILABLE FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO.

PARKER REFERENCED JULIAN WEBB HAD REQUESTED UNPAVED ROADWAYS IN THE COUNTY BE ADDRESSED; A STATEMENT WAS ADDED IN THE EAR TO SHOW THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR UNPAVED ROADWAYS TO BE PAVED AND THE COUNTY SHOULD PRIORITIZE THESE ROADWAYS SO RESOURCES CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND DIRECTED AT THE ROADWAYS MOST IN NEED OF PAVING.

PARKER ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD REVIEWED THE RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE IT BY RESOLUTION; IT WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO DCA FOR REVIEW AND THEN THEY WILL EITHER FIND THE EAR SUFFICIENT OR NOT-SUFFICIENT. AS SOON AS DCA FINDS THE EAR SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTY WILL BEGIN WORKING ON THE CHANGES THEY HAVE AGREED TO MAKE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH IS DUE BY APRIL OF 1999.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROVAL.

MICKEY KNAPP, REPRESENTING THE HEAVY HAULERS COMMITTEE, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE HEAVY HAULERS COMMITTEE MEETING AND PROVIDED THEM WITH A LETTER THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED TO BE SENT TO ALL THE HEAVY HAULERS IN THE COUNTY. IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE LETTER, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO BE PROVIDED THE MEANS TO SEND THE LETTERS TO THE HEAVY HAULERS.

KNAPP ADVISED THE BOARD THE FLORIDA FORESTRY DIVISION AND THE HEAVY HAULERS COMMITTEE IS GOING TO PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER LETTER FOR THEM TO SEND JUST TO THE PEOPLE IN THE TIMBER BUSINESS THAT WILL ADDRESS THE ROADSIDES, DEBRIS BEING LEFT IN DITCHES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTER PROVIDED BY THE HEAVY HAULERS, MAIL THE LETTERS OUT TO ALL THE HEAVY HAULERS BY REGISTERED MAIL AND APPROVE OF JIMMY GAINES, MICKEY KNAPP AND STEPHEN PARMER AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TIMBER ASSOCIATION TO BE CONTACT PEOPLE FOR ANY PROBLEMS THE COUNTY MAY HAVE WITH HEAVY HAULERS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR AN ITEM #4 TO BE ADDED TO THE LETTER THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DOES THE COUNTY PERMIT LOADING FROM EXISTING COUNTY RIGHTS OF WAY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO SEND A LETTER SIMILAR TO THE ONE BEING SENT TO OTHER HEAVY HAULERS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE TIMBER INDUSTRY TO THE FLORIDA ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION REQUESTING THEY MAIL IT TO ALL THE CONTRACTORS.

FRASIER BINGHAM, RECYCLING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD FURNISHED THEM ON THE AMOUNTS OF MATERIALS COLLECTED ON AMNESTY DAY AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER. BINGHAM ADVISED THE BOARD THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PAID FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ALL THE WASTE TIRES TURNED IN.

DR. BINGHAM INFORMED THE BOARD NEXT YEAR'S AMNESTY DAY HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND THE BOARD AGREED FOR DR. BINGHAM TO RESEARCH TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD AN AMNESTY DAY IN THE FALL OF EACH YEAR ALSO.

STEPHEN LASSITER, REPRESENTING THE INTERNATIONAL SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY BE ALLOWED TO FLY THE FIRST FLAG OF THE CONFEDERACY, THE "STARS AND BARS" WITH THE NATIONAL AND STATE FLAG AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON APRIL 25 AND 26, 1998 TO OBSERVE AND HONOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE CIVIL WAR. THE MONTH OF APRIL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS FLORIDA CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

LASSITER BRIEFED THE BOARD AND SHOWED A FILM ON CONFEDERATE HISTORY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ALLOW WASHINGTON COUNTY CAMP-1541, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TO FLY A FLAG OF THE CONFEDERACY, THE "STARS AND BARS" WITH THE NATIONAL AND STATE FLAG AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON APRIL 25 AND 26, 1998.

LASSITER ALSO REQUESTED RATHER THAN THEIR BRANCH OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS COMING BEFORE THE BOARD EACH YEAR, THE BOARD CONSIDER DOING A PROCLAMATION FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR FUTURE EVENTS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A PROCLAMATION TO COVER FUTURE EVENTS FOR THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

LINDA NORTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, INFORMED THE BOARD THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD HAD APPROVED THE SELECTION OF SHIRLEY BROWDER AS THE EMPLOYEE TO REPLACE MARY LEE BLANKENSHIP WHO HAS RESIGNED FROM HER POSITION AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY.

MS. NORTON PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH STATISTICS AND PROGRESS MADE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1997-98 FISCAL YEAR AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

MS. NORTON ADVISED THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, FRIENDS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY, WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAVE BEEN MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO ACTIVELY PURSUE FUNDING FOR A NEW LIBRARY. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR A NEW LIBRARY AND THE ADVISORY BOARD HAS APPOINTED DALE MACUMBER TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE FOR A SITE SELECTION AND A LIBRARY PLAN SELECTION.

MS. NORTON REQUESTED THE BOARD OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LIBRARY BUILDING FUND SO THE MONIES CAN BE TAKEN OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AND PLACED INTO A BUILDING FUND WHERE IT CAN RECEIVE INTEREST AND PEOPLE CAN MAKE DONATIONS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO

OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT FOR A BUILDING FUND FOR A NEW LIBRARY.

THE BOARD ADDRESSED THE MOWING BIDS THAT WERE TABLED AT THE APRIL 14, 1998 MEETING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED DUE TO THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF BUDGET LEFT IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY COULD NOT AFFORD TO ENTER INTO BIDDING OUT THESE SERVICES AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THEY COULD ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF BIDDING OUT THE MOWING SERVICES WHEN THEY BEGIN WORKING ON THEIR BUDGET FOR THE 1998-99 BUDGET YEAR. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO REJECT ALL THE BIDS ON MOWING.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED IT WOULD COST ROAD AND BRIDGE MORE THAN THE CONTRACT BID PRICE TO DO THE MOWING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, FOR THE RECORD, ADVISED TWO TRACTORS, ONE EMPLOYEE, USING AN IMATE FOR A SECOND TRACTOR AT NO COST, THE SALARY FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITHOUT BENEFITS, PARTS AND REPAIRS, AND MOWING FOUR TIMES THROUGH 1997 COST \$19,375.00. THE MOTION CARRIED TO REJECT ALL MOWING BIDS.

THE BOARD ADDRESSED THE PIPE INSTALLATION BIDS. COMMISSIONER BROCK BRIEFED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION HE HAD GOTTEN USING PIPES ON LYONS LANE, SCHMIDT LANE, FALLING WATERS ROAD, THARP ROAD AND CARTERS CIRCLE ROAD TO OBTAIN A COST ESTIMATE FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO INSTALL THE PIPE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED ROAD AND BRIDGE HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE BOARD CONTRACTING OUT DRIVEWAY PIPES; HOWEVER, THEY REQUESTED THE CROSS DRAINS NOT BE CONTRACTED OUT THIS YEAR DUE TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET NOT BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THE EXPENSE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO REJECT THE BIDS ON PIPE INSTALLATION BASED ON THE COST ANALYSIS BY ROAD AND BRIDGE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE TWO BIDS RECEIVED FOR CONTRACTING OUT BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES: THE BID FROM INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS WAS NOT BASED ON THE COUNTY'S PRESENT FEE SCHEDULE BUT A NEW FEE SCHEDULE THE BOARD WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT TO FUND THEM THE AMOUNT THEY ARE BIDDING WHICH IS 90% OF THE FEES.

THEIR SECOND BID IS ON AN HOURLY RATE BASIS BASED ON AN ESTIMATE THEY COULD PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR \$85,000.00 PER YEAR. THE HOURLY RATE QUOTED WAS \$35.00 PER HOUR FOR ALL DUTIES AND MEETINGS RELATING TO SERVICES PERFORMED DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND \$42.00 PER HOUR FOR THOSE SERVICES DONE AFTER BUSINESS HOURS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE 90% BID INCLUDED INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS FURNISHING THE OFFICE PERSONNEL IN THE COUNTY OFFICE FOR MEETING THE PUBLIC; THE SERVICES THE AGENCY WOULD PROVIDE WERE LISTED UNDER ITEM 3 OF THE CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD:

- A. SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE INSPECTORS
- B. FIELD COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
- C. VEHICLE OR MILEAGE/ALLOWANCE FOR THE INSPECTORS
- D. SUPPLEMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION
- E. REGULAR COUNTY OFFICE AVAILABILITY FOR MEETING THE PUBLIC
- F. A STAFF OF SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND AVAILABLE FOR BACKUP INSPECTION PURPOSES WHEN THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR IS UNAVAILABLE.

INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED IN THE COUNTY BID AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$29 PER HOUR DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AND \$35 PER HOUR AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BID RECEIVED FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FROM LLOYD POWELL. POWELL'S BID IS BASED ON THE COUNTY'S PRESENT FEE SCHEDULE; POWELL WOULD DO THE INSPECTIONS CALLED FOR IN THE BID PROPOSAL FOR 65% OF THE MONEY GENERATED. POWELL'S BID DID NOT INCLUDE FURNISHING ANY PERSONNEL IN THE COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT OFFICE AND HE DID NOT SUBMIT AN HOURLY RATE QUOTE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM LLOYD POWELL WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE PERMIT FEES WILL COMPLETELY RUN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH POWELL AGREEING IF ANOTHER SECRETARIAL POSITION IS NEEDED AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE COST WOULD BE PAID FIRST FROM THE FEES GENERATED WITH THE REMAINDER TO GO TO POWELL NOT TO EXCEED HIS BID OF 65% OF FEES GENERATED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED POWELL ON HIS OPINION ON THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE STAFF AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. POWELL STATED HE FELT THERE WAS A NEED FOR ANOTHER FULL TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION.

POWELL QUESTIONED THE UTILITIES COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PAID FROM THE GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH POWELL REQUESTING HE GET PAID \$2,000.00 BI-WEEKLY UNTIL IT COULD BE DETERMINED WHAT HE WOULD ACTUALLY RECEIVE BASED ON HIS BID. THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES WITH LLOYD POWELL WITH IT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AT THEIR MAY MEETING. THE BOARD ALSO AGREED FOR IT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT THE SECRETARIAL POSITIONS AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT EXCEED TWO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

POWELL QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF STILL MAINTAINING HIS STATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHILE BEING UNDER CONTRACT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED POWELL HE WOULD NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY OF THE STATE BENEFITS WHILE BEING UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER HALL TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND LLOYD POWELL ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION FOR HALF OF THE UTILITIES TO BE PAID BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND HALF PAID BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WHILE THEY ARE OCCUPYING THE OFFICE SPACE AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD NO UTILITIES WAS BUDGETED IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT NOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; THE UTILITIES IS PRESENTLY BEING PAID FOR FROM THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COM- MISSIONER CORBIN AGREEING TO WITHDRAW HIS MOTION. THE CONCENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS FOR UTILITIES TO CONTINUE TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET UNTIL IT CAN BE RESEARCHED FURTHER.

THE BOARD AGREED EVERYTHING WOULD REMAIN THE SAME WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE MAY MEETING THEN WHATVER ACTION THE BOARD TAKES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST.

ON THE TABLED ISSUES, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE GUARANTEES AND SURETIES WAS ADDRESSED AS TO WHETHER THE BOARD WANTS TO ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CODE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY READING SECTION 10.02.11 OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TABLE ACTION ON THIS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH HIM AND RANDY PARKER GETTING TOGETHER AND PROVIDING THE BOARD A SUMMARY OF WHAT IT ALL MEANS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT HOLLEY'S RECOMMENDATION. THE BOARD REQUESTED THEY EACH BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING FOR THEIR REVIEW.

ASPHALT NEEDS FROM EACH DISTRICT FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES WAS ADDRESSED. AS DAVID MELVIN, COUNTY ENGINEER, HAD NOT PROVIDED THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, COMMISSIONER HALL WAS UNABLE TO ADDRESS HIS ASPHALT NEEDS. COMMISSIONER HALL DID ADVISE HIS ASPHALT NEEDS WOULD INCLUDE HIGHWAYS 280, 284 AND PLEASANT HILL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO BID ALL OF THE DISTRICTS ASPHALT NEEDS BY TONNAGE AND BY ROADS. EACH COMMISSIONER IS TO TURN THEIR NEEDS IN TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, CHAIRMAN CARTER WILL COMPILE THE INFORMATION AND HAVE A BID DRAWN UP.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADVISED THE BOARD ONLY ONE BID WAS RECEIVED FROM THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A CLERK OF THE WORKS TO RENOVATE THE OLD HOSPITAL INTO OFFICE SPACE. COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED AT THE APRIL 14TH MEETING, THERE WAS A MOTION AND A SECOND TO TABLE THIS POSITION; THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND THERE WAS NEVER ACTION TAKEN TO ADVERTISE FOR THIS POSITION. THEREFORE, THE POSITION WAS ADVERTISED WITHOUT OFFICIAL BOARD APPROVAL. MR. TOBE RUSS HAD ALSO ADVISED COMMISSIONER BROCK HE HAD NO INTENTIONS OF RETIRING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION TO PUT TOBE RUSS IN FULL CHARGE; HE IS TO DO THE HIRING, PURCHASING, ETC. AT THE OLD HOSPITAL TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATIONS BEGINNING WITH RONNIE WRIGHT'S OFFICE, HELEN MCENTYRE'S OFFICE, ETC. WITH RUSS TO PROCEED UNTIL HE RETIRES. COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD. COMMISSIONER DAVIS REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AS RUSS HAD TOLD HIM HE HAD A LOT OF PRESSURE PUT ON HIM BY SOME COMMISSIONERS NOT TO RETIRE; HOWEVER, RUSS ADVISED HIM HE WOULD RETIRE OR NOT RETIRE. INITIALLY, RUSS HAD ADVISED DAVIS HE WAS PLANNING ON RETIRING JULY 31, 1998.

TOBE RUSS ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND STATED COMMISSIONER DAVIS WOULD COME BY THE OLD HOSPITAL AND ALWAYS ASK HIM WHEN HE PLANNED TO RETIRE. RUSS ALSO ADDRESSED THERE WAS DUCT WORK AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER THINGS WHICH NEEDED TO BE DONE AT THE OLD HOSPITAL BUT HE WAS NEVER GIVEN PERMISSION TO DO THIS. RUSS STATED COMMISSIONER DAVIS HAD ADVISED HIM HE HAD SPOKEN WITH JIMMY WILSON AND WANTED TO PUT WILSON ON

ONE END OF THE HOSPITAL AND RUSS ON THE OTHER TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATIONS. WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHAT HIS INTENTIONS WERE ON RETIR- ING, RUSS ADVISED HE WAS LOOKING AT WORKING ANOTHER YEAR OR SO OR AS LONG AS THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED HIM TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH RUSS ON OCCASIONS WHEN HE WENT BY THE OLD HOSPITAL ABOUT IT APPEARING THERE WAS NOT MUCH WORK GETTING DONE. RUSS ADVISED CORBIN AT THAT TIME HE HAD A COUPLE OF INMATES OUT OF THE JAIL THAT DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING, HE COULDN'T HIRE ANYONE TO HELP HIM, HE COULDN'T GET ANY MATERIALS, ETC. AND IT WAS HARD TO MAKE ANY SHOWING WITHOUT HELP OR MATERIALS.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED IT BEING IN THE BOARD MINUTES WHERE HE HAD ASKED IF RUSS HAD BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP HIM OR PURCHASE MATERIALS AND IT WAS ON TAPE HE WAS TOLD RUSS HAD BEEN GIVEN THIS PERMISSION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED WHEN HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DO THE RENOVATIONS, HE KEPT RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS WITH WORKERS COMPEN- SATION, LIABILITY INSURANCE, PROPER LICENSING, ETC. AND EACH ONE OF THESE ISSUES WILL STILL HAVE TO BE FACED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE SUPERVISOR'S OF ELECTIONS OFFICE SPACE BE DONE AFTER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S AND TAX COL- LECTOR'S OFFICES ARE COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE LOOKING AT ABOUT \$250,000.00 JUST FOR ROOFING THE OLD HOSPITAL BASED ON A BID HE HAD GOTTEN; HOWEVER, IF THE ROOF COULD BE WORKED OUT LIKE HE WAS WANTING IT DONE, THE COST WOULD ONLY BE APPROXIMATELY \$60,000.00.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SALARY TO BE PAID FOR THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES MR. RUSS IS AUTHORIZED TO HIRE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO SET A CAP OF \$7.50 PER HOUR FOR WAGES TO BE PAID THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WORKING WITH MR. RUSS AT THE OLD HOSPITAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CORBIN AGREEING TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO SET THE CAP AT \$10.00 PER HOUR FOR WAGES TO BE PAID THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES TO WORK WITH MR. RUSS AT THE OLD HOSPITAL. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED MR. RUSS COORDINATE WITH THE ADMIN- ISTRATIVE OFFICE ON ALL OF HIS PURCHASES FOR THE OLD HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED TOBE RUSS HAVING A LOT OF HIS PERSONAL TOOLS BEING USED BY LLOYD BRUNER, ANOTHER BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR MR. RUSS'S TOOLS TO BE RETURNED TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE THE TOOLS NEEDED BY MR. BRUNER.

JOHN WILLIAMS, REPRESENTING GULF COAST EQUIPMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THE REPLACEMENT DATE FOR NEW MACK TRUCKS WOULD BE IN AUGUST SHOULD THE BOARD OPT TO SALE THEIR MACK TRUCKS AT THE PUBLIC AUCTION IN JUNE.

WILLIAMS SUGGESTED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO WAIT AND SELL THEIR MACK TRUCKS AT THE MARCH 1999 AUCTION, THEY SHOULD ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT IN JANUARY.

THE BOARD'S GENERAL CONCENSUS WAS TO CHANGE OUT THE MACK TRUCKS BY APPROXIMATELY MARCH 1ST AND FOR WILLIAMS TO BE SURE THE BOARD CAN ORDER, IF HE IS THE LOW BIDDER, TO GET THE EIGHT MACK TRUCKS IN BY THAT DATE.

LLOYD POWELL REQUESTED THE BOARD GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO DRIVE THE COUNTY VEHICLE HOME SINCE THE CONTRACTING OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES WAS EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER MONTH. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ALLOW POWELL TO DRIVE THE COUNTY VEHICLE HOME.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A LUNCH BREAK WITH THE MEETING TO RECONVENE AT 1:15 P. M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, STEVE PARRISH WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COM- PANY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON REPLACEMENT DATES FOR MOTORGRADERS SHOULD THE BOARD OPT TO SELL THE THREE GRADERS ADDRESSED IN THE LAST MEETING AT THE JUNE AUCTION. PARRISH ADVISED THE BOARD THE REPLACE- MENT GRADERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE THE LATTER PART OF JUNE. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HE THOUGHT HE COULD GET BRYANT WOOD TO INCREASE THE FLOOR PRICE ON EACH OF THE THREE GRADERS BY \$5,000.00. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE FINANCING OF THE THREE NEW GRADERS. PAR- RISH SUGGESTED THE BOARD APPLY THE MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE THREE GRADERS TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW GRADERS AND THEN HAVE YEARLY PAYMENTS WHICH THE BOARD COULD BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO DECLARE THE DRESSER GRADER AND THE TWO CAT GRADERS SURPLUS, SALE THEM AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THREE NEW REPLACEMENT GRADERS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPLY THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE THREE GRADERS TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE THREE NEW REPLACEMENT GRADERS AND BUDGET THE FINANCING OF THE REMAINING BALANCE IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADVERTISING OF THE THREE NEW REPLACEMENT GRADERS USING THE SPECIFICATIONS PREVIOUSLY USED EXCEPT SPECIFY A DIFFERENT ENGINE.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD BRIEFING THEM ON THE FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING AGREEMENT WHICH THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND DESIGNATE A PERSON WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENTS. HAGAN SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO GIVE IT TO THEIR ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW AS THERE ARE A GREAT NUMBER OF STIPULATIONS IN THE FUNDING AGREEMENT.

HAGAN REFERENCED SOME PROJECTS THE COUNTY MAY HAVE WHICH WILL QUALIFY FOR MITIGATION. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE APPLICATION FOR A WAIVER OF THE LOCAL MATCH FOR RECOVERY FUNDING TOTALLING 12.5%.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED A DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUPERVISOR HAD TOLD HIM HE FELT THE LOCAL MATCH FOR RECOVERY FUNDING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD BE WAIVED DUE TO THE COUNTY'S POPULATION BEING UNDER 50,000 AND THE COUNTY'S MILLAGE RATE BEING CAPPED AT TEN MILLS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD BEING AWARE IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE THE 12.5% LOCAL MATCH WAIVER, THEY WOULD HAVE TO FUND THIS IN SOME WAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE DISASTER RELIEF AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT ONCE ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED IT.

THE BOARD HAD BEEN PROVIDED A COPY OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BASED ON THE JOB DESCRIPTION PROVIDED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD WAS WANTING TO ADVERTISE FOR A COUNTY MANAGER, NOT AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD NOT HAVE A COUNTY MANAGER UNLESS THEY HAVE A CHARTER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHY THE JOB DESCRIPTION DID NOT CONTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES. CHAIRMAN CARTER REFERENCED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THEIR CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES UNDER HIS SAME CONTRACT PRICE. ALSO, WALTON COUNTY'S JOB DESCRIPTION STATED A PERSON MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO READ PLANS, ETC. BUT IT DID NOT REQUIRE ANY ENGINEERING ABILITIES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED BROCK THE WALTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS NOT AN ENGINEER..

THE MOTION CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HIS REASONING FOR OPPOSING WAS BASED ON HIM JUST RECEIVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND HE HAS NOT HAD TIME TO READ IT TO SEE WHAT THE QUALIFICATIONS AND THE GUIDELINES WERE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 12.5% MATCHING FUND WAIVER REQUEST FOR DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR CHAIRMAN CARTER TO WRITE A COVER LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL MATCHING FUND WAIVER STATING THE COUNTY'S MILLAGE RATE WAS CAPPED AT TEN MILLS AND THEIR POPULATION IS UNDER 50,000.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE CONTRACT ON THE LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE CONTRACT WAS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THE COUNTY BEING BOUND TO GIVE THEM THE GYMNASIUM AND LUNCHROOM. DUE TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISING THE CONTRACT WAS SATISFACTORY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON THE LAND SWAP BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE FIVE POINTS RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO THE DEPUTY MOVING A MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY TO TRY AND PREVENT SOME OF THE DESTRUCTION THAT IS GOING ON AT THE FIVE POINTS RECREATIONAL FACILITY. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE AGREEMENT STATED THE FIVE POINTS RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD APPOINT THE DEPUTY SHERIFF WHICH WAS INCORRECT. WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREEING TO DELETE THIS SENTENCE IN THE AGREEMENT, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND

CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THAT CHANGE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE HAD WITH GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES, INC. WHICH WAS GOING TO ASSIST WITH THE SUNNY HILLS MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT. HOLLEY ADVISED HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ALL THE PLATS INCLUDED IN THE MSBU SENT TO THEM; THEY WILL THEN GET BACK TO THE BOARD A COST ESTIMATE OF WHAT THEIR CONSULTATION WORK WILL COST. HOLLEY ALSO ADVISED THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$3,500.00 OF GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR TO ASSIST WITH THIS COST AND POSSIBLY THE SAME AMOUNT NEXT YEAR; THIS WILL LESSEN THE AMOUNT SUNNY HILLS WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED IF ALL LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS WOULD BE ASSESSED THE \$25.00 FEE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HALL THE \$25.00 ASSESSMENT WAS THE MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT BUT WHETHER EVERY LOT WILL BE ASSESSED THE \$25.00 HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED YET. HOWEVER, EVERY DEVELOPED LOT IN SUNNY HILLS WILL BE ASSESSED A FEE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE VOTING DISTRICT SUIT. HE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SECURING AN EXPERT WITNESS WHO COULD ANALYZE AND TESTIFY ABOUT THE MAKEUP OF THE COUNTY.

VONCILE ESTES, OFFICE MANAGER, ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON THE REINSPECTION OF THE STREETS IN SUNNY HILLS RECOMMENDING THE COUNTY ASSUME MAINTENANCE OF THE 66 MILES OF STREETS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ASSUME THE MAINTENANCE OF THE 66 MILES OF STREETS IN SUNNY HILLS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER. CHAIRMAN CARTER ABSTAINED.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ASKING WILLIAM TILLIS BE MADE A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE TO FILL THE TRUCK DRIVER'S POSITION BEING VACATED BY JAMES SHEFFIELD.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED DUE TO IT BEING DISCOVERED MR. SHEFFIELD HAD BEEN OUT ON WORKERS COMPENSATION DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT, THE RETIREMENT DATE OF APRIL 15TH MAY HAVE TO BE CORRECTED TO BE SOME TIME IN JULY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ISSUE WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO EXTEND THE TIME NEEDED FOR SHEFFIELD TO BE ABLE TO RETIRE PROVIDED HE CAN GET DONATED SICK LEAVE FROM THE OTHER EMPLOYEES TO CARRY HIM THROUGH THIS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISORS BE NOTIFIED AND LET THEM PRESENT THIS ISSUE TO THE EMPLOYEES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO RESCIND THEIR ACTION TO ACCEPT SHEFFIELD'S RETIREMENT DATE EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 1998.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO LEAVE WILLIAM TILLIS AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MR. SHEFFIELD'S RETIREMENT DATE CAN BE CLARIFIED.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO FILL THE BACKHOE POSITION AND BUSH CUTTER POSITION THAT IS VACANT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE EAST SIDE TO HIRE A BACKHOE OPERATOR AND A BUSH CUTTER POSITION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED IN FILLING THESE TWO POSITIONS MAY BE THE WAY TO GET THE WAGES PERSON ON BOARD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISE ROAD AND BRIDGE IF THEY CAN FIND A WAGES PERSON WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR THE BACKHOE AND BUSH CUTTER POSITIONS TO HIRE THEM.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT MR. SHEFFIELD WAS OUT 68 DAYS ON WORKERS COMPENSATION. SHE AGREED TO GET THE EXACT HOURS OF TIME NEEDED FOR SHEFFIELD TO BE ABLE TO GET HIS RETIREMENT.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR JERRY HINSON WHO HAS RESIGNED. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO TABLE ACTION ON THE REPLACEMENT UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR REFLECTIVE TAPE ON ALL COUNTY VEHICLES AND STROBE LIGHTS FOR THE SERVICE TRUCKS AND OTHER SMALL PICKUP TRUCKS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST OF THE STROBE LIGHTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AUTHORIZE STROBE LIGHTS ON THE ASPHALT TRUCK AND SERVICE TRUCK AND REFLECTIVE TAPE ON ALL COUNTY VEHICLES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK AGREEING TO INCLUDE STROBE LIGHTS ON ALL COUNTY VEHICLES WITH THERE BEING A CAP OF \$25.00 PAID PER STROBE LIGHT WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE DOING THE INSTALLATION.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED WHEN THE SAFETY INSPECTOR DID THE INSPECTIONS AT PUBLIC WORKS, HE RECOMMENDED THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK ON OR AROUND HEAVY EQUIPMENT WEAR SAFETY STEEL TOED SHOES. ALSO, THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION FOR MULTI-PIECE WHEELS

THAT DO NOT FIT INTO THE TIRE CAGE BE CONTRACTED TO A PRIVATE COMPANY FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE DUE TO SAFETY FACTORS. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER BROCK TO HAVE JIMMIE KENT BUILD THE PROPER CAGE TO HANDLE ALL THE TIRES ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS AND WORKS ON. ALSO, A LETTER IS TO BE SENT TO THE EMPLOYEES RECOMMENDING THEY PURCHASE THEIR STEEL TOED SHOES AND ADVISE THEM THEY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK SIGNING THE LETTER.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1998 TOTALLING \$653,941.06.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TOTALLING \$559.00 AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$266,500.00 FOR LOCAL HOUSING SHIP YEAR SIX.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE HAD TAKEN CARE OF HAVING SOMEONE TO KILL THE GRASS IN THE VALLEY DITCHES ON BRICKYARD ROAD. COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF HAVING SOMEONE TO KILL THE GRASS IN THE VALLEY DITCHES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED FEMA WANTING THE COUNTY TO GET SOMEONE TO GO ON EACH COUNTY ROAD TO IDENTIFY AND MEASURE THE PIPES. FEMA WOULD PAY THE COUNTY TO WASH OUT ANY PIPE THAT IS 25% OR MORE FILLED: \$5.00 PER FOOT ON AN 18" TO 24" PIPE AND \$10.00 PER FOOT ON A 48" PIPE PLUS A HAUL OFF IF THERE IS ANY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD HIRE A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TO IDENTIFY THE PIPE ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED RATHER THAN HIRING A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TO GIVE THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON FRIDAY TO IDENTIFY THE ROADS. KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE WORKERS DONATED THESE HOURS TO JAMES SHEFFIELD, WOULD THEIR OVERTIME COUNT ALSO; THE EMPLOYEES MAY BE WILLING TO DONATE THIS TIME TO SHEFFIELD.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER BROCK TO CHECK WITH THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES TO SEE IF THEY WOULD WANT TO WORK ON FRIDAY IDENTIFYING PIPE AND ALSO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO DONATE THESE HOURS TO JAMES SHEFFIELD.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE AUDITORS AT THE HOSPITAL ADVISING THERE WERE SOME INCOME TAX REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES HOME AND HE HAD BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER A WHILE BACK AND SHE HAD BROUGHT IT TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S ATTENTION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED THE STATUS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THIS ISSUE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER BUT HAD NOT SPOKEN TO THE AUDITORS AT THE HOSPITAL ON THIS MATTER. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED DAVIS SHE HAD PROVIDED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE COUNTY AUDITORS ON TAX REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES HOME. THE COUNTY AUDITOR HAD INFORMED CARTER OF HOW JACKSON COUNTY WAS DOING THEIR TAXES FOR EMPLOYEES DRIVING THEIR VEHICLES HOME BUT THE ATTORNEY WOULD NEED TO DRAW UP A POLICY STATING THE VEHICLES CAN ONLY BE USED FOR COUNTY BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH SEEING A COUNTY TRUCK IN MARIANNA AT 8:00 P. M. ON FRIDAY NIGHT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE TAG NUMBER OFF THE VEHICLE AND BROUGHT IT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION AND THE EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE TO PROVE HE WAS THERE ON BUSINESS OR HIS JOB WOULD BE IN DANGER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED WHEN COMMISSIONER DAVIS MAKES A STATEMENT A WASHINGTON COUNTY VEHICLE WAS SEEN IN MARIANNA AT 8:00 P.M. TO MAKE SURE IT WAS A WASHINGTON COUNTY VEHICLE FOR A FACT AND IT IS NOT JUST HERESAY.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CONTACT THE COUNTY AUDITORS ON THE POLICY NEEDED FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLES HOME, THE TAX LIABILITY INVOLVED AND DRAFT A POLICY FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS STATED HIS CONCERN WAS IF EMPLOYEES WERE CONFRONTED WITH A BIG TAX BILL FROM IRS, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO PAY IT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD SHERIFF PEEL DID A SURVEY AT CRYSTAL LAKE AND MADE A DETERMINATION THE 35MPH SPEED LIMIT WAS TOO HIGH. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE TO 25MPH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, DUE TO A REQUEST FROM GEORGE ROGERS AND ROBERT HARCUS AND THERE BEING A \$3,000.00 SALARY LEFT IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET,

TO BRING DEBBIE RILEY GLENNA HAMMACK AND LYNDA WALLER'S SALARY CLOSE TO WHAT THE OTHER SECRETARIES IN THE COUNTY ARE MAKING AND WITHIN 90 DAYS THE COUNTY ADOPT A SALARY POLICY ON STARTING POSITIONS WITH THE SALARY INCREASES FOR RILEY AND HAMMACK TO COME OUT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE AND WALLER'S INCREASE TO COME OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED BASICALLY THERE WAS A \$1.00 PER HOUR DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THESE SECRETARIES ARE MAKING VERSUS WHAT OTHER SECRETARIES IN THE COUNTY ARE MAKING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSING THESE SECRETARIES COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS REQUESTING A RAISE FOR HAD BEEN EMPLOYED LESS THAN A YEAR AND QUESTIONED BROCK IF HE WANTED TO BRING THEM UP TO WHAT THE OTHER SECRETARIES WHO HAVE BEEN HERE LONGER AND POSSIBLY WHO HAVE GOTTEN THE INCENTIVE STEP PAY INCREASE WERE MAKING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS STATED TO JUST MOVE THE SECRETARIES UP TO \$7.00 PER HOUR AND THEN LOOK AT OTHER INCREASES AT BUDGET TIME. COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED TO GET THE SECRETARIES SALARIES COM- PATIBLE AND THEN ESTABLISH A STEP PLAN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH SECRETARIES MAKING MORE THAN EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED THERE WERE ALREADY SECRETARIES MAKING MORE THAN EQUIPMENT OPERATORS BUT THESE WOULD NOT BE.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF VERNON AND QUESTIONED IF IT INVOLVED OR WOULD AFFECT THE COUNTY DITCHES OR COUNTY WATER.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHAT THE SALARY WOULD BE FOR THE THREE SECRETARIES WHO WERE JUST GIVEN A RAISE, THERE WAS CONFUSION AS DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS THOUGHT IT WAS \$7.00 PER HOUR; HOWEVER COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HIS MOTION WAS FOR A \$1.00 PER HOUR INCREASE FOR ALL THREE OF THE SECRETARIES. DUE TO THE CONFUSION ON THE SALARY, COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO CHANGE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT PER HOUR TO \$7.70 PER HOUR FOR THE THREE SECRETARIES. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN AND DAVIS OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF VERNON TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN IT THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THERE WAS ANY WAY FOR IT TO BE PLACED ON A REFERENDUM IN THE SEPTEMBER ELECTION FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE IF THEY WOULD WANT TO PASS A ONE CENT SALES TAX TO OFFSET THE AD VALOREM TAXES. THE BOARD REQUESTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY RESEARCH TO SEE WITH A REFERENDUM IF A ONE CENT SALES TAX CAN BE LEVIED AND BE USED FOR AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD IF IT COULD BE STIPULATED ON THE BALLOT THE SALES TAX COULD ONLY BE USED FOR AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF OR WOULD IT BE DISCRETIONARY WITH THE BOARD WHETHER THEY ROLLED BACK THE MILLAGE OR NOT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WOULD BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD IF THEY USED THE SALES TAX TO ROLL BACK THE MILLAGE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE PRESENT BOARD COULD USE THE SALES TAX FOR AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER PROVIDE INFORM- ATION NEXT MONTH ON THE AMOUNT PAID TO DAVID MELVIN THIS YEAR FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES ON THE COUNTY PROJECTS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A COUNTY ENGINEER USING THE SPECIFICA- TIONS THE BOARD ALREADY HAS.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 04/23/98