

BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/18/03

DECEMBER 18, 2003

THE 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, CORBIN, HALL AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. COMMISSIONER COPE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN HALL WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING WISHING THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 23, 2003 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WHICH ALLOWS THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND.
- B. RENEWAL OF INMATE MEDICAL EXCESS POLICY

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES (TOWERS), SAID HEARING WAS HELD. TERRY ARMONT WITH THE CENTER FOR MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS AND CONSULTANT FOR THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ORDINANCE WAS PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ORDINANCE BEING A GENERIC OR MODEL ORDINANCE WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS AND HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WORKING FOR BOTH THE CARRIERS AND THE COMMUNITIES. ARMONT STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE WAS TO GIVE THE COUNTIES AND CITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTROL AND REGULATE NEW TOWERS, PROLIFERATION OF THE TOWERS AND CO-LOCATIONS ON EXISTING FACILITIES AS WELL AS MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES.

HE REITERATED THE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WORKS IN FAVOR OF THE CARRIERS AS IT PROVIDES THEM WITH GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS WHERE THERE WERE NO REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY; IT GIVES THE CARRIER, THE COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THE INFORMATION TO KNOW WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN, KNOW WHAT APPLICATION HAS TO BE PUT IN TO GET TO THE PROCESS AND ACTUALLY ACTIVATES THE PROCESS AT THAT POINT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THERE BEING HEARINGS HELD THIS WEEK CONCERNING SOME OF THE COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE ORDINANCE AND QUESTIONED ARMONT IF HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE HEARINGS.

ARMONT RESPONDED THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE HEARINGS BEING HELD; THERE WERE ABOUT 19 COMPLAINTS FILED THROUGH THE FTA AND HEARINGS ARE NOW BEING HELD. OUT OF THE 19 FILED, THREE OF THEM WERE HAVING TO DO WITH SIMILAR ORDINANCES LIKE THE ONE BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME; QUINCY, LIBERTY COUNTY AND JACKSON COUNTY. HE STATED THE COURTS HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR FINDINGS ON THE COMPLAINTS THAT WERE FILED AND MOST OF THEM WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED THE EXTENT OF THE AUTHORITY THE COMMISSION HAS; CAN THEY OVERRIDE LOCAL CONTROL. ARMONT STATED THEIR ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE TO TELL THEM THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS; HOWEVER, ALL THE ORDINANCES THAT ARE IN PLACE IN FLORIDA SO FAR, THE LAWYERS WHO HAVE REVIEWED THEM AS IS, FEEL THEY ARE FULLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH HB 1307.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD THEIR PLANNING CONSULTANT, RANDY PARKER, RECOMMENDS WAITING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THE HEARINGS BEING HELD BEFORE ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE.

PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INDUSTRY HAVING BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND ADDRESSED THE COUNTER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM ARMONT:

- A. THE INDUSTRY IS SAYING THE ORDINANCE IS UNNECESSARY, UNREASONABLE AND ILLEGAL IN SOME CASES; THE CONSULTANTS ARE SAYING THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN IN PLACE, IT IS REASONABLE AND THE ATTORNEY RULES IT TO BE LEGAL
- B. THE COMMUNITIES HE SPOKE WITH ABOUT THE ORDINANCE: QUINCY WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE AND SAID IT HAD WORKED WELL AND MADE GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS OF ARMONT'S GROUP; RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS HAVE PRETTY MUCH SAID THE SAME THING.

PARKER ADDRESSED IT BEING HARD NOW, GIVEN THE TIME THEY RECEIVED ALL THE INFORMATION, TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY LAY; IS THE ORDINANCE UNREASONABLE, UNNECESSARY, ILLEGAL OR IS IT LEGAL, NECESSARY AND PRUDENT TO THE COMP TEST; HE FEELS LIKE IT MAY BE SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE AND MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS WELL AS MORE TIME TO REVIEW IT PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION.

LAURA BELLEFLUER, REPRESENTING ALL-TELL AND HORIZON WIRELESS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE E-911 BOARD THAT IS HEARING THESE MATTERS HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DICTATE ANYTHING TO THE COUNTY; IT IS A PROCEDURE THE LEGISLATURE SET UP, ALONG WITH THE NEW STATUTE THAT ADDRESSES THE WIRELESS FACILITIES, TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THE INDUSTRIES TO SAY THESE ARE THE AREAS WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY, GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE JURISDICTIONS TO RESPOND, THE E911 SUBCOMMITTEE WILL TAKE THE INFORMATION AND GIVE A REPORT TO THE E-911 BOARD WHO THEN REPORTS IT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNMENT. THEY ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT WERE REPORTED WITH THINGS THEY SEE MAY BE AN ISSUE AND NEED CORRECTING; IT IS AN INFORMATION GATHERING. SHE AGREES WITH THE BOARD ON WAITING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THE HEARINGS AS THEY WILL NOT GET A DETERMINATION FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE TODAY.

SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HER TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND RANDY PARKER TO SEE IF SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ITERATED PARKER'S FULL RECOMMENDATION WAS TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE MINI HEARINGS, GET THE COMMENTS DIRECTED TO THE THREE BODIES AS THEY WILL PROBABLY BE APPLICABLE TO THE COUNTY TOO AS THE ORDINANCES ARE VERY SIMILAR, REFER IT BACK TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO REVIEW AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE UNTIL A RECOMMENDATION IS BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING AS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON A LAND USE CHANGE FROM LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FILED BY CHADWICK DANIELS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD.

CHAD DANIELS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE ON 3.5 ACRES ON HIGHWAY 90 BESIDE JERKINS TO BE USED FOR A MINI-STORAGE FACILITY. HE STATED HE HAD NO PLANS TO DEVELOP UNTIL SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR; BEFORE HE DEVELOPS THE PROPERTY, HE WILL BE WORKING ON DRAINAGE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE LAND USE CHANGE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO GRANT THE LAND USE CHANGE PETITIONED BY DANIELS.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON A LAND USE CHANGE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PETITIONED BY STOKES FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST (JIM STOKES), SAID HEARING WAS HELD.

MR. STOKES UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE BEING ON THE EASTERN 200' OF HIS PROPERTY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE FL-DOT CREDIT UNION; HE WAS WANTING TO LOCATE A PORTABLE SAWMILL AT THE SITE, SAW LUMBER AND DISPLAY IT FOR SALE. HE POINTED OUT IT SHOULDN'T ADVERSELY AFFECT ANYONE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED CONCERNS WITH THE NOISE OF THE SAW AFFECTING THE FL-DOT CREDIT UNION; STOKES SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR IT AS HIS NEIGHBORS SAY THEY CAN'T EVEN HEAR IT.

DUE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVING RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE LAND USE CHANGE, COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE; NO ONE RESPONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNDER UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE, MAVIS SMITH, ARC CENTER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE FACING DUE TO A RATE DECREASE; THEY ARE FACING THE PROBABILITY OF CLOSING SOME OF THEIR FACILITIES IF THE DECREASE CONTINUES.

SHE REPORTED THERE WERE 13 MARCHES ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 12TH; THEIR ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH IN TALLAHASSEE ALONG WITH SEVERAL PARENTS WHO GAVE TESTIMONY. THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH SECRETARY BEGEAR OVER THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; SHE PERSONALLY, HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH SENATOR PEADEN AND REPRESENTATIVE BROWN TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE PROBLEM.

SECRETARY BEGEAR IS TO DO A REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION ALONG WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIT THE STATE SAYS IS GOING TO OCCUR BECAUSE OF THE RATES IS ACTUALLY TRUE; THEY ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THESE RESULTS.

SHE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE IF THEY DO HAVE TO CLOSE SOME OF THEIR FACILITIES, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 LAYOFFS AND IT WILL AFFECT THE ECONOMY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO TO HELP, MS. SMITH REFERENCED SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE SIGNED LETTERS TO GO TO THE GOVERNOR; IF THEY HAVE NOT SIGNED ONE, THEY COULD COME BY HER OFFICE AND SIGN A FORM LETTER OR WRITE ONE OF THEIR OWN. SHE ALSO REQUESTED THEY SPEAK TO THEIR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE NUMBER OF LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR FROM WASHINGTON AND HOLMES COUNTY AND THE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR MS. SMITH TO PROVIDE WRITTEN INFORMATION TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO GO INTO A RESOLUTION; HE WILL PREPARE IT AND THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN IT ONCE IT IS PREPARED.

MELONIE BLEDSOE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM SHE WAS HAVING IN GETTING HER DRIVEWAY GRADED; THE GRADERS ARE PILING UP DIRT IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE AND THE BOTTOM OF HER CAR IS FALLING APART.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD WENT AND LOOKED AT IT SEVERAL TIMES; WHEN HE LOOKED AT THE ROAD, IT APPEARED ALRIGHT. ALSO, DALLAS CARTER, SUPERVISOR AT PUBLIC WORKS, IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND HAS TOLD THE GRADER OPERATORS NOT TO LEAVE ANY ROLL UP OF DIRT THERE.

BLEDSOE QUESTIONED WHY THEY EVEN GRADED PINE OAKS LANE BECAUSE IT IS A DEAD END AND NOBODY TRAVELS IT.

WHEN COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED HAVING THE ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN NOT TO GRADE PINE OAKS LANE ANYMORE, ED PELLETIER OBJECTED STATING HE LIVED ON IT AND HE IS GETTING ALL THE WATER OFF THE ROAD.

HE AGREES WITH WHAT BLEDSOE IS SAYING ABOUT THE GRADERS PILING UP THE DIRT; THEY ARE TURNING THE BLADE THE WRONG WAY, THE DIRT IS PILING UP AND REFERENCED IT BEING PILED HIGH AT THE CHURCH AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO REVIEW THE PROBLEMS AND TELL THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FOREMAN HOW TO HANDLE IT. HE REFERENCED HIM NOT BEING ABLE TO PLEASE ALL THE PEOPLE AND HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING HE KNOWS TO DO.

BLEDSOE SUGGESTED PUTTING IN A CULVERT WITH PELLETIER AGAIN ADDRESSING THE GRADERS NOT CROWNING THE ROADS PROPERLY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF THE

GRADERS CROWNED THE ROAD AT ALL AND PUT PART OF THE WATER TO THE SOUTH, IT WOULD FLOOD THE BLEDSOES OUT; IF IT WAS GRADED ALL THE WAY DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD, ALL THE WATER WOULD GO DOWN TO PELLETIER. PELLETIER SAID ALL THE WATER GOES ON HIM ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE FLOOR. THE MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED COMMISSIONER COPE TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO TAKE CARE OF BLEDSOE'S DRIVE- WAY PROBLEM.

TIM HAYES ADDRESSED THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF HIS SON THAT WAS KILLED IN 1996, REQUESTING THEY ADOPT THE LAWS OF FLORIDA PERTAINING TO MEMORIALS AND AGREED TO PAY FOR THE SIGNS. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON MEMORIALS HE HAD BEEN PUTTING UP ON THE EDGE OF THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY CLOSE TO BERRY'S STORE GETTING YANKED UP AND THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO TO ASSIST HAYES, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WOULD NEED TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AND ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING.

GLEN ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT. HE PROVIDED THEM WITH PICTURES OF ELKAM AND HAMPSHIRE BOULEVARD WHICH WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT FOUR MILES OF THE ROADS LOOKED LIKE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD TAP INTO THE MSBU LOAN RESERVE, APPROXIMATELY \$200,000, AND USE ABOUT \$85,000 OF IT FOR THE PAVING OF THE ROADS. HE POINTED OUT IT WOULD PUT PROBABLY PUT THEM IN A BUDGET CRUNCH IN THE YEAR 2006-2007; HOWEVER, THEY ARE TRYING TO BUY TIME TO BALANCE THE BUDGET IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO MAKE UP THE \$25,000 THAT WOULD BE NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THERE BE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MSBU COMMITTEE APPROVING ZANETIC'S REQUEST PRIOR TO THE BOARD TAKING ACTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED ZANETIC ON THE CRITERIA HE USED TO SELECT THESE TWO ROADS REFERENCING THERE WERE A LOT MORE ROADS IN THE SAME CONDITION THAT ARE PROBABLY TRAVELLED MORE. ZANETIC ADVISED THE CRITERIA WAS MAJOR BOULEVARDS AND ROADS OFF OF THE MAJOR BOULEVARDS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ZANETIC'S REQUEST BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE WITH ZANETIC TO COME BACK AT JANUARY BOARD MEETING TO INFORM BOARD OF COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES AT STATE BID PRICE WHICH ZANETIC HAD ADDRESSED AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD INFORMED THE BOARD THE VEHICLES WOULD HAVE TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH A LEASE PURCHASE. ZANETIC HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE:

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| 1. FORD 4X4 F350 CREWCAB        | \$30,501 |
| 2. FORD EXPLORER 4X4 CRIMEWATCH | \$21,330 |
| LOAN FEE                        | 300      |
| TOTAL LEASE PURCHASE            | \$52,131 |

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT INFORMED THE BOARD THE MONIES WERE BUDGETED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE VEHICLES AND BOARD APPROVAL IS NEEDED TO GO AHEAD AND PURCHASE THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ZANETIC HADN'T ADVISED THEM THEY WOULD BE REIMBURSING THE COUNTY FOR A VEHICLE THEY HAD ALREADY GIVEN MSBU. ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CRIMEWATCH VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE COMMISSIONERS; HE RECOMMENDED THEY GET WITH THE SHERIFF TO GO AHEAD AND PUT IT UNDER HIS DEPARTMENT AND FOR THAT THEY WOULD TAKE OVER THE OTHER PICKUP THE BOARD GAVE THEM LAST YEAR; THIS WAY THERE WOULD BE NO MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTY FUNDS. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR DISCUSSION TO APPROVE THE LEASE PURCHASE OF THESE TWO VEHICLES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THESE MONIES WERE BUDGETED SEPARATE FROM THE MSBU ROAD FUNDS; ZANETIC ADVISED THEY WERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ABOUT MONIES BEING BUDGETED FOR FUEL AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSE; ZANETIC ADVISED THERE WAS MONIES BUDGETED.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED FOR RICKY KENT WHO WAS LISTED UNDER THE AGENDAED AUDIENCE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE WOULDN'T BE HERE; HIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN SETTLED.

PHIL BENNETT, PUBLIC FINANCE ASSOCIATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND INTRODUCED STAN LIVINGWOOD WITH THE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF MORGAN, KEEGAN AND COMPANY AND GEORGE SMITH WITH THE LAW FIRM OF BRYANT, MILLER AND OGBURN. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND THE CLERKS OFFICE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FINANCING OF \$9.5 MILLION WORTH OF SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY WERE PRESENT TODAY TO ASK FOR FINAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

HE STATED THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE BONDS WAS TO GENERATE \$3.2 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE INVESTED IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL; IT WILL ALSO PAY OFF TWO EXISTING DEBTS OF THE COUNTY: ONE WITH CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY AND ONE WITH FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AND TO FUND DEBT SERVICE RESERVE MONEY. THE COUNTY IS PLEDGING THEIR ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX TO PAY BACK THE BONDS; IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE INTEREST RATE AND TO ENHANCE THE MARKETABILITY OF THE BONDS, THEY HAVE ARRANGED FOR A LETTER OF CREDIT FROM SUNTRUST BANK. AS A RESULT, THE BONDS HAVE BEEN RATED AA WHICH IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CATEGORIES FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS. THE BONDS WILL CARRY VARIABLE RATES OF INTEREST AT 2.30% ON THE TAX EXEMPT AND 2.44% ON THE TAXABLE PORTION OF THE BONDS; THESE RATES ARE PER THE MARKET ON DECEMBER 17TH.

HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZES THEM TO ISSUE THE BONDS, AUTHORIZES THE CONTRACT AWARD TO KEEGAN TO BUY THE BONDS AND TO RESALE THE BONDS TO INVESTORS, AUTHORIZES THE REMARKETING AGENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS, IN ACCOMPLISHING THE FINANCING. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO CLOSE AND FUND THE BONDS ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER; IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE RESOLUTIONS, THERE ARE A LOT OF DOCUMENTS HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK SIGN THIS MORNING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED BENNETT TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE LOANS THAT WILL BE PAID OFF WITH THE LOAN THEY ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO. BENNETT ADVISED THE FIRST UNION LOAN TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY \$1,750,000; THE CAPITAL PROJECTS LOAN TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY \$3.4 MILLION, \$634,000 WILL BE FUNDED FOR DEBT SERVICE RESERVE WHICH WILL BE USED SHOULD THE COUNTY HAVE TROUBLE MAKING THEIR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT AND THE NEW LOAN WILL GENERATE \$3.2 MILLION IN NEW MONIES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE PREPAYMENT PENALTY INVOLVED WITH PAYING OFF THE FIRST UNION LOAN. BENNETT EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR PAYING OFF THIS LOAN EARLY WAS TO FREE UP THE HALF CENT SALES TAX THAT WAS PLEDGED FOR THAT LOAN IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE USED FOR THE NEW LOAN. AS OF LAST MARCH, BENNETT STATED THE PREPAYMENT PENALTY WAS \$210,000; HOWEVER, DUE TO THE LOAN HAVING BEEN PAID DOWN QUITE A BIT SINCE THAT TIME, IT SHOULD BE A LITTLE LESS.

WHEN COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT THE FIXED RATE WOULD BE ON THIS LOAN, STAN ADVISED IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 4.34% TO 5%.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED BENNETT TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE IN TAXABLE AND NON-TAXABLE BONDS. BENNETT EXPLAINED THE FEDERAL TAX LAWS PRECLUDE ANY TAX EXEMPT DEBT FOR A FOR PROFIT CORPORATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE ARRANGEMENT WITH A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWS; THE 40 YEAR LEASE WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTH CARE EXCEEDS THE ALLOWABLE REGULATIONS AS FAR AS TAXABLE FUNDS ARE CONCERNED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW THE BREAKDOWN WAS DETERMINED ON WHAT WOULD BE TAX EXEMPT AND NON TAX EXEMPT DEBT. BENNETT EXPLAINED THE BREAKDOWN WAS \$5.9 MILLION OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT AND \$3.6 MILLION TAXABLE DEBT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ANY OF THE \$3.2 MILLION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING; BENNETT ADVISED NONE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING EXCEPT FOR COUNTY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE NO REQUIREMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING NO MATTER WHAT THE MONIES WERE USED FOR AS FAR AS BENNETT WAS CONCERNED. BENNETT ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; HOWEVER, IT WOULD CLEARLY NEED TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PER FLORIDA STATUTES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THE BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION WAS NO PUBLIC HEARING WAS REQUIRED FOR A FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION; A HEARING WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD IF THE BOARD WAS DEALING WITH SACRED HEART.

BENNETT READ THE RESOLUTION BY TITLE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COSTS INVOLVED FOR THE TAXABLE PART OF THE LOAN COMPARED TO THE NON-TAXABLE PART. BENNETT EXPLAINED, OTHER THAN THE INTERESTS RATES, THE COSTS ARE THE SAME; THEY HAVE STRUCTURED THE REPAYMENT SCHEDULE SO THE TAXABLE BONDS, HIGHER INTEREST COST BONDS, ARE PAID FIRST.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE INTEREST RATE BEING PAID ON THE CURRENT BONDS. BENNETT ADVISED THE INTEREST RATE ON THE FIRST UNION LOAN WAS 6.8% AND THE CAPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN HAD A VARIABLE INTEREST RATE AND IS APPROXIMATELY 2.30%.

CLERK LINDA COOK, FOR THE RECORD, VOICED HER OPPOSITION TO BORROWING THE \$3.2 MILLION. WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK IF SHE WENT ALONG WITH BORROWING THE \$4 MILLION FOR THE NEW JAIL, CLERK COOK STATED SHE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THERE WERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS AS FAR AS THE JAIL BUT THEY HAD OTHER OPTIONS AS FAR AS THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE WANTED TO GO ON RECORD STATING HIS POSITION: AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER, REPRESENTING DISTRICT V, THE BOARD HAD OTHER OPTIONS; THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS ON THE BOARD WHICH WILL CONTINUE HE ASSUMES WITH THAT. HE STATED HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BOARD WAS IN THE POSITION TO EVEN HAVE MR. BENNETT AT THE MEETING TODAY TO TALK ABOUT A LOAN; THEY COULD HAVE WENT THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS, BASED ON WHAT HE HEARD FROM THE OTHER OPTIONS, AND COME OUT WITH MONEY TO THE GOOD WITHOUT HAVING TO BORROW MONEY. HE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION, FOR HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING, TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS AS TO THINKING THE BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE MR. BENNETT HERE TO LOAN THEM MORE MONEY WHEN THERE WERE BETTER OPTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE SITUATION OF PUTTING MONEY INTO THE HOSPITAL. HE CHALLENGED THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM AND SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHY.

CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED IF ANYONE WANTED TO RESPOND TO COMMISSIONER FINCH'S REMARKS; NO ONE RESPONDED SO CHAIRMAN HALL DID. HE STATED THE OTHER TWO PROPOSALS SOUNDS GOOD ON THE SURFACE BUT AFTER SO MANY MONTHS THEY ARE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE THE HOSPITAL FOR WHAT IS OWED ON IT. THE COUNTY WOULD THEN BE OUT OF A HOSPITAL OR ANY WAY OF PROVIDING INDIGENT CARE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY; THE \$3.2 MILLION BEING BORROWED IS GOING TOWARD IMPROVING THE HOSPITAL FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WILL BE PAID BACK BY NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTH CARE CENTER. HE DOESN'T FEEL THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GIVE THEIR HOSPITAL AWAY FOR WHAT IS OWED ON IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED ANY FUTURE BOARD WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF WHETHER TO SALE THE HOSPITAL OR NOT; THAT WOULD BE THE BOARD'S DECISION. THERE IS NOTHING IN ANY OF THE PROPOSALS THAT SAYS THE BOARD MUST SELL THE HOSPITAL IN "X" NUMBER OF YEARS; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WON'T END UP SELLING IT TO MR. SCHLENKER IF THAT IS WHAT A FUTURE BOARD DECIDES THAT IS WHAT THEY WON'T TO DO. HE POINTED OUT THAT SCHLENKER HAS NO ASSETS; HE FORMED A NEW CORPORATION AND THE BOARD IS PUTTING ALL THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HIM THAT HE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR SITUATION. HE HOPES WHEN THE BOARD GETS THROUGH WITH THE HOSPITAL ISSUE, THEY CAN UNITE AS A BOARD AND SOLVE PROBLEMS FOR THE COUNTY AND HOPES IF THEY GO THROUGH WITH THE LEASE TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE, IT WORKS OUT FOR THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T FEEL IT WILL; EITHER THIS BOARD OR ANY FUTURE BOARDS WILL HAVE THIS SAME SITUATION TO DEAL WITH IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND BE OUT OF \$3.2 MILLION.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID, ACCORDING TO WHAT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD TOLD HIM, SCHLENKER HAS AGREED TO REPAY THE \$3.2 MILLION AND IT IS GOING TO THE HOSPITAL FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH THAT THE BOARD COULDN'T BIND ANY FUTURE BOARD TO ANYTHING. HE THANKED COMMISSIONER FINCH FOR THE COMMENT ABOUT COMING TOGETHER AS A BOARD AFTER THE HOSPITAL ISSUE IS RESOLVED AND TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS A POSITIVE THAT MR. SCHLENKER HAS AGREED TO REPAY THE \$3.2 MILLION AFTER TEN YEARS IF THE BOARD GOES FORWARD WITH HIS LEASE; HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY WILL DO FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS BUT MAYBE AFTER THAT WHEN SCHLENKER STARTS MAKING PAYMENTS, THE COUNTY WILL BEGIN TO SEE SOMETHING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO BORROWING THE MONEY AS THERE WERE OTHER ALTERNATIVES BESIDES THAT; HE REFERRED TO HAVING BEEN TOLD DURING THE LAST BUDGET SESSION, THINGS WOULD BE MUCH TIGHTER NEXT YEAR. HE IS AFRAID THE BOARD WILL BE SQUEEZING OTHER THINGS IN THE COUNTY TO PAY THE PAYMENT ON THE LOAN.

CHERYL WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS QUESTIONED THE TIME LINE ON THE FIRST UNION LOAN AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY; BENNETT ADVISED THE FIRST UNION LOAN WOULD HAVE RETIRED IN 2010 AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE RETIRED IN 2017. SHE QUESTIONED THE TERM OF THE NEW BONDS; BENNETT ADVISED THE NEW BOND ISSUE WAS FOR 25 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING THREE PROPOSALS TO SELECT; BASICALLY ALL THREE PROPOSALS WERE NEW CORPORATIONS. ONE OF THEM, IN ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS, HAD ALREADY BORROWED \$300,000; A MONTH BEFORE THEY CAME BEFORE THE BOARD WITH THEIR PROPOSAL, THEY HAD BORROWED A \$100,000 TO MAKE THEIR PAYROLL. THEY WERE MORE A REALTOR TYPE COMPANY WHERE THEY HIRED MANAGEMENT TO COME IN AND MANAGE THE FACILITY THEY WERE LEASING.

THE OTHER PROPOSAL WAS A NEW COMPANY THAT HAD BEEN BASICALLY IN BUSINESS A LITTLE LESS THAN A YEAR; THEY CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND SAID THEY HAD 8 TO 10 HOSPITALS THEY HAD SOLD AND WERE MORE OR LESS REALTORS AND TO THIS DAY, THERE IS NO RECORD SHOWING THEY OWN A HOSPITAL ANYWHERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED IT BEING HARD TO COME AND PRESENT SOMETHING TO THE BOARD SAYING YOU WILL LEASE THE HOSPITAL FOR \$500,000 A YEAR WHEN YOU HAD JUST BORROWED \$100,000 TO MAKE A PAYROLL.

HE CONTINUED BY SAYING NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE WAS A BRAND NEW CORPORATION; THE OWNER, PAT SCHLENKER, HAS GOT AN OUTSTANDING BACKGROUND THE OTHER PROPOSERS CAN'T TOUCH. SCHLENKER HAS BEEN OVER 180 DOCTORS, ADMINISTRATOR AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL, CEO FOR SACRED HEART, DOUBLE X RATED, NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. BASICALLY, AS FAR AS PICKING AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HOSPITAL, HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE BOARD COULD DO A BETTER JOB IN GOING OUT AND FINDING SOMEONE AND SELECTING SOMEBODY.

HE REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING BORROWED MONIES TO BUILD ROADS, BUILD A JAIL, COUNTY ANNEX AND THE LIBRARY. HE ASKED THE PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THE MEDICAL FACILITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, IS A COUNTY HOSPITAL AND BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND IT WILL STAY A COUNTY HOSPITAL. THE MONEY THE TAXPAYERS PUTS INTO THE FACILITY FOR BETTER MEDICAL CARE, EMERGENCY ROOMS, MONITORING EQUIPMENT, X-RAY MACHINES, ETC. IS FOR THE HEALTH- CARE FOR PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IT WILL STAY TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AS THIS IS ONLY A LEASE. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN A LEASE AND A SALE AND HE FEELS IT IS TIME TO UPGRADE THE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; THAT IS WHY HE HAS CHOSEN NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTH CARE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE ANNUAL PAYMENT ON THE CURRENT LOANS THE COUNTY HAS NOW; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED SHE THOUGHT THE FIRST UNION NOTE WAS \$23,759 PER MONTH BUT DIDN'T HAVE THE INFORMATION ON THE CAPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED BENNETT ON THE LOAN PAYMENTS FOR THE NEW LOAN; BENNETT STATED IT WOULD BE \$500,000 PER YEAR OR APPROXIMATELY \$42,000 PER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS WOULD BE LOWER BUT THE LOAN WOULD BE FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED THE PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE BOARD TO TAKE THE EXCESS MONIES FROM THE LOWER LOAN PAYMENTS AND PUT IT IN A RESERVE ACCOUNT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO PASS THE RESOLUTION READ BY PHIL BENNETT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED COMMISSIONER BROCK'S REMARKS ABOUT BORROWING MONIES TO BUILD ROADS, BUILD THE JAIL AND BUILD A LIBRARY AND STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW OF ANYONE THAT WAS GOING TO DO ANY OF THESE THINGS FOR FREE. HOWEVER, THE BOARD HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD A HOSPITAL WITH MONEY THAT DON'T COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING; IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PUT \$3.2 MILLION TOWARD THE HOSPITAL, WHY WOULDN'T THEY JUST ALLOW THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. BY WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THEIR RETIREMENT WOULDN'T BE MESSED UP. HE STATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THE COUNTY AND THE WELFARE OF EVERYONE OF THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES AND WANTS THE HOSPITAL TO WORK; BUT, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE BOARD WOULD BE GAINING ANYTHING BY GIVING IT AWAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED COMMISSIONER BROCK CHANGING HIS MIND ABOUT THE HOSPITAL; HE IS SAYING NOW THE LEASE IS WHAT IS NEEDED THE MOST BUT PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS FOR SELLING THE HOSPITAL AS THE COUNTY COULDN'T AFFORD IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH LEASING OR SELLING BUT THE COUNTY WAS GIVING AWAY MONEY THEY DON'T NEED TO GIVE AWAY. HE ADDRESSED HAVING PROBLEMS BALANCING THE BUDGET AND HAD TO GIVE MONIES BACK INTO THE BUDGET TO BALANCE IT; THE BOARD WILL END UP HAVING TO BORROW MONIES AGAIN. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING BEFORE VOTING TO BORROW THE MONEY. HE APOLOGIZED FOR BEING TEMPERMENTAL ABOUT IT BUT THAT IS HOW HE FEELS.

RHONDA WILSON, HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHY COMMISSIONER FINCH WANTED THE NAMES AND SALARIES OF ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT THE HOSPITAL. COMMISSIONER FINCH RESPONDED HE WANTED TO SEE HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WERE STILL ON BOARD AT THE HOSPITAL AND WHAT TYPE OF SALARIES THEY WERE BEING PAID; WERE THE EMPLOYEES BEING PAID RIDICULOUS LOW SALARIES OR RIDICULOUS HIGH SALARIES. HE STATED ACTUALLY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ARE BEING PAID BOTH; SOME ARE BEING PAID VERY LOW SALARIES AND SOME ARE BEING PAID VERY GOOD SALARIES. HE STATED HE HAD NOT SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE; HE JUST WANTED THE INFORMATION FOR HIMSELF.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY MS. WILSON IF THE EMPLOYEES HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THIS INFORMATION BEING IN THE PAPER, COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE TOLD MR. SCHLENKER THE DAY HE ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION HE WAS NOT GOING TO PUBLISH ANYTHING IN THE PAPER. HE REFERENCED A MEMO MR. SCHLENKER HAD SENT OUT STATING THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION AND HAVING SAID IN THE PAPER, HE DIDN'T WANT THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED IMPLYING THAT COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS GOING TO HAVE IT PUBLISHED. FINCH REITERATED HE HAD TOLD SCHLENKER HE WAS NOT GOING TO PUBLISH IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED MR. SCHLENKER WAS INSUBORDINATE BY GOING THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS OF NOT GIVING THE INFORMATION; IT IS A COUNTY HOSPITAL AND HE HAD NO RIGHT TO REFUSE THAT INFORMATION TO HIM OR ANYONE ELSE THAT ASKED FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE. COMMISSIONER FINCH VOTED NO, COMMISSIONER COPE VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER BROCK VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOTED NO AND COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED YES; THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, STACY WEBB PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE LOCATION DETERMINATION OF THE PIONEER SETTLEMENT:



1. LINDA NORTON
2. FAYE MIDDLETON
3. TED EVERETT
4. DOROTHY ODOM
5. JOSEPHINE ROBINSON
6. LINDA WALLER
7. H. L. BROWN

SHE REFERENCED COMMISSIONER FINCH VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER HALL STATED HE HAD A FEW PHONE CALLS SAYING THEY HAD RATHER NOT HAVE A COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENTED.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. CDBG PROJECTS--STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH HOLMES VALLEY;  
CONTRACT WITH HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION ENDED UP WITH 61 TONS OVER ON RATTLEBOX AND 277 UNDER ON JOINER ROAD; HE HAD PUT TOGETHER A CHANGE ORDER TO REDUCE THE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$7,963.81 AND POINTED OUT SOME OF THIS MONEY WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED ON HOLMES VALLEY AS THERE ARE A LOT OF DRIVEWAYS TO PAVE.

HE POINTED OUT PART OF THE JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD PROJECT WAS PAID FOR BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND PART BY THE GRANT. THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO MAKE A DECISION ON HOW TO SPEND THE \$7,963.81.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN POINTED OUT LARRY ENFINGER, PRIOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, HAD COMMITTED HIM ON THE RATTLEBOX AND JOINER ROAD PROJECT AND FELT LIKE ANY MONEY LEFT SHOULD BE APPLIED TO HIS PROJECT THAT WAS LEFT OVER FROM THE GRANT. HE REFERENCED THERE WAS SOME FENCING THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AND CENTER LINE STRIPING WAS STILL NEEDED ON JOINER ROAD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE WHITTINGTON ROAD PROJECT STRIPING WAS PAID FOR OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS STRIPING BUDGET; COMMISSIONER COPE POINTED OUT THE WHITTINGTON ROAD PROJECT WAS NOT A GRANT AND THE PROJECT WAS PAID FOR OUT OF COMMISSIONER HALL'S DISTRICT MONIES.

KNAUER AGREED TO GET A QUOTE FROM GUETTLER AND GUETTLER ON THE COST FOR STRIPING OF JOINER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED REIMBURSING COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR SOME OF THE WORK HE HAD DONE ON THE GRANT PROJECTS FROM THE GRANT MONEY THAT IS LEFT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE LEFT OVER GRANT MONEY SHOULD APPLY TO THE ASPHALT THAT WAS APPLIED ON THE WEST END OF THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO REIMBURSE COMMISSIONER CORBIN ON THE GRANT PORTION OF THE JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD PROJECTS WHERE HE SPENT FUNDS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER RECOMMENDED THEY CHECK WITH STACY WEBB, GRANTS PERSON, TO DETERMINE IF GRANT MONIES CAN BE USED FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN DUE TO THEM HAVING TO BE USED FOR CONTRACTURAL PURPOSES. SHE REFERENCED COMMISSIONER CORBIN WANTING TO HIRE MR. J. T. HARREL AND MR. PIGOTT ON THE GRANT PORTION BUT THEY COULDN'T BE PAID FOR OUT OF GRANT MONIES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER. KNAUER SUGGESTED USING THE EXCESS GRANT MONIES FOR STRIPING OF JOINER ROAD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON BEING REIMBURSED FOR WHAT THE COUNTY WORK FORCE HAD DONE AND SOME OF THE CONCRETE WORK THAT WAS

NOT COVERED UNDER THE CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DID HAVE TO PAY FOR SOME OF THE CEMENT AND PIPES. KNAUER STATED, IN THE PAST, MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN REIMBURSED FOR THEM ON CDBG GRANTS. COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN OFFERED A MOTION TO REIMBURSE COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR CEMENT AND PIPE WITH THE EXCESS GRANT MONIES ON JOINER AND RATTLEBOX; IF IT CAN'T BE REIMBURSED WITH GRANT FUNDS, USE THE GRANT FUNDS FOR STRIPING OF JOINER ROAD. COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IF THERE WASN'T ENOUGH MONIES TO COMPLETE THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD. KNAUER REMINDED THE BOARD WHEN THEY AWARDED BOTH THE CDBG PROJECTS, THEY AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR MORE MONIES THAN WHAT THE GRANT TOTALLED; FL-DCA WILL REQUIRE THE PROJECTS BE COMPLETED WHETHER THEY HAVE THE MONIES OR NOT SINCE THEY FUNDED THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED KNAUER IF HE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER BROCK WOULD RUN OUT OF MONIES BEFORE IT GETS FINISHED OR WAS IT JUST GOING TO BE CLOSE. KNAUER ADVISED THERE WAS A LOT OF THINGS THAT REMAIN TO BE DONE ON THE PROJECT INCLUDING 55 DRIVEWAYS THEY HAVEN'T STARTED POURING MITERED ENDS FOR, HEADWALLS TO BE PUT IN AND OVER 8 MILES OF SOD TO BE PUT DOWN PLUS SEEDING AND MULCHING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REITERATED LARRY ENFINGER HAD SPENT A LARGE AMOUNT OF HIS DISTRICT MONIES PRIOR TO HIM LEAVING OFFICE WHEREAS COMMISSIONER BROCK'S MONIES WAS ONLY SPENT BY HIM AND HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING AT ALL TIMES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED KNAUER RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE JOB BE ACCEPTED OR NOT ACCEPTED ON JOINER AND RATTLEBOX. KNAUER SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM RECOMMENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROADS; HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK ON SOME OF THE SIGNAGE AND THE STOP BARS ARE PAINTED AT ALL THE INTERSECTIONS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN DONE BY HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION; KNAUER ADVISED THE STOP BARS WAS WITH STRIPING AND WAS TO BE DONE BY THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED JOINER AND RATTLEBOX PROJECTS BEING APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES AND GOT \$400,000 AND HOLMES VALLEY WAS 3 MILES AND ONLY GOT \$500,000; HE HAS HAD TO DO TWICE AS MUCH ROAD WORK BUT DIDN'T GET NEAR AS MUCH GRANT MONEY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED KNAUER IF HE WOULD RECOMMEND ACCEPTING JOINER AND RATTLEBOX; KNAUER REITERATED HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ACCEPTING IT OTHER THAN THE STRIPING AND THE SIGNAGE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD VOUCH THE SIGNING HAD BEEN DONE. KNAUER SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM RECOMMENDING THE BOARD ACCEPT THE ROAD OTHER THAN THE STRIPING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD PROJECTS OTHER THAN THE STRIPING AS RECOMMENDED BY KNAUER.

2. HOLMES VALLEY ROAD MAINLINE SHOULD BE DONE TODAY; A LOT OF DRIVEWAYS, MITERED ENDS AND SODDING TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE NEED TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO ADAPT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO PICK UP THE SOD IN THE FIELD, LOAD IT ON THE TRUCK AND TAKE IT OFF THE TRUCK; POSSIBLY ADAPT ONE OF THE FRONT END LOADERS. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID ALL THEY WOULD NEED IS ONE SPEAR AND TO ADAPT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.
3. BRICKYARD ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED TODAY; SOD WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
4. SUNNY HILLS RESURFACING PROJECT-KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD ON THE ADDITIONAL ROADS ZANETIC HAD ASKED THEM TO APPROVE,

THEY WOULD NOT BE SEEING \$39 A TON FOR ASPHALT AGAIN; IF THEY ARE GOING TO WANT TO EXTEND ANY ROADS, THE \$39 A TON C. W. ROBERTS QUOTED ON THE MSBU PROJECTS WAS HARD TO BEAT.

KNAUER POINTED OUT ON WASHINGTON ROAD, THEY PUT DOWN TWO COURSES OF LEVELLING WITH MOTORGRADERS AND IT COVERED UP THE BASE GOOD.

THE RESURFACING PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JANUARY; KNAUER SAID THE COUNTY CREWS HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB; INDEPENDENCE DRIVE HAS BEEN LAID OUT AND WILL PROBABLY BE THE NEXT PROJECT.

5. CHIPLEY DRAINAGE PROJECT-GORE AND JOHNSON PONDS: KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS HAVING LAID OUT THE JOHNSON POND PROPERTY CORNERS AND BOUNDARIES; THE GROUND WATER ELEVATION WAS 112' AND THE POND BOTTOM ELEVATION WAS 107. HE WAS RECOMMENDING MAKING THE POND BOTTOM ELEVATION MATCH THE BLEED DOWN STRUCTURE SO THE POND WOULD BE DRY AT ALL TIMES. HE POINTED OUT THEY WOULD BE WORKING BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE BUT IF THEY STAY ABOVE THE GROUNDWATER LEVEL, THERE WOULD BE NO POND. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS HAVING TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE WITH THE CYPRESS TREES ON THE GORE PROPERTY; HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT WILL BE A BIG ISSUE.

HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LET HIM KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO DIRECT A CONSTRUCTION CREW TO DO SOME ELEVATIONS AND LAYOUT WITH REGARDS TO CUT; HE WAS READY TO PROCEED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REMINDED KNAUER THAT HAL GORE WOULD BE GETTING TEN LOADS OF TOP SOIL FROM THESE PROJECTS; COMMISSIONER COPE INFORMED THE BOARD HARVEY HAYES HAD AGREED TO TAKE ALL THE TOP SOIL THE COUNTY NEEDED TO DISPOSE OF.

6. COLEMAN AVENUE-KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD HE STILL DIDN'T HAVE THE SURVEY FOR THE PROJECT; AS SOON AS HE GETS IT, HE WILL DESIGN THE PROJECT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID SYFRETT SURVEYING HAD CALLED AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE DELAY BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO SACRIFICE THE ACCURACY OF THE ROAD AND WOULD TRY TO GET TO IT AS SOON AS HE COULD.
7. PARKING LOT AT AG CENTER-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING CONTACTED HIM SAYING THE AG CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT IS READY TO BE PUT OUT FOR BID. WITH BOARD AUTHORIZATION, HE WOULD PROCEED WITH PUTTING TOGETHER THE PLANS AND ADVERTISING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF ANY EARTHWORK WAS INVOLVED; IF NOT, HE SUGGESTED TRYING TO GET C. W. ROBERTS TO DO IT ON THEIR CONTRACT PRICE FOR ASPHALT. KNAUER SAID THERE SHOULDN'T BE MUCH EARTHWORK. COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE PAVING WAS JUST ON THE EXISTING AG CENTER PARKING LOT. KNAUER ADVISED THERE WAS A SECTION ON THE BACK WHERE HE WAS ASKED TO EXTEND A DRIVE ON THE DIRT ROAD ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARKING LOT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE BASE. KNAUER ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE COLEMAN AND AG CENTER PROJECTS COULD BE READY AT THE SAME TIME TO SAVE ON THE MOBILIZATION CHARGE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR KNAUER TO GET AN ESTIMATE FROM C. W. ROBERTS ON WHAT IT WOULD COST TO DO THE TWO PROJECTS USING THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT PRICE OF \$42 PER TON FOR ASPHALT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED KNAUER TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE BARROW PIT AT GILBERTS AS HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT BREAKING AND FLOODING. KNAUER SAID HE HAD LOOKED AT IT SEVERAL TIMES BUT HE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SURVEY IT. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD PUT IN A POP OFF TO BLEED THE WATER DOWN TO HAVE STORAGE CAPACITY FOR THE NEXT STORM.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO PLANT PINES FOR EROSION CONTROL ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE PIT TOWARD THE ROAD AND TRY CLOSING THE PIT OUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD DECIDED THERE WAS 22' OF GOOD MATERIALS IN THE PIT BUT THEY NEEDED AN ESCAVATOR TO GO IN AND DIG IT OUT; HE POINTED OUT THE COUNTY COULD BUY AN ESCAVATOR A LOT CHEAPER THAN THEY COULD BUY MORE LAND FROM BEN GILBERT.

KNAUER SAID HE WAS RECOMMENDING AUTHORIZATION TO SURVEY THE AREA WHERE THE DAM IS GOING TO BE AND THE SMALL DAM BEHIND THAT. COM- MISSIONER COPE SAID THE CORNERS WERE THERE WITH KNAUER STATING HE WAS LOOKING FOR TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SO HE COULD SET GRADES ON THE OVERFLOW STRUCTURE CORRECTLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE SAME PROBLEM HAD EXISTED AT ROCHE PIT AND THE FL-DEP PERSON CAME AND TOLD THEM WHAT TO DO; THEY BUILT A BERM, A DAM AND PUT AN OVERFLOW PIPE IN IT AND DEP CAME BACK AND WAS WELL PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY HAD DONE.

CLIFF AGREED TO PUT IN A REQUEST TO DEP IN PANAMA CITY TO COME AND LOOK AT GILBERT PIT AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION; THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR KNAUER TO HAVE DEP CHECK IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED KNAUER TO REPORT ON THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD. KNAUER ADVISED HE HAD TO DO THE LAYOUT ON BOAT LAKE, INDEPENDENCE DRIVE AND ONE FOR COMMISSIONER HALL AND HE WOULD THEN DO THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED KNAUER IF HE HAD ANYTHING FROM FL-DOT ON THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY DISCRETIONARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRAM NOT BEING FUNDED AT THIS TIME BUT FL-DOT IS RECOMMENDING THEY GET THEIR APPLICATIONS TOGETHR TO SUBMIT THEM IN CASE MONIES DO BECOME AVAILABLE. UNTIL THE BOARD HAS A LIST OF FEDERALLY FUNDED ROADS, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS PERTAINED TO ROADS WHERE FEDERAL MONIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPENDED OR ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FEDERAL AID ROADS. KNAUER STATED A PORTION OF THE ROAD HAD TO HAVE BEEN BUILT WITH FEDERAL MONIES AND THEY HAD TO BE PAVED ROADS.

JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER, ASKED THE BOARD THE TIME SCHEDULE ON THE COLEMAN AVENUE AND AG CENTER PROJECT. THE BOARD ADVISED HIM THEY WERE WAITING ON THE SURVEY ON COLEMAN AVENUE.

KNAUER INFORMED HIM, PER TONY SYFRETT, THE FIELD WORK HAD BEEN DONE BUT HE IS WORKING ON THE DRAFTING. THE BOARD ASKED ADMINISTRA- TOR HERBERT TO CONTACT SYFRETT TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED MORE CHANGES ON REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONER HALL HAD REQUESTED. COMMISSIONER HALL SAID THE CHANGES WOULD AFFECT DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 5; THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE WAS TO GET THE NUMBERS RIGHT AND GET THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS RIGHT. HE SHOWED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE MAP; DISTRICT 3 AND 4 STAYED THE SAME AS FAR AS DISTRICT LINES.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION WITH THE CHANGES. COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE WAS OPPOSED TO ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AND REFERENCED EVERYTIME THE BOARD MEETS, THERE IS ANOTHER MAP TO REVIEW AND FEELS IT IS CONFUSING THE PEOPLE. HE ALSO FELT LIKE IT WAS A TOTAL VENDETTA AGAINST HIM AND DOESN'T APPRECIATE IT NOR IS IT RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN INFORMED THE BOARD THE SUPERVISOR OF

ELECTIONS, CAROL GRIFFIN, HAD SAID SHE NEEDED SOMETHING RIGHT OF WAY DUE TO THE MARCH ELECTION COMING UP AND HER HAVING TO GET IT TO THE OVERSEES SERVICEMEN SO THEY CAN VOTE. HE POINTED OUT THIS CERTAINLY NEEDS TO BE THE LAST CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING TOLD THE SCHOOL BOARD A WHILE BACK THE DISTRICT LINES HAD TO BE CHANGED THAT DAY AND THE BOARD IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING IT; THE BOARD COULD HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO TRY AND GET BOTH BOARDS ON THE SAME DISTRICT LINES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

2. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY CONCERNING THE USE OF PICTOMETRY BY THE CITY. THE CITY WILL PAY 10% OF ANNUAL FEES THE COUNTY PAYS IN EXCHANGE FOR ALLOWING THEM TO USE IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ENTERING INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.
3. ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE LETTER FROM THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE AUDIT THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED ON NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THEIR RESPONSE THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO DO THE AUDIT DUE TO THE WORKLOAD AND CUTS TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE LETTER; NO ONE RESPONDED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GAVE HIS REPORT:

1. FACT ATTORNEY HAS REVIEWED THE PROPOSED PERSONNEL POLICY AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS; THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE AND HE HAS A FINAL DRAFT FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND MAKE A DECISION AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SICK LEAVE POLICY; WHEN AN EMPLOYEE LEAVES THE COUNTY AND THEY ARE VESTED IN THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THEY WILL BE PAID ALL SICK LEAVE.

ON EDUCATIONAL LEAVE, THE POLICY WILL APPROVE OF REIMBURSING EMPLOYEES FOR TAKING COLLEGE COURSES THAT WILL BE A DIRECT BENEFIT TO THEIR JOB.

UNDER ANNUAL LEAVE, THE POLICY ADDRESSES LOOKING AT EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; THERE COULD BE RAISES GIVEN BASED ON PERFORMANCE IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL RAISES

HERBERT WANTED THE BOARD TO BE AWARE, ALL THESE CHANGES WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE BUDGETED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY FOLLOW THE FL-DOT GUIDELINES ON SICK LEAVE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD EXPRESSING CONCERN ON NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD TO PAY EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR FULL AMOUNT OF SICK LEAVE. THEY RECOMMENDED GETTING MORE INFORMATION ON THE COST TO IMPLEMENT THIS AND PRESENT IT AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

2. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR REQUEST DURING BUDGET WORKSHOPS NOT TO WAIT UNTIL LATE IN THE BUDGET YEAR TO GET A BUDGET COMMITTEE TOGETHER. THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS AND SOME OF THE

DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE COMMITTEE. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION AT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS ABOUT HAVING A SALARY SCHEDULE WHERE THEY WILL KNOW WHAT THEY WILL BE MAKING IN FIVE YEARS. HERBERT RECOMMENDED SCHEDULING IT OUT ON 3% RAISES EVERY YEAR AND LAYING IT OUT ON A CHART. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REFERENCED HAVING A PAY SCALE LAID OUT PREVIOUSLY BUT THE BOARD CHANGED IT; HOWEVER, ONE COULD BE DRAWN UP. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THAT ROGER HAGAN HAD SHOWN AN INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN HALL APPOINTED COMMISSIONER COPE TO WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE AND REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GET UP A LIST OF PERSONS TO SERVE AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

3. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PURCHASE OF A SOD MACHINE AND HAY BLOWER; TOTAL INVOICE WAS \$32,000. HE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFERRING \$20,000 FROM THE OTHER SALARY LINE ITEM TO THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET SO THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH IN THAT LINE ITEM TO PAY THE INVOICE. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.
4. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DUE DILIGENCE MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 17TH; THE HOSPITAL BOARD HAS ALREADY ADOPTED A LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT THE LOAN MONIES FOR THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE USED FOR. HE WAS ASKED TO PRESENT THE LIST TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND HAVE THEM ADOPT IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE LIST. COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.
5. HERBERT SAID HE WAS ALSO REQUESTED TO MENTION TO THE BOARD IF EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE LEASES ARE SIGNED, THE BOARD WILL NEED TO APPOINT TWO INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ON THE NEW HOSPITAL BOARD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED THE NEGOTIATING TEAM FELT LIKE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETE BY DECEMBER 30, 2003 AND THEIR RECOMMENDATION WAS, IF THE BOARD WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND ACT ON ANYTHING, THEY COULD RECESS UNTIL THAT TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT THEY HAVE COME UP WITH. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THE LOAN MONIES COULD BE PUT IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT AND SCHLENKER DRAW DOWN ON EACH PROJECT AS HE NEEDED IT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THIS WAS BROUGHT UP DURING NEGOTIATIONS SEVERAL TIMES, BUT SCHLENKER WOULD NOT AGREE TO IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD BE DRAWING INTEREST ON THESE MONIES AND USE IT TO REPAY THE INTEREST ON THE LOAN; HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND SCHLENKER'S MOTIVE FOR IT ALL TO BE PUT IN THE HOSPITAL'S ACCOUNT WHEN HE KNOWS COMMISSIONERS WANT CHANGE BEFORE NEXT NOVEMBER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID SCHLENKER WAS CONCERNED IF THE BOARD RETAINS A HOLD ON THE MONEY, THEY COULD CHANGE THEIR VOTE AND NOT GIVE IT TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED MONIES SHOULD BE PUT INTO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND IT BE DRAWN DOWN AS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO PUT THE LOAN MONIES INTO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT WITH SCHLENKER DRAWING DOWN ON THE MONIES AS NEEDED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID DUE DILIGENCE WAS OVER AND IF THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO DO THIS, THE DEAL WOULD BE BROKEN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD IF SCHLENKER GETS THE MONIES, IT WILL HAVE TO BE SPENT ACCORDING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT LIST APPROVED BY THE HOSPITAL BOARD AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE LIST WOULD BE A PART OF THE LEASE; ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED IT WOULD BE ATTACHED AS AN EXHIBIT AND SCHLENKER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SPEND THE MONEY ON THOSE ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE WAS MONIES LEFT AFTER ACQUIRING ALL THE ITEMS ON THE LIST. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SCHLENKER WOULD HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL FOR ANOTHER LIST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE INTEREST EARNED ON THE LOAN MONIES WOULD BE ROLLED BACK INTO THE \$3.2 MILLION LOAN. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT MONEY WOULD HAVE TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SCHLENKER WOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INTEREST EARNED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE INTEREST MONIES WOULD BE PART OF THE LEASE WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISING IT WOULD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN FOR WITH COMMISSIONER COPE, HALL AND BROCK OPPOSED. THE MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HOSPITAL BEFORE CLOSING THE DEAL. FINCH STATED IN ALL FAIRNESS TO THE PUBLIC, THE BOARD OUGHT TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AND TELL THE PEOPLE EXACTLY WHY THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE DOING AS THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAVING TOLD THE BOARD AT ONE TIME, IF A PORTION OF THE \$3.2 MILLION WAS USED FOR PHYSICIAN RECRUITING, A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD ON THAT PORTION OF THE LOAN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED THAT WAS WHEN SACRED HEART WAS INVOLVED WITH NEGOTIATIONS; THE NON PROFIT STATUS TRIGGERED THAT. NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTH CARE IS A FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND A PUBLIC HEARING IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE BE TAKEN ON THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH VOTED YES, COPE VOTED NO, BROCK VOTED NO, CORBIN VOTED YES AND HALL VOTED NO. THE MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HOSPITAL FAILED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, HAVING DONE A GREAT JOB WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER AND RECOMMENDED LEAVING HIM IN CHARGE.

JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY WERE WELL PLEASED WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WITH CORBIN BEING OVER IT. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN WORKING WITH THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, DUE TO DAVID TAKING OVER MORE AND MORE DUTIES, THE BOARD NEEDS TO GIVE HIM MORE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE REITERATED DAVID SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER AND IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HASN'T ASKED FOR A RAISE; THE BOARD ASKED HIM TO ASSIST WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER AND HE DOES WHAT THEY ASK HIM TO DO. HE POINTED OUT IT TAKES A LOT OF ORGANIZATION TO BRING THINGS TOGETHER AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S SUPPORT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED DAVID HAS TAKEN ON THE ANIMAL SHELTER AND IS STILL TAKING CARE OF HIS OWN JOBS.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERENCED DAVID HAVING COME IN AND WORKED ON SATURDAYS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID DAVID HAD PUT IN A LOT OF TIME HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO SPEND IF HE DIDN'T HAVE THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER AND HAS CLEANED THE FACILITY UP ON HIS OWN WHEN THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE FOR DISCUSSION TO INCREASE DAVID CORBIN'S SALARY BY \$1,000 PER YEAR. COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF HE FELT THE BOARD COULD HANDLE THE SALARY

INCREASE; HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT THE SALARY INCREASE COULD BE COVERED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK POINTED OUT HE HAD SAID IN THE BEGINNING DAVID SHOULD BE REWARDED IF HE WAS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE OVER THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE HAD HEARD A LOT OF POSITIVE COMMENTS ON HOW WELL DAVID WAS DOING IN TAKING OVER THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED TO THE BOARD:

- A. VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR NOVEMBER 2003 TOTALING \$1,698,962.67. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS.
- B. FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS--SEVERAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTING THE CLERK AND CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ALL AGREEMENTS AS THEY COME IN, AS THE AMOUNTS ARE THE SAME AS WAS BUDGETED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED, IF THE BUDGETED AMOUNTS ARE THE SAME AS ON THE AGREEMENTS, TO APPROVE OF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER'S REQUEST.
- C. BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR FY 2003-2004; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING BEEN PROVIDED A COPY OF THE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR FY 2003-2004 TO SHOW ACTUAL CASH CARRY FORWARDS AND ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS. DUE TO NO QUESTIONS BEING ASKED, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED THEY AUTHORIZE THE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT TO BE ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THEIR JANUARY BOARD MEETING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER'S REQUEST.

CLERK LINDA COOK REMINDED THE BOARD SHE WANTED TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE A COUPLE OF DAYS IN JANUARY TO DO CLEANING SINCE COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. SHE AGREED TO NOTIFY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE DATES THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE FELT THE BOARD MADE ONE OF THE WORST DECISIONS TODAY THEY HAVE EVER MADE. HE WANTED TO PUBLICLY SAY HE WAS FALSELY ACCUSED IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR THAT HE HAD ACCUSED A COMMISSIONER OF TAKING MONEY; HE HAS NEVER DONE THAT. HE STATED HE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE CALL HIM MAKING STATEMENTS TO THAT AFFECT BUT HIS RESPONSE WAS ALWAYS HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, HE DOESN'T HAVE A BETTER ANSWER FOR THEM AND SUGGESTED THEY TALK WITH THEIR COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE FELT LIKE THEY NEED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW, AS THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND, WHY THEY VOTED THE WAY THEY DID TODAY ON THE HOSPITAL AND CONTINUE TO VOTE TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY HAD GOTTEN ANY MORE MILLED ASPHALT FROM FL-DOT AND ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE SHARED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD SWAPPED SOME TOP SOIL FOR SOME MILLED ASPHALT AND INFORMED COPE EVERYTIME HE TOOK A LOAD OF TOP SOIL, HE COULD GET A LOAD OF MILLED ASPHALT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING SPOKEN TO EDWARD PRES- COT OF FL-DOT AND WHEN THEY START MILLING ON HIGHWAY 90 FROM SINCLAIR STREET TO HIGHWAY 90, PRESCOTT HAD COMMITTED TO GIVE HIM SOME MILLED ASPHALT. HE AGREED TO SHARE IF THE BOARD FELT LIKE THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED SOME TIME BACK DISTRICT I HAD ASKED FOR 70 LOADS OF ASPHALT; ROBERT HARCUS, SUPERVISOR AT PUBLIC WORKS, WAS OUT OF WORK ONE WEEK WHEN THEY CALLED SAYING THE ASPHALT WAS READY.

COMMISSIONER HALL DIDN'T RECALL HAVING ASKED FOR 70 LOADS BUT SAID HE NEVER RECEIVED IT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT HE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR SEVEN YEARS AND



THERE HAS BEEN THOUSANDS OF LOADS OF ASPHALT GIVEN TO ONE OR TWO COMMISSIONERS. HE HAD CONTACTED THE STATE AND TOLD THEM HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE FAIR WHEN MILLED ASPHALT WAS GIVEN TO THE COUNTY IT BE DIVIDED OUT MORE EQUALLY; BUT, IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. COMMISSIONER HALL SUGGESTED THE BOARD NEEDED TO BE FAIR WITH ONE ANOTHER ON THE MILLED ASPHALT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO TELL COMMISSIONER HALL HOW HE CAN GO ABOUT GETTING THE 70 LOADS OF ASPHALT FROM THE FL-DOT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE ASSUMED THAT WAS THE MILLED ASPHALT COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD JUST GOTTEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY DEAL; HE HAD JUST CALLED TO SEE IF HE COULD GET SOME MILLED ASPHALT AND WAS TOLD THEY WOULD SWAP OUT TOP SOIL FOR MILLED ASPHALT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT 2/3 OF THE MILLED ASPHALT HE GOT WENT IN COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S DISTRICT ON GAINER ROAD AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO DO IT. HE REITERATED TO COMMISSIONER HALL IF HE NEEDED MILLED ASPHALT TO CALL FL-DOT MAINTENANCE YARD AS HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO CALL THEM WHEN HE NEEDS IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE WAY COMMISSIONER FINCH HANDLED THE MILLED ASPHALT WAS ALRIGHT BUT HE WOULD LIKE SOME OF THE MILLED ASPHALT WHEN THE STATE DOES SINCLAIR STREET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM HE HAD WAS THE TRANSPORTING OF THE EQUIPMENT BACK AND FORTH AS THIS WAS AN EXPENSIVE COST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE DID THE WORK WHEN IT WAS HIS WEEK TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT AND DIDN'T FEEL THIS SHOULD BE A CONCERN OF COMMISSIONER BROCK'S; FINCH ADDRESSED HE HAD NEVER QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER BROCK ON WHAT HE DID WHEN THE EQUIPMENT WAS IN HIS DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED IT WAS HIS CONCERN WHEN IT WAS COSTING THE TAXPAYERS ON COUNTY TIME ON WORK DONE IN SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED MSBU PAYING FOR THIS WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONING COULDN'T THE EQUIPMENT BE MOVED ON THEIR TIME IF THEY WERE PAYING FOR IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THEY HAD MOVED IT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF THE COUNTY WORKERS WERE NOT ABOUT THROUGH WORKING ON THE MSBU PROJECTS. HERBERT SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS LAST WEEKEND WAS THE LAST FULL WEEKEND THE COUNTY WORK CREWS WOULD BE WORKING ON THE MSBU PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED HELP ON THE SODDING OF HOLMES VALLEY ROAD; THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER BROCK USING THEIR EQUIPMENT AND CREWS WHEN IT GOT TIME TO DO THE SODDING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE PUBLIC WORK EMPLOYEES ONLY WORKING MONDAY AND TUESDAY DURING THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS AND DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE CHARGED TO ANY COMMISSIONERS ALLOTTED TIME. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO GET WITH DALLAS CARTER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, AND INFORM HIM THE COUNTY WORK FORCES WILL WORK COUNTY WIDE WHERE NEEDED NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY AND THE FOLLOWING MONDAY BEGIN THE ROTATION BACK STARTING IN COMMISSIONER FINCH'S DISTRICT. DISCUSSION WAS THEN HELD ON NEW YEARS BEING THE NEXT WEEK AND THE EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT BE WORKING A FULL WEEK THEN. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LET THE COUNTY CREWS CONTINUE TO WORK COUNTY WIDE UNTIL THE NEXT FULL WEEK AND THEN START BACK ON ROTATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED MR. EMMETT SHEFFIELD HAVING CONTACTED HIM ON T. J. ROULHAC STILL NOT HAVING A LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE OLD ROULHAC SCHOOL; THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED IT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD BROUGHT ONE CORRECTED LEASE BACK TO THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY BUT THERE WAS STILL AN ERROR IN IT. SHE HAD CONTACTED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON NOT HAVING A CORRECTED LEASE FOR THE RECORDS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE HAD BROUGHT ONE BACK BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO IT; HE AGREED TO PREPARE ANOTHER LEASE FOR EXECUTION.

RANDY PARKER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUS QUESTIONS ON REVENUES BEING GENERATED ON WATER. HE HAD SENT A MEMO SUMMARIZING THE FLORIDA STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF WATER.

HE SAID BASICALLY THE STATE OWNS THE WATER; THERE IS TWO WAYS THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPALITY CAN COLLECT FUNDS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF WATER:

1. DISTRIBUTE THROUGH PUBLIC UTILITY
2. A. OCCUPATIONAL TAX ON BUSINESSES THAT OPERATES TO DISTRIBUTE WATER (FLORIDA STATUTE 500.111)  
B. SALES TAX COLLECTED ON THE SALE OF BOTTLED WATER  
C. PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED ON THE OPERATION OF THE PLANT AND WHERE THE PLANT IS LOCATED

PARKER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SEVERANCE OR MINERAL TAXES. THE SEVERANCE TAX IS ASSESSED TOWARD ANY MINERAL DRAWN FROM LAND SUCH AS OIL, GAS, SULFUR, PHOSPHATE, SAND, ETC. A SEVERANCE TAX IS APPLIED TO OIL, GAS, AND PHOSPHATE THAT IS COLLECTED ON THAT DISTRIBUTED BACK TO THE COUNTY; OTHER MINERALS, SUCH AS SAND OR CLAY WITHDRAWN FROM THE COUNTY; 8% OF THE VALUE OF THE SALES IS THE AMOUNT OF SEVERANCE TAX. THE PERSON SELLING THE CLAY, SAND, MINERALS, ETC. HAS AN OPTION TO PAY SALES TAX ON WHAT HAS BEEN SOLD OR THE SEVERANCE TAX. THEY ALL CHOOSE TO PAY THE SALES TAX BECAUSE THE SEVERANCE TAX IS A GREATER PERCENT THAN THE SALES TAX. PARKER ALSO ADVISED ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY SEVERANCE TAXES COLLECTED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; ANY SEVERANCE TAX COLLECTED WOULD GO TO THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE COUNTY COULD COLLECT TAXES ON BARROW PIT MATERIALS AND REFERENCED THE LARGE PIT, AMERICAN SAND COMPANY, THAT WILL BE TAKING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF COUNTY MATERIALS AND TAKING IT TO BAY COUNTY. PARKER ADVISED THE COUNTY WILL GET A PORTION OF THE SALES TAX MONIES.

PARKER SUGGESTED THE BOARD TALK TO THE LEGISLATORS, ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEW THE INFORMATION HE HAS PROVIDED TO SEE IF THERE SHOULD BE SEVERANCE TAX PAID OR OTHER TAXES RETURNED TO THE COUNTY FOR MINERALS OUTSIDE THE SALES TAXES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF ANY OF THE SAND HAULERS ARE CHARGING ANY SALES TAX ON THE SAND THEY SALE. PARKER ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE CHARGING.

PARKER REFERENCED THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE WOULD BE A GOOD SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE.

ED PELLETIER, ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRECHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INVITED THE BOARD TO THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET ON THE 15TH OF JANUARY AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO SIGN THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH PREFERRED GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST ON THEIR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR FY 2003-2004. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

CHAIRMAN HALL RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL DECEMBER 30TH AT 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 12/18/03