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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/10/98

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PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE AUGUST 27, 1998 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 711 THIRD STREET, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, CORBIN, DAVIS AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERKS DIANNE CARTER AND JOHNNIE ODOM AND PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE THREE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS USED FOR EMPLOYEE RAISES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 BASED ON THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD TO TAKE THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF A 5% SALARY INCREASE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND DIVIDE IT EQUALLY GIVING EVERY EMPLOYEE THE SAME SALARY INCREASE:

1. EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED MORE THAN SIX MONTHS WOULD RECEIVE \$902.12.
2. EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED LESS THAN SIX MONTHS WOULD NOT RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE.
3. EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED OVER ONE YEAR WOULD RECEIVE \$918.00.
4. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK SEVENTY HOURS OR MORE WOULD RECEIVE \$897.52.
5. PART TIME EMPLOYEES WOULD RECEIVE 5% OF THEIR PRESENT SALARY AS THIS AMOUNT IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD RECEIVE IF INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENT OF THE 5% OF TOTAL SALARY; THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD SPLIT A TOTAL OF \$2,181.33.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS BALANCED, MARY VINING'S \$.50 PER HOUR INCREASE WAS INCLUDED, LLOYD BRUNER'S SALARY WAS INCLUDED AT \$22,823.06, AND THE PORTION OF JERRY BROCK'S SALARY THAT HAD BEEN FUNDED UNDER THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT WAS REMOVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ADVERTISE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON EMPLOYEES BEING HIRED AT BASICALLY THE SAME RATE AS THE LONG TERM EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AMENDED HIS MOTION TO USE THE SCENARIO OF \$902.12 PER YEAR SALARY INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK WITHDRAWING THEIR MOTION AND SECOND.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO TENTATIVELY APPROVE THE BUDGET, TAKE THE TOTAL OF 3% SALARY INCREASES AND DIVIDE IT EQUALLY AMONG ALL EMPLOYEES; TAKE THE TOTAL OF 2% SALARY INCREASES AND PUT IT IN A CONTINGENCY FOR STEP PAY INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE WORKED FIVE TO NINE YEARS, TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS AND FIFTEEN YEARS AND OVER WITH EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE THEIR STEP PAY INCREASES ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY DATE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK AND CORBIN OPPOSED. FOR CLARIFICATION, THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEND THEIR ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR PAY RAISES AS THEY SEE FIT.

DENNIS HAYES ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY AUTHORIZE ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO PAVE HAYES ROAD AT A COST OF \$8,000.00 WITH HAYES AGREEING TO PAY HALF OF THIS COST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO PAVE HAYES ROAD CONTINGENT UPON FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE AND HAYES PAYING HALF THE COST.

UPON A REQUEST BY THE BOARD, THE TAX COLLECTOR, PROPERTY APPRAISER, CLERK AND MR. REX YATES WERE PRESENT TO ADDRESS TAX CERTIFICATES.

PROPERTY APPRAISER WRIGHT ADDRESSED CONCERNS ON \$10.00 LOT VALUES; THE LOTS VALUED AT \$10.00 ARE 25' X 100' AND ARE IN A SWAMP AREA.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD BY THE BOARD ON IT NOT BEING PROFITABLE TO HAVE LOTS VALUED AT \$10.00 ON THE TAX ROLLS DUE TO THE COST INVOLVED FOR RESEARCH, ADVERTISING, ETC.

REX YATES OFFERED TO DO THE RESEARCH ON THE \$10.00 LOTS FREE OF CHARGE IF THE BOARD WANTED TO FORECLOSE ON THEM; THE ONLY COST WOULD BE WHAT THE TAX COLLECTOR AND CLERK WOULD CHARGE.

CLERK COOK ADVISED HER FEE WOULD BE \$60.00, ADVERTISING COST WOULD BE \$56.00

AND A COST OF \$2.77 FOR EACH PERSON THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO NOTIFY THAT HAS AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; THIS COST WOULD BE PER PARCEL.

TAX COLLECTOR, HELEN MCENTYRE, ADVISED HER COST WOULD INCLUDE A \$15.00 TAX DEED APPLICATION FEE AND THE TITLE RESEARCH FEE OF \$125.00.

MR. YATES ADVISED THE BOARD WHEN THEY FORGIVE TAXES, THEY ARE FORGIVING THEM FOR ONE YEAR AT A TIME.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS TO HOLD THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 1998 AT 9:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND APPOINT COMMISSIONERS DAVIS, BROCK AND CORBIN TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BOARD. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD PHILIP ROUNTREE AND GARY CLARK WERE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD TO SERVE ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD WITH ANGIA MORRIS BEING APPOINTED AS AN ALTERNATE.

WHEN ASKED FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT THE BOARD SHOULD DO WITH THE TAX CERTIFICATES, THE TAX COLLECTOR ADVISED SHE WOULD DO WHATEVER THE BOARD WANTED HER TO DO; IT WAS HER RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE BOARD OF THE TAX CERTIFICATES THAT WERE TWO YEARS OLD AND ELIGIBLE TO BE FILED ON. IN HER EARLIER PROPOSAL SHE WAS ADVISING THE BOARD OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS ON TAX CERTIFICATES; THE CERTIFICATES WHICH HAVE TO BE FILED ON AND THE ONES THAT ARE OPTIONAL.

REX YATES REFERENCED THERE BEING 14,000 TAX CERTIFICATES ISSUED ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS AND APPROXIMATELY 2/3 WERE OWNED BY ONE CORPORATION AND UNDER ONE MORTGAGE. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND FORECLOSE ON THE LOTS; ONCE THEY GET THE LOTS, ABANDON THE PLOT AND THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 ACRES OF LAND AVAILABLE TO THEM TO DO WITH AS THEY WISH.

FRANK CORSO AGREED WITH YATES ON THERE BEING A LOT OF MONEY SPENT ON TAX CERTIFICATES AND NOTHING DONE WITH THEM; THE BOARD NEEDS TO CLEAN THEIR BOOKS UP.

MR. YATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD SPENDING \$45,000 IN MAY TO ADVERTISE TO SELL TAX CERTIFICATES AND NOW THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO SPEND \$10,000.00 TO COLLECT THEM. HE REFERENCED 10,000 OF THE 14,000 TAX CERTIFICATES ISSUED WERE CHEAP ONES; THE BOARD WOULD SPEND \$3.00 TO ADVERTISE TO SELL A CERTIFICATE WHEN THEY COULD ONLY GET \$.39 OR LESS THAN \$6.00. YATES ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS NOT TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO BUT HAD ONLY GOTTEN INFORMATION ON THE TAX CERTIFICATES AS THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED.

WHEN ASKED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR ON THE COST TO CLEAR UP ALL THE TAX CERTIFICATES, THE BOARD WAS ADVISED AS OF MAY THERE WERE 11,567 LEFT; TO FILE ON THESE IT WOULD COST OVER \$1,000,000.00.

MR. YATES REPORTED ON THE TAX REPORT WRITTEN IN JULY 22, 1998, THE TAX APPRAISER STATED THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WAS \$406,205,000.00; ONE MILL LEVY GENERATES \$406,000; IF THE BOARD COULD GET \$25.00 FOR EACH LOT A YEAR FOR THE CERTIFICATES, THIS WOULD COME TO \$1,200,000.00 IN FOUR YEARS; TAXES AND INTEREST FOR TWO YEARS WOULD BE \$1,362,000.00 WHICH AMOUNTS TO 3.5 MILLS OF TAXES THE BOARD IS LOSING EVERY YEAR THEY DON'T FORECLOSE ON THOSE LOTS VALUED AT \$25.00. ALLOT OF THE LOTS ARE VALUED LESS THAN THE \$25.00; THE LOTS ARE VALUED FROM \$9.00 TO \$45.00. THE BOARD WOULD ONLY HAVE TO SELL THE LOTS AT \$113.00 A PARCEL TO GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TABLE THIS ISSUE AND APPOINT SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR ON THESE TAX CERTIFICATES AND ALSO CONTACT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY TO SEEK GUIDANCE ON HOW TO GET RELIEF ON THE TAX CERTIFICATE ISSUE AS FAR AS THE COST INVOLVED.

CLERK COOK QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD DID NOT DO ANYTHING WITH THE TAX CERTIFICATES FOR SEVEN YEARS, DIDN'T THE CERTIFICATES BECOME COUNTY PROPERTY; SHE WOULD DO A DEED TO THE COUNTY AND THEN THE COUNTY COULD USE THE PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE TO WHOMEVER THEY APPOINT TO WORK WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE BULL HOLE AGREEMENT AND HIS UNDERSTANDING THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO HAS FORMALLY OBJECTED TO THE ROAD CLOSING ADDRESSED IN THE AGREEMENT EVEN THOUGH THIS PERSON HAS ACCESS TO HIS PROPERTY FROM ANOTHER GRADED ROAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THE ROAD TO BE CLOSED DID NOT SERVE ANY PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED WHEN THE BULL HOLE LAWSUIT WAS FILED, THE COUNTY HAD A LEASE ON THE PROPERTY THAT WATER MANAGEMENT NOW OWNS; AT THAT TIME THE COUNTY HAD SOME LEGAL STANDING. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE COUNTY HAS LOST THE LEASE AND THE LEGAL STANDING WENT WITH THE LEASE. HOLLEY'S LEGAL OPINION WAS TO EITHER SETTLE THE SUIT OR FORGET IT BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS NO LEGAL STANDING TO CONTINUE THE LAWSUIT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO LEASE.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOLLEY ADVISED THE ONLY EXPENSE INVOLVED TO THE BOARD WAS THE ENGINEERING COST THEY HAVE ALREADY INCURRED; LARK HAS AGREED TO FURNISH ALL THE MATERIALS TO RAISE THE BRIDGE AND THE SUPERVISION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADVERTISE FOR A ROAD CLOSING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BULL HOLE BRIDGE RAISING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED MR. LARK, WHO IS REQUESTING THE ROAD BE CLOSED, HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE ROAD CLOSING FEES. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CORBIN FOR WITH COMMISSIONER HALL, CARTER AND DAVIS OPPOSED. THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON DISMISSING THE LAWSUIT WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO DISMISS THE BULL HOLE BRIDGE LAWSUIT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

KIM PATTERSON OF THE CHIPLEY MAINSTREET PROGRAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH HAVING A THIRTY MINUTE DOCUMENTARY DONE TO INCLUDE MARIANNA AND CHIPLEY. THE INITIAL COST FOR EACH COMMUNITY WANTING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DOCUMENTARY WAS \$3,500.00. BOTH JACKSON COUNTY AND MARIANNA MAIN STREET HAD COME UP WITH THEIR \$3,500.00 BUT CHIPLEY MAINSTREET COULDN'T COME UP WITH THEIR FUNDING. THE PRODUCTION COMPANY WHO HAD APPROACHED THEM TO DO THE DOCUMENTARY HAD AGREED TO INCLUDE CHIPLEY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY IF THE CHIPLEY MAINSTREET COULD COME UP WITH \$1,000.00; PATTERSON HAS GOTTEN \$500.00 BUT SHE STILL NEEDS ANOTHER \$500.00. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO CONTACT THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SEE IF THEY FEEL THE DOCUMENTARY IS A WORTHWHILE CAUSE AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

ROYCE NELSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY GIVE A 30' EASEMENT BACK ON A PORTION OF PROPERTY THAT WAS GRANTED TO THE COUNTY; THE PROPERTY IS LANDLOCKED DUE TO THE BOARD ABANDONING THE EASEMENT ON A PORTION THAT WENT THROUGH MR. GEORGE VANN'S PROPERTY ON APRIL 23, 1996. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ABANDONMENT OF THE EASEMENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO VERIFY THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO IT BEING ADVERTISED FOR ABANDONMENT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT TO BE PASSED THROUGH TO THE CLERK OF COURT AS THE COUNTY SUPPORT DEPOSITORY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIS PREPARING A BOND FOR DONALD PITTS, DMP INVESTMENTS, TO SIGN ON RECLAMATION OF A BARROW PIT. (SEE BOARD MINUTES DATED 07/23/98.) PITTS REQUESTED HE BE ALLOWED TO SUBSTITUTE A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN LIEU OF A BOND. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF THE BOARD WOULD TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE, PITTS COULD PROVIDE AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT FROM A BANK IF IT WERE WORDED SUCH IF PITTS DEFAULTED, THE COUNTY COULD DRAW THE MONEY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT FROM PITTS IN LIEU OF A BOND.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO INSTRUCT CHAIRMAN CARTER TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE AS HOLLEY MAY HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ISSUE TO SHARE; CHAIRMAN CARTER WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS REFERENCED AT THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING, THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAD ASKED THE BOARD TO CHANGE SOME PAYMENT SCHEDULES FOR A SHIP RECIPIENT AND THE BOARD REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE LOOK INTO THE TIME FRAME ON THE LIEN FOR RECIPIENTS OF SHIP FUNDING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS ADVISED THE BOARD JOHN FULLER OF THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAD INFORMED HIM THE SHIP COMMITTEE WAS NOT GOING TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE OF ANY KIND ON THE LIEN TIME FRAME. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO CHANGE THE LIEN TIME FRAME UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM TO FIVE YEARS.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO PUT A \$20,000.00 CAP ON STEP RAISES; ANY EMPLOYEE MAKING \$20,000.00 OR MORE WOULD NOT RECEIVE A STEP PAY RAISE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAVING RECEIVED MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST SMALL COUNTIES WITH ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THEM BY THE STATE. THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TOTAL MILEAGE OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY THAT WERE TURNED OVER TO THEM BY THE STATE, THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROADS AND THE ESTIMATED COST TO PUT THEM

BACK IN FIRST CLASS CONDITION. BROCK ADDRESSED HE WOULD BE WORKING WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED OVERTIME BEING AUTHORIZED AND MADE MANDATORY ON SEPTEMBER 4TH FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COME TO WORK. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS TO PAY ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES FOR ALL OVERTIME MADE WITH THE MONIES TO COME FROM THE PROFESSIONAL FEES LINE ITEM IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND DAVIS AGREEING IF MONIES WERE AVAILABLE ON THE SALARY LINE ITEM IN ROAD AND BRIDGE TO TAKE THE MONIES FROM THAT LINE ITEM. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN TALLAHASSEE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18, 1998. HE ADVISED OF THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD BEING INTERESTED IN THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ADDRESSING POLICIES ON FUNDING UNDER THE NEW FEDERAL PROGRAMS, THE SUPPORT FOR RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS AND FUNDING FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON WILCOX CROSSING, SANDPATH ROAD, FALLING WATERS ROAD AND BRUNER DAIRY ROAD.

HERBERT ADDRESSED HE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY WERE GOING TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S CONSENT TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON HOYT STREET AS PART OF THE STREET IS OWNED BY THE CITY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO APPROVE THE 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HOYT STREET CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY OF CHIPLEY CONCURRING, HE WOULD PREPARE THE RESOLUTION AND HAVE IT READY FOR SIGNING ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE 35MPH SPEED LIMIT ON HOYT STREET CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY OF CHIPLEY CONCURRING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD OF AN INVITATION TO ROAD AND BRIDGE FROM THE PIPELINE GROUP FOR A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1998 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE HOLMES COUNTY AG CENTER. COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TO PROVIDE THE PIPELINE GROUP WITH THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE DINNER.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PETER HERBERT, OPENED THE BIDS ON THE REROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

1. PANHANDLE SIDING-OLD HOSPITAL \$7,950.00  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$3,200.00
  - \* BID WAS TO DO ALTERNATE WORK AND NOT REROOFING OF EITHER BUILDING.
  - \* BID WAS SUBMITTED TO INSTALL MATCHING VINYL ON GABLES AND CEILING AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR \$1,775.00.
2. KENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY-OLD HOSPITAL \$118,500.00  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$ 65,875.00
  1. ALTERNATE NO. 1 - ALUMINUM FASCIA AND SOFFIT AT OLD HOSPITAL \$12,500.00.
  - ALTERNATE NO. 2 - VINYL FASCIA AND SOFFIT AT OLD HOSPITAL \$9,150.00.
  - ALTERNATE NO. 3 - ALUMINUM FASCIA AND SOFFIT AT HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$6,000.00.
  - ALTERNATE NO. 4 - VINYL FASCIA AND SOFFIT AT HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$3,750.00.
  - ALTERNATE NO. 5 - INSTALL MATCHING VINYL ON GABLES & CEILINGS ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$1,775.00.

HERBERT READ THE BID AGREEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE BID RECEIVED FROM KENT CONSTRUCTION. THE BID DOCUMENT NOTED THE PRICE FOR REROOFING THE OLD HOSPITAL AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DID NOT INCLUDE TEARING OFF THE EXISTING ROOF.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED IT NOT BEING IN THE SPECIFICATIONS BUT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE PREBID CONFERENCE TO NOT PUT THE METAL ROOFING OVER FELT BUT OVER STRIPS; THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER THEY WANTED TO USE THE STRIPS AND IF SO, MR. RUSS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING THIS. ALSO, THE MATERIAL SUPPLIER'S WARRANTY WOULD NEED TO APPLY IF THE BOARD SHOULD DECIDE TO USE THE STRIPS OR IF THE METAL ROOFING IS PUT DIRECTLY OVER THE FELT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH RONNIE KENT ON THE BID HE SUBMITTED FOR THE REROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL IN REFERENCE TO THE TIME FRAME

INVOLVED AND THE COLOR OF THE ROOFING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO KENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO REROOF THE OLD HOSPITAL PROVIDING HE START THE PROJECT WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT WITHIN THIRTY WORKING DAYS MINUS ANY RAINY DAYS AND USE EITHER A MEDIUM OR DARK BRONZE ROOF COLOR, WHICHEVER IS MORE READILY AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED. MR. KENT WAS PRESENT AND AGREED TO THE CONDITIONS IN THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO DELETE THE BID ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES THE BOARD THE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AND THEN REBID THE PROJECT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER IS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH KENT CONSTRUCTION ON THE REROOFING OF THE OLD HOSPITAL ONCE CRA, INC. HAS PROVIDED A COPY TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND HE HAS APPROVED IT.

THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS NOT TO DO THE ALTERNATE WORK BID ON THE FASCIA AND SOFFIT WORK ON THE OLD HOSPITAL.

MR. BILL RUTHERFORD OF CRA, INC. ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FOUR POTENTIAL SITES THEY WERE ASKED TO LOOK AT FOR A JAIL LOCATION:

1. PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.
2. MCGEACHY PROPERTY.
3. PROPERTY AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.
4. PROPERTY AT THE GREENHEAD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

RUTHERFORD BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED THEM ON EACH OF THE ABOVE LOCATIONS: THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE COURTHOUSE; THERE WOULD BE NO LAND COST, WATER, GAS AND SEWER IS AVAILABLE, THE DISTANCE TO THE COURTS IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT, THE SITE HAS BAD CONDITIONS SUCH AS THE FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE IS ABOUT FOUR FEET ABOVE GRADE; AT THE LOW POINT BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE STREET IF THE JAIL IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE COURTHOUSE, THE ELEVATION WOULD BE AT NINE FEET; THIS WOULD CAUSE ONE OF TWO THINGS, THE JAIL WOULD BE A COMPLETE LEVEL UNDER THE LEVEL JAIL OR EIGHT TO NINE FEET OF FILL WOULD NEED TO BE PLACED ON THE SITE, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DEMOLISHING THE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE SITE AND WOULD BE WORKING ADJACENT TO A HISTORIC STRUCTURE MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO MATCH THE CHARACTER OF THE COURTHOUSE.

THE MCGEACHY PROPERTY: HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE LAND COST AFTER SPEAKING WITH MCGEACHY; MCGEACHY SEEMS TO EITHER WANT TO SALE THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY, TRADE IT TO THE COUNTY OR CHARGE MORE THAN WHAT THE PROPERTY IS WORTH AND GIVE THE MONEY TO SOMEONE ELSE; EXTENSIONS FOR THE UTILITIES WERE ABOUT SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FEET; DISTANCE TO THE COURTS WOULD BE TWO TO THREE MILES; THE SITE CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE: THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WOULD LIKE TO TRADE ACRE PER ACRE PROPERTY SO THERE WOULD BE NO LAND COST TO THE COUNTY; UTILITIES ARE DIRECTLY AVAILABLE; GOOD CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY WITH SOME GRADE WORK TO BE DONE.

GREENHEAD PROPERTY: COUNTY OWNS PROPERTY SO NO LAND COST INVOLVED; UTILITIES ARE OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; CHAIRMAN CARTER HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY AND WHETHER THEY WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO GET IN BUT NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED; DISTANCE IS FOURTEEN TO EIGHTEEN MILES FROM THE COURT FACILITY WHICH IS A TRAVEL DISTANCE\ PROBLEM AND THERE IS LAND CLEARING TO BE DONE.

BASED ON THE FOUR SITES ADDRESSED, RUTHERFORD ADVISED IT APPEARED THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR A JAIL SITE DUE TO IT BEING CLOSE TO COURT FACILITIES, ADJACENT TO THE INTERSTATE, NO LAND COST, AVAILABLE UTILITIES AND NO MAJOR LAND CLEARING. RUTHERFORD RECOMMENDED BEFORE SAYING ABSOLUTELY THE PROPERTY AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK IS THE PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR THE JAIL SITE, THEY TENTATIVELY LOCATE THE JAIL ON THE PROPERTY PLANS AND HAVE A TESTING COMPANY DO BORINGS ON THE PROPERTY.

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, TOMMY MCDONALD, ADVISED THE BOARD THE CHIPLEY CITY COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO BUILD THE JAIL SITE AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATION AND BEAR THE EXPENSE TO RUN THE WATER, SEWER AND GAS ACROSS THE HIGHWAY TO THE SITE; THEY ARE REQUESTING THE COUNTY GIVE THEM A PIECE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THEIR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO EXPAND.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO SELECT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE FOR THE NEW JAIL LOCATION CONTINGENT ON TRADING THE PROPERTY WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE BORINGS BEING DONE ON THE PROPERTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSING.

RUTHERFORD ADVISED THE BOARD, BASED ON USING 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL, THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR A JAIL FACILITY. THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PLANS FOR THE JAIL PROVIDED BY CRA, INC. WITH RUTHERFORD BRIEFING THEM ON WHAT WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH RUTHERFORD RECOMMENDING THE BOARD ALLOW CRA, INC. TO ADVERTISE FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO WORK WITH THEM IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THE JAIL TOGETHER SO THEY WILL KNOW THEY WILL HAVE A BUILDING THAT CAN BE BUILT WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. RUTHERFORD DID NOT RECOMMEND THE BOARD FINISH THE JOB, PUT IT OUT ON THE STREET AND LOW BID IT AND LET ANYONE THAT WANTS TO BID IT; PEOPLE THAT BUILD JAILS NEED TO HAVE BUILT JAILS BEFORE.

RUTHERFORD RECOMMENDED THEY TAKE PROPOSALS, NARROW IT DOWN TO THREE COMPANIES, REFER TO THOSE COMPANIES AS A SELECTED BIDDERS LIST AND THOSE SELECTED COMPANIES BID THE JAIL PROJECT. WHEN QUESTIONED IF THIS COULD BE DONE AND STILL GET AN ABSOLUTE COST, RUTHERFORD ADVISED ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE WHEN IT IS COMPLETE, THE BIDDER HAVE A GUARANTEED, NOT TO EXCEED, TURN KEY COST. ALSO, THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ALL THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS, MATERIAL SUPPLIERS, ETC., TO BE NOTIFIED AND IF THEY ARE CAPABLE OF BEING THE SUB CONTRACTOR UNDER THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT THESE THREE COMPANIES AND SUBMIT THEIR BIDS.

RUTHERFORD ADDRESSED THIS BEING DONE IN A LOT OF COMMUNITIES; A PREBID CONFERENCE IS HELD WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT PHASES BEING BROKEN DOWN; THE PREBID CONFERENCE IS ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL PAPER GIVING ANYONE THAT IS LOCAL THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON A PARTICULAR SEGMENT OF THE JAIL PROJECT.

RUTHERFORD ALSO ADVISED THEY COULD GET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND USE THE COUNTY'S TAX NUMBER TO BUY CERTAIN THINGS WITH A COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER; THE PURCHASE MANAGER TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING A PURCHASE ORDER AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RECEIVING AND AS A RESULT THE COUNTY SAVES A LOT OF MONEY.

RUTHERFORD ADVISED THE FACILITY WOULD BE A CONCRETE BLOCK FACILITY WITH BRICK VENEER BEING USED ON THE FRONT OF THE ADMINISTRATION PORTION THAT FACES THE STREET.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CRA, INC. TO DRAW UP THE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE JAIL FACILITY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING TO USE THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON STAFF TO DO THE ENGINEERING INVOLVED. RUTHERFORD ADVISED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH PREBLE RISH, INC., COUNTY ENGINEERS, AND THEY COULD HANDLE THE WATER, SEWER, GAS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES BUT THEY DO NOT DO SURVEYS; HOWEVER, THEY COULD HIRE SOMEONE AND PUT IT UNDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

CRA, INC. IS GOING TO DO THE SITE PLAN AS FAR AS PLACING THE BUILDING ON THE PIECE OF PROPERTY ONCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE ACTUAL SURVEY. AS SOON AS CRA PLACES THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY, IF THE PROJECT GOES ANY FARTHER, THE BOARD COULD TURN IT OVER TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND THEY COULD SET THE GRADE AND THE COUNTY COULD USE THEIR MACHINERY TO BRING THE PROPERTY DOWN TO GRADE.

RUTHERFORD EXPLAINED THE PROCESS WOULD BE TO HAVE A SURVEY DONE ON THE PROPERTY, CRA WOULD LOCATE THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PLANS AND THEN THE TESTING WOULD BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT WITH CRA INC. FOR THE JAIL PROJECT WITH THE FEES BEING SET A 6.5%. MR. JOHN BROWN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD DO THE TESTING ON THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

RUTHERFORD AGREED TO SEND THE BOARD A COPY OF A SCHEDULE ON THE PROPOSED JAIL PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE THE TESTING DONE ON THE PROPOSED JAIL SITE PROPERTY PRIOR TO TAKING OWNERSHIP. RUTHERFORD RECOMMENDED THE BOARD HAVE A CONTINGENCY ON TRADING THE PROPERTY, IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT USABLE, THE TRADING IS NULL AND VOID.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS INSTRUCTED TO RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THE PROPERTY ACREAGE THE COUNTY HAS AT THE LOCATION THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS WANTING AND REQUEST THE PROPERTY APPRAISER PROVIDE A SKETCH OF WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AS WELL AS A SKETCH OF THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED JAIL SITE; THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 24TH MEETING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE COURT REPORTER FOR THE COUNTY REQUESTING SHE BE HIRED AS A FULL TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE AT THE SAME RATE OF PAY RATHER THAN BEING UNDER

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CONTRACT IN ORDER FOR HER TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CLERK LINDA COOK ADDRESSING THE \$100,000.00 OF ARTICLE V MONIES THE COUNTY WOULD BE RECEIVING WHICH COULD BE USED FOR COURT REPORTER SERVICES. WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHETHER THE ARTICLE V MONIES COULD BE USED IF THE COURT REPORTER WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, THE CLERK AGREED TO CLARIFY IF THE ARTICLE V MONIES COULD STILL BE USED. THE BOARD WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER WHEN THE ARTICLE V MONIES ARE RECEIVED TO HIRE THE COURT REPORTER AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED GEORGE F. GRADY AT HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES AGREEING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO ALLOW THEM TO CLEAR THE MINIMUM AMOUNT NEEDED TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A 10' EASEMENT TO BE USED FOR AN EMERGENCY ROUTE DURING HIGH WATER. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH GRADY ONCE ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS PREPARED THE AGREEMENT AND ALL APPROVALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

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

CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY CLERK  
\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 09/10/98