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BOARD MINUTES FOR 06/25/98

JUNE 25, 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 HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

GENE HALLEY PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ITEMS 1, 2 AND 4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR JUNE 25, 1998 WITH ITEM 3 BEING PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM TILLIS EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 1998.
2. APPROVED GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS AS COUNTY AUDITORS FOR THE 1997-98, 98-99 AND 99-2000 FISCAL YEARS BASED ON THEIR PROPOSING TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE AT THE SAME RATE AS LAST YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
4. APPROVED DRAWINGS FOR EOC EXPANSION WHICH PROVIDES EXTRA OFFICE SPACE FOR EOC AND ALLOWS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT TO PAY A PORTION OF COST FOR NEW ROOF; FUNDING WILL COME OUT OF NEXT YEAR'S EMPA GRANT.

ITEM 3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH BINGHAM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO NOTIFY BCM/SMITH TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION TO CANCEL THEIR CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR RECYCLING CONSULTANT SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT WITH BINGHAM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING WITH THE BILLING RATE FOR PROJECT MANAGER BEING REDUCED TO \$90.00 PER HOUR WITH LABOR AND EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED 20% OF THE TOTAL SOLID WASTE GRANT FUNDS AND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT BEING FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN 2001.

OLE ELLIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY CONSIDER WAIVING THE PLAN REVIEW FEE FOR BATES CONTRACT ON THE WEST POINT STEVENS PROJECT DUE TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAVING PROVIDED BATES WITH A FEE SCHEDULE WHICH HE USED TO BASE HIS BID; HOWEVER, WHEN IT CAME TIME TO PULL THE PERMIT, THERE WAS \$4,000.00+ FEES ADDED TO THE COST.

LLOYD POWELL, CONTRACTOR DOING INSPECTIONS FOR THE COUNTY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS UNAWARE OF WHO FAXED BATES APPENDIX B ON BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES; THE PLAN REVIEW FEE WAS LEFT OFF BUT AS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR, BATES WAS AWARE THERE WAS A PLAN REVIEW FEE.

MR. ELLIS QUOTED WHAT THE FEES WOULD BE IN OTHER AREAS TO DO THE WEST POINT STEVENS PROJECT AND REFERENCED EVERY COMMUNITY BEING DIFFERENT AS TO WHAT THEY CHARGE IN FEES. ELLIS RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CONSIDER REVIEWING WHERE THE COUNTY IS ON THEIR BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY BROCK AND CARRIED TO STAY WITH THE PERMIT FEES AS IS ON THE WEST POINT STEVENS PROJECT.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO WORK WITH LLOYD POWELL OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE PROPER PACKAGE TO SEND OUT ON THE FEE SCHEDULE AND ANY PHONE REQUEST FOR FEES BE CONFIRMED BY A WRITTEN HARD COPY.

KIM FITZGIBBONS, REPRESENTING WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY GRANT WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PRODUCE A LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY WHICH IS TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY INCLUDES A LIST OF PRIORITIZED PROJECTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THEIR MITIGATION NEEDS WHEN DISASTER FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE. MS. FITZ- GIBBONS ADDRESSED THEM CLOSING OUT THE FIRST PHASE OF LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FUNDING AND REQUESTED THE

BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY STRATEGY.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE REMEDIES NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY DOCUMENT, FITZGIBBONS ADVISED THIS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WHEN IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES TO GO ALONG WITH THE IDENTIFIED PROJECTS.

JULIAN WEBB QUESTIONED IF THE RELOCATING OUT OF THE FLOOD PLAINS WAS INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AS WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS APPROVED TO GO FORWARD TO SEE IF FIVE TO EIGHT VERY LOW INCOME, ELDERLY RESIDENTS COULD BE RELOCATED WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SMALL CDBG GRANT HE IS WORKING ON.

FITZGIBBONS ADVISED WEBB RELOCATING OUT OF THE FLOOD PLAINS AREA WAS NUMBER THREE ON THE PROJECT LIST IN THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY. SHE ALSO REFERENCED THE STATE IS GIVING FIRST PRIORITY ON FUNDING TO THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE A LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PROGRAM.

UPON A REQUEST ON THE STATUS OF THE LAST BUYOUT PROGRAM, FITZGIBBONS ADVISED THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT STRUCTURES THAT HAD BEEN BOUGHT; SHE IS AWAITING THE CHECK FOR THE NINTH STRUCTURE AND THEN THE FUNDING FOR THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH STRUCTURES WILL BE REQUESTED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. SHE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON AN ALTERNATE LIST WITH ABOUT TWELVE PEOPLE REQUESTING ACQUISITIONS; THE FUNDS PRESENTLY UNDER THE ALBERTO GRANT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO DO THIS BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO GET FUNDS FROM THE LEFTOVER OPAL GRANTS FROM THE NEW DISASTER 1195 FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HIS QUESTION PERTAINED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE PAPER WORK TO BE BOUGHT OUT AND ARE QUESTIONING WHERE IS THE MONEY. FITZGIBBONS ADVISED THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THE BUYOUTS WHICH HAVE BEEN STAGGERED DUE TO PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED FEMA WAS NOW GOING TO FORGIVE ALL THE DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS FROM TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO. WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL WAS TRYING TO GET THE LAST TWO SUBSTANTIAL HOMES THE BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR BUYOUT RECREDITED THE MONEY THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DEDUCTED DUE TO THE DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.

UPON A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, FITZGIBBONS ADVISED THE BOARD ON THE CRITERIA THE STRUCTURES BOUGHT OUT COULD BE USED FOR. THE STRUCTURE CAN BE RELOCATED AND USED AS A PUBLIC FACILITY; HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY SELLS THE STRUCTURE, THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED PROGRAM INCOME AND IT WILL HAVE TO BE REFUNDED TO THE STATE. THE PROPERTY HAS TO HAVE NO HABITAT STRUCTURES ON IT AND IT HAS TO BE MAINTAINED AS OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE FINAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PRESENTED BY KIM FITZGIBBONS.

MS. FITZGIBBONS BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL.

MS. FITZGIBBONS ADDRESSED THE NEXT FUNDING CYCLE WOULD BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY AS THE CITIES WILL BE AWARDED THEIR OWN MONIES. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE AND FULFILL THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT IN ORDER TO GET THEIR MONEY TO BE SPENT FOR ASSESSMENTS IN THEIR CITY.

MS. FITZGIBBONS HAD PROVIDED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH A COPY OF THE COUNTY'S SUBCONTRACTS WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES; THE MONIES STILL COMES FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO THE COUNTIES, GOES TO THE CITIES BUT COMES BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR ONE COUNTY WIDE UNIFIED STRATEGY. FITZGIBBONS WAS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SUBCONTRACTS WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE SUBCONTRACTS.

MS. FITZGIBBONS ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL AND EFFORTS IN GETTING THE NEEDED PARTICIPATION FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ETC. AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET A GOOD WORKING LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN WITHOUT PARTICIPATION. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO MAKE SURE THE PROPER PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THESE MEETINGS.

JULIAN WEBB ASKED MS. FITZGIBBONS IF SHE WAS AWARE OF ANY VERY LOW INCOME APPLICANTS THAT MAY QUALIFY FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO PROVIDE A LIST TO HIM TO ASSIST WITH HIS APPLICATION FOR THE CDBG MINI GRANT.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED FITZGIBBONS ON THE STATUS OF THE PRESERVATION 2000

GRANT. FITZGIBBONS AGREED TO HAVE JOHN WILLEM OF WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL CALL ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO GIVE HIM AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE GRANT.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT REQUESTING THEY APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CDBG APPLICATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION CATEGORY FOR THE TARGET AREAS LISTED IN THE RESOLUTION: ORANGE HILL-COUNTRY OAKS, PAGE AVENUE, JAMES POTTER AND HARCUS-ST/MARYS SERVICE AREAS. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO BUDGET AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000.00 IN THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR TO MATCH THE \$150,000.00 ALREADY PLEDGED FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT AND DESIGNATE LINDA COOK, CLERK OF COURT, AS THE THIRD PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL CDBG DOCUMENTS.

WEBB BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE CDBG EL NINO FLOOD GRANT AND REQUESTED THEY ADOPT THE PRIORITY LIST IN SEEKING THE CLIENTS FOR THE EL NINO GRANT FUNDING WHICH IS:

1. RESIDENTS WITH DAMAGE FROM EL NINO, PLUS PREVIOUS FLOODING WITHIN LAST FIVE YEARS.

2. ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED.

3. VERY LOW INCOME

4. RESIDENTS MUST OWN THEIR DWELLING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ABOVE PRIORITY LIST.

MS. OLENE TAYLOR ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY REOPEN A SMALL SECTION OF FLOYD PLACE ROAD IN ORDER FOR HER TO HAVE ACCESSIBILITY TO HER PROPERTY SHE WAS WANTING TO USE FOR HER HOMESITE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ROAD BEING CLOSED SOME TIME AGO UPON A REQUEST FROM DONALD NELSON, MARY ENFINGER, ETC.; HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE REOPENING OF THE ROAD BUT IT WOULD TAKE QUITE A BIT OF WORK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MS. TAYLOR'S REQUEST WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED FOR MS. TAYLOR TO CONTACT ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND HE ASSIST HER IN WHAT PROCEDURES SHE NEEDS TO FOLLOW IN GETTING THE ROAD REOPENED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED THE BOARD ON THE WIDTH OF RIGHT OF WAY THEY WERE GOING TO REQUIRE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED MS. TAYLOR THE FIRST THING SHE WOULD NEED IS TO OBTAIN A 40' EASEMENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS WHILE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS TABULATING THE BOARD'S RANKING ON THE ENGINEERING PROPOSALS RECEIVED.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MONICA CORSO PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OUT OF WASHINGTON ON DUST CONTROL AND RECOMMENDED THEY APPOINT A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THEM TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA FOR THE RESURFACING PROJECT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE DISCREPANCY ON THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE PROPERTY DONATED TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER HAD BEEN SETTLED, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT ADVISED THE COUNTY WAS HAVING SOMEONE MEASURE FROM RAILROAD AVENUE TO RUSTIN DRIVE UP TO THE CHAIN LENGTH FENCE; THESE MEASUREMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY FOR HIM TO REWRITE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU AT SUNNY HILLS. HE ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED SOME REVISED FIGURES AND HAD GIVEN GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP, INC. THE GO AHEAD FOR SUNNY HILLS BUT NOT ON OAK HILL DUE TO THERE NOT BEING ENOUGH LOTS TO JUSTIFY DOING ONE AND NOT BEING ABLE TO COMBINE SUNNY HILLS AND OAK HILLS UNDER ONE MSBU.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE WAGES PERSON GO AHEAD AND BE PUT IN PLACE AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF HER TESTING BEING SATISFACTORY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO GO AHEAD AND PUT THE WAGES PERSON IN PLACE AT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONTINGENT UPON HER PASSING THE PHYSICAL AND DRUG TESTING; IF THIS PERSON FAILS THE TESTING, FOLLOW UP WITH PLACING ANOTHER WAGES PERSON.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE RESULTS ON THE TABULATIONS FOR A COUNTY ENGINEER:

1. PREBLE-RISH INC.
2. TRANSPRO GROUP, INC.
3. METRIC ENGINEERING, INC.
4. DRMP ENGINEERING

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ESTABLISH THE ABOVE RANKINGS FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER.

GREG PREBLE WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THEY USUALLY NEGOTIATE A FEE ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS; HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE A FEE SCHEDULE THEY WOULD PROVIDE ONE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD NEED AN HOURLY RATE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SMALL PROJECTS THEY WOULD BE REQUESTING THE ENGINEER DO.

PREBLE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW.

PREBLE ADVISED THEY DID NOT CHARGE FOR POSTAGE, MILEAGE, LONG DISTANCE CALLING, ETC.; THEY DO CHARGE FOR FEDERAL EXPRESS CHARGES.

PREBLE ADVISED ONCE THEY IDENTIFY WHAT THE PROJECT IS AND THE SCOPE OF WORK INVOLVED, THEY FIGURE WHAT THE PROJECT WILL COST AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A FEE.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON HOW THEY WOULD CHARGE TO COME AND INSPECT A COUNTY ROAD TO SEE IF IT MET COUNTY SPECIFICATIONS, PREBLE ADVISED THEY DO CHARGE FOR TRAVEL TIME FOR INSPECTIONS.

PREBLE ADVISED THEY ARE ENGINEERS FOR WALTON, CALHOUN, GULF, LIBERTY AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES. HE ALSO REFERENCED 99% OF THEIR WORK FOR COUNTY CLIENTS ARE DONE ON A LUMP SUM BASIS; THEIR RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY TO THE COUNTIES THEY SERVE.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THEIR PERCENTAGE ON CONTRACTS, PREBLE ADVISED IT DEPENDED ON THE SIZE OF THE CONTRACT BUT IT WAS GENERALLY BETWEEN 7 TO 12%; FEES ARE NEGOTIABLE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED BASED ON THE INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM CONTACTS HE HAD SPOKEN WITH ON PREBLE-RISH TO HIRE THEM TO DO THE COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES BEGINNING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TERMINATION OF THE COUNTY'S PRESENT ENGINEERING FIRM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OPPOSED.

BRUCE THOMPSON OF WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE BID OPENINGS FOR THE HOME HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM FOR THE BRADY DWELLING. HE ADVISED THE CONTRACTORS WERE BIDDING TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCT A NEW DWELLING UNDER THE HOME PROGRAM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON THE BID OPENINGS. TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED:

ARMSTRONG GENERAL REPAIRS	\$ 41,400.00
SASNETT HOME BUILDERS	\$ 41,950.00

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM ARMSTRONG GENERAL REPAIRS CONTINGENT UPON THE FUNDING COMING FROM THE HOME GRANT PROGRAM.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM PARKS & RECREATION TO REMOVE DEXTER MCDONALD AND BERNICE HAGAN OFF OF PROBATION; THEY WERE BOTH HIRED APRIL 13, 1998. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE EMPLOYEES OFF OF PROBATION UNTIL THEY HAVE SERVED THE SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD. CHAIRMAN CARTER RELINQUISHED HIS CHAIR TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND SECONDED THE MOTION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO ADHERE TO THE COUNTY POLICY FOR NEW EMPLOYEES TO SERVE A SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD; THE ONLY ADVANTAGE OF COMING OFF PROBATION IS THE EMPLOYEE CAN BEGIN USING THEIR SICK LEAVE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED IN THE FUTURE THE BOARD ADHERE TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND NO ONE BE RECOMMENDED FOR EARLY PROBATION; NOTIFY THE SUPERVISORS NOT TO SEND IN A REQUEST FOR AN EMPLOYEE TO COME OFF PROBATION UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD WITH THIS TO BE EFFECTIVE THIS DATE.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO REMOVE THREE PEOPLE FROM PROBATION. DUE TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON EARLY PROBATION FOR EMPLOYEES, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THIS WAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF.

HERBERT ADDRESSED SCOTT WALDRIP, PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, WANTING TO MOVE TO A DUMP TRUCK POSITION; HE WAS HIRED AS A BUSH CUTTER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED

WALDRIP BEING HIRED AS A BUSH CUTTER BUT HAS NOT WORKED IN THIS POSITION SINCE HE WAS HIRED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE TO BE ADVISED WHENEVER A PERSON IS HIRED FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION, THEY WORK IN THAT POSITION. CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON RESOLVING THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO HONOR ROAD AND BRIDGE'S REQUEST FOR WALDRIP TO MOVE TO A DUMP TRUCK OPERATOR POSITION BUT IN THE FUTURE WHEN THEY HIRE SOMEONE FOR A JOB, THEY PUT THE PERSON IN THE POSITION THEY ARE HIRED FOR. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONER CARTER, DAVIS AND HALL OPPOSED.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO CLOSE THE WEEK OF JULY 6TH THRU JULY 10TH USING JULY 6TH AS THE PAID HOLIDAY WITH LEAVE BEING USED FOR THE REMAINING THREE DAYS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PUBLIC WORK'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO HAVE A CALENDAR DRAWN UP A YEAR IN ADVANCE ON WHEN PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE CLOSED SO THE EMPLOYEES WILL KNOW WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO BE OFF. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON RON BALDWIN WITH WOODS AUCTION COMPANY WANTING IT BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THEY HAD REQUESTS FOR MACK TRUCKS AND IF THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR 98 MACK TRUCKS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE THEM FOR THEIR AUCTION IN SEPTEMBER. BALDWIN HAD ALSO SPOKEN WITH JOHN WILLIAMS OF GULF COAST TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY AND WILLIAMS WAS TO SEND A FAX TO THE BOARD GUARANTEEING THE AVAILABILITY FOR REPLACEMENT TRUCKS. THE BOARD AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WHEN THE INFORMATION FROM WOODS AUCTION AND JOHN WILLIAMS WAS RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD THEY DID OWN THE ROAD IN QUESTION WHERE J. T. HARELL HAD REQUESTED THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SOME DIRT DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVING CAUSED PROBLEMS ON THE ROAD. (FEBRUARY 26, 1998 MINUTES)

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF AN INSPECTOR WAS INCLUDED ON THE ROADS EACH COMMISSIONER WAS HAVING RESURFACED IN HIS DISTRICT WITH THEIR PORTION OF LOAN MONIES. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS NO INSPECTOR HIRED BUT THERE SHOULD BE ONE ON THE RESURFACING PROJECTS WITH THE FUNDING TO COME FROM EACH COMMISSIONER'S MATERIAL BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ALSO ADDRESSED HE WANTED TO INCLUDE AN EXTENSION TO THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD BEYOND THE FOUR WAY CROSS ROADS IN HIS RESURFACING PROJECTS AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$10,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A RESURFACING PROJECT ON THE FALLING WATERS ROAD AT BIRDIE LANE AND FAIRWAY DRIVE AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$13,000.00 WITH THE RESIDENTS THERE AGREEING TO PAY FOR ONE HALF OF THE EXPENSE WITH THE OTHER PORTION COMING FROM HIS DISTRICT ALLOCATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO TAKE THE EXTENSION OF THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT OUT OF HIS MATERIALS BUDGET AND APPROVE OF PAVING OF THE BIRDIE LANE AND FAIRWAY DRIVE ON FALLING WATERS ROAD WITH THE RESIDENTS LIVING ON THESE ROADS PAYING ONE HALF THE ESTIMATED \$13,000.00 COST AND THE REMAINDER TO COME FROM COMMISSIONER CARTER'S DISTRICT ALLOCATION WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA DOING THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A GRANTS DEPARTMENT DUE TO INFORMATION HE HAD OBTAINED FROM OTHER COUNTIES ON THE AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO RESEARCH THIS ISSUE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON ESTABLISHING A GRANTS DEPARTMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MONIES TO BE USED TO PAY FOR THE MOTORGRADERS PURCHASED FROM THOMPSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO REPLACE THE GRADERS SOLD AT THE PUBLIC AUCTION. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO PAY FOR THE MOTORGRADERS OUT OF DEBT SERVICE MONIES AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COR- BIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP A RESOLUTION TO SET A SPEED LIMIT ON NEW EFFORT ROAD AT 35 MPH AND A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT ON FALLING WATERS ROAD AT 35 MPH WITH CHAIR- MAN CARTER BEING AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE RESOLUTIONS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPLAINED THE SPEED LIMIT ON FALLING WATERS ROAD WAS FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PARK ROAD AND FALLING WATERS ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED ROAD AND BRIDGE ONLY COVERING WHAT THE TWO BAT WINGS WILL MOW WHEN DOING THE GRASS MOWING ON THE COUNTY RIGHTS OF WAY; THIS IS

CAUSING AN 8' TO 10' STRIP NEXT TO THE FENCES THAT IS NOT BEING MOWED. HALL REQUESTED THE BOARD NEEDED TO ADDRESS THESE 8' TO 10' STRIPS GETTING MOWED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT AT 15 MPH ON CULPEPPER DRIVE GOING INTO THE NEW PARK SITE IN VERNON.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$11,657.39 TO THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY TO REPAIR A CATERPILLAR DOZIER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED AIR CONDITIONING BE PUT IN THE LAST THREE MOTORGRADERS PURCHASED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000.00. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO HAVE AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLED ON THE THREE MOTORGRADERS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PERMIT FOR THE NEW SCHOOL WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR PREBLE- RISH ENGINEERING FIRM TO REVIEW THE PERMIT AND ADVISE THE BOARD OF THE IMPACT THE WATER DRAINAGE WILL HAVE ON THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEIR PRESENT ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH DAVID MELVIN ENGINEERING FIRM REQUIRES A 30 DAY WRITTEN TERMINATION LETTER. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO WRITE A 30 DAY TERMINATION LETTER TO DAVID MELVIN AND ASSOCIATES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION FOR A LETTER TO BE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STATING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO HAVE THE COUNTY ENGINEER REVIEW THE DEP PERMIT FOR THE NEW SCHOOL AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION ON THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE DEP ON THE PERMIT. CHAIRMAN CARTER INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO WRITE THE LETTER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

CLERK LINDA COOK BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A CONCENSUS WITH THE JUDGES TO PUT NEW FLOOR COVERING IN THE COURTROOM AND HAVE THE CHAIRS IN THE COURTROOM REPAIRED. CLERK COOK ADVISED THE BOARD THE FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE TO DO THESE PROJECTS AND REQUESTED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF NEW FLOOR COVERING FOR THE COURTROOM AND HAVING THE CHAIRS IN THE COURTROOM REPAIRED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1998 TOTALLING \$848,248.08.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO BE ADVERTISED STATING THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION TO CLOSE RECKONING ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED AT THE TIME OF THE RECKONING ROAD CLOSURE, THE BOARD WAS LED TO BELIEVE THE PERSON PETITIONING THE ROAD TO BE CLOSED OWNED THE PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AND APPARENTLY THAT WAS NOT TRUE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S POLICY IS TO NOTIFY ALL ADJOINING LAND OWNERS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON A ROAD CLOSING AND ADVISED IN THE FUTURE THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THEY NOTIFY EVERY LANDOWNER AFFECTED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT TOTALLING \$3,025.00.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED GRIFF GODFREY HAD CONTACTED HIM ON WANTING A DITCH RELOCATED AND A SHORT ROAD CONSTRUCTED TO HIS PROPERTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MR. GODFREY APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN TOLD IN THE YEARS PAST, IF HE WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PUT A DRAINAGE DITCH ON HIS PROPERTY LINE FOR THE NEW WINN DIXIE, THEY WOULD CONSTRUCT A SHORT ROAD TO HIS PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD APPARENTLY THE DITCH WAS PUT IN WITHOUT AN EASEMENT FROM MR. GODFREY AND THE ROAD WAS NEVER CONSTRUCTED. GODFREY IS NOW PROPOSING TO GIVE THE COUNTY AN EASEMENT TO RELOCATE THE DITCH ON HIS PROPERTY AND AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT THE ROAD.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND CHAIRMAN CARTER TO LOOK AT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT MR. GODFREY IS WANTING.

LINDA COOK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER REQUESTING QUOTES FROM SECURITY EQUIPMENT FROM PANAMA CITY AND WIREGRASS EQUIPMENT FROM DOTHAN FOR A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND AGREED TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WHEN SHE RECEIVES THE QUOTES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN THERE WAS NOT TOO MUCH HEADWAY BEING MADE ON THE BACK TAXES OF THE COUNTY AND HE HAD UNDER STOOD MONIES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ALLOTTED TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO GET THE BACK TAXES CAUGHT UP. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADDRESSED THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE WRITING OFF TAXES THAT ARE SEVEN YEARS OLD JUST BECAUSE THE TIME HADN'T BEEN TAKEN TO COLLECT THEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S ACTION TO FORGIVE THE TAXES ON 400+ PARCELS BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD IT WOULD COST MORE TO COLLECT THE TAXES THAN THE COUNTY COULD GET OUT OF THE PROPERTY; CORBIN REQUESTED IF THE BOARD EVER HAS ACTION OF THIS TYPE AGAIN IT NOT BE ON THE LAST DAY AS THIS REQUEST WAS ON THE 28TH AND THE BOARD HAD TO TAKE ACTION ON THE 28TH AND DID NOT HAVE TIME TO RESEARCH IT.

CLERK LINDA COOK ADVISED THE BOARD SHE DID NOT THINK MS. MCENTYRE WAS TRYING TO GET OUT OF DOING HER JOB BUT WAS ONLY WANTING TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE COST INVOLVED.

THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO RESEARCH THE TAX ISSUE WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

REX YATES ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO TAX CERTIFICATES AS HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THEM FOR YEARS. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THIS ISSUE. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED YATES MEET WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND UPDATE HIM ON TAX CERTIFICATES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS REFERENCED WHEN THE BOARD WAS WITHOUT AN ADMINISTRATOR, THEY DELEGATED SOME AUTHORITY TO VONCILE ESTES AND HE FELT LIKE THIS NEEDS TO BE READDRESSSED SINCE THEY HAVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO ESTES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH ESTES TO RETURN TO HER DUTIES SHE WAS DOING PRIOR TO BEING DELEGATED THAT AUTHORITY.

MS. ESTES ADDRESSED A PLAT OF JOANN ACRES OFF OF SUMMER DRIVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD REVIEWED AND WAS REQUESTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL CONTINGENT UPON THE COUNTY ENGINEER SIGNING THE PLAT, DRIVEWAY CONNECTIONS BEING INSTALLED, AND THE SWALES BEING INSTALLED WHERE NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF JOANN ACRES OFF OF SUMMER DRIVE CONTINGENT UPON THE COUNTY ENGINEER SIGNING THE PLAT, THE DEVELOPER HAVING THE NECESSARY DRIVEWAY CONNECTIONS INSTALLED AND SWALES INSTALLED WHERE NEEDED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND MS. ESTES SEE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY BE IMPLEMENTED ON REQUIRING THE DEVELOPER TO PAY FOR THE ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION COSTS INVOLVED WITH ANY DEVELOPMENT INSPECTIONS REQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED J. M. WOODS HAD FAXED THE INFORMATION ON THE GUARANTEE PRICES FOR THE MACK DUMP TRUCKS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY SOLD THE 1998 MACK TRUCKS, THE GUARANTEED PRICE J. M. WOODS WAS AGREEING ON WAS MORE THAN WHAT THE BOARD PAID FOR THEM; THE GUARANTEED PRICE FOR THE 1995 MACKS WAS \$54,000.00 EACH. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ALSO ADVISED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO SELL THE TRUCKS IN THE SEPTEMBER AUCTION, THEY WOULD NEED TO GO AHEAD AND ORDER REPLACEMENT TRUCKS SO THEY COULD BE HERE IN SEPTEMBER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO GET WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE TO DETERMINE WHAT EQUIPMENT THE BOARD HAS WHICH NEEDS REPLACING AND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO CHANGE OVER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION WITH IT UNDERSTOOD CHAIRMAN CARTER WOULD ALSO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON THIS ISSUE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION TO ADJORN. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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

DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 06/25/98