

minutes102298
BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/22/98

OCTOBER 22, 1998

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

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

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER 2 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 22, 1998:

1. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, FOR FY 98-99 WITH HIS FEES TO REMAIN THE SAME AND MILEAGE INCREASED TO \$.35 PER MILE.
2. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VERNON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO EXTEND LIBRARY SERVICES IN VERNON UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.
3. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 1998-99 MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AT A COST OF \$43,605.15.

HAROLD REGISTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING A UTILITY EASEMENT BE GRANTED TO FLORIDA GAS SERVICES INCORPORATED ON PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS WHERE THEY HAVE PROPANE TANKS LOCATED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD REVIEWED THE EASEMENT THAT HAD BEEN PROVIDED AND HAD GOTTEN SOME LANGUAGE TAKEN OUT OF THE EASEMENT REGARDING THE COUNTY WARRANTING GOOD TITLE TO THE PROPERTY; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD THE ORIGINAL CORRECTED EASEMENT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE EASEMENT TO FLORIDA GAS SERVICES, INCORPORATED AS PRESENTED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

MR. OLE ELLIS, SECRETARY OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING AN EXTENSION ON THE GROUND LEASE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVALESCENT CENTER FROM FIFTY YEARS TO NINETY NINE YEARS. ELLIS STATED THE REQUEST WAS BEING MADE IN ORDER TO REFINANCE THROUGH HUD THE EXISTING BOND INDEBTEDNESS THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACHIEVING A LOWER INTEREST RATE AND BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS, ETC.

ELLIS ADVISED THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOOKED AT A NUMBER OF THINGS WHEN EVALUATING THEIR REQUEST:

1. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CENTER ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY; PRESENTLY THERE ARE 180 EMPLOYEES AND 28 EMPLOYEES UNDER CONTRACT.
2. THE PAYROLL AND TAXES GENERATED BY THE FACILITY HAVE HAD A GOOD IMPACT ON THE COUNTY.
3. LOCAL NEED FOR THE FACILITY.
4. CURRENT LEASE STATUS. ELLIS ADVISED THE FACILITY HAS SERVED OVER 2,500 PEOPLE SINCE IT OPENED. THE CURRENT 50 YEAR LEASE RUNS THROUGH THE YEAR 2031 AND THE REQUESTED EXTENSION WOULD RUN THROUGH 2080.
5. CERTIFICATE OF NEED OWNERSHIP.
6. SUPERIOR LICENSE STATUS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED IN 1981 WHEN THE ORIGINAL LEASE ON THE CONVALESCENT CENTER BEGAN, INTEREST RATES WERE EXTREMELY HIGH; THE GOAL OF REFINANCING IS TO REDUCE THE INTEREST PAYMENTS TO FREE UP SOME MONIES TO REFURBISH THE OLDER PART OF THE CONVALESCENT CENTER AND TO INCREASE SOME SALARIES.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS EXPRESSED CONCERN IF AD VALOREM TAXES WERE BEING PAID ON THE CONVALESCENT CENTER PROPERTY. ELLIS ADVISED HE HAD CHECKED ON THIS ISSUE AND TAXES

HAVE BEEN BEING PAID.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING \$12,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE ADDITIONAL EXTENSION PERIOD BEING REQUESTED BEGINNING IN 2031.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE CONVALESCENT CENTER WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE OR ALLOW THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE DRUGS THROUGH THEM. MR. JERRY HINSON WITH THE CONVALESCENT CENTER AGREED TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS ANYWAY HE COULD.

KENNETH GUMMELS OF BROOKWOOD INVESTMENTS PRESENTED CERTIFICATES STATING THE CONVALESCENT CENTER HAS A SUPERIOR LICENSE; THE SUPERIOR LICENSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TWELVE YEARS IN A ROW. GUMMELS STATED THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT SPEAKS TO THE CARE, THE DEDICATION OF THE STAFF AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS STATED HE HAD NOTICED A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE CARE AND MODERNIZATION OF THE CONVALESCENT CENTER SINCE MR. JERRY HINSON CAME ON BOARD.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO HONOR THE REQUEST TO SIGN THE ADDITIONAL EXTENSION LEASE REQUESTED FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVALESCENT CENTER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LEASE MODIFICATION DOCUMENT ALSO CONTAINING LANGUAGE THAT AFTER CLOSE-OUT OF THE BOND ISSUE AS A RESULT OF THE REFINANCING, THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CAN BE REMOVED FROM HAVING INTEREST IN THE GROUND LEASE. MR. ELLIS AGREED ONCE THE BOND ISSUE HAS BEEN CLEARED HE WOULD COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO ASK THEIR PLEASURE ON DOING AWAY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM, RECYCLING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE SUCCESS OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 1998 AMNESTY DAY AND PROPOSED THE COUNTY CONTINUE WITH HAVING AN AMNESTY DAY TWICE A YEAR.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE RECYCLING CENTER WOULD TAKE FENCE WIRE, ETC. DR. BINGHAM STATED THE CENTER WOULD TAKE FENCE WIRE AND ADVISED THERE WAS A TRASH TRANSFER STATION WITH A TRAILER ON THE SITE TO PUT THESE TYPE OF MATERIALS IN; IT WAS OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY AT NO CHARGE.

MR. RORY CASSIDY WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING HE IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM WITH GETTING THE GARBAGE OFF THE STREETS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ASSURED THEM THE PROBLEM WOULD BE FIXED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED CASSIDY PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WITH INFORMATION THEY CAN PROVIDE TO PERSONS CALLING IN WITH COMPLAINTS ON THE GARBAGE AND FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT TO RESPOND TO THE CALLS.

MR. CASSIDY PROVIDED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH A COPY OF AN ASSIGNMENT FOR CHANGING THE NAME FROM USA TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.

MR. HENRY DAY ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND STATED THE SHERIFF WAS GOING TO MOVE A DEPUTY TO THE FIVE POINTS COMMUNITY CENTER TO ASSIST WITH CONTROLLING THE VANDALISM OF THE CENTER. DAY REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY TO INSTALL A SEPTIC TANK AND UTILITY POLE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SEPTIC TANK AND THE POWER POLE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED MR. DAY THAT COMMISSIONER HALL WOULD BE THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF OVERSEEING THIS PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT PERHAPS NOT EVERYONE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE DEPUTY MOVING ON THE PROPERTY AND TOLD MR. DAY HE DIDN'T WANT SOMEONE AT THE NEXT MEETING COMING BEFORE THE BOARD OPPOSING THE DEPUTY MOVING ON THE PROPERTY. MR. DAY ADVISED THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T WANT THE DEPUTY ON THE PROPERTY WOULD BE THE ONES VANDALIZING THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

MR. SAM AUSTIN STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE COMMISSIONER DAVIS WAS GETTING HIS INFORMATION ON THERE BEING CONFUSION ON WHETHER EVERYONE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE DEPUTY MOVING ON THE PROPERTY. AUSTIN INVITED COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO ATTEND THEIR NEXT MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AS THERE HAD BEEN NO DISSENSION INSIDE THESE MEETINGS AT ANY TIME.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST ADVERTISED ON OCTOBER 14, 1998, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TYPE VIII APPLIED FOR BY THE SUNNY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO ALLOW FOR A CEMETERY TO BE DEVELOPED IN AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR MIXED- USE/SUNNY HILLS USE.

RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST. HE ADVISED THE BOARD ALL NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION

TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION.

JANE NORRIS SPOKE ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED A WALL OR SOMETHING SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO CONCEAL THE CEMETERY.

PARKER ADVISED THERE WAS A TEN FOOT BUFFER REQUIREMENT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS. HE ADVISED THERE WAS DISCUSSION AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON WHETHER THE CHURCH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PUT UP ANY TYPE OF FENCING; THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGREED TO LEAVE THIS DECISION UP TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. PARKER ALSO ADDRESSED THE CHURCH BEING AWARE BEFORE THEY CAN GO AND DEVELOP THE CEMETERY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT AND PLAT THE AREA AND SHOW WHERE THE GRAVE SITES ARE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER AGREEING THERE SHOULD BE SOME SHRUBBERY OR SOMETHING TO BUFFER THE CEMETERY FROM THE STREET. COMMISSIONER DAVIS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUESTED BY SUNNY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH THE BUFFER STIPULATION THEY PUT UP SOME TYPE OF SCREEN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST ON OCTOBER 14, 1998, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A LAND USE CHANGE FROM LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE TO COMMERCIAL USE PETITIONED BY JUNE FRENCH ON LOTS 25, 26, AND 27 OF DEER RUN RANCHETTES.

RANDY PARKER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE STATING THE REASON FOR THE LAND USE CHANGE WAS THE USE FOR MOTEL, RESTAURANT AND RETAIL SALES. PARKER ADDRESSED THE PLANNING COMMISSION TRIED TO ALWAYS LOOK TO SEE IF A LAND USE CHANGE WAS GRANTED, ESPECIALLY IN A PLATTED AREA, IT WOULDN'T BE COUNTER TO WHAT THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS ALREADY ARE; THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS STATES LOT 27 CAN BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES BUT THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS STATE THE NEXT TWO LOWER LOTS COULD NOT BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. PARKER STATED MS. FRENCH HAD BEEN TOLD SHE WOULD HAVE TO GET A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO AGREE TO CHANGE THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW LOTS 25 AND 26 FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

PARKER STATED THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CHANGING LOT 27 FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND NOT TO APPROVE LOTS 25 AND 26. HE ALSO STATED ALL SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NO ONE ATTENDED.

IT WAS QUESTIONED BY A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE IF BEER COULD BE SOLD ON THESE PROPERTIES. CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED IT COULD BE SOLD IF A BEER LICENSE WAS PURCHASED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE AND THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LAND USE CHANGE PETITIONED BY JUNE FRENCH FOR ONE LOT (LOT 27) IN THE DEER RUN RANCHETTES SUBDIVISION. COMMISSIONER DAVIS QUESTIONED IF THE INDIVIDUAL LOT WOULD BE ENOUGH ROOM FOR MS. FRENCH'S PROPOSED USE. MS. FRENCH ADVISED THIS LOT ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR A MOTEL/RESTAURANT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH PARKER ADVISING IF MS. FRENCH WANTED TO HAVE LOTS 25 AND 26 CHANGED TO COMMERCIAL USE SHE WOULD HAVE TO GET THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS CHANGED. PARKER ALSO ADVISED SINCE THESE LOTS ARE IN LOW MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL AREA NOW THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL USES THAT ARE ALLOWED; HOWEVER, FRENCH CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS. IF FRENCH GOT THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS CHANGED, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO RETAIL SALES AND CERTAIN TYPE OF RESTAURANTS WITHOUT HAVING TO EVER COME BACK TO THE COUNTY.

PARKER THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE STEPS TO GET THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS CHANGED: A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO AMEND THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS VOICED HE WAS OPPOSED TO DICTATING TO PEOPLE HOW THEY CAN USE THEIR OWN PROPERTY. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, GREG PREBLE WITH PREBLE-RISH, COUNTY ENGINEERS, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED JAIL SITE AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. BASED ON A SOIL SURVEY DONE ON THE SITE, IT WAS DETERMINED THE SOILS WERE ADEQUATE AND THE SITE IS ADEQUATE FOR A JAIL FACILITY. THEY HAD LOOKED FOR BURIED GARBAGE AND FOUND NONE LOCATED ON THE TEN ACRE PROPOSED JAIL SITE. THEY HAD A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DONE AND EVERYTHING CAME BACK OKAY. ONE ELEMENT OF CONCERN IS THE LANDFILL ON THE

ADJACENT PARCEL; HOWEVER, THIS BELONGS TO THE COUNTY AND IF THERE WAS EVER A REQUIREMENT FOR CLEANUP ON THIS SITE, THE COUNTY IS ALREADY RESPONSIBLE. THEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO AHEAD AND SELECT THE TEN ACRE SITE AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AS THE JAIL SITE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE BOARD HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO AGREE ON THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE BEING THE SITE LOCATION FOR THE NEW JAIL CONTINGENT ON THE TEST BORINGS COMING BACK SATISFACTORILY AND DIDN'T FEEL THE NEED FOR ANY FURTHER BOARD ACTION SINCE THEY DID COME BACK SATISFACTORILY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED ONCE PREBLE-RISH PROVIDES HIM WITH THE LEGAL AND THE SURVEY ON THE SITE, HE WOULD DRAW UP AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE COUNTY ON THE LAND SWAP.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED PREBLE HE HAD THE AUTHORITY DUE TO THE TEST BORINGS COMING BACK SUFFICIENT TO GO AHEAD AND DO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THEM TO SUPPLY EVERYTHING THAT IS NEEDED BY THE ENGINEERING FIRM.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE ARCHITECT REQUESTING APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN OF THE JAIL FACILITY. CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE BOARD COULD GO AHEAD AND AUTHORIZE THE ARCHITECT TO PROCEED WITH THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE JAIL FACILITY.

PREBLE THEN ADDRESSED THE POND CREEK BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 280. HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT WITH COMMISSIONER HALL AND DUE TO THERE BEING AN INTERRUPTION OF TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 30 DAYS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT AND A LOT OF SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD, COMMISSIONER HALL HAD AGREED TO POSTPONE THIS PROJECT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER. THE SURVEY AND THE SOIL TEST HAVE BEEN DONE AND THE DESIGN IS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE AND THE BID DOCUMENTS ARE READY TO BID. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER TO BID THE PROJECT.

PREBLE ADVISED THE BOARD COUNTY ROAD 280 AND 284 AND THE CARYVIL BOAT LANDING PROJECT ARE OUT FOR BIDS NOW AND ARE DUE IN ON NOVEMBER 10, 1998.

PREBLE ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE SURVEY ON PLEASANT HILL AND STRICKLAND ROAD AND THEY HAVE REQUESTED THEIR SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. HE REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE ANY SURVEY BE ORDERED THROUGH PREBLE-RISH.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF ANY OF THE CENTER LINES WOULD BE CHANGED DUE TO SOME DEEDS ALREADY BEING DRAWN UP AND SIGNED BASED ON THE CENTER LINE DESCRIPTION PROVIDED. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THE CENTER LINE WOULD BE CHANGED FROM WHAT IS EXISTING DUE TO A COUPLE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE ALIGNMENT ON PLEASANT HILL ROAD; SOME OF THE CURVES ARE REAL SHARP AND NEED FLATTENING OUT IN ORDER TO HAVE A REASONABLE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE DEEDS WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS AS SOON AS THE SPECIFICATIONS WERE READY ON PLEASANT HILL AND STRICKLAND ROAD THE ENGINEER CAN PROCEED WITH BIDDING THE PROJECT. CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED AS SOON AS THE ENGINEER HAS THE SPECS READY, THEY CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE BIDS; THE ENGINEER WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE AMPLE PLANS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO PICK UP THE BID PACKETS HERE ALSO.

JOEL PATE, REPRESENTING THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEIR APPROVAL OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECREATION COMMITTEE POLICY WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THEM PRIOR TO THE MEETING. HE ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY APPROVED OF THE POLICY IT WOULD HELP EXPEDITE GRANT PROJECTS GOING THROUGH THE COMPLETE PROCESS AND BEING COMPLETED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

PATE ALSO REFERENCED IN ADDITION TO THE TWO PAGES OF THE POLICY, THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED; HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE WILL ADDRESS THIS AT A LATER DATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECREATION COMMITTEE POLICY AS PRESENTED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEGAN WITH THE ATTORNEYS REPORT:

1. HE HAD PREPARED A QUIT CLAIM DEED BACK TO MR. FLOYD HARDIN'S SON ON A DIRT PIT THE COUNTY HAD PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED FROM HARDIN. AT THE TIME THE COUNTY PURCHASED THE PROPERTY FROM HARDIN, APPARENTLY NO TITLE WORK HAD BEEN DONE AND HARDIN HAD PREVIOUSLY DEEDED IT TO HIS SON; HARDIN ONLY HAD A LIFE ESTATE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY AND COULD NOT LEGALLY SALE IT TO THE COUNTY. HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THE QUIT CLAIM DEED CONTAINED LANGUAGE THE CONVEYANCE WAS MADE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING

WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL HAVE NO FURTHER LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THIS PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THE SON WOULD ACCEPT THE QUIT CLAIM DEED WITH THIS LANGUAGE IN IT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE QUIT CLAIM DEED AND IT BE PRESENTED TO THE SON.

2. HE HAD PREPARED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND EULESS SHEFFIELD AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ON THE RECREATION PROJECT THE COUNTY HAD APPLIED FOR GRANT FUNDING ON. ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO APPROVE OF THE AGREEMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PHASING OUT THESE GRANT PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE TO POSSIBLY CUT DOWN ON ANY INKIND MATCHING MONIES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A DRAFT OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THEM TO REVIEW, MAKE CHANGES, ETC. AND THEN HE WOULD FINALIZE IT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TYPE OF ANIMALS BEING ADDRESSED IN THE ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE DEFINITION STATED IN THE ORDINANCE ON WHAT TYPE OF ANIMALS WAS ADDRESSED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.
4. HE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HAVING CONTACTED DURELL PEADEN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PASSING A SPECIAL ACT IN 1999 TO PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO DO IT FOR NEW HIRES AT THE HOSPITAL. PEADEN'S OFFICE TOLD THE HOSPITAL A RESOLUTION WOULD NEED TO BE ADOPTED BY THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE SPECIAL ACT ALLOWING THE HOSPITAL THE OPTION TO OPT OUT OF THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR NEW HIRES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD WILL WORK DILIGENTLY ON THE WORDING OF THE SPECIAL ACT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD PRESENTED DEEDS ON RIGHT OF WAYS ON STRICKLAND ROAD AND THE BOARD HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO SIGN AND ACCEPT ALL RIGHT OF WAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THERE BEING THREE EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WHO HAD A COMBINED TOTAL OF OVER 240 HOURS THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE OFF BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR OR LOSE IT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PAY JAMES BOSTON, A. D. PETTIS AND GEORGE ROGERS FOR ALL THEIR ANNUAL LEAVE TIME OVER THE 240 HOURS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED FALLING WATERS ROAD FROM WHERE IT LEAVES HIGHWAY 77 DOWN TO PARK ROAD DESPERATELY NEEDED RESURFACING AND HE HAD SOME MONIES LEFT OVER IN HIS DISCRETIONARY MONIES. CORBIN STATED ANDERSON COLUMBIA HAD AGREED TO RESURFACE THE ROAD WHILE HE WAS IN THE AREA FOR \$35.50 PER TON. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO DO THE RESURFACING PROJECT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CONTINUING TO AWARD ANDERSON COLUMBIA PROJECTS WITHOUT REBIDDING DUE TO THEM EITHER DOING THE PROJECTS FOR THE SAME BID PRICE OR QUOTING A LOWER PRICE. CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY LEGAL ISSUE AS FAR AS ONLY A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF ADDITIONAL WORK WHICH COULD BE APPLIED TO A CONTRACT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED A CHANGE ORDER WAS SUPPOSE TO BE RELATED TO THE PROJECT BID ORIGINALLY AND A NEW ROAD IS NOT A CHANGE ORDER.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD AGREEING THE MOTION SHOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE FUNDS COMMISSIONER CORBIN WAS PLANNING ON USING FOR THE PROJECT BEING AVAILABLE AND A DEFINITE QUOTE ON THE COST OF THE PROJECT BEING PROVIDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 17TH AT 8:00 A. M. FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED TO DECEMBER 17TH DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26 AND 27 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS AND DECEMBER 23 FOR HALF A DAY AND DECEMBER 24 AND 25 FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND DECEMBER 31 AND JANUARY 1 FOR NEW YEARS DAY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE NEEDED AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE UP TO A \$5,000.00 PURCHASE FOR A COMPUTER SOFTWARE SET UP FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR; THE SOFTWARE IS A SYSTEM THAT WOULD BE PUT ON A PC COMPUTER THAT WOULD ISSUE ALL THE FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE SET UP FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR SEPTEMBER 1998 TOTTALLING \$1,112,582.03.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS-THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS REVIEWED THE AGREEMENT AND THE BOARD IS BEING ASKED FOR THE AGREEMENT TO BE ADOPTED. ALSO, A DISBURSEMENT FORMULA FOR THE FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW. HERBERT ADVISED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE DISBURSEMENT FORMULA. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO TABLE THE AGREEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT FORMULA UNTIL THEY HEAR FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND MAKE SURE IT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH ALL THE CITIES PRIOR TO ADOPTING THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD ADOPT THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT ADOPTING THE DISBURSEMENT FORMULA. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH IT TO BE BROUGHT BACK UP AT THE NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING.

MR. ED PELLETIER OF COUNTRY OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THE BOARD ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY WERE NOTIFIED OF THE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING WHEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT FORMULA WERE DISCUSSED; SEVEN OUT OF TEN FIRE DEPARTMENTS WERE PRESENT AND THE FIRE AGREEMENT AND THE DISBURSEMENT FORMULA WERE APPROVED BY THE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION. PELLETIER STATED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS INVITED TO THE MEETING AND THEY DID NOT ATTEND; HE DID NOT SEE A REASON FOR THE BOARD TO POSTPONE TAKING ACTION ON THE FIRE AGREEMENT AND THE DISBURSEMENT FORMULA.

2. ADA COMPLIANCE-HERBERT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FROM THE BOARD ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADA COMPLIANCE AND REFERENCED IN THE AUGUST 1997 MINUTES, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADA COMPLIANCE UNDER THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.
3. WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL-HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE PLANNING COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH THE DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES ON THE FEMA ACQUISITION PROGRAM. THE FUNDING TO CONTRACT WITH THE WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ON THE DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES WOULD COME FROM THE GRANT FUNDING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO CONTRACT WITH WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH THE DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES ON THE FEMA ACQUISITION PROGRAM.
3. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-THE FLORIDA DOT SENT A LIST OF ROADS ELIGIBLE FOR RESURFACING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 FUNDING CYCLE AND THEY ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD PRIORITIZE THE TOP TWO ROADS. HERBERT READ THE LIST OF ROADS: HIGHWAY 279 FROM CARYVILLE TO VERNON, HIGHWAY 279 FROM VERNON TO GREENHEAD, HIGHWAY 278

minutes102298

FROM VERNON TO WAUSAU, HIGHWAY 276 A FROM CLAYTON ROAD THAT RUNS FROM 277 ACROSS TO 77, HIGHWAY 77 A THAT RUNS FROM CHIPLEY DOWN TOWARDS FALLING WATER STATE PARK AND FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO FALLING WATERS STATE PARK. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING TO PRIORITIZE PIONEER ROAD, CLAYTON ROAD AND CARYVILLE ROAD. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ADD UP THE TOTAL MILEAGE FOR EACH OF THE ROADS AND CONSTRUCT THE REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THAT WAY.

4. PERSONEL POLICY-HERBERT ADDRESSED PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES HE HAD PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW THEM. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO PROVIDE THE NEW COMMISSIONERS WITH A COPY OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND THE CHANGES PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND THE BOARD TAKE ACTION AT THAT TIME.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/22/98