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BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/05/99

OCTOBER 5, 1999

THE BOARD OF COUNTY 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 BROCK, CARTER, COPE, HALL AND ENFINGER PRESENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY, 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, 2000. THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED ON OCTOBER 2, 1999 IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS. THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 TOTALS \$25,187,551.00. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS IS 2.894% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS. NO ONE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER THEN ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE. NONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF TEN MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 TOTALLING \$25,187,551.00. NO ONE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. CHAIRMAN CARTER THEN READ THE WORKSHOP NOTES ON CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 23, 1999 PUBLIC HEARING: THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET TOTAL DID NOT CHANGE BUT LINE ITEM CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET TOTAL WAS INCREASED TO REFLECT A CORRECTION ON THE SALARY LINE ITEM AND AN INCREASE IN INSURANCE, THE PARK AND RECREATION BUDGET TOTAL WAS CHANGED DUE TO A CORRECTION ON THE SALARY LINE ITEM, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SALARIES WERE CHANGED TO REFLECT ACTUAL SALARIES, AND THE CONTINGENCY FOR THE GENERAL FUND WAS REDUCED BY \$9,060.00 DUE TO THESE CHANGES WITH THE CONTINGENCY NOW BEING \$146,813.00. IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET THREE NEW POSITIONS WERE ADDED WHICH INCLUDE CLERICAL POSITIONS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE, AG CENTER AND COMPUTER DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 TOTALLING \$25,187,551.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 IS NOW CONCLUDED.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 1999 MEETING, SCOTT PRIESTER, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD CONCERNING THE NEED FOR THEIR CURRENT PHONE SYSTEM TO BE REPLACED. HE BRIEFED THEM ON THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

1. REPLACE JUST THE CLERKS ORGANIZATION/WITH THIS OPTION, THE SWITCH WOULD BE LIMITED AND THE PHONES WOULD BE FILLED WITH CAPACITY RIGHT FROM THE START.
2. UPDATE THE SWITCH TO HANDLE ANY FURTHER ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND LEAVE THE PHONES IN PLACE AS THEY ARE NOW.
3. REPLACE THE ENTIRE TELEPHONE SYSTEM WHICH IS WHAT HE RECOMMENDS DOING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TELCOM CONTRACT TO AUDIT THE PHONE SERVICES AND RECOMMEND COST SAVING MEASURES. SCOTT PRIESTER ADVISED WHAT HE WAS PROPOSING WAS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE TELCOM CONTRACT.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR PRIESTER TO DO FURTHER RESEARCH AND PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE ON THE COST FOR TYING THE PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY ANNEX TOGETHER. ALSO, CLERK LINDA COOK IS TO CONTACT TELCOM,

ADVISE THEM OF WHAT THE BOARD IS CONTEMPLATING DOING WITH THEIR PHONE SERVICE AND SEE IF THEY HAVE A DISPUTE WITH IT. CHAIRMAN CARTER APPOINTED COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO WORK WITH CLERK COOK AND PRIESTER ON WHAT WAS NEEDED TO TIE THE COURTHOUSE AND NEW COUNTY ANNEX PHONE SYSTEM TOGETHER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO REPAIR ONE OF THE OLD DUMP TRUCKS THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF COST TO REPAIR IT BEING ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.00. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER BROCK IS GOING TO SEE ABOUT SELLING THE TRUCK OR FINDING A TRUCK TO REPLACE IT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND COMMISSIONER COPE HAD REVIEWED THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AND ALL THE PENALTY CLAUSES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT SERVICES. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH NFWMD ON RECREATIONAL SITE CLEANUP AND MAINTENANCE.

RON BALDWIN WITH J. M. WOOD AUCTION COMPANY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A PROPOSAL FOR GUARANTEED PRICES ON THE EQUIPMENT FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE TOTALLING \$745,000.00. THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDED EIGHT MACK TRUCKS, TWO 1993 CAT 950F II AND ONE 1982 D5-B CAT DOZER. BALDWIN ADVISED HE HAD AN AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH AND 6TH AND HIS FEE FOR AUCTIONING OFF THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE 7%. THE BOARD EXCUSED MR. BALDWIN FROM THE MEETING TO GET INDIVIDUAL PRICES ON THE EQUIPMENT.

DONNIE DEAN OF DEANCO AUCTION BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIS PROPOSAL FOR GUARANTEED PRICES ON THE EQUIPMENT:

EIGHT 1999 RD690S DUMP TRUCKS	\$70,000.00 EACH
TWO 1993 CAT 950F II	\$60,000.00 EACH
ONE 1982 D5-B CAT DOZER	\$15,000.00 EACH

TOTAL GUARANTEED PRICE TO THE BOARD WAS \$695,000.00.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POSSIBLY REMOVING SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE AUCTION WITH BALDWIN AND DEAN AGREEING FOR ALL GUARANTEED PRICES TO REMAIN THE SAME IF SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS PULLED FROM THE AUCTION. BALDWIN PROVIDED INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEED PRICES FOR THE EQUIPMENT:

EIGHT 1999 RD690S DUMP TRUCKS	\$75,500 EACH
TWO 1993 CAT 950F II	\$63,000 EACH
ONE 1982 D5-B CAT DOZER	\$15,000 EACH AFTER THE 7% COMMISSION FEE,

THE TOTAL GUARANTEED AMOUNT TO THE COUNTY WOULD BE \$692,850.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED TWO LOCAL AUCTION COMPANIES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD ONE WHO ARE SET TO COME AND LOOK AT THE EQUIPMENT AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHEN THE PROPOSALS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. WHEN QUESTIONED ON ALLOWING OTHER AUCTION COMPANIES TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE DID NOT SEE ANY WAY THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO ALLOW ANY OTHER COMPANIES TO QUOTE AS DEANCO AND J.M. WOOD AUCTION COMPANIES HAD ALREADY REVEALED THEIR GUARANTEED PRICES. HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE NEXT TIME PROPOSALS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY COMPLIES WITH THE SAME DATE.

FRANK CORSO REQUESTED TO GO ON THE RECORD IN ASKING IF THE BIDS RECEIVED FROM DEANCO AND J. M. WOOD WERE ADVERTISED. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS NO ADVERTISING; ALL OF THE AUCTION COMPANIES WERE NOTIFIED. CORSO QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE FOR THE BIDS TO BE PUT IN THE NEWSPAPER; HOLLEY RESPONDED NO.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE HIGH BID ON THE GUARANTEED PRICES FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT WITH THE OPTION TO TAKE OUT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT AND NOTIFY THE HIGH BIDDER BY OCTOBER 28TH OF WHAT EQUIPMENT IS TO BE SOLD. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO WRITE THE OTHER AUCTION COMPANIES A LETTER EXPLAINING THE CONFUSION IN THE DATES FOR ACCEPTING PROPOSALS ON THE AUCTIONING OFF OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND ADVISE THEM THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED THE NEXT TIME EQUIPMENT IS TO BE AUCTIONED.

COMMISSIONER COPE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING INTERVIEWED KENNETH NAKER AND OFFERED A MOTION FOR NAKER TO REPLACE STEVE ROARK AS COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR. COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO CORRECT THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR IN ORDER FOR THE POSITION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JOB DESCRIPTION ALLOWING FOR

EXPERIENCE INSTEAD OF ALL EDUCATION.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO GIVE NAKER THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE PART TIME TEMPORARY HELP TO ASSIST WITH THE MOVE TO THE COUNTY ANNEX. COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED THE BOARD FILL THE POSITION VACATED BY KENNETH NAKER WITH SOMEONE IN THE COUNTY AS THE POSITION WAS BUDGETED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER EXPLAINED NAKER HAD ADVISED HIM AFTER THE MOVE TO THE COUNTY ANNEX, HE WOULD LOOK TO SEE IF HE NEEDED TO HIRE SOMEONE PERMANENTLY TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION. DISCUSSION CONTINUED AND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAVING LOOKED INTO THE NEW LAW THAT WAS PASSED ON GIVING THE ELDERLY AN EXTRA EXEMPTION ON THEIR HOMESTEAD; ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND PROPERTY APPRAISER RONALD WRIGHT ESTIMATED THERE WOULD BE A LOSS OF \$193,365.00 IN AD VALOREM REVENUE COLLECTIONS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY, LOWER INCOME PEOPLE. HE ALSO REFERENCED IT MAY BE THE OPPORTUNE TIME TO ROLL BACK THE COUNTY'S MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO GO ON RECORD TO ROLL BACK THE COUNTY'S MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 TO HELP EVERYONE INCLUDING THE ELDERLY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BREAK DOWN EACH DEPARTMENT OR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE MILLAGE REDUCTION IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BEGIN WORKING ON REDUCING THEIR BUDGETS TO ACCOMODATE THE ROLL BACK OF THE MILLAGE RATE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE REDUCTION IN THE MILLAGE RATE WOULD AFFECT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SMALL COUNTIES ROAD SYSTEMS FUND. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CHECK INTO THIS PRIOR TO REDUCING THE MILLAGE RATE. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO ROLL BACK THE MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PETER HERBERT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ADVERTISING FOR TWO PICKUP TRUCKS FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE AND ONE BID WAS RECEIVED FROM CHIPOLA FORD FOR \$17,890.00 EACH. HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD TO GO AHEAD AND ORDER THE TWO TRUCKS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF HERBERT TO ORDER THE TWO TRUCKS.

HERBERT ADDRESSED QUESTIONS BEING ASKED ABOUT HOLIDAY PAY FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. HE REFERENCED HIM HAVING CHECKED WITH THE CLERK ON THE DATES THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE CLOSED AND WAS ADVISED:

THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 25 & 26  
CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 24 & 27

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HONOR THE SAME HOLIDAYS AS THE COURTHOUSE AND CHANGE THEIR PERSONNEL POLICY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO GET A COPY OF THE CLERK'S PERSONNEL POLICY ON HOLIDAYS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AT THEIR OCTOBER 28, 1999 MEETING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MAKING THE TEMPORARY COMPUTER EMPLOYEE, JACQUELINE MARTIN, PERMANENT AS THIS POSITION WAS BUDGETED. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THIS POSITION WAS BEING ADVERTISED.

DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON CONNIE UPTAIN, COURT REPORTER, NEEDING TO PROVIDE A REVISED CONTRACT TO COVER THE INCREASE IN HER COMPENSATION FOR COURT REPORTER SERVICES THAT WAS BUDGETED; UPTAIN'S TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR PROVIDING COURT REPORTER SERVICES TO THE COUNTY WAS BUDGETED AT \$34,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 28, 1999 AT 8:00 A. M.

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

CLERK  
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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