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BOARD MINUTES FOR 11/16/99

NOVEMBER 16, 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, COPE, ENFINGER AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CARTER LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO KEEP THE SAME ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS IT CURRENTLY IS INCLUDING ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23 AND OCTOBER 5, 1999 MINUTES WITH A CORRECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 23RD MINUTES ON PAGE 49 TO CHANGE D5 LOADERS TO D5 DOZERS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 16, 1999 MEETING:

1. TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES USING THEIR PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL COUNTY BUSINESS TO BE DISPERSED ACCORDING TO THE BUDGET.

GLENN DEAVER, REPRESENTING PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION, AND DON MIXON OF CRA, INC. UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL PROJECT ADVISING EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TESTING OF UNDERDRAINS ON THE JAIL SITE AS WELL AS TYING INTO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WATER AND SEWER LINES. DEAVER ADVISED TESTING IS BEING DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT AND HE DIDN'T FEEL THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH TYING INTO THE CITY WATER AND SEWER LINES.

DEAVER INFORMED THE BOARD WEEKLY JOB SITE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A. M. AND MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

JERRY BROCK, 911 COORDINATOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE STATUS OF THE GPS MAPPING SYSTEM ADVISING EVERYTHING WAS GOING WELL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CONCERNS THE BOARD HAD WITH 911 ADDRESSING; PEOPLE ARE PUTTING THEIR 911 ADDRESSES ON THEIR MAILBOXES RATHER THAN THEIR HOMES, ADDRESSES ARE BEING PLACED AT THE END OF A DRIVEWAY WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE DWELLING AND BEING LABELED A, B, C, ETC. RATHER THAN BEING GIVEN A SEPARATE NAME & NUMBER, ADDRESSES IN PLATTED SUBDIVISIONS WHERE ROADS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY HAVE GREEN SIGNS WHICH MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE COUNTY ROADS, NEED TO HAVE DESIGNATION OF ROADS THAT ARE COUNTY ROADS AND PRIVATE ROADS, PERSONS ARE NOT POSTING THEIR ADDRESSES, ETC. THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT, THE 911 ADDRESSING IS ACCOMODATING MORE FOR THE MAIL THAN FOR THE INTENT OF 911 WHICH WAS TO LOCATE HOMES AND PROPERTY SO EMERGENCY SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER COPE TO WORK WITH THE 911 COORDINATOR ON A SOLUTION TO THE BOARD'S CONCERNS AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR FINALIZATION.

THE 911 COORDINATOR ADVISED THE BOARD ALL THE 911 EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN VERIFIED AND IS Y2K COMPLIANCE.

RICKY CARTER WAS ON THE AGENDA BUT WAS NOT PRESENT TO ADDRESS NOISE ABATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO BOOM BOXES.

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

1. UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGN FABRICATION SYSTEM FOR \$30,000.00 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S REQUEST.

2. COUNTY VEHICLES AND WHERE THEY ARE BEING REFUELED: CALLS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT COUNTY VEHICLES BEING REFUELED AT GAS STATIONS WHERE THE PRICE OF GAS WAS HIGHER THAN OTHER LOCATIONS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE COUNTY WAS RECEIVING THE SAME DISCOUNTS ON GASOLINE THEY WERE RECEIVING FROM SANGAREE OIL COMPANY. CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS FOR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO FIND OUT THIS INFORMATION.
PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE GETTING THE SAME DISCOUNTS THEY WERE RECEIVING FROM SANGAREE WHEN PURCHASING GAS; HOWEVER, THE PRICE MAY VARY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR FUEL TO BE PURCHASED WHERE IT IS THE CHEAPEST. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DO SOME RESEARCH ON GETTING A TANK AT THE JAIL SITE.
3. RESOLUTION ON FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN: HERBERT READ THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAFETERIA PLAN. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING NUMEROUS INSURANCE COMPANIES PROVIDING COVERAGE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND SOME OF THEM HAVE VERY FEW EMPLOYEES COVERED. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ESTABLISH A POLICY ON THE CRITERIA TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD HAVE TO BE COVERED UNDER A COMPANY BEFORE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS WOULD BE MADE AND PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE \$25,000.00 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE WAY IT WAS PASSED, IT WAS THE OPTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE EXEMPTION AND IF THEY DID, IT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION TO REDUCE THE MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL DURING FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001; THIS WOULD BENEFIT THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS ALL OTHER TAXPAYERS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO GET WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND GATHER INFORMATION TO SHOW THE SAVINGS TO THE ELDERLY IF THE BOARD WERE TO GRANT THE \$25,000.00 VERSUS THEM GETTING A ONE MILL REDUCTION. ALSO, THEY INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING ON THE CRITERIA INVOLVED ON THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED IF ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENTS WERE PAID LAST YEAR FOR ANNUAL LEAVE THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO USE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN PAID FOR ANNUAL LEAVE THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO USE; HOWEVER, THEY WERE ADVISED IT WAS A ONE TIME DEAL AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO PLAN THEIR TIME SO ONE WOULD FILL IN WHILE THE OTHER ONE WAS OFF. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE STRICKLAND ROAD PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CLERK COOK TO SELECT THE BEST PLAN WITH THE LOWEST PRICE FOR THE PHONE SYSTEMS AT THE COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY ANNEX. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE WORKING WITH BELL SOUTH AND LUCENT TECHNOLOGY ON THE PHONE SYSTEMS.

COMMISSIONER COPE INFORMED THE BOARD THE SECURITY SYSTEM HAD BEEN CHECKED OUT AT THE AG CENTER AND EVERYTHING IS Y2K COMPLIANCE.

COMMISSIONER COPE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE UPS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT COSTING \$3,500.00 PER YEAR AND DIDN'T COVER MILEAGE; A NEW UPS FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT AND FOR EACH OF THE OTHER PERSONAL COMPUTERS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR LESS THAN THE YEARLY MAINTENANCE. ON A RECOMMENDATION BY COMMISSIONER COPE, COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO RUN THE OLD UPS UNTIL IT QUILTS AND THEN PURCHASE THE NEW ONES.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THE BOARD A WEEK FROM TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 24TH, THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER WOULD BE HELD AT THE EOC BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF WAY LINES ON THE CDBG ROAD GRANT PROJECTS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED BROCK TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO FLAG THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES. IT WAS NOTED SOME TYPE OF PERMANENT MARKERS WERE NEEDED ALSO.

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COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT FOR \$7,854.00.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1999 TOTALLING \$1,025,435.43.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE SCHEDULE OF EQUIPMENT ATTACHED TO TSR WIRLESS'S TOWER RENT AGREEMENT CONTINGENT UPON ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT MADE BY TSR WIRELESS AND SOMEONE VERIFIES THE EQUIPMENT IS AT THE MUDHILL TOWER.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE COMPUTER CONTRACTS WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR AND CLERK OF COURT. CHAIRMAN CARTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT THE CONTRACTS NEXT YEAR WHEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET TO SEE IF THE FEES MAY NEED INCREASING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST:_____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 11/16/99