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BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/26/00

SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, CARTER, COPE, HALL AND ENFINGER PRESENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT, ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK LINDA COOK, DEPUTY CLERK JOHNNIE ODOM AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER.

BUDGET NOTES WERE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON CHANGES MADE SINCE THE AUGUST 3RD MEETING. CHAIRMAN CARTER STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001. EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING BY THE REQUIRED TRIM NOTICES. THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 TOTALS \$18,707,284.00 WITH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE BEING SET AT NINE MILLS. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9 MILLS IS 8.116% LESS THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001; NO ONE RESPONDED.

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PAUL SMITH, REPRESENTING THE LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ALLOCATED THE LITERACY PROGRAM THEIR \$10,000 BUDGET REQUEST IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. SMITH ADDRESSED THE LITERACY PROGRAM NEEDING THESE FUNDS DUE TO THE LOSS OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDING THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED. HE THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, THE LIBRARY, AND THE VO-TECH CENTER HAVING AGREED TO FORM WASHINGTON COUNTY PARTNERS FOR LITERACY WHERE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO NEED LITERACY SERVICES WOULD GET ASSISTANCE; HE EXPLAINED HOW THIS PROGRAM WOULD WORK. HE THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FUNDING THE LITERACY PROGRAM RECEIVED. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ACT ON THEIR BUDGET REQUEST AT THIS TIME.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SCHOOL BOARD POSSIBLY FUNDING ONE HALF OF THE LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM'S BUDGET REQUEST. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO FUND THE \$10,000 BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AGREED FOR THE COUNTY TO FUND THE \$10,000 REQUEST BUT IF IT IS DETERMINED THE SCHOOL BOARD CAN LEGALLY FUND ONE HALF OF THE REQUEST, THEY DO SO. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK RESTATING HIS MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO FUND THE FULL \$10,000 LESS ANY FUNDING THE SCHOOL BOARD MAY PROVIDE. COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD WANTED TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN FUNDING HIS BUDGET REQUESTS OVER THE PAST YEARS. HE THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED \$34,000 IN THEIR FIRST MONTH OF OPERATION AT THE NEW JAIL FOR HOUSING INMATES FROM HOLMES COUNTY AND THE SECOND MONTH LOOKS LIKE WILL BE CLOSER TO \$40,000; THESE FIGURES ARE WELL WITHIN THE NUMBERS LOOKED AT TO OFFSET THE BUDGET AMENDMENT THE BOARD GAVE THE SHERIFF TO GET OUT OF FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000.

SHERIFF PEEL ALSO ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND A FULL TIME TRAFFIC POSITION.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED THEY ARE BEING REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THREE TO FOUR MONTHS HISTORY PRIOR TO GETTING A COMMITMENT TO HOUSE FEDERAL PRISONERS IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF ENOUGH MONIES WERE BUDGETED TO FUND THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY ON THE MOTORGRADERS; CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THIS ITEM WAS COVERED.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDING THEIR BUDGET REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REQUESTING \$2,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING DUE TO RATES ON THE WHEEL CHAIR PATIENTS HAVING GONE UP FROM \$1 TO \$5; TRI-COUNTY IS TRYING TO GIVE DRIVERS INCENTIVE PAY BASED ON HOW MANY WHEEL CHAIR PATIENTS THEY SERVE DURING A PAY PERIOD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY GIVING TRI-COUNTY MONIES FOR HEAD START TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ALLOCATING SOME OF THESE MONIES TOWARD THE DRIVERS INCENTIVE PAY. IT WAS ALSO QUESTIONED ON HOW MANY WASHINGTON COUNTY WHEELCHAIR PATIENTS THERE WERE AND IF THE OTHER COUNTIES WERE GOING TO CONTRIBUTE ANY FUNDING. CHAIRMAN CARTER SUGGESTED A LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENT MAY BE WORKED OUT LATER ON IN THE YEAR AFTER ADDITIONAL HISTORY IS OBTAINED ON THE PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO GET BACK WITH TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THEIR REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF NINE MILLS AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALLING \$18,707,284 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND A NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS IN THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 EDITION AND HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 3, 2000 AT 5:05 P.M.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS CONCLUDED. HE THEN OPENED UP THE MEETING TO TAKE CARE OF ANY REGULAR BUSINESS WHICH MAY NEED ADDRESSING.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE STANDARD CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSSED THERE BEING ONE MEMBER ON THE TDC COUNCIL WHO WAS NOT ATTENDING THE MEETINGS, MR. ED GLOVER. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED HE HAD A REPLACEMENT AND MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPOINT RICKY CARTER TO REPLACE ED GLOVER ON THE TDC COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSSED THE MACK TRUCKS WERE STARTING TO BE DELIVERED TODAY AND WOULD NEED TO STAY IN THE COUNTY YARD UNTIL OCTOBER 2ND.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE AGE OF THE MOTORGRADERS WHICH WERE TO BE AUCTIONED OFF BY DEANCO HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH CATERPILLAR. CHAIRMAN CARTER REPORTED CATERPILLAR HAD ADVISED THE MOTORGRADERS WERE BUILT BY SERIAL NUMBERS AND SOLD BY DATE OF INVOICE; DEANCO SAYS THEY ARE SOLD BY SERIAL NUMBER AND STILL WANTS TO REDUCE THE PRICE BY \$5,000 PER MACHINE. CHAIRMAN CARTER HAS ADVISED DEANCO TO LEAVE THE GUARANTEED PRICE AS IS AND THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO GET MORE FOR THE GRADERS; THEN, THE BOARD COULD LOOK AT THEIR REQUEST AFTER THE SALE. ALSO, CATERPILLAR HAS AGREED TO LOAN THE COUNTY SOME GRADERS IF THE NEW GRADERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE AUCTION DATE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON DEANCO'S REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN HIS GUARANTEED PRICE ON THE MOTORGRADERS. CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSSED SPRINT AUCTION COMPANY HAVING BID ON 1996 GRADERS; DEANCO WAS REQUESTING A REDUCTION ON EACH OF THE MOTORGRADERS BECAUSE HE BID ON 1997 MODELS. WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE REDUCTION HAD BEEN GRANTED TO DEANCO ON THE MOTORGRADERS, CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED THE MONEY THE COUNTY IS TO RECEIVE HAS NOT CHANGED YET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/26/00