

BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/03/03

FEBRUARY 3, 2003

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2003 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT THE COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA AT 1:00 P.M. WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, CORBIN, HALL AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN CORBIN LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

SHERIFF FRED PEEL AND CAPTAIN JAMES BARNES ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING A GRINDER FOR THE LIFT STATION AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAS REQUESTED A GRINDER BE INSTALLED DUE TO THEM HAVING TO CONTINUOUSLY PUMP OUT THE LIFT STATION. BOTH BARNES AND PEEL ADVISED THE BOARD A GRINDER WAS IN THE ORIGINAL JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLANS; HOWEVER, FOR COST REDUCTION EFFORTS, IT HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT.

THE BOARD QUESTIONED IF ALL THE EFFLUENT FROM THE LIFT STATION WAS COMING FROM THE JAIL. CAPTAIN BARNES ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW IF ALL OF IT WAS COMING FROM THE JAIL BUT KNEW PART OF IT WAS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY BILLING WHENEVER THEY PUMP OUT THE LIFT STATION.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE A GRINDER FOR THE LIFT STATION AT THE JAIL WITH THE SHERIFF PAYING HALF THE COST.

JIM MORRIS, CITY MANAGER, AGREED TO DO AWAY WITH THE BILL FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON PUMPING OUT THE LIFT STATION.

SHERIFF PEEL REQUESTED THE BOARD FOCUS NEXT FALL ON COUNTY EMPLOYEES PAY, DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO HELP THEM AND RECOMMENDED NOT WAITING UNTIL THE LAST HOUR. HE AGREED, AND FELT THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WOULD BE WILLING, TO WORK WITH THE BOARD TO TRY AND COME UP WITH SOME TYPE OF CONSENSUS ON A PAY INCREASE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT MAKE A NOTE TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS THE FIRST OF MAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED, BEFORE ANY DEPARTMENT STARTS GIVING RAISES, THERE BE A CONSENSUS UP FRONT ON WHAT THE COUNTY CAN FUND FOR EMPLOYEE RAISES.

CAPTAIN BARNES UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE NOT BEING AN ON LINE FIRE INSPECTION AT THE JAIL SINCE IT FIRST OPENED; LOCAL INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN DONE BUT THE PEOPLE WHO INSTALLED THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME BACK PERIODICALLY TO DO AN INSPECTION TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS IN COMPLIANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT INFORMED THE BOARD JACKSONVILLE SOUND HAD INSTALLED THE SYSTEM AT THE JAIL AND HAS PROVIDED A PROPOSAL OF \$1,680 FOR A FIRE ALARM INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND A PROPOSAL FOR A FIRE ALARM INSPECTION AND FIRE ALARM SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR \$3,180 A YEAR.

SHERIFF PEEL ADDRESSED, DUE TO THE JAIL NOT BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTION REPORT, THE COST FOR THEIR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE IS AFFECTED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO SEE IF HE CAN FIND THE FUNDS TO HAVE THE FIRE INSPECTIONS DONE AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED SHERIFF PEEL IF WE WERE HOUSING ANY OUT OF COUNTY INMATES. PEEL ADVISED THERE WAS NOT THAT MUCH GOING ON WITH HOUSING OUT OF COUNTY INMATES; HE REFERENCED THE COUNTY NOT HAVING TO PAY JACKSON COUNTY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR HOUSING OUR INMATES. HE ALSO ADDRESSED WHEN THE NUMBER OF INMATES INCREASE AT THE JAIL FACILITY, THERE ARE MORE PROBLEMS WITH OVERTIME PAY, ETC. HE POINTED OUT THE JAIL FACILITY LOOKS AS GOOD TODAY AS THE

DAY IT OPENED; UNLIKE SOME OTHER FACILITIES THAT ARE ACTUALLY NOT AS OLD AS THE NEW COUNTY JAIL.

STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A TRAINING WORKSHOP SHE ATTENDED IN PANAMA CITY ON JANUARY 23, 2003 ON TITLE V MONIES DEALING WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ISSUES. TITLE V IS A GRANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO BRING MONIES INTO THE COUNTY FOR THE PREVENTION PROGRAMS; HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AND ADVISED OF THINGS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE:

- A. A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE PERTAINING TO THESE ISSUES
- B. A COMMITTEE HAS TO BE ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF 15 TO 21 COMMUNITY LEADERS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, ETC.
- C. RESTRICTED ON THIS PROGRAM DUE TO IT REQUIRING A A 50% CASH OR INKIND MATCH AND THE NUMBER OF MINORITY INCARCERATION CAN'T BE MORE THAN ACTUALLY LIVES IN THE COUNTY. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS 27% INCARCERATED AND 13.7% LIVING IN THE COUNTY.

WANDA JACKSON, DISTRICT COORDINATOR FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE PREVENTION PROGRAM, ADVISED WEBB OF AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO GET FUNDING; THE TARGETED COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN; THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY, BETTER UNDERSTAND IT, AND BE PREPARED AND MONITOR WHAT IS BEING DONE. AFTER THE PLAN IS PUT TOGETHER, THE COUNTY CAN PUT IN FOR A \$100,000 GRANT TO ASSIST WITH IMPLEMENTATION. SHE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD PURSUE THIS TCAP AND PROVIDED THEM A HANDOUT ON A THREE-LEGGED STOOL THEORY. ONCE THE TCAP PLAN IS IN PLACE, WEBB ADVISED IT WOULD OPEN UP OTHER FUNDING CAPABILITIES FOR THE COUNTY; OTHER AGENCIES CAN USE THIS PLAN TO APPLY FOR DIFFERENT GRANT FUNDING SUCH AS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY CENTER FOR KIDS, INCREASE IN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, ETC. SHE ADVISED IT WOULD TAKE SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR TO GET THE TCAP PLAN TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE STATE CUTTING THE FUNDING FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT ARE ONGOING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND JACKSON COUNTY. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR WEBB TO INVESTIGATE THE TCAP PROGRAM FURTHER, CHECK WITH DIFFERENT AGENCIES TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE THE LEAD AGENCY WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY BEING THE SUPPORT AGENCY AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

WEBB THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ADMINISTERING THE FEMA BUYOUT PROJECT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; THE PROJECT WAS TURNED OVER TO HER IN JANUARY.

SHE REPORTED THERE WERE TWO MORE HOMES THAT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE BOUGHT OUT BEFORE THE PROJECT WAS CLOSED OUT. AFTER CHECKING INTO THE PROJECT, WEBB ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL DELAYS ON THE GRANT AND IT HAD EXPIRED; HOWEVER, SHE GOT AN EXTENSION UNTIL APRIL 2003. SHE THEN POINTED OUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM; WHEN THE COUNTY GOT INTO THE PROJECT, 75% WAS SUPPOSE TO BE FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 12.5% TO BE FUNDED BY THE STATE AND 12.5% TO BE FUNDED BY THE COUNTY. DUE TO THE DELAYS IN THE PROJECT, THE STATE FUNDING WILL END JUNE 1, 2003; IF THE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETE BY THAT DATE, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ABSORB THEIR SHARE OF FUNDING. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DOES NOT FORESEE THE COUNTY FINALIZING THE PROJECT IN TIME TO RECEIVE THE STATE FUNDING NOR DOES SHE SEE HOW IT CAN BE DONE BY THAT TIME EITHER.

WEBB ADDRESSED THE INFORMATION ON THESE TWO HOUSES WERE SUBMITTED TO DCA IN LATE AUGUST; NO WORD WAS RECEIVED ON THESE PROJECTS UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2003 FROM DCA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON FEMA HAVING SOMEWHERE AROUND \$100,000 FOR THE BUYOUT PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY HAD 30 DAYS TO APPLY IF ANYONE WAS INTERESTED IN THE BUYOUT PROGRAM. THEY APPLIED FOR TWO RESIDENTS AND HE THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS OKAY AND EVERYTHING COULD BE COMPLETED BY THE DECEMBER DEADLINE; NOW THERE IS AN EXTENSION UNTIL MARCH. BROCK FEELS THE STATE HAS

SPENT THESE MONIES ELSEWHERE AND TELLING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO FORGET ABOUT DOING THE PROJECTS. THE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN TOLD THEIR HOUSES WOULD BE PURCHASED UNDER THE BUYOUT PROGRAM.

ON THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE THESE HOMES, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WAS NO LEGAL OBLIGATION BY THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE THEM IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED HIM BEING DISAPPOINTED IN WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL NOT FOLLOWING UP ON ANOTHER GRANT AND FELT IF THEY HAD KEPT ON TOP OF THE BUYOUT PROJECT, THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE. HE REFERENCED THE COUNTY PAYING WFRPC A FEE FOR THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE AND FEELS THE COUNTY IS GETTING SHORTED. HE HAS ASKED WFRPC TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO UPDATE THEM ON WHAT THE COUNCIL IS DOING FOR THE COUNTY; HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS COME.

WEBB ADDRESSED HER NOT BEING ABLE TO GET HER HANDS ON A PROJECT FILE ON THE BUYOUT PROJECTS. COMMISSIONER BROCK CLARIFIED THAT WEBB HAD ALL THE DOCUMENTATION THAT REFERS TO THE DEADLINES, CLOSEOUTS, ETC.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PUT IT ON THE AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING, COMMISSIONER BROCK WORK WITH STACEY ON THIS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE BOARD AT THAT TIME.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BID OPENING ON THE CDBG ROAD PAVING GRANT FOR HOLMES VALLEY, JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD. SHE HAD CONTACTED FL-DCA ON THE BIDS COMING IN OVER BUDGET AND IN ORDER TO BRING IT UNDER BUDGET, THE COUNTY WAS CONSIDERING DOING SOME OF THE BASE WORK, ETC. KIMBERLY DANIELS OF FL-DCA ADVISED HER THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE REBID IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT BECAUSE THEY WERE ACTUALLY NEGOTIATING THE CONTRACT. THE COUNTY ENGINEER HAD ASKED WEBB TO REPORT HER FINDINGS TO THE BOARD SO HE CAN SCHEDULE REBIDDING THE PROJECT.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BIDS ADVISING THE UNIT PRICES IN THE BIDS WERE GOOD BUT THE QUANTITY OF WORK TO BE DONE ON THESE THREE PROJECTS IS WHAT IS MAKING THE PRICE SO HIGH.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED HE BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH KNAUER TO WORK OUT TO BID WHAT HE FELT COULD BE DONE ON JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD PROJECTS WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK TO BE AUTHORIZED TO DO THE SAME ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD. HE ADDRESSED MR. J. T. HARREL COULD DO THE EARTHWORK ON HIS TWO PROJECTS, JOINER AND RATTLEBOX, MUCH CHEAPER THAN WHAT THE BIDS HAD COME IN FOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ANY WORK THE BOARD HIRED SOME- ONE TO DO HAD TO BE BID OUT; KNAUER ADDRESSED HIM FEELING THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO GO BY THEIR OWN PURCHASING POLICY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE ASPHALT FOR THESE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE TO BE BID OUT. WHEN QUESTIONED BY CHAIRMAN CORBIN IF THE BOARD COULD HIRE SOMEONE TEMPORARILY TO WORK ON THESE PROJECTS, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY COULD BUT THE EMPLOYEE NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ONLY HIRED TEMPORARILY.

WEBB READDRESSSED THE BOARD ADVISING FL-DCA HAD INFORMED HER IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO SOME OF THE WORK THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD NEED TO DOCUMENT AND DEPRECIATE EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, DOCUMENT THE GAS USED ON THE ROADS, ETC.; HOWEVER, SINCE THE BOARD IS ONLY DOING SOME OF THE WORK THEMSELVES TO BRING IT INTO BUDGET AND NOT AS A LEVERAGE FORM, SHE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO DO THE DOCUMENTATION.

WEBB THEN ADDRESSED A PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ON ANY WORK THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO WITH A VALUE OF OVER \$200,000 TO MAKE CONTRACTORS OR CITIZENS AWARE THE COUNTY IS TAKING CONTROL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO CUT \$500,000 FROM THE PROJECT COST BY DOING SOME OF THE WORK THEMSELVES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE GRANT AMOUNT WAS SO FAR OFF FROM THE BID AMOUNT FOR THE WORK. KNAUER ADDRESSED FL-DCA NOT DEALING WITH ANY RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES AND THE BOARD UNDERTOOK SOME PRETTY MAJOR PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HIRING MR. HARREL AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE UNDER THE BOARD'S PRESENT POLICY TO DO WORK ON THE ROAD PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON REBIDDING THE PROJECTS WITH WEBB ADVISING JANUARY 4, 2004 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE GRANT TO BE COMPLETED BUT SHE CAN REQUEST AN EXTENSION IF IT IS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO BID OUT THE PROJECTS SEPARATELY WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN WORKING WITH KNAUER TO DETERMINE WHAT COULD BE LEFT OUT OF THE BID TO BRING THE CDBG PROJECTS WITHIN THE GRANT BUDGET.

KNAUER AGREED TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AT 1:00 P. M. ON FEBRUARY 4TH AND MEET WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AFTERWARDS.

THE WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, ROBERT HARCUS AND DALLAS CARTER, AND SHOP FOREMAN, EDDIE RILEY, WAS HELD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE IN EACH DISTRICT BE A LEADERMAN TO KEEP A LIST OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND BE AWARDED IN SOME WAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HOW HIS SUPERVISOR IS HANDLING THIS ISSUE; HIS MOTORGRADER OPERATORS ARE WRITING DOWN THINGS THEY SEE NEED TO BE DONE AND TURNING THEM IN WITH THEIR WORK SHEET AT THE END OF THE DAY. THE SUPERVISOR FOR HIS DISTRICT, DALLAS CARTER, STATED THIS METHOD SEEM TO BE WORKING BUT AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH THEY NEEDED TO BE AWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED ANY AWARDED WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL BUDGET TIME DUE TO NO FUNDING BEING AVAILABLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS ALIGNED WITH THE VOTING DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED SINCE THE GRADING DISTRICTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE VOTING DISTRICTS, IT PUTS A BURDEN ON THE SUPERVISORS TO KNOW WHERE MATERIALS SHOULD BE CHARGED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER FINCH TAKE FALLING WATERS ROAD TO PIONEER ROAD AND SHEFFIELD ROAD IN CORBIN'S DISTRICT AND CORBIN TAKE OVER COUNTRY OAKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HIM GRADING SOME IN ALL THE DISTRICTS BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE WITH THE VOTING DISTRICTS AND GRADING DISTRICTS DUE TO RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE IN HIS VOTING DISTRICT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO WORK FOR THEM.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF EACH BOARD MEMBER GETS THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY ALOTTED TO THEM FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE. DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS NOT HAVING THE SAME AMOUNT OF ROADS TO GRADE, CORSO STATED THE ONES WITH LESS ROADS TO GRADE SHOULD BE TAKING SOME OF THEIR MONEY AND GIVING IT TO ANOTHER COMMISSIONER WHO HAS MORE GRADING TO DO.

HE REFERENCED THE BOARD IS NOW A COUNTY BOARD BUT THEY ARE STILL IN A DISTRICT MODE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE GRADING DISTRICT TO BE YOUR VOTING DISTRICT SO THE COMMISSIONER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE THEY GRADE ROADS FOR. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THIS BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AND REFERENCED COMMISSIONER HALL WOULD BE PICKING UP OVER 200 MILES OF ROADS BY DOING THIS. COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED HE WOULD BE GETTING RID OF SOME OF THE ROADS BECAUSE WHERE THE COMMISSIONERS GRADERS RUN WILL BE THEIR VOTING DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH WITHDREW HIS SECOND BECAUSE HE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD COMMISSIONER HALL'S MOTION; HE DIDN'T WANT TO CHANGE THE VOTING LINES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THEN SECONDED THE MOTION. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF PEOPLE UPSET AFTER THE LAST REDISTRICTING DUE TO HAVING TO DRIVE ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE COUNTY TO VOTE; IF IT IS COUNTY WIDE VOTING, THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE WHEREVER THEY WANT TO.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED DALLAS CARTER THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH WERE AGREEING TO TAKE OVER GRADING OF CERTAIN ROADS IN EACH OTHERS DISTRICT: COMMISSIONER FINCH WILL TAKE OVER GRADING OF GAINER ROAD, SHEFFIELD ROAD, LEDGER

ROAD AND OLLIE ROAD AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN WILL TAKE OVER GRADING OF TUMBLE CREEK, QUAIL HOLLOW AND COUNTRY OAKS.

BOTH FINCH AND CORBIN AGREED IF THE SWITCHING OUT OF ROADS DID NOT WORK OUT, THEY WOULD READDRESS IT.

COMMISSIONER HALL AND BROCK AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND WITH CHAIRMAN CORBIN AGREEING FOR THEM TO LET THE BOARD KNOW WHEN THEY WANT TO HOLD A MEETING TO DISCUSS REDISTRICTING WHERE THE GRADING DISTRICT WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER'S VOTING DISTRICT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED OVERTIME PAY AND ADVISED HARCUS AND CARTER THE BOARD POLICY WAS FOR THERE NOT TO BE ANY OVERTIME PAY FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES.

MR. BAXLEY WITH SENATOR GRAHAM'S OFFICE WAS VISITING THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. HE ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY FEDERAL FUNDING GRANT REQUESTS, TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO SENATOR GRAHAM AND THEY WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE ON FEMA'S NEW REGULATION REGARDING NO LONGER FUNDING DIRT ROADS UNDER A FEMA DISASTER IF THAT IS THE ONLY DAMAGE RECEIVED DURING A STORM. BAXLEY REQUESTED THEY CONTACT THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISING THE COUNTY HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION TO THEM REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. SENATOR BAXLEY AGREED TO LOOK INTO THIS ISSUE FURTHER.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON SALARIED EMPLOYEES NOT RECEIVING OVERTIME PAY. HARCUS QUESTIONED THE DEFINITION OF BEING SALARIED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED IT BEING FEDERAL LAW SUPERVISORS WHO MAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SUPERVISE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES ARE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; IF THEY WORK OVER 40 HOURS A WEEK THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY PAID FOR THAT OVERTIME. THE COUNTY'S POLICY HAS BEEN IF THEY ARE REIMBURSED BY FEMA, THE SUPERVISORS ARE PAID FOR THEIR OVERTIME HOURS.

HARCUS ADDRESSED HIM GETTING CALLED OUT ON A HOLIDAY; HE FELT HIS HOLIDAY TIME SHOULD HAVE STOPPED AND HIS PAY STARTED OR HE SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN COMPENSATED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH IS OPPOSED TO PAYING SALARIED EMPLOYEES OVERTIME PAY DUE TO THEM BEING IN A MANAGERIAL POSITION AND SUBJECT TO BEING CALLED OUT; HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO COMPENSATORY TIME. HE REFERENCED HIM HAVING BEEN ON CALL 24 HOURS A DAY AND RECEIVED THE SAME SALARY REGARDLESS.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED IF AN EXEMPT EMPLOYEE IS CALLED IN ON A HOLIDAY, THEY RECEIVE SPECIAL COMP TIME.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD POLICY WAS ON HOLIDAY PAY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT IT ALLOWED FOR THE EMPLOYEE TO GET HOLIDAY PAY PLUS REGULAR PAY FOR THE HOURS WORKED. ADMINI- STRATOR HERBERT WAS ASKED TO GET THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO SEE WHAT IT REFLECTED FOR HOLIDAY PAY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF EDDIE RILEY, SHOP FOREMAN, WAS CLASSIFIED AS A SALARIED EMPLOYEE; COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM TRYING TO GET RILEY CLASSIFIED AS A SALARY EMPLOYEE DURING THE LAST BUDGET BUT DID NOT SUCCEED.

EDDIE RILEY, SHOP FOREMAN, REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PUT UP A MAINTENANCE SHOP DOOR INSIDE THE PARTS ROOM GOING INTO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF RILEY'S REQUEST.

RILEY REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR HUNTING PRIVILEGES AT THE OLD LANDFILL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MUDHILL ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY WERE GOING TO LEASE THE PROPERTY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ADVERTISE IT FOR LEASE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO ADVERTISE IF THEY GAVE RILEY THE RIGHT TO OVERSEE THE PROPERTY, KEEP THE FENCES UP, ETC.; HOLLEY ADVISED SUPERVISING THE PROPERTY WOULD NOT GIVE HIM THE RIGHT TO HUNT ON IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO AUTHORIZE RILEY TO OVERSEE THE PROPERTY FOR THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DO WHEN OTHER PEOPLE WANTED TO HUNT ON OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY; ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO ADVERTISE TO LEASE IT. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HIS MOTION WAS FOR RILEY TO OVERSEE THE PROPERTY, NOT TO HUNT ON IT.

FRANK CORSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF RILEY WERE TO GET CAUGHT HUNTING ON COUNTY PROPERTY, WAS THE BOARD GOING TO BAIL HIM OUT. DUE TO MUCH DISCUSSION AND CONTROVERSY, RILEY WITHDREW HIS REQUEST FOR HUNTING PRIVILEGES ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT THEN READ THE BOARD POLICY PERTAINING TO HOLIDAY PAY; IT ONLY REFERENCED EMPLOYEE AND DID NOT SPECIFY SUPERVISORS; EMPLOYEE WILL BE PAID AT APPLICABLE RATE PLUS HOLIDAY PAY IF CALLED OUT TO WORK ON HOLIDAY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH ED PELLETIER ADDRESSING THE BOARD. HE VOICED HIS OPINION MANAGEMENT PEOPLE DRAWING A SALARY ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN EMPLOYEE; THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN AN EMPLOYEE AND MANAGEMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AMEND THE BOARD POLICY ON HOLIDAY PAY TO COVER EXEMPT EMPLOYEES: EMPLOYEES IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS WHO ARE CALLED IN TO WORK ON HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE PAID HOLIDAY PAY AND FOR HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED ON THAT DAY AT THEIR REGULAR RATE OF PAY. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND COPE OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A RAINY DAY POLICY. COMMISSIONER FINCH RECOMMENDED AND MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO SEND EMPLOYEES HOME ON RAINY DAYS AND WHAT EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE SENT HOME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK VOICED HIS OPINION THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD REALLY BE THE ONE TO MAKE THAT DECISION AND IT SHOULD NOT BE PUT OFF ON THE SUPERVISORS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED ISSUES SUCH AS THE RAINY DAY POLICY AND THE PURCHASING OF A SHOP MAINTENANCE DOOR SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD BUT THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE MAKING THE DECISIONS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON DRUG TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ACCIDENTS ON THE WEEKEND; THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE IT WAS THE FOLLOWING MONDAY BEFORE THEY WERE TESTED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED TRYING TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM TO DO THE DRUG TESTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR EMPLOYEES TO BE TESTED IMMEDIATELY IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD A PROPOSAL FROM USSI, INC. TO CLEAN THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY FOR \$338 PER MONTH ADDED TO THE CURRENT USSI, INC. CONTRACT; USSI IS TO PROVIDE THE CLEANING SUPPLIES AND CLEAN TWO TIMES PER WEEK. HARCUS ADVISED THE BOARD THERE WAS MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO PAY FOR THE CLEANING SERVICES. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CLEANING CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM USSI.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHEN USSI WOULD BE DOING THEIR CLEANING. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE CLEANING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY TO BE DONE DURING WORKING HOURS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER GAVE AN UPDATE ON CLERK LINDA COOK DUE TO HER HAVING GONE IN FOR A HEART CATHETERIZATION THIS MORNING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF A HOLIDAY FELL DURING THE TIME A COMMISSIONER WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT FOR TWO WEEKS, DOES THE COMMISSIONER FORFEIT THAT DAY. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE COMMISSIONER WOULD JUST LOSE EQUIPMENT USE THAT DAY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED WHEN THERE IS A RAINY WEEK OR FLOOD, ALL THE EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE TO BE PULLED TOGETHER DURING THE EMERGENCY; AFTER THE EMERGENCY WORK IS DONE, THE COMMISSIONER WHO WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT WOULD GET THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TWO WEEK PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HE WANTED THE SUPERVISORS TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS BEING SAID BECAUSE HE WANTS THE SAME POLICY FOR THE EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE OF THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF THE BOARD AGREED WITH HIS EXPLANATION OF HOW THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORKED; THEY CONCURRED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE EAST SIDE OF THE COUNTY SENDING TWO TRUCKS TO HAUL DIRT FOR THE NEW LIBRARY SITE AND QUESTIONED WHY THE WEST SIDE WASN'T ALSO SENDING TWO TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE SUPERVISORS HAD BEEN SENDING THE TRUCKS THEY POSSIBLY COULD AND STILL KEEP THINGS GOING AT PUBLIC WORKS; ALSO, AT ONE TIME, THINGS WERE MOVING SO SLOW WITH THE EXCAVATOR, TWO TRUCKS WERE NOT NEEDED FROM EACH SIDE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR EVERYTHING TO BE FAIR FOR THE EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN QUESTIONED WHY ALL OF THE DIRT FOR THE LIBRARY WAS COMING FROM GILBERT PIT AND THE LOADER FOR THE EAST SIDE WAS DIGGING DIRT FOR BOTH SIDES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD ADVISING THIS WAS THE CLOSEST PIT AND IT HAD THE BEST MATERIALS. DISCUSSION WAS THEN HELD ON THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO PURCHASE ANOTHER BARROW PIT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY EDDIE RILEY ON AN AFTER MARKET CAB FOR A DOZER; THE ESTIMATED COST WAS \$12,000 INSTALLED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD SPOKEN WITH STEVE PARISH OF THOMPSON EQUIPMENT; PARISH DID NOT RECOMMEND A CAB FOR A DOZER.

COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CONSIDER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND FELT THE CAB FOR THE DOZIER WAS NEEDED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED HE HAD NEVER SEEN A CONTRACTOR IN THIS AREA WITH A CAB ON A DOZER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER BIG TRACTOR AFTER HARCUS BROUGHT THIS TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION.

DALLAS CARTER QUESTIONED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ON THE TAXES HE AND HARCUS HAD TO PAY FOR DRIVING A COUNTY VEHICLE HOME; HE QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE NOT CONSIDERED EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND SHOULDN'T EVERYBODY BE TREATED THE SAME AS THE DEPUTIES DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY WERE CHARGED TAXES ON \$3 PER DAY FOR DRIVING A COUNTY VEHICLE HOME JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WHO WORKS FOR THE BOARD EXCEPT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE \$3 PER DAY IS CLASSIFIED AS INCOME FOR THE USE OF THE VEHICLE AND THE IRS IS CHARGING THIS FEE, NOT THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY COMMUNICATION BILLS GETTING HIGHER AND HIGHER EACH MONTH; IT NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES HAVE RADIOS, HOW MANY RADIOS HAVE TELEPHONES, WHO ACTUALLY NEEDS A RADIO OR A RADIO WITH A PHONE AND THE COST OF THE RADIOS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER COPE TO TAKE PRIOR COMMISSIONER ENFINGER'S PLACE ON THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO CHECK THE MINUTES TO SEE WHO THE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE ARE, HAVE THE COMMITTEE MEET ON THE RADIO ISSUE AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON, UPDATED THE BOARD ON ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR HAGAN AND HER MEETING ON A SHUTTER GRANT WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAD PROPOSED TO MANAGE FOR THE COUNTY. WFRPC IS NOW WANTING TO TURN THIS PROGRAM OVER TO WEBB TO ADMINISTER AND KEEP THE ADMINISTRATION FEES WITH THE COUNTY; THIS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$7,000 TO \$8,000. WEBB ADVISED SHE FELT COMFORTABLE IN ACCEPTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS GRANT AND SHE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR HAGAN.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO TURN THE SHUTTER GRANT PROGRAM OVER TO WEBB.

DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, AND COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON WANTING TO APPLY FOR A FBIP GRANT FOR GAP POND; HOWEVER, THEY CAN'T APPLY BECAUSE THE STATE OWNS THE GAP POND BOAT RAMP. DUE TO THE STATE AGREEING THEY WILL GIVE IT TO THE COUNTY IF THEY REQUEST IT, COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED APPROVAL TO ASK THE STATE FOR THE GAP POND BOAT RAMP. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ASKING THE STATE FOR A DEED TO THE GAP POND BOAT RAMP AT GAP POND COMMUNITY CENTER.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, REQUESTING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF THE ORANGE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER TO HOLD TRAINING FOR FIVE DAYS. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF TRUETTE'S REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FEES.

CECELIA DAVIS REQUESTED APPROVAL TO GET AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ON THE LANIER COPIER THEY GOT FROM THE AG CENTER; THE COST WILL BE \$900 ANNUALLY WITH THIS BEING PRORATED OUT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE A NEW COPIER WHICH WOULD SATISFY THE NEEDS FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CHEAPER THAN \$900. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO USE THE COPIER THEY HAVE UNTIL IT QUILTS AND MAKE A NOTE TO PUT A NEW COPIER INTO THE BUDGET FOR FY 2003-2004.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FL-DOT AGREEMENT FOR THE BRICKYARD ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT BEING IN; THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE CONTRACTOR HALF THE COST; THE SCHOOL WILL PAY THE CONTRACTOR HALF THE COST AND GET REIMBURSED FROM FL-DOT WITHIN 45 DAYS. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD DON WALTERS, WITH ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, HAS REQUESTED THEY BE ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO COVER THE VEHICLE THE BOARD GAVE THEM UNDER THE COUNTY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE: THEY WILL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY THE COST OF THE INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CRITICAL NEED FOR FUNDING TO DO A FACELIFT ON THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND REPORTED ON THE LOAN INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PHIL BENNETT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCIAL AUTHORITY:

- A. EXTEND THE JAIL LOAN THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS IN PLACE
- B. SMALL COUNTY CAPITAL OUTLAY LOAN IS AVAILABLE
- C. CURRENT LOAN PAYMENT ON JAIL WILL INCREASE BY \$3,000 PER MONTH, HAVE VARIABLE INTEREST RATE AND BE EXTENDED AN EXTRA 13 YEARS FOR A 3.2 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN

COMMISSIONER FINCH VOICED HIS OPINION THE BOARD NEEDED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY RECEIVE PROPOSALS ON LEASING OR SELLING THE HOSPITAL TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE THEY BORROW ANY MONEY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED MAINTENANCE WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ON THE FACILITY BEFORE ANYONE WOULD AGREE TO LEASE OR PURCHASE THE HOSPITAL.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF HE WAS PREPARED TODAY TO RECOMMEND ADVERTISING FOR A LEASE, MANAGEMENT FIRM, ETC., COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HE WOULD BE READY IN ONE WEEK; HE IS PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE, DRAWING UP GUIDELINES, SPECIFICATIONS AND WILL PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR APPROVAL. CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED RECESSING THIS MEETING UNTIL NEXT WEEK AND THEN LOOK AT WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS TO PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO BORROW 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS. COMMISSIONER COPE AND HALL ADDED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO BORROW UP TO 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS USING ANY PORTION NEEDED FOR THE HOSPITAL FACILITY.

FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THERE IS A PLAN IN PLACE IN WRITING ON WHAT THE 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE USED FOR. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED CORSO THERE WAS A PLAN BUT HE DID NOT HAVE IT WITH HIM.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN THEN QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER COPE IF HIS MOTION WAS FOR THE UP TO 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY; COPE AGREED IT WAS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH WANTED TO GO ON RECORD HE WANTED THE BOARD TO GIVE IT A WEEK OR TWO AND LET COMMISSIONER BROCK GET THROUGH WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE AGREEING TO BORROW THE MONIES; HE IS NOT TOTALLY AGAINST WHAT IS BEING DONE BUT THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE MORE TIMELY WITH IT.

SHERYY, WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER BROCK ON HOW IT COULD BE GUARANTEED THESE LOAN MONIES WOULD BE USED FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY ONLY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN WANTED TO GO ON RECORD HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AND FELT THE BOARD SHOULD WAIT BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION UNTIL COMMISSIONER BROCK BRINGS BACK HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, REPRESENTING CLERK COOK AND BOARD FINANCE, WANTED TO GO ON RECORD AS ADVISING THE BOARD AGAINST BORROWING THE MONEY DUE TO THE BOARD'S OWN FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND THE GENERAL FUND CASH CARRIED FORWARD DEPLETING ITSELF EACH YEAR. ALSO, THE GROWTH MONEY FROM AD VALOREM TAXES EACH YEAR IS NEEDED TO BALANCE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET DUE TO NORMAL INCREASES IN EXPENSES FOR INSURANCE, ETC. SHE REFERENCED THIS YEAR'S CONTINGENCY ALREADY HAVING TO COVER UNBUDGETED ITEMS SUCH AS:

- A. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COVER NEW SERVER; HE HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE WITH THE BOARD.
- B. RECYCLING FUND WAS SUPPOSE TO FUND PART OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS SALARY, CODE ENFORCEMENT SALARY AND ALL OF CODE ENFORCEMENT'S CLERICAL POSITION SALARY FOR A TOTAL OF \$65,000; HOWEVER, HE HAS ADVISED HE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO FUND \$25,000. DUE TO THE BOARD HAVING ALREADY TAKEN ACTION FOR \$21,000 TO COME FROM PUBLIC WORKS, THE REMAINING \$19,000 WILL HAVE TO COME FROM CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE \$88,000 HCRA FUNDING THAT WAS BUDGETED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED NOTHING HAD BEEN SPENT OUT OF THIS AMOUNT. SHE ALSO REFERENCED THE BOARD TAKING ACTION ON 07-27-2000, TO PAY NWFCH ONE HALF OF THE HCRA FUNDING FOR IN COUNTY INDIGENT CARE; HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL HAS NOT SUBMITTED A BILL AS OF THIS DATE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD SHE WAS NOT AGAINST THE HOSPITAL NOR DID SHE WANT IT TO CLOSE, SHE WAS ONLY DOING HER JOB AS BOARD FINANCE OFFICER TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SHE THEN WENT OVER THE COUNTY'S INDEBTEDNESS ON THE JAIL AND THE DEBT THE COUNTY HAS OBLIGATED THEMSELVES FOR SHOULD THE HOSPITAL NOT PAY THE LOANS:

- A. 1,000,000 USDA LOAN
- B. 200,000 WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP LOAN
- C. THEY HAD VOTED TO APPROVE OF SIGNING FOR THE HOSPITAL TO BORROW \$462,000 FROM SOUTHTRUST BANK FOR A SPRINKLER SYSTEM
- D. IF THE HOSPITAL GETS THE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN, THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED FOR THIS AMOUNT SHOULD THE HOSPITAL NOT REPAY IT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION; THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND FINCH OPPOSED.

JIM MORRIS, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, REQUESTED THE CITY AND COUNTY WORK TOGETHER. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD TAXES ARE SO HIGH, THE CITY CAN'T AFFORD TO INCREASE THEIR TAX BASE ANYMORE DUE TO THE HARDSHIPS IT WOULD PUT ON THE PEOPLE LIVING INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. HE ADDRESSED THE CITY

NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANY PAVING, WATER LINE REPLACEMENTS, ETC. AND THEIR HANDS BEING TIED; THE PEOPLE RESIDING INSIDE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAVE TO PAY THE SAME 10 MIL AD VALOREM TAX AS IN THE RURAL AREAS IN ADDITION TO THE CITY MILLAGE; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT GETTING ANY SERVICES.

IN DOING RESEARCH, ON AD VALOREM TAXES ALONE THRU THE CITY, THE COUNTY RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLIONS DOLLARS PER YEAR AND THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE GETTING FOR THESE MONIES. HE ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY COULD PAY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY 1/12 OF THE AD VALOREM TAXES THEY PAY TO THE COUNTY EACH YEAR, THE CITY WOULD BE HAPPY.

HE ALSO REFERENCED THE MONIES THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PUTS INTO THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM AND A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING BEING IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY; THE COUNTY DOES NOT PUT ANY MONIES INTO THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM.

HE ALSO REFERENCED THE MAJORITY OF THE SALES TAX AND GAS TAX MONIES GENERATED IN THE COUNTY IS GENERATED IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REMIND THE BOARD OF MORRIS'S REQUEST AT BUDGET TIME AND INVITED MORRIS TO ATTEND THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON CHAIRMAN CORBIN HAVING NEGOTIATED THE BILL FOR THE PARKING LOT AT THE HOSPITAL WITH GULF ASPHALT CORPORATION; THEY AGREED TO REDUCE THE INTEREST CHARGED BY 50% WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BEING \$68,236.25.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON SOUTHTRUST'S LOAN FOR A SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR THE HOSPITAL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE LOAN HASN'T BEEN APPROVED; SOUTHTRUST IS STILL INVESTIGATING FINANCING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 1:00 P.M. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 02/03/03