

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/01/02

OCTOBER 1, 2002

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 FINCH, BROCK, COPE, HALL AND ENFINGER PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE AND TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2002.

HE ADVISED THE TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 TOTALS \$26,697,622 WITH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE BEING AT 10 MILS; THE MILLAGE RATE IS 3.70% GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 9.64.

HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS. A GENTLEMAN IN THE AUDIENCE QUESTIONED HOW MUCH TAXES WERE GOING TO INCREASE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED HIM THE MILLAGE RATE HAD NOT INCREASED BUT THE AD WHICH WAS REQUIRED TO BE PUT IN THE PAPER MADE IT APPEAR THEY HAD; THIS WAS DUE TO THE MILLAGE RATE BEING HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT OR HAD ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; NO ONE RESPONDED.

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DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THIS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN FROM CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET TOTALLING \$26,697,622 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MSBU BUDGET RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET AND GIVING AUTHORIZATION TO LEVY THE MSBU ASSESSMENT FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED OF THE NOTIFICATION FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL PREMIUM SHOWING AN INCREASE OF \$40,000 OVER THE AMOUNT BUDGETED. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THIS AMOUNT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF CONTINGENCY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 WAS CONCLUDED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO ADD ON 1.3 MILES TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH MILLERS LOGGING AND CLEARING ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD FOR \$15,000 WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM HIS DISTRICT LOAN MONIES. DUE TO THE MEETING ONLY BEING ADVERTISED FOR A BUDGET HEARING, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT WERE THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD FOR THIS TO BE DONE WITH ACTION

BEING TAKEN BY THEM AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING IN OCTOBER. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER BROCK'S REQUEST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A PIECE OF PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS THAT DELTONA WAS WANTING TO DONATE TO THE COUNTY IF THE BOARD WOULD AGREE OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR A FIRE- STATION ON THE PROPERTY AND ALSO TO TRY AND DO SOME PAVING ON THE ROAD. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE BEEF UNIT IN MARIANNA FLORIDA TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR \$500,000 TO COMPLETE THE BEEF UNIT.

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

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/01/02