

BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/07/03

MARCH 07, 2003

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

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

DON WALTERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON AN AGREEMENT HE WAS REQUESTING THEY ENTER INTO WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ON A TRACT OF LAND ON BRICKYARD ROAD ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EXISTING SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO DEED THE 350' X 600' TO THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO RELOCATE A DITCH AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$93,000 WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS IF THE COUNTY DID THE WORK. WALTERS REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT THE AGREEMENT TODAY SO HE COULD GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL BOARD TO SHOW THE COMMISSIONERS HAS AGREED TO RELOCATE THE DITCH AND THE PROJECT CAN PROCEED FORWARD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON NOT MOVING FORWARD WITH RELOCATING THE DITCH FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD UNTIL THE FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVED. WALTERS ADDRESSED IF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ENOUGH FUNDING FOR THEIR NEW FACILITY PLUS RELOCATING OF THE DITCH, THE GRANT FUNDING CAN BE USED TO PAY THE COST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE AGREEMENT CONTINGENT ON THE COUNTY NOT GOING OUT AND REROUTING THE DITCH UNTIL THE FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVED.

DON WALTERS REPORTED THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT WOULD BE PROVIDING A SOD MACHINE TO THE COUNTY.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORTED ON SEVERAL ISSUES:

1. WHITTINGTON ROAD PAVING BIDS:

A. C. W. ROBERTS	\$29,400
B. ANDERSON COLUMBIA	\$27,200
C. APAC	\$31,240

KNAUER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ACCEPT THE BID FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA FOR \$27,200. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION.

2. CDBG ROAD GRANT BIDS FOR HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT:

A. C. W. ROBERTS	\$737,654
B. ANDERSON COLUMBIA	\$546,598.50
C. GLENN T. WARREN	\$663,734
D. HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION	\$593,906

KNAUER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AWARD THE BID TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION.

STACY WEBB HANDED THE BOARD INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENCE IN THE GRANT AMOUNT VERSUS THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CDBG PROJECTS:

CDBG ROAD GRANT FOR PAVING	\$690,000
CDBG ROAD GRANT FOR ADMINISTRATION	60,000
COUNTY MATCH MONIES	311,591.70
TOTAL	\$1,061,591.70

EXPENDITURES:

ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR GRANT	\$ 60,000
COUNTY MATCH SPENT	166,180.05

JAMES MILLER LAND CLEARING	74,500
TOTAL	\$300,680.05
AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$760,911.65
BIDS RECEIVED	\$893,275
NEGATIVE BALANCE	\$132,363.25
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES REMAINING	\$ 46,000
NEGATIVE TRANSFERRING ADMIN FEES	\$ 86,363.35

DEBBIE RILEY, PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED THEM ON THE BREAKDOWN OF THE DSR'S THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, THE DSR'S THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND THE FUNDING APPROVED FOR THEM TOTTALLING \$1,420,000.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER GAVE A BREAKDOWN ON FEMA FUNDING:

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$3,352,572.97
ALLOWABLE AMOUNT FROM FEMA	\$3,210,745.26
CASH ON HAND IN ALLISON	\$1,263,063.48
DSR WORK TO BE DONE	\$1,420,814.53
NEGATIVE BALANCE	\$ 157,751.05

TRANSPORTATION FUND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM ALLISON DUE TO DOCUMENTATION HAVING BEEN PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL \$860,014.14: PRESENTLY THERE IS \$329,995.54 IN FUTURE ROAD PAVING. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD SHE FELT LIKE THE \$1,000,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING LINE ITEM WOULD BE AVAILABLE ONCE ALL THE DSR WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND DOCUMENTATION TURNED IN FOR TRANSFERS; HOWEVER, NO DEFINITE FIGURE CAN BE PROVIDED UNTIL ALL DSR WORK IS COMPLETED TO SEE IF THE COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SMALL COUNTY NETTING.

DEBBIE RILEY ADDRESSED AT THE PRESENT TIME, OF THE DSR'S THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, THEY ARE NOT RUNNING OVER THE REQUIRED 10% IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SMALL COUNTY NETTING. TO RECEIVE SMALL COUNTY NETTING, THE TOTAL PROJECTS WHEN COMPLETED WILL HAVE TO GO OVER BY 10%.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ALL THE FEMA FUNDING HAVING ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED UNLESS THE COUNTY QUALIFIES FOR SMALL COUNTY NETTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS WANTING TO BE ASSURED THE \$1,000,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS NO WAY SHE COULD SAY DEFINITELY THE \$1,000,000 WOULD BE AVAILABLE UNTIL ALL THE DSR WORK IS COMPLETED AND DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO BOARD FINANCE FOR REIMBURSEMENT; HOWEVER, SHE FEELS IT WILL BE.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHEN THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED, DEBBIE ADVISED AN EXTENSION HAD ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL JULY 17, 2003. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND WHY THESE PROJECTS CAN'T GO AHEAD AND BE COMPLETED. CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED PUBLIC WORKS HAVE THE DSR WORK COMPLETED BY MARCH 27, 2003.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD AUCTIONED OFF THE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND REPLACED IT, WOULD THE BOARD STILL HAVE THEIR \$1,000,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES ONCE THE DSR'S ARE COMPLETED. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO ANSWER THIS DUE TO NOT KNOWING WHAT THE AUCTION PRICES WILL BE AND THE EQUIPMENT COST.

THE BOARD ASKED KNAUER HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH OVER AND ABOVE THE GRANT AMOUNT TO DO ALL THE CDBG ROAD PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CONCRETE. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO DO THE CONCRETE, SOD AND MULCH; AN ESTIMATED FIGURE FOR THE EXTRA COST FOR THESE ITEMS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$300,000. TO \$400,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN COMMITTED TO USE HIS \$200,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES FOR JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD AND COMMISSIONER BROCK COMMITTED TO USE HIS \$200,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES FOR THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HALL AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THEIR MOTION TO

INCLUDE COMMISSIONER BROCK WOULD COMMIT TO USE HIS \$200,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES FOR THE HOLMES VALLEY ROAD PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. JOINER ROAD PROJECT AND ASPHALT FOR RATTLEBOX ROAD:

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| A. C. W. ROBERTS | \$ 424,915 |
| B. ANDERSON COLUMBIA | \$ 389,569 |
| C. GLENN WARREN | \$ 491,015 |
| D. HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION | \$ 346,676.50 |

KNAUER RECOMMENDED AWARDING THE BID TO HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION FOR \$346,676.50. CHAIRMAN CORBIN TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION AND COMMITTED TO USE HIS \$200,000 FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES FOR ANY OVERAGE ON THE JOINER AND RATTLEBOX ROAD PROJECTS.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK TURNED THE CHAIR BACK TO CHAIRMAN CORBIN. KNAUER CONTINUED WITH HIS REPORT:

4. ALTERNATES & BASE BID ITEMS AND LOW BIDDER AWARD

WAS BASED ON BASE BID; HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION FOR JOINER ROAD:

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| A. ALTERNATE #3-JOINER ROAD EXTENSION FROM STATE PARK ROAD TO FORTNER ROAD | |
| a. EARTHWORK | \$35,390 |
| b. ASPHALT | \$40,842.50 |
| TOTAL | \$76,232.50 |

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED OF A \$2,500 FEE FOR INHOUSE CLEARING AND GRUBBING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN TURNED THE CHAIR BACK OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO AWARD THE BID TO HEAVY EARTH CONSTRUCTION AND FUND IT WITH HIS DISTRICT LOAN MONIES AND THE REMAINDER TO COME FROM AMOUNT LEFT FROM HIS FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES AND ANY OTHER MONIES TIED TO HIS DISTRICT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK TURNED THE CHAIR BACK TO CHAIRMAN CORBIN. KNAUER CONTINUED WITH HIS REPORT:

5. SCRAP AND SCOP PROJECTS-FL-DOT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE CLOSE OUT OF SCRAP AND SCOP PROJECTS. ANDERSON COLUMBIA HAS TURNED IN ALL FINAL PAY REQUEST TO CLOSE OUT PROJECTS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO AREAS IDENTIFIED THAT NEEDED WORK IN ORDER FOR ANDERSON TO GET THEIR RETAINAGE:

- A. EROSION TOWARD BRIDGE ON NORTH SIDE OF HWY 284
- B. CORNER OF HWY 279 AND HWY 79; DITCH NEEDS TO BE DRESSED UP SOME.

ANDERSON COLUMBIA HAS MADE COMMITMENT TO HAVE CLEAN UP ON HWY 284 AND ON CORNER OF HIGHWAY 279 AND HWY 79 DONE WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO; BOARD FINANCE NOT TO RELEASE ANY MONIES UNTIL WORK HAS BEEN DONE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED TWO OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON THE PROJECTS OUTSIDE ANDERSON COLUMBIA:

- A. FOUR MANHOLES NEEDED TO BE RAISED ON HWY 279; HE HAD CALLED AROUND TO LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND IS HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING THEM TO GIVE HIM PRICES; PORTER CONSTRUCTION PROVIDED HIM A QUOTE OF \$1,250 PER MANHOLE. HE ADVISED TOTAL AMOUNT OF DOT-SCOP MONIES IS USED UP BUT 25% COUNTY MATCH IS NOT. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE

KNAUER TO HAVE PORTER CONSTRUCTION RAISE THE FOUR MANHOLES IF SCOP MATCHING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO WORK WITH KNAUER AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ON THE SCOP AND SCRAP PROJECT CLOSEOUTS DUE TO THERE POSSIBLY BEING INVOICES WHICH MAY NOT HAVE COME IN FROM GUETTLE AND OTHER VENDORS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED KNAUER LOOK AT THE BULKING IN THE ROAD ON HIGHWAY 284. COMMISSIONER HALL REQUESTED KNAUER LOOK AT THE BAD DITCH WASHES ON HIGHWAY 284 ALSO.

6. CREEK ROAD-PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR A LITTLE OVER A MILE FOR SOME LOW WATER CROSSINGS AND REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO SEND OUT CERTIFIED LETTERS TO ALL THE LAND OWNERS ON CREEK ROAD TO HAVE A MEETING TO DISCUSS RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES AND SHOW THEM WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S REQUEST.
7. SUNNY HILLS MSBU-ROAD PAVING PROJECT IS READY TO GO OUT FOR BID; TRYING TO GET BIDS BACK BEFORE THE BOARD'S MARCH 27TH MEETING; PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE READY TO GO OUT BY THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

STACY WEBB, GRANTS PERSON, RE-ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FINANCE SUMMARY SHE HAD PROVIDED THEM EARLIER IN THE MEETING. SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE ACTION IF THEY WANTED THE CDBG ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO HAZARD MITIGATION. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINING CDBG ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TO CDBG HAZARD MITIGATION.

PHIL BENNETT, PRESIDENT OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE ASSOCIATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS CONTACT WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE BOARD'S DIRECTIVE TO STRUCTURE A TRANSACTION TO ACCOMPLISH SEVERAL THINGS:

- A. PROVIDE A RESTRUCTURING OF A CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY NOTE WHICH HAS AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF 3.6 MILLION DOLLARS
- B. INCREASE THE 3.6 MILLION DOLLAR NOTE BY 3.2 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
- C. SET ASIDE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE AND COST OF ISSUANCE, ETC.
- D. TOTAL SIZE OF NEW DEBT ISSUE IS 7.6 MILLION
- E. THIS WILL INCLUDE PAY OFF OF 3.6 MILLION, 3.2 MILLION NEW MONIES, 510,000 DEBT SERVICE RESERVE AND 2% FOR ALL COST OF ISSUANCE FOR LEGAL FEES AND UNDERWRITING FEES

BENNETT ADVISED HE HAD SOLICITED PROPOSALS FROM FOUR DIFFERENT BANKS WITH SUNTRUST PROVIDING THE BEST LETTER OF CREDIT TO ENHANCE THE BONDS. THEY HAVE A "AA" RATING ON THEIR DEBTS, VARIABLE INTEREST RATE AT TODAY'S RATE WOULD BE ALL INCLUSIVE 2.32% WHICH INCLUDES INTEREST, LETTER OF CREDIT FEES, TRUSTEE AND FINANCIAL FEES TO THE RATE AGENCY. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY PRESENTLY PAYING APPROXIMATELY \$27,000 A MONTH ON THE 3.6 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN; THE NEW MONTHLY PAYMENT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 MORE PER MONTH FOR THE 7.6 MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE.

BENNETT ADDRESSED GETTING THE HALF CENT SALES TAX RELEASED FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY ON NOTE A WAS NOT A PROBLEM; HOWEVER, THERE IS CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER A PORTION OF THE SALES TAX IS PLEDGED TO A FIRST UNION NOTE THE COUNTY HAS. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO GET THE LOAN DONE BY APRIL 1, 2003 AND ALLOW HIM TO WORK OUT THE SALES TAX COMPONENTS THAT WILL BE USED FOR SECURITY OR DO THEY WANT HIM TO DO THE RESEARCH FIRST, WHICH MAY POSTPONE THE CLOSING FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GET THE EMERGENCY SALES TAX RELEASED FROM THE FIRST UNION NOTE AND PLEDGED TO THE 30 YEAR 7.6 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN; IF THESE MONIES ARE PLEDGED THE STATE CAN'T TAKE THEM AWAY.

WHEN QUESTIONED, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE THOUGHT THE EMERGENCY HALF CENT SALES TAX COULDN'T BE TAKEN AWAY IF THERE WAS A BOND ISSUE WITH ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

BENNETT ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD LOOK AT THE OPTION OF BORROWING ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY OFF THE FIRST UNION LOAN AND THIS WOULD FREE UP THE EMERGENCY HALF CENT SALES TAX.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONING WHERE THE 3.2 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE BENNETT WAS ADDRESSING HAD COME FROM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD HAD APPROVED TO BORROW THIS AMOUNT BUT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHERE THE FIGURE CAME FROM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH VOICED HIS OPINION THE BOARD SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE PROPOSALS ARE IN ON THE SALE, LEASE OR MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL BEFORE DETERMINING AN AMOUNT TO BE BORROWED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO AUTHORIZE COMBINING THE FIRST UNION LOAN AND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN FOR THE JAIL, AUTHORIZE BENNETT TO NEGOTIATE WITH FIRST UNION ON PAYING THEIR LOAN OFF, MAINTAIN 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS NEW MONIES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON PAYMENTS, ETC AT THE MARCH 27TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HE WAS NOT GOING TO COMMIT TO BORROWING THE ENTIRE 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS BUT ONLY THE AMOUNT NEEDED AFTER RECEIVING THE PROPOSALS ON THE HOSPITAL. HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM ON BENNETT NEGOTIATING AND REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE LOAN INFORMATION AS LONG AS THERE WAS NOT AN OBLIGATION OR COMMITMENT TO BORROW IT. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

ALLAN CLARK, COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING'S REQUEST FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY'S HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S MAIN CONCERN WAS THE POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT INCREASE THE COUNTY'S PREMIUMS BY ADDING THESE EMPLOYEES. CLARK ASSURED THE BOARD IT WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO THE COUNTY'S PREMIUM THIS YEAR. HE THEN ADVISED THE RATES ARE DEVELOPED BY THE AVERAGE AGE AND CLAIM USAGE; THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S EMPLOYEES ARE YOUNGER THAN MOST OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES SO THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD IMPACT THE COUNTY'S PREMIUM IS THROUGH CLAIM USAGE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE CLAIM USAGE BECAME A PROBLEM, COULD THESE EMPLOYEES BE TAKEN OFF THE COUNTY POLICY. CLARK ADVISED ONCE THEY ARE ADDED ON, THEY CAN'T BE TAKEN OFF.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADD THE COUNCIL ON AGING EMPLOYEES TO THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN. CLARK AGREED TO HAVE THE COUNCIL ON AGING GROUP SET UP INDIVIDUALLY AND BILLED SEPARATELY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON THE TWO AUCTIONEER BIDS RECEIVED ON THE SALE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT:

J. M. WOOD AUCTION COMPANY	GROSS	\$1,113,759.99
7% COMMISSION/NET TO COUNTY		\$1,035,796.79
DEANCO AUCTION COMPANY	GROSS	\$1,130,368.50
7% COMMISSION/NET TO COUNTY		\$1,039,939.00

HERBERT REPORTED ON THE QUOTES FOR THE MACK TRUCKS:

GULF COAST TRUCK COMPANY-MACK DUMP TRUCKS WITHOUT THIRD AXLE-\$82,831.88 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$662,655.04 FOR EIGHT; WITH LIFT AXLES \$3,600 AND TIRES \$1,200 PER TRUCK.

HERBERT REPORTED ON THE BIDS FOR THE JOHN DEERE MOTOR-GRADERS:

THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY/3 CATERPILLAR	\$ 136,126 EACH
BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY/3 JOHN DEERE	\$113,395.73 EACH

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE JOHN DEER MOTORGRADERS WERE EQUIPPED AS PER BID SPECIFICATIONS, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY WERE WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS:

- A. ENGINE: CUBIC INCHES 496
HOURSE POWER 155
TIER II AND HYDRAULIC DEMAND FAN
- B. TRANSMISSION: MILES PER HOUR 25.8 FORWARD
25.8 REVERSE
- C. DRAW BAR AND CIRCLE:
BOX TYPE DESIGN AND FASTNERS HOLDING SUPPORT SHOES THAT REQUIRE NO GREASE AND CAN BE CHANGED IN ONE HOUR WITH A 9/16 WRENCH ONLY, RELIFE VALVES INSTEAD OF ACCUMULATORS ON BLADE LIFT
- D. SCARIFIER
NINE TOOTH DESIGN
BRAKES: OIL ACTUATED, NO AIR TANKS

BIDS ON LOADERS:

THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY/2 CAT LOADERS \$136,126 EACH
BEARD EQUIPMENT/2 JOHN DEERE \$127,181.30 EACH

HERBERT READ EXCEPTIONS ON LOADERS FROM BEARD:

ENGINE: HOURSPOWER 180

TRANSMISSION: THREE REVERSE SPEEDS, MILES PER HOUR IN REVERSE 16.4, SIGHT GUAGE

HITCH: NO TAPERED ROLLER BEARINGS IN ARTICULATION JOINT

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM: 68 GPM PUMP

WEIGHT: 38,345 LBS

SCOTTY BIRCH, REPRESENTING BEARD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THE JOHN DEERE LOADERS WERE ABOUT 3 HOURSPOWER LESS AND 700 POUNDS LIGHTER; EVEN AT 700 POUNDS LIGHTER, HE ADVISED THEY HAD ABOUT A 2000 POUND OR BETTER TIPPING RATE.

ON THE MOTORGRADERS, HE ADVISED THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IN THE SPECS WERE THEY WERE 10 HOURSPOWER LESS. HE ADDRESSED THE REASON HE WAS ABLE TO SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY WAS DUE TO HIM GOING THROUGH THE STATE CONTRACT PRICE; SANTA ROSA JACKSON AND WALTON COUNTIES JUST BOUGHT JOHN DEER MOTORGRADERS. (SCOTTY BIRCH)

STEVE PARRISH WITH THOMPSON EQUIPMENT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING BEARD DIDN'T MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS BID; HIS BID WOULD HAVE BEEN LOWER IF HE HAD KNOWN THE BOARD WANTED LESSER SIZE EQUIPMENT. HE ALSO REFERENCED THE BOARD'S REPLACEMENT COST ON THE CATERPILLARS BEING LIGHT DUE TO THE RESALE VALUE OF THE CATERPILLAR MACHINES.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED EDDIE RILEY, SHOP FOREMAN, AND

THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS, DALLAS CARTER AND ROBERT HARCUS, ON THE DIFFERENCE IN UPKEEP ON THE CATERPILLAR VERSUS THE DRESSER GRADERS THE BOARD HAD PURCHASED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. RILEY AND HARCUS REPORTED THERE WAS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO.

CORBIN THEN REFERENCED HIM HAVING GONE TO AN AUCTION YEARS AGO WHEN THE COUNTY HAD SOLD CATERPILLARS AND DRESSERS AND THE NEWER MODEL DRESSER SOLD FOR CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE OLDER MODEL CATERPILLARS; THERE WAS NO COMPARISON WITH THE SERVICE OF THE CATERPILLAR AND THE RESALE VALUE IS OUTSTANDING.

BIRGE PROPOSED TO THE BOARD THEY PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE JOHN DEERE GRADER AND COMPARE THE TWO; THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN JACKSON COUNTY AND THEY RECENTLY PURCHASED TWO MORE JOHN DEERE. JACKSON COUNTY KEPT AN EFFICIENCY RATING ON THE GRADERS AND THE JOHN DEERE WAS RATED MOST EFFICIENT.

BIRGE ALSO REFERENCED JOHN DEERE GETTING ABOUT \$30,000 LESS ON TRADE; THEIR BID WOULD STILL BE LOWER IF THE BOARD TOOK THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

CORBIN ADDRESSED THERE BEING SO MANY SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTORS WHO OPERATE CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT AND HE LIKES THE EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM THE COUNTY HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE ALSO FELT THE COUNTY WOULDN'T EXPERIENCE THE BREAKDOWNS WITH CATER- PILLAR THEY WOULD IF THEY PURCHASED THE JOHN DEERE.

WHEN IT WAS ADDRESSED BEARD'S BID DID NOT MEET THE BID SPECIFICATIONS, BIRGE STATED THERE WAS ONLY ONE MANUFACTURER WHO COULD MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT WAS CATERPILLAR. HE REITER- ATED HIM PROPOSING THE BOARD PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE JOHN DEERE FOR COMPARISON AND HE DOESN'T FEEL THE BOARD CAN GO WRONG WITH THE SAVINGS THEY WILL HAVE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED WHERE THE NEW GRADERS WOULD BE GOING. RILEY ADVISED RICKY COATNEY, CARL JENKINS AND DAVID ODOM WOULD BE OPERATING THE NEW GRADERS. RILEY ALSO REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING PREVIOUSLY AGREED THEY ONLY WANTED TO GO WITH 140H MOTORGRADERS.

SHERYL, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, ADVISED THE DIFFERENCE IN DEANCO'S AUCTION PRICE AND CATERPILLAR'S BID WAS \$271 700; THE DIFFERENCE IN DEANCO'S AUCTION PRICE AND JOHN DEERE'S BID WAS \$425,389.21 LEFT OVER; THE QUOTE ON THE MACK TRUCKS WAS \$662,655.04; IT WOULD COST THE BOARD, IN ADDITION TO THEIR AUCTION MONIES, \$390,955.04 IF THEY PURCHASED CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT AND MACK TRUCKS AND \$217,265.83 IF THEY PURCHASE JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT AND MACK TRUCKS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED THE BOARD LISTEN TO THE MECHANICS AND ROAD FOREMAN AT PUBLIC WORKS DUE TO THEM BEING THE ONES TO USE THE EQUIPMENT. DALLAS CARTER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, STATED HE LIKED THE CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD KEEP ONE OF THE 12H MOTORGRADERS IN ORDER TO USE THE DISTRIBUTOR THEY HAD PURCHASED.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUCTION PRICES AND THE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT WITH PARRISH ADVISING IF THE BOARD AUCTIONED OFF ALL THE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING NEW TANDOM AXLE DUMP TRUCKS, AND PURCHASE CATERPILLAR MACHINES, THE TOTAL DIFFERENCE WOULD BE \$390,955.04.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AS DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD ADVISED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$317,000. CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AMOUNT REMAINING IN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ADVISING \$224,594.50 HAD BEEN PUT AGAINST THIS LINE ITEM FROM DSR DOCUMENTATION; THIS COULD INTERFERE WITH THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING BUDGET LINE ITEM IF IT WERE USED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE BOARD NOT TO SELL ANY EQUIPMENT OR PURCHASE ANY EQUIPMENT. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISING THERE WAS EXCESS MONIES IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND WHICH SHE WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE IN USING \$250,000.

DONNIE DEAN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THEY HAVE 5000 HOUR MACHINERY THEY ARE RUNNING AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THEIR MACK TRUCKS HAVING 50,000 TO 60,000 MILES ON THEM; IF THEY KEEP THE MACHINERY AND TAKE THE MONEY IT WOULD COST TO REPLACE THE TIRES ONLY AND MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE UNDER WARRANTY, IT WOULD TAKE UP THE \$91,000 THE BOARD IS NEEDING TO REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT WITH NEW EQUIPMENT.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISING THE BOARD THERE ACTUALLY WAS \$105,476.50 REMAINING IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM AFTER TAKING OUT THE AMOUNT OF DSR FUNDING THAT HAD BEEN PUT AGAINST IT; THIS ALONG WITH THE \$250,000 IN DEBT SERVICE WOULD TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$356,000 WITH THIS LEAVING APPROXIMATELY \$45,000.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD DOESN'T TRADE THE EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR, IT WILL JUST ABOUT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TRADE THEM NEXT YEAR DUE TO FUNDING; IF THEY TRADE THE EQUIPMENT NOW, THEY WILL HAVE GOOD EQUIPMENT GOING INTO NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO TRADE ALL THE EQUIPMENT ADVERTISED FOR PUBLIC AUCTION AND REPLACE WITH MACK DUMP TRUCKS AND CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH WITH COMMISSIONER

FINCH WANTING IT TO BE ON RECORD NONE OF THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM FUNDED FROM FEMA DSR'S WAS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE THIS NEW EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED PARISH WORK WITH DEANCO TO SEE WHEN HE WOULD NEED TO GET THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT TO BE AUCTIONED IN ORDER FOR PARISH TO HAVE REPLACEMENT LOADERS AND GRADERS AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER HALL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE AUCTION SALE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT TO DEANCO AUCTION.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE DEBBIE RILEY, ROBERT HARCUS AND DALLAS CARTER OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE REMAINING FEMA WORK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED THE REASON ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS WORKING ON THE WEEKENDS ON THE DSR'S WAS TO INCREASE THE COST TO PICK UP THE 10% ABOVE COST NEEDED IN ORDER TO GET SMALL PROJECT NETTING. DEBBIE ADVISED IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO RECEIVE 10% OVERALL, THE COST WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED; IF THE PROJECTS ARE HURRIED UP, THIS WILL DECREASE THE COST.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED DEBBIE KEEP GOOD BOOKS AND GET THE 10% SMALL PROJECT NETTING.

HARCUS ADDRESSED HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING SOMEONE INTERESTED TO BID ON ASPHALT WORK ON MUDHILL ROAD UNDER THE FEMA PROJECTS AND REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO LOOK AT THE ROAD, WRITE UP A PROPOSAL ON WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO REPAIR THE TWO SECTIONS OF MUDHILL ROAD AND IT BE SENT TO FEMA TO SEE IF THEY WOULD APPROVE IT. THE BOARD AGREED WITH HARCUS'S REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED DEBBIE KEEP CLOSE BOOKS ON THE FEMA PROJECTS AND KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED ON WHERE THEY ARE ON THE 10% OVER COST FOR SMALL PROJECT NETTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON PUBLIC WORKS NOT WORKING ON FEMA PROJECTS EXCEPT ON WEEKENDS; THIS WAS THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO MAKE A DECISION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE GREIVANCE RECOMMENDATION HE HAD PROVIDED THEM AT THEIR MARCH 25TH BOARD MEETING. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD IF THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER OR BOARD, THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO GO TO COURT.

DISCUSSION HELD ON THE PERSONS FILING THE GRIEVANCE NOT AGREEING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY BEING THE GRIEVANCE OFFICER DUE TO HIM BEING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM BEING THE GREIVANCE OFFICER FOR HOLMES COUNTY FOR A LONG TIME AS WELL AS THEIR COUNTY ATTORNEY; THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION EITHER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD CITED THE ISSUES THE PERSON WAS FILING A GRIEVANCE ON WAS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY POLICY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HIS DECISION WAS IT WAS NOT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S ROLE TO MAKE POLICY BUT ADHERE TO THEM; HIS DECISION WAS A POLICY DECISION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S RESPONSE, AS GRIEVANCE OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY, ON AN EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE FILED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED HE DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE CONTRACTS FOR THE TERRORISM ANNEX AND THE COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM GRANT.

COUNTY ADMININSTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON:

- A. REQUIREMENT TO ADD A TERRORISM ANNEX INTO THE CEMP PLAN.
THE STATE HAS SENT A CONTRACT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY UP TO \$25,000 TO CREATE THE DOCUMENT. WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAS GIVEN A PROPOSAL TO ADD THE TERRORISM ANNEX TO THE CEMP AND BE REIMBURSED UP TO \$25,000. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL

PLANNING COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH THE ADDING OF TERRORISM ANNEX.

2. HERBERT READ POLICY UPDATES HE HAD:
 - A. IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PAY ALL EXEMPT AND NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES AT THEIR REGULAR RATE FOR HOURS WORKED ON A HOLIDAY. ALL EXEMPT AND NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO RECEIVE HOLIDAY PAY FOR THAT DAY.
 - B. IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT WHEN A POSITION IS AVAILABLE IT WILL BE POSTED FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO APPLY, PRIOR TO ADVERTISING PUBLICLY. THE POSITION WILL BE POSTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK. ONCE THE POSITION CLOSES, THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SUPERVISOR WHERE THE VACANCY EXISTS. THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SUPERVISOR IS THEN AUTHORIZED TO INTERVIEW QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND SELECT AN APPLICANT TO TRANSFER TO THE POSITION.
 - C. IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT PRIOR TO BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN INTERNAL TRANSFER, EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE HELD THEIR CURRENT POSITION FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE OF THE FIRST POLICY. COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION TO PAYING EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF COMP TIME. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY CHANGE 2 AND 3 PERTAINING TO COUNTY POSITIONS BEING POSTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES PRIOR TO IT BEING ADVERTISED PUBLICLY AND THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SUPERVISOR IS THEN AUTHORIZED TO INTERVIEW QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND SELECT AN APPLICANT TO TRANSFER TO THE POSITION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT EXPLAINED DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SUPERVISORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRANSFER ANYONE; THE POLICY JUST GIVES THEM AN OPTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED ON POLICY THREE WHERE IT STATES PRIOR TO BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN INTERNAL TRANSFER, EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE HELD THEIR CURRENT POSITION FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, A STATEMENT BE ADDED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO VARY FROM THAT IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED IT WAS ALREADY IN THE OPERATIONAL POLICY THE BOARD COULD MOVE ANYONE WHEN IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY; IF IT IS A TRANSFER TO A POSITION THAT PAYS LOWER, THEY WOULD KEEP THE SAME RATE OF PAY.

HERBERT MADE A CHANGE AND RE-READ POLICY CHANGE 3 TO STATE: IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT PRIOR TO REQUESTING AN INTERNAL TRANSFER, EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE HELD THEIR CURRENT POSITION FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED IF THE FOREMEN AT ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS A TEMPORARY POSITION AND THERE IS A QUALIFIED TEMPORARY TO MOVE INTO A PERMANENT POSITION, THE FOREMEN BE AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF POLICY CHANGE 2 AS IS AFTER GETTING CLARIFICATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR JUST BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS OR SUPERVISORS SELECTS AND INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION DOESN'T MEAN THEY WILL HIRE ONE OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE POSITION; HERBERT ADVISED THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HIRE ONE OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED IF THE POSITION WOULD BE ADVERTISED FOR OUTSIDE PEOPLE AS WELL AS INSIDE PEOPLE; HERBERT AND FINCH REITERATED THE POSITION WOULD BE ADVERTISED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK INSIDE AND IF SOMEONE IS NOT SELECTED, THEN IT WILL BE ADVERTISED PUBLICLY. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HALL OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY CHANGE 3 ON INTERNAL TRANSFERS. COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS OPPOSED TO ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO LATERALLY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER POSITION IF THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE RATE OF PAY. COMMISSIONER HALL REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING TAKEN ACTION TO LEAVE IT UP TO THE FOREMEN TO DECIDE IF AN EMPLOYEE IS QUALIFIED; IF HE IS QUALIFIED, THE EMPLOYEE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A YEAR TO TRANSFER.

COMMISSIONER COPE REMINDED THE BOARD OF THEIR ACTION AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING WHERE THE COMMISSIONER WOULD BE SETTING IN ON THE INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD BE WORKING IN THEIR DISTRICT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A LETTER FROM PERRY WELLS ON THE BOARD HAVING PREVIOUSLY PLACED AN AD IN THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL FLYERS AND WAS REMINDING THEM IT WAS TIME TO PAY FOR THE AD FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ADVERTISE AS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH EACH COMMISSIONER PAYING \$20 FOR THE AD. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S RECOMMENDATION.

STACY WEBB, COUNTY GRANTSPERSON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM COMMITTEE HAVING ASKED HER TO APPLY FOR A COUPLE OF GRANTS:

- A. TWO SPEED CONTROL TRAILORS
- B. ONE HIGHWAY STRIPING VEHICLE

SHE ADDRESSED ON THE HIGHWAY STRIPING VEHICLE, THERE WERE SEVERAL OPTIONS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON THERE BEING ONE SELF-CONTAINED UNIT AT A COST OF OVER \$200,000 AND YOU CAN GET A STRIPING MACHINE THAT YOU CAN TOW BEHIND A PICKUP UP IN A \$50,000 TO \$60,000 RANGE.

WEBB ADDRESSED WITH THE STRIPING MACHINE, IT WOULD REQUIRE TWO EMPLOYEES, ONE TO DRIVE THE TRUCK AND ONE TO USE THE MACHINE. SHE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD GUETTNER AND GUETTNER HAS ADVISED IF EITHER OF THESE MACHINES ARE NOT USED ON A DAILY BASIS, THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE HIGHWAY STRIPING MACHINE THAT GOES IN BACK OF THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR TWO SPEED CONTROL TRAILORS.

GLENN ZANETIC, SUNNY HILLS MSBU, REPORTED ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAVING MET AND APPROVED AN AMENDED BUDGET WHICH HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THE BOARD HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WAS AT THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING AND THEY APPROVED WHAT ZANETIC WAS PRESENTING. FINCH ALSO HAD ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THE BOARD WOULD BE TAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THEM AS IT WAS THEIR MONIES. THE COMMITTEE HAD ADVISED THEY WERE GOING TO INCORPORATE SOME BY-LAW CHANGES TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THE THINGS NOT COVERED NOW, INCLUDING THE SALARY CHANGE FOR ZANETIC. THEY ALSO HAVE A SET OF PLANS THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT OUT FOR BID AFTER ROGER NORRIS, MSBU COMMITTEE MEMBER, REVIEWS THEM WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND IS SATISFIED WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR SUNNY HILLS ON RESURFACING OF 26 MILES OF ROAD CONTINGENT ON NORRIS BEING SATISFIED WITH THE PLANS THE COUNTY ENGINEER HAS PREPARED. COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED NOT TO TIE UP RESURFACING OF 26 MILES DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COST OF ASPHALT GOING DOWN; ONLY DO A PORTION AT THE TIME. ZANETIC WAS ALSO WANTING TO GET THE BORROWING POWER FOR 2.5 MILLION OR WHATEVER THEY CAN GET FOR THE RESURFACING WITH THE FUNDING TO COME FROM MSBU. FINCH AMENDED HIS MOTION TO GIVE ZANETIC THE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BANKS TO SECURE A LOAN TO DO THE PAVING AND REITERATED THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED THESE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE MSBU TAX MONIES HAVING TO BE PLEDGED FOR CERTAIN

PROGRAMS; ZANETIC ADVISED IT IS NOT PERCENTAGES BUT DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND THE ROADS ARE GETTING THE LARGEST DOLLAR AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER HALL QUESTIONED THE \$30,000 CASH CONTRIBUTION THE COUNTY WAS TO MAKE STARTING IN 2004 FOR ANOTHER INMATE CREW SUPERVISOR FOR MSBU. ZANETIC REFERENCED THIS YEAR THE COUNTY PUT IN \$100,000 INKIND SERVICES FOR THE MSBU AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT DROPPING THE INKIND SERVICES NEXT YEAR AND START PUTTING SOME MONEY INTO IT. ZANETIC ALSO REFERENCED THEIR AD VALOREM SIDE; THEIR APPRAISED VALUE WAS AT \$59,000,000 AND THEY ARE NOW AT \$63,000,000 WHICH WILL BRING IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES. THEY ARE TRYING TO LOOK AT INCREASING VALUES IN SUNNY HILLS AND COMMITTING IT BACK TO GET MORE ROADS DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN ADDRESSED THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AT SUNNY HILLS SINCE THE MSBU WAS IMPLEMENTED AND INVITED EVERYONE TO GO AND SEE THE CHANGES.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSED.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED GUETTLER AND GUETTLER HAS AGREED TO GUARANTEE THE COUNTY CONTRACT PRICES FOR STRIPING OF THE MSBU ROAD PAVING PROJECTS. HE REQUESTED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ISSUE A LETTER TO GUETTLER AND GUETTLER ADVISING IT HAD BEEN APPROVED TO PROCEED WITH THE MSBU PAVING PROJECT. ZANETIC REPORTED HE HAD RESEARCHED STRIPING COSTS AND THE COUNTY WAS GETTING A GOOD PRICE THRU THEIR CONTRACT WITH GUETTLER AND GUETTLER.

ED PELLETIER, COUNTRY OAKS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES AT A SPEED IN EXCESS OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE NEW PART OF ORANGE HILL ROAD. HE ADVISED THE YELLOW LINES ARE DIMINISHING ON THE ROAD AND ADDRESSED THE DANGER INVOLVED WITH THEM SPEEDING ON THE CURVE IN THE ROAD. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER BROCK TALK TO PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ABOUT SLOWING DOWN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER DOING SOME BUSINESS WITH THE BUGLE DUE TO THEM BEING FAITHFUL ON ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETINGS AND POSTING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON THE COMPUTER THE NEXT DAY. HE ALSO REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE THE COUNTY LINK THEIR WEBB PAGE WITH THE BUGLE.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED CONCERNS WITH THE CITY DRUG STORE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD WORK WITH THE DRUG STORE TO TRY AND COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO HELP THEM WITH THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN OFF THE COUNTY ANNEX ROOF INTO THEIR BUILDING. CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER COPE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WORK WITH THE DRUG STORE AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY SURVEYING CONTRACT BEING EXPIRED AND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SURVEYING SERVICES. COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED THE STATUS ON THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THESE SERVICES SHOULD BE ADVERTISED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER HALL BRIEFED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM PINEY GROVE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE COUNTY TO RELOCATE A ROAD BESIDE THEIR FELLOWSHIP HALL TO THE EDGE OF THEIR PROPERTY SO THEY CAN ADD ON TO THE FACILITY. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER HALL TO HAVE THE WORK DONE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED HE HAD TALKED WITH STACY WEBB AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND THEY HAD RECOMMENDED PUTTING J. T. HARRELL ON AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE RATHER THAN CONTRACTURAL LABOR DUE TO HIM WORKING ON THE CDBG GRANT PROJECT. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD HIRE HARRELL AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR \$15 PER HOUR AND RAY PIGOTT AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR \$10 PER HOUR WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM COMMISSIONER CORBIN'S LOAN MONIES. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S RECOMMENDATION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AND WHO WOULD BE KEEPING UP WITH HARRELL'S AND PIGOTT'S TIME. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN WAS ADVISED HARRELL AND PIGOTT WOULD HAVE TO TURN IN TIME SHEETS LIKE OTHER EMPLOYEES. ALSO, COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHO WOULD BE LIABLE IF HARRELL AND PIGOTT WERE ON

COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND GOT HURT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD BE LIABLE. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND COPE AGREED TO ADD TO THEIR MOTION MR. HARRELL WOULD KEEP UP WITH TIME AND TURN IN TIME SHEETS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON CLINT RUSS AND J. T. HARREL DOING THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING ON THE WEST END OF JOINER ROAD FOR \$2500 AND THE TIMBER; HARREL TO RECEIVE \$1,000 AND THE TIMBER AND RUSS TO RECEIVE \$1,500. CORBIN REFERENCED THE COUNTY HAD RECEIVED A BID FOR \$15,000 TO DO THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING. RUSS AND HARRELL WOULD BE DOING THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING FROM FORTNER ROAD TO STATE PARK ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED IN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, THE STATE HAD RESERVED THE RIGHT TO THE NET PROCEEDS ON THE TIMBER; HOWEVER, RONNIE HUDSON ADVISED THE STATE DIDN'T WON'T THE TIMBER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN READ A LIST OF THINGS COMMISSIONER ENFINGER HAD PROMISED THE STATE THE COUNTY WOULD DO IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE AN EASEMENT ON PROPERTY NEEDED FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON JOINER ROAD. (INCLUDED IN EASEMENT NO. 30828-FALLING WATERS STATE PARK)

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED THE BOARD FOR A MOTION FOR RUSS AND HARRELL TO DO THE CLEARING AND GRUBBING ON THE WEST END OF JOINER ROAD. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S REQUEST.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

1. TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY TO MR. BRUNER'S BUILDING MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; IN 2001 STATE SENT CHECK FOR \$27,254. TO GO TOWARD DENTAL CLINIC FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE CHECK WAS CODED AND NOT IDENTIFIED AND INCLUDED IN CASH CARRY FORWARD.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS DEALING WITH THE RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS NOT BEING ABLE TO FUND THE \$65,000 ORIGINALLY BUDGETED TO FUND A PORTION OF PETER HERBERT, LYNDA WALLER AND ALL OF CONNIE ANDERSON'S SALARY; THEY COULD ONLY FUND \$25,000/BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO CORRECT THIS INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION AND GENERAL FUND CHANGES.
3. MSBU BUDGET AMENDMENTS BREAKING DOWN LINE ITEM MSBU BUDGET RATHER THAN HAVING ONE LINE ITEM FOR MSBU EXPENSES TALLING \$303,945; THESE WERE PER MSBU BUDGET LINE ITEMS.
4. ARTHROPOD CONTROL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$48,997/INTERDEPARTMENTAL AMENDMENT TAKING FROM OTHER SALARY AND PUTTING TO OTHER CONTRACTURAL.
5. CIVIL DEFENSE INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT TALLING \$5,000/TRANSFERRING FROM SALARY LINE ITEM TO OTHER CURRENT CHARGES FOR PICTOMETRY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER BRIEFED THE BOARD ON CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCE AUTHORITY PROVIDING AN INVOICE FOR \$13,570.05 DUE TO THE BOARD HAVING EARNED MORE INTEREST THAN ALLOWED ON A PREVIOUS LOAN. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE \$13,570.05.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR MORE MONIES TO BE PUT INTO EACH COMMISSIONER'S MATERIAL LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TO GET WITH DEBBIE RILEY AT PUBLIC WORKS TO SEE IF THERE WERE TRANSPORTATION MONIES THAT COULD BE TRANSFERRED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A STANDARD LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR AUTOMOBILES COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY'S POLICY. SHE ADDRESSED IN THE PAST IT HAD BEEN STANDARD PROCEDURE TO ALLOW THIS BE DONE WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD EACH TIME AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD

STILL WANTED IT HANDLED THIS WAY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRIOR PRACTICE AND NOT BRING THE ISSUE UP BEFORE THE BOARD EACH TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN UNTIL MARCH 27TH. ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 03/07/03

CHAIRMAN