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BOARD MINUTES FOR 11/21/00

NOVEMBER 21, 2000

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

SHRERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH CARLOS FINCH PROVIDING THE INVOCATION. COMMISSIONER BROCK LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

JUDGE ALLEN REGISTER PERFORMED THE SWEARING IN CEREMONIES FOR COMMISSIONER CHARLES BROCK-DISTRICT III, COMMISSIONER JOHN HALL- DISTRICT I AND COMMISSIONER RONNIE FINCH-DISTRICT V.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD BEGAN WITH VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK TURNING THE MEETING OVER TO CLERK LINDA COOK. CLERK COOK OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER LYNN COPE, SR. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

CLERK COOK ANNOUNCED COMMISSIONER COPE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO THE CHAIRMAN. CHAIRMAN COPE OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER BROCK AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATE, TIME AND PLACE AND STATED THE MEETINGS WERE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE TO BE HELD ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO RETAIN GERALD HOLLEY AS COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF REHIRING ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER COPE MADE THE LIASON APPOINTMENTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT-JOHN HALL  
BUILDING MAINTENANCE-CHARLES BROCK  
PARKS AND RECREATION-JOHN HALL  
COMPUTER AND DATA SERVICES-LYNN COPE  
EMERGENCY SERVICES-LYNN COPE  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-LARRY ENFINGER  
RECYCLING-CHARLES BROCK  
CORRECTIONS-RONNIE FINCH  
AGRICULTURE CENTER-LARRY ENFINGER  
VETERANS SERVICE-RONNIE FINCH  
LIBRARY-RONNIE FINCH  
CARE-RONNIE FINCH  
RC&D-RONNIE FINCH  
COUNCIL ON AGING-LYNN COPE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY-LYNN COPE  
SMALL COUNTY COALITION-PETER HERBERT  
SMALL COUNTY COALITION (ALTERNATE) LARRY ENFINGER  
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL-CHARLES BROCK  
WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL-CHARLES BROCK  
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGE-CHARLES BROCK  
INDIGENT PATIENT COMMITTEE-JOHN HALL  
PANHANDLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE SYSTEM-RONNIE FINCH  
CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD-JOHN HALL  
HOSPITAL BOARD-RONNIE FINCH

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 3, 2000 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS.

DUE TO COMMISSIONER FINCH ELECTING TO SERVE ON THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY

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COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER FINCH TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2000:

- A. PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.
- B. BID APPROVAL AND PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ONE FOR THE AGRICULTURE CENTER-CHIPOLA FORD AT \$18,086.50 EACH.
- C. DISPOSAL OF SEVEN VEHICLES TO SURPLUS PROPERTY BY AUCTION AT MASON AUCTION COMPANY:
  1. 1992 FORD SW ID# 1FACP55U3NA201531
  2. 1983 CHEVROLET ID# 1G1AW6995DR259634
  3. 1992 FORD SW ID# 1FACP55U1NA201530
  4. 1988 DODGE ID# 1B3BD46D0JF224853
  5. 1991 DODGE ID# 2B5WB35Y0MK433836
  6. 1994 DODGE ID# 2B5WB35Z4RK158438
  7. 1991 DODGE ID# 2B5WB35Y4MK433838

SUSAN STEPHENS, REPRESENTING THE LAW FIRM OF HOLLAND AND KNIGHT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD BEEN RETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY'S DECISION TO FILE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING CHALLENGING THE FL-DEP PROPOSED PERMIT TO HAROLD VICKERS TO CONSTRUCT A WOODEN BERM AND DIVERSIONARY CANAL AT BECTON SPRINGS. SHE WENT OVER THE CONTENTS OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE BOARD'S AGENDA PACKET, ADVISING THE ATTORNEYS FOR ALL PARTIES HAD AGREED TO THE SETTLEMENT. OTHER ISSUES ADDRESSED BY STEPHENS:

1. THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE NO AFFECT ON ANY OTHER LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATIONS VICKERS WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN.
2. THE COUNTY WOULD MAKE NO AGREEMENT REGARDING ANY STATE SUBMERGED LAND AUTHORIZATIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERMIT.
3. THE COUNTY WOULD MAKE NO AGREEMENT REGARDING ANY FEDERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS PERMIT THAT IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED TO BE OBTAINED.
4. IN REGARDS TO THE SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LAND ISSUE, THE DIVISION OF STATE LANDS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ARE SEPARATE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS TO THE PERMIT VICKERS CURRENTLY HAS; THEY CLAIMED TITLE TO THE BOTTOM OF BECTON SPRINGS BUT COULD NOT MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO TITLE TO THE FEEDER BRANCH THAT GOES INTO BECTON SPRINGS AS DOCUMENTATION DID NOT EXIST. THIS IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION AND RATHER THAN HAVE AN UNCERTAINTY DETERMINATION, THEY WILL SAY YES OR NO; IF THEY SAY YES THE STATE DOES HAVE TITLE TO THE FEEDER BRANCH, VICKERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GET AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE. DUE TO THIS DETERMINATION POSSIBLY TAKING A LITTLE WHILE, IT WAS AGREED BY ALL PARTIES, ANY SETTLEMENT REACHED TODAY WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. STEPHENS RECOMMENDATION WAS TO PROCEED WITH THE SETTLEMENT

PROPOSAL RATHER THAN GO THROUGH THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF HEARING AS SHE FEELS THE COUNTY CAN GET SOMETHING THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO WHAT THEY MAY GET AT A HEARING PROCESS; A MUCH MORE RESTRICTIVE PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS THAT WOULD MINIMIZE IMPACT DURING CONSTRUCTION AND IN ADDITION GET A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS WELL AS A CERTAIN AREA FOR CARRYING WATER ALONG THE STREAM WOULD BE PROTECTED IN PROTUIITY AND COULD NOT BE DEVELOPED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION IF STEPHENS WAS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION THE BOARD ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL ON THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE TO SAVE MONEY AS THEY WILL END UP WITH THE SAME RESULTS IF THEY GO INTO ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; STEPHENS STATED YES AND EXPLAINED HOW THE STATE PERMITTING PROCESS WORKED.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF DEP GRANTED THE PERMIT TO VICKERS, WOULD THEY MONITOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BERM; STEPHENS ADDRESSED CONDITIONS WERE IN THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE VICKERS, ON THE PARTICULAR PATH WHERE THE

BYPASS CHANNEL IS TO BE PLACED, TO PUT FLAGS EXACTLY WHERE IT WAS GOING TO BE; DEP WOULD BE REQUIRED TO GO OUT AND SEE WHERE THE FLAGS ARE AND AGREE IT WAS THE PATH WITH THE LEAST IMPACT; VICKERS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO FLAG THE TEMPORARY ACCESS PATH TO GET THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN AND DEP WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE OF THIS PATH BEING THE PATH WITH THE LEAST IMPACT; THE SETTLEMENT WOULD REQUIRE VICKERS TO BUILD THE WALL HE IS PLANNING ON CONSTRUCTING BY HAND AND NOT TAKE ANY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN THERE. THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE HIM TO GO IN ONCE A DAY WITH EQUIPMENT AND AFTER IT IS DONE, VICKERS WOULD HAVE TO CERTIFY STANDARD CONDITIONS, NOT PART OF THIS PROPOSAL, AND ADVISE DEP HE HAD COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE ALSO QUESTIONED IF DEP PERMITTED BECTON SPRINGS, WHERE WOULD THE CORP OF ENGINEERS STAND. STEPHENS ADVISED ONCE VICKERS GETS THE PERMIT FROM DEP, HE MUST STILL GET A PERMIT FROM THE CORP OF ENGINEERS UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE RIVERS AND PROPERTIES ACT; IF HE NEEDS PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE, A LEASE BASICALLY FOR THE WORK, HE WOULD HAVE TO GET THIS BEFORE HE COULD BEGIN WORK. STEPHENS ADVISED DEP COULD NOT ISSUE ITS PERMIT UNTIL IT WAITS ON THE PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION ISSUE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THEIR WETLANDS PERMIT UNTIL THEY GET PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION IF IT IS REQUIRED. STEPHENS ADVISED IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS PROPOSAL, THE PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION IS WORKED OUT AND IF PROPRIETARY AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE IS REQUIRED, VICKERS WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN THAT CONCURRENTLY, DEP WOULD ISSUE ITS PERMIT AND THEN THE CORP OF ENGINEERS WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE ITS PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF VICKERS, SOMETIMES IN THE FUTURE WANTED TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM THE SPRINGS, WOULD THIS GO THROUGH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT AS FAR AS THE AMOUNT OF WATER HE COULD WITHDRAW; STEPHENS ADVISED IT WOULD BE WITHIN THE PERMITTING JURISDICTION OF THE NFWMD BUT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THE COUNTY FROM GETTING INVOLVED IF VICKERS DECIDED HE WANTED TO WITHDRAW WATER FROM THE SPRINGS. THE WALL WOULD NOT HAVE ANY IMPACT ON WHETHER THIS PROJECT IS PERMITTED OR NOT; THIS PERMITTING AUTHORIZATION WOULD GOVERN THE GALLONS PER DAY VICKERS COULD PULL OUT OF THE SPRINGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE WIDTH OF THE BYPASS CHANNEL VICKERS WAS REQUESTING; STEPHENS ADVISED THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE IT A 12' BYPASS CHANNEL.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED IF IT HAS BEEN VERIFIED THAT ANYTHING VICKERS IS GOING TO DO AT THE SPRINGS WILL NOT AFFECT THE PUBLIC USE, THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC OR HINDER ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE SPRINGS. STEPHENS ADDRESSED THE WALL ITSELF WOULD IMPACT PUBLIC TRAFFIC; THE BOAT TRAFFIC THAT NOW TAKES THE BRANCH INTO BECTON SPRINGS WOULD NOW HAVE TO GO AROUND THROUGH THE BYPASS DOWN AROUND THE NATURAL CONNECTION AT THE SPRING END OF THE MAIN OUTFLOW AND THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE NAVIGABLE ALL TIMES OF THE YEAR NATURALLY; VICKERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO KEEP THE EXCAVATED PORTION CLEAR. OTHERWISE, THE ROUTE OF TRAFFIC WOULD BE ALONG HOLMES CREEK AND THROUGH THE MAIN OUTFLOW OF THE SPRINGS; VICKERS HAS AGREED IN THE PROPOSAL, ACCEPT FOR TURBIDITY CURTAINS DURING CONSTRUCTION, TO KEEP THE BYPASS CHANNEL HE IS GOING TO EXCAVATE AND THE FEEDER BRANCH FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND EVEN DURING CONSTRUCTION, HE WOULD KEEP THE MAIN OUTFLOW FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS. THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD ALLOW VICKERS AT ANY POINT OF CONSTRUCTION TO EVER OBSTRUCT THE MAIN OUTFLOW. WHEN QUESTIONED WHO WOULD BE THE ENFORCER OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, STEPHENS ADVISED DEP'S LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, VICK KEISLER, IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AND AS STANDARD IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM, THAT WOULD BE AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION THAT DEP COULD TAKE.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE PROPOSAL STATING MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, FORMERLY BECTON SPRINGS, AND QUESTIONED IF THE NAME COULD BE LEFT AS BECTON SPRINGS. STEPHENS ADVISED THIS HAD NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BUT SHE DID NOT SEE A PROBLEM WITH LEAVING IT BECTON SPRINGS.

LARRY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS PRESERVATION GROUP, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING HIM HAVING FOUGHT THE PERMITTING FOR THE BECTON SPRINGS PROJECT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT SOUND STRUCTURALLY OR ENGINEERING WISE. CARTER EXPLAINED IF THE PERMITTING WAS ALLOWED, THE POOL LEVEL OF THE SPRING WILL DRY AND THE SECTION WHERE VICKERS IS WANTING TO PUT HIS BYPASS ONE FOOT DEEP WILL NEVER BE NAVIGABLE AGAIN. HE IMPLORING THE BOARD NOT TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER STUDIES ARE DONE; HE BELIEVES THESE WATERS ARE THE SOVEREIGN WATERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND BELONG TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

CARTER ADDRESSED HIM FEELING THE MONIES PAID TO STEPHENS WERE SPENT BADLY; HE HAD ENCOURAGED THE MONIES TO BE SPENT, HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T THINK THE OUTCOME WOULD BE

THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE HANDED TO MR. VICKERS BY A RECOMMENDATION FROM HOLLAND & KNIGHT.

STEPHENS REITERATED HER RECOMMENDATION WAS BASED ON THE BOARD'S VOTE TO GO FORWARD BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE LAW AND HER DESIRE TO SAVE THE COUNTY THE EXPENSE OF GOING ALL THE WAY THROUGH HEARINGS WITH A QUESTIONABLE OUTCOME. SHE AGREED TO GO FORWARD AND FIGHT VIGOROUSLY IF THE COUNTY SO CHOSE; SHE ENCOURAGED LARRY CARTER TO TURN OVER THE RESULTS OF HIS STUDIES. SHE ADDRESSED THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT HOLLAND & KNIGHT RETAINED LOOKED AT THE SPRINGS AND AGREED THERE WERE A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THE PERMIT AND IT SHOULD NOT ISSUE THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN. SHE ADVISED HER JOB, THE WAY SHE SAW IT AFTER THE BOARD'S VOTE IN SEPTEMBER, WAS TO COME BACK WITH A LIST OF SETTLEMENT TERMS THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM WHAT VICKERS IS PROPOSING TO DO AND LEAVE IT UP TO THE BOARD TO VOTE ON WHETHER WHAT THEY COME UP WITH WAS SUFFICIENT TO ALLEVIATE THE BOARD'S CONCERNS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED MS. STEPHEN'S RESPONSIBILITY AS THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY IS TO GIVE THE BOARD THE BEST PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ADVICE BASED ON THE FACTS AVAILABLE TO HER AND IT IS THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT IT.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO WEIGH PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AGAINST COMMUNITY RIGHTS AND STATE RIGHTS; THE BOARD HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE SINCE HE BECAME A COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND FELT LIKE IT WAS TIME FOR A CLOSURE. ENFINGER ADDRESSED NO MATTER WHAT THE BOARD VOTES TO DO TODAY, VICKERS WILL STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PERMITS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO DO THE BECTON SPRINGS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED VICKERS OWNS THE TOTAL SPRINGS, THE ROUTES HE IS WANTING TO CLOSE, ETC. STEPHENS ADVISED AS TO THE UPLANDS, THE AREA THAT IS NOT NORMALLY SUBMERGED UNDER AVERAGE HIGH WATER, VICKERS HAS DEEDS TO THESE. THE BOTTOM OF THE SPRINGS ITSELF UP TO THE AVERAGE HIGH WATER MARK, THE STATE CLAIMS OWNERSHIP. WHAT IS IN DISPUTE IS THE BRANCH THAT COMES INTO BECTON SPRINGS; WHETHER IT IS UNDER STATE OWNERSHIP.

LARRY CARTER ASKED STEPHENS IF SHE WAS ASKING THE BOARD TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT NOW WHEN THERE IS A DISPUTE IF THE FEEDER BRANCH COMING INTO BECTON SPRINGS BELONGS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR MR. VICKERS AND RECOMMENDED WAITING UNTIL THE SETTLEMENT IS COMPLETE AND A DECISION IS MADE ON THE OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND IN DISPUTE. STEPHENS ADDRESSED THIS SETTLEMENT WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON VICKERS GETTING THE OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS HE WOULD NEED AND WOULD NOT RESTRICT THE COUNTY FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN THE OTHER PROCESS; THE STATE TITLE PROCESS OR THE FEDERAL CORP PROCESS.

STEPHENS ADVISED THE PROBLEM WITH TABLING THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE DECISION IS MADE ON OWNERSHIP IS A HEARING IS SET FOR JANUARY AND ALL PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO ANOTHER CONTINUANCE. STEPHENS ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO EITHER VOTE YES OR NO ON THE SETTLEMENT TODAY SO SHE WOULD HAVE CERTAINTY TO WHETHER OR NOT TO GEAR UP FOR A FULL HEARING ON THIS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF STEPHENS AND ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL ON BECTON SPRINGS. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO TABLE ACTION ON THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL BASED ON THE FACT HE WANTED TO PREPARE IN MAKING A DECISION AND AT THIS POINT, DIDN'T FEEL IT WOULD BE FAIR TO EITHER PARTY FOR HIM TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON HOW THIS SHOULD PROCEED AND ALSO INCLUDED IN HIS MOTION TO POSTPONE THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION. MS. STEPHENS ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD GAVE HER AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO, SHE WOULD SEEK A MOTION TO PUT THIS CASE IN ADVANCE UNTIL AFTER THE TITLE ISSUE IS DETERMINED BY THE DEP DIVISION OF STATE LANDS; SHE WOULD SEEK TO HAVE ALL PARTIES TO AGREE TO THIS; IF THEY DON'T AGREE, SHE WOULD FILE A MOTION TO HAVE THE MATTER PUT INTO CONVEYANCE NOT ON THE BASIS OF THE SETTLEMENT BUT ON THE BASIS FOR THE NEED TO GET THE DETERMINATION OF STATE TITLE CONCLUDED BEFORE PROCEEDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND HALL AGREED TO ACCEPT STEPHEN'S STATEMENTS AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THEIR MOTION AND SECOND.

STEVE HALL OF THE LAW FIRM OF HALL AND REYNOLDS FROM NICEVILLE AND DESTIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR MOTION; HIS CLIENT, HAROLD VICKERS, AGREED TO A CONTINUANCE ON THE MATTER FROM THE HEARING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO GO AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST MONTH UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER; ULTIMATELY, A HEARING WAS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY BECAUSE THERE WERE NO DATES AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER. HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM VICKERS WAS NOT TO ACCEPT OR SUPPORT ANOTHER CONTINUANCE IN THE BECTON SPRINGS MATTER. HE ADDRESSED VICKERS HAVING ACCEPTED EVERY PERMIT CONDITION

SUGGESTED BY THE COUNTY'S CONSULTANT. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HAVING ASKED THE STAFF AT DEP IF THEY WOULD SUPPORT ANOTHER CONTINUANCE; THEIR PERMITTING OFFICIALS IN PENSACOLA INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANOTHER CONTINUANCE. IN SUMMARIZING, ATTORNEY HALL ADVISED HIS CLIENT COULD NOT SUPPORT ANOTHER CONTINUANCE; IF SOME TYPE OF SETTLEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON THE TERMS PROVIDED OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO IT, THEY WOULD NEED TO MOVE FORWARD TO HEARING. HE ADDRESSED THE EXPENSE INVOLVED WITH PREPARING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; HE GUESTIMATED THE COUNTY HAS SPENT LESS THAT HALF OF WHAT THEY WILL ULTIMATELY SPEND SHOULD THE MATTER GO TO HEARING; HE FELT THE COUNTY HAS A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE AS GOOD AS WHAT THEY WILL RECEIVE FROM A HEARING OFFICER. HE ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF SOVERIGN LANDS SHOULD BE DETERMINED POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK AND SUGGESTED IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD TO SETTLE THIS MATTER, TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER IN ORDER TO COME TO A DECISION.

A LADY IN THE AUDIENCE REFERENCED THE BECTON SPRINGS ISSUE HAVING BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO YEARS AND ASKED THE BOARD TO BE FAIR TO VICKERS AS HE HAS BEEN WAITING TO BE ABLE TO GO ON WITH HIS BUSINESS ALL THIS TIME.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED HOW MUCH MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT TO OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS TO RESOLVE THE BECTON SPRINGS CASE; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT ADVISED A LITTLE LESS THAN \$60,000 HAD BEEN SPENT TO DATE. CORSO ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD TABLED THE ISSUE TODAY IT WOULD BE BECAUSE OF ONE PERSON NOT HAVING THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON BUT YET THEY HAVE AN ATTORNEY GIVING A LEGAL OPINION.

CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED FOR A QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OPPOSING. CORSO REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, COMMISSIONER HALL, BROCK, FINCH AND COPE VOTED YES WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER VOTING NO.

STEVE REGISTER, REPRESENTING AFLAC, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO STUDY THE COUNTY'S PRESENT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OFFERED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SERVICES INC. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 1993. HE REFERENCED SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES INDICATING THEY HAD TROUBLE FINDING OUT INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MADE TO THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN; HE WAS WANTING TO SEE WHAT THE COST OF THE PLAN WAS TO THE COUNTY, THE EMPLOYEES AND ALSO ADDRESS THE SERVICE ISSUES. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF REGISTER DOING A STUDY ON THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY.

BARBARA RUSSELL, ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A PLAQUE FOR MR. LLOYD BRUNER AND MR. ROBERT PETTIS WHICH EXPRESSED THE LIBRARY'S APPRECIATION FOR THEM GOING BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY IN PROVIDING SERVICE. ADMINISTRA- TIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT ACCEPTED THE PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF MR. BRUNER AND MR. PETTIS.

MR. DON WALTERS ADDRESSSED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL ISSUES:

1. THE TOWN OF VERNON HAD REQUESTED SOIL CONSERVATION ALONG WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING A NEW LOCATION FOR A NEW PERK POND DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESENT LOCATION. IN WORKING WITH NRCS, THEY HAVE COME UP WITH SOME SITES THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE; JOHN MIDDLETON, CITY COUNCILMAN IS GOING TO REVIEW THE SITES; NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT WILL HAVE THE SELECTED SITE APPRAISED AND IF IT CAN BE BOUGHT FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE, NFWFMD WILL PURCHASE THE SITE FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON.
2. TWO EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS BEING DONE ON ECONFINA CREEK FOR NFWFMD: ONE PROJECT HAS APPROXIMATELY 350 YARDS OF EARTHWORK, WHICH CAN ALL BE DONE WITH A BULLDOZER, MULCHING, PLANTING, ETC. THE SECOND PROJECT ONLY REQUIRES THE TRANSPLANTING OF NATIVE GRASS. THESE PROJECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY NFWFMD; \$6,000 CAN GO TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IF THEY WILL AGREE TO ASSIST WITH THE PROJECTS AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED FOR THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ASSIST WITH THE TWO EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS ON ECONFINA CREEK.
3. SOIL CONSERVATION IS NEGOTIATING WITH NFWFMD FOR A CREW FROM

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THE CARYVILLE WORKCAMP TO DO THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE ECONFINA CREEK WATERSHED AREA AND THE LOWER CHOCTA-HATCHEE WATER SHED AREA. THEY ARE REQUESTING A FIVE INMATE CREW AND CARYVILLE WORKCAMP HAS ASSURED THEM WITH A REQUEST FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE CREW. WALTERS INSURED THE BOARD THERE WOULD BE NO COST TO THE COUNTY; THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, INSPECTIONS, OR LOGISTICS TO ARRIVE FROM THIS CREW. THE ONLY THING THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO DO IS HIRE THE SUPERVISOR TO WORK THE CREW; THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAID \$22,000 PER YEAR FOR THE HIRING OF THE SUPERVISOR OVER THE INMATE CREW; NFWMD WOULD PROVIDE THE VEHICLE, TOOLS AND TRAILOR FOR THE INMATE CREW. WALTERS REQUESTED APPROVAL TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH THIS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO APPROVE OF ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION GOING FORWARD WITH THE HIRING OF AN INMATE CREW SUPERVISOR AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T COST THE COUNTY ANY MONEY. COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SUPERVISORY POSITION; WALTERS ADVISED THEY WOULD NEED TO HAVE OR GET CERTIFICATION AS A PRISON SUPERVISOR AND HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CARPENTER WORK, MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, ETC. COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED IF SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE THE COUNTY SHOULD CHOOSE TO MOVE THE EMPLOYEE AROUND, THEY WOULD WANT A QUALIFIED PERSON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED CLARIFICATION WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS NOT MANDATED TO FURNISH FIVE INMATES; WALTERS ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PUT IN A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THE FIVE MEMBER INMATE CREW. WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE VACATION TIME HAD BEEN FIGURED IN WITH THE COST, WALTERS ADVISED THE EMPLOYEE WOULD RECEIVE VACATION TIME, HOLIDAYS, ETC. AND PAID JUST LIKE ANY OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. THREE RIVERS RC&D-TWO PROJECTS WERE APPROVED:  
\$5,000 FOR LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION AT AG CENTER  
\$2,500 FOR HUGHES ROAD  
WALTERS ASSURED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD LET ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION KNOW WHAT THEIR REQUESTS ARE, THEY WOULD PRESENT IT TO RC&D FOR APPROVAL.

CHAIRMAN COPE RECESSED THE MEETING FOR THE RECEPTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. STEVE REGISTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS INFORMATION FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CAFETERIA PLAN HE HAD PROVIDED WHICH WOULD BE EFFECTIVE WITH THE FIRST NEW ANNUAL ENROLLMENT IN DECEMBER. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CAFETERIA PLAN PROPOSED ENROLLMENT PROCESS PRESENTED BY REGISTER.

RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED THEM ON MOBILE HOME STANDARDS. HE ADVISED HE WAS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTIES, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION ON MOBILE HOME STANDARDS TO MAKE SURE MOBILE HOMES ARE NOT SET UP THAT ARE NOT SAFE AND SOUND HOUSING.

DUE TO A QUESTION ON DETERMINING THE AGE OF A MOBILE HOME, PARKER ADVISED THE YEAR MAKE OF THE MOBILE HOME PROBABLY WOULD BE ON THE TRAILER ITSELF; HE THEN REFERENCED STATE LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON HOUSING BASED ON AGE ALONE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH PARKER REQUESTING THE BOARD PROVIDE ANY INPUT THEY MAY HAVE ON MOBILE HOME STANDARDS AND ADVISED IT WOULD PROBABLY BE JANUARY BEFORE AN ORDINANCE WAS DRAFTED PERTAINING TO THESE STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR GUIDELINES TO BE ESTABLISHED WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE INSPECTIONS ON EVERY MOBILE HOME THAT IS RE-SITED; IT COULD BE A NEWER MODEL MOBILE HOME WHICH WOULD NOT NEED REINSPECTING AND WOULD PUT A BURDEN ON SOME PEOPLE TO PAY FOR THE INSPECTIONS. PARKER AGREED TO CHECK WITH OTHER COUNTIES

ON HOW THEY ARE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE.

GORDON WARREN REFERENCED A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CODE AND THE STATE LAW ON AN ISSUE: THE CODE STATES ANYONE WHO BUYS OR SELLS ONE OR MORE TRAILERS PER YEAR BECOMES A DEALER; THE STATE LAW STATES IF YOU BECOME A DEALER, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TIE DOWN TRAILERS. PARKER AGREED TO REVIEW WARREN'S CONCERNS DUE TO PERSONS MAY QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE CODE BUT NOT UNDER THE STATE LAW, ETC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED PERSONS HAVING A LICENSE TO MOVE TRAILERS BUT NOT A LICENSE TO INSTALL TRAILERS AND QUESTIONED IF THE HOMEOWNER CAN LEGALLY SET UP HIS OWN TRAILER. LLOYD POWELL, THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, ADVISED THERE WAS A SCHOOLING PERSONS COULD ATTEND TO TAKE A COURSE WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO SET UP THEIR OWN TRAILERS; OTHERWISE, A LICENSED INSTALLER WOULD HAVE TO SET IT UP. PARKER AGREED TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE AND FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A LICENSED INSTALLER, WHERE THE SCHOOLING TAKES PLACE AND HOW LONG IT TAKES TO COMPLETE THE SCHOOLING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED CONCERN PERSONS WERE HAVING TO HIRE A LICENSED CONTRACTOR TO MOVE A MOBILE HOME AND THEN HIRE A LICENSED INSTALLER TO SET UP A MOBILE HOME.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING MOBILE HOMES FOR STORAGE PURPOSES AND IF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TIE DOWN WOULD BE THE SAME.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHITE CONSTRUCTION'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION WHICH HAD COME BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION. KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADVISED WHITE CONSTRUCTION HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WHICH IDENTIFIES THE WETLANDS. PARKER ADVISED THERE WERE ISSUES WHITE CONSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS PRIOR TO A PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD ON THEIR REQUEST.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TYPE IX APPLIED FOR BY HAROLD E. GARNER WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A LOCATION OF A PRIVATE AIRPORT/AIRSTRIP IN AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR AGRICULTURAL/SILVICULTURAL USE. RANDY PARKER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND ADVISED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAD HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

SHARRON GARNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION ADVISING IT WOULD BE A GRASS AIRSTRIP ON 33 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED 5 MILES WEST OF BONIFAY SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 90; IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THEY HAVE VERBAL PERMISSION FROM THE FAA.

PARKER ADVISED ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WERE SENT CERTIFIED LETTERS ON THE PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND SIGNAGE WAS PLACED ON THE SITE. HE ADVISED THAT GARNER HAD SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO FL-DOT FOR APPROVAL; HOWEVER, THE STATE WOULD NOT REVIEW IT UNTIL THE COUNTY GIVES APPROVAL THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY LAND USE.

GARNER ADVISED THE AIRSTRIP WOULD BE FOR DAYTIME OPERATIONS, ESTIMATED THERE WOULD NOT BE MORE THAN ONE LANDING OR TAKE OFF PER WEEK, THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY HAULING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, THE AIRSTRIP COULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCY LANDINGS AND IT WOULD BE A PRIVATE AIRSTRIP. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO GRANT THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLIED FOR BY HAROLD GARNER CONTINGENT UPON STATE APPROVAL. (SHARRON GARNER ADVISED IT WAS HOWARD GARNER RATHER THAN HAROLD GARNER WHO APPLIED FOR THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION.)

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS AT \$5,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE SUCCESSIVE YEARS COMMENCING WITH THE 2001 TAX ROLL. ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE WHO WERE 65 YEARS OF AGE NOW WOULD BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO PERSONS NOT QUALIFYING NOW BECAUSE OF AGE AUTOMATICALLY CATCHING UP WITH THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE NOT PRESENTLY QUALIFIED DUE TO AGE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PAY TAXES UNTIL THEY QUALIFIED; THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO DISCRIMINATION.

HENRY WASILEWSKI QUESTIONED HOW THE \$20,000 ANNUAL INCOME LIMITATION WOULD BE VERIFIED; COMMISSIONER COPE READ THE SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH PERTAINED TO THIS ISSUE.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED AND ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY TO BE MADE AWARE OF THE RULES TO QUALIFY FOR THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

IT WAS QUESTIONED BY SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED SECTION FIVE ADDRESSED IT WOULD COMMENCE JANUARY 2002. THE PERSON IN THE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED HIM HAVING COME TWICE BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST THEY APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND NOW IT APPEARS

WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD BE TWO YEARS BEHIND IN GRANTING THE EXEMPTION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AS TO WHETHER THE ORDINANCE COULD BE CHANGED TO BE EFFECTIVE COMMENCING 2001 WITHOUT READVERTISING. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AND IF IT CAN BE CHANGED TO BE EFFECTIVE 2001 CHANGE IT, IF NOT LEAVE IT AT 2002.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST, A HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE BEHAVIOR OF PERSONS USING OR ENTERING UPON ANY PARK OF RECREATION AREAS OWNED OR LEASED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO ADD NO FIREARMS BE ALLOWED AND ITEM F SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ NO MOTORIZED VEHICLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON ANY WALKING TRAILS, BASKETBALL COURTS OR BALLFIELD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNTY AUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT WAS CONSIDERED A PARK OR RECREATION AREA AND WOULD THIS ORDINANCE PERTAIN TO BOAT RAMPS. UPON A REQUEST FROM FRANK CORSO FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE MADE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE ORDINANCE, COMMISSIONER COPE READ THE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

LLOYD POWELL VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE ORDINANCE AND REFERENCED MOST OF THE RULES IN THE ORDINANCE WERE ALREADY COVERED UNDER STATE LAWS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE TO SOME FUTURE DATE IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO REVIEW IT AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER EXPRESSED THIS ORDINANCE WAS BASICALLY SET UP FOR ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY PARK AND OFFERED A MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REVISED ORDINANCE AT THE DECEMBER 21ST MEETING. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IN ORDER TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 21ST, THE ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE REDRAFTED AND ADVERTISED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THAT DATE. CHAIRMAN COPE APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO SET ON A COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE WORDING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE GOVERNING BEHAVIOR IN PARK AND RECREATION AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY: LARRY ENFINGER, CHARLES BROCK, GORDON WARREN, JR., LLOYD POWELL AND RONNIE FINCH.

FRANK CORSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OF THREE COMMISSIONERS BEING ON THE COMMITTEE AND WAS ADVISED WHEN THE COMMITTEE MET, IT WOULD BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE COUNTY ANNEX.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BID OPENINGS FOR THE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY PARK PHASE II SEPTIC TANK:

WALKER SEPTIC TANKS	\$1,450.00
MIDDLEBROOKS	\$1,397.00

HERBERT RECOMMENDED AWARDING THE BID TO MIDDLEBROOKS, THE LOW BIDDER. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

STACY WEBB ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CDBG DRY WELL ASSISTANCE GRANT. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HAD REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED TO THE COUNTY, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN CAN SIGN OFF ON THE GRANT AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DUE TO THE TIME FRAME INVOLVED WITH THE FUNDING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DRY WELL ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ADDRESSED: QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING, SPECIFICATIONS ON THE WELLS TO BE INSTALLED AND HOW THE WELLS WOULD BE AWARDED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED AN INCIDENT WHERE SOMEONE WAS RECEIVING WATER FROM ANOTHER PERSON WHOSE WELL WENT DRY AND QUESTIONED IF THAT PERSON WOULD QUALIFY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE GRANT. WEBB ADVISED THE PERSON WHOM THE WELL BELONGED TO WOULD QUALIFY BUT WAS UNCERTAIN IF THE PERSON THEY WERE FURNISHING WATER TO WOULD.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED WEBB IF THE SHIP PROGRAM STILL HAD THE MONIES IN THE HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM WHICH WERE INITIALLY SET ASIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RETIREMENT CENTER WHICH DID NOT GET APPROVED; WEBB ADVISED THE MONIES WERE STILL AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED A LADY IN THE MILLERS FERRY AREA WHICH WAS IN NEED OF HOUSING REHAB ASSISTANCE DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFFETY ISSUES WITH HER HOME. WEBB ADVISED THE SHIP COMMITTEE COULD LOOK AT THE PROJECT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS EVEN THOUGH THE LADY WAS NOT 60 YEARS OLD OR OLDER DUE TO THERE BEING HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES INVOLVED.

WEBB ADVISED ALL THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE SHIP PLAN TO ALLOW FOR RENTAL HOUSING AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE.

DAVID DUNBAR WITH HUNTS INSURANCE GROUP ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A REVISED PROPOSAL FOR THE CATASTROPHIC INMATE MEDICAL PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR THE WASHINGTON



COUNTY JAIL. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HAD CHECKED WITH LT. JAMES BARNES ON THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WHICH WOULD FALL UNDER THE INSURANCE PROPOSAL; BARNES RECALLED THREE INCIDENTS WHICH INCLUDED TWO DEATHS AND ONE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. HERBERT HAD CHECKED WITH JOHNNIE ODOM OF BOARD FINANCE AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC ON THESE THREE INCIDENTS; HOWEVER, SHE PROVIDED HIM A LIST OF INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS TOTALLING \$212,000 AVERAGING ABOUT \$30,000 PER YEAR.

DUNBAR ADVISED IT WAS NOT IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE A CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN THE JAIL BUT WHEN; THE COVERAGE HE WAS OFFERING WILL HELP ELIMINATE A BIG SPIKE IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IN THE EVENT OF A CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. HE ADVISED PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PRIOR TO BOOKING INCIDENCES WERE NOT EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHEN WAS A CONDITION CONSIDERED CATASTROPHIC; DUNBAR ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD CHOOSE A DEDUCTIBLE RANGING FROM \$5,000 TO \$100,000 PER INMATE PER CALENDAR YEAR. DUNBAR ADVISED INMATES BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTIES OR STATE AND FEDERAL INMATES WERE NOT INCLUDED AS THEY ARE NOT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE COVERAGE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF PRESENTLY HAS, DUNBAR ADVISED THE SHERIFF HAS A \$3,000,000 LIABILITY CONTRACT WITH NO DEDUCTIBLE; HOWEVER, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE SHERIFF PRESENTLY HAD NO COVERAGE FOR INMATE HEALTH ISSUES.

THE PROPOSAL OFFERED BY DUNBAR PROVIDED THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS INCLUDING A \$10,000, \$15,000 AND \$20,000 DEDUCTIBLE WITH THE COST PER INMATE PER DAY VARYING ACCORDING TO THE DEDUCTION. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER FOR DISCUSSION TO ACCEPT OPTION 3 WHICH WAS A \$20,000 DEDUCTION PER INMATE PER CALENDAR YEAR. DUNBAR ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING THE OPTION OF PAYING A YEAR'S PREMIUM IN ADVANCE AND RECEIVING A 5% DISCOUNT BASED ON "X" AMOUNT OF INMATES OR THEY COULD PAY PER MONTH BASED ON THE ACTUAL INMATE COUNT; IF PAID IN ADVANCE AND THERE WERE A LOT LESS INMATES THAN THE AMOUNT THE PREMIUM WAS CALCULATED ON, DUNBAR AGREED HUNTS WOULD PROBABLY PETITION TO GIVE A RETURN PREMIUM BACK TO THE COUNTY.

DUNBAR ALSO ADDRESSED THIS PROGRAM BEING A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THE BILL AND HUNTS WOULD REIMBURSE THEM AT 100% OVER THE DEDUCTION AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT PRIOR HISTORY ON INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO USE A DIFFERENT OPTION WITH A LESSER DEDUCTION. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE OF OPTION 3 TODAY AND AFTER GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF THE INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES WANT TO CHANGE OPTIONS, WOULD THIS BE ALLOWED. DUNBAR ADVISED HE WOULD THINK THE BOARD COULD ADJUST THE OPTION BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK WITH THE COMPANY. COMMISSIONER HALL AND ENFINGER AGREED TO AMEND THEIR MOTION AND ADOPT OPTION 3 OF HUNTS INSURANCE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL CONTINGENT ON INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID PER INMATE OVER A SEVEN YEAR PERIOD TO DETERMINE WHAT OPTION WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR OPTION 3 TO BE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 22, 2000; ONCE THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IF IT IS DETERMINED ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE, CHANGE TO THAT OPTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GREG HUTCHINS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY AGREE FOR HIM TO LEASE OR RENT THE HOUSE ON THE IFAS PROPERTY THEY ARE ACQUIRING FROM THE STATE; HE WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY AND UPKEEP ON THE PROPERTY AND ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WHEN THE BOARD DECIDED IT WOULD BE TIME FOR HIM TO MOVE. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ALLOW HUTCHINS TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE WITH HIM TO PROVIDE UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY ON THE IFAS PROPERTY AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE UTILITIES. THE BOARD AGREED FOR HUTCHINS TO GET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND HUTCHINS ON THE PROPERTY.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAVING AGREED TO PURCHASE EBRO ABOUT \$3,800 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST WITH THEIR COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM, COMMISSIONER COPE AND LYNN WHITE HAVING WORKED, AT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION, TO BRING ALL THE DIGITAL RADIOS UNDER ONE INVENTORY, TRACK THE MEI NUMBERS AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE PURCHASING; THERE CONTINUES TO BE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVERAGE AND QUALITY OF THE RADIOS. HE ADVISED THE BOARD OF A MEETING HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEXTELL AND A MEETING WITH SOUTHERN LINC TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON; NEXTELL HAD

PROVIDED A PROPOSAL WHICH HE DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS UNTIL AFTER HIS MEETING WITH SOUTHERN LINC.

HE ADDRESSED HAVING RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM JOHNNIE ODOM OF BOARD FINANCE ON RANDOM BILLS FROM SOUTHERN LINC FOR JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER TO MAKE SURE MONIES WERE BEING SAVED WHICH THE COUNTY THOUGHT WOULD BE SAVED; THE COUNTY STARTED OUT WITH THREE PLANS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND IT APPEARS THEY MAY HAVE FIVE PLANS NOW. THE PLANS ARE RANGING FROM \$27.95 TO \$81.00 PER MONTH. HE ADDRESSED EITHER WHEN THE COUNTY ORDERS THE PLAN, SOMEONE WHO TURNS THE SERVICE ON AND SENDS THE UNIT IS PUTTING US IN A PLAN OR THE USER, AFTER THE PHONE IS GIVEN TO THE PERSON, IS UPGRADING THE PLAN. HE REQUESTED DUE TO NEXTELL'S PROPOSAL EXPIRING THE END OF THE MONTH UNLESS THEY ARE ABLE TO OFFER AN EXTENSION, THE BOARD ALLOW COMMISSIONER COPE AND HIM TO CHANGE PLANS IF THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS AND LITTLE OR NO DECREASE IN SERVICE AND PERHAPS AN INCREASE IN PHONE SERVICE. HAGAN ADVISED NEXTELL COULD PROVIDE STATE WIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE STATE WIDE RADIO SERVICE. SHERIFF PEEL REQUESTED HE BE PART OF THE MEETINGS WITH NEXTELL AS HE FELT THIS WOULD GIVE MORE BARGAINING POWER AND ALLOW HIM TO GET ON THE SAME FLEET WITH THE COUNTY.

HAGAN ADDRESSED NEXTELL PRESENTLY HAVING ONLY ONE FLEET; THEY HAD ALREADY MET WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND IF THE BOARD CHANGES TO NEXTELL THEN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WILL CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER COPE, HAGAN AND THE COMMITTEE MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEXTELL AND SOUTHERN LINC AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE BOARD; IF NEXTELL CAN NOT EXTEND ITS PROPOSAL BEYOND 11-30-2000 AND COPE, HAGAN AND THE COMMITTEE FEELS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS AND SOME INCREASE IN SERVICE, THEY BE AUTHORIZED WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S BLESSING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE A CHANGE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR NEXTELL'S EQUIPMENT TO BE TESTED PRIOR TO ANY DECISION BEING MADE ON ACCEPTING THEIR PROPOSAL. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED COMMISSIONER FINCH REPEAT HIS MOTION. IT WAS THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS IF NEXTELL COULD EXTEND THEIR PROPOSAL, A RECOMMENDATION BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER COPE RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 1:30 P.M. COMMISSIONER HALL WAS ABSENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER COPE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A BUDGET AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOTALLING \$273,797.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000; THESE WERE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WHICH CAME FROM GRANTS, WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER REVENUES. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

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

1. RICHARD PETERSON, WHO OWNS A WATER SYSTEM AT BIG PINES CAMPSITE, CONTACTED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO SEE IF THE WATER SYSTEM WOULD BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE FEMA BUYOUT PROGRAM. WFRPC ADVISED IT COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEMA FUNDING; HOWEVER, THEY REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE ACTION BEFORE THEY PURSUED IT THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO TAKE OVER THE WATER SYSTEM OR TAKE ACTION DENYING PETERSON'S REQUEST. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR HERBERT TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PERSONS ARE GOING TO BE ON THE WELL WHEN THE FEMA BUYOUTS IN THE CAMPSITE ARE COMPLETED.
2. THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION AT THEIR OCTOBER 26, 2000 MEETING FOR GERALD MASON TO AUCTION OFF THE REMAINING FEMA STRUCTURES THE BOARD TOOK OWNERSHIP OF; THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED THE WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THEY WANT TO CLOSE OUT THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM UNDER TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO; FL-DCA HAS ADVISED WFRPC NOT TO AUCTION OFF ANYTHING UNDER THAT GRANT PROGRAM AND GO AHEAD AND DEMOLISH THEM AS THEY WANT THE PROGRAM CLOSED OUT BY THE END OF DECEMBER. STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED ARE PROPERTIES BELONGING TO MARY LANE, LINDA MOLNAR, J.T. RUSTIN, PEGGY STARKIE, ROY THOMAS, LINDA THOMAS AND REX WINDHAM.

3. THE BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR WFRPC TO MAKE AN OFFER TO ROY THOMAS ON HIS PROPERTY UNDER THE FEMA BUYOUT PROGRAM; WFRPC HAS MADE AN OFFER TO THOMAS AND IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AS THOMAS HAS ACCEPTED THEIR OFFER.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO DEMOLISH THOSE PROPERTIES REQUESTED BY FL-DCA TO BE DEMOLISHED.

4. JOHN FOSTER AND THE CHIPLEY GARDEN CLUB REQUESTED SPACE AT THE OLD ROULHAC MIDDLE SCHOOL ONCE THE BOARD TAKES OWNERSHIP OF IT. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE WAS LOOKING AT LEASING THIS PROPERTY TO AN ORGANIZATION WHO IN TURN WOULD ALLOT THE BUILDINGS AND SPACE FOR A FEE.
5. \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM PIGGLY WIGGLY HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO BOARD EMPLOYEES IN THE PAST; THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OF THE CERTIFICATE IF THEY WANTED TO GIVE ONE AGAIN THIS YEAR. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO GIVE A \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM THE PIGGLY WIGGLY TO ALL THE BOARD EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT GET A BETTER MICROPHONE FOR THE PEOPLE TO USE WHEN ADDRESSING THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE FOR COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO SPEND THE \$2,500 FROM ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOR HUGHES ROAD WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK MADE THE BOARD AWARE OF A PROBLEM JAMES BOSTON, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WAS HAVING IN GETTING A PRIOR INSURANCE COMPANY TO PAY SOME MEDICAL BILLS; WHEN THE INSURANCE WAS FILED, THE COUNTY WAS IN TRANSITION OF GOING WITH ANOTHER INSURANCE COMPANY.

HERBERT EXPLAINED THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED WHEN THE COUNTY WAS COVERED UNDER ONE INSURANCE POLICY; BOSTON TURNED IT IN TO THE HOSPITAL UNDER THAT POLICY; BEFORE THE HOSPITAL FILED, THE COUNTY SWITCHED INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE OLD COMPANY CLOSED THEIR BOOKS; WHEN THE INSURANCE WAS FILED IT WAS NEVER PAID.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE JAMES BOSTON ISSUE; COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD CONTACTED HIM ABOUT MR. BOSTON GETTING CALLS AND BILLING STATEMENTS FROM SOME PROVIDERS AND A BILL COLLECTION AGENCY; BOSTON HAD UPDATED HIM ON WHAT HE HAD RECALLED HAPPENED DURING THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AND WHAT PAPERS HE HAD. HAGAN ADVISED THERE WERE THREE PROVIDERS IN QUESTION: THE HOLMES COUNTY EMS, FLOWERS HOSPITAL AND DOTHAN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSOCIATES. HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ON WHY BOSTON'S CLAIMS HAD NOT BEEN PAID. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ALLEN CLARK, COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT, TO WORK TOGETHER ON GATHERING ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES ON THE BOSTON ISSUE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS WITH SIGNAGE ON BRICKYARD ROAD. HE RECOMMENDED THE SIGNAGE FOR ALL OF BRICKYARD ROAD, EXCLUDING THE END WHERE FL-DOT IS WORKING NOW, BE BROUGHT UP TO STANDARDS. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD ASKED GORDON WARREN IF HE WOULD DO A SURVEY ON THE ROAD AND WARREN AGREED TO DO THE STUDY WHENEVER THE BOARD WAS READY.

KNAUER THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON SURVEYING FOR THE NEW PROPOSED HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION SITE. TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND THEY DID NOT INCLUDE TOPOGRAPHICS AFTER YOU GET INTO THE WOODED SECTION BY THE CYPRESS:

1. BLACKBURN SURVEYORS \$2,640.00
  2. KATHMAN LAND SURVEYORS \$3,500.00
- KNAUER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AWARD THE PROJECT TO THE LOW BIDDER, BLACKBURN SURVEYORS FOR \$2,640.00.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION.

KNAUER THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD, AT THEIR OCTOBER 26TH MEETING, HAVING DISCUSSED JAMES POTTER ROAD AND ITEMS THAT HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED ON ORANGE HILL ROAD AND HAD DIRECTED HIM TO DO WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. HE ADVISED HE HAD PRIORITIZED WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE ON ORANGE HILL ROAD AND WENT OVER WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK WHAT HE WAS WANTING TO DO ON JAMES POTTER ROAD AND THOUGHT HE HAD COME UP WITH WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE ON BOTH PROJECTS:

1. PROPOSAL FROM GULF ASPHALT COMPANY FOR 2800 LF ON JAMES

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POTTER ROAD \$38,627.00; THIS INCLUDES MOBILIZATION, ASPHALT TESTING AND DOING THE FINAL CLIP ON THE ROADWAY WITH A 2% CROWN, 1 1/2" S1 ASPHALT 20' WIDE; THE COUNTY WILL PREPARE THE ROADWAY; ADDITIONAL ASPHALT WOULD BE \$49.81 PER TON.

2. PROPOSAL FROM GULF ASPHALT ON ORANGE HILL ROAD \$18,333.00 TO EXTEND THE CONCRETE DITCH ON LEFT HAND SIDE AT FIRST CURVE ADDITIONAL 60' AND TIE INTO EXISTING HEADWALL AND PUT BACK 500 LF OF CONCRETE DITCH ON THE SECOND CURVE WHERE IT TURNS EAST BY ELLIS'S PROPERTY.

KNAUER ADVISED THIS WOULD BE A CHANGE ORDER TO GULF ASPHALT'S PRESENT CONTRACT AND AGREED TO STAY WITHIN THE \$55,000 AMOUNT REMAINING IN THE CDBG COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE ORANGE HILL AND JAMES POTTER ROAD PROJECTS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING APPLIED FOR A \$5,000,000 GRANT FOR THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK ON THE IFAS PROPERTY. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE HIM TO BEGIN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR THE PROJECT AS IT WILL HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND VARIOUS OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING FL-DEP IN CASE THE GRANT IS AWARDED. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE KNAUER TO BEGIN PREPARING PLANS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IFAS PROPERTY FOR THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK WITH KNAUER UPDATING THE BOARD MONTHLY ON THE PROGRESS AND THE COST INVOLVED.

KNAUER THEN ADDRESSED PROBLEMS WITH DRIVEWAYS ON FALLING WATERS ROAD AND HIM HAVING ASKED GRANGER ASPHALT REPEATEDLY WHEN THEY WOULD BE FIXED. HE HAD GOTTEN TWO BIDS FROM LOCAL CONCRETE PEOPLE TO DO THE WORK NECESSARY TO REPAIR THE DRIVEWAYS:

SAMMY HAYES-BEHETY HAYES CONSTRUCTION	\$3,089.50
COAST TO COAST	\$4,000.00

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE WERE PERSONS COMPLAINING ALSO WHO HAD GRAVEL IN THEIR DRIVEWAYS WHICH WAS DESTROYED WHILE GRANGER WAS DOING CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD. KNAUER AGREED TO GO AND LOOK AT THESE DRIVEWAYS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED GRANGER CLAIMING SINCE THE PLANS DID NOT SHOW EXACTLY WHICH DRIVEWAYS NEEDED TO BE CUT OUT AND THE EXACT VOLUME OF CONCRETE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED, HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE PLANS DID SHOW THE DETAIL FOR WIDENING WITH A SAND CLAY BASE UNDER IT AND YOU CAN'T HAVE A SAND CLAY BASE UNDER CONCRETE.

KNAUER THEN ADDRESSED THERE HAVING BEEN A LOT MORE TEMPORARY STRIPING THAN WHAT THE CONTRACT WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP FOR; GUETTLER HAD CUT THEIR PRICE FOR THE TEMPORARY STRIPING TO GRANGER AND GRANGER CUT HIS PRICE TO THE COUNTY; HOWEVER, IT WAS STILL HIGH.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE DRIVEWAY PROBLEMS WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO SUBTRACT THE COST OF GETTING THE DRIVEWAYS REPAIRED OUT OF GRANGER'S CONTRACT. (\$3,089.50 FROM BEHETY-HAYES)

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD ON THE CONCRETE PRICES RECEIVED, HE HAD ADVISED THE CONTRACTORS IF THEY WOULD BREAK IT UP AND SET IT OFF TO THE SIDE, THE COUNTY WOULD HAUL IT OFF. COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED THE COUNTY HAUL OFF THE ASPHALT LEFT ON MS. DEAL'S PROPERTY IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR OCTOBER 2000 TOTTALLING \$2,965,714.03.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED INVOICES FROM GUETTLER & GUETTLER FOR STRIPING:	
ORANGE HILL PATCH-FINAL MARKINGS	\$1,518.60
FALLING WATERS ROAD-FINAL MARKINGS	\$1,053.30
CR 179 CARYVILLE	\$7,067.20

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PAY FOR THE CR 179 OUT OF COMMISSIONER HALL'S DISTRICT LOAN MONIES. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AGREED TO CHECK WITH BOARD FINANCE ON THE OTHER TWO INVOICES AS THIS MAY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON THE INVOICE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO BE PAID FROM LAST YEAR'S STRIPING MONIES.

KNAUER THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COUNTY SURVEYOR HE HAD PREPARED, AN OUTLINE FOR SELECTION OF A COUNTY SURVEYOR AND THE GUIDELINES FOR SCORING THE APPLICANTS. HE RECOMMENDED SETTING UP A COMMITTEE TO GO OVER ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; THE COMMITTEE WOULD SELECT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS; EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER WOULD

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THEN EVALUATE AND SCORE THESE APPLICANTS BASED ON A LIST OF TEN ITEMS HE HAD PREPARED WITH EACH ITEM SCORING TEN POINTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH CHAIRMAN COPE APPOINTING KNAUER, COMMISSIONER FINCH, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, CHAIRMAN COPE AND GORDON WARREN, JR. TO SET ON THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER SUGGESTED THE COMMITTEE PICK OUT THREE APPLICATIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD FOR SELECTING A COUNTY SURVEYOR. FRANK CORSO VOICED HIS OPINION THE COMMITTEE WAS ALREADY BIASED DUE TO THREE OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRIOR FL-DOT EMPLOYEES.

KNAUER ADDRESSED HIM HAVING PROVIDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT INFORMATION OUTLINING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES AND REQUESTED HE HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEW IT TO MAKE SURE ALL ISSUES NECESSARY ARE ADDRESSED.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SURVEYING PRESENTLY BEING DONE ON JOINER ROAD AND HOLMES VALLEY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A CONCRETE DRIVEWAY ON CR-280 AND WANTED KNAUER TO MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTOR HANDLED THE DRIVEWAY PROPERLY WHEN RESURFACING; KNAUER ADVISED EVERYTHING ON CR-280 HAD BEEN CUT OUT WHERE THE WIDENING IS BUT AGREED TO CHECK ON THE DRIVEWAY. KNAUER ALSO ADVISED HE HAD NO DOUBT THE CONTRACTOR WAS NOT PAVING OVER TOP OF CONCRETE DRIVES; THEY ARE NOT PAVING OVER CONCRETE ON CR-280.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST\_\_\_\_\_

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DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 11/21/00