

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/23/01

AUGUST 23, 2001

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

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 31 AND JUNE 21, 2001 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEMS A, B AND C ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23, 2001:

- A. SMALL COUNTY COALITION PARTICIPATION FEES FOR FY 2001-2002, FEE AMOUNT \$2,250.00.
- B. INTERNET ACCESS FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PARKS AND RECREATION
- C. FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR DANIELS LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX

ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY-KAREN NORTON, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND GORDON WARREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WERE PRESENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD AGREED AT THEIR JULY 25, 2001 MEETING TO HOLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2001-2002 ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY PROGRAM. NORTON ADVISED THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IF THEY STILL WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THEY WOULD NEED TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT THEY HAD BEEN PROVIDED. CHAIRMAN COPE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ESCAMBIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS THE SAME AGREEMENT AS THE BOARD ENTERED INTO LAST YEAR; MS. NORTON STATED IT WAS. THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROPOSAL-STEVE CHRISTOPHER WITH PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR CONTRACT FOR THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT WHICH INCLUDED A 7.5% FEE; THEY ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY PRE-CONSTRUCTION DESIGN PHASE FEES. CHRISTOPHER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BATHROOMS WITH CHRISTOPHER ADVISING THE BASE BID WOULD INCLUDE THE BATHROOMS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE COURTHOUSE.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THEIR TOTAL COST WOULD BE THE 7.5% FEE OR IF MOBILIZATION COST WOULD BE CHARGED, CHRISTOPHER ADVISED THEY WERE GOING TO TRY AND KEEP THE OVERHEAD AT A BARE MINIMUM AND WOULD LIKE TO RUN THIS PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW LIBRARY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO SAVE OVERHEAD EXPENSES FOR BOTH GROUPS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT.

CHRISTOPHER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AIRCONDITIONING PROBLEMS AT THE NEW JAIL ADVISING EVERYTHING HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND WAS WORKING FINE.

ROAD/DRIVEWAY CONCERNING BILL WORLEY DEVELOPMENT-RANDY PARKER, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION

PERTAINING TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. HE THEN INFORMED THE BOARD THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY WITH WORLEY AGREEING TO:

1. GRANT THE 911 ADDRESSES OFF OF HIGHWAY 79 TO THE BROWNS AND MR. OLNEY TO THE ROAD SO THEY MAY BEGIN THEIR DEVELOPMENT
2. MR. WORLEY COMPLETE THIS ROAD HE STARTED IN 1999 AND IT BE BUILT TO COUNTY UNPAVED ROADWAY STANDARDS
3. THERE WOULD BE NO OTHER DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED ON THE ACREAGE REMAINING IN THIS PARCEL OF LAND UNTIL THE ROAD IS COMPLETED AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER SIGNS OFF ON IT; A DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT INCLUDES A SURVEY ON HOW THE ROAD IS GOING TO BE BUILT WILL BE REQUIRED.
4. MR. WORLEY WILL HAVE 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT PLANS, COMPLETE THIS ROAD AND HAVE THE COUNTY ENGINEER SIGN OFF ON IT; IF AT THE END OF 90 DAYS, MR. WORLEY HAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED THIS, THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WOULD BE INITIATED.

PARKER THEN ADDRESSED IF WORLEY EVER WANTED THE BOARD TO TAKE THE ROAD OVER FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE, THE TIME FRAME WOULD BE ONE YEAR AFTER THE ROAD IS BUILT TO COUNTY STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE BILL WORLEY-ROAD/DRIVEWAY ISSUE. MS. PAT BROWN QUESTIONED WHAT GUIDELINES WERE IN ORDER SHOULD WORLEY NOT MEET THE 90 DAY TIMEFRAME TO HAVE THE ROAD BUILT TO COUNTY STANDARDS; PARKER ADVISED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED AT THAT POINT.

LYNDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THE BOARD KEEP THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER IN EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME THE ROAD IS BROUGHT UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS THE 90 DAY TIMEFRAME WILL BEGIN FROM THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

VARIANCE/HIGHVIEW ACRES ROAD WIDTHS-RANDY PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION AND ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE FRANK PIERCE'S PLAN FOR HIGHVIEW ACRES AS IT IS NOW TO DEVELOP THE SECTION OF ROAD HE IS DEVELOPING WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO GO AHEAD AND SELL LOTS ON THAT SECTION OF ROAD AND GRANT A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED 60 FEET TO 40 FEET RIGHT-OF-WAYS IN THE SECTION OF ROADS THAT PIERCE HAS ALREADY PLANNED AND ALREADY SUBMITTED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO WAIT TO TAKE ACTION ON THE HIGHVIEW ACRES VARIANCE UNTIL THE COUNTY ENGINEER WAS PRESENT. DUE TO THE BOARD ONLY APPROVING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT A VARIANCE ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTHS, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

CRYSTAL VILLAGE SEMINOLE PLAT-COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON ANY RESEARCH THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DONE TO DETERMINE IF THE COUNTY HAD ACCEPTED THESE ROADS IN THE 1920'S AND IF THIS IS STILL VALID OR OUTDATED. WALLER ADVISED SHE HAD DONE SOME RESEARCH AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHERE ANY OF THE ROADS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY.

PARKER ADDRESSED HIM HAVING LOOKED AT SOME OLD PLATS AND HE THOUGHT IT SAID THE BOARD HAD ACCEPTED THE PLATS BUT IT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOARD ACCEPTING THE ROADS OR ANY IMPROVEMENTS. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THE DEEDS WHERE THE PEOPLE HAD ACTUALLY ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY TO SEE HOW THE ROADWAY EXCEPTIONS OR DRIVEWAYS ARE DESCRIBED AND WHO OWNS THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE LANDOWNERS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS; SCHOOL BUSES, AMBULANCES, UPS AND OTHER SERVICES ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED DUE TO THE POOR CONDITIONS OF THE ROADS IN THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE DEVELOPER NO LONGER OWNED THE PROPERTY AND QUESTIONED IF THE MORTGAGE COMPANY HAD THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY AS THE DEVELOPER SINCE THEY NOW OWN IT.

JOSEPH HOLLAND AND JOHNNY SMITH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE POOR ROAD CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY POND RIDGE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER FOR RANDY PARKER AND LINDA WALLER TO RESEARCH THE RESPONSIBILITY THE COUNTY MAY HAVE AS FAR AS THE OLD SEMINOLE PLAT, SEE IF A NEW PLAT HAS BEEN FILED BY STAN PORTER ON THE PROPERTY AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH ED PELLETIER ADDRESSING SCHOOL BUSES, AMBULANCE AND FIRE SERVICES NOT BEING ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO TUMBLE CREEK ROAD EITHER. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A SITUATION WHERE, BY A COURT ORDER, A REALTOR WAS GIVEN A 30' EASEMENT TO A PIECE OF PROPERTY AND ARE REQUESTING A DRIVEWAY PERMIT; HE QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD BE A ROAD OR A DRIVEWAY. PARKER ADVISED IF THE EASEMENT PROVIDES ACCESS TO ONLY ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY IT WOULD BE A DRIVEWAY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON DEED RESTRICTIONS BEING RECORDED IN THE COURTHOUSE TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF ANY RESTRICTIONS PRIOR TO THEM PURCHASING PROPERTY. PARKER AGREED IN THIS SITUATION THERE SHOULD BE DEED RESTRICTIONS RECORDED STATING THIS IS PROVIDING ACCESS VIA DRIVEWAY AND IS NOT A ROADWAY AND CANNOT BE SUBDIVIDED FURTHER UNLESS THERE IS A ROADWAY BROUGHT UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH PARKER SUGGESTING THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO REQUIRE AN AFFIDAVIT BE ATTACHED TO ALL CLOSING DOCUMENTS SAYING WHAT KIND OF ACCESS THERE IS TO A PIECE OF PROPERTY, MAILOUTS BE DONE TO THE REALTORS WHEN THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, A PHAMPLET BE PROVIDED FOR PERSONS TO PICK UP WHICH HAS A SUMMARY OF THE COMP PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND PUT THE INFORMATION OF A WEBSITE.

PARKER UPDATED AND PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION POLICIES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THE COUNTY COULD DEVELOP A CODE WHEN WATER IS BEING PUMPED OUT OF ANY SPRINGS IN THE COUNTY AND THE WATER LEVEL FALLS TO A CERTAIN LEVEL, THE PUMPING OF WATER WOULD HAVE TO STOP. PARKER REFERENCED THE SPRING WATER DOCUMENT, CHAPTER 373, STATING THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WOULD ESTABLISH MINIMUM FLOW LEVELS FOR ALL THE SURFACE WATER BODIES. HE AGREED TO LOOK WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT OTHER SPRINGS AND OTHER WATER SURFACE BODIES.

DAVID CORBIN AND SUSAN LAWSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PARK GRANT UPDATE: THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE A KIDDIE PARK FOR DISTRICT III ON JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD AND ADDING FOUR NEW PARKS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

1. A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PALS PARK
2. A COMMUNITY CENTER AT HINSON CROSS ROADS
3. WILDER PARK AT SUNNY HILLS
4. BLUE POND PARK PHASE II

CORBIN ADVISED THE PROJECTS WERE NOT PRIORITIZED BUT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION TO DO THE PRIORITIZATION.

JOEL PATE, MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON DIFFERENT ISSUES WHICH HE WOULD BE PROPOSING:

1. LEVELING OUT THE PARK PROJECTS IN EACH DISTRICT
2. USAGE OF THE PARKS
3. LOOK AT TYPE OF PARKS BEING REQUESTED AND THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO BE BUDGETING TO TAKE CARE OF MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKS
4. LOOK AT RENTING OUT THESE FACILITIES WITH MONIES TO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY RATHER THAN THE COMMUNITY RENTING OUT THE FACILITIES

PATE REQUESTED THE BOARD DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN GREENWAY TRAILS IN THE COUNTY.

SUSAN LAWSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON CAMPBELL PARK ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 4:30 P.M. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THAT DATE; FELECIA REED, A RESIDENT OF THE NEW HOPE COMMUNITY, IS WORKING WITH THE CHURCHES IN THE AREA TO HAVE ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CHURCH TO MEET WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SO THEY CAN MAKE ONE PRESENTATION; COMMISSIONER BROCK IS WORKING WITH THEM ON SETTING UP A PRESENTATION FOR THE VERNON RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

PATE THEN ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY GETTING A FRANCHISE FOR A BALLTEAM LEAGUE AND FIND OUT WHO CAN APPLY, ETC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE DISTRICT III KIDDIE PARK AT CAMPBELLS PARK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USAGE OF PALS PARK IN CHIPLEY AND OTHER CITY PARKS BEING UTILIZED BY COUNTY CHILDREN.

PATE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET A DETERMINATION ON WHO WOULD BE DOING THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE JOINT RECREATIONAL PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGY PLAN FOR RECREATIONAL PARKS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE FOLLOWED AND ADDRESSED WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENT PHASES FOR PARKS, IT IS THROWING THE SCHEDULE OFF TWO YEARS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH PATE REQUESTING GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON RECREATIONAL PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE SIX ACRES FROM VIDA MAE CAMPBELL FOR \$30,000 FOR THE CAMPBELL PARK SITE.

JIM MORRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY PUT \$5,000 INTO THEIR BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOME PITCHING MACHINES FOR PALS PARK AND THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VERNON IF THEY HAVE A NEED.

MORRIS ADDRESSED THE BATHROOM FACILITIES AT PALS PARK NOT BEING EFFICIENT, THERE BEING SAFETY HAZARDS AT THE PARK, THE PARK IS UTILIZED MORE BY CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY VERSUS CHILDREN IN THE CITY, AND THE COUNTY HAS NEVER CONTRIBUTED ANY FUNDS TO PAL PARK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION TO PURCHASE THREE PITCHING MACHINES FOR PALS PARK IF CHAIRMAN COPE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER CAN FIND THE MONIES. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED TWO PITCHING MACHINES BE PURCHASED FOR THE CITY OF VERNON IF MONIES CAN BE FOUND. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER CHANGED HIS MOTION TO PURCHASE THREE PITCHING MACHINES FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND TWO FOR THE CITY OF VERNON IF MONIES CAN BE FOUND. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, LLOYD MONROE, WITH COOPER, COPPINS AND MONROE, INTRODUCED DR. RON WEBER, A NATIONWIDE EXPERT IN VOTING MATTERS.

DR. WEBER GAVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE FOR THE BOARD TO GO BACK TO AT LARGE VOTING FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ABANDONING THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING PUT THE 2000 CENSUS DATA TO THE CURRENT COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS; THE DISTRICTS ARE SEVERELY OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND WILL HAVE TO BE REDRAWN WITH ALL FIVE DISTRICTS BEING AFFECTED.

HE THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD NEEDING TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO GO TO FEDERAL COURT TO SEEK THE COURT'S APPROVAL TO RETURN TO AT LARGE VOTING; IF THEY WERE TO GET THE COURT'S APPROVAL, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH REDISTRICTING.

HE ADDRESSED THE ANALYSIS HE DONE SHOWED A DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN THE COUNTY AND HAS RACIAL IMPLICATIONS; WHEN THE BOARD ENTERED INTO THE CONSENT SETTLEMENT, ABOUT 15% OR 16% WAS AFRICAN-AMERICAN; TODAY IT IS CLOSER TO 14% AND EVERY YEAR THE PERCENTAGE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN IS GOING DOWN. WEBER ADVISED THE ANALYSIS HE

HAD BEEN DOING SHOW AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS HAVE NEVER BEEN A MAJORITY IN ANY SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. HE ADDRESSED THE ONLY WAY THE MINORITY PLAINTIFFS COULD FORCE THE COUNTY TO A LAWSUIT TO REDISTRICT TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS WAS IF THEY COULD DEMONSTRATE THE MINORITY COMMUNITY WAS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE AND GEOGRAPHICALLY CONCENTRATED TO BE A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS; HIS ANALYSIS SUGGEST THIS NEVER WAS THE CASE IN 1986 AND IF THE BOARD HAD CONTESTED THE SUIT AT THAT TIME, THEY WOULD LIKELY HAVE PREVAILED AS THERE WAS AN INSUFFICIENT CHARGE BY THE PLAINTIFFS IN 1985 AND 1986.

ALSO IN HIS ANALYSIS, WEBER ADDRESSED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY GIVEN THE DISTRICT SYSTEM THE COUNTY PRESENTLY HAS AND THE PERPENSITY OF SOME VOTERS TO CHOOSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SOME PRIMARIES, IT MIGHT BE THE CASE THEY COULD ARGUE MAYBE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MIGHT BE A MAJORITY OF ONE OF THE DISTRICTS IN THE PRIMARY. WEBER LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE AND AFRICAN AMERICANS WAS NOT THE MAJORITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS IN ANY OF THE DISTRICTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

HE ADDRESSED THE STATE HAVING RECENTLY CHANGED THE ELECTION SYSTEM IF THERE IS NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FOR THE OFFICE, THE PRIMARY WILL BE AMONG ALL VOTERS AND IN SOME CASES THERE WILL BE REPUBLICANS PARTICIPATING IN THAT PROCESS. PRIMARILY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AS HISTORY MOST OF FLORIDA THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES SUPPORT WHITE VOTES, AFRICAN AMERICAN TENDS TO PARTICIPATE PRIMARILY IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. SO THEY CAN'T MEET THE TEST OF HAVING THE MAJORITY OF DEMOCRATS BEING AFRICAN AMERICAN IN THE DISTRICTS.

HE ADDRESSED THE SYSTEM THE COUNTY HAD PRIOR TO CHANGING TO THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT WAS NOT A DILLUTED SYSTEM; THE ABILITY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS WAS DEAD; THE ABILITY WAS THERE AND THEY WERE PARTICIPATING AT THAT TIME. SINCE THE DECISION TO GO WITH SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, HE SAW EVIDENCE THERE HAS BEEN A DELUTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION; IT HAS NOT MADE THINGS BETTER BUT HAD AN OPPOSITE AFFECT.

HE THEN ADDRESSED THE LIKLIHOOD THE COUNTY WOULD PREVAIL SHOULD THEY TRY TO RETURN TO AT LARGE VOTING: IF THEY HAVE A JUDGE THAT IS OBJECTIVE, OPEN MINDED, THEY HAVE A HIGH LIKLIHOOD OF SUCCESS GIVEN THE EVIDENCE. IF THEY LOST IN DISTRICT COURT, THEY WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN IN THE 11TH CIRCUIT.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER QUESTIONED WEBER IF HE COULD PROVIDE A PERCENTAGE RATHER THAN A LIKLIHOOD ON THE COUNTY'S CHANCE TO PREVAIL. WEBER ADVISED HE COULD NOT GIVE A PERCENTAGE BUT THE COUNTY IS MORE LIKELY TO PREVAIL THAN NOT PREVAIL. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ALSO QUESTIONED IF A LOCAL GROUP CONTESTED THE COUNTY GOING BACK TO AT LARGE VOTING WOULD THIS CUT BACK ON THE LIKLIHOOD OF THE COUNTY PREVAILING; WEBER ADVISED IT WOULD NOT CUT THE LIKLIHOOD OF SUCCESS TO GO BACK TO AT LARGE VOTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RECENTLY DECIDED DECISIONS SIMILAR TO WASHINGTON COUNTY'S CASE IN ANY OTHER COUNTIES; WEBER ADDRESSED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY IN FLORIDA BUT REFERENCED A CASE IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT ELECTIONS ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, IF THE MINORITY VOTE WOULD HAVE INPUT ON AN ELECTION. WEBER ADVISED SOMETIMES YES AND SOMETIMES NO; THIS IS ALSO THE CASE IN AT LARGE ELECTIONS IF A MINORITY VOTE HAS AN IMPACT. WEBER ADDRESSED ONE ISSUE THE BOARD NEEDED TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT WAS THE APPROACH WITH THE PREVIOUS CASE WAS TO PUT MORE AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTES IN DISTRICT III AND DISTRICT IV; CURRENTLY THERE ARE 645 AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS IN DISTRICT III WHICH IS 20.5%; THERE ARE 893 AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS IN DISTRICT IV WHICH IS 1538 AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS; THE COUNTY HAS 2944 AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS; WHEN YOU CONCENTRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS INTO TWO DISTRICTS, THIS DIMINISHES THE CAPABILITY OF VOTERS IN DISTRICT I, II AND V TO HAVE AN AFFECT ON THE ELECTION. ONCE THE COUNTY PUTS OFF POLLING FROM THE DISTRICTS AND GO TO AN AT LARGE SYSTEM, THIS WOULD EQUALIZE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EVERY AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTER TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE

IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE THEY LIVE. WEBER ADVISED HIS POINT WAS THERE WERE LOSERS IN THE MINORITY VOTING ISSUE WHEN GOING WITH THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE MINORITY VOTE CONTROLLED THE VOTES IN DISTRICT III; WEBER ADVISED DISTRICT III WAS THE ONLY DISTRICT, AND FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD, THAT HAS ELECTED AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBER BUT IN HIS ANALYSIS, THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBER WON THAT POST BECAUSE SHE GOT 44% TO 45% OF THE WHITE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED LLOYD MONROE IF HE REMEMBERED WHEN ATTORNEY BILL HOWELL ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE IN 1994-1995. MONROE ADDRESSED THERE BEING STRATEGIC REASONS OR COST REASONS AND THAT BEING THE TREND BACK THEN; THERE WERE A WAVE OF SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS AND HE DIDN'T SEE MUCH TO PROFIT BY SAYING A MISTAKE WAS MADE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED WHEN THE VOTING ISSUE WAS PUT ON A REFERENDUM, DISTRICT I AND DISTRICT III VOTED SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT. HE REFERENCED, IN HIS OPINION, THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT GAVE RURAL PEOPLE A LOT MORE SUCCESS FROM THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS, GOT MORE REPRESENTATION AND IN GENERAL, AS A COUNTY, THE BOARD MEMBERS WORKED CLOSE TOGETHER AND HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. HE DID NOT FEEL IT WAS PARTICULARLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINORITY ISSUE BUT TO PUT GOOD REPRESENTATION BACK INTO THE DISTRICTS THAT WAS NEEDED.

WEBER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY'S OLD SYSTEM, AT LARGE SYSTEM, SHOWED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND HIS ANALYSIS SHOWED THERE WAS REPRESENTATION FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND IF THE COUNTY WERE TO RETURN TO THE COUNTY AT LARGE SYSTEM, THEY COULD GO BACK TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED WITH THE AT LARGE SYSTEM A PERSON COULD RUN FOR OFFICE IN HIS DISTRICT AND WIN BY A LANDSLIDE IN EVERY PRECINCT IN HIS DISTRICT AND STILL NOT BE PUT IN OFFICE DUE TO THE LARGE POPULUS VOTE IN CHIPLEY. WEBER ADDRESSED THIS BEING A DOWN- SIDE WHEN THE LOCAL PEOPLE WANT YOU AND THE LARGER POPULUS DON'T.

WEBER ADVISED THE LINES WOULD HAVE TO BE REDRAWN AND EVERY DISTRICT WOULD GAIN MORE PEOPLE EXCEPT DISTRICT V IF THE COUNTY REMAINS AT SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT VOTING WITH THE IDEAL SIZE OF EACH DISTRICT BEING 4,195.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD REQUESTING WEBER PROVIDE A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF WHAT HE HAS ADVISED THE BOARD OF TODAY.

PETER HERBERT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, REPORTED ON THE BID AWARDS ON GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT:

1. SUMMIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
2. JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES; CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

CHAIRMAN COPE, CHARLES DUNN, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND HERBERT SCORED THE APPLICATIONS USING THE CRITERIA BASED ON YEARS OF EXPERIENCE; TOTAL SCORE FOR SUMMIT WAS 313 POINTS AND TOTAL SCORE FOR JULIAN WEBB AND ASSOCIATES WAS 360 POINTS. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AWARD THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO JULIAN WEBB & ASSOCIATES. COM- MISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON SEVERAL PROJECTS:

1. PROBATION AND PAROLE-KNAUER ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN ANOTHER MEETING WITH PROBATION AND PAROLE COMMITTEE; CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING; PLANS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE COMPANY AND THEY HAVE REQUESTED INSURANCE AGENT PROVIDE SOMETHING IN WRITING OF THEIR APPROVAL OF PLANS; THE PROJECT SHOULD BE PUT OUT FOR BIDS BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK.
2. COUNTY ROAD 280-SCRAP 2000 PROJECT/KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR AUTHORIZING HIM AND COMMISSIONER HALL TO DO DRIVEWAY APRONS ON HIGHWAY 280 WITH LEFT OVER FUNDS TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY \$40,000. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON PAVING ALL THE MAJOR COUNTY ROADS THAT INTERSECT TO

280 TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE. APAC WAS AWARDED THE PROJECT FOR \$32,140; GRANGER WAS THE ONLY OTHER BIDDER AND THEY BID \$64,000. KNAUER HAS MET WITH ROBERT HARCUS AT PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE HIM AWARE OF THE ITEMS THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND SHOWED HIM WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AND WHERE IT IS TO BE DONE. THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THEY ARE NOT TO MOBILIZE OR BEGIN PROJECT WITHOUT NOTIFICATION FROM HIM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ADDING ADDITIONAL APRONS ON TO SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTY ROADS THAT INTERSECT TO 280 WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS TO AUTHORIZE KNAUER TO USE THE REMAINING \$8,000 TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED.

3. SCRAP-2001/KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES RECONSTRUCTING OF PIONEER ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 IN WAUSAU TO ORANGE HILL AND COUNTY ROAD 284 FROM STATE ROAD 79 TO THE END OF THE PAVEMENT; 6.9 MILES ON PIONEER ROAD PROJECT AND 12+ MILES ON HIGHWAY 284. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BRIDGE AND TWO BIG BOX CULVERTS ON HIGHWAY 284. COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD AGREED TO CHECK WITH THE FL-DOT TO SEE IF THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THEIR WORK PROGRAM. ON THE BOX CULVERTS, KNAUER WAS LOOKING AT TRANSITIONING IN BETWEEN THE BOX CULVERTS AND ADJUST WHERE IT WOULD WIDEN MORE ON ONE SIDE THAN THE OTHER. KNAUER EXPLAINED HE MADE PART OF THE BIDDING AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS THESE CONTRACTS COULD BE AWARDED GIVING CONSIDERATION FOR THE BASE BID AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION FOR ALTERNATES AS THE BASE AWARD. KNAUER WENT OVER THE ADVANTAGES OF USING THE ABC III ON THESE PROJECTS:
 - A. ST. MARY'S PIT IS NOT AN INEXHAUSTIBLE PIT AND HE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A DIFFERENT TYPE BASE.
 - B. SAND CLAY BASE IS AFFECTED BY MOISTURE AND ABC III IS NOT.
 - C. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE COUNTY COULD GET A GOOD DEAL ON THE ABC III DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THE WEATHER OR HAULING FROM THE COUNTY'S PITS.

HE ADDRESSED THERE WERE FIVE BIDDERS TOTAL:

1. APAC OF FLORIDA-HIGHER THAN ALL THE OTHERS
2. GRANGER AND BAXTER-SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN LAST TWO
3. ANDERSON COLUMBIA-EXTREMELY CLOSE TO SANDCO'S BID
4. SANDCO INC.-EXTREMELY CLOSE TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA'S BID

KNAUER WENT OVER SEVERAL SCENARIOS TO SHOW THE BOARD EXACTLY HOW CLOSE ANDERSON COLUMBIA AND SANDCO'S BIDS WERE; ADVISED THE TOTAL GRANT AWARD FOR THE PROJECTS TOTALLED \$2,000,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THESE PROJECTS; THE BID DID NOT ADDRESS TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT STRIPING NOR TESTING. GUETTLER AND GUETTLER HAS INDICATED WITH THE WORST CASE SCENARIO THE COST FOR STRIPING WOULD TOTAL \$185,000. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE EXCESSIVE COST FOR TEMPORARY STRIPING WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR KNAUER TO BRING BACK A PRICE ON USING REFLECTORS WITH KNAUER AGREEING TO GET A NOT TO EXCEED COST FROM GUETTLER ON THE TEMPORARY STRIPING.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SANDCO AND ANDERSON COLUMBIA WERE PRESENT IF THEY HAD ANY QUESTIONS.

KNAUER RECOMMENDED AWARDING ALL THE ALTERNATES FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ABC III. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THREE SCENARIOS AND THE LOW BIDDER FOR EACH SCENARIO:

1. IF PROJECT AWARDED ON BASE BID WITH NO ALTERNATES, ANDERSON COLUMBIA WOULD BE LOW BIDDER BY \$10,919.00.
2. IF THE PROJECT WERE AWARDED WITH ALL ALTERNATES EXCEPT ABC III, SANDCO WOULD BE LOW BIDDER BY \$21,751.00.
3. IF THE PROJECT WERE AWARDED WITHOUT ABC III AND WITHOUT THE HYDROSEED, ANDERSON COLUMBIA WOULD BE LOW BIDDER BY \$11,009.00. HE ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO MAKE THE DECISION WHICH BID THEY WANTED TO ACCEPT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE HYDROSEEDING WITH BOTH CONTRACTORS STATING THEY WOULD GUARANTEE A STAND OF GRASS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LARGE CRACKS IN HIGHWAY 284 WITH KNAUER ADVISING THESE AREAS WERE PRESENTLY IN THE BIDDING AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS TO BE REPLACED.

WHEN ASKED FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON THE AWARDING OF THE BID, KNAUER RECOMMENDED SANDCO BE AWARDED THE BID FOR THE SCRAP PROJECTS WITH ALL ALTERNATES EXCEPT ABC III. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET A CHECK TO GET A DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT FROM THE FL-DEP FOR THE BLUE POND PROJECT.

KNAUER STATED SANDCO'S CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE SCRAP PROJECTS TOTALLED \$1,517,405.00; ANDERSON COLUMBIA'S TOTALLED \$1,539,156.00.

UNDER UNADGENDAED AUDIENCE, RICK ROSSLER AND RUSTY BENNETT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON COST FOR RENTAL UNITS FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE SPACE UNTIL THEIR NEW FACILITY IS COMPLETED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON LEASING A FACILITY IN HARREL SQUARE THAT WAS USED AS A BINGO PARLOR AND THE NEED TO PUT SHEET METAL UP FRONT WHERE THE GLASS PRESENTLY IS AND PLYWOOD PETITIONS INSIDE.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE OLD TG&Y BUILDING (BINGO PARLOR) FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PROBATION AND PAROLE NOT BEING ABLE TO BE HOUSED CLOSER THAN 250' FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL LOCATED BEHIND SUBWAY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER RESTATED HIS MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE OLD TG&Y BUILDING; IF THIS WILL NOT WORK PROCEED WITH THE RENTAL UNITS FROM WILLIAMS SCOTTSMAN. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE WEST NILE VIRUS BEING IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA CARRIED BY VARIOUS TYPES OF MOSQUITOES. HE INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE FL-DEP HAVING AN EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO HELP SMALL COUNTIES GET RID OF WASTE TIRES DUE TO THIS BEING WHERE THE MOSQUITOES BREED. HE READ A PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS WHICH WOULD ALERT THE PEOPLE CONCERNING THE WASTE TIRES AND REQUESTED THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO PUT THIS SAME TYPE OF ADVERTISEMENT IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND LOCAL RADIO STATIONS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF BINGHAM'S REQUEST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO INSTITUTE A BUYBACK PROGRAM FOR ALUMINUM GOODS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER.

CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED FOR A RECESS FOR LUNCH.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, PATRICIA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY ELIMINATE THE COST OF HOME INSPECTIONS AND THE WATER TESTING FOR FOSTER PARENTS AND MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES ALSO IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

LARRY TAGGERT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM DOING THE FOSTER CARE LICENSING; THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN BEING PROVIDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE PAST BUT THERE HAS BEEN A FEE SET FOR FOSTER CARE LICENSING FOR \$50.00 AND \$15.00 FOR WATER TESTING ONCE A YEAR. HE ADDRESSED THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WHEN THEY SEPARATED INTO THEIR OWN ENTITIES THAT THEY WOULD NOT CHARGE FOR SERVICES THEY WERE ALREADY PROVIDING. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD ADVISED THE ASSESSMENT WAS A COUNTY CHARGE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD WAIVER THE COST OF HOME INSPECTIONS AND WATER TESTING IF IT IS A COUNTY CHARGE; IF NOT, THEY WOULD DEAL WITH THE STATE DUE TO THERE BEING A BINDING AGREEMENT. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CALL PATSY JUSTICE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TRY AND GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CHARGE.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A TRANSPORTATION OUTREACH PROGRAM WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND READ A SUMMARIZING STATEMENT ON THE PROGRAM. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A CHECKLIST OF PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA WHICH INCLUDED THREE CATEGORIES WHICH COULD BE FUNDED:

1. MAJOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
2. MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
3. MILITARY FACILITY HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD QUALIFY BEST FOR THE

MAJOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CATEGORY WITH THE ITEMS THEY COULD CONCENTRATE ON WOULD BE MAJOR OR FEEDER ROADS THAT LINKS TO MAJOR ROADS, BRIDGE OF STATEWIDE OR REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR, ACCESS PROJECT FOR PASSENGERS AND/OR FREIGHT AND HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES. WITH THE DEADLINE BEING AUGUST 31, 2001 FOR APPLYING FOR THE PROJECT FUNDING, HE REQUESTED THE BOARD PROVIDE HIM WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE FUNDED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SEVERAL PROJECTS THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FUNDING FOR. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR EACH COMMISSIONER TO SELECT ONE PROJECT PER DISTRICT FOR KNAUER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING:

1. OLD BONIFAY ROAD FROM END OF PAVEMENT TO HOLMES COUNTY LINE-DISTRICT 2
2. ORANGE HILL SOUTH TO ELKAM-DISTRICT 5
3. HOLMES VALLEY ROAD-DISTRICT 3
4. EAST OF PIONEER ROAD, STEWART ROAD AND GILBERT MILL ROAD-DISTRICT 4
5. CREEK ROAD AND UNION HILL ROAD-DISTRICT 1

HIGHVIEW ACRES WAS ADDRESSED AGAIN WITH KNAUER RECOMMENDING THE BOARD NOT START FRANK PIERCE'S ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD UNTIL THE CULVERTS ARE EXTENDED WITH END TREATMENTS ON THEM AS THEY SHOULD BE. CLIFF KNAUER TO CONTACT PIERCE'S ENGINEER, CHARLES DUNN, TO ADVISE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM.

DUE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT PATSY JUSTICE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE FEES FOR THE HOME INSPECTIONS AND WATER TESTING FOR THE FOSTER PARENTS AND MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND AND CARRIED IF THE COUNTY IS CHARGING THESE FEES, THEY BE WAIVERED AND TO SEND A LETTER TO PATSY JUSTICE ADVISING HER OF THE BOARD'S ACTION.

PETER HERBERT BEGAN WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED PER DAY; HE WENT BACK TO 1996 TO 2000 WITH IT AVERAGING APPROXIMATELY 6 PERMITS PER DAY. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO LEAVE THE BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES AS IS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001 TO OCTOBER 1, 2002. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSING HIS CONCERNS THERE WAS NO WAY TO SHOW ON PAPER THERE WAS A COST BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY TO LEAVE IT AS IS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH THE BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES SHOULD BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY BUT THE BOARD HAD BEEN ADVISED TO LEAVE THESE SERVICES

AS IS FOR ONE MORE YEAR. THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION WAS CALLED FOR WITH THE MOTION CARRYING. COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

2. HERBERT ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM DALE MACUMBER TO PUT A 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT ON THE TWO HANDICAP PARKING SPOTS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE COUNTY ANNEX. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF MACUMBER'S REQUEST.
3. HERBERT, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, ADDRESSED HIM HAVING PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE STATUTE ON THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY (CHAPTER 125 FLORIDA STATUTE) DUE TO A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER HALL.

TERRY ROEBUCK WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS UPDATED THE BOARD ON RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, HAVING GOTTEN HIM TO WRITE A STATE GRANT FOR \$104,450.00 FOR THE PURCHASE ON A NEW AMBULANCE AND THE GRANT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

ROEBUCK THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED A GRANT FOR SIX AED'S AND FOURTEEN MORE HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO EMS; THEY ARE GOING TO SUPPLY EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY ONE OF THESE UNITS AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH SIX; THE GRANT MONIES FOR THESE AED'S HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED.

HE THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING REQUESTED BIDS FROM THREE AMBULANCE SERVICES:

1. SOUTHERN MANUFACTURERS-ASKED BCC TO DISREGARD THIS BID AS IT IS AN OPEN TYPE UNIT AND THEY CAN NOT USE IT.
2. WHEEL COACH AMBULANCE-ASKED BCC TO ACCEPT THIS BID AS IT WAS LOW BID

HE REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO GET PURCHASE ORDERS OUT ON THE AED'S AND THE AMBULANCE. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ROEBUCK'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HAVING CONTACTED THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DO A STUDY ON HOW THE MECHANIC SHOP AND ROAD AND BRIDGE COULD OPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY. THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED TO DO THE PROJECT FOR \$15,950 WITH \$10,000 TO BE PAID BY THEM AND THE REMAINDER TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ADVISED THE SCTA WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHO SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE COUNTY VEHICLES HOME. HE THEN READ THE LIST OF SERVICES SCTA WOULD BE PROVIDING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SCTA TO DO THE STUDY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD HEARD FROM THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY RANDY PARKER TO THE FL-DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. HERBERT ADVISED THE PROJECTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BUT THE COUNTY HASN'T BEEN ADVISED IF THEY HAVE BEEN FUNDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED REQUESTS FROM PERSONS TO HOLD EVERY OTHER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING AFTER 4:00 P. M. DISCUSSION WAS HELD BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING A PAVILLION AT LIGHTARD LOG POND BUT NO MONIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICNIC TABLES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND FINCH TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO BID OUT THE WATER SAMPLING FOR ALL COUNTY WELLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED TO COMPLETE THE NED BROCK BRIDGE DSR. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TAKING THE BRIDGE OUT AND PUTTING A CULVERT IN WITH THE \$9,000 FEMA HAS AGREED TO FUND THE PROJECT. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED TO LET ROAD AND BRIDGE DO THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.

COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED KNAUER GET AN EXPLANATION FROM FEMA WHY THEY WOULD NOT FUND THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AS THIS IS WHAT THE DSR WAS WRITTEN FOR.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE BEING SEVERAL PROJECTS THAT CAME IN OVER WHAT FEMA HAD FUNDED THEM FOR AND FEMA DID NOT PAY ANY OF THESE. HE THEN ADDRESSED FEMA WOULD NOT ISSUE SUPPLEMENTARY DSR'S ON SMALL PROJECTS UNLESS THE COUNTY DOES SMALL PROJECT NETTING. IF THE COUNTY DOES SMALL PROJECT NETTING, FEMA WILL HAVE TO FUND THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION FOR KNAUER TO CHECK INTO THE SMALL PROJECT NETTING AND IF THE COUNTY IS OVER, REPLACE THE NED BROCK BRIDGE WITH A CONCRETE BRIDGE. KNAUER AGREED TO CHECK WITH DEBBIE RILEY AT ROAD AND BRIDGE ON THE SMALL COUNTY NETTING AS SHE HAD INFORMED HIM PUBLIC WORKS WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SMALL PROJECT NETTING ON ALL THEIR SMALL DSR'S. HE ALSO ADDRESSED IF THE BRIDGE IS REPLACED WITH A CONCRETE BRIDGE, THIS MAY PUT IT IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN A SMALL DSR; THE BOARD MAY HAVE TO REPLACE IT WITH A TIMBER BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER HALL WITHDREW HIS MOTION WITH KNAUER TO CHECK ON THE SMALL PROJECT NETTING TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GET THE NED BROCK BRIDGE DSR COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ASKED KNAUER IF HE HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION ON JOINER ROAD FOR DEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR MR. AND MS. JOINER; KNAUER ADVISED INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE FOR DEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE JOINERS AND THE PARK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2001 TOTTALLING \$1,187,745.78.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE MOSQUITO SPRAYING THAT HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE DUE TO THE WEST NILE VIRUS; HE WAS NOT AWARE IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY SPRAYING IN HIS AREA BUT THE MOSQUITO POPULATION WAS STILL BAD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING MORE SPRAYING TO TAKE PLACE IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM WHERE THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES COULD MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE COUNTY COULD SAVE MONEY; IF THEIR SUGGESTION IS IMPLEMENTED, THE EMPLOYEE WOULD BE PAID A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR CHAIRMAN COPE TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM JAMES SMALLEY TO WAIVER THE COUNTY'S DRIVEWAY POLICY REQUIREMENT FROM A 30' TO A 20' IN THE PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO ABIDE BY THE COUNTY POLICY.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO ASSIST THEM WITH PAYING THEIR UTILITY BILL WHICH AVERAGES \$40 TO \$50 PER MONTH AND ALSO INVITED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO JOIN THEIR ORGANIZATION. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO NOT APPROVE OF THE REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM DALE MACUMBER TO MAKE OVERTIME ON FEMA WORK. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THIS ISSUE AND MACUMBER WAS NOT GOING TO GET OVERTIME FOR DOING SAFETY CHECKS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY'S UNLESS THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE VERNON BAND BOOSTERS TO BUY AN AD IN THEIR FOOTBALL PROGRAM; THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THIS WAS A PERSONAL ISSUE AND EACH COMMISSIONER COULD PURCHASE AN AD IF THEY DESIRED TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO ADJOURN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 ON THE MSBU AND THE FIRST BUDGET HEARING FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE LIASON FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD TALKED WITH LLOYD POWELL ABOUT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT POWELL DID NOT HAVE TO ATTEND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD AND ALSO ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH POWELL ON THESE TWO ISSUES BUT POWELL CAN STILL ATTEND MEETINGS IF HE WANTS TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN ADDRESSED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LOGO BEING ON THE BUILDING OFFICIAL'S TRUCK AND DID NOT FEEL THIS WAS APPROPRIATE DUE TO HIM NOT BEING A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CHAIRMAN _____

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 08/23/01