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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/28/99

OCTOBER 28, 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 GERALD HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERED PRAYER WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 1999 MEETING:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO SHORT-TERM RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.
2. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH RANDY PARKER AS PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.
3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.
4. PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DEXTER LEADBEATER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS UNDERSTANDING, WHEN HE PURCHASED HIS PROPERTY IN THE DEER RUN RANCHETTE SUBDIVISION, HIS PROPERTY WOULD BE PROTECTED DUE TO THE COUNTY'S POLICY ON WHAT IS AND IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE COUNTY. HE ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH A NEIGHBOR LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HIM HAVING AN UNSIGHTLY TRAILOR HE WAS USING FOR STORAGE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A JUNKYARD BEING PUT ON THE PROPERTY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO PROVIDE ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH ALL THE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE TO ADDRESS MR. LEADBEATER'S CONCERNS WITH HOLLEY REVIEWING THE INFORMATION AND BRINGING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING.

RANDY PARKER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF GRAND OAKS SUBDIVISION. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE CITY OF VERNON, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER HAS REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT.

PARKER ADVISED THE CITY OF VERNON HAD SUBMITTED A LETTER STATING WATER AND SEWER HOOKUPS WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUBDIVISION. PARKER ALSO REFERENCED IT WAS NOTED ON THE PLAT WHERE WETLANDS WERE LOCATED AND RESERVED IN OPEN SPACE WHERE NOTHING CAN BE BUILT ON THAT PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR GRAND OAKS SUBDIVISION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON BILL WORLEY'S SUBDIVISION NORTH OF VERNON AND ADVISED THERE WAS OTHER FRONTAGE ON STATE ROAD 79 NORTH OF THE ROADWAY IN QUESTION AT THE SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING.

LINDA WALLER, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, ADVISED THE BOARD WORLEY HAD COME AND PICKED UP THE PLAT IN QUESTION AND ADVISED HER TO FORGET THE WHOLE THING; WORLEY HAD ADVISED HER HE WAS GOING TO START OVER AND DIVIDE THE PLAT IN TEN ACRE PARCELS AND SELL THEM THAT WAY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WORLEY STILL BEING REQUIRED TO PAVE THE ROADS REGARDLESS OF HOW THE PROPERTY WAS DIVIDED TO BE SOLD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT WORLEY HAD ALREADY STARTED THE SUBDIVISION PRIOR TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PAVING OF THE STREETS BECAME EFFECTIVE. THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT WORLEY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO SHOW EVIDENCE THE SUBDIVISION WAS STARTED PRIOR TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PAVING AND IF HE DOESN'T SUBMIT EVIDENCE, OUTLINE THE NEXT STEPS THE COUNTY IS GOING TO TAKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. OTHER ISSUES ADDRESSED WERE WORLEY BEING REQUIRED TO BRING THE ROADS IN THE SUBDIVISION UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS IN THE CODE WHETHER THE SUBDIVISION WAS STARTED PRIOR TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAVING OR NOT; THE

CODE REQUIRES 6" OF STABILIZED BASE, ADEQUATE DRAINAGE, PLANS TO SHOW ADEQUATE DRAINAGE, ENGINEERING, ETC. AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY MAY BE GETTING THEMSELVES IN A PREDICAMENT WHERE MR. WORLEY MAY COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD SAYING THE COUNTY IS NOT BUILDING THEIR ROADS PROPERLY. CORSO REFERENCED NEARING HILLS ROAD WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISING THAT NEARING HILLS ROAD WAS TESTED AND MET ALL THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. ALSO, WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE SHOULDERS OF NEARING HILLS ROAD NOT BEING PROPER, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED CORSO THERE WERE NO REQUIREMENTS IN THE CODE TO ADDRESS PROPER SHOULDERS.

PARKER READ FROM THE CODE WHAT THE COUNTY COULD DO OUTSIDE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. HE RECOMMENDED NOTIFYING WORLEY TO CEASE AND DESIST IMMEDIATELY WHAT HE IS DOING WITH THE SUBDIVISION, COMPLY WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND FILE THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATIONS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND PARKER TO WORK TOGETHER ON THE WORLEY ISSUE AND FOLLOW PROCEDURE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE FINANCIER OF THE CREEK RUN ESTATES SUBDIVISION WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE SUBDIVISION COMPLETED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY ENGINEER INSPECT AND REVIEW THE SUBDIVISION AND GIVE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ON WHAT IS NEEDED TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON LOTS ALSO BEING SOLD IN THIS SUBDIVISION BEFORE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND PARKER TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ISSUE ALSO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED LINDA WALLER RESEARCH TO SEE IF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL HAD BEEN GIVEN ON CREEK RUN ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND NOTIFY HIM PRIOR TO THE MEETING WITH PARKER ON NOVEMBER 2, 1999.

PARKER ADVISED THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN ESSENCE WAS THE ORDINANCE THAT SET UP THE PROVISIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE SECTION OF FLORIDA STATUTES ON HOW THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD NEEDS TO BE COMPRISED:

1. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE ONE YEAR EACH
2. THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE TWO YEARS EACH
3. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE THREE YEARS EACH

PARKER ADVISED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD WOULD HAVE THE DUTIES OUTLINED IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; BASICALLY, TO ENFORCE THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR EACH COMMISSIONER TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER AND TWO AT LARGE TO SERVE ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND BRING THEIR APPOINTMENT BACK TO THE NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDED, DUE TO THIS BEING A NEW STATE PROGRAM, THE BOARD NOT TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OF THE GRANT FUNDING UNTIL MORE AND BETTER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED THE STATE PROGRAM MANAGER WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE PROJECT MANAGERS TO BRIEF THEM ON THE NEW PROGRAM AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE DETERMINED THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE SHIP PROGRAM.

CHRIS DOOLIN, REPRESENTING THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE SMALL COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM PROGRAM; MONIES FROM THE PROGRAM CAN ONLY BE USED FOR REPAVING AND DOES NOT ADDRESS CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS. HE ADVISED WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS IN LINE TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING:

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| 1. COUNTY ROAD 280 | \$997,000.00 |
| 2. BRICKYARD ROAD | \$161,000.00 |
| 3. COUNTY ROAD 77A | \$216,000.00 |

DOOLIN THEN PRESENTED COMMISSIONER BROCK A LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION WHICH LED TO AN INCREASE IN ROAD FUNDING FOR SMALL COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON GETTING LEGISLATION CHANGED SO THE FUNDING WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO REPAVING.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON A PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL SITINGS. RANDY PARKER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HAD SUBMITTED A LETTER STATING THE AMENDMENT WAS OKAY AS SUBMITTED AND CHOSE NOT TO REVIEW OR MAKE ANY COMMENT ON IT. THE STATE BASICALLY REFERRED THE AMENDMENT BACK TO THE COUNTY AND STATED THE COUNTY COULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AMEND THE COMP PLAN. CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; NO ONE RESPONDED. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT ON SCHOOL SITINGS.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 99-4. CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR ANYONE ON THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. MARVIN MATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE BOARD HAVING A LEASH LAW. ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADVISING IT WAS REPEALING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE DEALING WITH THE PICKING UP OF NUISANCE ANIMALS; IT IS NOT A LEASH LAW NOR HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HUNTING DOGS.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 99-4.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON PATE LAKE DOCK. HE HAD PICTURES WHICH SHOWED THE POOR CONDITION OF THE DOCK AND REFERENCED IT BEING A HAZARD; ALSO, A SOLO LIGHT WAS MISSING. HE ADDRESSED A SIGN WHICH READ \$1.00 PER VEHICLE, PAY AS YOU PARK. ALSO THERE WERE TWO MORE SIGNS WHICH READ PARKING \$1.00. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE COUNTY HAS PARKING PRIVILEGES AT THE DOCK. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO EITHER REMOVE THE DOCK OR REPAIR IT.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED HIM REQUESTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR CHECK WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE ON OWNERS OF LAND AROUND THE PATE LAKE DOCK TO SEE IF ANY LAND WAS AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PATE LAKE SO THE DOCK COULD BE MOVED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED CORSO THE COUNTY ENGINEER HAD DONE A REDESIGN ON THE PATE LAKE DOCK; THE COUNTY APPLIED FOR FUNDING THROUGH FEMA; FEMA ALLOWED \$8,000.00; BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND CAME IN AT \$30,000.00. THE BOARD WAS GOING TO ADDRESS THIS TODAY SINCE THE PROJECT WAS BID OUT AND IT CAME IN OVER THE ALLOWED AMOUNT, COULD THE COUNTY NEGOTIATE TO HAVE SOMEONE COME IN AND PUT IN PERMANENT PILING AND DO THE DESIGN WITHIN THE SCOPE ALLOWED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LOW BIDDER ON THE PROJECT FIRST; IF NEGOTIATIONS CAN'T BE REACHED, THE COUNTY CAN HIRE PART TIME PEOPLE TO DO THE PROJECT.

CORSO WANTED IT ON RECORD HE IS NOT AGAINST THE DOCK BEING AT PATE LAKE; HE ONLY WANTED TO SEE THE DOCK DONE PROPERLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD IF THE DOCK IS A SAFETY HAZARD, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT CLOSING IT. CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED IT HAS ALREADY BEEN CLOSED AND POSTED NO TRESPASSING.

J. R. FOXWORTH ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND QUESTIONED WHEN SOMETHING WAS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT THE ROAD AT HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES BEING BLOCKED BY GATES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE CASE WOULD BE COMING UP FOR TRIAL DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2000 WITH THE JUDGE DECIDING WHO ACTUALLY OWNS THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.

FOXWORTH THEN ADDRESSED THE ROAD THAT WAS PUSHED OUT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO SKIPPER ROAD AND NOTHING ELSE BEING DONE TO IT; HE WAS REQUESTING A WAY OUT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HALL BROUGHT THE BOARD UP TO DATE ON THIS ISSUE WITH BROCK WANTING EVERYONE TO BE AWARE GEORGE GRADY GAVE PERMISSION FOR THIS EMERGENCY EXIT FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY; GRADY WANTED GATES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ROAD SO EVERYONE WOULD NOT BE USING IT CONTINUOUSLY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COMMISSIONER HALL TO TAKE CARE OF THE ROAD THAT WAS CUT THROUGH TO SKIPPER ROAD.

MARVIN MATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD OFFERING TO DEED TEN FOOT OF HIS PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY IN CASE THEY EVER DECIDED THEY WANTED TO WIDEN PIKE POND ROAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED MATES PROVIDE HIM A COPY OF HIS DEED AND DEED RESTRICTIONS; HOLLEY WOULD THEN PREPARE A DEED TO THE COUNTY.

JULIAN WEBB PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN INFORMATION PACKET ON THE SHIP PROGRAM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THERE BEING THREE PIECES OF PROPERTY IN DISTRICT FOUR THE BOARD HAD AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO NEGOTIATE TO PURCHASE FOR A VOTING HOUSE, FIRE HOUSE, ETC. HE HAD A CONTRACT ON ONE PIECE OF THE PROPERTY THAT FARMERS HOME HAD A MORTGAGE ON AND WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD APPROVE THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE OTHER TWO CONTRACTS ON THE OTHER TWO PARCELS WHEN THEY ARE PREPARED. THE CONTRACT ALREADY PREPARED WAS FOR FIVE ACRES AT \$17,500.00 WITH THE TOTAL PRICE OF \$55,000.00 FOR ALL THREE PROPERTIES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SHAMROCK DAIRIES, A COLLIE MATTOX CORPORATION, IS DEEDING FIVE ACRES, MIKE MATTOX IS DEEDING 4.52 ACRES AND SCS TRUST IS DEEDING 1.36 ACRES WITH ALL THE PROPERTIES RELATED TO THE MATTOX FAMILY. ALSO, AN EASEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY THAT LIES NORTH OF THE 1.36 ACRES.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND

CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON THE FIVE ACRE PARCEL AND TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CONTRACTS ON THE OTHER TWO PARCELS WHEN THEY ARE PREPARED.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS BUDGETED, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WAS BUDGETED AS A GRANT; IF GRANT FUNDING WAS NOT RECEIVED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTINGENCY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON AN AGREEMENT ON THE SUMMERBROOK APARTMENTS THAT WAS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER. IN THE AGREEMENT, THE OWNER AGREES TO MAINTAIN THE UNDERDRAINS AND HOLDING POND SO THEY WILL DRAIN A MINIMUM OF 30GPM; OWNER AGREES TO MAINTAIN THE PAVED ROAD ON THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMAL ACCEPTABLE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND THEN HAVE THE COUNTY ENGINEER GET THE OWNER TO SIGN IT. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A BILL FROM GOVERNMENT RISK INSURANCE TRUST ON JOHN CARTER'S WORKERS COMPENSATION CASE WHICH WAS SETTLED FOR \$75,000.00. HE HAS TURNED THE BILL OVER TO ALLAN CLARK TO SEE IF THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO PAY THE BILL UNTIL THEY ARE TOLD THEY HAVE TO.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED GORDON WARREN BEING WILLING TO DO A SPEED SURVEY ON COUNTY ROADS FOR \$100.00 PER ROAD WITH THE COUNTY SETTING LIKE ROADS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAME STANDARDS; THE GRADED ROADS WOULD BE DONE THE SAME WAY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH IT BEING THE BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE FOR LIKE ROADS AND WARREN WOULD ONLY DO THE SPEED SURVEYS ON THE ROADS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPOINT SYBIL COMPTON TO THE PLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADDRESSED HIM COMPARING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE COURTHOUSE WITH THE BOARD'S HOLIDAY POLICY AND THEY WERE THE SAME EXCEPT THE COURTHOUSE RECEIVES TWO DAYS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. HE RECOMMENDED CHANGING THE BOARD POLICY ON HOLIDAYS TO ALLOW FOR THE TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED WITH THE ADDITIONAL DAYS BEING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVE. THE BOARD EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR WOULD BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THANKSGIVING, THE FRIDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND THE MONDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AND THE MONDAY AFTER NEWS YEAR DAY. EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NORMALLY OFF ON FRIDAY WOULD TAKE THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING AND THE THURSDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS AS THEIR HOLIDAYS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGE ON HOLIDAYS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ROAD AND BRIDGE WORKING FOUR TEN HOUR DAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WORKING FIVE EIGHT HOUR DAYS WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE GETTING EIGHT MORE HOURS ABOVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE OFF TWO DAYS REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF THEIR WORKDAY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE OF THE POLICY CHANGE ALLOWING TWO EXTRA HOLIDAYS FOR BOARD EMPLOYEES.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A MEETING WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ON WHY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE COUNTY WERE GOING UP. CLAIMS WERE EXAMINED AND DUE TO SOME OF THE CLAIMS BEING PAID OUT ON PEOPLE WHO RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY BUT REMAINED ON THE COUNTY'S HEALTH INSURANCE, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD REQUESTED THE COUNTY DEVELOP A POLICY LIMITING PEOPLE WHO CAN STAY WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. HERBERT READ THE POLICY HE HAD PREPARED:

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO OFFER EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRE WITH TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE WITH THE COUNTY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN. IF THE EMPLOYEE CHOOSES TO STAY WITH THE COUNTY'S GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IT WILL BE AT THE EMPLOYEES EXPENSE AND MAY HAVE THE OPTION OF INCLUDING DEPENDENTS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF THE POLICY CHANGE. HERBERT ADDRESSED THE CHANGE MADE TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COMPUTER

SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR:

AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, ELECTRONICS OR RELATED FIELD, WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE PREFERRED OR THREE TO FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND SYSTEMS DESIGN OR AN EQUIVALENT COMBINATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE WHICH PROVIDES THE REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE

OF THE CHANGE TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FOR THE COURTHOUSE; WASHINGTON COUNTY RANKED 60 OUT OF THE 72 THAT WAS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING. WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING OF \$300,000.00.

MR. PAT SCHLENKER, CEO OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING THE HOSPITAL IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT. HE WOULD ALSO BE WORKING WITH WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECEIVE ZERO INTEREST FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SCHLENKER'S REQUEST TO SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING.

SCHLENKER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DIALYSIS UNIT THEY ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN FOR THE HOSPITAL.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON UNENCUMBERED LANDS AND REQUESTED THE BOARD REVIEW THE LIST TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY LANDS THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON REQUESTING THE SCHOOL BOARD DONATE A PIECE OF PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY THEY ARE TRYING TO SELL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE PROPERTY IS ON THE RIVER, IN A FLOOD PLAIN AREA AND THERE IS NO ACCESS CLOSE TO IT. HE ALSO ADDRESSED IT BEING DOUBTFUL THE SCHOOL HAD THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE IT TO THE COUNTY; THEY WOULD HAVE TO EITHER USE IT FOR A SCHOOL OR SELL IT BACK TO THE STATE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO REQUEST ACQUISITION OF THE CONVEYANCE OF ALL THE PROPERTY ADDRESSED IN THE DEP NOTICE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS TO TAKE CARE OF FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THE NECESSARY PAPER WORK ON THE PROPERTY.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE PIPELINE GROUP HAD SENT A NOTICE ON THEIR PUBLIC EDUCATION CONTRACTORS AWARENESS PROGRAM TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 16, 1999 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE HOLMES COUNTY AGRICULTURE CENTER. A FREE DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES OR ANYONE COUNTY RELATED WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SEND THE NOTICE TO THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON CONTACTING JOHN WILLIAMS OF GULF COAST TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO SEE IF HE COULD HELP WASHINGTON COUNTY OBTAIN MORE MONEY FOR THE MACK TRUCKS THEY ARE SELLING UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM THAN THEY ARE GETTING FROM THE AUCTION COMPANIES. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY COULD AUCTION OFF THE EQUIPMENT THEMSELVES OR SELL DIRECTLY TO CONTRACTORS AND SAVE MONEY. HE REFERENCED AN AUCTION COMPANY IN PHILADELPHIA WILLING TO COME LOOK AT THE 1999 MACK TRUCKS AND GIVE THE BOARD A FLOOR PRICE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD PULL THE TRUCKS FROM THE LIST PROVIDED TO DEANCO AND SELL THEM DIRECTLY TO THE CONTRACTORS; HOWEVER, THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO TAKE BIDS. IF THEY AUCTION THE EQUIPMENT THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD HAVE TO HIRE AN AUCTIONEER THAT IS LICENSED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER AGREED TO HAVE THE AUCTION COMPANY FROM PHILADELPHIA COME AND LOOK AT THE MACK TRUCKS AND GIVE A FLOOR PRICE; CARTER WILL TELL DEANCO THE COUNTY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE THE SAME FLOOR PRICE. CHAIRMAN CARTER ALSO REFERENCED IT DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT WHEN BIDS ARE ACCEPTED FROM THE AUCTION COMPANY, EVERYONE KNOWS THE FLOOR PRICE IS SET AT A CERTAIN PRICE AND THEY AREN'T GOING TO BID MUCH MORE THAN THE GUARANTEED PRICE.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS BEING OPENED FOR THE CDBG ROAD PROJECTS WITH GULF ASPHALT BEING THE LOW BIDDER ON ALL FOUR PROJECTS; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO HANDLE A FEW THINGS IF ALL FOUR PROJECTS ARE TO BE DONE DUE TO THERE NOT BEING ENOUGH GRANT FUNDING. KNAUER PROPOSED THE BOARD REVIEW ALL THE BID SCHEDULES HE PROVIDED AND RECONVENE TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE AS FAR AS AWARDING THESE PROJECTS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED ONE CONTRACTOR GIVING THE COUNTY A COURTESY BID ON JAMES POTTER ROAD FOR \$50,000.00 WHICH WOULD CUT OUT ABOUT \$200,000.00 ON THE PROJECT IF THE COUNTY COULD DO THE CLEARING AND PREP WORK FOR THE ROADWAY.

JULIAN WEBB, GRANTSMAN, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN OVERVIEW OF GRANT MONIES, COUNTY MATCH AND INKIND SERVICES AVAILABLE ON THE PROJECTS.

KNAUER WENT OVER EACH BID ON ALL THE CDBG ROAD PROJECTS WITH THE BOARD TO SEE

WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OUT. AFTER REVIEWING THE BIDS AND TAKING OUT ITEMS THE COUNTY AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF, THE TOTAL COST ON THE PROJECTS IF IT COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH THE CONTRACTORS WAS:

ST. MARYS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$126,628.80
PAGE DRIVE	\$ 62,497.50
ORANGE HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$509,737.50

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE LOOKING AT \$698,863.80 WITHOUT THE JAMES POTTER ROAD IF THE CONTRACTOR WOULD AGREE TO THE CHANGES. THE BOARD AGREED TO DO THE CLEARING AND PREP WORK FOR JAMES POTTER ROAD. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE BIDS TO THE LOW BIDDER ON THE ST. MARYS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PAGE DRIVE AND ORANGE HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE LOW BIDDER ON THE THREE PROJECTS.

KNAUER RECOMMENDED ADOPTING THE SPEED LIMIT ON STRICKLAND ROAD TO 30MPH AS THIS WAS THE SPEED DESIGNED FOR THE ROAD. DUE TO THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN BEING IN THE CONTRACT AND ALREADY POSTED ON STRICKLAND ROAD, COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1999 BE CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF FLORIDA'S STATE PARKS AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO CELEBRATE AND PUBLICIZE THE EXCELLENCE OF FLORIDA'S STATE PARK SYSTEM BY DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 20, 1999 AS "FREE DAY" WHEN PARK ENTRANCE FEES WILL BE WAIVED FOR ALL VISITORS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE COURT REPORTER CONTRACT WITH CONNIE UPTAIN FOR \$34,000.00 ANNUALLY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1999 TOTALLING \$1,337,176.65.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS WHEN THEY ARE RETURNED BY THE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE OVERRUN FIRE CALLS THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY THE GREENHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

THE BOARD AGREED TO CHANGE THEIR REGULAR MEETING IN NOVEMBER TO NOVEMBER 16, 1999 DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS AND FOR REORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES. THEY ALSO AGREED TO CHANGE THEIR REGULAR MEETING FOR DECEMBER TO DECEMBER 16, 1999 DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/28/99