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BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/03/00

AUGUST 3, 2000

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JULY 27, 2000 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 7:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, COPE, AND ENFINGER PRESENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF BAY COUNTY-DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTACTING THE HUMANE SOCIETY TO TAKE CARE OF SOME ANIMALS INVOLVED WITH AN INCIDENT AT ORANGE HILL. THE HUMANE SOCIETY SUBMITTED AN INVOICE TOTALLING \$1,130.24 AND ADVISED IF THE BILL WAS NOT PAID THEY WOULD NOT PROVIDE SERVICE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PUT IN POLICY ANY FURTHER DOG INCIDENCES HAS TO COME THROUGH THE COUNTY COMMISSION BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN. (CLARIFICATION BY CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER ENFINGER THAT POLICY WOULD BE PRIOR TO ANYONE CONTACTING THE HUMANE SOCIETY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME THROUGH THE BOARD, WHICH THE BOARD IS PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.)

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO BILL THE OWNERS OF THE ANIMALS FOR THE INVOICE TOTALLING \$1,130.24; IF THEY DO NOT PAY, FILE AND GET A LIEN AGAINST THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO PAY THE INVOICE TO THE BAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TOTALLING \$1,130.24.

WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL-INVOICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY/HOLMES CREEK PRESERVATION 2000 PROJECT \$5,500 AND THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION \$1,000.00. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING INVOICES TOTALLING \$6,500.00.

BUDGET WORKSHOP-BUDGET NOTES PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON CHANGES MADE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET SINCE THE JULY 27, 2000 MEETING.

DISCUSSION HELD ON THE COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM PROJECTS:

1. THE SIDEWALKS/BRICKYARD ROAD PROJECT RANKED TOP PRIORITY AND IS INCLUDED IN FY 2000-2001 BUDGET.
2. TURN LANES AT VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS DISCUSSED BY SAFETY TEAM AS TO WHETHER THIS PROJECT WAS SOMETHING THEY COULD DOLLAR WISE DO; IT DID NOT RANK HIGH BUT IS STILL ON THE LIST.
3. VERNON BRIDGE PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED BUT THE SAFETY TEAM DID NOT FEEL DOLLAR WISE THIS WAS A PROJECT THEY COULD TAKE ON. BRIDGE WAS DETERMINED STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND PROGRAM WISE INADEQUATE; THEY WERE REPLACING ALL THE BRIDGES THAT WERE STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND FIRST. THIS PROJECT IS STILL ON LIST.
4. ROAD STRIPING MACHINE GRANT APPLICATION WAS DISCUSSED BY SAFETY TEAM; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO APPLY FOR GRANT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR STRIPING MACHINE BUT REQUEST SAFETY TEAM LOOK AT OTHER PROJECTS WHICH THE COUNTY COULD APPLY FOR.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON CAT GRADERS-DISCUSSION HELD ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND WHETHER TO GO WITH THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ON THE GRADERS THIS YEAR OR WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR CHAIRMAN CARTER TO CHECK WITH THE AUCTION COMPANIES TO SEE WHAT THE GRADERS WOULD BRING IN FOUR YEARS VERSUS THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD BRING IN THREE YEARS; IF THERE IS NOT A BIG DIFFERENCE, EXCHANGE THE GRADERS IN FOUR YEARS; IF THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE, ADJUST THE BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE EXCHANGING OF THE GRADERS.

JURY CHAIRS-CLERK LINDA COOK ADDRESSED REQUESTS FROM PERSONS WANTING TO BUY THE OLD JURY CHAIRS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING HOUSED IN THE BASEMENT. SHE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED HER TO SELL THEM OUTRIGHT, ADVERTISE THEM FOR SELL, ETC. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO SELL THE CHAIRS FOR \$50.00 EACH.

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AUCTIONEER-COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR AN AUCTIONEER FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

DANIELS LAKE-IN TRYING TO PROMOTE SELLING OF DANIELS LAKE, COMMISSIONER COPE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT AGREED TO TAKE PICTURES OF DANIELS LAKE AND PUT THEM ON INTERNET.

TIPS-COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IS ALLOWED TO TAKE TIPS; CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE TIPS.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT AGREEMENT/COURTHOUSE-COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE \$300,000 GRANT AGREEMENT. CLERK COOK AGREED TO TRY AND OBTAIN PICTURES OF WHAT THE ORIGINAL BALCONY OF THE COURTHOUSE LOOKED LIKE AS THIS GRANT FUNDING IS TO BE USED TO RESTORE IT BACK TO ITS NATURAL ORIGIN.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT-REQUEST FROM AL CLEVELAND TO TRANSFER TITLE OF OLD AMBULANCE TO WHARC. (1984 DODGE-ID# 2B7KB33W0EK255290) COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF REQUEST.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT-FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT; THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THE PROPERTY AND IT WILL BE A COUNTY OWNED FACILITY.

SALARY INCREASES-COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED SOME EMPLOYEES GETTING A SMALL SALARY INCREASE OR NONE AT ALL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SALARIES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STEP PAY PLAN; THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION TO CHANGE ANY SALARIES.

PATE POND- FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY THE COUNTY OWNS AT PATE POND FOR PARKING PURPOSES; A LADY IS CHARGING PERSONS TO PARK AND MAY BE CHARGING THEM TO PARK ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

VERNONICA JONES-QUESTIONED HOW THE MILLAGE REDUCTION ACTUALLY WORKED; CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED DUE TO GROWTH IN THE COUNTY, NEW EVALUATIONS WOULD BE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLLS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER PROVIDED THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF \$237,000.80 AS THE ACTUAL REDUCTION IN AD VALOREM TAX AFTER THE GROWTH WAS ADDED.

VERONICA JONES-ADDRESSED THE FIRE SERVICES TAX FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH JONES BEING ADVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP, FIRE BOARD AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF WORKING OUT A SYSTEM WHICH EVERYONE WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO AND PROVIDE IT TO THE BOARD AS FAR AS FUNDING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON METHODS OF FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR-ROGER HAGAN REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS SO HAGAN COULD SPEAK WITH COMMISSIONER COPE PERTAINING TO A PROPOSAL FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ON FIRE FUNDING FOR FY 2000-2001.

FIRE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL-HAGAN ADVISED ASSOCIATION HAD APPROVED A MOTION FOR THE FUNDING FORMULA FACTORS TO REMAIN THE SAME, INPUT THE NEW DATA FOR THIS YEAR TO COME UP WITH A DISTRIBUTION FORMULA AND IN ADDITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PICK UP THE INSURANCE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS NOW HAVE PLACING IT UNDER A DIFFERENT LINE ITEM; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD STILL GET THEIR FULL FUNDING UNDER THE FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA AND THE COUNTY WOULD PAY ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INSURANCE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES TO BE INSURED VARYING PER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEED FOR AN EQUITABLE WAY TO FUND THE INSURANCE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CHARGE HAGAN TO WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COMING YEAR TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER THEY WANT A FIRE DISTRICT TAX, MSBU, ETC. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, WHETHER EACH FIRE DISTRICT SHOULD IMPLEMENT INDIVIDUAL MSBU'S OR HAVE A COUNTY WIDE MSBU.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT BUDGET HEARING AND IF IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAX REDUCTION, IF THERE IS \$25,000.00 WHICH COULD BE ADDED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, IT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE NEXT BUDGET HEARING; IF THE MONIES ARE AVAILABLE, GIVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THE \$25,000.00 TO PAY THEIR INSURANCE WITH THERE BEING A TOTAL OF \$50,000.00 ADDED TO THE BASE ALLOCATION OF \$125,000.00 AND THE \$50,000.00 BE DIVIDED BY THE FORMULA. DISCUSSION CONTINUED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADVISED HIS PREVIOUS MOTION COULD BE TAKEN AS A MOTION OR AS A REQUEST. UPON A REQUEST FROM CHAIRMAN CARTER TO HAVE A MOTION, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE ONE MILL REDUCTION, TO FUND THE

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\$25,000 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE COST WITH IT, ALONG WITH THE \$25,000 INCREASE LAST YEAR, TO BE DIVIDED BY THE FUNDING FORMULA AND ADDED TO THE BASE ALLOCATION OF \$125,000.00 AND BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE FIRST  
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