

BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/20/01

DECEMBER 20, 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, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, ENFINGER, HALL, FINCH AND BROCK PRESENT. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY, CLERK LIND COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH THE PASTOR OF THE CHRISTIAN HAVEN CHURCH, CARLOS FINCH, OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN FINCH LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN FINCH, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTED COMMISSIONER COPE A PLAQUE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 18, 25, NOVEMBER 1, 15 AND 29, 2001 MEETINGS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REMINDED EVERYONE, AFTER THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS ADDRESSED IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES.

AFTER A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER HALL TO PULL ITEMS J, K AND L ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA EXCEPT ITEMS J, K AND L:

- A. BROCHURE FOR LAND SALES, ROADS AND DEVELOPMENT; BROCHURE WILL PROVIDE A BETTER GUIDE TO THE POTENTIAL LAND BUYER ON LAND PURCHASES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
- B. SURPLUS OF SOUTHERN LINC RADIOS-REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO SURPLUS RADIOS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NON-REPAIRABLE BY SOUTHERN LINC SERVICE DEPARTMENT:
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- C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS-THE FIRST AMENDMENT ACKNOWLEDGES LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION IN THE EMO CONTRACT WITH GRUBBS CONSTRUCTION; THE SECOND AMENDMENT WILL CHANGE THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONVICTED VENDOR PARAGRAPH AND WILL MODIFY AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CERTAIN GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE SHUTTER GRANT PROJECT
- D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WALTON COUNTY ON WORKFARE PROGRAM
- E. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BAY COUNTY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES
- F. LOSS PREVENTION POLICY; POLICY UPDATES THE SAFETY AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY INTO ONE POLICY
- G. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PLAN; PLAN WILL PROVIDE POSITIVE PRACTICAL EFFORTS TO ENSURE FAIR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL JOB LEVELS
- H. SUNNY HILLS MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION; COMPLIES WITH SECTION 6e OF COUNTY ORDINANCE 2001-4 MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS SUBDIVISION
- I. INSTALLATION OF SUNNY HILLS BOULEVARD LIGHTS; SUNNY HILLS MSBU COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED PLACEMENT OF LIGHTING ALONG BOULEVARD AS ITS FIRST VISIBLE PROJECT UNDER THE NEW MSBU ORDINANCE

ITEM J ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED; PURCHASE OF SUNNY HILLS MSBU TECHNOLOGY UNIT EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHERE THE MONIES WOULD COME FROM TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT, WHERE THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE HOUSED AND HOW IT WOULD BE PURCHASED. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE MSBU REVENUES WOULD PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED OF THE EQUIPMENT BEING PURCHASED; THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING TO PUT AN OFFICE AT THE ENTRANCE AT SUNNY HILLS WITH THE DELTONA OFFICES AND THE DESK TOP COMPUTERS WILL BE HOUSED THERE; THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL HAVE LAP TOP COMPUTERS WHICH THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INDIVIDUALLY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVED SOME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THE MINUTES OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SO THE BOARD WOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT ITEMS THE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED.

ITEM K OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED-TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTRACT; TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROVIDING WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION WHEN NO OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT- ATION ARE AVAILABLE WITH SERVICE FUNDED UNDER THE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS OF TRI- COUNTY COMPETING WITH PRIVATE BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT INFORMED THE BOARD THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WAS FUNDING THE TRANSPORTA- TION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM THRU TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.

ITEM L ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED; TRANSFERRING OF THE 1983 CHEVY BLAZER USED BY 9-1-1 FOR THE ADDRESSING PROGRAM TO COUNTRY OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED HIM NOT HAVING A PROBLEM WITH GIVING COUNTRY OAKS A VEHICLE BUT REQUESTED THE BOARD BE CONSISTENT IN PROVIDING OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS A VEHICLE SHOULD ANY BECOME AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEMS J, K AND L ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 20, 2001.

ED PELLETIER, FIRE CHIEF FOR COUNTRY OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPART- MENT, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR TRANSFERRING THE VEHICLE TO THEIR DEPARTMENT.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE PLAT VACATION AND STREET CLOSURE FOR PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION. MR. RONNIE HUDSON, ACTING PARK MANAGER FOR FALLING WATERS STATE PARK, AND MR. DEBBO WERE PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THE REQUEST FOR THE PLAT VACATION AND STREET CLOSURE. RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST: IT WAS A SUBDIVISION WHERE THE STATE HAS ACQUIRED THE LAND AND HAS TITLE TO IT; IT WON'T BE DEVELOPED AS A SUBDIVISION ANYMORE; THE ROAD IS ON THE PLAT BUT IS NOT ACTUALLY THERE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PLAT VACATION AND STREET CLOSURE FOR PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE SETTLING OF THE JOINER ROAD PAVING PROJECT; MR. DEBBO ADVISED THEIR ENGINEER HAS ASKED THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROVIDE MORE ELABORATE PLANS ON THE COUNTY ROAD EXPANSION.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPLATTING AND LAND USE CHANGE FOR SUNNY HILLS UNIT 23 WAS HELD. PARKER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST TO REPLAT THIS UNIT INTO LARGER LOTS: AS PLATTED NOW IT CONTAINS 247 LOTS AND THE REPLATTING WOULD REDUCE THIS TO 93 LOTS AND WOULD BE MORE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLATTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; IT WOULD HAVE A CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM BUT NOT A CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM; AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST IS TO MAKE THE PROPERTY MORE MARKETABLE.

PARKER THEN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE LAND USE CHANGE REQUEST FROM MIXED USE DISTRICT TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE; THIS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE FOR THEIR APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE ROAD SIZE FROM 24' TO 20' AND QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD APPROVING THE ROAD SIZE CHANGE. PARKER ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST BUT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE BOARD WHETHER THEY WANTED TO APPROVE IT OR NOT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE REPLATTING AND LAND USE CHANGE BEING REQUESTED WOULD CHANGE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO GRANT THE REPLATTING AND LAND USE CHANGE REQUEST FOR SUNNY HILLS UNIT 23 INCLUDING THE VARIANCES THEY REQUESTED.

FRANK CORSO REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THESE LOTS ARE ADJACENT TO GAP POND AND GIN POND; THE AREA IS A WATER SHED AREA AND WHEN SEPTIC TANKS BEGIN TO BE PUT DOWN, THEY WILL POLLUTE THE GROUND WATER.

PARKER ADVISED THAT SEPTIC TANKS COULD BE ALLOWED TO BE PUT DOWN UNDER STATE LAW BUT WAS NOT SURE IF THERE WERE RESTRICTIONS FROM THIS BEING DONE IN ANY OF SUNNY HILLS COVENANTS OR DOCUMENTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THIS AREA NOT HAVING A CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM. JOE MINER, WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THERE WAS A VERY SMALL SECTION IN SUNNY HILLS THAT IS PRESENTLY SERVED BY A CENTRALIZED SEWER SYSTEM; HOWEVER, SUNNY HILLS HAS NO INTENTIONS OF EXPANDING THE SYSTEM IN PLACE AS IT IS NOT A PROFITABLE OPERATION. MINER ALSO ADVISED 99.5% OF SUNNY HILLS WAS SERVED BY SEPTIC TANKS AND PUT IN WITH PLANS FOR A SEWER SYSTEM; HOWEVER, THE COMPANY THAT WAS PROVIDING THE SEWER SYSTEM WENT BANKRUPT AND SOLD OUT TO ANOTHER COMPANY. HE FELT DECREASING THE DENSITY WAS PROBABLY THE BEST THE BOARD COULD DO AS THERE PROBABLY WOULD NEVER BE A SEWER SYSTEM ON THE REMAINDER OF THE SUNNY HILLS LOTS.

FRANK CORSO RE-ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON SUNNY HILLS REQUEST TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE ROADS FROM 24' TO 20' AND POINTED OUT IF THE BOARD APPROVED OF THE CHANGE, THEY WOULD BE SETTING A PRECEDENCE FOR ROADS IN OTHER SUBDIVISIONS. THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION WAS CALLED FOR. THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REPLATTING AND LAND USE CHANGE FOR SUNNY HILLS UNIT 23.

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, TYPE VIII, PLACEMENT OF A CEMETERY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, PETITIONED BY GALE JOHNSON WAS HELD. DON WILLIAMS, MS. JOHNSON'S BROTHER, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR A PRIVATE CEMETERY WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF 8 LOTS. LYNDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

1. IT WAS A 17 ACRE PARCEL THAT INITIALLY WAS ABUTTING THE PROPERTY BEHIND THEM; THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED JOHNSON PROVIDE A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN PROPERTY; THIS HAS BEEN DONE.
2. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED A PERK TEST BE DONE ON THE PROPERTY; THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND THE PERCOLATION RATE WAS ADEQUATE.
3. INITIALLY THERE WERE SOME OBJECTIONS BUT THE JOHNSONS MOVED THE CEMETERY LOCATION BACK TO WHERE IT IS PRETTY MUCH ISOLATED.
4. THERE IS ONLY ONE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER AND THEY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION BEING APPROVED.

WILLIAMS ADVISED THE PROPERTY WAS LOCATED ON SANDPATH ROAD AND CAN NEVER BE DEVELOPED.

TED EVERETT, ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE CEMETERY LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A PRIVATE CEMETERY PETITIONED BY GALE JOHNSON.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WIND SPEED LINES AS THEY RELATE TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD COMPLY WITH THE NEW STATE BUILDING CODES WHICH REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO ADOPT A LINE THROUGH THE COUNTY; ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY LYING SOUTH OF THE LINE WILL BE

120 MPH AND ALL PORTIONS LYING NORTH WOULD BE 110 MPH. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LOCATION OF THE LINES AND WHO DECIDED WHERE THEY WOULD BE LOCATED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE STATE HAD SENT OUT A MAP SHOWING WHERE THE LINES SHOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHY HIGHWAY 20 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COULD NOT BE USED AS THE WIND SPEED LINE AS THIS WAS THE IDEAL EAST/WEST LINE.

LLOYD POWELL, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ADVISED THE BOARD THE MAP THE STATE SENT OUT SHOWED WHERE THE LINES SHOULD BE; IN LOOKING AT THE COUNTY MAP, HE TRIED TO PLACE THE LINES WHERE IT WOULD BE IN A FLOOD ZONE AREA AND WOULD AFFECT THE LEAST AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BUILDING CODES IN THE 110 MPH WIND ZONE AND 120 MPH WIND ZONE; POWELL ADVISED THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WIND SPEED LINES AS IT RELATES TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED.

THE AGENDAED AUDIENCE PORTION OF THE MEETING BEGAN WITH CHAIRMAN FINCH REITERATING`AFTER EACH ITEM, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK WOULD BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES AND REQUESTED THEY COME FORWARD TO THE PODIUM.

MATT MATHERNE, J & T PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES, INC., ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS FIRM BEING HIRED BY THE COUNTY, AND FROM MONIES FROM THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION THROUGH THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING MET WITH COUNTY STAFF, BOTH PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, LINE STAFF, OFFICE STAFF AND SOME OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND GATHERED INFORMATION FOR HIS REPORT. HE ISSUED THE BOARD A REPORT IN A DRAFT FORM IN OCTOBER AND UNDERSTANDS HE IS PRESENT TO SET UP A WORKSHOP FOR SOMETIME IN JANUARY TO GO OVER THE REPORT IN DETAIL WITH THE BOARD. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SET A WORKSHOP FOR JANUARY 7TH AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX.

MATHERNE REQUESTED THE BOARD, AS THEY READ THROUGH THE REPORT AND LOOK AT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, KEEP IN MIND THE INTENT OF THE REPORT WAS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION AND THE EFFICIENCY IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. HIS INTENT WHEN DOING THIS WAS TO:

1. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE VERY LITTLE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT ON THE COUNTY
2. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD BE REALISTIC AND COULD BE IMPLEMENTED
3. INVOLVE EMPLOYEES IN THE CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT
4. REPORT WAS WRITTEN WITH THE IDEA THE COUNTY WAS IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TED EVERITT WITH THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INTRODUCED JIM BRANTLEY, WITH THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST, WHO WAS CHARGED TO COME AND DEVELOP A STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN THAT TIES INTO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES AND BUDGET.

MR. BRANTLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVING SET A RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE WORKSHOPS HELD ON THE MARKETING PLAN; THE MARKETING PLAN AS LAID OUT WILL ASSIST THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE PROGRAM AND GIVES THEM DIRECTION; THE PLAN ALLOWS FOR THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO SERVE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE PLAN; THE BOARD'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IN THE TOURISM PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THEIR REVENUES.

ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, THE SMALL COUNTIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT, BRANTLEY SUBMITTED THE PACKET WITH THE STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN AND BUDGET TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL.

BRANTLEY INTRODUCED SHERRY MARTIN, TOURISM RURAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR VISIT FLORIDA. BRANTLEY ADVISED BETWEEN VISIT FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, GRANTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000 TO DO THE STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN, WORK WITH THE COUNTY STAFF ON THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES AND TO PROVIDE MARKETING FUNDS.

MS. MARTIN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON VISIT FLORIDA PROVIDING WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY \$3,000 TOGETHER TO HELP WITH THE ADVERTISING, MARKETING ASPECT OF ANY KIND OF ANY TOURIST RELATED INDUSTRY; EACH COUNTY HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN \$5,000 TO WORK WITH DIRECTLY AND \$20,000 TO WORK WITH JOINTLY. SHE ADVISED, AT THIS POINT, THEY HAVE DECIDED TO DEVELOP A BROCHURE FOR THE TWO COUNTIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN AND THE BUDGET FOR THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE BUDGET IN THE STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN WAS NOT THE ACTUAL BUDGET AND THEY WOULD BE APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET LATER ON IN THE MEETING.

TED EVERITT, ON BEHALF OF THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THANKED MR. BRANTLEY AND VISIT FLORIDA FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ASSISTING WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THEIR TOURISM PROGRAM; HE ALSO THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

NAN THOMPSON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY APPROVE OF BRINGING THE HUMANE SOCIETY IN TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

OLE ELLIS, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CITY NOT HAVING ANY PROBLEM WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY RUNNING AN ADOPTION PROGRAM AND UTILIZING THEIR FACILITY; HOWEVER, THEY ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION UNTIL THE FUTURE OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS DECIDED. HE ADVISED IF THE COUNTY MAKES A DECISION TO CONTINUE WITH THE JOINT EFFORT WITH THE CITY ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM AND MAKES IT A PERMANENT BASIS, IT COMES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTY WITH THE CITY PROVIDING THE BUILDING, ETC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DRAWN UP.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PETER HERBERT, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY:

1. WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL MANAGE THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.
2. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WILL PROVIDE THE FACILITY AND THE INSURANCE ON THE FACILITY.
3. WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL PROVIDE THE ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE AND THE INSURANCE ON THE VEHICLE.
4. THE HUMANE SOCIETY WILL OPERATE AN ADOPTION PROGRAM AT THE CURRENT FACILITY.
5. JOHN RONEY WILL BECOME A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AT THE PAY GRADE G-5, STEP ONE AT \$8.65 PER HOUR.
6. JOHN RONEY WILL TRANSFER 66 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE AND 40 HOURS OF ANNUAL LEAVE.
7. 75% OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET WILL BE FUNDED BY THE COUNTY AND 25% BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.
8. OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM FOR \$35 PER ANIMAL PICKED UP.

HERBERT THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM TOTALLING \$41,191.80 WITH THE COUNTY'S SHARE BEING \$30,893.85 AND THE CITY'S SHARE BEING \$10,297.95.

DUE TO RONEY HAVING WORKED WITH THE COUNTY SINCE JULY 1, 2001, HERBERT RECOMMENDED IT BE APPROVED HE HAS ALREADY SERVED HIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

HERBERT ALSO ADVISED WAUSAU AND VERNON HAD ALREADY RETURNED THEIR AGREEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW TO HANDLE ANY OVERFLOW OF THE ANIMALS AT THE FACILITY. JOHN RONEY, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE CITY, ADDRESSED THE CITY

OF CHIPLEY HAVING IN ITS POSSESSION A THREE-RUN PEN WHICH WAS ALREADY PLUMBED, HAS SEWER AND IS ACCEPTABLE FOR A TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR THE OVERFLOW OF ANIMALS.

LYNDA WALLER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A CODE ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP SHE ATTENDED ON ANIMAL CONTROL; ONE OF THE THINGS THEY EMPHASIZED WAS THE NEED TO ASSOCIATE YOURSELF WITH AS MANY FREE, AVAILABLE SERVICES AS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE AN ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZING THE HUMANE SOCIETY; IF YOU FAIL TO ACCEPT THESE SERVICES, THE COUNTY ACTUALLY EXPANDS THEIR LIABILITY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH PERSONS ABUSING THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM BY CALLING AND WANTING THEIR ANIMALS PICKED UP JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR ONE YEAR ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

MS. THOMPSON EXPLAINED HOW THE HUMANE SOCIETY ADOPTION PROGRAM WOULD WORK; THE HUMANE SOCIETY WILL NOT COST ANYTHING TO THE COUNTY EXCEPT FOR A FACILITY. SHE REQUESTED THEY BE ALLOWED TO ASK FOR A DONATION OF DOG FOOD, CLEANING SUPPLIES, ETC. FROM PERSONS BRINGING THEIR UNWANTED ANIMALS TO THE FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH RONEY AFTER THE ONE YEAR PERIOD. ELLIS ADDRESSED HE UNDERSTANDS, DUE TO THE COUNTY TAKING ACTION TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, THERE WILL BE A FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND THIS WOULD GO ON UNTIL ONE PARTY BECOMES DISSATISFIED. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH MR. ELLIS AGREEING TO LOOK AT THE THREE RUN PEN REFERENCED BY MR. RONEY FOR HOUSING THE OVERFLOW OF ANIMALS AND ADVISE THE BOARD OF HIS FINDINGS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER REQUESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT UTILIZING THE VETERINARIAN SERVICES IF THERE IS AN OVERFLOW OF ANIMALS.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND ENFINGER AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THEIR MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY UNTIL EITHER PARTY BECOMES DISSATISFIED AND TO UTILIZE VETERINARIAN SERVICES IF THERE SHOULD EVER BE AN OVERFLOW OF ANIMALS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. ELLIS ADVISED THE BOARD THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WOULD TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT AT THEIR JANUARY 8TH MEETING.

MS. THOMPSON WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS OF PERSONS BEING ALLOWED TO DONATE DOG FOOD, CLEANING SUPPLIES, MONETARY DONATIONS, ETC. IF THEY WISH TO BRING THEIR UNWANTED ANIMALS IN TO THE FACILITY. SHE EXPLAINED IF A PERSON BRINGS THEIR ANIMAL AND TURNS IT OVER TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY, THE ANIMAL IS KEPT AND BECOMES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND NOT ANIMAL CONTROL; IF A PERSON DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE ANIMAL, IT IS TURNED OVER TO ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE ANIMAL WILL BE DESTROYED UNLESS THE HUMANE SOCIETY FEELS IT WILL BE AN ADOPTABLE ANIMAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOGNIZED MRS. LAWRENCE MINER FOR BEING PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, STACY WEBB PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE RESULTS OF THE RANKING SHEETS FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CDBG ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CDBG ROAD PAVING GRANT FOR JOINER ROAD, RATTLEBOX ROAD AND HOLMES VALLEY ROAD. BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE ENGINEERING FIRM TO BE AWARDED THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CDBG ROAD GRANT PROJECTS TO PREBLE-RISH ENGINEERING FIRM.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED STACY IF SHE HAD LOOKED AT CARR ROAD TO SEE IF IT WOULD QUALIFY UNDER A CDBG PROJECT; WEBB ADVISED SURVEYS HAVE BEEN STARTED AND IT APPEARED 37 OUT OF 39 FAMILIES QUALIFY AND THE ROAD WOULD QUALIFY FOR CDBG FUNDING.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORTED ON SEVERAL COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. COUNTY ROAD 280-COUNTY ONLY HAS TEN DAYS TO WRITE A LETTER TO GRANGER OR TO FILE A GRIEVANCE ON PROBLEMS WITH THE COUNTY ROAD 280 PROJECT; HE AGREED TO WRITE A LETTER AND HAVE IT REVIEWED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO LET GRANGER KNOW THERE IS SOME CONCERNS WITH THE ROAD. HE ALSO HAS A MEETING LINED UP WITH GREG PETTIS ON THE QUALITY CONTROL OF THE PROJECT TO SEE IF THEY CAN DETERMINE ANY REASONING FOR THE PROBLEMS.
2. PROBATION AND PAROLE PROJECT-HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO GET SOUTHEASTERN SURVEY TO DO A TOPO ON THE BUILDING SITE AND PARKING AREA OUT FRONT SO HE CAN PUT TOGETHER A GRADING PLAN THAT WOULD WORK ON THE SITE; A NOTICE TO PROCEED HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE CONTRACTOR TO DO THE WORK BUT THE SITE IS NOT PREPARED; HE WILL COORDINATE PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.
3. NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICE COMPLEX-PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED FOR SITE PREPARATION ON THIS PROJECT; HE WILL COORDINATE THIS WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BACK PORTION OF HIGHVIEW ACRES: THE ROADS SEEM TO BE IN PRETTY FAIR SHAPE BUT HIS CONCERN IS THE ACCESS TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE SECOND ENTRANCE OFF OF ORANGE HILL ROAD; THERE IS A STEEP HILL WHERE THE DITCH ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE WILL ERODE BADLY WITHOUT CONCRETE AND THE ROAD MAY BE DANGEROUS WHEN IT IS WET TO THE PEOPLE LIVING OUT THERE. KNAUER ADVISED THE ONLY WAY HE KNOWS TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE TO PUT IN CONCRETE DITCHES AND PAVE THAT SECTION OF ROAD; HOWEVER, THE BOARD GAVE THE DEVELOPER, FRANK PIERCE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THE ROAD UNDER THE OLD COUNTY ROAD STANDARDS AND THE OLD STANDARDS DIDN'T SAY ASPHALT OR CONCRETE DITCHES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PIERCE'S REQUEST TO BEGIN THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE ON THE BACK PORTION OF HIGHVIEW ACRES ON NOVEMBER 1, 2001. KNAUER RECOMMENDED THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD BEGIN ON THIS DATE, DECEMBER 20, 2001.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS THE DITCHES ON THE STEEP HILL AND PIERCE HAS NOT SOLVED THIS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE ON THE BACK PORTION OF HIGHVIEW ACRES TO BEGIN DECEMBER 1, 2001 RECOGNIZING THE DITCHES NEED TO BE PAVED. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

KNAUER MADE THE BOARD AWARE OF THERE NOT BEING MUCH MORE GOOD MATERIAL LEFT IN THE ST. MARYS PIT; IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TO DO THE COUNTY ROAD 284 PROJECT, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO DELIVER MATERIALS TO THE PIT FOR THE CONTRACTOR DUE TO THE WAY IT WAS PUT OUT FOR BID.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROBLEMS WITH THE HIGHWAY 280 PROJECT AND IF IT WAS CAUSED BY THE GRADE OF MATERIALS USED AS IT CAME OUT OF THE ST. MARYS PIT; KNAUER ADVISED HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS CAUSED BY THE BEARING CAPACITY OF THE SOIL BECAUSE ALL OF THE LBR'S WERE OVER 70 AND THERE WERE FIVE MORE DENSITIES RUN THAN REQUIRED BY FL-DOT.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SCOP PROJECTS-COUNTY ROAD 279 AND CLAYTON ROAD: BOTH PROJECTS WILL GO OUT FOR BID IN JANUARY AND REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO STOCKPILE SANDCLAY AT THE YARD ACROSS FROM THE SCHOOL IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY; IF THE BOARD DOESN'T WANT TO STOCKPILE THE SANDCLAY, KNAUER ADVISED HE COULD BID IT OUT WITH THE CONTRACTOR SUPPLYING HIS OWN LIMEROCK OR HIS OWN SANDCLAY. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED FOR KNAUER TO BID OUT THE SCOP PROJECTS TWO DIFFERENT WAYS; ONE WITH THE CONTRACTOR SUPPLYING SANDCLAY BASE AND ONE WITH THE COUNTY SUPPLYING SANDCLAY BASE.

KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD RETA BENTRY OF FL-DEP HAD ADVISED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH MOVING THE DANIELS LAKE PROJECT DOWN CLOSER TO THE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK INFORMED MS. ANGIA MORRIS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, THAT BUS LANES WERE INCLUDED IN THE HIGHWAY 279 SCOP PROJECT FOR THE SCHOOLS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT REPORTED ON BID AWARDS:

1. AUCTIONEERING SERVICES FOR EIGHT MACK TRUCKS:
 - A. J. M. WOOD: \$572,048/7% COMMISSION/\$532,004.64 NET
 - B. DEANCO: \$554,347.80/8% COMMISSION/\$510,000 NETHIGH GUARANTEE IS WITH J. M. WOOD; AUCTION WILL BE FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1 AND MARCH 2, 2002; DELIVERY OF NEW TRUCKS WILL BE AROUND FEBRUARY 20TH WITH J. M. WOOD WANTING TO PICK UP OLD MACK TRUCKS AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO AUCTION; NEW TRUCKS CAN BE DELIVERED WITH OR WITHOUT TIRES-WITH TIRES IT WOULD COST ADDITIONAL \$8,160, WHICH WOULD BE LESS THAN ROAD AND BRIDGE CALCULATED IT WOULD COST THEM.
2. BIDS ON EIGHT 2002 DUMP TRUCKS:
 - A. GULF COAST TRUCK/\$81,919.93 EACH/\$655,359.44 TOTAL
 - B. HEINTZELMAN'S TRUCK CENTER/THEY BID ON STERLING TRUCKSGULF COAST TRUCK WAS ONLY ONE TO BID PER SPECIFICATIONS; IF BOARD WANTED TIRES ON TRUCKS, THEY WOULD NEED TO ADD \$8,160.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE EIGHT 2002 MACK TRUCKS FROM GULF COAST TRUCK WITH TIRES ALREADY ON THEM AND LET J. M. WOOD AUCTION OFF THE EIGHT 2001 MACK TRUCKS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO EMPHASIZE TO GULF COAST THE COUNTY NEEDED THE NEW TRUCKS AS QUICK AS THEY CAN GET THEM.

3. SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM/BLUE LAKE PARK: NO BIDS RECEIVED. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ALLOW DAVID CORBIN TO CHECK AND SEE WHO IS AVAILABLE AND GET THE BEST PRICE HE CAN. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
4. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT T-1 LINES FOR COUNTY TO ACCESS INTERNET:
 - A. SPRINT \$1,028 MONTHLY CHARGE
 - B. BELL SOUTH \$1,355 MONTHLY CHARGE AND \$1,515
INSTALLATION FEE

HERBERT RECOMMENDED AWARDING THE T-1 LINES TO SPRINT.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

THE UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE PORTION OF THE MEETING BEGAN. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED FRANK CORSO, DAVID MUSHOLT, JOE MINER, WILLIAM SHIRLEY, ANGIA MORRIS AND VERONICA READY WERE ON THE LIST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND REQUESTED THEY COME FORWARD TO THE FRONT ROW SO THEY WOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE TO SPEAK; HE REITERATED THEY WOULD BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING PROCESS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE ATTORNEYS HAVE TALKED AND WERE TO GET TOGETHER AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AND BEGIN WORKING ON IT; THEY WERE ALSO WAITING TO SEE IF THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS GOING TO PARTICIPATE.

JOE MINER, WILLIAM SHIRLEY AND DAVID MUSHOLT DECLINED TO SPEAK.

ANGIA MORRIS, WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, PROVIDED A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD: AS A POINT OF INFORMATION, THERE WAS AN EFFORT MADE AT THE DECEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO BRING CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO JOIN IN PARTICIPATION WITH THE COUNTY IN GOING TO COUNTY WIDE ELECTIONS; ONE OF THEIR MAJOR CONCERNS WAS BEING IN A BUDGET CRISIS AT THIS POINT IN TIME; THEIR BUDGET IS TO SUPPORT FURTHER EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IT HAS TO BE A MAJOR PRIORITY TO PROVIDE THOSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; ALSO, SOME OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DESIRED TO HEAR FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THEIR JANUARY AGENDA AND AT THAT TIME, THEY WILL BE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT. THEY WILL BE COMING FORWARD WITH OTHER REPORTS IN THE FUTURE.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED MS. MORRIS IF THERE WAS A VOTE TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING; MORRIS ADVISED THE ISSUE WAS NOT AGENDAED AS AN ACTION ITEM; IT WAS BROUGHT AS INFORMATION. THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO BRING CONSENSUS TO PROCEED AND THIS EFFORT FOR CONSENSUS WAS NOT SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON THE COST INVOLVED WITH PROCEEDING WITH THE COUNTY WIDE ELECTION ISSUE; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED AT ONE TIME THERE WERE MONIES BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND ASKED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER IF THEY WERE STILL BUDGETED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS \$150,000 BUDGETED UNDER OTHER LEGAL SERVICES TO COVER ALL LEGAL EXPENSES EXCEPT ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S MONTHLY RETAINER FEE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO GET COST INFORMATION BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETS. WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER HALL ON WHO THE JUDGE WOULD BE, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THIS UNTIL THE SUIT IS FILED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER LAWSUITS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO UPFRONT THE COST. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED ALL OTHER LAWSUITS HE IS AWARE OF THE COUNTY IS INVOLVED WITH IS COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE.

FRANK CORSO WANTED IT TO GO ON RECORD, THE COST OF THE COUNTY WIDE ELECTION PROCEDURE SEEMS TO BE A CONCERN OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION. IN 1992, THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY VOTED TO GO BACK TO COUNTY WIDE VOTING AND HE REQUESTED THE BOARD PROCEED WITH THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED IF THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE BOARD NOW ARE RESPONSIBLE TO CORRECT PAST MISTAKES BY OTHER COMMISSIONS; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO WHATEVER THEY FEEL IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

VERONICA READY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROBLEMS WITH LEISURE LAKE ROAD. SHE REFERENCED THE BOARD ADVISING HER AT THE LAST MEETING THERE WAS NO MORE EQUIPMENT OR MILLED ASPHALT; THEIR COMMITTEE WENT TO VERNON AND OBSERVED PILES OF ASPHALT BEHIND THE EMS BUILDING AND IT APPEARS VERNON HAS GOTTEN QUITE A FEW ROADS FINISHED. THE RESIDENTS ON LEISURE LAKE ROAD IS ONLY ASKING FOR TWO MILES OF ROAD TO BE PAVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED IN DISTRICT V, AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS NO MILLED ASPHALT READILY AVAILABLE AND HE HAD ADVISED AS SOON AS THE ASPHALT BECAME AVAILABLE, HE WOULD HAVE SOME PUT ON THEIR ROAD.

MS. READY DID SAY THE ROAD IS BEING GRADED NOW; HOWEVER, THE DUST IS COMING IN ON ALL THEIR HOMES DUE TO THE ROADS BEING SO DRY IN THE PERIODS BEFORE RAINS COME IN; READY REQUESTED A COMMITMENT BE MADE BY THE BOARD TO ASSIST THEM WITH THE ROAD PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING SEVERAL ROADS IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE COUNTY THAT HAS NO MILLED ASPHALT AND THERE WILL NOT BE NEAR ENOUGH TO COVER ALL OF LEISURE LAKE ROAD; BUT, THE COUNTY WILL PUT THEM DOWN SOME MILLED ASPHALT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

MS. READY REFERENCED SEVERAL OTHER ROADS WHERE MILLED ASPHALT HAD BEEN PUT DOWN WHICH HAD FEWER RESIDENTS LIVING ON THEM THAN THE LEISURE LAKE ROAD. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED SOME OF THE ROADS REFERENCED BY MS. READY WERE SHORT ROADS AND IDEAL FOR THE MILLED ASPHALT DUE TO VEHICLES NOT BEING ABLE TO GET UP A HIGH RATE OF SPEED; ON LEISURE LAKES ROAD, THE SPEED OF THE TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD IS WHAT IS DESTROYING IT.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORTED HE AND GEORGE ROGERS, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, HAD WENT AND LOOKED AT THE LEISURE LAKE ROAD AS THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED: THERE WAS 12', 14' AND 15' OF ROADBED, THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH RIGHT OF WAY FOR TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC OR NOT ENOUGH RIGHT OF WAY FOR STORM WATER. HE SUGGESTED TO MS. READY IF SHE WANTED THE BOARD TO PROCEED DOING SOMETHING ON THE ROAD, SHE NEEDED TO GET WITH HER NEIGHBORS AND GET THEM TO OFFER RIGHT OF WAY TO CORRECT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS.

THE UNAGENDAED PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. HE HAD PREPARED A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS THE BOARD HAD APPROVED; IT NEEDED TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.
- B. HE HAD DRAFTED LANGUAGE TO GO ON SIGNS AT THE PARK AND RECREATION AREAS PER A REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR. HE NEEDED INPUT FROM THE BOARD ON THE AMOUNT OF ANY AWARD THEY MAY WANT TO OFFER:

THIS PARK OR RECREATIONAL AREA HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR YOUR USE AND ENJOYMENT. WE ASK YOU, HOWEVER, TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THIS FACILITY. ANYONE CAUGHT DAMAGING THIS FACILITY, OR REMOVING ANY PROPERTY FROM THIS FACILITY, WILL BE PROSECUTED.

OF NOT LESS THAN \$_____ WILL BE PAID TO ANYONE FURNISHING INFORMATION WHICH LEADS TO THE CONVICTION OF ANYONE DAMAGING OR REMOVING PROPERTY FROM THIS FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD ASKED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO HAVE LANGUAGE DRAWN UP TO BE POSTED DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH PERSONS STEALING OR DESTROYING PROPERTY AT THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. HE RECOMMENDED OFFERING A REWARD OF \$200.00. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AND SET A FEE OF \$200 FOR A REWARD.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PETER HERBERT, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT OF AL KEOWN TO WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT III. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
2. UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FLAGMAN POSITIONS: THERE IS A TRAINING SESSION BEING HELD TODAY WITH NINE SUPERVISORS FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND FOUR FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTENDING; THE SUPERVISORS WILL TRAIN THE INMATES AT THEIR JOB LOCATION AS FLAGMAN; WORKING WITH WORKFARE PROGRAM TO GET THEM TO SEND PEOPLE TO COUNTY TO USE AS FLAGMAN; LOOKING FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON ADDING FLAGMAN TO THE COUNTY POSITIONS AS A G-1 POSITION ON THE PAY SCALE AND NOT HIRING ANYONE NOW BUT HAVING THE POSITION AVAILABLE ON THE PAY SCALE IN CASE THERE COMES A TIME WHEN THERE IS A NEED TO HIRE SOMEONE. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADD THE FLAGMAN POSITION AS A G-1 POSITION ON THE COUNTY PAY SCALE.
DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER REQUESTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CHECK TO SEE IF THIS TRAINING WILL MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR FLAGMAN.
3. COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER HAVING SOME TYPE OF LIGHT DUTY FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OUT OF WORK DUE TO BEING HURT OFF THE JOB AND NOT DRAWING A SALARY; THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO THEIR NORMAL JOB BUT COULD BE FLAGMAN AND BROUGHT BACK AT A FLAGMAN'S SALARY.
ED MINER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO DO THE FLAGGING BUT THE LABOR POLICY WOULD NEED TO BE

REVIEWED TO SEE IF A PERSON CAN BE BROUGHT BACK AT A LOWER SALARY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO SEE IF A PERSON CAN BE BROUGHT BACK IN AT A LESSER SALARY THAN WHAT THEY WERE MAKING.

ED MINER REPORTED TO THE BOARD ON HIS POSITION AT PUBLIC WORKS TO DATE: RESPONSE OF WORKERS HAS BEEN GOOD; AGREES WITH COUNTY ENGINEER ON ST. MARYS PIT AND RECOMMENDS THE COUNTY BEGIN LOOKING FOR MORE BARROW PIT PROPERTY AS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH QUALITY MATERIALS LEFT IN ST. MARYS PIT TO TAKE CARE OF THE REGULAR MAINTENANCE ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REQUESTED APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS: \$6,753.07 FROM ROAD MATERIALS TRANSFERRED TO \$6,553.07 TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND \$200 IN PARTS LINE ITEM FOR BATTERIES FOR RADIOS. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN THE BOARD'S BUDGET: DUE TO ADDITIONAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD IN THE LIBRARY BUDGET, THE TRANSFER TO LIBRARY LINE ITEM CAN BE REDUCED BY \$12,000 AND REQUESTED \$8,000 OF THIS AMOUNT BE TRANSFERRED TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE PITCHING MACHINES. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO MOVE \$1,000 FROM THE COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE TO THE CHILD SUPPORT MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM UNDER THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET TO REPLACE THE HEATING AND COOLING. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED MAKING A \$690 DONATION TO THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD THE TRANSFER TO E 911 LINE ITEM COULD BE REDUCED DUE TO ACTUAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD AND RECOMMENDED TAKING \$2,000 OF THIS LINE ITEM AND TRANSFERRING IT TO OTHER CURRENT CHARGES TO PAY FOR THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL DONATION AND THE GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM THE PIGGLY WIGGLY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET FOR THE METAL ROOF AT PUBLIC WORKS LAST YEAR HAVING BEEN TAKEN OVER UNDER THE CASH CARRY FORWARD LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. IN ORDER TO PAY THE INVOICE TO ASSOCIATED CONTRACTORS FOR THE ROOF, \$36,771 WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM WHICH WOULD LEAVE \$53,000 REMAINING. HE ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER MAKING OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS WHERE THERE WOULD BE MORE CASH CARRY FORWARD WHICH COULD BE PUT INTO CONTINGENCY. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE INVOICE FOR THE METAL ROOF AT PUBLIC WORKS TOTALLING \$36,771 OUT OF THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUND.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REMINDED CHAIRMAN FINCH ABOUT THE LIASON APPOINTMENTS AND READ OFF THE LIST OF FINCH'S APPOINTMENTS:

COUNCIL ON AGING	COMMISSIONER COPE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY	COMMISSIONER COPE
SMALL COUNTY COALITION	ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT
SMALL COUNTY COALITION (ALTERNATE)	CHAIRMAN FINCH
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED	COMMISSIONER BROCK
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL	COMMISSIONER BROCK
WFRPC	CHAIRMAN FINCH
INDIGENT PATIENT COMMITTEE	COMMISSIONER HALL

PANHANLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOP SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT
CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVEL. BD. CHAIRMAN FINCH
FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMISSIONER COPE

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN FINCH. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADDRESSED THE NEED TO ADVERTISE FOR A SHED OVER THE GAS TANKS AT PUBLIC WORKS. THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REQUESTED HE BE ALLOWED TO DRAW UP THE ADVERTISEMENT SO ONLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE WILL BE WORKING AROUND THE EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, ED MINER, TO DRAW UP THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SHED OVER THE GAS TANKS AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE SOMEWAY TO SHARPEN THE CHAINS ON THE CHAINSAWS DUE TO IT CURRENTLY COSTING \$5.00 A CHAIN. HE HAD QUOTES ON A HAND BAR STYLE BOX SHARPENER FOR \$43; THE ELECTRIC BENCH TYPE SHARPENER FOR \$375 AND \$360 ON ANOTHER ELECTRIC SHARPENER; \$29.95 ON A 12 VOLT HANDHELD SHARPENER. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADVISED HE PREFERRED THE HANDHELD SHARPENER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE \$360 ELECTRIC BENCH TYPE SHARPENER FROM S & S RENTAL. COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF PURCHASING THE SHARPENER; COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED ROAD AND BRIDGE WOULD BE PURCHASING THE SHARPENER AS THIS IS WHERE THE MONIES WOULD BE COMING FROM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND IT WAS THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR THE SHARPENER TO BE LOCATED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER DUE TO 99% OF THE CHAINSAWS BEING BASED THERE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR LIFT STATIONS AND SUSPECTED IT WAS COMING FROM THE JAIL. PETER BROWN CHECKED OVER THE PLANS FOR THE SEWER LINES AND, DUE TO THIS NORMALLY BEING PART OF THE PLANS, AGREED TO PUT IN A NET WHICH CAN BE PULLED UP, EMPTIED AND PUT BACK INTO THE GROUND TO KEEP CARDBOARD AND OTHER DEBRI FROM GETTING IN TO THE SEWER; THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADVISED THE BOARD THERE HAS BEEN A LOT MORE SETTLEMENT ON THE LOWER SIDE OF THE LIBRARY SITE; IT APPEARS THE COUNTY WILL BE LOOKING AT DOING SOME SITE WORK WITH COUNTY WORKFORCES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2001 TOTALLING \$1,412,191.27.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR A BUDGET SUPPLEMENT TO THE BUDGET ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD MEMBERS A LIST OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ADVERTISEMENT AND WHAT THEY CONSIST OF WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE AMENDMENTS REFLECTING ACTUAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD AMOUNTS. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROVIDED BY DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AT THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING. (BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TOTALLED \$1,093,757.)

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR REQUEST TO CHECK TO SEE IF A CHEAPER INTEREST RATE COULD BE OBTAINED ON THE 1997 LOAN FUND MONIES. THESE LOAN MONIES ARE PRESENTLY ON A VARIABLE RATE AND THE COUNTY IS ONLY BEING CHARGED IN THE 2% RANGE; IF THEY WERE PUT ON A FIXED RATE, THE INTEREST RATE WOULD RANGE FROM 4% TO 5.25%; NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO PUT THEM ON A FIXED RATE.

SHE ADDRESSED ANOTHER LOAN THE BOARD HAD, THE 1995 LOAN FUND, WHICH WAS SET AT A FIXED RATE OF 6.8%; SHE HAD GOTTEN ONE WRITTEN PROPOSAL ON REFINANCING THIS LOAN AT A CHEAPER RATE BUT DUE TO RESEARCHING AND FINDING THERE WAS A PREPAYMENT PENALTY, SHE DIDN'T PURSUE THIS ANY FURTHER.

CLERK COOK READ OFF A LIST OF THE HOLIDAYS THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WOULD BE TAKING IN 2002:

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
PRESIDENTS DAY
GOOD FRIDAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
VETERANS DAY
THANKSGIVING (2 DAYS)
CHRISTMAS (2 DAYS)
NEW YEARS (1 DAY)

HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD THE TWO HOLIDAYS THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WILL BE TAKING THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT GIVE ARE PRESIDENTS DAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. CLERK COOK ADVISED SHE GOES BY WHAT HOLIDAYS THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SETS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO DISCUSS THIS AT THEIR JANUARY BOARD MEETING AND REQUESTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY CHECK TO SEE WHO DETERMINES THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.

ED PELLETIER, COUNTRY OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE DEPARTMENTS NOT HAVING ANYTHING TO CARRY IN THEIR VEHICLES SHOWING PROOF OF INSURANCE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO INSTRUCT ROGER HAGAN TO TAKE CARE OF MAKING SURE EACH FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS FURNISHED PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 12/20/01