

BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/21/03

APRIL 21, 2003

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THEIR APRIL 7, 2003 MEETING, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 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 BROCK, COPE, HALL, FINCH AND CORBIN PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER AND COMMISSIONER COPE LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DONATING SAME AMOUNT AS LAST YEAR TO PROJECT GRADUATION FOR VERNON HIGH SCHOOL AND CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOARD'S ACTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF WHITTINGTON ROAD AND TO AUTHORIZE IT TO BE ADVERTISED.

PAUL DAY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM HE WAS HAVING WITH GETTING A BUILDING PERMIT TO FIX UP FOUR HOUSES HE HAD PURCHASED THAT WAS PART OF THE OLD PRESCOTT PROPERTY HE HAD PURCHASED AND PRESENTED STEP BY STEP WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE:

- A. MARCH 3-JOHN HUCKLEBERRY CALLED AND OFFERED TO SELL HIM THE PROPERTY AND TOLD HIM TO COME TO THE CHIPLEY CITY HALL ON MARCH 4
- B. MARCH 4-HE MET WITH JIM LASSITER, CHIPLEY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER AND JOYCE AND JOHN HUCLEBERRY, OWNERS OF PROPERTY; HE WAS INFORMED ONE OF THE FOUR HOUSES HAD BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE CITY AND IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR AND HIM (PAUL DAY) WHAT TO DO WITH IT. HE MET ON THIS SAME DATE WITH JOHN AND JOYCE HUCLEBERRY AND SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON THE PROPERTY
- MARCH 20-HE MET WITH JOYCE AND JOHN HUCKLEBERRY TO CLOSE ON THE PROPERTY AT WASHINGTON COUNTY ABSTRACT
- MARCH 28-HE CALLED LLOYD POWELL, COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WHAT WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE TO REPAIR THE CONDEMNED PROPERTY. POWELL INFORMED DAY HE NEEDED TO GET THE NECESSARY PERMITS FOR WHATEVER HE WAS GOING TO DO TO IT; THE CITY ONLY WANTED DAY TO BRING THE HOUSE UP TO CODE.
- APRIL 11-HE WAS INFORMED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS GOING TO DISCONNECT THE WATER FROM ALL FOUR HOUSES. HE CALLED JIM MORRIS, THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND MORRIS TOLD HIM HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS BUT WOULD CHECK IT OUT.
- APRIL 04-HE WENT TO BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO GET ELECTRICAL PERMIT AND ASKED THE GIRL IN THE OFFICE HOW LONG THE PERMIT WAS GOOD FOR; SHE TOLD HIM IT WAS GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS.
- APRIL 07-HE TOOK THE FRONT PORCH OFF THE CONDEMNED HOUSE
- APRIL 08-HE STARTED PUTTING PORCH BACK BUT JUST GOT FLOOR JOIST DONE
- APRIL 09-HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE IT RAINED
- APRIL 10-JIM LASSITER ACCOMPANIED BY LLOYD POWELL PUT A STOP

WORK ON THE HOUSE SAYING HE HAD NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSE TO DO ON THE CONDEMNED HOUSE. LASSITER HAD ADVISED ONE OF DAY'S WORKER THAT DAY COULD FORGET WORKING ON THE OTHER THREE HOUSES. THE SIGN AT THE PROPERTY SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDING JURISDICTION.

APRIL 15-HE MET WITH TOMMY MCDONALD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, AND JIM MORRIS, CITY MANAGER. MORRIS ADVISED DAY HE COULDN'T LET HIM CONTINUE WITH THE HOUSE BECAUSE THERE WERE SEVERAL HOUSES CONDEMNED IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. MORRIS ALSO TOLD DAY THAT MR. POWELL WAS NOT CORRECT WITH HIM WHEN HE ADVISED HIM ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS GET PERMITS.

APRIL 16-HE MET WITH LLOYD POWELL, BUILDING INSPECTOR, WITH POWELL ASKING DAY WHAT HE COULD DO FOR HIM. DAY ASKED POWELL DIDN'T HE KNOW WHAT HE WANTED BECAUSE POWELL WAS IN THE OFFICE WHEN COMMISSIONER COPE SET UP THE MEETING. POWELL STATED THAT DAY AND HIS PA-IN-LAW HAS CALLED EVERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THREATENED HIM WITH A LAWSUIT. DAY STATED HE HADN'T THREATENED NOBODY WITH A LAWSUIT. POWELL THEN STATED DAY WOULD HAVE TO GO BY THE BOOK ON THE HOUSE. HE ASKED POWELL WHAT WAS WRONG WITH HIM TALKING TO A COUNTY COMMISSIONER; HE LET POWELL KNOW HE WAS GOING TO TALK TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND LET THEM KNOW HOW POWELL HAD TALKED TO HIM. POWELL STATED SARCASTICALLY THE COMMISSIONERS KNEW ALL ABOUT HIM. DAY THEN ASKED WHAT HE NEEDED TO DO WITH THE HOUSE. POWELL ADVISED DAY HE WOULD HAVE TO GET AN ARCHITECT TO TELL HIM WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO THE HOUSE. HE HAD FIRST TOLD COMMISSIONER COPE THAT DAY WOULD NEED AN ENGINEER. POWELL THEN TOLD HIM TO TALK TO TOM ROGERS, ARCHITECT AND ROGERS IS MEETING HIM THIS THURSDAY AND PROCEED. THAT WAS THE CLOSE OF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY AND HE PUT IT IN THE COMMISSIONERS HANDS.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED HE FELT LIKE DAY SHOULD FOLLOW THE COUNTY STANDARDS AND DAY SAID HE WAS WILLING TO; HE FEELS THIS IS A CITY ISSUE AND NOT A COUNTY ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN REQUESTED JIM MORRIS BRIEF THEM ON THE SITUATION AND WHY IS THE COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT DOING CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT.

JIM MORRIS STATED AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING CITY OF CHIPLEY BUILDING INSPECTIONS FOR YEARS AS WELL AS INSPECTIONS FOR OTHER CITIES. HE AGREED TO SEE IF THE CITY HAS AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEIR INSPECTIONS.

MORRIS INFORMED THE BOARD THE BUILDING INSPECTOR WAS DOING WHAT THE CITY HAD ASKED HIM TO DO IN REGARDS TO DAY DUE TO HIM BEING THE CITY'S BUILDING INSPECTOR. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD TOLD DAY SEVERAL TIMES ALL THEY EXPECT HIM TO DO IS MEET THE CODES; THEY REQUIRE HIM TO BRING IN PAPERWORK AND BRING THE CONDEMNED HOUSE UP TO CODE. EVERYTHING DAY HAS WORKED ON UNTIL NOW HAS NEVER BEEN CONDEMNED; WHEN DEALING WITH CONDEMNED HOUSES, IT IS DIFFERENT THAN GOING TO FIX A FEW MINOR PROBLEMS WITH ANOTHER HOUSE. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE BUILDING INSPECTOR COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH THE REGULATIONS ON CONDEMNED HOUSES.

ON THE OTHER THREE HOUSES, DAY JUST NEEDS TO PRESENT DRAWINGS ON WHAT HE IS DOING TO THEM TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; BUT, THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE ENGINEER DRAWINGS. ON CONDEMNED HOUSES, THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A LICENSED ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT TO SIGN OFF ON IT, PRESENT THE DRAWING

TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR OF HOW IT IS GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK UP TO STATE CODE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED MORRIS IF THIS WAS THE POLICY ON ALL CONDEMNED HOUSES; MORRIS ADVISED THAT ANY ONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A CONDEMNED HOUSE UP TO CODE BUT THEY HAVE TO MEET THE STATE CODE 100%.

MORRIS AND COMMISSIONER COPE WASN'T SURE WHY DAY WAS HERE AS THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD DAY WAS IN AGREEMENT TO BRING IT UP TO CODE.

DAY STATED THIS ISSUE WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD BUT WHEN HE WALKED IN THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AND HE TALKED TO HIM THE WAY HE DID. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED DAY THE BOARD WOULD ADDRESS THIS WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.

POWELL ADVISED DAY ALL HE WOULD NEED TO HAVE IS A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OR AN ARCHITECT SIGN OFF ON DRAWINGS ON WHAT IS TO BE DONE TO BRING THE CONDEMNED HOUSE UP TO STATE CODES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A WRITTEN OUTLINE OF A MEETING HE, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD WITH SACRED HEART ON THE SALE OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED; A COPY IS HEREBY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY WENT TO RESURGENCE HEALTH GROUP TO LOOK AT THE FACILITIES. COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR VISIT AND STATED WITHOUT A LETTER OF INTENT, THERE WERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS WHICH COULDN'T BE ANSWERED:

- A. RESURGENCE FACILITY WAS A PRETTY NICE LITTLE FACILITY
- B. THE ONLY PEOPLE THEY TALKED TO WAS RESURGENCE PEOPLE
- C. THEY HAVE A COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE AND ACROSS THE STREET THERE IS A PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE; THE COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE COULDN'T LEAVE THE COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ITERATED THE COUNTY COMMISSION WOULD NOT PERMIT THE COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE TO TRANSPORT PATIENTS OUT OF THE COUNTY.
- D. THEY HAVE ABOUT 20 DOCTORS ON STAFF AT HOSPITAL; THAT IS THE ONLY PLACE THEY ARE ON STAFF
- E. THE FACILITY WAS CLEAN AND SMALL; THEY WERE DOING SOME REMODELING IN SOME RENTED BUILDINGS AND HE UNDERSTOOD THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO PUT SOME DOCTORS IN THERE
- F. FROM WHAT HE COULD SEE, IT LOOKED LIKE THEY MAY BUY A HOSPITAL AND RESALE IT; THEY HAD TEN HOSPITALS AND NOW THEY HAVE TWO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDED:

- A. THE COUNTY SUBSIDIZES THEIR COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR \$250,000 PER YEAR AND WILL NOT PERMIT THEM TO MAKE TRANSPORTS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL; THEY HAVE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT THAT TRANSPORTS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY
- B. THEY ALSO OWN A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC IN THE COUNTY
- C. THEY ARE LOCATED IN MACON COUNTY, GEORGIA; A POPULATION OF ABOUT 14,000 PEOPLE; IT IS THE ONLY HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTY; IT WAS OWNED BY ANOTHER FOR PROFIT GROUP PRIOR TO RESURGENCE GETTING IT; THEY HAVE ABOUT 20 DOCTORS; THEY PROVIDE A FEW SERVICES NWFCH DOES NOT PROVIDE SUCH AS NUCLEAR MEDICINE, A GENERAL SURGEON, A SURGERY ROOM AND TELERADIOLOGY WHERE THE XRAYS CAN BE READ AT THE DOCTOR'S HOME IF NECESSARY.
- D. THEY TALKED WITH THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, WHO IS A CORPORATE EMPLOYEE OF RESURGENCE, CHEIF OF NURSES, BRIEFLY TO THE SUPPLY MAN, MET ONE OF THEIR FOREIGN DOCTORS, TOURED THE FACILITY, HAD LUNCH WITH THEM AT THE HOSPITAL. THEY, LIKE SACRED HEART, WOULD NOT GO INTO ANY FINANCIAL DETAILS UNLESS THE BOARD SIGNS A LETTER OF INTENT AND GO INTO THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

DR. CLEMMONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF AT RESURGENCE AND HE SEEMED TO BE RELATIVELY PLEASED WITH THE ORGANIZATION UNLIKE THE TWO PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMPANIES. HE ALSO COMMENTED THEY HAD A HIGH LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES AND PHYSICIANS AT THE FACILITY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ALSO ITERATED THE PEOPLE THEY HAD SPOKE TO WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF RESURGENCE; THEY HAVE BEEN THERE A YEAR. ALSO, SOME OF THE SERVICES LIKE NUCLEAR MEDICINE WAS ALREADY AVAILABLE AT THE FACILITY PRIOR TO RESURGENCE PURCHASING THE FACILITY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THEY HAD A CARDIOLOGIST ON STAFF. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY HAD TWO CARDIOLOGISTS, AN ORTHOPEDIC DOCTOR, GENERAL SURGEON AND AN EYE DOCTOR WHO ARE NOT FULL TIME BUT COME PERIODICALLY ON A SCHEDULE. COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THESE SERVICES WERE ALREADY THERE PRIOR TO RESURGENCE TAKING OVER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED, LIKE COMMISSIONER COPE HAD SAID, THE ONLY UNCERTAINTY WAS IF THEY WERE BUYING THE NWFCH TO SALE IT OR TO KEEP IT AND WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD WAS LOOKING FOR FROM RESURGENCE AS IT SOUNDED LIKE WHAT THEY HAD STATED AND WHAT COPE AND HOLLEY SAW WAS POSITIVE BUT HE DOESN'T HERE ANY POSITIVE COMMENTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THE HOSPITAL WAS A NICE FACILITY. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT SOME OF THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS MIGHT HAVE HAD ENOUGH INITIATIVE TO GO LOOK AT THE FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED BACK TO THE APRIL 7TH COMMISSIONERS MEETING WHERE THE BOARD VOTED FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GO AND REVIEW BOTH PROPOSALS AND TRY AND NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN REFERRED TO THE MARCH 7TH MEETING WHERE THE BOARD INTENDED TO BORROW \$3.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE NWFCH; AT THAT TIME NO PROPOSALS HAD BEEN OPENED ABOUT THE HOSPITAL. IN FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THAT, PHIL BENNETT, THE PERSON DEVELOPING THE LOAN, EVEN SAID AFTER HE FOUND OUT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO SALE THE HOSPITAL, HE WOULD HAVE TO REDEVELOP THE LOAN BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT THE INTENT OF THE \$3.2 MILLION. HOWEVER, WHEN THE PROPOSALS WERE OPENED SACRED HEART WANTED THE BOARD TO GIVE THEM \$3.2 MILLION; THE \$3.2 MILLION, HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE, COULD BE APPLIED TO SACRED HEART DUE TO THAT NOT BEING THE INTENT. FINCH THEN QUESTIONED AGAIN WHY \$3.2 MILLION WAS BORROWED; HOW DID THE BOARD COME UP WITH THE \$3.2 MILLION FIGURE IF SOMETHING WAS NOT KNOWN PRIOR TO OPENING THE PROPOSALS ABOUT SACRED HEART.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED COMMISSIONER FINCH AN EVALUATION WAS DONE ON THE FACILITY AND THE \$3.2 MILLION IS WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BRING THE HOSPITAL UP TO A MODERN HOSPITAL; NEW PARKINGLOT, NEW WINDOWS, NEW ROOF, NEW FACELIFT OUTSIDE, ETC. AS NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO IT IN 28 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED BACK TO THE HOSPITAL'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SHOWING THERE WAS \$1.8 MILLION IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AND RESURGENCE HAS SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE MONEY FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHERE THE \$1.8 MILLION FIGURE CAME FROM. COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THAT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE HOSPITAL SHOWED \$1.8 MILLION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE THOUGHT IT WAS BY LAW THE BOARD HAD TO ACCEPT THE BEST PROPOSAL; FOR THE DEATH OF HIM, HE CAN'T UNDER- STAND HOW THE BOARD CAN SAY SACRED HEART HAS THE BEST PROPOSAL. HE STATED HE WAS NOT SAYING ACCEPT RESURGENCE'S PROPOSAL. HE QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD CAN'T GO BACK AND CONTINUE RUNNING THE HOSPITAL ON THEIR OWN AND WAIT FOR A GOOD DEAL TO COME IN; THERE WAS NO REASON THEY SHOULD GIVE THE HOSPITAL AWAY AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO NO LONGER NEGOTIATE THE MOTION OF CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL WITH SACRED HEART. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO GO WITH SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN VOICED HIS OPINION HE FEELS THE BOARD IS MAKING A MISTAKE AND IT IS SOMETHING THEY WILL REGRET FOR A LONG TIME. THEY JUST GOT THE HOSPITAL MAKING MONEY; CRITICAL ACCESS HAS JUST BEEN APPROVED TO BEGIN IN JUNE; HOME HEALTH IS PAYING MORE AND HE FELT THE HOSPITAL COULD BREAK EVEN. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CONTINUE TO HONOR SACRED HEART'S MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UNTIL IT EXPIRES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ALSO STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH A NUMBER OF THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES AND THEY REALLY HATE TO LOSE THEIR FLORIDA STATE RETIREMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE ALSO HAD SPOKEN WITH SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES, AND IF THE BOARD WANTED TO, THEY COULD LET THE EMPLOYEES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. HE AGREES THE EMPLOYEES DO HATE TO LOSE THEIR FLORIDA STATE RETIREMENT BUT THEY WOULD LIKE A SECURE PLACE TO WORK.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR NEEDED TO BE REWORDED TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE, PHIL BENNETT SAID IN ORDER FOR THE \$3.2 MILLION TO BE USED FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN IN THE INITIAL OFFER, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING; IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR A ROOF, WINDOWS AND PARKING LOT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THIS WAS NOT AN EASY DECISION AND PROBABLY THE MOST INTENSE DECISION HE HAS HAD TO MAKE IN THE 15 YEARS HE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD. HE POINTED OUT BREAKING EVEN FOR MEDICAL CARE IN THE COUNTY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY; HE FULLY BELIEVES THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO START PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTY, FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO BRING ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY, GENERAL SURGERY PEDIATRICS, ETC. HOME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HE FEELS THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY WE WILL HAVE THESE SERVICES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO FIVE YEARS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED HE HAD STUDIED AND PRAYED AND IS LOOKING AT THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTY AND IS MAKING HIS DECISION BASED ON THESE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED IT HAD BEEN SAID THE COUNTY IS BORROWING THE \$3.2 MILLION TO HAND OVER TO SACRED HEART; THE COUNTY IS NOT BORROWING THE MONEY TO GIVE TO SACRED HEART. NO MATTER WHAT THE BOARD DOES WITH THE HOSPITAL, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BORROW THE MONEY TO FIX IT. HE REFERENCED IF THEY HAD A BUILDING THEY WAS WANTING TO RENT TO SOMEONE TO KEEP STUFF DRY AND WATER WAS POURING THROUGH THE ROOF, THE PERSON WOULD MAKE YOU FIX IT BEFORE HE RENTED FROM YOU. THIS IS BASICALLY WHAT IS BEING DONE.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED HAVING HEARD REPEATEDLY THE NEED TO GET AWAY FROM SACRED HEART BECAUSE THEY LOST \$1.3 MILLION LAST YEAR; A MOTION IS THEN MADE TO STAY WITH THEM ANOTHER YEAR. HE ADDRESSED THE HOSPITAL WOULD LOSE ANOTHER \$1.3 MILLION BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE THINGS THE HOSPITAL IN GEORGIA HAS; IT IS THE TYPE OF THINGS WE WANT AND NEED HERE, BUT HAVE NEVER HAD. HE AGREES THIS BEING A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY AND IF THE BOARD DOESN'T TAKE IT, STAYS ANOTHER YEAR AS IS, LOSE ANOTHER \$1.3 MILLION NEXT YEAR, HAVE ALREADY SPENT THE \$3.2 MILLION LOAN MONIES, THERE WON'T BE ANY MONEY TO GO INTO ANY KIND OF DEAL WITH ANYBODY AND THE COUNTY WILL JUST LOSE THEIR HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED PEOPLE NOT REALIZING IT BUT THEY HAVE THE CHANCE OF HAVING MORE MILLAGE PUT ON THEIR AD VALOREM TAXES TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; IT IS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSIBILITY, ACCORDING TO LAW THE WAY HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE, EMERGENCY ROOM, ETC. IF THE BOARD SHOULD DECIDE TO SALE THE HOSPITAL TO RESURGENCE OR SOMEBODY ELSE AND THEY DECIDED TO CLOSE IT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT AND GET MONEY AND GO BACK INTO THE BUSINESS OF HEALTH CARE. HE STATED HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH SACRED HEART; BUT, TO HIM IT IS THE ONLY OPTION THE BOARD HAS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REFERENCED THE BOARD ALREADY HAVING TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL WITH COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISING THERE WAS A WAY TO PAY THAT MONEY BACK. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE RENTAL ON THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING WILL NOT PAY BACK THE LOAN IF THERE IS AN EXCESS OF \$75,000 TO \$100,000 PER YEAR AS THE PAYMENTS ON THE LOAN WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THAT AND THE LOAN IS AT A VARIABLE INTEREST RATE.

CHUCK YATES ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING EXPLAINED YET WHY IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON THE HOSPITAL WITH ANYBODY AND THEN PAY THEM \$3.2 MILLION TO TAKE IT OFF OUR HANDS, PAY OFF ALL THEIR EXISTING DEBTS AND GIVE THEM A TAX EXEMPTION.

COMMISSIONER HALL RESPONDED IF THE HOSPITAL CONTINUES THE WAY IT IS GOING, IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN \$3.2 MILLION FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

YATES STATED HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING THE HOSPITAL CONTINUE THE WAY IT IS GOING BUT HE IS SUGGESTING NOT GOING WITH THIS STUPID WAY.

COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED YATES WHAT STUPID WAY DID HE PLAN ON GOING WITH. YATES RESPONDED THIS WAS THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY AS THE TAXPAYERS REPRESENTATIVES; THEY SHOULD NOT BREAK OR RAPE THE TAXPAYERS JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BOSS.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED THEY WERE NOT; THEY WERE TRYING TO KEEP FROM BREAKING THE COUNTY. IF YATES THINKS THE BOARD IS TRYING TO BREAK THEM BY GOING WITH SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL, JUST WAIT UNTIL THE HOSPITAL GOES UNDER AND THEY WILL FIND OUT WHAT BREAKING THE COUNTY IS.

YATES THEN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING MANAGED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGETS AND THIS IS A STUPID WAY TO MANAGE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED A LOT OF TIME, IT IS NOT ABOUT MONEY BUT GOOD QUALITY MEDICAL CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; YATES AGREED BUT STATED THE BOARD SHOULDN'T BREAK THE COUNTY PROVIDING THESE SERVICES WHEN THERE IS A BETTER WAY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED IT HAD NOT COST THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ONE DIME YET WITH YATES QUESTIONING WHO IS GOING TO PAY OFF THE LOANS. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT WOULD BE PAID FROM THE LOANS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED WHO WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AT THE HOSPITAL NOW. COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK STATED THIS WAS IN SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL, THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THESE OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED THERE BEING OTHER DEBTS BESIDES ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID.

YATES THEN QUESTIONED WHAT INCENTIVE WAS THERE FOR ANYONE TO WANT TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL; IT IS A RIDICULOUS DEAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THIS BE EXPLAINED TOO. COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THE INCENTIVE WAS QUALITY CARE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER COPE HAVING WENT THROUGH THE RESURGENCE FACILITY AND SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. FINCH ALSO ADDRESSED RESURGENCE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE WITHOUT PUTTING A PRICE TAG ON IT.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHO RUN THE HOSPITAL IN MACON, GEORGIA AND WHAT TYPE OF BOARD DID THEY HAVE. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THERE WAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS RESURGENCE COULDN'T ANSWER WITHOUT A LETTER OF INTENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEIR HOSPITAL BOARD WAS MADE UP OF SOME OF THE DOCTORS, PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND THEIR CORPORATE BOARD MEMBER; THEIR CORPORATE BOARD MEMBER HAS THE ULTIMATE SAY SO LIKE IN ANY OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

CHUCK YATES STATED HE HAD STILL NOT GOTTEN THE EXPLANATION HE HAD REQUESTED. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE WOULD NOT BE GETTING ONE OTHER THAN QUALITY HEALTH CARE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WOULDN'T QUALITY HEALTH CARE ENOUGH AND REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING SPENT \$4.5 MILLION DOLLARS ON A JAIL TO HOUSE OUR CRIMINALS WHY CAN'T THEY SPEND \$3.2 MILLION ON THE ELDERLY.

ADDISON PRESCOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IT WAS TIME THE COUNTY DID SOMETHING; THE TRACK RECORD FOR SACRED HEART IS THE BEST. HE AGREED THE BOARD SHOULD GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAVE TO BRING GOOD QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO THE COUNTY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THOSE POLITICIANS THAT ARE WILLING TO DO THE RIGHT THING REGARDLESS OF ANY ELECTION OUTCOME AND STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF BORROWING THE \$3.2 MILLION TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH SACRED HEART. HE STATED IF THE COUNTY CAN SPEND MONEY ON EVERY- THING ELSE, THEY SHOULD BE WILLING TO SPEND IT ON HEALTHCARE; WITHOUT THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, HE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY.

DON BROWN, MANAGER AND OPERATOR OF BROWN FUNERAL HOME, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL. HE STATED HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST SACRED HEART AND THEY HAVE GOOD SERVICE; HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTY WOULD OBLIGATE THEMSELVES AND THE TAXPAYERS TO A \$3.2 MILLION DEBT AND TURN IT OVER TO SACRED HEART FOR \$1.00.

WHEN BROWN REFERENCED THE TAXPAYERS HAVING PAID FOR THE HOSPITAL THROUGH TAXES; CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED HIM IT WAS PAID THROUGH REVENUE BONDS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED IT WAS PAID THROUGH REVENUE BONDS DUE TO THE COUNTY NOT LEGALLY BEING ABLE TO PAY FOR IT WITH TAXES.

BROWN QUESTIONED THEN HOW COULD THEY LEGALLY PAY THE \$3.2 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL WITH TAXES. HE ADDRESSED HIM BEING IN BUSINESS OVER 40 YEARS AND NEVER COULD SEE WHERE HE COULD SELL HIS BUSINESS OR BORROW \$3.2 MILLION TO FIX IT UP AND TURN AROUND AND GIVE IT TO SOME- ONE ELSE FOR \$1.00; HE STATED HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS BUSINESS.

BROWN ALSO STATED HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE HOSPITAL HAS GOT IN THE SHAPE IT IS IN TODAY WITH NO PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL, ETC. AND DIDN'T FEEL THE DOCTORS WERE INVOLVED LIKE THEY USE TO BE. HE STATED HE WAS JUST CONCERNED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE WAS CONCERNED TOO BECAUSE THE \$3.2 MILLION IS NOT ALL THAT IS INVOLVED; THERE IS A NUMBER OF UNPAID ACCOUNTS THAT SACRED HEART SAID THEY WERE GOING TO NEGOTIATE WITH BUT HAVE NOT AGREED TO TAKE THEM NOW WITH THEIR PROPOSAL. WHEN THEY GO INTO THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE, SACRED HEART CAN STICK TO NOT AGREEING TO PAY FOR THE UNPAID ACCCOUNTS DUE TO THIS BEING WHAT THEIR PROPOSAL STATES; THIS COULD TURN OUT TO BE \$6 TO \$7 MILLION RATHER THAN THE \$3.2 MILLION. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE BOARD BORROWING THE \$3.2 MILLION AT A VARIABLE INTEREST RATE AND WHEN THE INTEREST RATE STARTS TO INCREASE, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY CAN MAKE THE PAYMENTS.

BROWN STATED BEFORE HE WOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY ON HIMSELF IF HE WERE SETTING ON THE BOARD, HE WOULD GIVE THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE DECISION TO GO WITH SACRED HEART. HE INFORMED THE BOARD, IF THEY GAVE THE HOSPITAL TO SACRED HEART TODAY, THEY WOULD ALL STILL BE HIS FRIENDS.

CLYDE LAND STATED THERE WAS ONE THING THAT REALLY CONCERNED HIM; HE REFERENCED HIS GRANDAUGHTER HAVING BROKEN HER ARM RECENTLY AND THEY NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED TAKING HER ANYWHERE BUT TO DOTHAN. HE STATED HE DIDN'T LIKE THAT; HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE NWFCH BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF JUST AN AVERAGE PROBLEM AND THERE IS A NEED FOR GOOD CARE.

LAND ALSO STATED WHEN HE CAME TO THE BOARD MEETING, HE REALLY INTENDED TO TELL THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO GO WITH SACRED HEART; BUT, IT BOTHERS HIM THE COMMISSIONERS ARE DIVIDED BECAUSE HE FEELS EVERY- ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED LAND IF HE KNEW SACRED HEART HAD RUN THE NWFCH FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. LAND STATED HE WAS AWARE OF IT AND HE GUESSED SACRED HEART WAS JUST WAITING UNTIL THEY OWNED IT BEFORE THEY REALLY DID SOMETHING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED SINCE SACRED HEART BEGAN RUNNING THE NWFCH AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON THE HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THEY HAVE NEVER ASKED THE BOARD

FOR ANYTHING THEY DIDN'T DO. HE THEN REITERATED THE HOSPITAL HAVING OVER \$4 MILLION DOLLARS WHEN SACRED HEART CAME SO THERE WAS MONEY TO FINANCE WHAT THEY ASKED FOR; THEREFORE, THEY CAN'T SAY THEY HAVE BEEN HELD BACK.

LAND STATED IT WAS CHAIRMAN CORBIN'S RESPONSIBILITY, AS HIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AS FAR AS HEALTH CARE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD GET TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING TODAY; IT MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE THEY HAVE EVER MADE BUT AS QUICK AS EVERYONE GETS THROUGH TALKING ABOUT IT, THE BOARD WILL TAKE ACTION AND HE FEELS HE KNOWS HOW IT WILL GO. HE TOLD LAND WHEN HE IS REPAYING THE BIG DEBT, HE WANTS LAND TO LOOK AT HIM, EVEN THOUGH HE MAY NOT BE HIS COMMISSIONER THEN, BECAUSE THIS DEBT WILL AFFECT HIM AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN AND MAYBE THEIR GRAND- CHILDREN AND SUGGESTED HE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

LAND ADDRESSED HIM WANTING TO ONLY BE ABLE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND RECEIVE GOOD MEDICAL CARE NO MATTER IF IT IS TIED TO SACRED HEART OR ANOTHER ORGANIZATION; HE FELT MOST OF THE OTHER PEOPLE WOULD AGREE AND THEY TRUST THEIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DO SOMETHING AND THEY ARE SO DIVIDED. HE REITERATED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO COME TOGETHER AND HELP THE PEOPLE; THEY HADN'T HAD HELP FOR A LONG TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING PHONE CALLS AND CONVER- SATIONS EVERYWHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE THE BOARD'S LAST COMMISSIONERS' MEETING; THIS IS THE FIRST POSITIVE THING HE HAS HEARD ABOUT SACRED HEART. EVERYBODY THAT HE HAD TALKED TO OR THAT HAD CALLED THOUGHT SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL WAS A BAD DEAL, NOT NECESSARILY BECAUSE RESURGENCE GROUP HAS GAVE THEM THE BEST DEAL. COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY COULDN'T THE BOARD WAIT AND EITHER CONTINUE WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF SACRED HEART OR GET AN ADMINISTRATOR AND DO IT THEMSELVES TO DELAY UNTIL THEY COULD GET A DEAL THEY WANT; THIS IS NOT THE DEAL THE BOARD OUGHT TO DEAL WITH AND IT IS GOING TO BE A BAD THING FOR THE COUNTY FOREVER FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. HE STATED IF THE BOARD VOTED TODAY TO GIVE NWFCH TO SACRED HEART ALONG WITH GIVING THEM \$3.2 MILLION, HE IS GOING TO ASK FOR SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATION AS THIS DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE. HE REFERENCED PEOPLE MAKING ALL KINDS OF ACCUSATIONS WHEN THEY CALL; HE ADVISED THEM HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING AND HE CERTAINLY DON'T THINK ANY OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS DONE ANYTHING THEY HAVEN'T DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE HAD NOT GOTTEN ANY ANSWERS AS TO WHY THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER GIVING THE HOSPITAL TO SACRED HEART RATHER THAN BETTER HEALTH CARE AND REFERENCED MR. YATES NOT RECEIVING AN ANSWER YET EITHER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD NOT HAVING ANYTHING TO COMPARE IT TO; RESURGENCE HEALTH GROUP HAS ANSWERED EVERY QUESTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE WAS NOT SAYING TO GO WITH RESURGENCE BUT HE IS NOT SAYING THE BOARD GO WITH SACRED HEART. HE AGAIN REFERENCED EVERYONE ASKING HIM WHAT KIND OF DEALS ARE GOING ON AND HE INFORMED THEM HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER AS TO WHY THEY CHOSE SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL. HE AGREED TO ASK THE BOARD, BEFORE THEY VOTED TODAY, TO GIVE THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY A REASON THEY PUT RESURGENCE HEALTH GROUP AND SACRED HEART DOWN AND SELECTED SACRED HEART OTHER THAN GOOD HEALTH CARE.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED, IT DIDN'T GO IN THE PAPER LAST MEETING, BUT COMMISSIONER CORBIN MADE A MOTION TO BORROW THE \$3.2 MILLION ANYWAY TO GO AHEAD AND FIX THE ROOF OURSELF AND COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH DENIED VOTING FOR THIS. COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER CORBIN IF HE MADE A MOTION TO BORROW THE \$3.2 MILLION AND STAY WITH SACRED HEART FOR THE NEXT YEAR. COMMISSIONER COPE STATED CORBIN DID MAKE THE MOTION. COMMIS- SIONER FINCH SAID HE DID NOT REMEMBER \$3.2 MILLION BEING IN THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE ASKED THE QUESTION IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO BORROW THE \$3.2 MILLION AND HE WAS TOLD YES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED WHEN THEY GET THE MINUTES THEY WILL BACK IT UP; HE DIDN'T REMEMBER DOING IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THE \$3.2 MILLION WAS BORROWED ALREADY; IT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BORROWED.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED IT WAS NOT BORROWED; THE BOARD APPROVED TO BORROW IT BUT UNTIL THEY SIGN THE DOTTED LINE IT IS NOT BORROWED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYS HE HAS NOT VOTED TO EVER BORROW \$3.2 MILLION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED MR. LAND'S REMARKS ABOUT HOW DIVIDED THE BOARD IS AND THEY WERE TRUE; IT HAS BEEN DIVIDED AND THEY ARE CERTAIN POLITICIANS ON THE BOARD USING THE NWFCH AS A NEGATIVE FOR POLITICS AND POLITICKED AGAINST IT IN THE COUNTY ELECTION. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT IS WHAT IS WRONG IN THE COUNTY AND IT WAS TIME THE COMMUNITY GETS THE COMMISSIONERS AND POLITICS OUT OF IT AND LET THE PEOPLE HAVE THE HOSPITAL BACK. COMMISSIONER BROCK ALSO REFERENCED CHERYL WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS STANDING UP CLAPPING AND STATED THE PRESS HAS POUNDED AND POUNDED THE HOSPITAL AS A NEGATIVE INSTRUMENT TO THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. HE REFERENCED A NEGATIVE EDITORIAL IN THE WEEK END EDITION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS. HE STATED THERE WAS NEVER ANYTHING POSITIVE THAT COMES OUT ABOUT THE HOSPITAL. CHERYL WAS RESPONDING SHE ONLY REPORTS WHAT HAPPENS WITH CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATING HE WOULD NOT HAVE COMMISSIONER BROCK AND THE REPORTER TALKING BACK TO EACH OTHER. HE REQUESTED CHERYL LOWER HER VOICE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED IF THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE PRINTED SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG, THEN LETS SUE THEM. CHERYL STATED TO REMEMBER SHE HAD THE TAPES OF THE MEETINGS IN HER CAR.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REITERATED THE MAIN THING THAT CONCERNED HIM WAS THE BORROWING OF THE \$3.2 MILLION AND THE OTHER OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES OF THE HOSPITAL AND HE CAN PROVE THEY ARE CLOSE TO \$7 MILLION AND THE TAXPAYERS WILL HAVE TO FACE THIS SOME TIME. IT WILL THEN BE A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR THE TAXPAYERS TO SAY THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT BECAUSE IF THEY ARE PRESENT TODAY, THEY SHOULD KNOW IT.

OSCAR WORLEY, RESIDENT ON CREEK ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REFERENCING REMARKS THAT SACRED HEART HAS HAD THE HOSPITAL FOR FOUR YEARS. HE THEN REFERENCED TWO DIFFERENT WRECKS; IN ONE WRECK SOMEONE DIED AND IN THE OTHER SOMEONE HAD TO BE LIFE FLIGHTED OUT. HE STATED ANYTIME SACRED HEART LIFE FLIGHTS SOMEONE OUT, THEY WILL GET THEIR MONEY. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIS WIFE NOT GOING TO NWFCH SINCE SACRED HEART HAS COME THERE; SHE GOT HER DOCTOR TO SEND HER TO DOTHAN. HE HAD TALKED TO DR. EASTERLING ABOUT DOING A COLONOSTOMY ON HIM DUE TO HIS AGE AND NEVER HAVING HAD ONE; EASTERLING WAS GOING TO DO IT BUT SOMEONE UPSET DR. EASTERLING AND HE LEFT THE COUNTY. HE STATED ANYBODY THAT IS GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING DONE AIN'T COMING TO NWFCH SINCE SACRED HEART HAS HAD IT FOR SURE; HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DONE BEFORE SACRED HEART COME THERE. HE AGREED SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE SACRED HEART LIFE FLIGHTS THEM OUT; ANYONE HAVING WRECKS, SACRED HEART LIFE FLIGHTS THEM OUT. HE QUESTIONED IF SACRED HEART IS BRINGING IN DOCTORS, WHY COME THEY AIN'T BRINGING THEM HERE. HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHY BONIFAY IS BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL; BECAUSE ALL THE DOCTORS ARE SENDING THEIR PATIENTS TO HOLMES COUNTY.

J. T. HARREL ADDRESSED THE BOARD ASKING THEY DELAY ACTION ON THE NWFCH PROPOSALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SO THINGS COULD BE WORKED OUT. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE BOARD APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO SEE IF SOMETHING COULDN'T BE WORKED OUT THAT WOULD HELP THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HARRELL REFERENCED THE HOSPITAL OPERATING YEARS AND YEARS ON ITS OWN AND IT CAN OPERATE AGAIN ON ITS OWN IF THE PEOPLE WILL GET IN BEHIND IT AND SELECT PEOPLE TO RUN IT. HE STATED THERE WERE BETTER THINGS OUT THERE IF THE BOARD WOULD JUST GO AND LOOK FOR IT. AS BIG AS THIS ISSUE IS, IT CAN'T BE WORKED OUT OVERNIGHT; IT TAKES TIME.

JIM SAPP ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAS NOTHING AGAINST SACRED HEART AND HAVE USED THEIR SERVICES SEVERAL TIMES AND HAVE HAD EXTRAORDINARY CARE EACH AND EVERY TIME AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM OF THE NWFCH.

HE BEGAN BY STATING THE INITIAL \$3.2 MILLION IS NOT WHAT SCARES HIM; THIS IS SWALLOWABLE. WHAT DOES SCARE HIM IS THE COMMENT SACRED HEART'S COMMITMENT HAS GONE FROM SEVEN TO TEN YEARS AND AT THE END OF TEN YEARS, THEY CAN COME BACK TO FORCE THE COUNTY TO BUY THE HOSPITAL BACK FOR \$1 PLUS WHATEVER AMOUNT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES THEY ACCUMULATED DURING THE TEN YEAR PERIOD. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY IDEA OF WHAT THAT FIGURE MIGHT BE.

SAPP THEN REFERENCED MR. GRANGER WITH SACRED HEART QUOTED THEY WOULD BE EXPENDING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN THE \$3.2 MILLION IN SEVEN TO TEN YEARS. HE STATED THE COUNTY'S FEARS SHOULDN'T BE THEY WON'T HAVE QUALITY HEALTH CARE BECAUSE HE HAS NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE GOOD HEALTH CARE; HOWEVER, THE PROBLEMS AND WORRIES ARE IF SACRED HEART COMES AT THE END OF SEVEN TO TEN YEARS AND SAYS THEY HAVE DONE THE BEST JOB THEY POSSIBLY CAN, HAVE GIVEN GOOD HEALTH CARE, PUT EVERY POSSIBLE NICKEL THEY CAN TOWARD IT AND THEY CAN'T MAKE THE HOSPITAL WORK; HERE IS YOUR HOSPITAL, WE NEED \$9 MILLION.

SAPP THEN REFERENCED THE SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS SACRED HEART IS AGREEING TO BRING IN BEING EXPENSIVE; HE WORRIES IF AT THE END OF TEN YEARS SACRED HEART CAN'T MAKE IT WORK AND WE ARE IN THE CURRENT DEAL WE HAVE NOW, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO EAT THESE COSTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THIS WAS PARTIALLY CORRECT; HOWEVER THE RECRUITMENT COST WOULD NOT BE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. SAPP QUESTIONED THE EQUIPMENT FOR THESE RECRUITMENT PHYSICIANS WITH HOLLEY ADVISING THAT WOULD BE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED SAPP THAT SACRED HEART WAS PREDICTING WITHIN TWO YEARS, THE NWFCH WOULD BE PAYING FOR ITSELF.

SAPP QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANYWAY THE BOARD COULD MAKE SACRED HEART, AT THE END OF EACH YEAR, TELL THEM HOW MUCH TODAY GOES TOWARD THE AMOUNT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PAY BACK.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE WAS SURE THIS COULD BE DONE BUT THIS WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS; IF THEY STRIKE A DEAL DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD APPROVES, IT WILL BE DONE AND IF NOT THERE WILL BE NO DEAL. ALL THE FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED WILL BE NEGOTIATED DURING THAT 100 DAY PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED WHAT SCARED HIM WAS THERE WAS NO GUARANTEES AND REFERENCED THEIR PROPOSAL BEING BROAD AS FAR AS WHAT THEIR COSTS WILL ACTUALLY BE; HE REFERENCED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR MANAGING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

SAPP STATED HE WAS NOT AGAINST SACRED HEART AND FOR RESURGENCE; IF YOU GO WITH SACRED HEART'S NAME, QUALITY HEALTH CARE IS ATTACHED TO IT AND THAT IS NOT IN DOUBT. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE GOING TO BRING IN CARDIOLOGIST AND ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS, THEY ARE BASICALLY SAYING THEY WANT TO COMPETE WITH FLOWERS, SOUTHEAST AND BAY MEDICAL CENTERS AND THAT IS DIFFICULT. HE ADDRESSED HIM NOT KNOWING HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO CHANGE THE PERCEPTION OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY TO USE THE NWFCH AS A QUICK FIX UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO GET TO ANOTHER FACILITY. SAPP SAID THIS COULD TAKE LONGER THAN SEVEN YEARS AND EVERY YEAR THAT GOES BY THE COUNTY IS GOING DEEPER IN THE HOLE AND WILL HAVE TO PAY SACRED HEART BACK.

SAPP ALSO ADDRESSED, NO MATTER WHO TAKES OVER THE NWFCH, IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL DOCTORS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, IT WILL BE TOUGH TO MAKE A GO OF IT. HE STATED IF WOULD TAKE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH HE FEELS SACRED HEART WOULD HAVE. AND THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL DOCTORS. HE STATED IF THEY HAD THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE DOCTORS AND ALL THE BOARD, HE DOESN'T FEEL THE COUNTY WOULD BE LOOKING AT SELLING THE HOSPITAL NOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED THE BOARD TO PLEASE PUT OFF VOTING ON THIS ISSUE TODAY UNTIL THEY HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING; ORGANIZE AND ADVERTISE IT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF PHIL BENNETT HADN'T SAID A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD ON THE \$3.2 MILLION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD ON ANY PORTION THAT WOULD BE USED FOR NON-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. HE ALSO PERCEIVED THE BOARD WOULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH THE LOAN UNTIL THEY SEE IF THEY HAVE A DEAL WITH SACRED HEART; IT SHOULD BE PUT ON

HOLD UNTIL THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE IS DONE AND STATED THIS WOULD BE HIS RECOMMENDATION.

DON WALTERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REITERATING WHAT J. T. HARRELL HAD SAID; HE FEELS THE BOARD NEEDS TO STUDY THIS ISSUE MORE, APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY IT MORE AS HE DOESN'T THINK THE VOTERS OF WASH-INTON COUNTY INTENDED FOR THE BOARD TO GIVE THE HOSPITAL AWAY OR PAY SOMEONE TO TAKE IT. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BEHOVE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION; IT HAS BEEN WELL KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC THAT THIS IS A DONE DEAL FOR MONTHS NOW THAT IT WAS GOING TO GO TO SACRED HEART. HOWEVER, THERE HAS GOT TO BE SOMETHING BETTER. WALTERS AGREED THE COUNTY NEEDS GOOD HEALTH CARE BUT FEELS IT CAN BE GOTTEN WITHOUT GOING DEEPER IN DEBT FOR IT; THERE ARE OTHER FACILITIES THAT OPERATE HOSPITALS AND OTHER DOCTORS THE BOARD CAN GET IN HERE. HE REFERENCED SACRED HEART HAVING BEEN HERE FOUR YEARS AND THEY HAVEN'T BROUGHT ANY DOCTORS IN OR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE SIGNIFICANTLY; HE RECEIVED JUST AS GOOD OF HEALTH CARE BEFORE THEY CAME AS HE DOES NOW.

WALTERS AGREED A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE ADVISABLE BUT HE DID RECOMMEND THE BOARD STUDY THIS ISSUE MORE BEFORE THEY PROCEED TO GIVE IT TO SACRED HEART OR PAY THEM TO TAKE IT. HE ALSO AGREED SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION AT THE HOSPITAL BUT DOESN'T FEEL RUSHING INTO A DEAL WITH SACRED HEART IS THE ANSWER; HE STATED THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH NOT HAVING AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE BOARD IS SELECTING SACRED HEART. HE RECOMMENDED SOMEONE DO SOME PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK AND EXPLAIN THIS TO THE VOTING PUBLIC; THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL BELONGS TO THEM NOT THE FIVE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR PASSES, CAN THE BOARD CHANGE THEIR MIND.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED ALL THAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE MOTION PASSES IS THE BOARD WOULD SIGN A NON-BINDING, UNLEGALLY BINDING, LETTER OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE THRU THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE WITH SACRED HEART; AT THE END OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD, IF THIS BOARD VOTES TO DO SOMETHING ELSE, THAT IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AND IF THEY VOTE TO GO WITH SACRED HEART, THAT IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS A 3-2 VOTE AT THIS TIME AND ASKED FOR EACH OF THE THREE THAT IS IN FAVOR OF SACRED HEART TO REMEMBER IF EITHER ONE OF THEM CHANGES THEIR MIND AND VOTES NOT TO DO THIS, THEY WILL BE SAVING A PIECE OF PROPERTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED THE HOSPITAL COULD BE MADE TO WORK AGAIN AS IT HAS WORKED FOR FIFTY YEARS. WHENVER THE HOSPITAL WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT, CORBIN STATED HE HELPED TO PUSH IT THROUGH AND SAID IT WOULD NEVER COST THE TAXPAYERS ANY MONEY AND IT HASN'T EXCEPT FOR \$50,000 TOWARD A ROOF. HE REFERENCED NOW THE BOARD IS FIXING TO PUT IN A LOT MORE IT SEEMS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED THE PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT SACRED HEART WAS NOT THE ONLY POWER HOUSE INSTITUTION INVOLVED; HE HAD TALKED WITH FLOWERS, BAY MEDICAL, & SOUTHEAST MEDICAL CENTER. HE STATED FLOWERS DIDN'T WANT ANY PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; BAY MEDICAL IS IN BIG FINANCIAL TROUBLE AND TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH SACRED HEART NOW TO HELP THEM; SOUTHEAST MEDICAL CENTER IS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE AND RESURGENCE NEEDS EIGHT SURGEONS ON BOARD AND CAN'T GET THEM. HE STATED HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY FLOWERS DIDN'T WANT ANY PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY BECAUSE ALL THE REFERRALS GO TO FLOWERS OR SOUTHEAST MEDICAL. HE REITERATED MEDICAL CARE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS GOING TO COME, JUST LIKE IT DID IN CRESTVIEW; A REGIONAL HOSPITAL WILL BE LOCATED NEARBY WHETHER IT IS HOLMES, JACKSON OR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE ASKED WHY WOULD SACRED HEART WANT CHIPLEY, FLORIDA; HE THEN STATED TO LOOK AT THE POSITIVE SIDE; REGIONAL. HE REITERATED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED IF SACRED HEART THOUGHT IT THAT STRONG, THEY WOULD ACCEPT IT FOR \$1 AND NOT ASK FOR \$3.2 MILLION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE HAD SPOKEN TO FLOWERS HOSPITAL AND THEY SOUNDED VERY INTERESTED WHEN THE BOARD STARTED THE PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE, LEASE OR MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL. OBVIOUSLY, THEY

DROPPED OUT WHEN IT WAS OBVIOUS THE BOARD WAS GOING WITH SACRED HEART BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH A POLITICAL ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED WHEN HE MET WITH FLOWERS REPRESENTATIVES, THEY HAD NO INTENT TO OFFER A PROPOSAL ON THE NWFCH; THEIR CORPORATION IN TEXAS WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THAT WAS NOT EXACTLY HOW HE UNDERSTOOD IT.

LAMAR TOWNSEND ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD USED THE NWFCH AND ALWAYS GOT GOOD SERVICE; HE HAS BEEN TO OTHER FACILITIES AND RECEIVED NO BETTER CARE THAN HE GOT AT NWFCH DUE TO THE PEOPLE AT NWFCH CARING. HE ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE COULD ADMIT A PATIENT TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL; TOWNSEND SAID TWO HANDS WENT UP AND ADDRESSED THE LOCAL DOCTORS AND THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS NEEDED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REFERENCED AN INCIDENT WHERE HIS DAUGHTER HAD WENT TO NWFCH FOR MEDICAL CARE AND HE BECAME UPSET. HE STATED HE DID NOT WANT TO GET UPSET BUT FELT TOWNSEND WAS JUST PAINTING A BIG PICTURE.

TOWNSEND STATED HE WAS NOT PAINTING A BIG PICTURE BUT IF THE DOCTORS DON'T WORK IN THE LOCAL OFFICES AT THE HOSPITAL THEN THE HOSPITAL IS GONE; THEY CAN'T FARM EVERYBODY IN HERE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE LOCAL PEOPLE NEED TO SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN THEN STATED A LOCAL DOCTOR WAS ON STAFF AT THE NWFCH THE NIGHT HIS DAUGHTER SOUGHT MEDICAL CARE AND HE SENT HER HOME AND SHE PASSED AWAY. HE WENT OVER THE DETAILS OF HIS DAUGHTER HAVING GONE TO THE HOSPITAL, SEEN A LOCAL DOCTOR, THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE FACILITY TO READ THE CAT SCAN, A RADIOLOGIST WAS BROUGHT IN THE NEXT DAY TO READ IT, THE RADIOLOGIST TOLD THE DOCTOR WHAT WAS WRONG, THE DOCTOR CALLED A DEPUTY TO GO CHECK ON HER AND CALLED HIM TO TELL HIM HIS DAUGHTER HAD A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. HE ASKED TOWNSEND IF HE CALLED THAT GOOD HOSPITAL CARE.

TOWNSEND ASKED CHAIRMAN CORBIN IF HE COULD TELL ONE OF HIS STORIES BUT THEN SAID HE DIDN'T NEED TO, AND STATED HE IMAGINED THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE WHO COULD TELL A HORROR STORY TOO. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID THEY WOULDN'T GET INTO IT; HE HAD THE CHAIR SO HE COULD KIND OF SAY WHAT HE WANTED TO.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED ON JUNE 6, 2000, SACRED HEART CAME TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO TRY AND GET THEM TO BUY AND INSTALL TELERADIOGRAPHY SO THEY COULD HAVE 24 HOUR COVERAGE FOR THE RADIOLOGISTS AT NWFCH; THE MEDICAL STAFF REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THE BOARD GETTING THE TELERADIOGRAPHY AND THIS IS IN THE MINUTES.

DR. CLEMMONS STATED THE MEDICAL STAFF DIDN'T ASK THE BOARD NOT TO PURCHASE THE TELERADIOGRAPHY; AT A LATER POINT, SACRED HEART REPORTED BACK THEY HAD LOOKED INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF GETTING THEIR PHYSICIANS IN PENSACOLA TO READING THE FILMS; SO MANY OF THE FILMS ARE FOR PATIENTS WHO CAN'T PAY THAT SACRED HEART OR THE RADIOLOGISTS COULDN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT. HE STATED SACRED HEART IS THE ONE THAT DECLINED; THE MEDICAL STAFF AT NWFCH HAS NEVER STOOD IN THE WAY OF HAVING BETTER HEALTH CARE. COMMISSIONER HALL STATED HE DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF HE DECIDED TO SUE, SHOULD HE SUE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOO BECAUSE THEY DENIED THEM PURCHASING THE TELERADIOGRAPHY MACHINE AND ASKED IF COMMISSIONER HALL WAS RECOMMENDING THAT. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THAT WAS WHAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO DO BUT THE WAY COMMISSIONER HALL WAS TALKING, HE WAS RECOMMENDING HE SUE THE DAMN COUNTY TOO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE TO BE TAKEN.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED TOWNSEND HE WOULD HAVE TO SET DOWN BECAUSE THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION HAD BEEN CALLED FOR. TOWNSEND STATED HE WAS WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HE WAS CALLING FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION TOO.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND HE ORDERED TOWNSEND TO SET DOWN. TOWNSEND TOLD CORBIN HE COULD SET DOWN WITHOUT CORBIN'S ORDER.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED FOR COMMISSIONER FINCH TO BEGIN WITH THE ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED FOR THE MOTION TO BE READ AGAIN AND WHO MADE THE MOTION AND WHO SECONDED IT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED THE MOTION: COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO GO WITH SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY READDRESSING IT NEEDED TO BE TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART. COMMISSIONER FINCH VOTED NO; COMMISSIONER COPE VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOTED NO; COMMISSIONER BROCK VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED YES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS THE BOARD HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON THE HOSPITAL. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED FINCH HE COULD MAKE THE MOTION BUT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO GET THE \$3.2 MILLION LOAN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED PHIL BENNETT STATING A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD ON THAT PORTION OF THE LOAN THAT WOULD NOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL EXPENSES; IT WAS HIS OPINION THE BOND ATTORNEY WOULD MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON WHAT IS REQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN IT MAY BE TOO LATE IF THE BOARD WAITS UNTIL AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART AS IT WILL BE AFTER THE FACT OF WHETHER THE BOARD HAS MADE A DECISION IF THEY ARE GOING WITH SACRED HEART OR NOT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN GAVE VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK THE CHAIR AND SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WANTED THE PUBLIC HEARING SOMETIME DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS AND PRIOR TO THE BOARD MAKING THEIR FINAL DECISION; WHICH ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS SAID WOULD NOT BE FINAL UNTIL THEY HAVE WENT THROUGH ALL THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE BOARD VOTED AGAIN. COMMISSIONER FINCH ALSO REQUESTED THE HEARING BE HELD AT A PLACE BIG ENOUGH FOR THE PEOPLE TO STAND UP AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND THE BOARD LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING; IF THERE IS A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO COMES BACK AND SAYS SACRED HEART'S DEAL IS A GOOD DEAL, HE WILL EAT HIS WORDS AND WILL VOTE FOR SACRED HEART TOO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER COPE VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER BROCK VOTED YES AND COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED YES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE DISAGREED TOTALLY WITH THE BOARD'S ACTION TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART; HOWEVER, HE WANTS TO WORK WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE. HE STATED IT WAS NOTHING PERSONAL BUT FELT IT WAS A BAD BUSINESS DECISION THE BOARD MADE TODAY; THEY HAVE THEIR OPINION AND HE HAS HIS AND WOULD LEAVE HERE TODAY AS FRIENDS AND CO-COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE FELT THE SAME WAY; THE BOARD HAS GOT TO WORK TOGETHER AND HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE BOARD BEING DIVIDED OVER ANYTHING EXCEPT THIS ONE ISSUE.

CHERYL WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS QUESTIONED THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD HAD VOTED TO HAVE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THEY HAD TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE LETTER OF INTENT ON THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART AND AT SOME LATER DATE, THEY WILL SET THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. HE STATED HE WOULD CALL A MEETING ANYTIME IT WAS NECESSARY.

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

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 04/21/03