

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/03/02

SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, ENFINGER, FINCH AND HALL PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP TO ORDER WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN FINCH LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING MONIES LEFT IN THE 1069 DEMOLITION FUND AND THERE WERE THREE HOUSES IN COMMISSIONER BROCK'S DISTRICT WHICH DID NOT GET FUNDED PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE FEMA BUYOUT PROGRAM. IF THE BOARD WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$1,200 TO THE \$14,300, THESE HOUSES COULD BE FUNDED UNDER THE BUYOUT PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON FEMA APPROVAL. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE \$1,200 OUT OF CONTINGENCY AND INCREASE THE 1069 DEMOLITION BUDGET BY THIS AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON DONNIE DEAN OF DEANCO AUCTION GUARANTEEING A PRICE OF \$15,000 FOR THE EXCAVATOR AT PUBLIC WORKS BUT FELT IT WOULD BRING BETWEEN \$20,000 AND \$25,000. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO AUCTION OFF THE 1993 EXCAVATOR FOR A GUARANTEED PRICE OF \$15,000.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE RECREATION COMMITTEE CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING FOR A FUNDING SOURCE FOR MAINTENANCE OF PARKS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON BEING NOTIFIED BY THE CITY OF VERNON THEY ARE GOING TO BE UNABLE TO FUND THE UTILITIES FOR THE VERNON LIBRARY THIS NEXT YEAR. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO FUND UP TO \$3,000 TOWARD THE UTILITY BILL AT THE VERNON LIBRARY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED THE LIBRARY ASK THE GRADUATING CLASSES FROM VERNON HIGH SCHOOL TO MAKE DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY TO HELP WITH THE EXPENSES.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE AND COMMISSIONER COPE ATTENDED ON THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS BUDGET; MONIES HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER RESERVE FUND SO ALL THE COUNTIES WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FY 2002-2003 BUDGET THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAD GONE OVER HIS BUDGET THIS YEAR AND WAS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FY 2001-2002 AND FY 2002-2003. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BAY COUNTY COMMISSION THERE WOULD BE NO INCREASES TO THE BUDGET; IF THE COMMISSION APPROVES OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, THE COUNTIES WILL NOT HAVE TO COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON JUDGE VINCENT'S RULING ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING ISSUE GRANTING THE PETITION FILED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION LIFTING THE CONSENT DECREE. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NEED TO PUT THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT; IT WOULD BE A BINDING REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE COUNTY WILL GO BACK TO COUNTY WIDE VOTING. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO PUT THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK VOICED HIS OPINION THE TURN OUT AT THE POLLS WOULD BE LOW IN NOVEMBER DUE TO MOST DISTRICTS NOT HAVING A LOCAL CANDIDATE RUNNING AND FELT THE ISSUE SHOULD WAIT AND BE HELD AT A FUTURE ELECTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MAILING OUT BALLOTS ON THE COUNTY WIDE VOTING REFERENDUM. THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ADVISED THIS COULD BE DONE BUT ADDRESSED THE ADDITIONAL COST TO DO THIS; SHE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK ON

THE TURN OUT AT THE POLLS BEING LOW IF NO DISTRICT HAD A LOCAL CANDIDATE RUNNING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WOULD PROVIDE THE EXACT LANGUAGE TO BE PUT ON THE BALLOT AS IT IS IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONERS FINCH, COPE AND ENFINGER FOR AND COMMISSIONERS BROCK AND HALL OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING APPROVED OF APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 TOWARD IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE CHURCH ON CLAYTON ROAD IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM ALLOWING THE CHURCH TO BE USED FOR A VOTING PRECINCT. TO PAVE THE ENTIRE PARKING LOT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 AND THE CHURCH WAS REQUESTING THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTE \$10,000 TOWARD THIS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE THE PAVING ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CHURCH ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO USE IT AS A POLLING PLACE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTING \$10,000 TOWARD THE PAVING OF THE PARKING LOT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AGREED TO CHECK WITH THE CHURCH TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO THIS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON OTHER POLLING PLACES IN THE COUNTY MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD IF THEY AGREE TO ASSIST THE CHURCH WITH THE PAVEMENT OF THEIR PARKING LOT.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, CAROL GRIFFIN, ADVISED THE BOARD THE TOWN OF WAUSAU HAD ALREADY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE ON GETTING A NEW ROOF FOR THE WAUSAU TOWN HALL; THIS FACILITY IS ALSO USED AS A POLLING PLACE. COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED OTHER CHURCHES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD VOTE ON ANY REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO POLLING PLACES THAT ARE NOT COUNTY OWNED. GRIFFIN ADVISED THERE WERE 17 POLLING PLACES THAT WERE NOT COUNTY OWNED AND TWO THAT WERE COUNTY OWNED.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO WORK OUT A CONTRACT WITH THE CHURCH TO PROVIDE A POLLING PLACE FOR 20 YEARS; IN RETURN THE COUNTY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PAVING OF THE PARKING LOT.

DAVID CORBIN, PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR, REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER RENTAL OF FIVE PORT-A-POTTYS AT \$70 PER MONTH EACH. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING THE PORT-A-POTTYS SHORT TERM AND COMING UP WITH A BETTER SOLUTION FOR LONG TERM.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PUT A PORT-A-POTTY AT JENKINS, WHITE DOUBBLE AND SKIPPER LANDINGS CONTINGENT ON CORBIN FINDING A FUNDING SOURCE, RENTING THE PORT-A-POTTYS DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER AND PROVIDING THE BOARD A LIST OF PLACES THAT NEED PORT-A-POTTYS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 ON OCTOBER 1, 2002 AT 5:05 P.M.; HOLDING THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HEARING AT 8:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 18, 2002 AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX; APPOINTMENTS OF RONNIE FINCH, CHARLES BROCK AND LYNN COPE TO VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD AS COUNTY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WITH FINCH TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN.

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

CLERK
ATTEST:_____

CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY CLERK
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