

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/18/01

OCTOBER 18, 2001

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

CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO ADDRESS REDISTRICTING. HE THEN OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

STACY WEBB BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A ROOF PROBLEM WITH A HOME PURCHASED UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM; PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THE HOME, IT WAS INSPECTED PER REQUIREMENTS OF THE SHIP PROGRAM AND A ROOF LEAK WAS DETECTED AND REPAIRED. HOWEVER, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE OWNERS, DAWN AND BILLY SMITH, MOVED IN, A MAJOR ROOF PROBLEM WAS DETECTED AND THE SMITH'S ARE REQUESTING IT BE REPAIRED. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LIABILITY OF THE INSPECTOR, GERALD RICHTER; WEBB ADVISED HE HAS NO LIABILITY ACCORDING TO THE PAPERWORK SUPPLIED BY THE INSPECTOR TO THE BUYER.

THE STATE HAS RECOMMENDED THE SHIP PROGRAM REPLACE THE ROOF ON THE SMITH HOME DUE TO THERE BEING NO STATE STATUTE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WEBB HAD OBTAINED A QUOTE FROM AL KEOWN, A CONTRACTOR WHO HAS DONE WORK FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM, TO TAKE EVERYTHING OFF THE ROOF, REPLACE ROTTEN BOARDS AND PUT A NEW ROOF ON FOR \$4,250.00.

NEAL PETREE, REPRESENTING WEBB & ASSOCIATES, ADVISED THE DECKING ON THE HOUSE WAS NOT ROTTEN BUT WAS SO OLD IT HAD SHRUNK UNTIL THERE WERE GAPS BETWEEN THE BOARDS.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION TO SPEND \$4,250 TO REPLACE THE ROOF ON THE SMITH HOME. DUE TO WEBB THEN ADVISING SHE WAS EXPECTING ANOTHER QUOTE AND KEOWN'S QUOTE ALREADY HAVING BEEN DIS- CLOSED, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COM- MISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR WEBB TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE WEEK AND ACCEPT THE LOW BID TO REPLACE THE ROOF.

DUE TO THE SMITH ISSUE HAVING SURFACED, WEBB ADVISED THE SHIP COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED FOR "ALL EXISTING HOMES BE PERMITTED" TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SHIP PROGRAM PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD. DIS- CUSSION WAS HELD ON THIS ISSUE ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING:

REQUIREMENT FOR AN APPRAISAL TO BE DONE ON SHIP PURCHASES TO DISTINGUISH THE VALUE OF THE LAND FROM THE VALUE OF THE HOME. WEBB REFERENCED WHEN USING SHIP FUNDS, THE FUNDS CAN BE NO MORE THAN 25% OF THE COST OF THE HOME AND DISTINQUISHING THE VALUE OF THE LAND FROM THE VALUE OF THE HOME COULD AFFECT THE SHIP PROGRAM. THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS GUIDELINES NEEDED TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR PURCHASING OF EXISTING HOMES WITH WEBB REQUESTING, AND THE BOARD CONSENTING, FOR COMMISSIONER HALL AND COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ASSIST WITH ESTABLISHING THESE GUIDELINES AND THEY BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

BASED ON THE SHIP COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, WEBB REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE SHIP AWARD AMOUNTS:

1. VERY LOW INCOME FROM \$20,000 TO \$15,000
2. LOW INCOME FROM \$15,000 TO \$10,000
3. MODERATE INCOME FROM \$10,000 TO \$7,500

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANIMAL CONTROL COST FOR THE THREE MONTH TRIAL PERIOD WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY; THE COUNTY'S 75% SHARE FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD WAS \$6,834.14.

OLE ELLIS WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR OPTIONS:

1. THE BOARD COULD GET OUT OF THE PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY
2. THE BOARD COULD EXTEND THEIR PRESENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY; A VEHICLE WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED AND AN OPS OR PART TIME WORKER WOULD HAVE TO BE ACQUIRED

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ELLIS ADVISING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON ANIMAL CONTROL. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY AND CITY TO WORK TOGETHER ON ANIMAL CONTROL.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADVISED THE BOARD THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FROM JACKSON COUNTY AS WELL AS DR. TODD ANDERSON, VETERINARIAN, WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE OCTOBER 25TH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM WORKS DOING THE PROGRAM INHOUSE VERSUS USING VETERINARIAN SERVICES.

JOHN RONEY, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON NAN THOMPSON'S REQUEST TO ALLOW A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO OPERATE AN ADOPTION CENTER OUT OF THE CHIPLEY'S FACILITY. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND OLE ELLIS TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL COST TO CONTINUE THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM AS IS AND COMPARE IT TO THE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE VETERINARIAN FOR HIS SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO CONTINUE WITH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2001 WITH A DECISION MADE AT THE DECEMBER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ON HOW TO HANDLE THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CALL THE BAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY EQUIPPED VEHICLES FOR SALE.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD THREE MAPS THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED WITH THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION WHICH MAP, IF ANY, THEY WOULD PREFER: MAP #1 ACCOMODATES ALL EXISTING ELECTED OFFICIALS IN OFFICE FOR BOTH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MAP #3 WAS REQUESTED BY GARY CLARK, COMMITTEE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL BOARD.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS CAROL GRIFFIN REQUESTED THE BOARD MAKE A DECISION IF THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH ONE OF THE THREE MAPS PRESENTED OR DO THEY WANT TO GIVE FURTHER DIRECTION TO THE COMMITTEE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING REDISTRICTING MAP #1. COMMISSIONER FINCH CHANGED HIS MOTION TO ACCEPT MAP #1 AFTER GRIFFIN EXPLAINED, UNLESS THE BOARD WANTED TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE DIRECTION, MAP #1 WAS COMPLETE AS DRAWN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTING MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE MAPS PRESENTED.

DUE TO COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTING MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE MAPS, COMMISSIONER FINCH AND COMMISSIONER ENFINGER WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE OF REDISTRICTING MAP 1.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO GIVE COMMISSIONER BROCK UNTIL THE OCTOBER 25TH BOARD MEETING TO REVIEW THE REDISTRICTING MAPS PRESENTED AND TO DRAW UP ANOTHER REDISTRICTING MAP HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER; HOWEVER, HE NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THE NUMBERS IN EACH DISTRICT MET THE REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES IN ANY MAP HE PRESENTS FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE (DR 422) WITH THE UNADJUSTED GROSS AD VALOREM TAX PROCEEDS BEING \$4,706,027.50.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 TOTALLING \$23,173,562.

CHAIRMAN COPE INFORMED THE BOARD OF EXCESS FEES SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 TOTALLING \$18,494.05.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATURE MEETING IN SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS CUTS IN TAX REVENUES DUE TO THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACK AND THE POSSIBILITY THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO REDUCE THEIR BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THREE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED: A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, A FLOATER POSITION AND THE PARK AND RECREATION SECRETARIAL POSITION. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PROCEED WITH THE HIRING PROCESS ON THESE THREE POSITIONS AND SELECT A PERSON WITH THEM UNDERSTANDING THEIR EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON FUNDING BEING AVAILABLE AFTER THE BOARD IS ADVISED OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET CUTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE FUNDING OF FOUR NEW INMATE CREWS COMING FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIALS BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED THE BOARD THE FOUR NEW INMATE CREWS COULD BE FUNDED FROM PUBLIC WORKS ONLY IF THEY WERE GOING TO BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION RELATED PURPOSES. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE FOUR NEW INMATE CREWS TO BE ISSUED TO TRANSPORTATION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR SUPERVISING THEM AND IT TO BE FUNDED FROM EACH COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT MATERIALS BUDGET WHO IS GETTING AN ADDITIONAL INMATE CREW. (ALL DISTRICTS EXCEPT DISTRICT V)

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

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 10/18/01

CHAIRMAN