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BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/27/00

JANUARY 27, 2000

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX AT 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, CARTER, ENFINGER AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. 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 OF THE DECEMBER 16, 1999 WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:

PAGE 17, ITEM 3 - SHOULD STATE DAVID ROGERS MOVED TO DUMP TRUCK DRIVER RATHER THAN MOWER OPERATOR.

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

1. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK JANUARY 30 THRU FEBRUARY 5, 2000.
2. TRANSFER OF 1988 PASSENGER BUS TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO TRANSPORT INMATE CREWS. ID# 1GBKP32JX3331457
3. PURCHASE OF CREW CAB TRUCK FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR \$6,000.00. 1987 INTL ID# 1HTLCHXNOHHA12611 ERIC BUCKELEW, DEP

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, CONNIE A. KRSTOF, DEP ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR, RICK MURRATTI, DEP ATTORNEY AND LARRY O'DONNELL, DEP ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER, WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING ON THE BECTON SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT. BUCKELEW ADDRESSED THE APPLICATION FILED BY HAROLD VICKERS TO REROUTE A SMALL STREAM THAT FLOWS OFF OF HOLMES CREEK AND DISCHARGES INTO BECTON SPRINGS TO CLEAR THE SPRING HEAD POOL AND ALLOW THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED FOR RECREATIONAL DIVING, CANOEING, ETC. THE PERMIT CALLS FOR A 410' LONG WOODEN STRUCTURE LESS THAN A FOOT WIDE THAT WOULD RUN THE LENGTH OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE HEAD POOL, MINOR EXCAVATION ABOUT A FOOT IN DEPTH IN AN EXISTING SECONDARY FLOW CHANNEL TO ALLOW THE WATER WHICH CURRENTLY FLOWS INTO THE HEADPOOL OF BECTON SPRINGS TO DISCHARGE DOWN TO THE SOUTH AND AVOID MUDDYING THE WATER. BUCKELEW ADVISED THAT DEP, AFTER LOOKING AT IT FROM A BIOLOGICAL AND HYDROGRAPHIC STAND- POINT, FEELS THE PROJECT MEETS ALL OF THE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS AND IS A PERMITTABLE PROJECT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO DEP PERMITTING IT:

GORDON WARREN, JR., - EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH DEP USING THE TERM "SMALL STREAM" AND "MINOR EXCAVATION" WHEN DESCRIBING THE PERMIT APPLICATION.

PEGGY DOBBINS - EXPRESSED CONCERN DEP IS CONSIDERING PERMITTING A 410 FOOT LONG WOODEN FENCE IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE WETLANDS BUT HAD PREVIOUSLY DENIED THE ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLIED FOR BY VICKERS FOR A LARGE EARTHEN BERM. BUCKELEW ADVISED THE LARGE EARTHEN BERM WAS NOT PERMITTED DUE TO THE FOOTPRINT OF THE IMPACT IN THE WETLANDS; IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 14' TO 15' WIDE AS OPPOSED TO THE WOODEN BERM BEING LESS THAN A FOOT WIDE.

BILL DOBBINS - EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER A STATEMENT IN AN ENGINEERING REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH NOTED THERE WAS A POTENTIAL FOR FAILURE OF THE PROJECT AS DESIGNED DURING EXTREMELY HIGH ENERGY CONDITIONS SUCH AS DURING FLOOD STAGES OF THE CREEK.

CHAIRMAN CARTER - EXPRESSED CONCERN DEP DID NOT ADHERE TO TO THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR A FULL IMPACT STUDY AS WELL AS A PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD THERE BE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR THE PERMITTING OF BECTON SPRINGS. DEP ATTORNEY, RICK MURRATTI, ADVISED THERE WAS NO PROCEDURE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PERMITS PRIOR TO THEM BEING ISSUED OR AN INTENT TO ISSUE. BUCKELEW - ADVISED IF THE PROPOSED WOODEN STRUCTURE FAILED

DURING PERIODS OF HIGH WATER, THE SITUATION WOULD DIVERT BACK TO WHAT IT IS NOW AND WOULD NOT AFFECT WATER QUALITY OR ANY OTHER PERIMETERS THAT ARE PRESENTLY THERE. A CONDITION IN THE PERMIT REQUIRES VICKERS, IF THE STRUCTURE FAILS, TO CONTACT DEP, DEP WOULD RE-EVALUATE THE DESIGN AND TRY AND DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF FAILURE.

COMMISSIONER HALL - EXPRESSED CONCERN THE MINOR EXCAVATION REFERENCED IN THE PERMIT APPLICATION WOULD FILL BACK IN DURING PERIODS OF HIGH WATER AND WOULD BE A CONTINUOUS THING TO DIG IT BACK OUT. BUCKELEW DID NOT ANTICIPATE THIS HAPPENING BUT IT WAS A POSSIBILITY.

GORDON WARREN, JR. - EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ANYTIME A WALL IS PUT UP TO DIVERT WATER, THE FLOW OF THE WATER WILL INCREASE; ANY WATER PASSING THROUGH THE SWAMP WOULD HAVE TO HIT THE WALL AND GO SOME PLACE AT A HIGHER VELOCITY DOING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EROSION WHERE IT RELEASES. BUCKELEW DID NOT AGREE THE VELOCITY WOULD BE INCREASED.

LARRY CARTER - EXPRESSED CONCERN BUCKELEW WAS AGAINST VICKERS ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICATION ON BECTON SPRINGS BUT HAS NOW CHANGED HIS MIND. HE EXPRESSED THERE BEING A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO BUCKELEW BEING A RECREATIONAL DIVER AND ALSO THE AGENT WHO DECIDED THE BECTON SPRINGS PROJECT SHOULD BE PERMITTED. BUCKELEW STATED THE CHANGE OF HEART ON THE PERMITTING OF THE PROJECT CAME FROM THE CHANGE OF DESIGN ON THE PROJECT MEETING ALL THE PERMITTING CRITERIA OF DEP.

LARRY CARTER - EXPRESSED CONCERNS SINCE VICKERS CHANGED THE PROJECT DESIGN TO A WOODEN BERM, THE SEVEN ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ACTIVITIES IN SURFACE WATERS AND WETLANDS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 373.414, WATER RESOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED; HOWEVER, DEP HAS AGREED TO PERMIT IT. BUCKELEW STATED IF CARTER COULD POINT HIM TO A WATER QUALITY STANDARD THAT HAD BEEN VIOLATED, HE WOULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION BUT THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS WERE LOOKED AT AND HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE ANY POLLUTANTS WOULD RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED WOODEN DIVERSION STRUCTURE.

LARRY CARTER - EXPRESSED CONCERNS IF THE WOODEN STRUCTURE FAILED, THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER PERMIT TO DO ADDITIONAL DIGGING IN THE WETLANDS. BUCKELEW REITERATED IF THE STRUCTURE WERE TO FAIL, PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER RECONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE, VICKERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CONTACT DEP, DEP WILL LOOK AT IT AND TRY AND DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF FAILURE; THERE MAY BE CAUSE NOT TO PUT THE STRUCTURE BACK.

LARRY CARTER - EXPRESSED CONCERN THE DIVERSION CREEK WOULD CREATE A SANDBAR FROM FISHING IN THE RIVER AND CREEK; THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH NAVIGATION EXCEPT WITH A CANOE. BUCKELEW STATED THE EXISTING CREEK THAT FLOWS INTO BECTON SPRINGS DOES NOT HAVE A SANDBAR THERE AND DOESN'T FEEL THE NAVIGATION WOULD BE AFFECTED.

J. R. FOXWORTH - EXPRESSED CONCERN DEP WOULDN'T ALLOW PEOPLE TO DIG THE MOUTH OF THE CREEK OUT SO THE WATER CAN FLOW BUT ARE PERMITTING THE BECTON SPRINGS PROJECT. HE VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IN THIS AREA BEING MESSED WITH ANYMORE.

MILTON STRICKLAND - EXPRESSED CONCERNS ON THE CONCEPT OF THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE CREEK AND VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE PERMITTING OF THE PROJECT. HE STATED THEY DIDN'T NEED FENCES, BARRIERS, BERMS, DEVELOPMENT, BOTTLED WATER OR BREWERIES UP AND DOWN THE CREEK; THE CREEK MAY BE THE SOURCE OF WATER THAT SUSTAINS PEOPLES LIVES ONE DAY. HE THEN QUOTED THE WORDS OF A PROTEST SONG ON STRIP MINING IN KENTUCKY IN THE 1960'S. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES; IF THEY ALLOW THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS TO BE CHANGED IT CAN NEVER BE

RECAPTURED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO BUCKELEW PERTAINING TO THE WOODEN STRUCTURE AND WHAT AFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE SPRINGS. AFTER BUCKELEW ADVISED THE DEP ENGINEER WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONER COPE STATED MORE INFORMATION WAS NEEDED ON THE DESIGN OF THE STRUCTURE.

RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY, WAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. PARKER ADVISED, BASED ON WHAT HE HAS BEEN HEARING, NO PERMITS HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR THROUGH THE COUNTY; THE DEP AND CORP OF ENGINEERS PERMITS NEED TO BE DECIDED FIRST. PARKER REFERENCED IF BOTTLING PLANTS WERE TO COME ABOUT IN THIS AREA, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AND THESE DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD. HE STATED THE ONLY DECISION THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ASKED TO RENDER IS IF RECREATIONAL USE WAS ALLOWED IN THE DISTRICT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS IN; PARKER ADVISED RECREATIONAL USE IS ALLOWED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR DEP TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE BE READDRESSSED AND DEP NOT ADHERING TO THIS REQUEST BECAUSE THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THEM TO DO SO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY DID NOT HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE; IF IT GOES TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY.

ALBERT ROBINSON QUESTIONED WHAT DEP NORMALLY DID WHEN THEY HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO DISAGREE WITH THEIR RULES. MURRATTI ADVISED IF THE PEOPLE OPPOSING THE PROJECT WANT A HEARING, THEY MUST FOLLOW THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS.

CONNIE CRYSTOF, ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR OF SUBMERGED LANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PROGRAM WITH DEP IN THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT, CLARIFIED ERIC BUCKELEW ONLY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON DEP RULES AND SHE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THE RULES ARE MET. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THE INFORMATION IN THE FILE AND EVERYTHING THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE, IT WOULD APPEAR THE BECTON SPRINGS PROJECT MEETS THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND RULES DEP HAS TO PERMIT FROM. CRYSTOF ADDED THIS IS WHY THE NOTICE OF INTENT WAS SENT OUT TO ALLOW THE OBJECTORS TO THE PROJECT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER INTO THE HEARING PROCESS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REITERATED DEP HAVING SUFFICIENT ENOUGH OBJECTIONS WHEN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION WAS FILED FOR THEM TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AFTER THE SECOND APPLICATION FOR PERMIT- TING WAS RECEIVED.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHY THE NOTICE OF INTENT WAS PUBLISHED DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, BUCKELEW ADVISED THIS WAS THE WAY IT DROPPED ON THE TIME CLOCK.

PHYLIS EVERITT EXPRESSED HER CONCERN SHOULD THE WOODEN BERM FAIL AND GO DOWN THE CREEK AS THE CREEK IS ALREADY FULL OF LIMBS, ETC.

DAVID MUSHOLT QUESTIONED WHOSE PROPERTY THE BERM WAS GOING TO BE ON WITH BUCKELEW ADVISING IT WOULD BE ON MR. VICKERS'S PROPERTY ACCORDING TO THE DRAWINGS AND SURVEY. BUCKELEW ALSO ADDRESSED DEP HAD A SURVEY DONE AND IT IS NOT STATE OWNED PROPERTY. WHEN QUESTIONED ON VICKERS OWNING THE CREEK, BUCKELEW ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW BUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DOES NOT HOLD TITLE TO THE SUBMERGED LANDINGS.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHOSE NAME WAS ON THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION; BUCKELEW ADVISED THE NAMES ON THE DEED WERE LINDA VICKERS AND RUEBEN LAUREL.

LARRY CARTER READ A MEMO DATED AUGUST 4, 1999 WHICH NOTED THE STATE'S INABILITY TO DETERMINE IF THE STREAM WAS STATE OWNED BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND A RECOMMENDATION THE PROPRIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHICH NORMALLY WOULD APPLY TO STATE OWNED LANDS NOT APPLY TO THIS STREAM. IF IN THE FUTURE SHOULD THE STREAM BE DETERMINED TO BE STATE OWNED, THEN PROPRIETARY REQUIREMENTS WOULD APPLY.

MS. KRYSTOF ADVISED THE SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LAND DETERMINATIONS ARE NOT MADE BY THE DISTRICT DEP OFFICE BUT ARE MADE BY THE DIVISION OF STATE LANDS IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. SHE EXPLAINED WHEN THE STATE CAN NOT DISTINCTLY CLAIM OWNERSHIP, THEY TELL DEP NOT TO APPLY THE PROPRIETARY RULES.

JAN MORRIS QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF HAROLD VICKERS APPLYING FOR A PERMIT WHEN HIS NAME WAS NOT ON THE DEED. KRYSTOF EXPLAINED THIS WAS LEGAL AND ADDRESSED DEP RULE 62.312 AND 62.4 REQUIRING THE PERSON APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT TO HOLD A SUFFICIENT TITLE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY AT THE POINT IN TIME THE PROJECT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

MR. MURRATTI ADVISED ONLY IF THERE IS PROOF AN APPLICANT IS BUILDING ON STATE LAND DOES A PERSON HAVE TO PROVE OWNERSHIP OF THE ACTUAL PROPERTY; IN THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE, THE APPLICANT IS NOT BUILDING ON STATE LAND AND DOES NOT NEED TO PROVE OWNERSHIP. HE REFERENCED MS. KRYSTOF'S STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUE.

LARRY CARTER PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE SEVEN CRITERIA ON THE ISSUING OF A PERMIT BY THE FL-DEP. HE ADVISED THE BOARD, DUE TO THE PROBLEMS THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED WITH HOLMES CREEK BELOW THE SPRINGS, CYPRESS SPRINGS MAINLY, THEY HAVE INCORPORATED THE CITIZENS PRESERVATION COUNCIL AND HE IS THE CHAIRMAN. HE READ THE MISSIONS STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL. HE THEN READ THE SEVEN CRITERIA ON DEP PERMITTING AND NOTED THE CRITERIA WHICH WERE NOT MET. HE ADDRESSED THE SIX CRITERIA THE CORP OF ENGINEERS HAVE ON PERMITTING AND REFERENCED A LETTER FROM THEM DATED MARCH 29TH WITH CONCERNS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. HE ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE NOT KNOWING THE FULL EXTENT OF WHAT MR. VICKERS IS WANTING TO DO AT BECTON SPRINGS. HE ADDRESSED HAVING TRIED TO WORK WITH MR. VICKERS ON EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT PERSONAL PROPERTY, ETC. AND VICKERS WOULDN'T RESPOND EXCEPT TO SAY IT WAS NOT HIS PROBLEM; CARTER DIDN'T WANT ANYONE WITH THIS TYPE OF ATTITUDE TO HAVE A PERMIT TO DIG IN THE SPRINGS WHERE THERE IS ENDANGERED SNAIL, PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE. THE CITIZENS PRESERVATION COUNCIL WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD'S HELP TO DEFEAT THE PERMITTING OF BECTON SPRINGS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED IF THE FLORIDA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION HAD GIVEN DEP APPROVAL ON THE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM VICKERS. DEP REPRESENTATIVES ADVISED THEY DID NOT HAVE A REQUEST FOR DENIAL OR AN OBJECTION ON THE PROJECT FROM U.S.FISH AND WILDLIFE NOR THE CORP OF ENGINEERS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD A RIGHT TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING. IF THE BOARD CHOSE TO REQUEST A HEARING, HE RECOMMENDED THE CITIZENS PRESERVATION COUNCIL FILE A PETITION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ALSO. HE ADVISED IN ORDER TO FILE A PETITION FOR A HEARING, HE WOULD NEED THE AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT WITNESS TO ASSIST HIM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL FOR THE COUNTY TO FILE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE AND APPROVE OF ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT WITNESS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER REQUESTED THE CITIZENS PRESERVATION COUNCIL ALSO FILE A PETITION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO AND QUESTIONED IF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO COVER SOME OF THE EXPENSE INVOLVED. MR. LARRY CARTER AGREED THE GROUP WOULD DISCUSS SHARING SOME OF THE EXPENSE WITH THE BOARD; HOWEVER, THEY FELT THE COUNTY SHOULD BEAR MOST OF THE EXPENSE DUE TO THEM PAYING TAXES TO THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE COUNCIL WOULD FILE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ALSO. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHERE THE HEARING WOULD BE HELD AND HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BE NOTIFIED, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WOULD THINK THE HEARING WOULD BE HELD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING UNLESS THEY WERE CALLED BY ONE OF THE PARTIES AS A WITNESS.

PAUL PARKER, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY VO-TECH SCHOOL, REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13 THRU 29, 2000 AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED FOR A RECESS UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

DONNA COVINGTON, SUPERVISOR FOR THE WASHINGTON & HOLMES COUNTY HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM, WAS PRESENT TO REQUEST THE BOARD DONATE THREE OFFICES AT THE PRIOR PARK AND RECREATION/BUILDING DEPARTMENT LOCATION AS AN INKIND MATCH FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INKIND MATCH BEING ON THE SQUARE FOOTAGE RENTAL ONLY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL FOR THE COUNTY TO DONATE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON RENTAL FOR THE THREE OFFICES AS THE INKIND MATCH WITH THE UTILITIES BEING NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY. CHAIRMAN CARTER INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SET UP A MEETING WITH FAMILY SERVICES AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT TO WORK OUT THE OFFICE SPACES EACH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND TO HAVE DALE MACUMBER AND LLOYD BRUNER CHECK OUT THE BUILDING TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT GET A TIME FRAME ON A YEAR TO YEAR BASIS PUT IN THE AGREEMENT THAT IS NEGOTIATED.

GORDON WARREN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR LOSING VALUABLE PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLL REFERENCING THE PROPERTY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HAD GIVEN PERMISSION TO PAEC TO PURCHASE BETWEEN BURGER KING AND THE HOLIDAY INN FOR OFFICE SPACE; THE POTENTIAL TAX LOSS TO THE COUNTY FOR THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY WOULD BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$7,000,000.00 OVER ITS USEFUL LIFE (50 YEARS). THE POTENTIAL

LOSS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WOULD BE ABOUT \$5,000,000 AND TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ABOUT \$3,000,000.00. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD, IF THEY FEEL THIS PROPERTY SHOULDN'T COME OFF OF THE TAX ROLL, MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND VOICE THEIR OPINION.

WARREN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING CHECKED THE RECORDS AT THE COURTHOUSE AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OWNED THIRTY SEPARATE PARCELS; HE HAD GONE BEFORE THEM AND THEY AGREED TO CHECK THEIR PROPERTY TO SEE WHAT THEY HAD WHICH MIGHT BE EXCESS PROPERTY THAT COULD BE PUT BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS. WARREN PUT THE SAME CHALLENGE BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CHECK AND SEE WHAT TYPE OF EXCESS PROPERTY THEY MAY HAVE THAT COULD BE PUT BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS WHICH WOULD HELP THE TAXPAYERS IN THE FUTURE.

WARREN STATED HE WAS NOT AGAINST THE PAEC BUT FELT THE PROPERTY BEING LOOKED AT WAS TOO VALUABLE A PIECE OF PROPERTY TO COME OFF THE TAX ROLLS AND THERE WERE OTHER PROPERTIES THAT IS ALREADY OFF THE TAX ROLLS THE PAEC COULD BE BUILT ON THAT IS NOT SO VALUABLE.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DOT PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND ADVISED ON COUNTY ROAD 280 THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 32 PIPES UNDER THE ROAD THAT ARE IN VERY POOR CONDITION. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD REVIEW SOME HIGH DENSITY PIPE, SNAP-TITE, WHICH COULD SLIDE INSIDE THE EXISTING CORRUGATED METAL PIPES WHICH WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY STOP TO TRAFFIC, THE COST IS FAIRLY REASONABLE AND THE WORK ON THE PROJECT COULD BEGIN. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A VIDEO ON THE PIPE FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO REVIEW TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE PIPE. HE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ESTIMATED COST:

1. 20-24" X 40' LONG 17.61 PER FOOT DELIVERED
2. 14-36" PIPE 43.24 PER FOOT DELIVERED
3. 3-48" PIPE 73.57 PER FOOT DELIVERED

IF ALL THE 40' PIPE ON THE ROAD IS REPLACED WITH 50' PIPE, WHICH IS WHAT IS NEEDED, THE TOTAL COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$57,809.95.

KNAUER ADVISED HE HAD CHECKED ON THE COST OF STEEL PIPE INSERTS; THE AVAILABILITY IS NOT TOO GOOD AND THE COST IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WERE LOOKING AT HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PIPE WHICH WOULD COME LONG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE THE EXTENSIONS NECESSARY TO WIDEN THE ROAD, BUSTING OUT THE EXISTING SAND CEMENT HEADWALLS AND FORMING UP NEW HEADWALLS AT THE END OF THESE PIPE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF USING THE SNAP-TITE METHOD ON COUNTY ROAD 280 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE PIPE WOULD NOT BE PURCHASED UNTIL JPA FUNDING IS RECEIVED. KNAUER AGREED TO GET THE BOARD A BREAKDOWN ON THE COST FOR THE COUNTY TO DO MITERED ENDS VERSUS POURING HEADWALLS.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CDBG ROAD PROJECTS:

PAIGE DRIVE - ALREADY PAVED AND ABOUT TO LAY SOD. ONLY ITEMS COUNTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARE SEEDING AND MULCHING ANY DISTURBED AREAS NOT COVERED BY SOD, STRIPING OF ROAD, INSTALLATION OF STOP BAR. ONLY CONCERN ON PAIGE DRIVE IS HEADWALL POURED ON 42" PIPE WAS SHORT; THIS CAN BE FIXED LATER ON IF IT LOOKS LIKE EROSION IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

ORANGE HILL ROAD - CONTRACTOR HAS MOBILIZED; EVERYTHING IS ON SCHEDULE.

ST. MARYS ROAD - ALL THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN ORDER FOR EASEMENTS TO BE DRAWN UP AND SIGNED. AS SOON AS EASEMENTS ARE ALL SIGNED, THE COUNTY HAS OBLIGATED THEMSELVES TO DO ALL THE CLEARING ON THE PROJECT; THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE DUE TO THE UTILITY COMPANY BEING READY TO MOVE THEIR LINES.

JAMES POTTER ROAD - ONE LEGAL DESCRIPTION THAT HAD TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT WAS SIGNED LAST WEEK AND THE COUNTY SHOULD BE IN GOOD SHAPE ON THIS PROJECT.

KNAUER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ST. MARYS BRIDGE APPROACHES ADVISING EXCAVATION OF MATERIALS THE DEVELOPMENT HAS REPLACED IT WITH HAS BEEN DONE AND IT IS READY FOR ASPHALT; IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED WHO OR HOW IT WILL BE PAVED.

KNAUER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON BRICKYARD ROAD ADVISING THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON THIS PROJECT; IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE WIDENED.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON FALLING WATERS ROAD ADVISING THERE WERE PROBABLY GOING TO BE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHOULDERS ON THIS PROJECT. DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE

MADE ON THE ROAD WHICH WILL CENTER AROUND WHETHER OR NOT CONCRETE DITCHES WILL BE REPLACED.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY PARK ADVISING IT WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, TOP SOIL WAS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE FIELD AND THE RETENTION WALL WAS THE NEXT PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE WATER METERS FOR THE NEW JAIL AND WHETHER THERE WAS A NEED FOR BOTH A 4" AND 6" METER. KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THE METER AT THE NEW JAIL IS NOT A LOW FLOW METER; HOWEVER, THERE IS A COMBINATION METER THAT CAN HANDLE THE LOW FLOW FOR THE PUMPABLE WATER AND THE HIGH FLOW FOR THE FIRE FLOW. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO INSTALL BOTH THE METERS AT THE NEW JAIL OR PURCHASE A COMBINATION METER AND LET THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAVE THE METER THAT IS THERE NOW.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO GET A PRICE ON THE COMBINATION METER FOR THE JAIL; IF IT IS A COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY PURCHASE THE COMBINATION METER, RETURN THE 6" METER TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND TELL THE CITY OF CHIPLEY THEY CAN HAVE THE 4" METER.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED KNAUER IF THE PLANS FOR HIGHWAY 280 WERE PREPARED TO GO OUT FOR BID; KNAUER ADVISED NO PLANS HAD BEEN STARTED ON THIS PROJECT. CHAIRMAN CARTER SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL THE JPA FUNDING IS RECEIVED BEFORE DOING ANYTHING; NO EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS CAN BE MADE PRIOR TO GETTING THE JPA FUNDING OR THE COUNTY MAY NOT GET REIMBURSED.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THE BOARD THE ARCHITECT HAD SUBMITTED THE PLANS ON THE ELEVATOR FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND REQUESTED THE BOARD REVIEW THEM; IF THEY APPROVE OF THE PLANS, THE ARCHITECT IS READY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT. WHEN ASKED FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROJECT, KNAUER ADVISED HE WOULD NEED TO SEE THE SURVEY ON THE PARKING LOT TO SEE HOW THE RAMP WILL BE WORKED FROM THE PARKING AREA TO WHERE THE ELEVATOR IS TO BE LOCATED. KNAUER AGREED TO GET A COPY OF THE SURVEY FROM CRA, INC. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED UPON KNAUER'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PLANS, AUTHORIZE CRA, INC. TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION WHICH WOULD NEED 40 TO 50 CULVERTS PUT IN AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST. RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PRESENT COUNTY POLICY REQUIRING PERSONS APPLYING FOR THE DRIVEWAY PERMIT TO PAY FOR ALL THE MATERIALS AND PIPE AND THE COUNTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLATION. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO MAKE SURE THE PIPE IS SET AT THE RIGHT SLOPE WHEN INSTALLING ANY DRIVEWAY IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE WATER FLOW.

KNAUER AGREED TO PUT SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES TOGETHER FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT TO FOLLOW ON INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAY PIPES. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD REQUESTING THE ENGINEER WHEN HE REVIEWS A SET OF PLANS TO NOTE WHEN SOMETHING OTHER THAN GENERAL GUIDELINES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC WORKS AND FOR THEM TO CONTACT THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO PERMITTING OF THESE DRIVEWAY PIPE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE JOINT DRIVEWAYS BETWEEN TWO LOTS WHEN NEEDED TO ELIMINATE THE NUMBER OF DRIVEWAYS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PURCHASE OF THE REMAINING STRICKLAND PROPERTY ON HOLMES CREEK CAMPSITES FUNDED BY FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST IS SET FOR CLOSING ON MONDAY CONDITIONED ON WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL SUBMITTING THE MANAGEMENT PLAN ON THE PROJECT TO FCT. HE RECOMMENDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CONTACT WFRPC IN ORDER FOR THE CLOSING TO BE DONE. HE ALSO STATED HE WOULD NEED A CHECK FOR THE COUNTIES PORTION TOTAL- LING \$449.50 AND AUTHORITY FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PROJECT COST STATEMENT. (PRESERVATION 2000 GRANT) COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE AMENDED PURCHASER'S RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO PROCEED WITH FUNDING FOR THE NEW MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD PREPARED THE EASEMENTS ON ST. MARYS ROAD AND GIVEN THEM TO COMMISSIONER HALL FOR HIM TO GET SIGNED. COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED SEVERAL OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY IN THE EASEMENTS WERE DECEASED; O. S. SCOTT, DAVID LEE AND ESTELL GANT WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT WERE STILL LIVING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE SURVEYOR HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION

AND THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY OF RECORD. CLIFF KNAUER AGREED TO TALK WITH THE SURVEYOR, EDWIN BROWN, ON THIS ISSUE AS TITLE SEARCHES WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN DONE ON THESE PROPERTIES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ISSUE WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM WHERE A SHIP OWNER HAD MOVED OUT OF THE HOME AND WAS RENTING IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. HE HAD REVIEWED THE SHIP REGULATIONS AND THE WAY HE INTERPRETED THEM WAS AS LONG AS THE SHIP OWNER RENTS IT TO AN ELIGIBLE PERSON UNDER THE SHIP REGULATIONS THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ON IT BEING RENTED.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. REQUEST FROM CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR WAIVER OF PERMITTING FEES FOR THE NEW CITY POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH LLOYD POWELL, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ADVISING HE WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE OF WAIVING OF PERMITS DUE TO THE CONTRACT HE HAS WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO WORK OUT THE WAIVER PROCESS WITH POWELL.

UPON BEING QUESTIONED ON THE WAIVING OF PERMITS FOR CHURCHES, POWELL ADVISED IF THE CHURCH IS DOING THE WORK THEMSELVES, THE FEES ARE WAIVED BUT IF THE WORK IS CONTRACTED OUT THEY ARE NOT.

2. TITLE LOAN ORDINANCE - CORRESPONDENCE FROM FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES REQUESTING WASHINGTON COUNTY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE LIMITING TITLE LOAN CHARGES TO NO MORE THAN 30% PER YEAR IN ORDER TO PROTECT CONSUMERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE HAVING A TITLE LOAN ORDINANCE DRAWN UP AND ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2000 MEETING LIMITING TITLE LOAN CHARGES TO NO MORE THAN 18% PER YEAR.
3. MUDHILL LANDFILL - 160 ACRES ADJACENT TO MUDHILL LANDFILL FOR SALE; REALTOR HAD PROSPECTIVE BUYER WHO QUESTIONED IF HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT DOWN A WELL WITHOUT ANY CONTAMINANTS DUE TO LANDFILL BEING SO CLOSE. HERBERT ADVISED HE AND CHAIRMAN CARTER HAD MET WITH JIM BUNDY OF BCM ENGINEERS TO DISCUSS THE SMALL AMOUNT OF CONTAMINANTS THAT ACTUALLY CROSSES OVER THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDFILL ON TO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE WERE:
  1. BUILD SOME WELLS AND PUT IN A SYSTEM TO KEEP CONTAMINANTS FROM CROSSING THE BOUNDARY WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EXPENSIVE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE MONITORED FOR A LOT OF YEARS.
  2. PURCHASE THE PROPERTY WHERE THE CONTAMINANTS WERE CROSSING THE LINE.
  3. PAY FOR THE DOUBLE CASING OF THE WELL IF THE BUYER APPROVED OF THIS.

HERBERT ADVISED THE POTENTIAL BUYER'S BID FOR THE PROPERTY WAS TOO LOW; THEREFORE, IT DOES NOT NEED ADDRESSING RIGHT NOW BUT THE BOARD DOES NEED TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE REALTOR STILL PURSUING THE SALE CONTINGENT ON ALLOTING LOTS OFF THE EXISTING COUNTY ROAD WHICH IS WEST OF THE LANDFILL. CHAIRMAN CARTER AND HERBERT HAD INSTRUCTED BUNDY TO DO TESTING TO DETERMINE JUST WHERE THE CONTAMINANTS STOP. IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 55 ACRES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY TO TAKE CARE OF ANY POSSIBLE CONTAMINANTS IN THE WATER FLOW.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THAT BUNDY WOULD NOT SIGN OFF GUARANTEEING THERE WOULD BE NO POLLUTANTS IN THE WATER. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THE COUNTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF ANY CONTAMINANTS AT THE MUDHILL LANDFILL WHICH MAY GO ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER HAD REQUESTED BUNDY PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH DIFFERENT SCENARIOS FOR CAPTURING THE CONTAMINANTS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE OF THE 55 ACRES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY IF IT WOULD REASONABLY ASSURE THE CONTAMINANTS COULD BE CONTAINED WITHIN THESE BOUNDARIES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHECK TO SEE IF LEGISLATIVE MONIES ARE AVAILABLE WHICH COULD ASSIST WITH THE COST INVOLVED WITH

CONTROLLING THE CONTAMINANTS IN THE WATER FLOW AT THE MUDHILL LANDFILL SITE.

4. TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - REQUESTED THE BOARD RENEW THE MEMBERSHIPS OF FRANCES KIRKLAND, JOHNATHON HARRIS AND C. E. YATES; REMOVE CHARLES ANDERSON FROM BEING WASHINGTON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE DUE TO HIM HAVING MOVED TO HOLMES COUNTY; REMOVE HOWARD LOVETT AS MEMBER DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION; REQUESTED TY PEEL REPLACE ONE OF THESE VACANCIES. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S REQUESTS.
5. DRUG TESTING OF EMPLOYEES - DUE TO AN ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED AND THERE BEING CONTROVERSY WHETHER THE EMPLOYEE SHOULD HAVE WENT FOR DRUG TESTING, HERBERT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FROM THE BOARD WHEN EMPLOYEES SHOULD GO FOR DRUG TESTING. HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM ALLEN CLARK, COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT, ON WHEN EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE SENT FOR A DRUG SCREEN:
  1. WHEN THERE IS AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANY BODILY INJURY
  2. WHEN THERE IS AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE-COUNTY OWNED OR OTHER PARTIES

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALLEN CLARK'S RECOMMENDATION FOR DRUG SCREENING OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED.

THE BOARD AGREED TO PLACE "RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES" ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 24, 2000 MEETING.

6. HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - HERBERT BRIEFED THE BOARD ON WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ACQUIRING EIGHT MORE PROPERTIES AND GIVING THE BOARD THREE OPTIONS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTIES;
  1. DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE PAID FOR BY GRANT.
  2. SELL OF STRUCTURE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OR SEALED BID.
  3. USE OF STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; STRUCTURE MUST BE MOVED OFF SITE BY COUNTY AND RELOCATED OUTSIDE FLOODZONE A.

THE EIGHT PROPERTIES ARE:

1. EARL DAVIS
2. LOUISE VEREEN
3. HEIRS OF GUS WORKS
4. JAMES LEWIS
5. LAURIE COATNEY
6. JERRY TROTTER
7. ROY PETERSON
8. CLIFFORD STRICKLAND

THE BOARD AGREED TO PHYSICALLY LOOK AT THESE PROPERTIES AND MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE STRUCTURES AT THEIR FEBRUARY 24, 2000 MEETING.

7. FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - HERBERT ADVISED WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAD SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO PREPARE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR \$1,000.00; GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 30, 2000. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO PREPARE THE FMA GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION AND/OR ELEVATION OF REPETITIVE LOSS STRUCTURES.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECESSED THE MEETING FOR A LUNCH BREAK UNTIL 1:30 P. M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT CONTINUED WITH HIS REPORT.

8. EASEMENT ON JAMES POTTER ROAD - COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FROM BRUCE SMITH ON THE JAMES POTTER ROAD.
9. CREEL, EDWARDS AND RICHTER LAWSUITS - HERBERT ADVISED BOARD OF LETTER FROM FACT ON THESE LAWSUITS WHICH



RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE OF FACT OFFERING A TOKEN AMOUNT TO MAKE THEM GO AWAY AND TO SAVE ON LEGAL FEES; IF NOT ACCEPTED, PROCEED TO TRIAL. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CARTER TO SIGN THE LETTER APPROVING OF THIS AGREEMENT. 10. ANNUAL EVALUATION/ PETER

HERBERT - ACCORDING TO COUNTY

POLICY ALL EMPLOYEES GET AN ANNUAL EVALUATION; HIS WAS DUE IN DECEMBER BUT HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THAT MEETING. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD FOR HERBERT TO PROVIDE EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AN EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FORM; THEY WILL EVALUATE HERBERT AND THEN THE EVALUATIONS WILL BE TABULATED.

11. CENSUS - JERRY BROCK, 911 COORDINATOR, IS HEAD OF THE CENSUS COMMITTEE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND REQUESTED IT BE ANNOUNCED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS THE CENSUS IS COMING UP TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE THEY WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THE CENSUS IN MARCH AND APRIL.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE 1999 EDITION. NO ONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR ON THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE 1999 EDITION.

DUE TO NEGOTIATIONS FALLING THROUGH WITH ARC ON THE CLEANING OF THE COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ALLOW USSI TO CONTINUE CLEANING THE COUNTY ANNEX FOR SIX MONTHS, SAME AS THE OTHER BUILDINGS, WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO HAVE USSI DISCONTINUE PROVIDING JANITORIAL SERVICES AND DEDUCT COST FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, PARK AND RECREATION AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED AN AMENDMENT WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT FOR ENFINGER TO BE PROVIDED A COPY OF ANY COMPLAINTS, ALONG WITH TODD ABBOT OF USSI, SO HE CAN FOLLOW UP ON THEM. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED IT BEING REQUESTED THE COUNTY PURCHASE 42 ACRES AT JENKINS LANDING AND KEEP THE BOAT RAMP FOR PUBLIC USE. DUE TO THE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY BEING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND NOT A BUDGETED ITEM, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER FOUND SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO PURCHASE AND PUT A \$5,000.00 BINDER DOWN ON A LARGE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE WILLING TO PURCHASE AND PUT A \$5,000.00 BINDER DOWN ON APPROXI- MATELY 2.5 ACRES. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR THE COUNTY TO PUT DOWN A \$5,000.00 BINDER AND THE OTHER PARTY PUT DOWN A \$5,000.00 BINDER, NEGOTIATE WITH THE SELLER ON THE COUNTY PURCHASING 2.5 ACRES AND THE OTHER PARTY PUR- CHASING THE REMAINING PROPERTY. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ENFINGER REQUESTING ATTORNEY HOLLEY MAKE SURE THE COUNTY'S 2.5 ACRES INCLUDES ACCESS TO JENKINS LANDING OR AN EASEMENT IS OBTAINED FOR ACCESS PURPOSES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED HE BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON THE 2.5 ACRES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED A LOT OF THE ITEMS THE BOARD IS DOING NOT BEING BUDGETED AND IT BEING HARD TO FIND THE MONEY. HE REFERENCED A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RE-ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL LAND AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR WHICH IS A 50/50 MATCHING FUND PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED HERBERT FILE FOR FUNDING PRIOR TO THE MARCH 7, 2000 DEADLINE; THE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT IS \$100,000.00.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THERE BEING APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PRISON SITE THE COUNTY OWNS AND SUGGESTED THE BOARD PUT IT UP FOR SALE TO HELP GENERATE FUNDS TO OFFSET SOME OF THE ITEMS NOT COVERED IN THEIR BUDGET. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO PROCEED WITH LOOKING AT ALL COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY TO SEE WHAT COULD BE SOLD IN ORDER TO GET IT BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD OF A MATCHING GRANT PACKAGE THEY HAVE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HALL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HAVING SPOKEN WITH THE HEAD OF THE SATERRA CORPORATION ON THE COUNTY GETTING A CLAY PIT FROM THEM; THE COUNTY WILL HAVE

TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR THE CLAY PIT AND POSSIBLY HAVE TO GIVE SATERRA CORPORATION MORE PROPERTY THAN THEY WILL BE RECEIVING TO MAKE IT BENEFICIAL TO THEM. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED COMMISSIONER HALL DO RESEARCH AND BRING BACK MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROPOSED EXCHANGES OF PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED A REQUEST FOR HIGHWAY 279 PATE LAKE ROAD TO BE DEDICATED IN A PERSON'S NAME BUT LEAVE IT PATE LAKE ROAD BECAUSE OF THE 911 ADDRESSING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED ALL THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE WAS ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER HALL AGREED TO BRING THIS MATTER BACK UP AT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2000 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED LOOKING INTO REDUCING THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT STAFF BY ONE FOR RIGHT NOW AND LATER ON, LOOK AT CONTRACT- ING OUT THE SECRETARY WORK COMPLETELY WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HIRING HIS OWN SECRETARIES. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD LOOK AT THIS REQUEST WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, EVALUATE IT AND ADDRESS IT AT THE FEBRUARY 24TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM BERT ROBERTS OF WASHINGTON HOLMES VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER AND OLIN GILBERT OF KATE SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO USE THE AG CENTER AS AN OVERFLOW GATHERING PLACE FOR STUDENTS SHOULD THERE BE A NEED FOR THEM TO EVACUATE THE SCHOOLS DUE TO BOMB THREATS, FIRE DRILLS, BAD WEATHER, ETC. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ROBERT'S AND GILBERT'S REQUEST FOR USE OF THE AG CENTER.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAVING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FL-DOT TO COMPLETE A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT STUDY OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR THE COUNTY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ALSO REQUESTING THE FL-DOT DO THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT STUDY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER QUESTIONED IF ANY OF THE BOARD HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE FL-DEP APPLICATION FOR PERMITTING REGARDING DREDGE AND FILL ACTIVITIES IN REFERENCE TO THE FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY; THE PERMIT WAS TO DO MAINTENANCE WORK ON PUMP. (CROSSES NEXT TO OSCAR WARD/OLD BEVERITT PLACE)

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED INSURANCE INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY ANNEX; THE COUNTY ANNEX IS PRESENTLY BEING INSURED FOR \$700,000.00 AND THE CONTENTS \$25,000.00. CHAIRMAN CARTER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TAKE AN INVENTORY AFTER EVERYONE HAS MOVED TO THE COUNTY ANNEX AND MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE CONTENTS; INSURE THE BUILDING FOR WHAT THE ARCHITECT BASED HIS FEE ON OR REPLACEMENT COST.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 1999 MEETING, THE MINUTES REFLECT THAT WILLIAM BENTON WOULD REMAIN A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE; HOWEVER, THE BOARD FINANCE RECEIVED A PERSONNEL STATUS FORM STATING HE HAD BEEN CHANGED TO A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE. IN ORDER TO MAKE BENTON A PERMANENT STATUS EMPLOYEE, BOARD ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO THIS EFFECT. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO MAKE WILLIAM BENTON PERMANENT STATUS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED C. L. HAMMACK HAVING SICK LEAVE OF 100 HOURS AND ANNUAL LEAVE OF 98 HOURS WHICH WOULD TOTAL \$1566.18; THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY CALLS FOR ANNUAL LEAVE TO BE PAID AND IF AN EMPLOYEE RETIRES, THEY GET A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SICK LEAVE. HOWEVER, THE POLICY DOES NOT COVER DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE WHILE ON THE JOB. CHAIRMAN CARTER RECOMMENDED PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL LEAVE TIME BE PAID TO C. L. HAMMACK'S FAMILY. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO PAY HAMMACK'S FAMILY TOTAL SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE DOLLARS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE VIEWING FOR C. L. HAMMACK WOULD BE HELD AT 6:00 P. M. AT PEELS FUNERAL HOME ON THIS DATE AND THE FUNERAL WOULD BE AT 2:00 P. M. AT THE NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED BOARD ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO ORDER THE THREE REPLACEMENT GRADERS FOR THE GRADERS GOING OUT UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ORDERING THE REPLACEMENT GRADERS FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY AT A COST OF \$457,896.00. THE BOARD AGREED TO ADVERTISE THE GRADERS GOING OUT UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR SALE ON THE INTERNET WITH THEM TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 1, 2000. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ALSO WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT ALL THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS ON THE GRADERS TO BE SOLD UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 1999 TOTTALLING \$2,877,092.00.

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COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 TOTALLING \$258,287.50.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON HIGHWAY 279 AT VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL, VERNON, FLORIDA AND THE SPORTS COMPLEX. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING HALF THE COST OF INSTALLATION FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH THE COUNTY TO PICK UP THE COST FOR THE METER IN VERNON. CHAIRMAN CARTER INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CONTACT GULF POWER TO MAKE SURE VERNON'S METER BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENT.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING A VIBRATORY ROLLER ON LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO BUY FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY FOR APPROXIMATELY \$50,000.00. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE VIBRATORY ROLLER.

JOEL PATE ADVISED THE BOARD THE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING TWO PARKS SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY RANKED SIXTH AND SEVENTH OUT OF THIRTEEN PROJECTS THAT WENT INTO THE FUNDING PROGRAM UNDER THE FL-DEP RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADDRESSED ROAD AND BRIDGE BEING OFF ON JANUARY 28TH FOR C. L. HAMMACK'S FUNERAL AND QUESTIONED WAS THE OTHER COUNTY OFFICES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH IT BEING THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR THE OTHER COUNTY OFFICES TO BE ALLOWED TO CLOSE AT NOON ON THE 28TH; HOWEVER, IF THEY TAKE OFF THEY SHOULD ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED AT 2:20 P. M. ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

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

DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 01/27/00