

BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/23/03

JANUARY 23, 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, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, CORBIN, FINCH AND HALL PRESENT. COUNTY ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK 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.

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO THE FAMILY OF CORA BELLE LONG CARTER DEDICATING WHITE DOUBLE LAKE PARK PAVILLION IN HER NAME.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2002 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 23, 2003:

- A. 2002-2003 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION
- B. WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEE FOR THE CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2003
- C. WAIVER OF AG CENTER RENTAL FEE FOR THE COMMUNITY HOMESCHOOL GROUP FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY ON MAY 31, 2003

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON BUDGET SUPPLEMENT 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT WAS TO BUDGET THE ACTUAL CASH CARRY FORWARDS FOR EACH FUND; THIS CHANGED THE BUDGET TOTAL FROM \$26,697,622 TO \$26,432,172. AS NO ONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET SUPPLEMENT, COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET SUPPLEMENT 1 FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.

JAMES LEWIS, CLEMMONS & RUTHERFORD, INC., AND STEVE CHRISTOPHER OF PETER BROWN, INC. UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS AND STATUS OF THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE NEW LIBRARY.

CHRISTOPHER REPORTED ON THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT:

- A. AN ASBESTOS AND ABATEMENT CONTRACT HAS BEEN BID AND A CONTRACTOR SELECTED WITH THE COST BEING UNDER \$20,000.
- B. THE CONTRACTOR HAS SUBMITTED A PERMIT REQUEST FROM FL-DEP.
- C. THE CONTRACTOR CAN BEGIN WORK ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003.
- D. THEY WILL NEED TO COORDINATE WITH CLERK LINDA COOK ON WORKING AREAS.
- E. THEY WOULD LIKE TO START WITH THE BASEMENT AND THE JUDGE'S RESTROOM.
- F. CECIL LAWSON WILL BE THE SUPERINTENDENT ON THE PROJECT.

TWO ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED:

1. WATER INTRUSION IN THE BASEMENT; JAMES LEWIS, CRA, INC., OFFERED A FEE PROPOSAL OF \$12,100 WHICH WOULD COVER NEW CIVIL DESIGN FEES, SURVEY REQUIRED, APPLICATION FOR PERMIT ON UNDERGROUND SYSTEM.
2. ROOF DRAINAGE ON COURTHOUSE DUE TO FLASHING PULLING AWAY; CRA TO DESIGN A FRENCH DRAIN SYSTEM AND ROOFING SYSTEM. LEWIS REPORTED PRIORITY ITEMS WOULD BE

CONFIRMED IN A MEETING NEXT WEEK; ROOF WORK DEFINITELY NEEDED WITH OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS POSSIBLY HAVING TO BE POSTPONED DUE TO FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN FROM PETER BROWN ON ADDRESSING THE WATER INTRUSION IN THE COURTHOUSE BASEMENT AND THE FRENCH DRAIN ROOFING SYSTEM.

CHRISTOPHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEW LIBRARY PROJECT:

- A. NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION HAS BEEN DONE
- B. PRESENTLY WORKING ON PUNCH LIST
- C. WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FOR CURB & GUTTING AND PAVEMENT
- D. LIBRARY LOOKING AT FOUR WEEKS TO BE IN FACILITY
- E. APPROXIMATELY ONE MORE WEEK OF COUNTY HAULING DIRT FOR FACILITY

DR. FRASIER BINGHAM, RECYCLING CONSULTANT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING OBLIGATED TOO MUCH RECYCLING GRANT FUNDING TO HELP FUND SALARIES OF COUNTY STAFF. HE EXPLAINED HE WAS LOOKING OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WHEN BUDGETING AND WOULD RUN OUT OF GRANT FUNDING PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. HE REPORTED TO THE BOARD \$46,000 WAS HIS ENTIRE COMMITMENT AND THIS NEEDED TO BE REDUCED BY \$21,000.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE \$46,000 BEING BUDGETED FOR A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND PLANNING OFFICER'S SALARY; NONE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY HAS EVER BEEN BUDGETED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION FUND EVEN THOUGH HE SPENDS A LARGE AMOUNT OF HIS TIME TAKING CARE OF PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO PAY THE \$21,000 FROM PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED DR. BINGHAM NOT TO OVER OBLIGATE HIS RECYCLING FUNDING AGAIN.

TED EVERITT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:

1. SANDRA COOK HAD CONTACTED THE TDC FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DIRT NEEDED FOR THE VERNON TRACTOR PULL; IT WAS RECOMMENDED SHE COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
2. THE POSSUM FESTIVAL HAS REQUESTED FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE TDC.
3. HE HAD HIRED A SECRETARY FOR A TWO MONTH PERIOD AT \$500 A MONTH; AFTER THAT, SHE WOULD BECOME A VISTA WORKER. IF PAID OUT OF TDC FUNDS THROUGH THE COUNTY, IF SHE WAS CONSIDERED AN EMPLOYEE, ALL REQUIRED PAYROLL TAXES WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID. HE ADDRESSED IF THE SECRETARY WAS HIRED AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR UNTIL SHE BECAME A VISTA WORKER, THIS WOULD SOLVE PAYROLL ISSUES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ATTORNEY HOLLEY DRAWING UP A CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SECRETARY TO BE PAID \$500 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM THE TDC TAX REVENUES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED EVERITT PROVIDE HIM WITH THE SECRETARY'S NAME.

WILLIAM SHIRLING, AT THE REQUEST OF FLORIDA SPRINGS TASK FORCE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SHOWING A FILM PRESENTATION ON PROTECTING FLORIDA SPRINGS. HE ADVISED JIM STEVENSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE, AND SECRETARY JIM STREWS HAD REQUESTED HE PRESENT EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS A COPY OF THE FILM.

SHIRLING INFORMED THE BOARD THE TASK FORCE HAD REQUESTED THEY ATTEND THE ANNUAL FLORIDA SPRINGS TASK FORCE CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH IN GAINESVILLE. HE WAS ASKED TO PRESENT TO THE COMMISSIONERS A REQUEST FROM THE SPRINGS TASK FORCE TO PRACTICE AND DISCONTINUE THE USE OF FERTILIZER ON COUNTY LAND, ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS AND SPRING RECHARGE AREAS; PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPRINGS

WORK GROUP THAT COMES TO THE COUNTY; RETROFIT STORM WATER DRAINAGE AWAY FROM SINKHOLES ON COUNTY ROADS; AVOID LOCATING LAND USES IN RECHARGE AREAS THAT WILL REQUIRE LARGE QUANTITIES OF GROUND WATER THAT WOULD ROB THE FLOW OF THE SPRINGS AND CONTRIBUTE LARGE QUANTITIES OF CONTAMINANTS TO THE GROUND WATER AND RECHARGE AREAS.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED SHIRLING IF THE BOARD COULD OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THE AREAS HE ADDRESSED. SHIRLING ADVISED THE BOARD COULD CONTACT TOM PRATT WITH THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING SINKHOLE AREAS, TARGET AREAS AND RECHARGE AREAS.

RANDY PARKER, COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CONSULTANT, ADDRESSED THE SPRING TASK FORCE DOCUMENT:

- A. THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT ARE IN THE SPRINGS TASK FORCE DOCUMENT. HE HAD WORKED WITH DCA AND TOM PRATT OF NWFWMDC TO COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON THE ADOPTED POLICIES THEY COULD FILL OUT. ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES IN THESE POLICIES IS TO DEFINE SPRING SHEDS; DCA DOES NOT HAVE THESE DEFINED AT THIS TIME. HE REFERENCED A LETTER FROM DCA BASICALLY RECOMMENDING WASHINGTON COUNTY DELAY THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICIES ON SPRING PROTECTION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS CONTRACTOR HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SPRING BEST DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES DOCUMENT. HE ADDRESSED THE GRANT MONEY HAVING ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED BUT THE COUNTY CAN'T GO FORWARD UNTIL GUIDANCE IS RECEIVED FROM DCA. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED PARKER BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ONCE THE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM DCA.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. CDBG GRANT PROJECTS--WERE HOPING TO AWARD BIDS TODAY; HOWEVER, THERE WERE NINE BIDDERS WITH APPROXIMATELY SIX OF THE NINE BIDDERS HAVING REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME TO PREPARE THEIR BIDS. BIDS WILL BE OPENED NEXT THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND THE PROJECT WILL BE AWARDED AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING.  
DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PUTTING OUT ALTERNATE BIDS ON SIDE DRAINS FOR THE CDBG PROJECTS.  
KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF EARTH WORK TO BE DONE ON THESE CDBG PROJECTS.  
KNAUER ADDRESSED HAVING BEEN ASKED TO INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE IN THE BID PACKAGE TO DO THE LAST MILE OF HOLMES VALLEY ROAD AND THE FIRST 3/4 MILE ON JOINER ROAD. HE REFERENCED CONTRACTORS HAVING CALLED TO SEE WHEN THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE READY, ARE THEY GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROAD AND ARE THEY GOING TO BOTH BE READY AT THE SAME TIME; THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT REMOBILIZATION. HE ADVISED THE CONTRACTORS IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BID ON THE ASPHALT FOR THESE PROJECTS, TO NOT BID AS THEY WOULD BE AWARDED BASED ON THE BASE BID.  
DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON USING MATERIALS FROM GILBERT MILL FOR THE BASE ON THE CDBG PROJECTS; KNAUER ADVISED AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE MATERIALS AND MAKING SURE IT MEETS DOT SPECIFICATIONS.  
DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY IF THEY PROVIDED THE BASE FOR THESE CDBG PROJECTS; KNAUER ADVISED THE SAVINGS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ON JOINER AND RATTLEBOX. HE ALSO REFERENCED ANATICIPATING THE COST OF LIMEROCK AND SAND CLAY BASE GETTING CLOSER; IF THESE COST ARE ABOUT THE SAME, HE WOULD RECOMMEND USING THE LIMEROCK BASE.

THE BOARD AGREED FOR KNAUER TO LOOK AT THE MATERIALS IN GILBERT PIT WITH CHAIRMAN CORBIN TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO USE THEM ON THE CDBG PROJECTS.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD IN HAND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS APPROVAL FOR ALL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ON THE CDBG PROJECTS.

2. FL-DEP GRANT PACKAGE FOR IMPROVING STORM WATER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY:
  - A. MERRY ACRES
  - B. LUCAS LAKE ROAD
  - C. CRYSTAL LAKE
  - D. DORCH CIRCLE

DEP HAS ADVISED KNAUER THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO HAVE THEIR LEGISLATORS PUSH THE GRANT PROJECTS FOR FUNDING APPROVAL.

3. CR-279 SCOP-BOTTOMS OF SOME OF DITCHES ON THIS PROJECT ARE ERODING; HE REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL FOR A CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL SOD ON THE PROJECT TOTALLING \$2,535. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL SOD.
3. KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD CLAYTON ROAD WAS COMPLETE AND HOPEFULLY HIGHWAY 279 WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
4. KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON PIONEER AND CR284 SCRAP PROJECTS BEING COMPLETED; HOWEVER, HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THE COMMISSIONER IN THE DISTRICT THESE ROADS ARE IN IS SATISFIED BEFORE CLOSING OUT THE PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON SOUTH BOULEVARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE A COALITION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS IN THE RURAL COUNTIES TO MEET WITH EDWARD PRESCOTT OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE LEGISLATORS ON THEIR NEED TO SHIFT THEIR PRIORITIES. HE REFERENCED THE STATE SPENDING A LOT OF MONIES TO DO A STUDY ON HIGHWAY 77; THE RURAL COUNTIES ARE CRUNCHING FOR MONIES TO MAINTAIN THEIR ROADS AND THE STATE IS CUTTING OUT SOME OF THEIR FUNDING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FINCH TO GET THE COALITION UNDERWAY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES WITH THE STATE.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE STORM SHUTTER PROJECT. THE PROJECT HAD BEEN REBID AND ONLY ONE BID WAS RECEIVED. DUE TO THERE BEING QUESTIONS FROM CONTRACTORS ALMOST UP TO THE HOUR OF THE BID OPENING, HAGAN RECOMMENDED THE BID NOT BE OPENED AND A COMPLETE BID PACKAGE BE SUBMITTED TO ALL THE CONTRACTORS WHO WAS AT THE PREBID CONFERENCE. THE BOARD CONSENTED TO HAGAN'S RECOMMENDATION.

HAGAN THEN PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTICE ON THE HARD FREEZE WEATHER CONDITIONS. HE ADVISED, AT THIS TIME, ALL SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN OPEN AS WELL AS ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THE SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER, ROULHAC MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE RED CROSS ARE PRESENTLY ON STANDBY TO OPEN IN CASE THEY ARE NEEDED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT QUESTIONED WHETHER OR NOT PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD CONTINUE WITH FEMA WORK ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DUE TO THE FREEZE WARNINGS OUT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE NOT TO WORK ON FEMA WORK ON JANUARY 24TH AND 25TH.

HAGAN AGREED TO KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED ON THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

HAGAN INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM. HE UPDATED THEM ON THE REORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT AFFECTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE DCA WILL NOW BE UNDER THE GOVERNOR.

HE WENT OVER SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE CONFERENCE; WHAT IT TAKES TO BE QUALIFIED AND WHAT IT TAKES TO GET A DISASTER DECLARATION.

HAGAN INFORMED THE BOARD THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIREMANS ASSOCIATION WAS GOING TO REQUEST THE BOARD NOT TAKE THE MONIES OWED BY THE TOWN OF CARYVILLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES FROM THEIR ALLOTTED FIRE FUNDING. HE EXPLAINED THEIR CONCERN WAS DUE TO THE FIRE MONIES NOW BEING IN A SPECIAL FUND, IF THE BOARD TAKES MONEY FROM THIS FUND TO PAY FOR CARYVILLE'S COMP PLANS, WHAT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM TAKING IT FOR OTHER PURPOSES. ALSO, MONIES THAT ARE UNUSED BY A DEPARTMENT ARE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THEY WERE REQUESTING THE BOARD FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO GET THE MONIES FOR CARYVILLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER HALL RECOMMENDED LEAVING THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION TO TAKE THE MONIES FOR CARYVILLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES OUT OF THEIR ALLOTTED FIRE FUNDS AS IS UNTIL HE CAN DO SOME RESEARCH.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, STEVE WILBURN, REPRESENTING COM CAST CABLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE FRANCHISE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WHICH THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO AUTHORIZE BE ADVERTISED IF THEY WANTED TO PROCEED WITH THE HEARING. HE ADVISED WILBURN, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM COM- CAST WOULD NEED TO BE PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NON- EXCLUSIVE CABLE FRANCHISE FOR COM-CAST TO BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED WILBURN PROVIDE ALL THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE CERTIFIED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

GLEN ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BOARD PROVIDING THEM WITH A BRIEF RECAP OF THE MSBU AFTER THE FIRST QUARTER IN FY 2002-2003.

ZANETIC POINTED OUT TO THE BOARD THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER ON THE MSBU IS EXPIRING SOON AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY NEEDS TO UPDATE THESE CONTRACTS.

ZANETIC REPORTED ON THE LIGHTING PUT UP; AN INVESTMENT OF \$200,000 TOWARD FIRE PROTECTION FROM COUNTY FUNDS, MSBU FUNDS AND DONATIONS; THERE ARE 8 MORE FIRE HYDRANTS TO BE INSTALLED WITH THIS MAKING A TOTAL OF 54 ALTOGETHER; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO PURCHASE ISO EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE THEIR ISO RATINGS; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN A PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR A MAINTENANCE FACILITY; MSBU INMATE WORK CREWS HAVE BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS.

ZANETIC REPORTED ON THE LAST MSBU PROJECT BEING THE RESURFACING OF THE ROADS AND THE FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT. HE REFERENCED A CONFERENCE CALL HE AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAD WITH FINANCIAL PEOPLE ON POSSIBLE FINANCING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD REQUESTED HE DRAFT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MSBU TO BORROW UP TO \$2,000,000 TO FINANCE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE LOAN BEING SECURED BY A PLEDGE OF FEES COLLECTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR MSBU.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WOULD BORROW THE MONEY AND PAY BACK THE LOAN WITH MSBU FUNDS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY IF SOMEONE WERE TO DISSOLVE THE MSBU; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DISSOLVE THE MSBU. HE DID ADDRESS THE ONLY RISK WITH THE MSBU IS IF SOMEONE CHALLENGES IT BEING LEGAL, PREVAILING IN COURT AND IT IS DECLARED ILLEGAL OR INVALID.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF UP TO \$2,000,000 FOR MSBU ROAD RESURFACING.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MSBU RESOLUTION; HOWEVER, WHEN SUNNY HILLS WANTED THE MSBU PASSED, THEY ADVISED IT

WOULD CUT THE COUNTY OUT OF ANY EXPENSE AT ALL AND THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. HALL SAID IT HAD COST THE COUNTY A WHOLE LOT MORE SINCE THE MSBU WAS PASSED.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE MSBU SUPPLEMENTS UP AND ABOVE WHAT THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING IN SUNNY HILLS. HE THEN REFERENCED THE MSBU CREWS MAINTAINING SOME OF THE COUNTY PARKS JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THEIR NATURAL RUN; THIS WAY THE PARKS STAY IN BETTER SHAPE AND WITH THE COUNTY AND MSBU WORKING TOGETHER, THEY HAVE A BETTER PRODUCT. HE ALSO REFERENCED WHEN THE MSBU CREWS GETS ALL THE TRASH ALONG THE ROADWAYS PICKED UP AND ALL THE MOWING DONE, THIS WILL BE MORE APPEALING FOR SOMEONE WISHING TO BUILD; IF SOMEONE BUILDS IN THE COUNTY, THIS WILL BRING IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND IT IS A WIN WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYONE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED SUNNY HILLS IMPLEMENTING THE MSBU DUE TO THEM KNOWING THERE WAS NO WAY THE COUNTY COULD EVER PAVE ALL THE ROADS THAT NEEDED MAINTENANCE; HOWEVER, HE FELT THE COUNTY SHOULD PROVIDE THE MSBU AREA THE SAME SERVICES THEY PROVIDE ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EMPHASIZED THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS PAYING THE SAME AD VALOREM TAXES AS EVERYONE ELSE IN THE COUNTY AS WELL AS A \$25 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT; THEY STILL DESERVE THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION AND ASSISTANCE AND THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PAVE 20 MILES OF ROAD WITH THEIR MSBU FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THE \$35,000 MATERIAL BUDGET FUNDED PER EACH COMMISSIONER AND SUNNY HILLS HAD BEEN GETTING THEIR ROADS MOWED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE; HOWEVER, NOW THEY HAVE A \$100,000 LINE ITEM BUDGET, THE COUNTY SUPPLIES A TRUCK AND 1/2 SALARY FOR SOMEONE TO MOW THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE HAD BEEN NO ONE MOWING IN SUNNY HILLS OTHER THAN ABOUT ONE ROUND A YEAR; HE FEELS THE MSBU SYSTEM IS DOING GOOD THINGS. HE REFERENCED CRYSTAL VILLAGE TRYING TO GET AN MSBU STARTED BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THEY CAN'T GET ASSISTANCE UNTIL THEY GET THIS STARTED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED EACH COMMISSIONER HAS THE RIGHT TO SPEND THEIR MATERIALS BUDGET THE WAY THEY WANT, EVEN IF IT IS IN ONE AREA.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO RENDER AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE MSBU FUNDING CAN BE USED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOAT LAKE RECREATION AREA. HE PROVIDED AN OPINION LETTER ADVISING THE FUNDING COULD BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM HAVING BEEN ASKED TO RENDER A LEGAL OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION AND FORMATION OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE WAS LEGAL. HE PROVIDED AN OPINION LETTER STATING IT WAS LEGAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THERE BEING A CONFLICT IN SUNNY HILLS ON A BOAT RAMP BEING PUT AT BOAT LAKE FOR THE PUBLIC TO USE. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THE RESIDENTS WOULD BE OPPOSED TO THIS. FINCH THEN REPORTED ON A CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING HE HAD ATTENDED AND THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN WAS BOAT LAKE BEING OPEN TO EVERYONE; THEY DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY WHERE WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS COULD PURCHASE A PERMIT AND USE THE FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED SINCE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS WILL BE USED TO ENHANCE THE FACILITY, COULD A PERSON BE STOPPED FROM USING IT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED MSBU FUNDS ARE NOT AD VALOREM TAXES BUT A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAID BY RESIDENTS IN THE MSBU AREA. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT THEY WOULD SPEND COUNTY FUNDS AT THE BOAT LAKE AREA IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO USE THE FACILITY. HE ALSO STATED HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS A REQUEST TO USE MSBU FUNDS AT THE BOAT LAKE FACILITY SHOULD COME FROM THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED BOB COOK, MEMBER OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, TAKE THE ATTORNEY'S OPINION LETTERS BACK TO THE ASSOCIATION ON THE LEGALITY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FORMATION OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND THE

LEGALITY OF MSBU FUNDS BEING USED AT THE BOAT LAKE FACILITY AS THESE ISSUES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING BROUGHT UP.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. ZANETIC ADVISED IT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT A PREVIOUS MEETING ONCE COMMISSIONER BROCK APPROVED IT; HOWEVER, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION HAD TO BE CORRECTED AS THE ORIGINAL LEASE ONLY LISTED .8 ACRES RATHER THAN THE 3 ACRE SITE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORT ON WHETHER THE PERSON WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO DONATE TWO LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS TO THE COUNTY WAS STILL INTERESTED IN DOING SO. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED HE HAD TURNED THIS OVER TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER ASKING IF HE WAS STILL INTERESTED IN GIVING THE LOTS TO THE COUNTY; IF SO THE COUNTY WILL PREPARE THE DEEDS. HERBERT ADVISED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE OWNER AS OF THIS DATE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH FL-DOT FOR FUNDING OF THE SIDEWALK PROJECT ON BRICKYARD ROAD ADJOINING THE SCHOOL.

HOLLEY HAD ALSO PREPARED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WHERE THEY WILL PAY HALF OF THE UPFRONT COST AND GET REIMBURSEMENT FOR IT FROM THE COUNTY UPON THEM BEING REIMBURSED BY FL-DOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH FL-DOT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ON THE BRICKYARD ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER, ONCE THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE COUNTY, TO FORWARD IT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THEIR EXECUTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAVING DISCUSSED WITH HIM DELTONA GIVING THE COUNTY SIX ACRES TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT A SITE FOR A FIRE STATION FOR COUNTRY OAKS AND REQUESTED HE GO AHEAD AND PREPARE A DEED; IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT USED AS A FIRE STATION, IT WILL REVERT BACK TO DELTONA.

IT WAS ALSO ADDRESSED ABOUT THERE BEING 1,000 FEET OF PAVING TO BE DONE PER THE AGREEMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR HIM TO DRAW UP THE DEED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ATTORNEY HOLLEY DRAWING UP THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED A COPY OF THE MINUTES WHERE THEY APPROVED THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO KNOW ITS TERMS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO GO WITH HIM AND LOOK AT THE LOCATION OF THE ROAD TO BE PAVED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. CHIPLEY LIBRARY HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO BE CLOSED FROM FEBRUARY 3 THRU FEBRUARY 22 IN ORDER TO MOVE TO THE NEW LIBRARY. HE RECOMMENDED RATHER THAN SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE, THE BOARD APPROVE OF THEM CLOSING SOMETIME THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE WEEKS. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HIM NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO HELP WITH THE MOVE FROM THE OLD LIBRARY TO THE NEW LIBRARY.
2. HERBERT HAD A LETTER FROM RICHARD WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BOARD, AND FROM HARRY DUTY OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDING CATHY UPTAGREFT BE APPOINTED TO THE CRWDB. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENT OF UPTAGREFT. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

3. HERBERT REPORTED ON DAVID CORBIN'S, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, RECOMMENDATION ON THEIR VAN DISPOSITIONS:
  - A. RETAIN 1997 DODGE VAN ID# 2B5WB35Z4VK569400
  - B. RETAIN 1992 FORD VAN ID# 1FMEE11N8NHB38056
  - C. DONATE 1993 FORD VAN TO SUNNY HILLS MSBU/ID# ID # 1FMEE11YOPHA69800
  - D. DONATE 1992 DODGE RAM TO CARYVILLE WORK CAMP/ ID# 2B5WB35Z9RK159651
  - E. DONATE 1992 FORD VAN TO ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT/ID# 1FMEE11N6NHB38055
  - F. SURPLUS VEHICLE FLEET:
    1. 1992 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN TRUCK/ID# 1GNGK26K6N0345975
    2. 1995 DODGE VAN/ID# 2B5W35ZISK542666

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S RECOMMENDATION ON VAN DISPOSITIONS.

4. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO SENATOR PEADEN AND SENATOR BROWN AND IT BEING A REQUIREMENT THEY BE DISCUSSED DURING A PUBLIC MEETING:
  - A. WAUSAU FIRE STATION/VOTING PRECINCT \$200,000
  - B. EMS SHELTER WITH AMBULANCE/WAUSAU \$100,000
  - C. HINSON CROSSROAD SHELTER RETROFIT \$100,000
  - D. ORANGE HILL SHELTER RETROFIT \$100,000
  - E. COURTHOUSE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND WATER INFILTRATION \$100,000
  - F. DIST. 3 EMS STATION/SHELTER \$200,000
  - G. DIST. 5 EMS STATION/SHELTER \$200,000
  - H. ROAD RECLAMATION/SUNNY HILLS \$1,700,000
  - I. FIVE POINTS FIRE STATION/SHELTER \$100,000
  - J. ANNEX BUILDING STORAGE FACILITY \$200,000

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TRIED TO GET FUNDING FOR AN EMS STATION/SHELTER FOR DISTRICT III FOR A LONG TIME; SAVING PEOPLES LIVES SHOULD BE A PRIORITY AND RESPONSE TIME IS CRITICAL. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT ONE CRITICAL AREA AND TRY AND GET FUNDING FOR THAT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR AN EMS STATION AT GREENHEAD ALSO.

ED PELLETIER, OF COUNTRY OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON A SPEAKER THEY HAD AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, MIKE HARDEN FROM ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ADVISING THE NEED FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO GO AFTER THEIR LEGISLATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO PUSH FOR ANY GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO SUBMIT ALL THE PROJECTS AND PUSH THE PROJECTS WITH THE LEGISLATORS.

5. HERBERT ADDRESSED A LOT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES REQUESTING WHEN THE COUNTY ADVERTISES FOR A POSITION AND TRANSFERS PEOPLE INTERNALLY, EVERYONE BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD DEVELOP A POLICY IF A POSITION IS TO BE FILLED INTERNALLY, THE POSITION BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE



POSITION SIGN UP AND THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POSITION. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

6. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT THROUGH FL-DOT FOR THE DRAINAGE ON SOUTH BOULEVARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S ENGINEER IS DOING A DESIGN AND PART OF THE DESIGN IS RECOMMENDING THE PURCHASE OF THREE ACRES, THE JOHNSON PROPERTY, FOR \$70,000; THE PROPERTY IS APPRAISED AT \$66,000 PER ATTORNEY HOLLEY. HERBERT ADVISED THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BE PAID FOR WITH GRANT MONIES WITH THE COUNTY HAVING TO UPFRONT THE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO PURCHASE THE THREE ACRES FOR THE GRANT. COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED TO ADDRESS THE PURPOSE OF THE ACREAGE WAS FOR A RETENTION POND AREA TO CATCH THE BASIN OF THE WATER FOR DRAINAGE.

7. WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; THE BOARD WILL NEED TO SET A DATE FOR THE WORKSHOP AND RECESS THIS MEETING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BILL FROM GULF ASPHALT ON THE PARKING LOT FOR THE MEDICAL OFFICE COMPLEX; THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN FOR THE HOSPITAL TO PAY HALF THE BILL AND THE COUNTY PAY HALF. HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL CAN'T PAY THEIR PORTION OF THE BILL AND THE BILL NEEDS TO BE PAID. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD ASKED HIM IF THE BILL COULD BE PAID FROM EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING TWO SOURCES:

1. PUBLIC WORKS CONTINGENCY
2. COMMISSIONER HALL WAS WILLING TO PAY IT OUT OF HIS LOAN MONIES AND GET REIMBURSED ONCE THE HOSPITAL ACQUIRES A LOAN

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED, IT WAS HIS OPINION, THE BILL COULD BE PAID FROM EITHER SOURCE AS IT IS TRANSPORTATION RELATED DUE TO IT BEING A PARKING LOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONER HALL TRY AND NEGOTIATE WITH GULF ASPHALT TO DEDUCT THE INTEREST THAT HAD ACCRUED ON THE BILL.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO TAKE THE FUNDS TO PAY GULF ASPHALT OUT OF HIS BORROWED MONIES, BE REIMBURSED WHEN THE HOSPITAL GETS MONIES, AND NEGOTIATE WITH GULF ASPHALT TO SEE IF INTEREST MONIES CAN BE DEDUCTED FROM THE BILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY'S COMPUTER WEB SITE; HE HAS REQUESTED THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR, MALCOLM GAINNEY, MEET WITH THE BOARD AND GO OVER THE WEB SITE AND WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THEM. HE REQUESTED THE MEDIA COVER AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON INTERNET ALSO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO OPEN UP BLUE POND FOR PUBLIC FISHING AFTER THE MEETING TODAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PICTOMETRY PERSONNEL HAVING FLOWN ALL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE SOFTWARE FOR THE COUNTY TO START VIEWING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH INVITED EVERYONE TO THE OPEN HOUSE WITH LUNCH TO BE SERVED AT LITARD LOG ON FEBRUARY 12TH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED COMPLAINTS HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING ON THE DONATION BOXES AT THE COUNTY BOAT LANDINGS; HE REQUESTED THE MEDIA REPORT THESE ARE STRICTLY DONATION BOXES FOR ANYONE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE; IT IS NOT REQUIRED PEOPLE PAY \$2 TO LAUNCH THEIR BOAT. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO UPGRADE THE RAMPS AND THE MONEY COLLECTED WOULD BE USED TO MAINTAIN THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO REMOVE THE \$2.00 DONATION SIGN AND JUST HAVE A SIGN "DONATIONS."

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED HELP WITH THE MOVE FROM THE OLD LIBRARY TO THE NEW LIBRARY; THE BOARD AGREED TO ALLOW THE INMATE CREWS TO HELP WITH THE LIBRARY MOVE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH FOR DISCUSSION, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER BROCK AS CHAIRMAN TO THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, TO DO NEGOTIATIONS TO LEASE, SELL, FINANCING OF LOAN FOR HOSPITAL, ETC. AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REMINDED THE BOARD THIS AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND FACT FINDING; IT WILL HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO SALE OR LEASE THE HOSPITAL AND THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO APPROVE OF ANY BORROWING OF MONIES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAVING FIRMS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING OR LEASING THE HOSPITAL MEET WITH THE BOARD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO GET SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED AND GETTING THE ADVERTISEMENT READY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GINGER MaCARTHY TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD TO REPLACE MINNIE RUSS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COUNTY FINANCING RESOURCES AND REQUESTED THE ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDE THE LETTER THEY HAD RECEIVED ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS GETTING THIS INFORMATION, CHAIRMAN CORBIN BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. RECOMMENDED SETTING UP THE WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS SOMETIME THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SET THE MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 3RD AT 1:00 P.M. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE AN AGENDA LISTING ITEMS TO DISCUSS WITH THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FOREMEN. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SOME ISSUES ALREADY BEING IN POLICY BUT THE FOREMEN NEED TO BE MADE AWARE THEY ARE ALREADY IN POLICY AND NEED TO BE ADHERED TO. CHAIRMAN CORBIN INSTRUCTED THE BOARD TO MAKE A NOTE OF ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS AT THE MEETING AND IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR APPOINTMENT OF HIM AS A STEP 3 HEARING OFFICER TO HEAR A GREIVANCE; THE HEARING WAS SCHEDULED AND THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENED WAS THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE OBJECTED TO HIM BEING THE HEARING OFFICER DUE TO HIM BEING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY OF DOING THE GRIEVANCE HEARINGS, HE PROBABLY WOULD PREFER NOT USING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS HE COULD SEE THE INDIVIDUAL'S POINT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE ONLY OTHER WAY TO HANDLE THE GRIEVANCE WOULD BE TO APPOINT SOMEONE NOT LINKED TO THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO REMAIN THE STEP 3 HEARING OFFICER.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON SHERIFF PEEL HAVING DISCUSSED WITH HIM A PROBLEM WITH THE LIFT PUMP AT THE JAIL AND THE NEED TO PURCHASE A GRINDER FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED STEVE CHRISTOPHER, WITH PETER BROWN, IS SUPPOSE TO BE LOOKING INTO THIS PROBLEM AND TRYING TO COME UP WITH OPTIONS TO RESOLVE IT AS WELL AS THE COST INVOLVED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED SHERIFF PEEL SAYING HE COULD FUND HALF OF THE COST FROM HIS BUDGET IF THE BOARD COULD PAY THE OTHER HALF. HE REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CONTACT SHERIFF PEEL TO SEE IF HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN DOING THIS; IF SO, MEET WITH THE BOARD AT THE FEBRUARY 3RD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER, HAVING REQUESTED THE COUNTY SHARE IN CORRECTING THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON PEACH STREET DUE TO IT BEING THE DIVIDING LINE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY.

CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD PUT HEADWALLS ON PIPE ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD, LAY THE PIPE ON THE SOUTH END AND REPAIR THE DRIVEWAY WHEN THE PIPES ARE PUT IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK READ A REPLY FROM PHIL BENNETT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY ON HIS REQUEST FOR RESTRUCTURING THE COUNTY'S PRESENT LOAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NWFCH:

- A. THE COUNTY WOULD PLEDGE THE REVENUES FROM THE ONE CENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.
- B. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENT; THE COUNTY COULD EXTEND THEIR LOAN FOR A 30 YEAR PERIOD.
- C. CPFA FUNDING IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES THEY CAN PROPOSE BUT NEED TO KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT THE COUNTY WISHES TO BORROW AND WHETHER THEY WANT TO BORROW ON A VARIABLE OR FIXED RATE MODE.
- D. CURRENTLY AT A FIXED RATE FOR 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS, THE COUNTY WOULD BE LOOKING AT PAYING APPROXIMATELY 5.5% INTEREST RATE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS BEING APPROXIMATELY \$44,000.
- E. CURRENTLY AT AN ASSUMED VARIABLE RATE OF 2.5%, THE COUNTY WOULD BE LOOKING AT MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$27,000.
6. IN COMPARISON TO THE CURRENT LOAN THE COUNTY IS PAYING, AT A FIXED RATE, WOULD BE INCREASED BY \$17,000.
7. IN COMPARISON TO THE CURRENT LOAN THE COUNTY IS PAYING, AT A VARIABLE RATE, IT WOULD BE INCREASED BY 3,000.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED THE BOARD WHERE THEY WOULD GET THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS THEY DID NOT HAVE THE MONIES IN THEIR CURRENT BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD READ AND BE GIVEN TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. HE ASKED THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, JUDITH SCHIRAS, IF THE HOSPITAL GOT THE BRIDGE LOAN THEY HAD APPLIED FOR, HOW LONG WOULD THIS SUSTAIN THE HOSPITAL. SCHIRAS ADVISED THIS WAS A DIFFICULT QUESTION BUT IF THE BRIDGE LOAN IS RECEIVED, THIS SHOULD UPHOLD THEM FOR 30 TO 60 DAYS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER THIS LOAN VERY CAREFULLY DUE TO IT BEING FOR A 30 YEAR PERIOD, INCREASING OUR CURRENT LOAN PAYMENT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISING THE FUNDING WAS NOT AVAILABLE. HE ALSO WAS OPPOSED TO A VARIABLE INTEREST RATE FOR THAT LONG OF PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE HOSPITAL NOT HAVING MONTHS TO WAIT; THEY NEED HELP NOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IN DEVELOPING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003, IT WAS A STRUGGLE TO GET A BALANCED BUDGET AND DISCUSSED HOW CRITICAL IT WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. HE WAS OPPOSED TO BORROWING MONEY WITHOUT KNOWING THE SOURCE TO PAY IT BACK.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED THIS YEAR BEING THE LAST YEAR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE RECEIVING FEMA MONIES AND THEY WILL NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE FUTURE; FEMA HAS ALREADY ADVISED DIRT ROADS DO NOT GET FUNDED IN A

DISASTER UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING MAJOR THAT HAPPENS IN THE COUNTY, LIKE A HURRICANE, ETC. HE STATED HE WAS AS MUCH IN FAVOR OF SAVING THE HOSPITAL AS ANYBODY BUT HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY; THE BOARD NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY AND NOT JUST THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THIS BEING THE FIRST STEP TO A PLAN FOR SAVING THE HOSPITAL.

SHERYL, REPORTER FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, ADDRESSED HER BEING AT ALL THE HOSPITAL MEETINGS; IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING A PLAN CAN NOT BE ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE AND SHE DOES NOT RECALL A VOTE. SHE QUESTIONED HOW THE PLAN CAME ABOUT.

MS. SCHIRAS ADVISED IN A STRATEGIC SESSION, THE HOSPITAL BOARD IS ALLOWED TO ACCEPT A STRATEGIC PLAN; WHEN IT IS IMPLEMENTED, IT BECOMES PUBLIC.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON BORROWING THIS MONEY AND LET THE PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AS THIS IS ALMOST AS MUCH MONEY AS WAS BORROWED TO BUILD A JAIL. HE REFERENCED THE BOARD ALREADY BEING OBLIGATED FOR AN REA LOAN AND ENTERPRISE FLORIDA LOAN. HE STATED HE WANTED TO EXERCISE HIS CHAIRMAN PRIVILEGE AND SET THE 3.5 LOAN ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING IN FEBRUARY; BEFORE THIS ISSUE IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE, IF IT IS WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY, A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY CORBIN IF IT WAS WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE A VOTE IS TAKEN ON THE LOAN OR CAN IT BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE BOARD, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT COULD BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE BOARD BUT THE CHAIRMAN COULD RECOMMEND IT. HE THEN MADE THE RECOMMENDATION A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THE LOAN ISSUE.

MS. SCHIRAS QUESTIONED IF THE \$88,000 FOR INDIGENT CARE WAS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND COULD THE HOSPITAL RECEIVE ANY OF THOSE MONIES. SHE WAS ADVISED THE \$88,000 WAS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO GO INTO THE HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2002 TOTALLING \$2,147,419.96.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 3RD AT 1:00 P.M.

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

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DEPUTY CLERK

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 01/23/03