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BOARD MINUTES FOR 05/27/99

MAY 27, 1999

THE 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, HALL, ENFINGER AND COPE PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE INVOCATION AND CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 22 AND MAY 4, 1999 WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS WITH ONE CHANGE BEING MADE TO THE APRIL 22, 1999 MINUTES:

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COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE MAY 27, 1999 MEETING:

1. DCA AGREEMENT NO: 99-RM-W6-02-77-01-066/DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR MONIES EXPENDED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY DURING THE EXTREME DROUGHT AND WILDFIRES MAY-JULY 98.
2. SUPERVISOR'S ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR REPORTING ACCIDENT'S TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.
3. TRANSFER EXCESS EPSON PRINTER FROM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING.
4. EMERGENCY ACCESS AGREEMENT FROM SUE GRADY-MARKS AND GEORGE GRADY PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR PERSONS LIVING IN HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES DURING PERIODS OF HIGH WATER.

MR. GLENN LOOP ADDRESSED THE BOARD NOT ACCEPTING THE ROADS IN THE SUNSET PINES SUBDIVISION AND EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THE ROADS WERE HANDLED IMPROPERLY IN THE BEGINNING DUE TO: THERE BEING NO BOND PLACED ON THE DEVELOPER, NO CONSTRUCTION PLANS, PERMITS ETC. TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPER TO BRING IT UP TO COUNTY SPECIFICATIONS AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT NOT INSPECTING AND REQUIRING PROPERLY AT THE TIME THE ROADS WERE BUILT. HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD TAKE OVER THE ROADS IMMEDIATELY DUE TO THE SCHOOL BUSES TRAVELING THE ROADS AND THE BURDEN IT PLACES ON THE RESIDENTS IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS THEMSELVES.

MR. LOOP WAS ADVISED THE COUNTY HAD AN ENGINEERING FIRM ON BOARD WHEN SUNSET PINES SUBDIVISION WAS CONSTRUCTED; A LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE WAS IN PLACE WHICH STATED SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE DEVELOPER WAS TO DO TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS; AFTER THE DEVELOPER MAINTAINED THE ROADS FOR ONE YEAR, A REINSPECTION WAS DONE AND WHATEVER WAS REQUIRED OF THE DEVELOPER TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE COUNTY ACCEPTING THEM.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONING MR. LOOP IF THE RESIDENTS OF THE SUBDIVISION WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE COST TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS. MR. LOOP ADVISED HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH THE RESIDENTS; HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T FEEL THIS WAS IN ORDER DUE TO THE RESIDENTS BEING TOLD, AS A SALES PITCH WHEN THEY PURCHASED THEIR PROPERTY, THE ROADS WOULD BE COUNTY MAINTAINED AFTER ONE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED NOT TO ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS IN THE SUNSET PINES DEVELOPMENT.

UPON A REQUEST FROM JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE UPDATED WASHINGTON COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT.

WEBB ADVISED THE BOARD THREE APPOINTMENTS WERE NEEDED FOR THE SHIP COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPOINT ALBERT DAVIS TO THE SHIP COMMITTEE.

RONNIE BELL, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR AND JOE PAUL, CHAIRMAN OF THE WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE WORKFARE PROGRAM WHICH

IS FUNDED FROM USDA AND ITS PURPOSE IS TO PUT CLIENTS ON FOOD STAMPS BACK TO WORK. THEY WERE REQUESTING WASHINGTON COUNTY ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WALTON COUNTY TO ADMINISTER A WASHINGTON COUNTY WORKFARE PROGRAM; WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD PROVIDE THE OFFICE SPACE, RENT AND UTILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM; WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD ASSIGN ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST TO ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WORKFARE PROGRAM. WHEN QUESTIONED HOW THE WORKFARE PROGRAM FIT INTO THE CHIPOLA WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, BELL EXPLAINED THE WORKFARE PROGRAM HAD NO EFFECT ON THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM AND WAS NOT IN COMPETITION WITH THE WAGES PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WALTON COUNTY TO ADMINISTER A WASHINGTON COUNTY WORKFARE PROGRAM WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEING INSTRUCTED TO INCLUDE IN THE AGREEMENT WASHINGTON/HOLMES VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER WOULD BE USED FOR ALL THE TRAINING INVOLVED IN THE WORKFARE PROGRAM.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-9 TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE PENALTY PHASE; THE AMENDED ORDINANCE WOULD STATE THE PENALTY PHASE WOULD BE PUNISHABLE ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION RELATING TO TRAFFIC OFFENSES. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-9.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED ON SETTING THE SPEED LIMITS ON ALL COUNTY GRADED ROADS AT 35MPH WITH IT TO BE EFFECTIVE ON EACH ROAD AS THEY ARE PROPERLY POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FDOT REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

GORDON WARREN QUESTIONED HOW THE COUNTY COULD BLANKET CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON ALL COUNTY NON-PAVED ROADS OTHER THAN WHAT THE STATUTE REQUIRES WITHOUT HAVING AN ENGINEERING STUDY DONE; THE STATUTE MANDATES A SPEED STUDY BE DONE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM BEING PROVIDED A COPY OF THE FDOT STANDARDS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND IT STATES A SPEED STUDY "SHALL" BE DONE BUT IN ANOTHER SECTION IT MAKES THE SPEED STUDY "DISCRETIONARY". HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO CHECK THE MANUAL AGAIN.

AS IT WAS NOTED THE RESOLUTION STATED THE SPEED LIMITS WOULD BE PROPERLY POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FDOT STANDARDS, THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE BID TABULATIONS ON PLEASANT HILL ROAD. HE RECOMMENDED THE BID ON PLEASANT HILL ROAD BE AWARDED TO COUCH CONSTRUCTION FOR \$145,445.00. KNAUER WAS QUESTIONED ON THE ENGINEER'S LIABILITY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLEASANT HILL ROAD PROJECT. KNAUER ADVISED HE HAD NO LIABILITY AS HE DID NOT DESIGN THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT; THE SET OF PLANS HE DESIGNED WAS NOT WHAT WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED IT CLARIFIED FOR THE RECORD HOW THE CONSTRUCTION PART TO BE DONE BY ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS GOING TO BE WORKED OUT. COMMISSIONER HALL STATED THE WORK WOULD BE DONE WHEN ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN HIS DISTRICT.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AWARD THE BID ON PLEASANT HILL TO COUCH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR \$145,445.00.

GORDON WARREN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS ON THE BOARD EXPENDING COUNTY FUNDS WITHOUT HAVING A SIGNED, SEALED SET OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS ON PLEASANT HILL ROAD. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLING FOR A VOTE ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE LOW BID ON THE PATE LAKE DOCK WAS GADDIE CONSTRUCTION FOR \$36,145.00. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD DELAY ACTION ON THE BID UNTIL HE CAN GET WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM FEMA INDICATING THEY WILL CONSTRUCT THE DOCK BY ALL ADA REQUIREMENTS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR KNAUER TO CHECK WITH GADDIE CONSTRUCTION TO SEE IF THEY WILL HOLD THEIR PRICE FOR THE PATE LAKE DOCK UNTIL THE JUNE 17TH BOARD MEETING WITH KNAUER TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE BID AWARD AT THAT TIME.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION (NRCS) PROJECTS; AS SOON AS VERNON SMITH APPROVES AND PROVIDES PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ON THE PROJECTS, KNAUER WILL ADVERTISE THEM FOR BID.

KNAUER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON WORKING OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION TO HAUL MATERIALS OFF OF THE ALFORD ROAD PROJECT TO GILBERT PIT; IN

EXCHANGE THEY WILL PICK UP A LOAD OF SAND FROM THE PIT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION ON THE EXCHANGE OF DIRT IF THE ENGINEER CAN GET IT WORKED OUT.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SURVEYS FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT PROJECTS STATING THEY HAD ALL BASICALLY BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ST. MARY'S AND HARCUS ROAD; HOWEVER, SOME OF THEM NEED TO HAVE THE UTILITIES ADDED ON.

JULIAN WEBB ADDRESSED THERE BEING FEDERAL GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED ON RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS AND IT COULD TAKE MONTHS TO ACQUIRE ALL OF THEM. HE ALSO ADDRESSED EVEN IF A PERSON AGREES TO GIVE THE RIGHT OF WAY TO THE COUNTY, AN APPRAISAL HAS TO BE DONE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES FOLLOWED. WEBB IS TO WORK WITH KNAUER ON THIS ISSUE.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON WORKING WITH THE UTILITY COMPANIES TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY PROJECTS ARE IN ADVANCE SO THEY CAN PREPARE THEMSELVES AND ORDER THE NECESSARY MATERIALS, CABLE, ETC. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO TRY AND GET THINGS DONE FASTER AS FAR AS UTILITIES BEING MOVED. CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A RECESS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. GORDON WARREN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS CONCERN WITH THE RETENTION POND FOR PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION THAT HAS ITS SPILLWAY DIRECTED TOWARDS PINE FOREST ROAD. HIS CONCERN WAS IN TIME THE EXCESS WATER FROM THE POND WOULD DAMAGE PINE FOREST ROAD AND THE RESIDENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER OR EXIT THIS ROAD; HE RECOMMENDED THE POND BE RELOCATED.

THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, UPDATED THE BOARD AND MR. WARREN ON A MEETING HE HAD WITH ELLIOT VARNUM'S ENGINEERS AND THEY HAVE MADE SOME REVISIONS TO THE POND TO MEET THE CURRENT DEP CODE. KNAUER EXPLAINED THE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDED PUTTING IN AN ORIFICE AND RAISING THE INVERT OF THE SPILLWAY BY 3".

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR KNAUER AND WARREN TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES ON THE RETENTION POND AND KNAUER TO REVIEW THE RETENTION POND AGAIN.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHEN AN ENGINEER SIGNS OFF ON A PLAT WHAT ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR AFTERWARDS, KNAUER ADVISED WHEN HE SIGNED OFF ON A PLAT HE IS STATING HE HAS REVIEWED THE PLAN AND THE STORMWATER AND THE DESIGN MEETS THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE COUNTY.

LINDA NORTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GATES GRANT TO GET FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE LIBRARY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE FURNITURE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE ADDITIONAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF APPLYING FOR A GATES GRANT FOR LIBRARY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

JANE NORRIS ADDRESSED THE ELECTION RESULTS ON THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS WHICH WAS HELD ON MAY 18, 1999:

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AGAINST 165 SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE THE FINAL DECISION TO ABANDON THE MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS BASED ON THE ELECTION RESULTS. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD HAD BEEN TO ABIDE BY THE OPINION POLL.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE COUNTY POLICY ON TELEPHONE LINES OR CABLES ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY HE HAD PREPARED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE POLICY WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ADDED: CABLE WILL BE INSTALLED PER ENGINEERING STANDARDS PROVIDED BY COUNTY ENGINEER AND VARIATIONS ARE TO BE ALLOWED AS LONG AS THEY ARE APPROVED BY BOTH PARTIES. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR A COPY OF THE POLICY AND THE ENGINEERING STANDARDS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME THE COUNTY PERMIT IS ISSUED AND TO INSTRUCT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, RANDY PARKER, TO INCLUDE THESE REQUIREMENTS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A RESOLUTION HE HAD PREPARED ASKING THE STATE TO TAKE OVER BRICKYARD ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE BETWEEN HWY 77 AND HWY 277. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROBLEM WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM WHERE A CONTRACTOR GOT PAID BY A PRIVATE LENDER AND NEVER DID ANY WORK. THE PRIVATE LENDER HAS NOW FILED A FORECLOSURE SUIT SEEKING TO FORECLOSE ON THE LAND INVOLVED; THEY TOOK A MORTGAGE ON LAND IN BAY COUNTY ON THE CONTRACTOR AND THEY TOOK A MORTGAGE ON TWO PROPERTIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT HAD THE SHIP LOAN ON THEM. HOLLEY IS GOING TO PROPOSE TO SEPARATE THE BAY COUNTY PART AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PART; THE

LENDER IS GOING TO FORECLOSE ON THE BAY COUNTY PART AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL GET ALL THE MONEY THEY WILL NEED TO HOLD OUT AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO BE ANY MORTGAGE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PROPERTY. HOLLEY ALSO ADVISED HE INTENDED TO FILE A COUNTER CLAIM AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR FOR DAMAGES IN THE EVENT IT DOESN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PETER HERBERT, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE - HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NUMBER OF CALLS, NUMBER OF ANIMALS PICKED UP, AND HOURS AND MILEAGE INVOLVED WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SINCE MAY 10TH. HE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRAM AND HAVE A FULL REPORT AT THE JUNE 17TH BOARD MEETING.
2. HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT- HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE HAD WITH CLEMMONS, RUTHERFORD AND ASSOCIATES AND JIM PARISH WHO WILL BE WRITING THE GRANT; SUBMITTAL WILL BE FOR A \$450,000.00 GRANT AND IF APPROVED, IT WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT A YEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE ANY FUNDING.
3. APPROVAL OF THREE NEW HIRES- HE REQUESTED APPROVAL ON HIRING JAMES FINCH FOR THE FUEL TRUCK STARTING AT 8.23 PER HOUR, DAVID RILEY, GRADER OPERATOR, AT \$7.59 PER HOUR AND LYNDA WALLER, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, AT \$8.16 PER HOUR BASED ON THE SALARY SCHEDULE THE BOARD IS HOPING TO ADOPT FOR THEIR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. HERBERT ADDRESSED ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS SUGGESTING WALLER MAKE \$8.75 PER HOUR. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WALLER PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION ON EXPERIENCE AND POLICY CHANGES BEING NEEDED TO ALLOW DIFFERENT STEP PAY RAISES BASED ON EXPERIENCE. IT WAS ALSO ADDRESSED A POLICY CHANGE WAS NEEDED TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO USE SICK LEAVE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR FOR A WORKERS COMP INJURY. THE BOARD REQUESTED A POLICY BE IN PLACE BY THE JUNE BOARD MEETING ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND THE DOCUMENTATION ON WALLER FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE HAVING TO BE A UNANIMOUS VOTE BEFORE BOARD POLICIES CAN BE CHANGED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PAGE 4, LINE ITEM D OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY STATING ANY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO SUPERVISE INMATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES TO BE REQUIRED TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON GOING BACK ONLY FIVE YEARS ON ALL NON-CRIMINAL OFFENSES WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WHEN WORKING ON THE REMAINDER OF THE POLICY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ACCEPT THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON MS. WALLER PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION ON HER EXPERIENCE AND THE POLICY BEING AMENDED TO ALLOW DIFFERENT PAY STEP INCREASES BASED ON DOCUMENTATION OF EXPERIENCE. COMMISSIONER HALL AND ENFINGER AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FOR DAVID RILEY TO WORK IN WHATEVER POSITION HE IS NEEDED IN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. FUEL BIDS- HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PRICES CURRENTLY BEING PAID FOR DIESEL AND GASOLINE BY THE COUNTY AND RECOMMENDED, BASED ON THE BID PRICES RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE BOARD ADVERTISE FOR BIDS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR GASOLINE, DIESEL AND OIL WITH THE COUNTY FURNISHING THEIR OWN TANKS.
5. SAFETY COMMITTEE- HERBERT BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE TO GET A FIRE AND SMOKE DETECTOR SYSTEM INSTALLED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY WITH NEW BUDGET YEAR FUNDING, A REQUEST TO PUT UP A WALL TO SEPARATE THE WELDING AREA FROM THE REST OF THE BAY AREA AT PUBLIC WORKS, AND TO CHANGE THE SAFETY MEETINGS BACK TO MONTHLY

MEETINGS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS SINCE THE MEETINGS WERE CHANGED TO QUARTERLY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE TELECOM AUDIT CONTRACT AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO PROCEED WITH IT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE FELT THE COUNTY COULD GET OUT OF THE CONTRACT EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BEEN EXECUTED. HOLLEY ALSO AGREED TO CLARIFY WITH TELECOM THERE WOULD BE NO COST TO THE COUNTY; THEIR FEE WOULD BE A PERCENTAGE OF THE SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY ON DISCREPANCIES THEY MAY FIND IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BILLING. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO CONTINUE WITH THE TELECOM AUDIT AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING AND IT SAVES THE COUNTY MONEY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACTS WITH CRA, INC. ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RESTORATION PROJECT ON PREPARING THE SUBMISSION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ON THE STUDY OF THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE COURTHOUSE. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACTS.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE COUNTY HAULING ROCK TO STABILIZE MS. MASHBURN'S DRIVEWAY ON UNION HILL ROAD TO CORRECT A DRAINAGE PROBLEM THAT IS WASHING OUT THE COUNTY ROAD CONTINGENT UPON MASHBURN PROVIDING AN EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMS BUILDING AS FAR AS KEEPING IT CLEAN, ETC. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PUT ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, IN CHARGE OF THE VERNON EMS BUILDING AND BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT IT IS PROPERLY CLEANED AND ADDRESSED.

STAN PORTER, GREENHEAD FIRE CHIEF, REQUESTED THE BOARD EITHER REIMBURSE THE GREENHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MONEY THEY HAVE PUT INTO THE AMBULANCE THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OR GIVE THEM THE TITLE TO THE AMBULANCE SO THEY CAN SELL IT AND HELP PAY FOR THE OTHER FIRE TRUCK THEY PURCHASED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO GIVE THE TITLE TO THE AMBULANCE TO GREENHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE STATUS OF CHARLES CAUGHEY. UPON NOTIFYING ROSA CARSON OF CARSON AND LINN, HERBERT SENT CAUGHEY A LETTER STATING THE BOARD COULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE FAX SUBMITTED BY HIS WIFE ON HIS RESIGNATION UNTIL THEY HAVE SOMETHING WITH HIS SIGNATURE ON IT. HERBERT SUBMITTED A RESIGNATION STATEMENT WITH THE LETTER FOR CAUGHEY'S SIGNATURE AND IS SENDING IT OUT TODAY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS TO ADVERTISE PER POLICY FOR CAUGHEY'S POSITION ONCE HIS RESIGNATION STATEMENT IS RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS UNDER THE MACK PROGRAM, THE SAME AS THE DUMP TRUCKS, THAT WILL SERVE AS THE ONES A. D. PETTIS AND DANIEL JACKSON OPERATES IF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET FOR 1999-2000 CAN FUND THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS FOR STATE ROAD 79 AND STATE ROAD 20. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE IF THE STATE WILL PAVE BRICKYARD ROAD THE COUNTY WILL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE RURAL AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE BOARD REQUESTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY LOOK AT THE AGREEMENT WASHINGTON COUNTY SIGNED IN 1986 STATING THEY WILL MAINTAIN ALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

A LETTER ADDRESSED TO LLOYD POWELL, BUILDING INSPECTOR, FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS REQUESTING THE ENTIRE PERMIT FILES FOR TRAWICK CONSTRUCTION AND WEST POINT PEPPERELL WAS ADDRESSED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED POWELL ONLY HAD TO NOTIFY FDBPR THE RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BUT DID NOT HAVE TO COPY AND SEND THE RECORDS TO THEM.

BASED ON PREBLE-RISH REINSPECTING RIVER LAKE ROAD AND FINDING IT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT RIVER LAKE ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE.

UPON A REQUEST FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE

EMPLOYEES DONATING SICK LEAVE HOURS, PER A LIST PROVIDED, TO JIM ROGERS WHO IS OUT OF WORK DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS WITH THE HOURS TO BE DONATED CONTINGENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. THE BOARD AGREED FOR DIANNE CARTER, DEPUTY CLERK, TO DECIDE THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF SICK LEAVE TO BE DONATED FROM EACH EMPLOYEE IN ORDER TO ENSURE IT IS DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY. DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON ESTABLISHING A SICK LEAVE BANK.

THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE THE AUDITORS PRESENT AT THE JUNE 17, 1999 MEETING IN CASE THE BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE 1997-98 AUDIT REPORT.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDED BY MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING THE NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY SUBJECT TO ANY CHANGES ATTORNEY HOLLEY MAY MAKE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO EXTEND THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO THE JUNE 17, 1999 BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1999 TOTALLING \$984,212.86.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BYRON BIDDLE AND OLE ELLIS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

1. INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN GENERAL BUILDING FUND TOTALLING \$3,085.00.
2. INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENT IN FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUDGET TOTALLING \$11,000.00.
3. A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUDGET TOTALLING \$68,040.00 FOR TAX DEED APPLICATION EXPENSES TO TAX COLLECTOR.
4. INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET TOTALLING 2,400.00.
5. INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENT TOTALLING \$300.00 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
6. A LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENT DECREASING \$68,040.00 FROM THE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE REMAINING BALANCE, AS OF MAY 26, 1999, IN THE OLD HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS PROJECT TOTALLED \$159,419.22.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TAX DEED APPLICATION PROCESS AND THE EXPENSE INVOLVED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION IF TAXES ARE NOT PAID FOR SEVEN YEARS ON PROPERTY AND NO ADVERTISING IS DONE AT ALL, DOES THE PROPERTY REVERT BACK TO THE COUNTY. CLERK LINDA COOK ADVISED ALL TAX CERTIFICATES HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED AND BROUGHT UP FOR SALE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE WAS NEEDED DUE TO THE EXPENSE INVOLVED. THEY ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR BUDGETING IN THE FUTURE FOR THE EXPENSE TO PROCESS THE DELINQUENT TAX CERTIFICATES FOR SALE.

COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE NEWSPAPERS IN NOTIFYING PEOPLE HIGHWAY 280 TO POND CREEK BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED WHILE NORTH FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION DOES THE DEMOLITION OF THE PRESENT BRIDGE AND MURPHREE CONSTRUCTION IS CONSTRUCTING A NEW BRIDGE; HOPEFULLY, THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETE BY THE TIME THE NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS.

DUE TO A COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP IN ORLANDO THE WEEK OF THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO JUNE 17, 1999.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED HE HAD THE PAPERWORK TO GET THE NECESSARY DEEDS ON JAMES POTTER ROAD. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS TO GET THE NAMES AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO PREPARE THE DEEDS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING OFF ON ANY PAY REQUESTS FOR ANY CONTRACTS AS LONG AS IT IS NOT OVER THE CONTRACT AMOUNT; THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING ALL PAY REQUESTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL THE JUNE 17, 1999 BOARD MEETING.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK

CHAIRMAN ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 05/27/99 minutes052799