

BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/11/03

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, HALL, FINCH AND CORBIN PRESENT. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2003 MEETING, CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND TURNED IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER BROCK, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD, TO CONDUCT THE HOSPITAL MEETING.

PURSUANT TO THE HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING WHERE THEY ADDRESSED A PROPOSAL ON LEASING THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AGREED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND CHAIRMAN BROCK TO REDRAFT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE LONG-TERM PRESERVATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO INCLUDE THE AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED BY THE HOSPITAL BOARD, INCLUDE MANAGEMENT, LEASING AND PURCHASING IN THE PROPOSAL AND PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A COPY OF THEIR PROPOSAL PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 19, 2003, CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO ORDER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE IFAS BEEF UNIT. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ARC CENTER REQUESTING POSSESSION OF TWO OF THE PARK AND RECREATION VEHICLES THAT HAD BEEN SURPLUSED AT THE JANUARY 23, 2003 MEETING:

1. 1992 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN ID# 1GNGK26K6N0345975
2. 1995 DODGE VAN ID# 2B5W35ZISK542666

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO GIVE THE ARC CENTER THE ABOVE REFERENCED VEHICLES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON STIPULATING TO THE ARC CENTER THEY HAVE TO KEEP THE VEHICLES AT LEAST ONE YEAR. COMMISSIONER BROCK AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE THIS STIPULATION WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREEING TO THE AMENDMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ANNOUNCED THE GRAND OPENING OF LITARD LOG PARK WOULD BE HELD FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 12TH AND INVITED EVERYONE TO ATTEND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS TO GO TO THE GRAND OPENING FOR LUNCH AND THEN RETURN TO WORK.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON A FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNING OVER A VEHICLE TO HINSON CROSS ROADS AND MR. CALVIN STEVENSON HAD INQUIRED ABOUT THE TITLE. DUE TO THE VEHICLE BEING TITLED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S, SHE ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION IF THEY WANTED TO GIVE THE TITLE TO HINSON CROSS ROADS.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF GIVING HINSON CROSS ROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT THE TITLE TO THE 1978 FIRE TRUCK, ID# F60DVBC1287.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS FOR THE RATTLEBOX, JOINER ROAD AND HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECTS COMING IN APPROXIMATELY \$426,000 ABOVE THE CDBG GRANT AMOUNT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW TO CUT COST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER IF THERE WAS ENOUGH DSR MONIES THAT HAD COME IN FOR HIM AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO TAKE THEIR SHARE OF THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES TO COMPLETE THE HOLMES VALLEY AND JOINER ROAD PROJECTS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED AT THIS TIME, THE COUNTY HAS SOME FEMA

MONIES BUT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DSR DOCUMENTATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO TRANSPORTATION TO COVER TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND BROCK ON THEIR ROAD PROJECTS TO DISCUSS HOW TO REBID THE PROJECTS, WHAT PROJECTS WOULD BE ELIMINATED OR WHAT PROJECTS WOULD BE BID OUT WITH ITEMS THE COUNTY WOULD HANDLE. KNAUER AGREED TO PUT THE PROJECTS OUT FOR BID AGAIN ANY WAY THE BOARD WANTS HIM TO.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN MADE THE BOARD AWARE THE PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER, LARRY ENFINGER, HAD PROMISED TO GIVE THE GILBERTS A PRIVACY FENCE WHEN WORKING ON THE JOINER ROAD PROJECT; THE GILBERTS HAVE COME UP WITH A \$5,000 FENCE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT COULD HAVE HURT ON THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CDBG PROJECTS WAS THE NINE MONTH TIME FRAME; IT WOULD TAKE A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL OUTFIT TO CLAIM THEY CAN DO ALL THREE OF THESE PROJECTS IN THAT TIME FRAME WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE.

STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON, ADVISED THE GRANT EXPIRED JANUARY 2004 BUT SHE COULD GET THE GRANT EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED REBIDDING JOINER ROAD DOING THE CDBG PORTION ONLY, REBID ASPHALT ONLY ON RATTLEBOX AND AN ALTERNATE BID FOR THE EARTHWORK AND ASPHALT ON THE JOINER ROAD EXTENSION.

KNAUER ADVISED ASPHALT WAS SET UP FOR THE EXTENSIONS ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD AND JOINER ROAD PROJECTS AS AN ALTERNATE WHEN IT WAS FIRST BID SO THE BOARD COULD CAPITALIZE ON THE TONNAGE THAT WOULD BE GOING INTO THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING CONTACTED FL-DCA ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR THE GRANT; THEY ADVISED THE ADMINISTRATION FEES (APPROXIMATELY \$40,000) COULD BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION FEE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR KNAUER TO REBID THE CDBG GRANT PROJECTS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN AND BROCK AGREED TO GET WITH KNAUER TO GO OVER THE PROJECTS AND FINE TUNE WHAT NEEDS TO BE BID ON THEIR PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HAD FROM SANDRA COOK FOR THE VERNON TRACTOR PULL FOR DIRT TO BE HAULED FOR THE EVENT; THE MONIES RAISED FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARD THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED HIM HAVING RECEIVED A CALL FROM TDC BUT DID NOT RESPOND BECAUSE HE WAS NOT GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER COPE TO GO AND LOOK AT THE SITE, DETERMINE AMOUNT OF DIRT NEEDED AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD. DUE TO DISCUSSION BEING HELD TO SEE IF MS. COOK WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT SAYING THEY WILL STAY AT THIS SAME LOCATION FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD, CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER COPE CHECK ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE COUNTY POLICY ON HAULING DIRT FOR CHURCHES. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED HIM THE COUNTY POLICY ALLOWS FOR A COMMISSIONER, EVERYTIME THEY HAVE THE TRUCKS IN THEIR DISTRICT, TO HAUL THREE LOADS OF DIRT FOR CHURCHES; IF THEY WANT TO DO THE WORK ON THE WEEKEND WHEN AN EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED IN, THE CHURCH WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE FUEL AND THE DRIVER.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER IF THE OLD BUILDINGS ON THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY CAN BE TORN DOWN. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO BID OUT THE OLD BUILDINGS ON THE IFAS BEEF UNIT PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR THE BLOCK BUILDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING TWO BLOCK BUILDINGS BUT PROBABLY ONLY ONE OF THEM NEEDED TO BE KEPT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED COPE TO BID OUT WHATEVER HE RECOMMENDED BEING SOLD.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHEN THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DISCUSS REDISTRICTING OR GRADING DISTRICTS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD WORKED OUT THEIR GRADING DISTRICTS.

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED COMMISSIONER HALL COME UP WITH A PLAN ON THE GRADING DISTRICTS FOR HIM, HALL AND BROCK.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL WEDNESDAY THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY AT 1:00 P. M. ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 02/11/03