

BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/14/03

JULY 14, 2003

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, HALL, CORBIN, FINCH AND COPE PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER COPE LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO USE WILLIE PIGOTT TO WORK WITH J. T. HARRELL IN COUNTRY OAKS TO TRY AND GET RELIEF WITH THE ROAD PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED HE DIDN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT MR. HARRELL BEING ON A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND FELT LIKE THE TIME FRAME FOR HIM TO WORK THERE SHOULD BE CUT SHORT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE FELT LIKE HE COULD COMPLETE THE ROADWORK WITHIN A WEEK.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED HIM BEING TOLD MR. HARRELL HAD AN ACCIDENT AND QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS TRUE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPLAINED MR. BROWN CARTER WAS ALL THE WAY IN A DITCH COMING UP BEHIND MR. HARRELL WHO WAS ON THE MOTORGRADER AND MR. HARRELL BACKED INTO HIM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CONTINUED BY STATING HE TRIED TO TELL MR. CARTER THEY NEEDED TO CALL A HIGHWAY PATROL TO INVESTIGATE; CARTER REFUSED AND SAID NOT TO WORRY ABOUT HIS TRUCK IF THE MOTORGRADER WAS NOT HURT BECAUSE HE HAD INSURANCE WITH ALLSTATE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF MR. HARRELL WENT FOR A DRUG TEST WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISING HE DID.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO USE WILLIE PIGOTT FOR ONE WEEK TO WORK WITH J. T. HARRELL ON THE ROADS IN COUNTRY OAKS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TERMINATING BOTH EMPLOYEES AFTER ONE WEEK WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATING HE NEEDED TO FINISH THE PROJECT BUT THOUGHT HE COULD DO SO IN A WEEK IF THERE WERE NO RAINY DAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED TO AMEND HIS MOTION TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO USE WILLIE PIGOTT FOR FIVE WORKING DAYS TO WORK WITH J. T. HARRELL ON THE ROADS IN COUNTRY OAKS; AFTER THAT TIME, BOTH OF THE EMPLOYEES WILL BE TERMINATED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF AN EXTENSION OF 30 DAYS FOR THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART WHICH WOULD BE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, 2003. HE REFERENCED THERE BEING MORE NEGOTIATIONS, THE SURVEY HAS BEEN HELD UP AND SEVERAL OTHER THINGS ARE BEING HELD UP AND NOT BEING PROCESSED IN THE TIME THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST FOR A 30 DAY EXTENSION FOR THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART. COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED TO BE USED FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT SITE; UNTIL A FINAL DECISION IS MADE, THEY CAN NOT CONTINUE ON WITH THE SURVEY FOR THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THE BOARD HAD MADE A DECISION TO GIVE THE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, COMMISSIONER COPE HAD NEGOTIATED TO LET SACRED HEART HAVE IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHAT THE PRIOR ACTION OF THE BOARD WAS ON THE PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT THE MOTION TO LET THE HEALTH

DEPARTMENT HAVE THE PROPERTY FOR THEIR NEW HEALTH FACILITY WAS CONTINGENT ON FINDING OTHER PROPERTY FOR THEM TO USE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY COULD AFFORD OTHER LANDS DUE TO THE SITUATION THEY ARE IN NOW WITH THEIR BUDGET AND SHOULDN'T SACRED HEART OFFER THE COUNTY SOMETHING FOR THE PROPERTY IF IN THE BEGINNING IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE LEFT OUT. HE SUGGESTED IF SACRED HEART WANTED THIS PROPERTY, COULDN'T THEY GIVE THE COUNTY COMPENSATION TO BUY OTHER PROPERTY; IF PATSY JUSTICE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING, THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THAT SACRED HEART WAS WANTING IT FOR FUTURE GROWTH. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T KNOW FOR SURE SACRED HEART IS GOING TO HAVE THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERENCED THE COUNTY HAVING PROPERTY AT THE BEEF UNIT AND BEHIND ROULHAC SCHOOL. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM IF THERE WAS PROPERTY THE COUNTY ALREADY OWNS THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD PURCHASE ANY MORE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HALL REPORTED THE BAPTIST CHURCH DID NOT PURCHASE THE LEAVINS PROPERTY AND IT IS NOW AVAILABLE AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAD MENTIONED THE COUNTY GETTING TO KEEP THE OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS OUT FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED SACRED HEART DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE THEM OUT OF THEIR PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME BUT THEY POSSIBLY COULD CONSIDER IT LATER ON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED HERBERT HAVING ADVISED SACRED HEART HAD SAID THEY HADN'T RULED TAKING THE OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS OUT OF THEIR PROPOSAL BUT THEY WOULD WANT A CLAUSE WHERE IT WOULD BE RENTED TO DOCTORS ONLY. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THIS COULD STILL HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER COPE IF HE WAS WANTING THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDINGS AND TO DESIGNATE THE NEW CLINIC SOMEWHERE ELSE AS A SINGLE STORY FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THEY WERE JUST INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING TODAY AND THE OTHER DESIGNATED PROPERTY FOR THE HEALTH CLINIC COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING OR TODAY.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE BOARD DESIGNATE THE LOCATION FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE OLD BEEF UNIT PROPERTY AND THEN IF THEY DECIDE TO PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEY CHANGE THE LOCATION; MS. JUSTICE COULD THEN GET STARTED ON A SINGLE STORY PLAN IF SHE WANTED TO.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE WOULD ADVISE MS. JUSTICE TO GET STARTED ON A SINGLE STORY PLAN AND LET THE COUNTY FIND SOME LAND FOR A SINGLE STORY FACILITY; THIS WILL SAVE \$100,000 FOR AN ELEVATOR THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTALLED IF IT WERE MORE THAN ONE STORY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION TO NO LONGER CONSIDER THE PROPERTY BACK OF THE HOSPITAL AS A SITE FOR THE CLINIC AND CHANGE IT TO OTHER PROPERTY THE COUNTY OWNS OR MAY ACQUIRE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE PROPERTY BACK OF THE HOSPITAL WOULD THEN BE INCLUDED IN THE SALE OF THE HOSPITAL. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED IT WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD BE WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM WHOMEVER ENDS UP WITH THE HOSPITAL EVEN THOUGH THE BOARD HAD AGREED TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS; SURELY, IF THE BOARD GIVES UP THIS PROPERTY, WHOMEVER ENDS UP WITH THE HOSPITAL WILL LET THEM HAVE THE OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED WHEN THE BOARD AGREED TO OFFER THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDINGS AS THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT SITE, IT WAS SO THE COUNTY ENGINEER COULD PREPARE THE PLANS TO MEET THE DEADLINE TO GET IT TO

TALLAHASSEE; THAT IS WHY IT WAS GO- ING TO BE A TWO-STORY FACILITY AND DIDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE PARKING; IT WAS MORE OR LESS A THROWN TOGETHER PACKAGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THE DECISION FOR THE SITE FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS NOT MADE IN ONE MEETING; IT WAS DISCUSSED FOR SEVERAL MEETINGS AND THEN MS. JUSTICE CAME BEFORE THEM AND SAID THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD LOSE THE STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF LAND WAS NOT DONATED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID HE HAD MUCH RATHER SEE THE COUNTY DONATE PROPERTY AT OLD ROULHAC THEY ALREADY OWN THAN TO PURCHASE OTHER PROPERTY DUE TO THE COUNTY FINANCES. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO GET THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE MS. JUSTICE TO THE OLD ROULHAC PROPERTY TO SEE IT IT WOULD BE A SUITABLE SITE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR A DAY OF HOLIDAY TIME DUE TO HIM HAVING TO COME ALL THE WAY BACK FROM JACKSONVILLE TO WORK ONE DAY.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT REDISTRICTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED COM- MISSIONER HALL TO HOLD OFF ON THIS UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND PUT IT ON THE AGENDA AS THIS WOULD GIVE THE BOARD PLENTY OF TIME TO LOOK AT IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS TO ENTER INTO REDIS- TRICTING AND LOOK AT THE NUMBERS; COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED COMMISSIONER HALL TO EXPLAIN HIS THOUGHTS BEHIND THE REDISTRICTING. COMMISSIONER HALL STATED HE HAD NEVER BEEN SATISFIED WITH THE WAY IT WAS REDISTRICTED AND WANTED TO LOOK AT REDOING IT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO GET OUT OF QUAIL HOLLOW IF HE COULD; HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE DISTRICT LINE COME DOWN THE MIDDLE OF 77 AND DIVIDED THAT WAY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAVING BROUGHT IT TO HIS ATTENTION HE HAD TALKED WITH THREE OF THE COUNTY COMMIS- SIONERS AND THEY WANTED, BEFORE ANY MORE WORK WAS DONE OR ANY MORE MONEY SPENT, THE BLUE POND BUILDING BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED IT HAVING GONE BACK AND FORTH ON WHETHER THE BUILDING WAS A WELCOME CENTER OR A COMMUNITY CENTER; COMMISSIONER FINCH IS READY TO GET POWER TURNED ON TO IT. COM- MISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THERE WAS ALREADY POWER TO THE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT BUT HE SEEN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, LLOYD BRUNER, BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AND LLOYD POWELL AT THE FACILITY AND STOPPED AND TALKED WITH THE BUILDING OFFICIAL. POWELL ADVISED HIM THE FACILITY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A BATHROOM AS A WELCOME BUILDING; POWELL GAVE A LIST OF WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE FACILITY AT THAT TIME WHICH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR WROTE DOWN. CORBIN ADVISED HE MAY HAVE TOLD MR. BRUNER TO GO AHEAD AND PUT IN THE BATHROOM DUE TO DON WALTERS WITH SOIL CONSERVATION AGREEING TO PAY FOR IT; HE THOUGHT THE ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT A SPECIAL MEETING WAS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE BUILDING. HE SUGGESTED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS TO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS THEM AND PUT THE BUILDING BEHIND THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHAT THE BUILDING WAS PERMITTED FOR AS HE HAD SEVERAL DIFFERENT PERMITS FOR THE FACILITY BUT EACH ONE CALLED THE FACILITY A DIFFERENT NAME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER COPE HAVING COME TO HIM WHEN HE STARTED TALKING ABOUT BUILDING THE FACILITY TO SEE IF IT COULD BE SEPARATED FOR THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TO HAVE USE OF PART OF IT; FINCH AGREED THIS WOULD BE OKAY. COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN STATED HE HAD PLANS DRAWN BUT DIDN'T GET A PERMIT DUE TO NEW BATHROOM FACILITIES JUST BEING BUILT AT THE PARK SITE AND HE THOUGHT

THESE COULD BE USED. HE REFERENCED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HAVING ADVISED THOSE BATHROOM FACILITIES COULDN'T BE USED IF THE FACILITY WAS A WELCOME CENTER SO HE DECIDED TO CALL IT A COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR PEOPLE TO HOLD REUNIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED POWELL WHAT THE BUILDING WAS PRESENTLY PERMITTED FOR AND WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS WERE. POWELL STATED IT WAS PERMITTED AS A WELCOME CENTER AND IT WOULD REQUIRE A BATHROOM; IF IT WAS GOING TO BE A COMMUNITY CENTER, IT WOULD BE LIKE PULLING A PERMIT FOR A HOUSE AND BUILDING A MOTEL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED POWELL IF HE HADN'T DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIM ON FINISHING THE FACILITY; POWELL WOULD SIGN OFF ON IT AND IF YEARS DOWN THE ROAD THE BOARD WANTED TO CALL IT WHATEVER, IT WOULD BE OUT OF HIS HANDS AND HE WOULD HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY. POWELL AGREED THIS DISCUSSION HAD TAKEN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED THE COUNTY HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO FOLLOW; IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO FOLLOW IT, THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE ANYONE ELSE FOLLOW IT. HE THEN ADDRESSED AN ARTERIAL HIGHWAY REQUIRING 50' FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY TO THE BUILDING; ON A FEEDER ROAD THE REQUIREMENT IS 35' FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY TO THE BUILDING; FROM A HIGHWATER MARK, THE REQUIREMENT IS 50' FROM A BUILDING. HE STATED THE BUILDING AT BLUE POND MEETS NONE OF THESE SPECIFICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED FL-DEP WAS SATISFIED WITH THE WETLANDS LINE; HE DREW IT. COMMISSIONER HALL THEN QUESTIONED IF ANYONE HAD CHECKED WITH LYNDA WALLER ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REQUIREMENTS TO SEE IF THE BUILDING COULD BE BUILT THERE.

WALLER STATED THE PROPERTY WAS ZONED RECREATIONAL; A WELCOME CENTER OR COMMUNITY CENTER COULD BE BUILT THERE WITH EMPHASIS ON RECREATION. HER CONCERN WAS THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE PARKING.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED IT WAS ON THE PERMIT IT WAS LAKEFRONT PROPERTY WITH A 50' SETBACK; COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS FINE WITH DEP WHEN THEY CAME TO LOOK AT IT AND REFERENCED LAST YEAR IT WAS 200' FROM THE WATERLINE BUT THERE IS HIGHWATER NOW.

WALLER THEN STATED THE FL-DEP ISSUES THEIR PERMITS CONTINGENT ON IT BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED WHO WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM FL-DEP WHO APPROVED THE BUILDING SITE; COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED IT WAS VIC KEISLER WITH COMMISSIONER HALL STATING NO WONDER THERE WERE PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS JUST A BUILDING BEING BUILT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THERE WAS A NEED TO MAKE A BIG ISSUE OUT OF IT.

POWELL STATED THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BEFORE ANY PERMITS WERE APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED IF AN INDIVIDUAL WENT TO POWELL, WHAT WOULD THEY HAVE TO DO AND QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE HIM A PLAN; POWELL STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING BEFORE GETTING A PERMIT.

POWELL STATED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD APPROVED THE BUILDING BUT THEN COMMISSIONERS HAD COME TO HIM ADVISING THEY HAD NEVER APPROVED THE FACILITY; HE CAN'T PUT POWER TO THE BUILDING ON AN UNAPPROVED BUILDING, IT IS ILLEGAL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AND NONE OF THE OTHER FACILITIES HAVE COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING IN HIS DISTRICT THAT HAD TO BE PERMITTED; HE ONLY HAS A POLE BARN.

POWELL STATED THIS FACILITY STARTED OUT AS A POLE BARN, THEN A STORAGE BUILDING, THEN A WELCOME CENTER AND NOW IT IS A COMMUNITY BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE STORAGE FACILITY AT THE COUNTY ANNEX WAS PERMITTED; POWELL ADVISED PORTABLE BUILDINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PERMITTED AS LONG AS THEY ARE BOUGHT ASSEMBLED AND PUT ON A SITE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT

STATED HE HAD CONTACTED EACH OF THE COM- MISSIONERS ON PUTTING THE STORAGE FACILITY ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED IF OTHER PEOPLE WANTED TO BUILD ON A LAKE AND THE BOARD LETS THIS BUILDING GO, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ANYONE ELSE; IF THE BOARD CAN'T ABIDE BY THEIR OWN RULES, THEY CAN'T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED POWELL WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE FOR A PERSON WANTING TO BUILD A HOME ON BLUE POND; POWELL STATED IT WOULD BE 75' FROM HIGHWATER MARK, 50' FROM THE BUILDING AND A 25' SET BACK HE THOUGHT.

COMMISSIONER COPE THEN QUESTIONED IF THEY APPROVED THE BUILDING AT BLUE POND, COULD SOMEONE BUILD A HOUSE ON THE WATERFRONT; POWELL STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A SEWAGE LINE AND SEPTIC TANK 75' FROM THE HIGHWATER MARK. COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED IF ANYONE KNEW WHERE THE HIGHWATER MARK WAS AT BLUE POND; COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED IT WAS EAST OF THE BOARDWALK.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED HOW THE SEPTIC TANK WAS APPROVED AT BLUE LAKE; COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED IT WAS APPROVED.

DAVID CORBIN STATED AL CLEVELAND OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATED YOU CAN'T PUT TWO BATHROOMS ON ONE TANK; IT WOULD REQUIRE PUTTING ANOTHER SEPTIC TANK IN, A LIFT STATION AND A GRINDER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED SOMEONE GIVE HIM THE RULING WHERE THE EXISTING BATHROOM AT THE PARK CAN'T BE USED FOR PERSONS USING THE BUILDING AT BLUE POND.

POWELL ADVISED THE BATHROOM FOR THE PARK WAS FOR PEOPLE WHO PARK THERE; THE BUILDING WOULD REQUIRE A BATHROOM. COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR THE RULING ON THIS REQUIREMENT.

POWELL ADVISED COMMISSIONER FINCH HE HAD NEVER REQUESTED A RULING ON ANYTHING HE HAD DONE; HE DONE WHATEVER HE WANTED TO DO. HE TOLD COMMISSIONER FINCH THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS WITH THE BUILDING AND FINCH HAD INFORMED HIM THE BEST THING HE COULD DO IS DO WHAT HE WANTED TO DO AND FACE THE CONSEQUENCES LATER. COM- MISSIONER FINCH DENIED SAYING THIS WITH POWELL STATING FINCH WAS TELL- ING A LIE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS FACILITY WAS JUST A SHED COULD THE PRESENT BATHROOM AT BLUE LAKE PARK BE USED. JOHN FOSTER RESPONDED IF IT IS AN OCCUPIED BUILDING, IT HAS TO HAVE TOILETS; IF IT IS A STORAGE SHED, IT IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE NO OCCUPANCY AND WOULD REQUIRE NO TOILETS. BASED UPON THE BUILDING CODES TODAY, THE BUILDING AT BLUE LAKE POND COULD HOLD 60 PEOPLE AND WOULD REQUIRE THREE TOILETS.

CHERYL, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, REFERENCED OTHER PARKS HAVING SEPARATE FACILITIES STATING THEY WERE COMMUNITY CENTERS WITHOUT WALLS BUT ALL HAVE PICNIC TABLES. SHE QUESTIONED THE DIFFERENCE IN THOSE PARKS AND BLUE POND PARK EXCEPT THE WALLS AND REFERENCED THE STATE FACILITIES ALONG THE INTERSTATE WHERE THE BATHROOM FACILITIES ARE SEPARATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HIM ONLY TRYING TO FIX THE BUILDING FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY; HE WAS NOT TRYING TO GAIN ANYTHING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED POWELL IF HE HAD ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE. POWELL SAID IF IT WERE HIM, HE WOULD DISMANTLE THE BUILDING BUT THAT WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED POWELL IF THE SIDES WERE TAKEN DOWN, WOULD THE BUILDING BE LEGAL. POWELL STATED IF THE SIDES WERE TAKEN DOWN, THEY COULD HAVE AN OPEN PICNIC AREA LIKE THE REST OF THE PARK AREAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER TAKING THE WALLS DOWN; THE BUILDING WAS SOMETHING THE COMMUNITY COULD ENJOY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE HAD HEARD WHEN THE BUILDING WAS GOING UP, IT WAS A POLE BARN TO BE USED AS A PICNIC AREA FOR THE PARK; THEN, SOMEONE CAME TO PERMIT AND IS BUILDING A BUILDING THE REST OF THE BOARD HAS TO LIVE WITH. HE ALSO STATED HIS OPINION THE BUILDING WAS TOTALLY BLOCKING THE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED BROCK IF HE WENT INSIDE THE BUILDING, IT HAS BIG WINDOWS ALL THE WAY DOWN THE SIDE SO THERE COULD BE A GOOD VIEW OF THE LAKE IF SOMEONE WAS HAVING A MEETING OR A MEAL; IT IS AIR CONDITIONED.

MR. FOSTER ADDRESSED THERE BEING A NICE POLE BUILDING THAT WAS BUILT ON HIGHWAY 77 CLOSE TO THE RIGHT OF WAY THREE OR FOUR MILES SOUTH OF CHIPLEY; POWELL HAD THOSE PEOPLE MOVE THE BUILDING DUE TO IT NOT MEETING THE 50' SET BACK REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED ANOTHER FACILITY AT CLAYTON ROAD AND HIGHWAY 77 HAVING TO BE RELOCATED DUE TO IT NOT MEETING THE 50' SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE WAS SORRY THINGS HAD BEEN LET GO THIS FAR IF THE BUILDING WAS NOT RIGHT. COMMISSIONER HALL STATED THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD FOR BOARD APPROVAL SO THEY COULD BE DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE DID NOT CARE ABOUT BRINGING IT BEFORE THE BOARD AS HE WAS NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING; HE DIDN'T REALIZE IT HAD TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD. HE THOUGHT HE WAS JUST BUILDING A BUILDING TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC OR FOR PEOPLE TO RENT. HE REFERENCED THE AG CENTER BEING BACKED UP ALL THE TIME FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE WANTING TO RENT IT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED POWELL IF THEY COULD LEAVE THE FACILITY AS A WELCOME CENTER, PUT THE BATHROOMS IN AND A LIFT STATION. POWELL ADVISED THAT WOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE BOARD BUT IT WOULDN'T MEET CODES AND REFERENCED A LOT OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE COUNTY BEING ABLE TO DO ONE THING BUT REQUIRE THEM TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM LATER ON; IF SOMEONE WANTS TO COME ALONG AND BUILD AROUND A LAKE, THE BOARD WANT BE ABLE TO STOP THEM. HE AGREED IT WAS A NICE BUILDING BUT IT DOES NOT MEET THE CODE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER HALL IF ALL OF HIS BUILDINGS AT THE HINSON CROSSROADS FIREHOUSE WERE PERMITTED WITH DEP PERMITS, ETC. AS THE ENGINEER SAID IT WASN'T.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW IT WAS AS THE ENGINEER WAS IN CHARGE OF GETTING IT DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WAS EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS AT; HE THOUGHT SOMEONE ELSE WAS GETTING THIS DONE AND COMPLYING AND HE WASN'T SPECIFICALLY TRYING TO BUILD ANYTHING OUT OF CODE.

COMMISSIONER HALL STATED THE ONLY THING HE WAS REQUIRED TO GET PERMITTED WAS THE FIREHOUSE; THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND THE GRANT FOR THE FIREHOUSE WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID IT SHOULD BE MADE POLICY ANYTHING ENTERED INTO PERTAINING TO COUNTY BUILDINGS SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

KATHY FOSTER WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY POST QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS SUFFICIENT PARKING SPACES; COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED THERE WAS NOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS PARKING THERE AND HE WAS GOING TO BRING IN MORE ASPHALT AND FIX PARKING SPACES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.

POWELL STATED THERE WOULD NEED TO BE 44 PARKING SPACES PLUS 2 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES FOR THE BUILDING ONLY; THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PARKING FOR THE PARK.

LYNDA WALLER STATED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IS THE AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO GIVE VARIANCES. CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD MET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION, COULD THEY POSSIBLY GIVE THE BOARD A VARIANCE AS THE BUILDING HAS GONE A LONG WAY TO TALK ABOUT TEARING IT DOWN.

WALLER STATED IF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN DONE THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, THE BOARD WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY DISCUSSING IT; A LAND USE APPLICATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN FILLED OUT AND THE WHOLE PERMITTING PROCESS GONE THROUGH BUT THE BUILDING WAS ALREADY UP BEFORE IT EVER CAME TO HER OFFICE. SHE ADDRESSED THIS PRESENTING A BIG PROBLEM WITH THE PUBLIC COMING IN, REFERENCING THE BUILDING AT BLUE LAKE AND QUESTIONING WHY THEY COULDN'T BUILD AROUND THE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE BUILDING TO COME DOWN. COMMISSIONER COPE THEN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD JUST TAKE THE SIDES OFF OF IT AND LEAVE IT AS A PAVILLION. COMMISSIONER HALL AMENDED HIS MOTION TO MAKE THE BUILDING WHERE IT IS LEGAL PER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF IT WOULD BE LEGAL IF THE SIDES WERE TAKEN DOWN; POWELL STATED IT WOULD NOT MEET THE SET BACK REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULDN'T GO BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD AND REQUEST A VARIANCE LIKE ANYONE ELSE WOULD DO; THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANYTHING DONE OUT THERE ANYONE IS TRYING TO GET BY WITH AND IT WOULD REALLY BE A SHAME TO TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADVISED IF IT WENT BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD, IT WOULD STILL HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED COMMISSIONER HALL IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ON HIS MOTION SO THEY COULD TALK TO RANDY PARKER ON THIS ISSUE.

WALLER STATED SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH PARKER TODAY AND HE SAYS THE SAME THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID HERE TODAY; THE SET BACKS, HIGH WATER MARKS HAVE NOT BEEN MET PER CODE. SHE ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD BE MEETING ON JULY 15TH AND PARKER WOULD BE THERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED THE CHAIRMAN IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO ASK THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DO SOMETHING THAT EVERY OTHER CONTRACT- OR HAS TO ABIDE BY IN THE COUNTY; THERE IS RULES AND POLICIES SET IN THE COUNTY THEY EXPECT EVERYBODY TO ABIDE BY AND THEN THE BOARD IS GOING TO BREAK THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THEY COULD TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN IF THEY WANTED TO WITH COMMISSIONER COPE STATING WHATEVER IS LEGAL; COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT; THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO IT. AS A CHRISTIAN MAN, COMMISSIONER COPE IS NOT DOING THIS JUST TO MAKE IT LEGAL BUT IT WILL COME BEFORE US; IT IS A SAD THING TO THINK HE WOULD DO THAT. COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READ THE MOTION. SHE STATED THE MOTION WAS TO MAKE THE BUILDING LEGAL PER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, BROCK AND HALL FOR AND COMMISSIONERS CORBIN AND FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THE BOARD DIDN'T NEED TO BE MAKING EXCEPTIONS FOR THEMSELVES WHEN THEY EXPECT EVERYBODY ELSE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES; COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED.

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

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 07/14/03