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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/06/98

OCTOBER 6, 1998

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS CARTER, CORBIN, BROCK, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999. THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY, ON OCTOBER 3, 1998. THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 TOTALS \$25,889,304.00. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS IS 4.04% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE WAS PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS. NO ONE ON THE BOARD OR IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 AT TEN MILLS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE WAS PRESENT WHO HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 TOTALLING \$25,889,304.00. AS NO ONE ON THE BOARD OR IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 TOTALLING \$25,889,304.00.

THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 WAS CONCLUDED.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 1998 MEETING COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS CLOSING OUT FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998:

1. 9-1-1 INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$3,429.00.
2. PUBLIC WORKS INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$92,200.00.
3. WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$11,204.00.
4. PARKS AND RECREATION INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$8,350.00.
5. PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$12,483.00.
6. GENERAL BUILDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$17,068.00 CREDITS \$18,107.00.
7. GENERAL INSURANCE BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$3,300.00.
8. DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$42,701.00, CREDITS \$26,000.00.
9. GENERAL HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$2,654.00, CREDITS \$1,500.00.
10. MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$11,600.00, CREDITS \$1,500.00.
11. WELFARE BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$55.00, CREDITS \$146,790.00.
12. COMPUTER SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$116,670.00, CREDITS \$85,755.00.
13. AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$18,136.00, CREDITS \$5,265.00.
14. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET AMENDMENTS/DEBITS \$420,000.00, CREDITS \$383,116.00.
15. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS/CREDITS \$89,781.00.
16. GENERAL COURT SERVICES INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$11,200.00.
17. ROAD GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING

\$530,566.00. 18. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING
\$13,040.00. 18. LOCAL SHIP YEAR 4 INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS
TOTALLING \$6,664.00. 19. BOAT RAMP GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING
\$10,000.00. 20. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING
\$25,280.00. 21. 1990 LOAN FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$821.00.
22. FEMA FLOOD 1998 BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTALLING \$298,150.00.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF GARY CLARK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD.

ALLEN CLARK ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING PERMISSION TO CHANGE THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE TO BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD AND CLEAN UP THE INSURANCE PROGRAM WITH ANCHOR. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ALLEN CLARK, THE COUNTY INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE, TO CHANGE FROM ANCHOR TO BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD EFFECTIVE 11/01/98; ADOPT THE 125 PLAN SO THAT PREMIUMS ARE PAID PRIOR TO INCOME TAX; PAY THE INCREASE IN COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPIRING PLAN FOR CONTINUING THAT PLAN PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE OF AUGUST 1 FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, & OCTOBER AND NEGOTIATE A LOWER FEE WITH THE OLD COMPANY (ANCHOR) BASED ON THE COUNTY ONLY USING THEIR SERVICES FOR THE ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS PAST THE EXPIRED CONTRACT.

ALLEN CLARK BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD INSURANCE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE WARRANTY DEEDS ON STRICKLAND ROAD FROM:

1. ORVIS T. MORRRELL
2. JIMMIE LEE STRICKLAND
3. BETTY VARNADORF
4. EDNA MAE STRICKLAND
5. MAGGIE ANDERSON
6. KEITH BISHOP
7. DANIEL AND BETTY STRICKLAND

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ON SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THE GRANT REQUIRED A 25% MATCH WITH INKIND SERVICES BEING AVAILABLE FOR THE MATCHING FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH THE FIVE POINTS RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND THE BONNET POND FACILITY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO MAKE SURE THE SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT GOES THROUGH THE COMPLETE GRANT PROCESS AND AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BE DRAFTED TO PREVENT ANY OF THE PROBLEMS INCURRED WITH THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY FACILITIES BEING REPEATED. CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO SUGGESTED A WORK SCHEDULE BE PUT IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE GRANT BEING AWARDED AND IT BE FOLLOWED.

CORSO QUESTIONED IF A PUBLIC HEARING WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR POINTS FOR THE SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THERE WERE POINTS THAT WOULD BE AWARDED IF A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BUT IT WAS NOT MANDATORY TO HOLD ONE. CORSO QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE GOING TO BE ENOUGH POINTS TO RECEIVE THE GRANT WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS INSTRUCTED TO WORK WITH THE RECREATION COMMITTEE ON ADVERTISING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SHEFFIELD PARK GRANT WITH THE COMMITTEE BEING IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED FEMA ADVISING HIM THE STATE HAS THE FEMA FUNDS TO ASSIST THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE MATERIALS NEEDED TO COMPLETE DSR'S; THE STATE ADVISED THEY USUALLY DON'T SEND THE MONIES TO THE COUNTY UNLESS THEY HAVE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THE FUNDS. BROCK ADVISED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS TO HAVE SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE ROCK AND PIPE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE DSR'S.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO PAY THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR OVERTIME FOR WORK DONE DURING THE RECOVERY PERIOD OF HURRICANE GEORGES WHICH IS REIMBURSABLE BY FEMA. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LENGTH OF THE RECOVERY PERIOD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK STATING THE COUNTY WILL REMAIN UNDER RECOVERY UNTIL THEY HEAR OTHERWISE FROM FEMA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS TO ADVISE THE EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE THEY WOULD GET PAID FOR THEIR COMP TIME EARNED DURING THE RECOVERY PERIOD AND THEY WERE NOT TO TAKE ANY OF THEIR COMP TIME OFF.

COMMISSIONER BROCK BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A CONTRACT WITH DOLOMITE ON THE ROCK NEEDED FOR THE DSR'S AND PUBLIC WORKS NEEDING SOME WAY TO PUT THE ROCKS DOWN. HE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A PRICE FOR A SOIL COMPACTOR AND AN ASPHALT COMPACTOR FROM

THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE SOIL COMPACTOR FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY OUT OF PUBLIC WORKS MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM TOTALLING \$73,773.00.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN WANTED TO REPHRASE THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND OFFERED A MOTION DUE TO THE TIME THE COUNTY IS BEHIND WITH THE WORK RECEIVED IN MARCH, IT BE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND BUY THE SOIL COMPACTOR FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY ON THE SOIL COMPACTOR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED DUE TO MASON AUCTION FIRM BEING UNABLE TO HOLD THE PUBLIC AUCTION TO SALE THE PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ON OCTOBER 10TH, THE DATE FOR THE AUCTION BE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 24, 1998.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO BRING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOFING BID OFF THE TABLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE CONDITION OF THE ROOFING AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO TRY AND NEGOTIATE A LOWER PRICE WITH KENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BID THEY SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED, DUE TO THE WAY THE ROOF AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS LEAKING, IT BE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LOW BIDDER, KENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR A BETTER PRICE FOR THE ROOFING. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD \$25,000.00 TO GO TOWARD THE REROOFING OF THE BUILDING.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO EXTEND THEIR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY ON THE FIRING RANGE AS IT HAD EXPIRED. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ON THE FIRING RANGE. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS TO HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY DRAW UP THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE FIRING RANGE.

CLERK LINDA COOK PUBLICLY THANKED DEPUTY CLERKS DIANNE CARTER AND JOHNNIE ODOM FOR ALL THE EFFORTS THEY PUT FORTH IN PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99. THE BOARD ALSO THANKED THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE BUDGET PREPARATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM OF CHANGING OUT THEIR MOTORGRADERS AND DUMP TRUCKS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED COMMISSIONER CORBIN THE CHANGING OUT OF THREE MOTORGRADERS WAS IN THE 1998-99 BUDGET AND STEVE PARRISH OF THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY WILL BE PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH THE PRODUCTION DATE ON THE REPLACEMENT MOTORGRADERS; THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER MEETING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/06/98