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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/27/98

AUGUST 27, 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 DAVIS, CORBIN, CARTER, BROCK AND HALL PRESENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH REV. JOHN DICKINSON OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO APPROVE THE JUNE 25, 1998 MINUTES WITH A CORRECTION BEING MADE TO PAGE 29, FIRST PARAGRAPH WITH LARRY ENFINGER BEING INSERTED IN PLACE OF MARY ENFINGER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR AUGUST 27, 1998:

1. APPROVE OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 10, 1998 AS GIRTHA MILLER DAY IN HONOR OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.
2. APPROVAL OF TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (DOT, CSX AND COUNTY) ON INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING TRAFFIC DEVICES AT WILCOX CROSSING AND AVANT ROAD; THE COUNTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 50% OF THE COST FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEVICES BY CSX. THE COUNTY ALSO AGREES TO INSURE THAT AT THE CROSSING THE ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS AND RAILROAD CROSSING PAVEMENT MARKING WILL CONFORM TO THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES WITHIN 30 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION THAT THE SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT SUCH SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS WILL BE CONTINUALLY MAINTAINED AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.
3. APPROVAL OF EEO PLAN UPDATE; EEO PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN APRIL OF 1997.

CLERK LINDA COOK PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO PAT BUSH, REPRESENTING THE CHIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE THE DAY OF THE COURTHOUSE FIRE.

STACY WEBB, REPRESENTING JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SHIP PROGRAM REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. DEPOSITORY BANK: ACCORDING TO THE SHIP POLICY, SHIP FUNDS ARE TO BE ROTATED AMONG LOCAL BANKS EVERY TWO YEARS. BEGINNING WITH THE 1998-99 FUNDS, REGIONS BANK WILL BE THE DEPOSITORY BANK.
2. THE AWARD AMOUNT FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE: CURRENTLY PURCHASE ASSISTANCE CLIENTS ARE BEING AWARDED 25% OF THE SALES PRICE OF THE HOME OR \$15,000.00, WHICHEVER IS LESS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE NEW STATE GUIDELINES THEY ARE REQUIRING 30% OF THE TOTAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR VERY LOW INCOME CLIENTS AS WELL AS 30% OF THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR LOW INCOME. THE SHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED ELIMINATING THE \$15,000.00 OR THE 25% OF THE TOTAL SALES PRICE, WHICHEVER IS LESS AND REPLACE IT WITH THE FOLLOWING:
  1. VERY LOW INCOME CLIENTS APPLYING FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE WILL BE AWARDED \$15,000.00.
  2. LOW INCOME CLIENTS APPLYING FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE WILL BE AWARDED \$12,000.00.
  3. MODERATE INCOME CLIENTS APPLYING FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE WILL BE AWARDED \$7,500.00.
3. ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT: RENEWAL OF JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES CONTRACT TO ADMINISTER THE SHIP PROGRAM WITH WEBB TO RETAIN HIS CURRENT FEE OF EIGHT PERCENT.
4. HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS: THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED

AND IS RECOMMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE ONCE AGAIN CONDUCT THE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASSES FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE CLIENTS. THE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HOLMES COUNTY; THIS THIS REDUCES THE COST TO EACH PROGRAM AND PROVIDES INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR CLIENTS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION.

JUDY CORBUS, WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE EMPLOYEE, WILL BE COORDINATING THE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS.

THESE CLASSES WILL BE HELD AFTER A CLIENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SHIP COMMITTEE AND THE BANK, BUT BEFORE LOAN CLOSING. THESE CLASSES WOULD COVER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, HOME MAINTENANCE, ETC.

THE COST TO THE PROGRAM ANNUALLY WOULD BE \$1,000.00 WHICH COVERS THE COST OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS ONLY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CHANGE THE TIME A PERSON OWNS A HOME UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM UNTIL THE TIME THEY CAN SELL IT WITHOUT PRORATING THE COST FROM SEVEN YEARS TO THREE YEARS. MS. WEBB REQUESTED SHE BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT THIS REQUEST TO THE SHIP COMMITTEE BEFORE THEY TOOK ACTION ON COMMISSIONER DAVIS'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY STACY WEBB.

THEODORE SIMMONS, REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REQUESTED THE BOARD PROVIDE DIRT TO GO ON A REGULATION SOFTBALL FIELD AT THE PRISON SITE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO HONOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'S REQUEST.

JANE NORRIS AND HENRY K. WASILEWSKI ADDRESSED THE BOARD PRESENTING THEM WITH A PETITION OPPOSING THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS AS THE PROGRAM IS NOT GOING AS IT WAS INTENDED; THERE WAS SUPPOSE TO BE A CAP OF \$25.00 AND ACCORDING TO THE ATTORNEYS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE JULY 23RD WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, THERE IS NO WAY THE PROGRAM CAN BE SET UP LIKE ORIGINALLY PRESENTED.

NORRIS REFERENCED THERE BEING SOME PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THIS PETITION WHO HAD SIGNED THE ORIGINAL PETITION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE \$25.00 AND NO MORE FOR EACH LOT OWNER WHO OWNS LAND IN SUNNY HILLS. SHE ALSO REFERENCED THEM GOING TO PEOPLES HOMES IN SUNNY HILLS WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF THE MSBU OR THE \$25.00 ASSESSMENT; THEY DON'T BELONG TO THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION NOR TAKE THE NEWSPAPERS AND ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON OTHER THAN PAYING THEIR UTILITY BILLS AND TRYING TO LIVE A NORMAL RETIREMENT LIFE. SHE ALSO REFERENCED THE YOUNG FAMILIES LIVING IN SUNNY HILLS NOT HAVING THE TIME TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH SUCH PROGRAMS AS THE MSBU DUE TO THEM OUT WORKING AND TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

NORRIS ALSO ADDRESSED THEM HAVING A COPY OF THE PETITION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THE MSBU PROPOSAL GROUP AND IT BEING AN INACCURATE ACCOUNT AS PAGE 5 WAS RECOPIED.

NORRIS ADDRESSED ACCORDING TO THE ATTORNEY'S THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE JULY MEETING AND ACCORDING TO WHAT THE COMMISSIONERS SAID, NO ONE HAS SAID THE MSBU PROGRAM WAS FEASIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS AND THE LAND OWNERS WHO DON'T LIVE HERE AND DON'T PAY TAXES. NORRIS REFERENCED THESE LAND OWNERS WON'T PAY TAXES ON THE MSBU OR ANYTHING ELSE; THEY WILL THROW IT IN THE GARBAGE. SHE ALSO REFERENCED IT BEING STATED THE BOARD COULD NOT SEE ANY USE IN SPENDING ANY MORE MONIES FOR THE ATTORNEYS SETTING UP THE MSBU PROGRAM. NORRIS ADVISED THE BOARD THE PERSONS SIGNING THE PETITION SHE PRESENTED OPPOSING THE MSBU HAD RATHER SEE THE BOARD SPEND THESE MONIES GOING TOWARD ATTORNEY FEES FOR PATCHING THEIR ROADS AND MOWING THEIR GRASS; THEY CAME TO SUNNY HILLS BECAUSE OF THE BETTER, PEACEFUL AND LOWER COST OF LIVING AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT A COUNTRY RURAL LIFE.

WASILEWSKI ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP PRESENTING THE CASE ON THE MSBU AT THE JULY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING AND MADE NO MENTION OF THE \$25.00 ACROSS THE BOARD FEE AS PROPOSED IN THE BEGINNING; THE ACTUAL COST IS NOT KNOWN AS IT WOULD BE ASSESSED ON THE ENHANCEMENTS TAKING PLACE IN SUNNY HILLS.

WASILEWSKI ADDRESSED HE AND NORRIS GOING DOOR TO DOOR EXPLAINING TO THE PEOPLE WHAT WAS GOING ON IN SUNNY HILLS WITH THE PROPOSED MSBU; SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THE MSBU HAS ALREADY PASSED AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED BY A REAL ESTATE NOTICE THE

ASSESSMENT WAS GOING TO BE \$25.00. HE ADDRESSED PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOME CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY WHEN IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE DUE IF IT IS VOTED ON. HE PLEADED WITH THE BOARD TO SEARCH THEIR HEARTS AND DON'T ADOPT AN MSBU ORDINANCE FOR SUNNY HILLS.

SAL LAROCCA OF SUNNY HILLS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ITS PREVIOUS ACTION IN DECEMBER OF 1997 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR AN MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS WITH A MAXIMUM OF A \$25.00 ASSESSMENT ON ANY SINGLE FAMILY LOT. HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND AT THE JULY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WHY NUMBERS LIKE \$100 TO \$300 WERE THROWN AROUND TO BE LEVIED ON AN MSBU. HE HOPED IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE MSBU BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS SO LONG AGO IT WAS OVERLOOKED BY THEM AND REFERENCED THE NORMAL PASSING OF AN MSBU AFTER THE COMMISSION TURNED IT OVER TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS EIGHT TO TWELVE WEEKS IN ALL THE MSBU'S THAT WERE STARTED IN FLORIDA.

LAROCCA ADVISED BEFORE THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS WAS ADDRESSED WITH THE BOARD, HE HAD DONE HIS HOMEWORK ON MSBU'S. HE DECIDED SUNNY HILLS WOULD FOLLOW THE MSBU THAT WAS PUT INTO EFFECT IN CITRUS SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS THIS WAS A DELTONA COMMUNITY.

HE WENT AND SPOKE TO THE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE CHAIRMAN AT CITRUS SPRINGS ON AN MSBU AND THEIR PROBLEMS WERE BASICALLY THE SAME AS IN SUNNY HILLS. THEY OFFERED TO HELP GET AN MSBU EFFECTIVELY STARTED IN THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY IN AUGUST OF 1997; IN OCTOBER THEIR CHAIRMAN CAME TO SUNNY HILLS AND EXPLAINED HOW THE MSBU WORKED IN THE CITRUS SPRINGS COMMUNITY AND HOW IT BENEFITED THEIR COUNTY. ALL OF SUNNY HILLS COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO GO FOR THE MSBU 100 PER CENT. LAROCCA ADDRESSED ALL OF THIS WAS DONE WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$25.00 PER FAMILY LOT AND THAT IS WHY HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY TWO OF SUNNY HILLS FELLOW RESIDENTS WENT AROUND GETTING SIGNATURES OF RESIDENTS AGAINST MSBU WITH A THREAT OF \$150 TO \$300 ASSESSMENT CHARGES.

LAROCCA ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN SUNNY HILLS WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT SUNNY HILLS AND THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION IN ALL MSBU MATTERS. HE HAD A LETTER, WHICH HE AGREED TO PROVIDE TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITHIN A FEW DAYS, TO VERIFY THIS MATTER.

HE ADDRESSED AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWSPAPER THERE WERE ABOUT 12,000 DELINQUENT TAX LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS OUT OF 24,000 LOTS. HE QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY FEEL PEOPLE LIKE HIM WHO BOUGHT LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS IN 1972 UNTIL NOW FOR \$3,000 TO \$15,000 PER LOT WOULD JUST TURN AROUND AND GIVE UP THEIR LOTS; THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HIM. HE WENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND FOUND OUT 11,600 OF THE LOTS BELONG TO DELTONA. LAROCCA RECOMMENDED THE BOARD, RATHER THAN GETTING INVOLVED IN ALL KINDS OF CONTROVERSY INVOLVING MSBU, GO TO CITRUS SPRINGS AND SEE WHAT AN MSBU HAS DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY AS THEY WILL BE SURPRISED ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY BY DOING THE MSBU. HE AGREED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE BOARD TO CITRUS SPRINGS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS COMMENTED HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION WHEN THE MSBU CAME UP THAT MOST OF THE UPFRONT EXPENSE IN STARTING UP AN MSBU IN SUNNY HILLS WAS GOING TO BE BORN BY THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION; HE HAD NO IDEA THE COUNTY WOULD BE INVOLVED IN HAVING TO PUT UP A LOT OF LEGAL EXPENSES AND MONEY. HE ALSO HAD NO IDEA A TEAM OF LAWYERS WOULD COME AND TELL THE BOARD THE MSBU WOULD NOT WORK IN SUNNY HILLS. HE STATED AT THE JULY MEETING HE WAS NOT WILLING TO PUT THE COUNTY IN CONTROVERSY WITH SUNNY HILLS OVER THE MSBU MATTER. COMMISSIONER DAVIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD LET THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION GO BACK, BEAR ANY UPFRONT EXPENSE THAT IS NECESSARY TO PUT TOGETHER AN MSBU AND HAVE EVERYONE IN SUNNY HILLS AGREE TO IT AND THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD. AS FAR AS THE BOARD PASSING THE RESOLUTION ON THE MSBU, THAT IS THE EXTENT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD GO TO AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT SPEND TAXPAYERS MONEY TO SUBSIDIZE LEGAL FEES FOR THE MSBU PROGRAM TO GO FORWARD ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS SUCH A DIVISION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA THAT ARE AGAINST IT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO TABLE THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS UNTIL THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION CAN EITHER COME BACK WITH A COMPLETE CONSENSUS OF SUNNY HILLS OR WE RESCIND THE BOARD'S ACTION OF THE RESOLUTION ALLOWING SUNNY HILLS TO GO WITH AN MSBU. COM- MISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED COMMISSIONER DAVIS RESTATE HIS MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS STATED IF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION IS NOT WILLING TO BEAR ALL THE LEGAL EXPENSES UP FRONT IN ESTABLISHING AN MSBU, THE BOARD RESCIND THEIR ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS AND THERE IS 100% COOPERATION OR THE MAJORITY TO GO FORWARD WITH THE MSBU.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR WAS IF SUNNY HILLS WANTS TO ESTABLISH AN MSBU AND THEY WANT TO PRESENT THE PROGRAM TO THE BOARD THROUGH

THE STATUTES OF FLORIDA, AND IT MEETS THE STATUTE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA AND IT IS IN PLACE, EVERYBODY, NOT JUST THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE, WILL HAVE TO BE POLLED FROM EVERY LOT OWNER IN SUNNY HILLS AND GET A VOTE FROM THEM; THEN, WHEN THEY GET THOSE, IT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE MSBU BEFORE IT COMES BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE ATTORNEYS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP ADVISING AT THE JULY MEETING THE MSBU WAS NOT FAIR AND IT WOULD NOT PASS; THE ABSENTEE LAND OWNERS WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM IT AND THEY COULD NOT BE ASSESSED. CHAIRMAN CARTER AGREED THE ATTORNEYS HAD ADVISED IF THIS ISSUE WAS CONTESTED, IT WOULD NOT STAND UP IN COURT.

LAROCCO REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR COMMISSIONERS TO GO TO CITRUS SPRINGS, FLORIDA AND LOOK AT HOW THEIR MSBU IS WORKING FOR THEM. HE REFERENCED NO ONE IN ANY OF THE TWELVE COMMUNITIES HE HAS SPOKEN TO ON MSBU'S HAS EVER HEARD OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP; HE QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF MSBU'S GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP HAD PUT IN PLACE IN FLORIDA. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIM PRESENTING TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY IN JANUARY OF 1998 THE LEGAL STEPS THAT HAVE PUT TOGETHER TWELVE OR MORE MSBU'S IN EFFECT IN FLORIDA AND STATED HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU WAS NOT CARRIED OUT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED LAROCCA ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD REQUESTED NABORS, GIBLIN AND NICKERSON AND THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP BE PRESENT AT THE JULY MEETING TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THEIR OPTIONS IN REGARDS TO AN MSBU AND AN MSTU.

LAROCCA ADDRESSED WHEN THE MSBU WAS BROUGHT UP, EVERY RESIDENT IN SUNNY HILLS WAS ADVISED OF THE MSBU; THEY WERE SENT A LETTER. HE QUESTIONED COULD HE NOT JUST PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE BILL WHERE THE 425 MONTHLY MAIL LETTERS WENT OUT ON THE MSBU.

LOU TRACY ADDRESSED THE PROBLEMS WITH THE MSBU ON BOTH SIDES PROBABLY DEVELOPED WITH THE LENGTH OF TIME IT HAS TAKEN TO BRING THE MSBU TO WHERE IT PRESENTLY IS. HE REFERENCED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD THE MATERIALS ON THE MSBU FROM THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR SEVEN MONTHS; BASICALLY THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS HAVE HEARD NOTHING ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF THE MSBU. HIS UNDESTANDING WAS A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE HELD IN THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD TAKEN THE FIRST STEP, AND HE FEELS IT WAS THE RIGHT STEP, TO ANNOUNCE THE ORDINANCE WITH THE NEXT STEP TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE EXPERTS ON MSBU'S ARE AVAILABLE TO EXPLAIN THE PROS AND CONS WITH THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY DECIDING WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO GO ON RECORD THE BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT AN MSTU. COMMISSIONER CORBIN WAS ADVISED THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE JULY BOARD MEETING.

LAROCCA STATED HE WAS AGAINST AN MSBU FOR ANYTHING OVER THE \$25.00 ASSESSMENT; THERE HAD BEEN OVER FIFTY COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA THAT GOT ALONG WITH A \$25.00 ASSESSMENT AND THIS WOULD DEFINITELY WORK FOR SUNNY HILLS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, RICK HART WITH ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY, WHICH PROVIDES THE COUNTY'S WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH HANDOUTS ON THE COUNTY'S LOSS RATIO OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS AND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A SET TIME ON HOW LONG CLAIMS REMAIN OPEN. HART ADDRESSED THERE BEING A 30 DAY REVIEW PERIOD ALREADY BUILT INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM SO IT WILL REMIND THE ADJUSTER TO REVIEW THE CLAIM TO SEE IF IT CAN BE CLOSED OUT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED ZENITH PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH INFORMATION SHOWING THE DATE AN INCIDENT OCCURS AND THE DATE IT IS CLOSED SO THE BOARD CAN MONITOR TO SEE IF THEY ARE CLOSING A CLAIM IN A REASONABLE TIME IN ORDER TO BRING THE LOSS RATIO DOWN.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO ADDRESSED THE REPORT PROVIDED INFORMATION THE WORK HART AND DALE MACUMBER HAD BEEN DOING WITH SAFETY MEETINGS SHOWED PROGRESS WAS MADE WITH THE LOSS RATIO OF WORKERS COMPENSATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HAVING THE SAFETY MEETINGS QUARTERLY RATHER THAN MONTHLY. HART ADVISED THE BOARD IT WOULD BE THEIR DECISION ON HOW OFTEN THE SAFETY MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE SAME EMPLOYEES WERE HAVING THE SAME RECURRING ACCIDENTS. HART ADVISED DAVIS HE COULD OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM DALE MACUMBER.

HART EXPLAINED THE LOSS RATIO IS CALCULATED BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF PREMIUM PAID

VERSUS THE AMOUNT PAID OUT IN WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS. THE LOWER THE LOSS RATIO IS THE LOWER THE WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM IS. WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LOSS RATIO AS OF THIS DATE IS 8%.

PAM STONE OF ZENITH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IT BEING THE SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR EMPLOYEES WORK IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND ARE SAFE. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO HAVE MORE SIGNS POSTED ADDRESSING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THE EMPLOYEES SHOULD TAKE. HART AGREED TO PROVIDE MACUMBER WITH A CONTACT TO OBTAIN THESE POSTERS FREE OF CHARGE.

STONE REITERATED THE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY TO BRINGING THE COUNTY'S LOSS RATIO DOWN; THE COMMITMENT NEEDS TO COME FROM MANAGEMENT DOWN WITH THE EMPLOYEES KNOWING THE BOARD IS SUPPORTING MANAGEMENT.

STONE ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN CARTER'S PREVIOUS QUESTION IF THERE WAS A LEGALLY ESTABLISHED TIME A CLAIM CAN REMAIN OPEN. STONE ADVISED THERE WAS NO SET TIME; AS LONG AS THE EMPLOYEE IS GETTING MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE DOCTOR IS STILL TREATING THEM AND HAS NOT RELEASED THEM THE CLAIM HAS TO REMAIN OPEN.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED IF A SUPERVISOR OBSERVES AN EMPLOYEE WORKING UNSAFELY, DO THEY KNOW TO WRITE UP AND REPRIMAND THE EMPLOYEE. ALSO, IF THE SUPERVISOR WRITES THE EMPLOYEE UP AND PLACES IT IN THEIR PERSONNEL FILE AND THE EMPLOYEE CONTINUES TO PRACTICE WORKING UNSAFELY, WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE COUNTY HAVE THEN.

HART ADDRESSED THE BOARD LIMITING THEIR LIABILITY BY HAVING DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THEY WERE TRYING TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT RESOLVE THEIR LIABILITY BUT IT DOES LIMIT THEIR LIABILITY IN CASE THEY ARE EVER AUDITED BY THE STATE.

STONE ADDRESSED IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN WRITTEN UP FOR THE SAME SAFETY ABUSE OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND IT IS SOMETHING MANDATORY AND HAS BEEN REINFORCED WITH THE EMPLOYEE OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WORKERS COMPENSATION CAN DEDUCT 25% OF HIS INDEMNITY PAY IF HE IS OUT ON THIS ACCIDENT.

HART ADDRESSED IF IT IS A WRITTEN LAW OR A MANDATED FEDERAL GUIDELINE AND THE EMPLOYEE CONTINUES SAFETY ABUSE PERTAINING TO THIS LAW OR GUIDELINE, AN EXTRA 25% CAN BE DEDUCTED FROM THEIR PAY.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR HART TO REITERATE AT EVERY SAFETY MEETING, IT IS THE FOREMEN'S RESPONSIBILITY IF THEY SEE ANYONE ACTING UNSAFELY TO WRITE THEM UP AND PLACE IT IN THEIR PERSONNEL FILE.

ALBERT MILTON RECOMMENDED THE BOARD, IN WRITING UP THE ACCIDENTS, MAY WANT TO PUT SOMETHING IN THEIR PERSONNEL PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING WRECKLESS AND ENDANGERMENT; IF AN EMPLOYEE IS ABSOLUTELY WRECKLESS, THIS MAY BE GROUNDS FOR RELEASE. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AMEND THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY TO INCLUDE WRECKLESS AND ENDANGERMENT PRACTICES BY AN EMPLOYEE MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO BEGIN HOLDING THE SAFETY MEETINGS QUARTERLY; IF THE LOSS RATIO BEGINS TO INCREASE, START HOLDING THE SAFETY MEETINGS MONTHLY AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTIONS NOT BEING PREPARED ON THE SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS ON THE ROADS HE HAD REQUESTED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ENGINEER HAVING THE PLANS READY FOR ADVERTISING ON STRICKLAND AND PLEASANT HILL ROADS AND A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE WAS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE ON PLEASANT HILL AND STRICKLAND ROADS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK BRIEFED THE BOARD ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES THAT WERE AVAILABLE FOR SALE PUBLIC WORKS WAS REQUESTING TO BE PURCHASED:

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| 1. | 1987 DODGE TRUCK | \$ 1,800 |
| 2. | 1987 DODGE TRUCK | \$ 1,500 |
| 3. | 1987 FORD RANGER | \$ 1,100 |
| 4. | 1992 DODGE VAN   | \$ 3,000 |
| 5. | 1988 DODGE TRUCK | \$ 1,100 |
| 6. | 1987 DODGE TRUCK | \$ 1,700 |
| 7. | FORD DUMP TRUCK  | \$ 7,000 |

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD PUBLIC WORKS HAD WENT THROUGH THE BUDGET AND THERE WAS \$27,000.00 IN THE ASPHALT CREW LINE ITEM AND \$62,799.00 IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM FOR A TOTAL OF \$99,799.00. HE ADDRESSED PUBLIC WORKS WANTING TO PURCHASE TWO NEW TRACTORS AT STATE BID PRICE OF \$17,300.00 EACH AND ONE 17' BUSHHOG AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,500.00. IF ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS PURCHASED IT WOULD LEAVE APPROXIMATELY

\$30,000.00 IN THESE LINE ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A 1992 VAN FOR \$4,200.00 AND A 1993 VAN FOR \$5,300.00 THAT WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE. DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, WAS WANTING TO SELL TWO OF HIS VANS AND PURCHASE THESE TWO. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD THESE TWO VANS WERE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IT WAS UP TO THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO PURCHASE THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAVING GIVE THE COUNTY SURPLUSSED VANS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED PUBLIC WORKS NEEDING A TIRE CHANGER AND TIRE BALANCER; THE TOTAL COST OF THE EQUIPMENT PUBLIC WORKS WAS REQUESTING TOTALLED \$58,129.00 AND THERE WERE MONIES IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET TO PURCHASE THIS EQUIPMENT,

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE PURCHASE WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE EQUIPMENT AT PUBLIC WORKS BEING SURPLUS AND SOLD THAT IS BEING REPLACED WITH THE STATE VEHICLES AND THE TRACTOR BEING PURCHASED WOULD BE ONE SIZE LARGER AND PURCHASED AT STATE BID PRICE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK AGREED TO AMEND THEIR MOTION TO REFLECT THESE CHANGES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REFERENCED THE TIRE BALANCER AND TIRE CHANGER BEING FUNDED IN THE 1998-99 BUDGET AND CAN NOW BE REMOVED DUE TO IT BEING PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE NEW BUDGET YEAR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH ON BRUNER DAIRY ROAD. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND REQUESTED A RESOLUTION ALSO BE ADOPTED SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH ON FALLING WATERS ROAD FROM THE STOP SIGN AT BRICKYARD ROAD. COM- MISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO INCLUDE FALLING WATERS ROAD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER BROCK INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO MAKE SURE PUBLIC WORKS IS NOTIFIED OF THE SPEED LIMIT CHANGES AND COMMISSIONER DAVIS REQUESTED HERBERT REMIND PUBLIC WORKS THEY STILL HAVE NOT PLACED THE CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS NOR THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON THE COUNTY'S SIDE OF HOYT STREET.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED ANDERSON COLUMBIA PUTTING 3' TURN- OUTS AT DRIVEWAYS ON ONE SIDE OF COPE ROAD AND NOT AT ALL ON THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD. DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE TURNOUTS WERE PART OF ANDERSON COLUMBIA'S CONTRACT PRICE OR WERE THEY A SEPARATE ISSUE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO PUT THE TURNOUTS ON BOTH SIDES OF COPE ROAD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDRAWING THEIR MOTION AND SECOND. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO GET THE ESTIMATED COST TO DO THE TURNOUTS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD INCLUDE A ROVING EMPLOYEE AT PUBLIC WORKS AS A RELIEF PERSON WHEN SOMEONE IS OUT ON SICK LEAVE, EMERGENCY LEAVE, ETC; HE RECOMMENDED JOE SMOTHERS FOR THIS POSITION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ESTABLISH A ROVING EMPLOYEE POSITION AT PUBLIC WORKS TO FILL IN WHEN SOMEONE IS OUT ON VACATION, SICK LEAVE, ETC. CHAIRMAN CARTER FELT THE SUPERVISORS NEEDED TO SET THEIR PRIORITIES ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS AND UTILIZE THE EMPLOYEES THEY PRESENTLY HAVE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER OPPOSING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF JOE SMOTHERS WAS THE ROVING EMPLOYEE AS THIS WAS NOT STATED IN COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S MOTION. CHAIRMAN CARTER INSTRUCTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO MAKE SURE THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS KNOW THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PUT WHOMEVER THEY FEEL IS BEST QUALIFIED FOR THE ROVING EMPLOYEE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED COMPLAINTS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE AG CENTER ON THE CLEANING SERVICE. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO MEET WITH DAVID SOLGER, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AG CENTER, ON THE COMPLAINTS AND TRY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. ALSO, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS TO ADDRESS ALL OTHER COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITH THE CLEANING AGENT AND IF THE AGENT DOESN'T ADHERE TO THEIR CONTRACT, HE NOTIFY THEM THEIR CONTRACT IS NULL AND VOID.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THERE HAD NOT BEEN MUCH DONE ON THE SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT AND THERE BEING A DEADLINE ON THE GRANT APPLICATION; HE REQUESTED SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCEEDING WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADDRESSED THE FUNDING FOR THE GRANT

PROJECT EXPENSES WERE FUNDED IN THE 1998-99 BUDGET AND IN ORDER TO GET THE TITLE SEARCH AND SURVEY DONE, FUNDING IS NEEDED NOW. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED ALL THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE WAS FOR THE PREVIOUS MINUTES STATING THESE EXPENSES WOULD BE FUNDED IN THE 1998-99 YEAR BE CHANGED; THESE EXPENSES COULD BE FUNDED DURING THE 1997-98 FISCAL YEAR.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE GRANT PROJECT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THE BOARD THAT EULESS SHEFFIELD OWNED FOUR ACRES; HIS AUNT OWNS ANOTHER FOUR ACRES WHICH SHEFFIELD IS GOING TO PURCHASE; SHEFFIELD IS THEN GOING TO DONATE TWO ACRES AND THE FOUR ACRES HE PURCHASED FROM HIS AUNT TO MAKE UP THE SIX ACRES NEEDED FOR THE GRANT PROJECT. SHEFFIELD HAD ADVISED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT A WEEK TO HAVE THE PROPERTY SURVEYED AND A DEED TO THE COUNTY. THE BOARD'S CONCERN WAS TO ADDRESS THE SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT AT THE SEPTEMBER 10TH RECESSED MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO REPORT TO THE BOARD AT THAT TIME.

JOEL PATE, RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, ADVISED WHEN THE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE VOTED TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE SHEFFIELD PARK PROJECT, THEY ADVISED MR. SHEFFIELD OF THE DOCUMENTATION HE WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE ON THE PROPERTY BEING DONATED FOR THE PROJECT AND HE HAS HAD AMPLE TIME TO GET IT.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD GOTTEN OUT THE SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT, THE LETTER TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT ON THE 30 ACRES OF PROPERTY THEY WERE GOING TO PURCHASE FROM THE COUNTY WAS FOR SALE AS IS OR NOT AT ALL AND THE LETTER TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT ON THE BOARD BEING IN AGREEMENT FOR THE SADDLE CLUB TO WORK WITH THEM ON ESTABLISHING HORSE TRAILS ON THEIR PROPERTY. HERBERT STATED HE HAD NOT GOTTEN ANY RESPONSE FROM ANY OF THE LETTERS SUBMITTED.

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD JOHN CARTER, EMPLOYEE AT PARK & RECREATION, HAD RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT; A PERSONNEL ACTION FORM WAS DONE STATING CARTER'S TERMINATION DATE WAS AUGUST 24, 1998.

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SUBMITTED TO DONNIE DEAN THE SPECIFICATIONS ON THE TRUCKS THAT WERE GOING TO DEANCO AUCTION. DEAN HAD SET A DATE FOR THE AUCTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 1998 AND WAS WANTING TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE TRUCKS ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

JOHN WILLIAMS OF GULF COAST TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY IS STILL LOOKING FOR THE DELIVERY DATE ON THE NEW REPLACEMENT TRUCKS TO BE SEPTEMBER 21, 1998.

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD MAHALA GORE'S TERM ON THE BIG BEND HEALTH COUNCIL EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 AND SHE HAS DECLINED REAPPOINTMENT. GORE HAS REQUESTED THE BOARD APPOINT SOMEONE FOR HER REPLACEMENT ON THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE BOARD BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR GORE WITH THE REPLACEMENT PERSON NEEDING TO BE A PURCHASER FOR THE INSURANCE TYPE.

HERBERT ADDRESSED HE AND VONCILE ESTES HAVING GOTTEN AN EASEMENT SIGNED AND NOTORIZED BY OLA MAE CULPEPPER AND ON THE PAPERWORK MR. CULPEPPER'S NAME WAS INCLUDED IN ERROR. HERBERT REQUESTED THE BOARD ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FROM OLA MAE CULPEPPER CONTINGENT UPON MR. CULPEPPER'S NAME BEING TAKEN OFF THE EASEMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FROM OLA MAE CULPEPPER CONTINGENT UPON GETTING THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK SIGNED.

HERBERT ADDRESSED JUDGE WELLS HAVING SENT A LETTER TO THE BOARD ON THE PROBLEMS HE AND OTHER PERSONS IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WERE HAVING WITH THEIR WATER BEING CONTAMINATED. HERBERT HAD LOOKED INTO THIS MATTER WITH WENDELL JOHNSON, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; IN ORDER TO GET GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH RUNNING CITY WATER TO THESE RESIDENCES, DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMING THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE WATER. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGREED TO DO THE SAMPLING OF THE WATER FOR A \$15.00 FEE; HOWEVER, IF THE SAMPLE SHOWS THERE IS BACTERIA, THEY WILL RECOMMEND TREATING THE WELLS NOT RUNNING CITY WATER. ALSO TO RUN THE LINES TO TEST THE WATER FOR EVERYTHING WOULD COST \$1,935.00 PER WELL. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS GOING TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO JUDGE WELLS INFORMING HIM OF THIS INFORMATION AND TO LET HIM KNOW IT IS A BIGGER PROJECT THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS VOICED HIS OPINION THIS WOULD BE THE INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ABSORB THIS COST AND NOT THE COUNTY'S.

HERBERT ADDRESSED PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD AND ORDER THE REPLACEMENT CULVERT PIPE NEEDED TO DO DSR 92184 AT A COST OF \$17,244.26 AS IT WOULD

TAKE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED ROGER HAGAN, PRIOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISE THE BOARD ON HOW THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE ADVANCED FUNDING FROM TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO. HAGAN ADVISED HE DIDN'T RECALL THE PROCEDURE BUT AN ADVANCE WAS REQUESTED; THE \$300,000.00 ALREADY RECEIVED FROM FEMA IS ACTUALLY AN ADVANCEMENT ON ALL THE SMALL DSR'S.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAD BEEN TOLD AS QUICK AS THEY COMPLETE ONE OF THE SMALL DSR'S, THE FUNDING ALLOWED FOR THE DSR CAN BE REIMBURSED TO PUBLIC WORKS FROM THE FUNDING ALREADY RECEIVED; AS SOON AS THE DSR'S ARE COMPLETED AND PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE, THE MONIES CAN BE REALLOCATED TO THEIR BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THEY COULD GO AHEAD AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ROCKS NEEDED FOR DSR'S ALSO. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED CORBIN IF THEY GET THE MATERIALS IN, A BILL COULD BE SUBMITTED STATING THESE MATERIALS ARE IN PLACE AND ON SITE, SEND IN THE MONEY FOR THE ROCK AND GET THE MONEY REIMBURSED.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSING THERE NEEDED TO BE A WORKSHOP HELD WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON DSR'S AND THE RATES THEY ARE CHARGING FOR THE COST OF THE EMPLOYEE, TRUCKING, FUEL IF IT IS DONE IN HOUSE.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INCREASE OF \$482.00 ON THE COST OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE COURTHOUSE WHICH WAS AWARDED TO SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC. ON JULY 23, 1998. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INCREASE OF \$482.00 TO SECURITY EQUIPMENT, INC. CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$6,161.00.

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD SCHEDULED A DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 ON WORK PLACE SAFETY, DRUG FREE WORK PLACE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING RANDOM DRUG TESTING, ETC. ALSO ADDRESSED WILL BE AN EVALUATION PLAN WITH A RATING SCALE INCORPORATED INTO THE COUNTY'S PRESENT FORM. AT THE MEETING, HERBERT WILL GET INPUT FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THE EVALUATION FORM TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND IT AND THEY USE IT. HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD THE EVALUATION PLAN WILL BE TIED INTO THEIR ANNUAL PAY PLAN. HERBERT ADDRESSED HE HAD CONTACTED THE SMALL COUNTIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND FOR A FEE OF \$3,500.00, THEY WILL COME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, SEE WHAT THE COUNTY HAS IN PLACE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THEIR PAY SCALE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE HERBERT TO CONTACT THE SMALL COUNTIES FOUNDATION TO COME AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEE PAY SCALE.

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD THE ARCHITECT FOR THE JAIL, CRA INC., HAS REQUESTED MORE TIME ON GETTING HIS EVALUATIONS ON THE POSSIBLE SITES FOR A NEW JAIL AND SHOULD HAVE THIS INFORMATION READY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 MEETING.

HERBERT ADVISED THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR, CLERK, AND REX YATES WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 BOARD MEETING FOR THE TAX CERTIFICATE WORKSHOP.

HERBERT ADVISED SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 WAS ALSO THE CUT OFF DATE FOR ACCEPTING BIDS FOR REFOOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL AND THE BIDS COULD BE OPENED AT THE BOARD MEETING ON THAT DATE.

HERBERT ALSO ADVISED THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE WOULD BE ADDRESSED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1998.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DEED FROM GAIL AND STAN PORTER FOR 30' TO WIDEN MAYHAW ROAD IN ORDER FOR THE ROAD TO BE WIDENED.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADD HIGHWAY 280 TO THE PREVIOUS MOTION FOR A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE ON PLEASANT HILL AND STRICKLAND ROADS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED LLOYD POWELL IF HE WAS ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETINGS TO FULFILL HIS CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATION. POWELL ADVISED THE BOARD IT WAS PART OF THE CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT HE HAD FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES BUT HE WOULD BE PRESENT ANYWAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO MAKE IT THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS THEY WOULD RELIEVE POWELL OF THIS CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATION AND WOULD CALL HIM IF THEY NEEDED HIM TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

SHARON JOHNSON, RESIDENT OF THE ORANGE HILL AREA, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE GRANT THE BOARD IS TRYING TO GET ON ORANGE HILL; ROAD



IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE GOING UP GILBERT HILL BUT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED AT THE OTHER END OF THE HILL. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED JOHNSON THE BOARD SHOULD BE HEARING FROM THE GRANT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

MS. JOHNSON ADVISED THE BOARD SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES AND THEY WERE PRETTY MUCH UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE BOARD DID NOT GET THE GRANT. THE BOARD ADVISED MS. JOHNSON WEBB HAD NOT INFORMED THE BOARD THE GRANT WAS NOT APPROVED.

MS. JOHNSON ADDRESSED HER BEING CONCERNED ABOUT A COMMENT MADE TO HER THE GRANT MONIES WOULD BE USED IN CARYVILLE FOR PEOPLE THAT WERE FLOODED. THE CHAIRMAN ASSURED HER THIS WAS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TYPE OF GRANT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED MS. JOHNSON A CONTRACT HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO DO THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY FROM PIONEER ROAD UP TO BRICKYARD ROAD.

MS. JOHNSON ADDRESSED HER HAVING TO TRAVEL A GOOD DISTANCE TO GET HER CHILD TO THE BUS STOP.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THE DEEDS FROM DR. MATHIS AND FROM LAMAR SIKES. ONE OF THE DEEDS WAS ON THE GREENHEAD GRAVE ROAD AND THE OTHER ON CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD WHICH THEY WERE DEEDING TO THE COUNTY FOR RETENTION AREAS ON THE PROPERTY EXECUTED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DEEDS FROM MATHIS AND SIKES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAVING LEFT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE BULL HOLE BRIDGE AND WAS NEEDING BOARD APPROVAL IN ORDER FOR HIM TO SIGN IT AND PUT IT IN PLACE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THE DRAFT AND WHAT THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED WAS IT INVOLVED A ROAD CLOSURE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE AGREEMENT. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD LOOKED AT THE ROAD TO BE CLOSED AND CONCURRED IT SHOULD BE CLOSED; HOWEVER, HE FELT THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS WITH THE ROAD CLOSING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10TH AND LET ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISE THE BOARD ON THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER STATING THE AGREEMENT NEEDED TO STATE THE BRIDGE WOULD BE RAISED 2' ABOVE HIGH WATER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED TO CLARIFY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS NOT MET IN BAY COUNTY ON THE BULL HOLE ISSUE AND HE HAD BEEN THE ONLY COMMISSIONER INVOLVED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BULL HOLE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT APPROACHING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR \$30,200.00 TO SUPPLY THEM WITH AN INMATE SUPERVISOR; NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT WILL PROVIDE THE VEHICLE AND ALL OTHER EXPENSES INVOLVED. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AS A BODY GO AND TAKE A LIST OF OTHER JAIL SITES, LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS AND DIFFERENT FACILITIES AND MAKE A DECISION ON WHAT KIND OF JAIL FACILITY THEY FEEL THE COUNTY NEEDS. CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ARCHITECT LOOKING AT A COST OF \$36,500.00 PER BED ON THE FACILITY HE IS PROPOSING TO DESIGN; THIS WOULD COST \$3.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A 100 BED FACILITY, THE INDEBTEDNESS WOULD BE FOR 19 YEARS AND MORE BEDS WOULD BE NEEDED IN FIVE YEARS. THE BOARD THEREFORE NEEDS TO GIVE THE ARCHITECT SOME DIRECTION TO DESIGN A JAIL FACILITY THAT WILL MEET THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE COST INVOLVED OVER AND ABOVE THE ARCHITECTURAL EXPENSE FOR THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION SUCH AS THE ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, ETC.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD THE BIDS FOR REROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL WOULD BE IN ON SEPTEMBER 10TH; HE MADE A DETERMINATION NOT TO GO OUT FOR BIDS ON THE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING DUE TO THE ARCHITECT NOT HAVING COMPLETE DRAWINGS ON THESE ITEMS.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD BRIEFING THEM ON THE NUMBER OF INMATES PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTY JAIL AND THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INMATES BEING HOUSED IN JACKSON COUNTY. HE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE HE HAD KEPT THE EXPENSES DOWN ON OUT OF COUNTY INMATE DETENTION; HOWEVER, THE COST IS BEGINNING TO RISE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF A 120 BED FACILITY WAS CONSTRUCTED TODAY, WOULD IT BE FULL WITHIN THREE MONTHS. SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED EVERYONE IN THE SYSTEM BEING AWARE OF HOW THE COUNTY IS STRAPPED AND THE FACILITY WOULD DEFINITELY GET FILLED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF YEARS.

SHERIFF PEEL REFERENCED THE PLANS THE ARCHITECT HAD BROUGHT FOR THEM TO REVIEW

ON A 128 BED FACILITY LEFT TWO VACANT PODS TO GROW INTO; EVEN IF THE FACILITY WAS DROPPED BACK TO 100 BEDS, THIS SPACE COULD BE USED IN SOME WAY TO PUT INMATES WITH BEDS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED SHERIFF PEEL ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING TENTS FOR HOUSING INMATES. SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED IN THE SMALL NUMBERS OF INMATES THEY DEAL WITH, IT WOULD BE COSTLY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STAFF TO GUARD THE FENCE WITH TENTS IN IT. PEEL THEN REITERATED TO THE BOARD THE OPERATING COST FOR A NEW JAIL FACILITY WOULD EAT UP THE COST TO BUILD THE FACILITY IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

SHERIFF PEEL AGREED TO GO WITH THE BOARD TO LOOK AT JAIL FACILITIES IN MADISON COUNTY, GADSDEN COUNTY AND SEMINOLE COUNTY WHEN AND IF THEY CHOSE TO GO.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND THE BOARD FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAD WENT THROUGH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON USING THE STATE GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEE RAISES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 AND CONSIDERABLE MORE MONEY WOULD BE NEEDED. HE REQUESTED A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BOARD ON WHETHER THEY WANTED TO USE THE STATE GUIDELINES FOR RAISES OR THE 5%.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS SUGGESTING RATHER THAN GIVING EVERYBODY ACROSS THE BOARD A BLANKET AMOUNT, TAKE THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE 5% SALARY INCREASES, AND PRORATE IT AMONG THE EMPLOYEES WITH THE HIGHER PAID EMPLOYEES RECEIVING A LESSER PERCENTAGE THAN THE LOWER PAID EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS BUT REQUESTED THE RAISES BE GIVEN ON THE EMPLOYEES ANNIVERSARY DATE.

COMMISSIONER HALL RECOMMENDED GIVING ALL EMPLOYEES A COST OF LIVING RAISE; DON'T GIVE A PERCENTAGE RAISE BUT THE SAME DOLLAR AMOUNT RAISE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO GIVE EVERYONE A COST OF LIVING RAISE WITH EVERY EMPLOYEE RECEIVING THE SAME DOLLAR AMOUNT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TAKE A RECESS FOR LUNCH AND COME BACK AND ADDRESS THE RAISES.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, COMMENTED THE WAGE CLASS AND PAY SCALE STUDIES THAT WAS ADDRESSED EARLIER IN THE MEETING HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONE AND SHOULD BE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; THEREFORE, THE COST SHOULD NOT BE TOO SUBSTANTIAL TO UPDATE THE STUDY. ALSO, ON THE BULLHOLE BRIDGE ISSUE, HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD SEAL UNDERNEATH THE BULLHOLE BRIDGE.

HAGAN REFERENCED THE BOARD SUBMITTING A COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR A GENERATOR FOR THE AGRICULTURE CENTER ALMOST A YEAR AGO; HOWEVER, THIS GRANT WAS NOT FUNDED. HAGAN HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT PERHAPS A PORTION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE A GENERATOR FOR THE AG CENTER. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD MAKE A MOTION FOR WHICHEVER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS APPLY:

1. DECLARE AN EMERGENCY DUE TO THE TIME FRAME INVOLVED WITH THE EMPA FUNDING HAVING TO BE SPENT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1998, AND PURCHASE THE GENERATOR USING THE QUOTE RECEIVED LAST YEAR AS THE SUPPLIER HAS AGREED TO HONOR HIS QUOTE.
2. THE FUNDING CONTRACTS ARE NOT APPROVED BY THE LEGAL STAFF IN TALLAHASSEE AS OF THIS DATE AND WHILE THEY ARE HOLDING THESE CONTRACTS, THE COUNTY CAN REQUEST APPROVAL FOR A CASH CARRY OVER SO THE GRANT MONIES WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED AND COULD BE USED TO PAY FOR EMERGENCY MANagements PORTION OF THE ROOF AT EOC; OR EITHER IF A GENERATOR IS AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 1, THE MONIES COULD BE USED TO PURCHASE IT. HAGAN EXPLAINED IF THE GENERATOR IS PURCHASED, THE BOARD

WILL PAY THE TOTAL COST FOR THE ROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL; IF IT IS NOT PURCHASED, THE EMPA MONIES CAN BE USED TO PAY FOR A PORTION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ROOFING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO REQUEST THE STATE ALLOW EMPA FUNDS TO BE CARRIED OVER TO THE 1998-99 BUDGET YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE GENERATOR WITH EMPA FUNDING IF IT IS DETERMINED TO BE A LEGITIMATE EXPENDITURE. HAGAN REQUESTED IF THE GENERATOR PURCHASE IS APPROVED AS A LEGITIMATE EXPENDITURE THE BOARD NOT BILL FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE ROOFING CONTRACT UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1998. AT THAT TIME, THE NEW EMPA FUNDING CAN BE USED FOR THE ROOFING EXPENSE.

HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD THE GENERATOR AT PUBLIC WORKS HAD BEEN DOWN FOR OVER A MONTH AND THERE WOULD BE NO BACK UP FOR COMMUNICATIONS IF THEY WERE TO LOSE POWER. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE EVALUATION REPORTS ON THE GENERATORS BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. HAGAN INFORMED THE BOARD EVERY MONTH, THE GENERATOR REPORT GOES TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WHERE THE GENERATOR IS LOCATED AND TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS REQUESTED TO QUESTION EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD EACH MONTH WHEN THE EVALUATION REPORT IS RECEIVED TO SEE IF THEY HAVE CHECKED THE GENERATORS OUT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WORKING PROPERLY.

HAGAN ADVISED THE BOARD FOR \$21,000.00 THEY COULD PURCHASE TWO NEW GENERATORS AND RELOCATE ONE GENERATOR.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 1:00 P. M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE EMPLOYEE RAISES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO LEAVE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE 5% SALARY INCREASES IN THE BUDGET; IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO REVAMP THE EMPLOYEE RAISES, THE AMOUNT LEFT OVER WOULD BE PLACED IN CONTINGENCY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO GIVE ALL EMPLOYEES A \$500.00 PER YEAR ACROSS THE BOARD RAISE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND HALL WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECONDED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO GIVE ALL EMPLOYEES A \$600.00 PER YEAR ACROSS THE BOARD RAISE. CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD DISCUSS THE EMPLOYEE RAISES AND GET A CONCENSUS RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO MAKE MOTIONS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TAKE THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE 5% SALARY INCREASES AND DIVIDE IT EQUALLY AMONG ALL EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO APPROVE OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS TOTALLING \$25,703.99, LIBRARY TOTALLING \$6,745.00 AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TOTALLING \$1,000.00.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE CAPITAL OUTLAY LINE ITEM IN PUBLIC WORKS AND WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE AS FAR AS HIGHWAY 279. DEPUT CLERK CARTER REFERENCED SHE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN ADDRESSED TO DO GUM CREEK ROAD WITH COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISING IT WAS FOR POND CREEK BRIDGE.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM AMENDMENTS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED TOTALLING \$845,151.96 FOR JULY 1998.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED PUBLIC WORKS NOT CARRY ANYTHING UNDER THE THOMPSON PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM EXCEPT THE MOTORGRADERS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO SALE THE THREE CATERPILLAR MOTORGRADERS THAT ARE THREE YEARS OLD IN THE SPRING PUBLIC AUCTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AMEND THE THOMPSON PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO CARRY ONLY THE MOTORGRADERS.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON POND CREEK BRIDGE; HAVE BIDS IN BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH HIM TO USE THE BALANCE REMAINING IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY LINE ITEM IN PUBLIC WORKS AND THE REMAINDER COMING FROM HIS DISTRICT ALLOCATION MONIES TO FUND THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED IF THE CONTRACTOR WHO GAVE A BID LAST YEAR ON POND CREEK BRIDGE WILL STILL HONOR HIS BID, AWARD THE POND CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT TO HIM.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR CHAIRMAN CARTER TO WORK WITH BOARD FINANCE TO MAKE SURE THE MONIES ARE AVAILABLE TO DO THE POND CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED A SALARY INCREASE FOR MARY VINING DUE TO HER HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY FOR NINETEEN YEARS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE WORKED A CONSIDERABLE LESS TIME THAN THIS MAKING MORE MONEY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO GIVE MARY VINING A \$.50 PER HOUR INCREASE IN ADDITION TO THE ACROSS THE BOARD EMPLOYEE RAISES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ESTABLISHING A SET PAY SCALE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE THE

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GUIDELINES WITH THE STEP INCREASES THAT ARE IN PLACE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THEM AND THE BOARD WILL HENCEFORTH FOLLOW THEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT LOOKING AT THE POLICY PRIOR TO APPROVING IT. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD MAKE ANY CHANGES NECESSARY AND AMEND THE GUIDELINES AFTER THE POLICY IS IN PLACE.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD AFFECT THE 5% INCREASES FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR , CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED IT WOULD NOT BUT WOULD HOPEFULLY PREVENT ANY MID YEAR SALARY INCREASES FROM TAKING PLACE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO LEAVE MR. LLOYD BRUNER'S SALARY IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET AT THE SAME RATE AS MR. TOBE RUSS IS PRESENTLY MAKING.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO LEAVE BRUNER'S SALARY AT THE SAME AMOUNT MR. RUSS IS PRESENTLY MAKING.

JAN MORRIS QUESTIONED IF THE ARCHITECT BUILDING THE NEW JAIL WOULD ADVERTISE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS TO GIVE THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THE JAIL PROJECTS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED MS. MORRIS THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO PUT IT IN THE SPECIFICATIONS THEY EXPECT ANY GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO USE THE LOCAL SUBCONTRACTORS FOR THE JAIL PROJECTS.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL 1:00 P. M. ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1998. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 08/27/98