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BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/26/98

FEBRUARY 26, 1998

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH MS. ANGELINA MILLER OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 1998 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 26, 1998 MEETING:

1. APPROVAL FOR THE CLERK OF COURT TO DESTROY CERTAIN JUVENILE AND SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS CASES FOR 1973-1992 AND ANY FUTURE JUVENILE AND SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS CASES WHICH SHE OBTAINS PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
2. APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RENEWAL COMPUTER CONTRACT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98.

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM, RECYCLING CONSULTANT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD RECOMMENDING THEY TABLE THE WASTE TIRE CLEANUP PROJECT ON THE GRIFFIN SITE AS IT IS UNDER A TEN YEAR LEASE TO JIM NAPIER AND THERE IS NO INDICATION AS TO WHAT NAPIER WILL USE THE SITE FOR. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT BINGHAM'S RECOMMENDATION AND TABLE THE WASTE TIRE CLEANUP ON THE GRIFFIN SITE UNTIL AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH NAPIER ON WHAT HIS INTENTIONS ARE FOR USE OF THE SITE. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED DR. BINGHAM BRING THIS ISSUE BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

DR. BINGHAM REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH AN ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT AT THE NEW TRASH TRANSFER STATION AT THE RECYCLING CENTER ESTIMATED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER, DAVID H. MELVIN, TO COST \$21,225.00; THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, ADVERTISEMENT, BIDS AND BID OPENING AND WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE SOLID WASTE GRANT MONIES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO AUTHORIZE DAVID H. MELVIN TO PROCEED WITH DRAFTING THE PLANS FOR THE PAVING PROJECT AT THE TRASH TRANSFER STATION AND ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR BIDS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND HALL AGREEING TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DAVID H. MELVIN TO DRAFT THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT AND BINGHAM PROVIDE THE PLANS TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO ADVERTISING FOR BIDS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DR. BINGHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON GETTING MORE AGGRESSIVE WITH THE WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDED ON AMNESTY DAY THEY ALLOW PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO DISPOSE OF ALL THEIR WASTE TIRES AT NO CHARGE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR HOME OR LAND OWNERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, NOT BUSINESSES IN TIRE BUSINESS, TO BE ABLE TO DISPOSE OF ALL THEIR WASTE TIRES AT NO CHARGE ON AMNESTY DAY; IF THEY HAVE UNDER 100 TIRES THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING WALTER EDWARDS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER ADVISING OF WHO THEY ARE, WHERE THEY LIVE, AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THEY LIVE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; IF THEY HAVE OVER 100 TIRES, EDWARDS AND BINGHAM WILL GO TO THE SITE TO MAKE SURE THEY DO RESIDE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE VANDALISM TAKING PLACE IN THE PARK AREAS.

COMMISSIONER HALL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY SOME PEOPLE WANTING CURFEWS ESTABLISHED ON CERTAIN PARK AREAS IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE BEING VANDALIZED: WHITE DOUBLE POND, LITTLE RIVER POND, WHITE WATER POND, TWIN LAKES OR BLUE HOMESTEAD, BLACK DOUBLE POND, LITERED LOG POND AND GAP POND. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR DAVID CORBIN AND COMMISSIONER HALL TO WORK TOGETHER

AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD ON WHAT THEIR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE ON ESTABLISHING A REASONABLE CURFEW FOR THESE PARK AREAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE \$10,000.00 THEY PROVIDED TOWARD THE CARYVILLE BOAT RAMP. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD A LETTER OF APPRECIATION HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

STACY WEBB AND JULIAN WEBB ADDRESSED THE BOARD BRIEFING THEM ON AN APPLICANT FOR PURCHASE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SHIP PROGRAM, GUY MIDDLETON, NOT BEING ABLE TO GET FINANCING ON HIS OWN AND REQUESTING HIS DAUGHTER BE ALLOWED TO TAKE CARE OF THE FINANCING FOR HIM AND HE MAKE THE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO HER WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY STILL HOLDING THE SECOND MORTGAGE ON THE PROPERTY. THE REQUEST WAS BEING MADE DUE TO MIDDLETON'S PRESENT HOUSING CONDITIONS WORKING AGAINST HIS MEDICAL CONDITION AND DUE TO HIM NOT BEING ABLE TO GET FINANCING THROUGH A LENDING INSTITUTION DUE TO THE MEDICAL BILLS INCURRED DURING THE ILLNESS OF HIS LATE WIFE, BUNNIE MIDDLETON. WEBB ADVISED THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED OF THE REQUEST CONTINGENT UPON THE BOARD'S APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CONCERNS EXPRESSED ON GRANTING THIS WAIVER AND POSSIBLY SETTING A PRECEDENCE. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS IF THE WAIVER WAS GRANTED FOR MIDDLETON, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MORTGAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE AND COMPARABLE AS ANY OTHER BANK OR LENDING INSTITUTION, NO FUTURE ADVANCEMENTS WOULD BE EXTENDED UNDER THE FIRST MORTGAGE, AND PRIOR TO ANY OF THE PAPER WORK BEING SIGNED, ATTORNEY HOLLEY BE PROVIDED A COPY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO GRANT THE VARIANCE REQUESTED BY GUY MIDDLETON WITH IT TO BE STRUCTURED WHERE IT IS A ONE TIME VARIANCE DUE TO THE EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD PRIOR TO THEM GRANTING ANY OTHER VARIANCES, THE POLICY OF THE SHIP PROGRAM WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED. CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED JULIAN WEBB NOT ENTERTAIN THIS TYPE SITUATION AS THE BOARD HAD STRUCTURED THIS TO BE A ONE TIME VARIANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING AND VOTING TO RECOMMEND THE COUNTY SUBMIT A STREET PAVING CDBG APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING STREETS TO BE INCLUDED:

1. BEGINNING AT END OF PAVING ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY SOUTHWARD TOWARD QUAIL HOLLOW/TUMBLE CREEK AREA
2. PAGE AVENUE OFF BROWN STREET ACROSS FROM DOT
3. JAMES POTTER ROAD TOWARD BELL COMMUNITY
4. ST. MARYS ROAD BEGINNING WHERE THE EMERGENCY GRANT PAVING ENDS, INCLUDING PORTION OF HARCUS ROAD

WEBB ADDRESSED ALL PROPOSED ROADS TYING TO EXISTING PAVED ROADS, LENGTHS TO BE DETERMINED BY ENGINEERS COST ESTIMATES AND THE CDBG BEING A POVERTY PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE WEBB TO SUBMIT A CDBG STREET PAVING APPLICATION WITH THE ROADS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE BEING INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION.

JULIAN WEBB BRIEFED THE BOARD UNDER THE NEW CDBG APPLICATION, \$150,000.00 IS ALL THE COUNTY CAN COUNT FOR MATCHING FUNDS. AS THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO A \$200,000.00 MATCH, WEBB RECOMMENDED THE BOARD RE-RATIFY THEIR MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO RE-RATIFY THEIR COUNTY MATCH FOR THE STREET PAVING CDBG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00.

UPON A RECOMMENDATION FROM JULIAN WEBB, COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE CURRENT STREETS INCLUDED.

STACY WEBB CONDUCTED A FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP AND PROVIDED A HANDOUT ON FAIR HOUSING TO THOSE PRESENT. JULIAN WEBB PASSED AROUND A SIGN IN SHEET FOR EVERYONE TO SIGN STATING THEY WERE PRESENT AT THE WORKSHOP. STACY BRIEFED THOSE PRESENT ON THE HANDOUTS WHICH PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, WHAT HOUSING IS COVERED UNDER THE ACT AND WHAT IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE ACT. SHE ALSO REFERENCED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED IN THE HANDOUTS ALONG WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES FOR PERSONS TO USE SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO FAIR HOUSING.

JERRY HAVILAND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AND PROVIDED THEM WITH THE 1997 ANNUAL REPORT WHICH LISTED THE RSVP ACTIVITIES FOR THE

YEAR AND THEIR GOALS FOR 1998.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS GAVE A BRIEF REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE. DAVIS REPORTED THE COMMITTEE HAD SOLICITED INPUT FROM THE COUNTY AND HAVE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OR ANY SUPPORT; DAVIS PERSONALLY DIDN'T SEE THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ON ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE ONLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY IS TO GET INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OR GET INTO A COUNTY OWNED FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS THEN ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WHERE THEY HAVE PLEDGED \$50,000.00 TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER BASED ON THE PLANS THAT ARE EXISTENCE IN THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN. AS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DOESN'T HAVE A LOCATION FOR THE FACILITY, THEY ARE REQUESTING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY FOR A PIECE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE SITE THEIR PRESENT FACILITY IS LOCATED ON. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADVISED HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY, AT THIS TIME, LOOKING AT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY UNTIL THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES THEIR EFFORTS FURTHER TO SEE WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE DONE IN THE COUNTY. DAVIS ADDRESSED AT THE PRESENT TIME HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY CAN TIE THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROBLEM AND THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS TOGETHER.

JIM ACKERMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD RECOMMENDING THEY LOOK AT LONG RANGE PLANNING IN ORDINANCES AND LICENSING ON ANIMAL CONTROL, LOOK AT ENHANCING THE RECYCLING CENTER LOCATION FOR A POSSIBLE ANIMAL SHELTER SITE, USING THE EMPLOYEE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER TO WORK AT THE ANIMAL FACILITY AND THEN GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC AND ASK FOR SUPPORT.

MONICA CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE NEED TO WORK MORE TOWARD EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUE BEGINNING WITH THE CHILDREN THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THEN CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE ADULTS. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD OF HER WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THE ANIMALS AND THE CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED AND TO GET INTEREST IN A HUMANE SOCIETY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE, AT THIS TIME, IS NOT READY TO MAKE A DEFINITE PRESENTATION AS TO WHICH DIRECTION TO GO.

BRIAN KENNEDY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON SOMEONE DUMPING DOGS ON HIS MOTHERS PROPERTY AND THE PROBLEM HE HAD IN TRYING TO LOCATE SOMEONE WHO WOULD TAKE THE DOGS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO TRY AND COME UP WITH A TEMPORARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF THE COUNTY UNTIL THEY CAN MAKE A FIRM DECISION ON WHAT AVENUE TO GO.

LORI ARMENTI, REPRESENTING SPAYD WITH HEART, INC., ADDRESSED THE BOARD DISAGREEING THAT THE PUBLIC DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH AN ANIMAL SHELTER. ARMENTI ADDRESSED OPTIONS ON EDUCATING THE PEOPLE ON THE NEED OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER AND ON IDEAS FOR REVENUE FOR OPERATION OF A SHELTER. COMMISSIONER DAVIS AGREED TO CONTACT MS. ARMENTI AND ADVISE HER OF THE NEXT ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING. MS. ARMENTI PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER PERTAINING TO SPAYD WITH HEART, INC.

KIM STANTON, SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES IN TALLAHASSEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND PASSED OUT SEVERAL HANDOUTS INCLUDING THE HSUS GUIDELINES FOR ANIMAL SHELTER POLICIES AND WAYS TO GENERATE REVENUE TO OPERATE AN ANIMAL SHELTER/ CONTROL PROGRAM. SHE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION AND DISCOURAGED THE SEPARATION OF CITY AND COUNTY PROGRAMS. SHE OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION THEY WILL NEED WHEN LOOKING AT CONSTRUCTING AN ANIMAL SHELTER AND TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE BOARD ON AREAS HSUS IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED MS. STANTON GIVE HER NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO COMMISSIONER DAVIS IN ORDER FOR DAVIS TO CONTACT HER WHEN THE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETS.

HOWARD GILBERT ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEIR HELP WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES OF ROAD ON ORANGE HILL WHICH IS NOT A COUNTY ROAD. GILBERT ADDRESSED PROBLEMS WITH FOUR WHEELERS, HUNTERS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO GET POWER TO HIS PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED GILBERT HE COULD GET AN ACCESS FOR A POWER LINE THROUGH TO HIS PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY MAY WISH TO ASSIST GILBERT IN CONTACTING THE NEW OWNER AND HAVE A MEETING WITH THEM TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM AS THERE IS MORE THAN ONE PRIVATE LAND OWNER IN THE AREA WHICH HAS THE SAME PROBLEM GILBERT IS HAVING. HE ALSO TOLD THE BOARD THEY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER CONDEMNATION.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS TO DIRECT ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CONTACT THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY ON THE PROBLEMS GILBERT AND OTHER PRIVATE LAND OWNERS ON THE ROAD ARE HAVING TO TRY AND RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS; ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO

ADVISE THE OWNER THE COUNTY WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER CONDEMNATION IF THEY DID NOT AGREE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS; TO CONTACT CHUCK MATHIS TO SEEK TEMPORARY PERMISSION TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE ROAD WHILE HE IS TRYING TO WORK OUT A PERMANENT SOLUTION ON THE ROAD AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT ITS MARCH 1998 MEETING.

MR. GILBERT ADVISED THE BOARD IF IT CAME TO THE COUNTY HAVING TO OBTAIN AN EASEMENT ON THE ROAD BY CONDEMNATION, HE WOULD AGREE IF THE CONDEMNATION COULD BE WORKED THROUGH A CLAY PIT TO PROVIDE THE CLAY OFF OF HIS PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CAROL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING OF HER EXCESS FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 TOTTALLING \$11,936.28.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEGAN WITH THE ATTORNEYS REPORT. HE ADDRESSED THE STANDARD CONTRACT HE DRAFTED FOR RENTAL OF TOWER SPACE ON MUD HILL AND WEAVER HILL. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT AS PREPARED WITH THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR RENTAL TO BE ESTABLISHED AT A LATER DATE. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE OFFICE MANAGER TO CONTACT RANDALL TRUETTE AND HAVE HIM MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED BASED ON WHAT OTHERS ARE CHARGING FOR TOWER RENTAL.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON WEIGHT LIMITS ON SECONDARY AND COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR SECTION 7(b) UNDER CIVIL PENALTIES BE CHANGED TO WHERE THE PENALTIES WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE STATE CHARGES; INCLUDE A CLAUSE IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE ENGAGED FOR REPEATED HEAVY HAULING FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, THEY BE REQUIRED TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY BEFORE THEY DO IT AND CONSENT TO AN AGREEMENT THEY WOULD AGREE TO THE COUNTY'S HAUL ROUTE AND BE RESPONSIBLE TO REPAIR ANY DAMAGE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THERE BEING FOUR FEMA BUYOUT PARCELS WHICH THE BOARD NEEDS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACTS ON ONCE THE OWNER HAS SIGNED AGREEING TO THE PRICES BEING OFFERED:

1. STEVEN AND NAOMI CARTER
2. KEITH AND NANCY ADKISON
3. JOHN AND SANDRA COOK

4. MICHAEL AND JESSIE BOTTOMLEE COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON THE THE ABOVE FEMA BUYOUT PARCELS CONTINGENT UPON THE CONTRACTS BEING SIGNED BY THE OWNER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ALSO ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM KIM QUINN FOR THE BOARD TO ADVISE HER OF ANY STRUCTURES UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION BUYOUT PROGRAM WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MOVED OR WOULD LIKE TO USE; QUINN IS TRYING TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE DEMOLISHING AND CLEAN UP OF THE STRUCTURES THE BOARD DOES NOT WANT. IT WAS THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS THEY DID NOT WANT THE ADKINSON OR THE COOK STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED EACH BOARD MEMBER GO AND LOOK AT ALL THE FEMA BUYOUT STRUCTURES AND DETERMINE WHICH ONES THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MOVED OR WOULD LIKE TO USE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM JEREMY KENT PATE REQUESTING A PIPE BE PUT BACK IN ON JAURUS ROAD. PATE HAD ORIGINALLY PURCHASED THE PIPE AND THE COUNTY HAD REMOVED IT DUE TO NO ONE HAVING LIVED ON THE PROPERTY FOR A LONG TIME AND THE PIPE STAYING FILLED UP. COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD NOT REPLACE THE PIPE UNTIL THE OWNER BUILDS ON THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED FOR THE BOARD TO COMMIT TO REPLACE THE PIPE WHENEVER IT IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED BY THE LAND OWNER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED MS. ESTES WRITE A LETTER TO PATE ADVISING WHENEVER THEY NEED THE PIPE, IT WOULD BE REPLACED AT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD PATE WOULD NEED TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REGULATIONS IN THEIR DRIVEWAY POLICY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE STATE RELOCATING A ROAD FOR J. T. HARRELL WHEN I-10 WAS BUILT; A PREVIOUS BOARD TAKING ACTION TO ALLOW HARRELL TO PUT UP A GATE ON THE PROPERTY, AND THE COUNTY OWNING THE PROPERTY BY DEED. DUE TO THE WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSING PROBLEMS ON THE ROAD, HARRELL HAS REQUESTED THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SOME DIRT. CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD THE ONLY LAND OWNERS BEING AFFECTED ARE J. T. HARRELL AND DAVID SOLGER. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO HONOR THE AGREEMENT THAT IS IN

PLACE IN THE BOARD MINUTES WITH MR. HARRELL ON THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED A CHANGE ORDER FROM DAVID MELVIN ON BRICKYARD ROAD IN ORDER TO WIDEN IT TO THE 24' THE PLANS CALL FOR IN THE EDA GRANT WHICH WOULD COST \$13,608.00. CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD, SINCE THE EDA GRANT WAS APPLIED FOR WITH A 24' ROAD, APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR \$6,210.00 TO COVER THE WIDENING OF THAT PORTION OF ROAD IN THE GRANT THAT IS WEST OF ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT A CHANGE ORDER FOR PART 1 OF THE WIDENING OF BRICKYARD ROAD FOR \$6,210.00 FROM ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY WEST TO MCDONALDS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD MR. EUDON PETTIS OF TRI-STATE TESTING IS DOING THE INSPECTIONS ON THE EDA GRANT PROJECT AT A RATE OF \$25.00 PER HOUR.

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

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, THE MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH THE OPENING OF STATEMENTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT BEING APPLIED FOR. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM DAVID H. MELVIN, INC., BCM, INC., WILLIAM M. BISHOP, AND PREBLE RISH, INC. WEBB EXPLAINED THE PROCESS OF RANKING THE FIRMS AND PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE SCORING PROCEDURES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD TURNING IN THEIR SCORE SHEETS TO WEBB FOR TABULATION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES, CULVERT INSTALLATION SERVICES AND ROADSIDE MOWING SERVICES PREPARED BY DAVID H. MELVIN, INC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE CULVERT INSTALLATION SERVICES AS PROVIDED BY MELVIN WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADD ON POURING OF HEADWALLS AND MITERED ENDS TO BE BID ON PER UNIT BASIS PER CUBIC YARD OF CONCRETE IN PLACE AND INCLUDE A UNIT PRICE PER LINEAR FOOT FOR PIPE INSTALLATION.

UNDER ROAD SIDE MOWING, COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ROAD SIDE MOWING AS PREPARED BY DAVID H. MELVIN WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: BID ON PER ACRE BASIS ON A MINIMUM OF 80 MILES, ESTIMATED WIDTH OF 30' ON EACH SIDE, AND A MINIMUM OF TWO MOWINGS PER YEAR.

UNDER THE BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES, COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES AS PREPARED BY DAVID H. MELVIN, INC. WITH THESE NOTED CHANGES: SECTION 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES- SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL BE A CERTIFIED STATE BUILDING OFFICIAL; PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM BIDDING WHO HAS IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES WHO ARE LICENSED CONTRACTORS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. (IMMEDIATE FAMILY INCLUDES HUSBAND, WIFE, CHILDREN.)

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD PROVIDING THE RANKINGS OF THE ENGINEERING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT BEING APPLIED FOR:

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| 1. PREBLE-RISH       | 465 |
| 2. DAVID MELVIN      | 365 |
| 3. BCM, INC.         | 291 |
| 4. WILLIAM H. BISHOP | 253 |

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE ABOVE RANKINGS FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE HIM TO OBTAIN A LIMITED AMOUNT OF CONSULTATION HELP IN SETTING THE RATES FOR THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS & OAK HILLS; SUNNY HILLS HAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY ONCE THEIR ASSESSMENTS BEGIN TO COME IN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING CONSULTATION HELP IN SETTING THE RATES FOR THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS & OAKS HILLS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING SUNNY HILLS WILL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THIS EXPENSE ONCE THEIR ASSESSMENTS BEGIN COMING IN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER TO HAVE THEIR PACKAGE TOGETHER AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ON SQUARE YARDS OF PAVING NEEDED FOR THEIR CRITICAL RESURFACING NEEDS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY EACH HAVE, COMPILE THE INFORMATION AND GO OUT FOR BIDS BASED ON PER UNIT SQUARE YARD PRICE OF "X" NUMBER OF YARDS IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER HALL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PATE LAKE DOCK PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HALL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON DALE MACUMBER, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER,

REQUESTING TO BE RETURNED TO A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK WITH THE 4TH DAY BEING RESERVED ONLY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT, DRUG FREE WORKPLACE, ADA COMPLIANCE, AND EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES. MACUMBER WAS ALSO REQUESTING \$12.50 PER HOUR FOR THE 4TH DAY. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION TO GRANT THE REQUEST FROM DALE MACUMBER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INCREASE IN PAY PER HOUR FOR THE 4TH DAY. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO HIRE DALE MACUMBER FOR THE EXTRA DAY AT THE SAME RATE OF PAY HE IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 1997 STANDARD BUILDING, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND GAS CODES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REFERENCED THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY APPROVING FOR INMATE CREW EXPENSES TO BE TAKEN FROM THE PARK & RECREATION LINE ITEMS UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHAT THEIR EXPENSES ARE GOING TO BE AND WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE CONTINUED. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO CONSIDER PUTTING THE \$10,000.00 RECEIVED FROM HOLMES COUNTY IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPLAINED PARKS AND RECREATION WAS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. SHE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD BUDGETED TO RECEIVE \$40,000.00 IN RECREATION PERMIT FEES WHICH THEY ARE NOT GOING TO RECEIVE AND THEY WOULD NOT RECEIVE THE ENTIRE AMOUNT FROM NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR EITHER; THEREFORE, THE BOARD MAY STILL JUST BE WITHIN THEIR BUDGETED AMOUNT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PUT THE \$10,000.00 RECEIVED FROM HOLMES COUNTY IN PARKS AND RECREATION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED THE DELETIONS THEY HAD MADE TO THE STANDARD BUILDING CODES BACK IN AS THEY HAD TAKEN ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THEM 1997 STANDARD BUILDING CODES. THE BOARD ADVISED HOLLEY TO MAKE SURE THOSE DELETIONS WERE NOT PUT BACK INTO THE ORDINANCE HE WAS PREPARING FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR ADOPTION OF THE 1997 STANDARD BUILDING CODES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED GERALD PLEAS'S RESIGNATION FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26, 1998. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF GERALD PLEAS.

ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR A JOB VACANCY TO FILL PLEAS'S POSITION IN-HOUSE AND WITH FLORIDA JOB SERVICES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON OLIN CORBIN HAVING RETURNED TO WORK AND THIS FREEING UP DAVID ROGERS WHO HAD TEMPO- RARILY WORKED WHILE CORBIN WAS OUT ON MEDICAL LEAVE. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR ROAD & BRIDGE TO USE DAVID ROGERS TO TEMPORARILY FILL THE MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR POSITION AND LEAVE IT UP TO PUBLIC WORKS ON WHAT POSITION THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE FOR. COM- MISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO ADVERTISE FOR A POSITION IF IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND, IN THE MEAN TIME, UTILIZE DAVID ROGERS IN THE MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR'S POSITION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A REQUEST FROM ROAD & BRIDGE FOR DAVID ROGERS TO BE HIRED AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE TO FILL THE POSITION OF BUSH CUTTER ON THE EAST SIDE. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO HIRE DAVID ROGERS AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE FOR A POSITION WITH IT BEING LEFT UP TO PUBLIC WORKS ON WHAT POSITION HE IS PLACED IN.

ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS REQUESTING RANDALL MARCUM BE TAKEN OFF OF PROBATIONARY STATUS FOR THE POSITION OF SERVICE TRUCK OPERATOR WITH HIS PAY FOR THIS POSITION BEING \$8.24; THEY WERE ALSO REQUESTING MARCUM BE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL 3% INCREASE IN PAY FOR THE RAISE GRANTED IN OCTOBER 1997. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO TAKE RANDALL MARCUM OFF OF PROBATION BUT NOT RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL 3% INCREASE IN PAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE STATE HAVING A DUMP TRUCK FOR \$7,500.00 WHICH PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE DUMP TRUCK FROM THE STATE FOR \$7,500.00.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO INVENTORY THE OLD STATE EQUIPMENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE, WHEN IT WAS PURCHASED AND WHAT WAS PAID FOR IT AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO GIVE ALL THE EMPLOYEES THEIR TRUCKS BACK EXCEPT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE TRANSITION FOR ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSPAPERS WOULD

TAKE PLACE THE END OF MARCH; THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST WOULD THEN DO THE ADVERTISING FOR A YEAR.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO PUT THE PATCH CREW UNDER DAVID CORBIN OR LEAVE IT AS IS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

VONCILE ESTES, OFFICE MANAGER, HAD THE FINAL PLAT FOR HARVEY HAYES ON NEARING HILLS ROAD WHICH THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD APPROVED; THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR HARVEY HAYES ON NEARING HILLS ROAD AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A PLAT FROM FLORIDA ASPHALT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OFF OF GREENHEAD ROAD BEING PRESENTED FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL; THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED IT AND THE ENGINEER HAS REVIEWED IT AND SIGNED OFF ON THE PLAT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO GIVE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PLAT PRESENTED BY FLORIDA ASPHALT WITH IT TO STAY UNDER A ONE YEARS MAINTENANCE PER THE ENGINEERS REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1998 TOTALLING \$1,085,067.34.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED OF INCREASE OF \$1.20 PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1998. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF \$1.20 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE INCREASE IN GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RATES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD OF SEVERAL AMENDMENTS SHE HAS SENT OUT ON THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RELATING TO THE HIPPA REGULATIONS WITH ALLAN CLARK, INSURANCE AGENT, REVIEWING THE AMENDMENTS AND APPROVING THEM PRIOR TO THEM BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO SEND THE AMENDMENTS TO THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE EMPLOYEES AS THEY WERE REQUIRED BY LAW AND RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN THE PARK & RECREATION BUDGET TO COVER INMATE CREW EXPENSES TOTALLING \$10,500.00. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR PARK AND RECREATION TOTALLING \$10,500.00.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED FOR THE TOOL ALLOWANCE TO BE STOPPED FOR MR. TOBE RUSS AND IF NECESSARY FOR MR. BRUNER TO PROVIDE HIS OWN TOOLS, THE TOOL ALLOWANCE BE GIVEN TO HIM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING SOME EMPLOYEES NEEDING TO RETIRE DUE TO THEIR INABILITIES TO WORK OR BEING UNABLE TO FUNCTION UNDER NORMAL REGULAR EMPLOYMENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO RESEARCH AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON WHAT LEGALLY CAN BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TO ADDRESS WITH THE MOTOR GRADER OPERATORS THE PROPER SIDE OF THE ROAD TO TRAVEL DUE TO MONICA CORSO ADVISING SHE HAD MET ONE WHO WAS DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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

DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 02/26/98