

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/01/01

OCTOBER 1, 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 COPE, BROCK, FINCH, HALL AND ENFINGER PRESENT. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK 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 HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2001.

CHAIRMAN COPE THEN ADVISED THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 WAS \$27,807,158.00; THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS SET FOR 10 MILLS WHICH IS 16.7% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 8.569 MILLS.

CHAIRMAN COPE ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS; NO ONE RESPONDED.

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CHAIRMAN COPE THEN ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS AS THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN COPE ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; NO ONE RESPONDED.

CHAIRMAN COPE ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING NO LINE ITEM IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET FOR SPRAYING PESTICIDES FOR WEED CONTROL, ETC. WITH THE BOARD AGREEING THIS COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE MATERIALS BUDGET AS THERE WAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT IT WAS GOING TO COST UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 TOTALLING \$27,807,158.00 AS THE FINAL BUDGET. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED.

CLERK LINDA COOK THANKED THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE PERSONNEL IN THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN COPE THEN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE DURING BUDGET PREPARATIONS.

CHAIRMAN COPE ADVISED THE BUDGET HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS NOW CONCLUDED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS HAVING BEEN THE AUDITORS FOR THE COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEIR CONTRACT HAD EXPIRED. THEY HAD SUBMITTED A CONTINUING THREE YEAR CONTRACT TO AUDIT THE COUNTY'S RECORDS FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER BRIEFING THE BOARD ON DIFFERENT OPTIONS THEY HAD BEEN PROVIDED; THE BUDGET AS ADOPTED INCLUDED MAINTAINING THE SAME COVERAGE THEY PRESENTLY HAVE AT A RATE OF \$252.90 PER EMPLOYEE WITH THE COUNTY FUNDING THIS

AMOUNT. HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CHOOSE ANOTHER OPTION, THIS WOULD ONLY INCREASE THEIR CONTINGENCY IN THE GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND. SHE ADDRESSED THE BOARD NOT BEING ABLE TO FUND THE ENTIRE PREMIUM FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE FUTURE IF IT CONTINUES TO INCREASE AND ALSO THE LEGISLATION HAD SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS IN REVENUES WHICH MAY REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ASK DEPARTMENTS TO REDUCE THEIR BUDGETS FOR FY ENDING 09/30/2002.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REFERENCED THE BUDGET NOTES THE BOARD HAD BEEN PROVIDED INCLUDED THE EMULSION TANK THEY HAD REQUESTED BE BUDGETED AND THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR STATE MANDATES ON HER OFFICE. SHE ADDRESSED THE MONIES BORROWED TO PURCHASE A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR MATCHING CDBG ROAD GRANT FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID FROM THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET; THE DIFFERENCE IN THE INTEREST EARNED AND THE INTEREST OWED ON THE LOAN FOR THE CD WAS APPROXIMATELY \$800.00 AND THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID OUT OF THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE BUDGET TO REMAIN THE SAME WITH THE COUNTY FUNDING THE ENTIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND COMMISSIONER ENFINGER HAVING TALKED WITH JIMMY ROGERS OF THE FL-DOT ON THE COUNTY PERMITTING AND COLLECTING THE FEES FOR DRIVEWAYS ON STATE ROADS WITHIN THE COUNTY. ROGERS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A PROPOSAL ON THINGS THE COUNTY COULD BEGIN ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND THEIR FINANCIAL GAIN BY DOING SO. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING THE COUNTY THE EQUIPMENT TO DO SOME OF THESE JOBS.

MILES ANDERSON, TOP APPLICANT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SALARY FOR THIS POSITION BEING SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN WHAT HE PRESENTLY MAKES AND DUE TO HIS FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS, HE DOESN'T FEEL HE CAN ACCEPT THE POSITION. ANOTHER ISSUE HE HAD RESERVATIONS WITH WAS IF THE COMMISSION WAS TRULY COMMITTED TO GOING WITH THIS TYPE OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATION; HOWEVER, DURING THE INTERVIEW AND QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS, HE WAS SATISFIED THE BOARD DID WANT IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD ADDRESSING WITH ANDERSON HE WOULD BE MAKING OVERTIME DUE TO FEMA WORK FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

DUE TO ANDERSON NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THE POSITION FOR THE SALARY BEING OFFERED, THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO READVERTISE THE POSITION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ A RESOLUTION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REQUESTING THE BOARD ADOPT A SIMILAR RESOLUTION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA'S MILITARY SERVICE COMPENSATION LAW FOR ALL EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY AS THE RESULT OF THE TERRORISTS ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

HERBERT PRESENTED AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR E-911 TALLING \$6,410.00 FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON REDISTRICTING WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER ADVISING THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE WAS WORKING ON THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY SOON THERE IS NOT A VARIATION IN NUMBERS OF MORE THAN 10% BETWEEN THE TOP DISTRICT AND THE LOW DISTRICT. THE BOARD AGREED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON REDISTRICTING ON OCTOBER 18TH AT 5:05 P.M. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

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DEPUTY CLERK

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