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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/11/98

AUGUST 11, 1998

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JULY 30, 1998 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P. M. WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS, BROCK AND HALL PRESENT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, DEPUTY CLERK ODOM AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

EUDON AND GREG PETTIS OF TRI-STATES TESTING AND GREG BARBER OF ANDERSON COLUMBIA, INC. WERE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE CONTRACT ON THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND CHANGES THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO GET THE WIDENING OF THE ROAD DONE FOR THE SAME CONTRACT PRICE OF \$346,958.00.

TAKING OUT THE BAD AREAS ON THE ROAD AND USE SOIL CEMENT  
(APPROXIMATELY 2,019 SQUARE YARDS)

SMALL AREAS NEED TO BE DUG OUT, LIMEROCK PUT DOWN AND SURFACE  
PUT OVER THEM. (750 SQUARE YARDS)

WIDEN THE ROAD 1.25' ON EACH SIDE OF ROAD 6" DEEP AND PUT  
ASPHALT

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THERE WOULD BE NO OVERRUNS OVER THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED ADDITIONAL RESURFACING OF 2.1 MILES UP TO PIONEER ROAD AT AN APPROXIMATE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00. HE ADVISED HE DID NOT HAVE THE MONIES FOR THIS UNTIL HE GETS REIMBURSEMENT FROM FEMA ON THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND ON SHEFFIELD ROAD AND WOULD REQUEST ANDERSON COLUMBIA WAIT UNTIL HE GETS THESE MONIES BEFORE BEING PAID FOR THIS PROJECT.

BARBER ADVISED ANDERSON COLUMBIA CHARGED \$7.50 PER SQUARE YARD FOR WIDENING ON THE BRICKYARD ROAD PROJECT BUT ON THE ORANGE HILL PROJECT THEY ARE GOING TO ONLY CHARGE \$6.00 PER SQUARE YARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION FOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO GET WITH BARBER OF ANDERSON COLUMBIA, DRAW UP A CONTRACT FOR THEM TO DO THE DSR ON THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND CLARIFY THE MONEY WAS SPENT WHERE IT WAS DESIGNATED; WHEN THE DSR MONEY FOR ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY IS REFUNDED TO THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY CAN PAY THE BILL AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN CAN USE IT AT THE OTHER END. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO RESURFACE THE 2.1 MILES TO THE INTERSECTION OF ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND PIONEER ROAD AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT WAS GOING TO PURCHASE 40 ACRES AT I-10 WEST OF HIGHWAY 279 FOR \$30,000.00; THEY ARE NOW SAYING IT IS GOING TO COST \$6,000 TO \$8,000 TO HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DONE ON THE PROPERTY DUE TO THERE HAVING BEEN AN OLD LANDFILL LOCATED ON IT. NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY PAY THE COST TO HAVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DONE; IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUITABLE, THEY WILL THEN WITHDRAW THEIR OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT AS IS; ANY TESTING DONE ON THE PROPERTY WILL BE AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT'S EXPENSE. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DRAFT THE NECESSARY LETTER TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISING OF THE BOARD'S ACTION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS REQUESTED A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISING THEM THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HORSETRAILS IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AREA ON THE LANDS THEY HAVE PURCHASED AND HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE SADDLE CLUB DEVELOPING THE TRAILS AND RIDING IN THE AREA. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE ONLY INVOLVEMENT THE BOARD WOULD HAVE WOULD BE TO ASSIST IN HELPING STABILIZE THE ROAD SO PEOPLE COULD PARK THEIR VEHICLES OFF THE ROAD IN THE AREA. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO WRITE A LETTER STATING THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS FOR THE SADDLE CLUB TO PARTICIPATE WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT IN BUILDING THEIR OWN HORSETRAILS.

PATRICIA ANN CANNON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM SHE WAS HAVING WITH HER 911 ADDRESS WHICH LISTED HER LIVING ON SEMINOLE ROAD; HER CORRECT ADDRESS WAS 11 BABBLING BROOK LANE. THE BOARD REQUESTED SHE GET WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT AND PROVIDE HIM WITH THE INFORMATION ON WHERE SHE ACTUALLY LIVES; HERBERT WILL GET WITH THE 911 DIRECTOR TO TRY AND RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

BILL RUTHERFORD, REPRESENTING CRA INC., WAS PRESENT TO TRY AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW JAIL. HE ADDRESSED HE HAD MET WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK, SHERIFF FRED PEEL, VONCILE ESTES, THE CHIEF JAILER AND A COUPLE OF OTHERS AND WENT TO LOOK AT THREE POTENTIAL SITES FOR A JAIL LOCATION; THE SITE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE COURTHOUSE AND JAIL, THE McGEACHY PROPERTY AND THE SITE ACROSS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. HE HAS BEEN ASKED, AFTER TODAY WHEN THEY GET THROUGH TALKING ABOUT THE CONTRACT, TO COME BACK AND LOOK, GIVE AN ASSESSMENT OF AND THE RELATIVE COST INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING EACH ONE OF THESE SITES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED RUTHERFORD ADVISE THE BOARD OF CRA'S NORMAL CONTRACT PROCEDURES AND FEES.

RUTHERFORD WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS THEY WOULD GO THROUGH TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF FACILITY WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD NEED.

RUTHERFORD THEN ADDRESSED CRA'S FEE STRUCTURE ADVISING THEIR PRESENT CONTRACTS FOR JAIL FACILITIES RANGE FROM 6.5% TO 7%. RUTHERFORD ADVISED CRA WOULD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO PROVIDE A SURVEY OF THE SITE LOCATIONS AND WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND SOIL BORINGS BE DONE ON THEM.

RUTHERFORD AGREED TO SEND THE BOARD A CONTRACT FOR THEM TO REVIEW THAT WILL BE FILLED OUT; HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO THE CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A NEW JAIL AT A FEE STRUCTURE OF 6.5% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON THE ATTORNEY REVIEWING THE CONTRACT AND APPROVING IT AS WELL AS THE BOARD APPROVING IT.

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED BUDGET INFORMATION SHEETS ON THE CHANGES MADE TO THE BUDGET SINCE THE JULY 30TH MEETING AND WAS ADVISED THE BUDGET PREPARED WAS A BALANCED BUDGET. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES TO READ THEIR INFORMATION SHEETS AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER EXPLAINING THERE WAS \$25,000 PER DISTRICT ALLOCATED FOR THE MATERIALS BUDGET AND THERE WAS NO CONTINGENCY. HE THEN EXPLAINED THE PROCESS OF WHEN A DSR IS COMPLETED, PUBLIC WORKS WOULD PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST OF MATERIALS, LABOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DSR AND THIS WOULD BE REIMBURSED TO THE APPROPRIATE LINE ITEMS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD ADVISED BY MEANS OF A LETTER IT WOULD PROBABLY COST HIM ANOTHER \$75,000.00 BESIDES THE AMOUNT HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FOR LEGAL EXPENSES INVOLVED WITH THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE; THE BOARD WOULD MORE THAN LIKELY HAVE TO PAY THE OPPOSING ATTORNEY'S FEES WHICH WOULD TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$75,000.00. THEREFORE, OTHER LEGAL FEES WAS INCREASED TO \$200,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD REVIEW THEIR BUDGET PACKETS, LOOK AT EACH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST VERSUS WHAT IS PRESENTLY FUNDED AND COME BACK WITH ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

JOHN FOSTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO WITH THE STATE GUIDELINES FOR SALARY INCREASES; THIS WOULD GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE LOWER PAID EMPLOYEES AND LESS TO THE HIGHER PAID EMPLOYEES.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO DO A SCENARIO ON SALARIES USING THE STATE GUIDELINES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER BROCK CHECK ON GETTING THE CHIPPER AND BUSH CUTTER FOR THE EAST SIDE WORKING.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO APPROVE THE BUDGET PRESENTED TOTALLING \$23,666,405.00 AS A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COST FOR THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WITH THOMPSON INCREASING AND THERE BEING OLD LOADERS, EXCAVATORS AND BACKHOES PRESENTLY ON THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED COMMISSIONER BROCK ROAD AND BRIDGE HAD PUT THE BUDGET FIGURE IN FOR THE THOMPSON MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND THE INCREASE MAY

NOT REFLECT WHAT THE CONTRACT STATES.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WAS REQUESTED TO GET A COPY OF THE THOMPSON MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE TAX COLLECTOR NEEDING A LETTER FROM THE BOARD STATING THEY ARE AWARE OF A BUDGET DEFICIT TOTALLING \$52,873.00 IN HER 1998-99 BUDGET; THIS AMOUNT IS ALREADY FUNDED IN THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE LETTER STATING THE BOARD IS AWARE OF THE DEFICIT IN THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BUDGET TOTALLING \$52,873.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM STACY WEBB TO TRANSFER SHIP IV MONIES TOTALLING \$6,663.38 TO SHIP V TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1998 AT 5:05 P.M. WITH THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE BEING SET AT TEN MILLS AND THE ROLL BACK RATE BEING 9.612%.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM STACY WEBB FOR THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM FOR YVETTE MCINTYRE. WEBB AGREED TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH DOCUMENTATION FROM THE SHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR YVETTE MCINTYRE CONTINGENT UPON WEBB PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION FROM THE SHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD ACCEPT 15' EASEMENTS FROM OLA CULPEPPER AND STAN PORTER ON MAYHAW LANE IN ORDER TO WIDEN THE ROAD CONTINGENT UPON THE EASEMENTS BEING PREPARED AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY APPROVING THE EASEMENTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT 15' EASEMENTS FROM WESLEY AND OLA CULPEPPER AND GAIL AND STAN PORTER ON MAYHAW LANE TO WIDEN THE ROAD.

PETER HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BID ON THE REROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL AND ON REROOFING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO BE ADVERTISED AND A PREBID CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1998 WITH SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 BEING THE CUT OFF DATE FOR ACCEPTING BIDS. HERBERT REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH BIDDING THE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, AND PLUMBING ON THE OLD HOSPITAL. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE BIDDING OF THE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING ON THE OLD HOSPITAL.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT ON RAILROAD CROSSINGS ON AVANT ROAD AND WILCOX CROSSING ROAD WITH THE COUNTY FUNDING 50% OF THE COST OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AT THESE CROSSINGS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING TO TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE AGREEMENTS.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF THE \$12,000.00 FUNDED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY FUND EACH YEAR IS ROLLED OVER OR IF IT IS PUT BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND. PELLETIER WAS ADVISED THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDING EACH YEAR REMAINS IN THE SPECIAL FIRE FUND AND \$12,000.00 WAS BUDGETED TO GO INTO THE FUND AGAIN THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHAIRMAN

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