

BOARD MINUTES FOR 05/02/03

MAY 2, 2003

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE APRIL 24, 2003 BOARD MEETING, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, FINCH AND CORBIN PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH TWO QUOTES HE HAD RECEIVED ON AIR CONDITIONERS FOR THE FIVE POINTS RECREATION CENTER. HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY REPAIR DUE TO THE AIR CONDITIONING BEING OUT FOR OVER A WEEK AND THE FACILITY IS BEING RENTED OUT. THE TWO PROPOSALS HE RECEIVED WERE:

1. COOKS HEATING AND COOLING \$2,564
2. P & P \$2,428

CORBIN RECOMMENDED GOING WITH THE LOW BID AND ADDRESSED THE LOW BID HAVING A FIVE YEAR WARRANTY ON THE COMPRESSOR, FIVE YEAR WARRANTY ON PARTS AND ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON LABOR. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF CORBIN'S RECOMMENDATION. CHAIRMAN CORBIN STATED HE FELT THE RHEEM AIR CONDITIONER QUOTED BY COOKS HEATING AND COOLING WAS A LOT BETTER PRODUCT. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DAVID CORBIN VOICED HIS CONCERN THERE WAS NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE WATCHING OVER THE COUNTY EQUIPMENT WHEN THE CEMETERY CREW WORKS ON THE WEEKEND; HE ALSO RECOMMENDED HAVING ANOTHER DAY FOR THE CEMETERY WORK IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ALL THE CEMETERY CLEANUP REQUESTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSING IT WOULD TAKE TWO DAYS TO MOW SOME OF THE CEMETERIES WITH PUSH LAWNMOWERS AND REFERENCED TWO OF THE INMATES USE A LAWNMOWER AND TWO USE A WEEDEATER. CORBIN ADVISED THEY HAD ACCESS TO FOUR PUSH LAWNMOWERS. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED IT WOULD HELP IF THERE WERE TWO MORE INMATES.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH JUDGE PEEL ABOUT ASSIGNING COMMUNITY SERVICE PEOPLE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND HE AGREED TO ASSIST WITH THIS REQUEST.

DAVID CORBIN TOLD THE BOARD THE CEMETERY WORK CREW IS A GOOD PROGRAM; HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO FUND IT RATHER THAN TAKING THE EXPENSE OUT OF HIS PARK AND RECREATION BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE CEMETERY WORK CREW USING THE SNAPPER RIDING MOWER THAT IS NOW USED TO TAKE CARE OF THE COUNTY ANNEX.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW RIDING LAWNMOWER FOR THE COUNTY ANNEX AND ALLOW THE CEMETERY INMATE CREW TO USE THE OLD SNAPPER MOWER. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED THE PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR ASSIGN ONE OF HIS INMATES TO WORK WITH THE CEMETERY CREW ON SATURDAY AND WATCH OVER THE EQUIPMENT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CONTINUE WITH THE CEMETERY INMATE CREW WORKING ONLY ON SATURDAYS FOR THE PRESENT TIME.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED BLUE POND URBAN FISHING DAY TO BE HELD ON MAY 17TH; HE HAD RECEIVED SOME CALLS WANTING TO RESTRICT GAS MOTORS IN BLUE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS OPPOSED TO GETTING INVOLVED WITH RESTRICTING GAS MOTORS; IF THE BOARD RESTRICTS THEM IN ONE LAKE THERE WOULD BE OTHER PEOPLE WANTING THEM TO RESTRICT IT IN ANOTHER LAKE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO TRY USING TROLLING MOTORS ONLY IN BLUE LAKE FOR SIX MONTHS TO SEE HOW IT WORKS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS AROUND OTHER LAKES WOULD WANT THESE RESTRICTIONS ALSO AND QUESTIONED WHAT WAS THE BOARD GOING TO DO THEN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF PEOPLE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THEIR MOTORS OFF THE BOAT TO GO IN BLUE LAKE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE THE MOTOR BUT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF THEIR BOAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND DAVID CORBIN FELT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM ON THE GAS MOTORS WERE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THEIR MOTORS WORKED ON AND TRY THEM OUT AT BLUE LAKE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THE BOARD COULD ALWAYS RESCIND THE ACTION IF IT GETS OUT OF HAND.

COMMISSIONER COPE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN FOR WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COPE OPPOSED.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK STATED THIS ISSUE WOULD BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. HE TURNED THE CHAIR BACK OVER TO CHAIRMAN CORBIN.

CORBIN THEN ADDRESSED HIM HAVING RECEIVED SEVEN CALLS ON DUNFORD LAKE DUE TO NO ONE BEING THERE TO COLLECT THEIR MONEY; ONE PERSON HAD GOTTEN RUN OFF. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE HAD SENT A. C. MOORE A LETTER BUT HE HASN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE. HE THEN EXPLAINED THE COUNTY HAD AN AGREEMENT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS TO USE THE FACILITY AT DUNFORD IF THEY USE A PARTICULAR ROAD AND PAY AN ANNUAL FEE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO PER THE AGREEMENT WITH MOORE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF THE BOARD INVALIDATES THE CONTRACT, THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE DUNFORD. IF MOORE DOES NOT RESPOND TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S LETTER STRESSING TO HIM TO KEEP THE GATE OPEN, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEIR RECOURSE WOULD BE TO FILE A SUIT FOR SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONTRACT ASKING THE COURT TO HAVE MOORE OPEN THE GATE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE BOARD COULD FILE AN INJUNCTION WITH THE COURT AND HAVE THE JUDGE OPEN THE LANDING UNTIL THE COURT PROCEDURES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY COULD IF THEY COULD SHOW THE REQUIRED THINGS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE CONTRACT WOULD SHOW THIS AS THAT WAS PART OF THE COUNTY GIVING UP THEIR RIGHTS TO THE LANDING AND ROAD SO THE PUBLIC COULD USE THE LAKE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THERE BEING A FENCE ALL THE WAY AROUND THE ENTRANCE WITH THREE STRANDS OF BARB WIRE. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HE HAD BEEN GIVEN A NEW COMBINATION TO THE GATE BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.

DAVID CORBIN ADVISED THERE WAS ONE WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT WHO GOT HIS VEHICLE TOWED OUT FROM THERE.

THE BOARD REQUESTED HERBERT GET A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT ON DUNFORD LAKE. WHILE WAITING ON THE AGREEMENT THEY CONTINUED WITH OTHER BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO PUT A PORTALET AT WHITE DOUBLE POND. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHERE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE PORTALET RENTAL WOULD COME FROM. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO PAY FOR THE RENTAL OUT OF HIS BUDGET AND THE BOARD WILL DO A BUDGET AMENDMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, IF NECESSARY, TO REIMBURSE HIS BUDGET.

DAVID CORBIN THEN REPORTED BASS HAD BEEN STOCKED IN LUCAS LAKE, HICKS LAKE, STEWART LAKE AND PATE POND; NEXT WEEK, THEY WOULD STOCK SOME IN THE GAP, PORTER, WHITE DOUBLE AND LITTLE RIVER.

DAVID CORBIN READ ITEM 6 OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT ON THE DUNFORD LAKE; IT IS THE RIGHT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIZENS TO USE THE ROAD SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A THROUGH THE PERMIT SYSTEM AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; IT SHALL NOT BE TERMINATED UNLESS AND EXCEPT THE COUNTY AGREES TO TERMINATE FOR SOME OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF THE GATE WAS CLOSED ALL THE TIME TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTING TO USE THE DUNFORD. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW IT WAS CLOSED AND REFERENCED MR. ELLIS FLOYD HAVING GIVEN HIM A NEW NUMBER BUT IT DIDN'T WORK. MR. ELLIS WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND ADVISED BROCK THIS WAS NOT THE CORRECT NUMBER AND MR. GRIFF GODFREY HAD WENT BACK TO THE DUNFORD AND THE OLD NUMBER OPENED THE GATE FOR HIM.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO FILE SUIT AGAINST A. C. MOORE ON THE DUNFORD LAKE ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE WAY HE READ THE CONTRACT, THE BOARD COULD GET AN INJUNCTION WITH THE COURT TO HAVE MOORE OPEN THE GATE UNTIL THE COURT PROCEEDINGS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONER BROCK AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD; HE TOLD HIM HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM JOEY ANDERSON OF ANDERSON COLUMBIA ADVISING HE DIDN'T RECOMMEND OR DIDN'T FEEL LIKE TYPE III ASPHALT WOULD WORK ON THE LEVELLING COURSE ON THE SUNNY HILLS RRESURFACING PROJECT ADVERTISED FOR BID. ANDERSON WAS REQUESTING THE PROJECT BE REBID AS HE FELT THE COUNTY COULD GET A 10% LESS BID.

KNAUER RESPONDED HE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND REBIDDING; HE HAS USED S-3 ASPHALT AS LOW AS 25 LBS AND IT HAS WORKED FANTASTIC. HE ALSO STATED THAT YOU COULD GET A BETTER ROADWAY IF IT IS PUT DOWN IN TWO LAYERS RATHER THAN ONE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED JOEY ANDERSON REFERRING TO FL-DOT STANDARDS AND THIS IS NOT A DOT PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED ANDERSON DID SAY THE TYPE III ASPHALT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER DOT STANDARDS.

KNAUER ADVISED DOT STATES WITH S-3 ASPHALT, A LAYER OF LEVELLING SHOULD NOT BE PUT DOWN GREATER THAN 50 LB IN ONE LIFT; IN THE BACK OF THEIR SPECIFICATIONS IT STATES S-3 SHOULD NOT BE PUT DOWN LESS THAN 50 LB OR GREATER THAN 125 LBS. KNAUER STATED THE BID CALLED FOR 60 LB OF LEVELLING DOWN WHICH MEANS THEY WOULD HAVE TO PUT DOWN TWO LIFTS OF 50 LB WHICH IS 100 LBS, NOT 60 LBS.; HE REITERATED TWO LIFTS OF S-3 ASPHALT AT 30 LBS A LIFT WILL LOOK, RIDE AND FEEL GOOD.

KNAUER ADDRESSED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MOTORGRADER ON THE FIRST LIFT RUN HIS BLADE TIGHT TO THE ROAD AND FILL ALL THE VOIDS ON THE ROAD; ON THE SECOND LIFT HE WOULD LIKE TO COVER EVERYTHING. HE STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH WALTER EDWARDS OF ANDERSON COLUMBIA WHY HE HAD THE S-3 ASPHALT SET UP LIKE HE DID.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID HE HAD TOLD ANDERSON HE WOULD MAKE CLIFF AWARE OF WHAT HE SAID. KNAUER STATED HE HAD HEARD SOME THINGS ALSO ABOUT C. W. ROBERTS NOT HAVING A MOTORGRADER OPERATOR THAT COULD PUT DOWN LEVELLING, ETC.; HE RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS HIMSELF.

KNAUER REPORTED ON THE BID OPENINGS ON SUNNY HILLS RESURFACING AND REFERENCED THE BOARD HAVING HIM PUT THIS PROJECT OUT TO BID SO THEY WOULD HAVE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT SET UP FOR ADDITIONAL ASPHALT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; HE SET IT UP SO THERE WOULD BE AN ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500 PER MOBILIZATION AND WHATEVER THE UNIT PRICE OF THE LOW BIDDER IS FOR ASPHALT:

1.	ANDERSON COLUMBIA-BASE BID	\$1,663,973.50
	S-1 ASPHALT	\$ 40.00 PER TON
	S-3 ASPHALT	\$ 45. PLUS CHANGE PER TON
	ALTERNATE-1 YEAR CONTRACT	\$ 48.00 PER TON
2.	BAXTER ASPHALT	\$1,798,708.00
	ALTERNATE-1 YEAR CONTRACT	\$ 46.00 PER TON
3.	APAC	\$2,135,782.50
	ALTERNATE-1 YEAR CONTRACT	\$ 55.00 PER TON
4.	C. W. ROBERTS	\$1,637,047.35
	ALTERNATE- 1 YEAR CONTRACT	\$ 42.00

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS BOUND BY THE CONTINUING CONTRACT OR IF THEY COULD BID SOMETHING IF THEY DECIDED TO; KNAUER ADVISED THEY WERE NOT BOUND BY THE CONTINUING CONTRACT, IT WAS JUST AN OPTION FOR THEM.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE LOW BID AND THE ALTERNATE, WOULD THIS RESTRICT THEM FROM NEGOTIATING WITH THE LOW BIDDER ON THE ALTERNATE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY COULD ACCEPT THE BASE BID AND THEN NEGOTIATE.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD PRETTY MUCH NEGOTIATE ANY TIME AFTER THEY HAVE AWARDED THE CONTRACT; HIS RECOMMENDATION WS TO ACCEPT C. W. ROBERTS BASE BID AND ALTERNATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORTED HE WAS AT THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING AND THEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ACCEPT THE BID FROM C. W. ROBERTS.

GLENN ZANETIC, MSBU COORDINATOR, STATED THEY WERE WELL PLEASED WITH THE BID AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO AWARD THE BID TO C. W. ROBERTS AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS THIS IS ONLY 75% OF THE COST AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND NARROW DOWN THEIR OTHER COSTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO BRING SOMETHING BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE BASE BID AND THE ALTERNATE TO C. W. ROBERTS.

KNAUER REPORTED ON THE BRICKYARD ROAD SIDEWALK BIDS; IT WAS BID OUT TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS AND THE CONTRACTOR WOULD COMPLETE THE SECTION IN FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST. HE ADVISED THE AGREEMENT WITH FL-DOT IS FOR \$260,000. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM:

1. L A S CONTRACTING \$336,748.75
PALM COAST, FL
2. TRI-STATE ROADWAY \$296,698.99
CALHOUN COUNTY
3. COASTAL MATERIALS OF ALABAMA \$252,672.38
4. ANDERSON COLUMBIA \$293,357.91
5. GORE CONSULTING-NO BID BOND/CONTRACTOR WAS ELIMINATED

KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE BEING SEVERAL ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED:

- A. HE HAD CHANGED THE EARTHWORK TO A LUMP SUM ITEM RATHER THAN THE TRUCK MEASURE FOR THE REGULAR EXCAVATION AND BARROW
- B. THERE WERE A FEW THINGS IN THE BID SCHEDULE THAT WERE PLUSH THAT COULD EASILY BE TAKEN OUT
- C. THE LAP AGREEMENT REQUIRES INSPECTIONS BE DONE ON THE PROJECT; THERE IS ONLY APPROXIMATELY \$7,400 LEFT OUT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE INSPECTIONS AND IF THE PROJECT IS ON-GOING FOR FOUR MONTHS, THIS WOULD ONLY ALLOW 10 HOURS PER WEEK. HE SUGGESTED HAVING SOMEONE THERE ACI CERTIFIED AND HAS THEIR CONCRETE INSPECTION LICENSES FOR TWO DAYS A WEEK. IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INSPECTIONS ONE DAY A WEEK, THERE IS FUNDING FOR THIS; HOWEVER, HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE TWO DAYS A WEEK.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SUGGESTED KNAUER JUST HAVE ONE OF HIS INSPECTORS STOP BY THE JOB FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS A DAY. COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHY ANYONE WOULD BID OVER THE \$260,000 ALLOWED FOR THE PROJECT AND EXPECT TO BE AWARDED THE BID. COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED BROCK THAT FL-DOT JUST ESTIMATES THE COST FOR THE PROJECT AND IT CAN CHANGE.

KNAUER THEN ADDRESSED THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF SUCH AS CONCRETE TESTING, CONCRETE SAMPLES AND BREAKING OF SOME CYLINDERS, ETC.; THESE WERE NOT IN THE BID SCHEDULE EITHER. KNAUER RECOMMENDED TAKING THE SOD OUT OF THE BID DUE TO IT COSTING \$4.00 A SQUARE YARD WITH THE TOTAL BEING \$15,000; NORMALLY, IT COST \$1.50 A SQUARE YARD CONTRACTED OUT. KNAUER ADVISED BY THE BOARD TAKING THE SOD OUT, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THE CONCRETE TESTING, WHATEVER INSPECTIONS IS NEEDED AND AN INSPECTOR FOR TWO DAYS A WEEK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM COASTAL MATERIALS WITHOUT THE SOD.

CLIFF AGREED TO DO THE INSPECTIONS ON THE PROJECT HOURLY, NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT AND MAKE SURE HE LEAVES ENOUGH MONEY TO HANDLE WHATEVER TESTING HAS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED KNAUER TRY AND LEAVE ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THE SOD; KNAUER AGREED TO DO SO. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S INSPECTION SCHEDULE.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR READ THE SURVEYOR FEE SCHEDULE HOURLY RATE FOR SYFRETT SURVEY AND SOUTHEASTERN SURVEY; HE RECOMMENDED, IF POSSIBLE, TO CONTRACT WITH TWO SURVEYING FIRMS AS IT WAS ADVERTISED FOR TWO SURVEYING FIRMS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO GO WITH THE LOW BID FROM SYFRETT SURVEYING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE CLERICAL RATE OF \$22 ON SYFRETT'S FEE SCHEDULE BEING BROKEN OUT AND QUESTIONED IF THIS MIGHT BE BUILT INTO SOUTHEASTERN'S FEE ELSEWHERE AS IT WAS NOT LISTED ON THEIR FEE SCHEDULE.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD'S CON-SENSUS WAS SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYING SERVICES WOULD COMPLETE ALL OF THEIR ONGOING PROJECTS.

TIM OWENS OF OWENS AND ASSOCIATES BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT PLAN THEY CREATED WHERE SMALL COUNTIES AND SCHOOL BOARDS WOULD COME TOGETHER TO FORM ONE LARGE HEALTH PLAN; SMALL COUNTIES ARE DEFINED BY THE CENSUS COUNT OF 150,000 OR LESS AND OUT OF THE 88 ENTITIES THAT FALL UNDER THIS CATEGORY, THEY ARE EXPECTING 66 TO PARTICIPATE.

HE WENT OVER THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT PLAN:

1. WHO OWENS AND ASSOCIATES ARE AND WHY THEY DEVELOPED THE PLAN
2. CURRENT RATES-SAMPLING OF PREMIUMS BILLED TO VARIOUS COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS; THE POINT IN SHOWING THE RATES ARE TO SHOW RATES ARE HIGH.

- A. UNDER FUTURE RENEWALS, THE MEDIUM RATE FOR AN EMPLOYEE IS \$295 IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; FOR FAMILY THE MEDIUM RATE IS \$850. IF THE MEDIUM RATE IS INCREASED BY 15% PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS, THE EMPLOYEE RATE WOULD BE \$516.00 AND THE FAMILY RATE WOULD BE \$1,500; IN TEN YEARS, THE EMPLOYEE RATE WOULD BE OVER A \$1,000 PER MONTH AND THE FAMILY RATE WOULD BE \$3,000 PER MONTH WHICH IS LUDICROUS AND UNAFFORDABLE.

IN REGARDS TO THE EMPLOYERS COST, TYPICALLY THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OR PART OF THE EMPLOYEE COST. USING THE \$295 PER MONTH COST PER EMPLOYEE FOR 100 EMPLOYEES, IT WOULD COST \$29,500 PER MONTH; IN THE YEAR 2011, THIS COST WOULD BE \$103,700 PER MONTH WHICH IS A 350% INCREASE. ON AN ANNUAL AT TODAYS RATE, \$354,000 WILL GROW TO \$1,200,000 IN TEN YEARS JUST FOR HEALTH CARE COST FOR THE EMPLOYER.

THE DEPENDENT COST IN TODAYS DOLLAR AT A MEDIUM RATE WOULD BE \$555 PER MONTH WHICH COMES TO ABOUT \$6,700 PER YEAR; AT A 15% RATE INCREASE, THE DEPENDENT COST WOULD BE PAYING \$1,950 PER MONTH FOR HEALTH CARE WHICH COMES TO ABOUT \$23,000 PER YEAR.

OWENS THEN WENT OVER THE DEPENDENT'S INCOME; THE MEDIUM INCOME IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA IS NOW \$24,000 PER EMPLOYEE IF THEY RECEIVE A 3% SALARY INCREASE; THIS WILL GROW TO \$32,000 PER YEAR AND HEALTH CARE COST AT 15% INCREASE WILL COST \$23,000 PER YEAR WHICH MEANS 73% OF THEIR TAKE HOME PAY WILL BE SPENT ON HEALTH CARE.

OWENS ADDRESSED THE OPTIONS WERE TO CONTINUE AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE AND CONVENTIONALLY SHOP; THEY HAVE FOUND THE CONVENTIONAL SHOPPING FOR HEALTH CARE IS NOT BEING DONE EFFECTIVELY AS THE UNDERWRITER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY COMES AND TALK TO GROUPS. OWENS ADDRESSED ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES LOADS THE COUNTY RATES UP TO 25% JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE A MUNICIPALITY; THIS COMES FROM A STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CODE THAT HASN'T BEEN UPDATED FOR 15 YEARS.

HE REFERENCED ONE OF THEIR CLIENTS, BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, GOT A 28% INCREASE FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND OWENS AND ASSOCIATES NEGOTIATED IT DOWN TO 8%. BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ADDED AN 18% TREND BECAUSE THAT IS THE NATIONAL TREND FIGURE THAT ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE APPLYING TO RENEWALS.

OWENS ALSO ADDRESSED THE PREMIUM THE COUNTY IS PAYING NOW FOR A FULLY INSURED OR SELF FUNDED PLAN INCLUDES 3% TO 7% FOR MARKETING FEES.

OWENS ADDRESSED IF THERE WAS A DIAGNOSIS IN AN UNDERWRITING GUIDELINE THAT HAS A SEVEN YEAR LIMIT, AND HE REFERENCED CANCERS, THE THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CHARGES THE GROUP WHEN THEN CALCULATE THEIR RENEWAL \$50,000 TO \$100,000 PER CANCER DIAGNOSIS. WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE, OWENS AND ASSOCIATES HAS A MEDICAL WAIVER CENTER; THEY GO TO THE PHYSICIAN, GET A PHYSICIAN STATEMENT, THE PHYSICIAN SAYS THE PATIENT IS CLEAN AND THEY DON'T EXPECT THESE KIND OF CLAIMS WITH THIS PATIENT AND THEY SHOW THIS TO THE UNDERWRITER, SOME OF THE UNDERWRITERS APPRECIATE THE FOOTWORK DONE AND SOME WISH THAT IT HADN'T BEEN DONE. HE ADDRESSED 20% TO 30% OF ALL RENEWALS AND UNDERWRITING CALCULATIONS HAVE ERRORS IN THEM.

IF THE BOARD WANTS TO CONTINUE TO CONVENTIONAL SHOP FOR HEALTH CARE, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE THOROUGHLY, DEEPLY AND IN GREAT DETAIL; SOMEONE NEEDS TO SPEAK TO THE UNDERWRITER IN UNDERWRITING TERMS.

OTHER OPTIONS THE BOARD HAS FOR HIGH HEALTH COST; THEY CAN RAISE TAXES, ASK THE STATE FOR MONIES, CUT BENEFITS, JOIN THE STATE PLAN, CANCEL THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE AND BECOME UNINSURED OR JOIN THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT PLAN. OWENS DESCRIBED THE STATE PLAN IN DETAIL AND DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS REALLY THAT GOOD OF A PLAN.

OWENS ADVISED THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT PLAN IS NOT A CURE ALL; HOWEVER, HE FEELS IT IS A VIABLE STEPPING STONE TO FUTURE SOLUTIONS ON HEALTH CARE COST.

OWENS DEFINED WHAT THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL PLAN WAS:

- A. A BENEFIT PLAN COMBINING AROUND 20,000 WITH 60 ENTITIES EMPLOYEES; IT WILL GENERATE ABOUT \$40,000,000 PER YEAR IN ANNUAL PREMIUMS WHICH THEY FEEL WILL GENERATE COMPETITIVE RATES
- B. A CUSTOMIZED BENEFIT PLAN
- C. THE FIRST TWO ENTITIES TO BE ON THE PLAN WILL BE SCHOOL BOARDS AND COUNTIES; LATER CITIES WILL BE INVOLVED

OWENS ADDRESSED HIS FIRM BEING COMMITTED TO THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY HAVE PUT THEIR TIME AND MONEY INTO IT UPFRONT; THEY TRULY HAVE A SINCERE VESTED INTEREST BECAUSE THEY HAVE CLIENTS THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE MARKET PLACE. DUE TO ITS SIZE, OWENS FEELS LIKE THE PLAN WILL HAVE A LEGISLATIVE EAR; CARRIERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CALLING WANTING TO KNOW WHEN THE PLAN WILL BE READY AND WHEN WILL THE DATA BE READY. HE STATED THE PLAN WILL PROMISE NETWORK EXPANSION.

HE THEN ADDRESSED RURAL AREAS NEEDING MORE CARRIERS, MORE NETWORKS AND MORE COMPETITION.

THE BENEFIT PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE OCTOBER 2004; IT WILL BE A FULLY INSURED PLAN AND ALTERNATE FUNDED; THERE WILL BE COPAYS FOR DOCTORS AND PHARMACIES AND WILL PROBABLY BE MULTIPLE PLANS; IT WILL HAVE DAILY CARE FEATURES; ALL THE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES CAN BE PAID FOR OUT OF A FLEX CARD.

HOW WOULD THEY BE PAID: OWENS EXPLAINED THE BOARD WOULD HIRE THEM UNDER A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR \$750 PER ENTITY. ALL COMMISSIONS THAT WOULD BE PAID ON THE PLAN IF IT WERE DEVELOPED WOULD BE PAID TO THEM VIA COMMISSIONS BUT THEY

WOULD BE PAID FROM THE MANAGEMENT FEES OR MARKETING FEES INTERNALLY BUILT INTO THE PLAN.

OWENS PROPOSED TWO THINGS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER:

1. THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN
2. NEGOTIATE RENEWAL RATES AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE \$750 FEE OWENS IS REQUESTING WOULD BE FOR. OWENS ADVISED THEY WOULD GATHER DATA FROM ALL THE ENTITIES, ORGANIZE THE DATA, GATHER CLAIM DATA FROM THE CARRIER, PRESENT IT TO THE CARRIER, NEGOTIATE RATES, COME UP WITH A FINAL RATE AND BENEFIT PLAN AND THEN HE WILL COME BACK TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD THE BENEFIT PLAN. THE BOARD WILL HAVE A VOLUNTARY OPTIONAL PLAN THEY COULD CONSIDER AND COMPARE TO THEIR PRESENT PLAN WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD.

OWENS STATED THE WORST CASE SCENARIO IT WOULD HAVE AN ORGANIZED LARGE EFFORT LEGISLATIVELY AND IT WILL BE IN LEVERAGE AND COMPETITION WITH THE CURRENT PLAN THEY HAVE IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING INSURANCE FOR HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES SEPARATELY FROM THE GROUP HEALTH PLAN IN ORDER TO REDUCE HEALTH INSURANCE RATES.

OWENS STATED THIS STRATEGY IS DONE UNDER A SELF FUNDED BASIS AND THE HIGHER RISK EMPLOYEES ARE CUT OUT OF THE GROUP; TECHNICALLY, THERE IS A DEDUCTIBLE PER EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER IS PAYING THE FIRST \$10,000 TO \$20,000 MEDICAL COST UP TO A LIMIT PER EMPLOYEE; AFTER THIS DEDUCTIBLE IS PAID, THE INSURANCE COMPANY KICKS IN AND PAYS THE REMAINDER OF THE COST. WHEN YOU LASER, OR CUT OUT, A HIGH RISK EMPLOYEE, THEY WILL TAKE THEM OUT AND GIVE THEM A \$50,000 TO \$100,000 DEDUCTIBLE AND THE COST FOR DOING THAT IS FAR LESS THAN THE \$20,000 DEDUCTIBLE. THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL PLAN AVAILABLE IS MEDICALLY UNDERWRITTEN AND THEY WILL ASK A SERIES OF HEALTH QUESTIONS TO A HIGH RISK PERSON AND IF THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS ARE YES I HAVE THOSE PROBLEMS, THEY WILL EITHER DECLINE THE POLICY, RATE IT UP OR CHARGE MORE. IF THE DIAGNOSIS IS SERIOUS ENOUGH, THEY WILL DECLINE COVERAGE ALTOGETHER BECAUSE THE PREMIUM THAT UP TO 20 EMPLOYEES COULD PAY AT \$1,000 PER MONTH IS NOT ENOUGH PREMIUM TO COVER THE POTENTIAL LARGE CLAIM THE HIGH RISK PEOPLE COULD HAVE.

OWENS ADDRESSED ONCE AN EMPLOYEE IS PART OF A GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND THEY HAVE CANCER OR A SERIOUS ILLNESS, IF THEY DON'T GET THE SAME BENEFIT AND THE SAME OFFER ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE, THEY MAY FEEL THEY ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AND OWENS FEELS THE COUNTY COULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

OWENS INFORMED THE BOARD IF THEY ASSIGNED THEM AS THEIR CONSULTANT OR BROKER TO NEGOTIATE THEIR OCTOBER RENEWAL, THEY WILL NOT ADD A COMMISSION ON TOP OF THEIR CURRENT RATES; THEY ARE AT RISK AT NEGOTIATING THEIR OWN INCOME FROM INTERNAL FEES ALREADY BUILT INTO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN. HE ADDRESSED THEY COULD OFFER THE BOARD EXPERTISE AND ABILITY TO DOUBLE CHECK UNDERWRITERS TO MAKE SURE ALL OF THE LOADS THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THEIR PREMIUMS COULD BE TRIMMED DOWN OR DOUBLE CHECKED.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN GETTING QUOTED AND BEING COMPETITIVE, OWENS SAID IT WAS A 50/50 CHANCE DUE TO HIM NOT KNOWING THE CLAIM EXPERIENCE OF ALL OF THE 60 ENTITIES.

OWENS REITERATED HE IS REQUESTING TWO PROPOSALS TO THE BOARD:

1. CONSIDER HAVING OWENS AND ASSOCIATES NEGOTIATE THE BOARD'S UPCOMING OCTOBER RENEWAL AS WASHINGTON COUNTY; THERE ARE NO CONSULTING FEES FOR THAT AS THEY ARE PAID BY THE CARRIER IF THE CARRIER PAYS THEM
2. FLORIDA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT PLAN WITH THE BOARD PAYING \$750 CONSULTING FEE

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO APPROVE OF OWENS TWO PROPOSALS. COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERENCED LAST YEAR THE INSURANCE RATES WENT UP 15% AND HE FEELS THE BOARD HAS PROBABLY WENT ABOUT AS

HIGH AS THEY CAN ON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RATES. HE FELT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA TO GATHER AND COMPILE DATA BEFORE BUDGET IN CASE THE COUNTY HAS TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER SOURCE OF INCOME.

OWENS QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED THEIR RENEWAL RATES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE HAD ASKED FOR INFORMATION BUT WAS TOLD IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THIS WAS ALWAYS PROVIDED AT THE LAST MINUTE BY THE PRESENT INSURANCE CARRIER. OWENS STATED THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AND REFERENCED THEM DOING BAKER COUNTY'S INSURANCE AND THEY ARE ALMOST COMPLETED WITH THEIR NOVEMBER RENEWAL DATA.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHELTON SEARCY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS ON HAVING A PLACE TO PURCHASE THE PERMIT THAT IS REQUIRED TO USE THE DUNFORD LAKE; PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSE TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE PERMIT AT THE OFFICE AT THE ENTRANCE BUT THERE IS NEVER ANYONE THERE. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED SEARCY THE BOARD WOULD ADDRESS IT AND SEE WHAT CAN BE WORKED OUT.

GLEN ZANETIC, MSBU COORDINATOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAVING APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A USED KABOTA AND INCREMENTS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL OWNER FOR \$10,000 CONTINGENT ON THE COUNTY MECHANIC LOOKING AT THE MACHINE. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE MSBU EXPENDITURE.

ROGER HAGAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THERE CURRENTLY BEING ONE TRAVEL CARD FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS TO USE; AS HIS BUDGET IS PROVIDED BY THE STATE, HE CAN APPLY FOR A TRAVEL CARD AND HE HAS GOTTEN PERMISSION FROM ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO DO SO.

HE ADVISED SOUTHTRUST BANK HAS MADE APPLICATION FOR A VISA DISCOVERY CARD AND THEY HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY APPROVED; HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO FILL OUT A CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY WHICH IS THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY FOR THE CORPORATION. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HAGAN'S REQUEST.

HAGAN ADVISED THE CARD LIMIT WOULD BE \$2,500 AND THREE CARDS WILL BE ISSUED WITH JERRY BROCK'S, LYNN WHITE'S AND HIS NAME ON THEM; THE CARDS WILL BE LEFT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND SIGNED OUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER \$1,000,000 FROM ALLISON FLOOD TO THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER MADE THE BOARD AWARE FEMA HAD NOT APPROVED OF THE CLOSEOUT ON THIS PROJECT AND WHEN THEY DO, THEY MAY HAVE TO REIMBURSE SOME OF THESE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH READ INTO THE MINUTES THE FOLLOWING: HE ASKED THE COMMISSION IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBLE WAY THEY COULD STOP THE PROCESS OF GIVING NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ALONG WITH \$3.2 MILLION DOLLARS TO SACRED HEART REALIZING THAT ALMOST EVERYONE THAT YOU TALK TO IS AGAINST THIS AND AS COMMISSIONERS AREN'T WE ACCOUNTABLE TO SERVE THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. HE REQUESTED A RESPONSE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF ANY OF THE COMMISSION WANTED TO RESPOND.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD PROVIDED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER THE SIGNED LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR OVER A YEAR NOW AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID THAT CAN BE SAID.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN CONTINUED READING: AS YOU KNOW FROM THE TIME THE BOARD BEGAN THE PROCESS OF CONSIDERING SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL, HE HAS ASKED ALONG WITH OTHERS, AND CERTAINLY MR. CORBIN, WHY THE BOARD WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL. USING THE SAME LOGIC AS THEY DID ON THE SURVEYING, THE PRICES WERE LESS EXPENSIVE AND THEY SEEMED TO OFFER A BETTER DEAL, SO THE BOARD ALL AGREED THAT IS THE SURVEYING PROPOSAL THEY SHOULD ACCEPT. HE QUESTIONED WHY THEY COULDN'T USE THIS SAME LOGIC ON THE HOSPITAL.

HE CONTINUED BY SAYING HE HAS ASKED THESE QUESTIONS AND MR. CORBIN HAS ASKED AND ALL THE ANSWERS THEY GET IS THE REASON WE ARE CHOOSING SACRED HEART IS BETTER HEALTH CARE AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY- THING TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT DECISION; THE BOARD CAN'T LOOK AT THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND SAY WE HAVE HAD BETTER HEALTH CARE. THEY HAVE HAD GOOD HEALTH CARE BUT WE DON'T WANT TO CONSIDER THAT ANY OTHER PLACE COULD OFFER US BETTER HEALTH CARE AND AGAIN PAY US OUT OF DEBT OR GIVE US SOME MONEY. HE STATED THE ONLY REASON THE BOARD BEGAN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS WAS BECAUSE, THEY AS COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOSPITAL, WAS DISSATIS- FIED WITH THE CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL UNDER SACRED HEART'S MANAGE- MENT, EVERY MONTH LOSING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND THEY DECIDED THEY NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING. THERE ARE STILL FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR TO HIS SATISFACTION AND TO OTHERS SATISFACTION BUT YET THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE THE HOSPITAL BACK TO SACRED HEART ALONG WITH \$3.2 MILLION OF BORROWED MONEY. FINCH STATED THE BOARD SHOULDN'T HAVE THAT RIGHT AS FIVE COMMISSIONERS AND CERTAINLY NOT THREE COMMISSIONERS TO DO THAT; THIS IS PUTTING SOMETHING IN PLACE FOR THE FUTURE, OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, WILL HAVE TO PAY THIS EXPENSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE HOPED COMMISSIONER COPE AND BROCK WERE RIGHT AND IT WORKS OUT TO BE A REAL GOOD DEAL IF THIS IS WHAT THE BOARD GOES WITH BUT HE DOESN'T SEE IT. HE QUESTIONED THEIR JUDGEMENT AS TO WHY THEY WOULD DO IT AND HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE; THERE WERE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE QUESTIONING THAT.

WITH THOSE COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER FINCH PUT IN FORM OF A MOTION TO ASK THE STATE TO CONDUCT A FULL AUDIT OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FROM THE TIME SACRED HEART TOOK OVER UNTIL NOW. HE FEELS THIS WILL ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS PEOPLE ARE ASKING AS FAR AS WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE AND WHY IS THE BOARD CONTINUING WITH SACRED HEART.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE ALREADY BEING AN AUDIT DONE ON THE HOSPITAL AND IT WAS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE HOSPITAL HASN'T PROVIDED ANYTHING TO SHOW WHERE THE MONIES HAVE GONE THE LAST FOUR YEARS; HE HASN'T SEEN ANYTHING THAT ADDS UP.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WANTED IT STIPULATED IF THERE IS A FEE ATTACHED IT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK UP BEFORE THE BOARD BECAUSE HE HAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN AGREED TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION AND SECOND IF THERE IS A FEE ATTACHED TO THE STATE DOING DOING THE AUDIT OF THE HOSPITAL, IT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED THAT A DATE BE SET FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO SPEAK ON THE HOSPITAL ISSUE.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF ON THE BORROWING OF THE \$3.2 MILLION, WOULDN'T THERE HAVE TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PORTION NOT USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. CHAIRMAN CORBIN ASKED IF THE BOARD COULD COORDINATE THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND TAKE CARE OF IT ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION WAS TO LET THE NEGOTIATIONS GO FORWARD AND WHATEVER DEAL IS NEGOTIATED, HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DEAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE PUBLICS OPINION BEFORE STARTING NEGOTIATIONS; HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MEETINGS ALREADY, THEY HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER AND EVERYBODY HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THESE MEETINGS; HE DOESN'T SEE WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO EVEN HOLD ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING. CHERYL, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD DURING THE DAY TIME AND MOST PEOPLE HAVE TO WORK; THEY NEED TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT NIGHT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IT WOULD BE FINE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IF THEY WANTED TO HOLD ONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS TO RECEIVE THE INPUT FROM THE PEOPLE AND ACT ACCORDINGLY; IF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ASK THE BOARD TO DO ONE THING HE FEELS LIKE THE BOARD IS OBLIGATED TO DO IT. HE QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER COPE WHY HE WOULD SAY OKAY LETS JUST HAVE ONE AND WAS HE SERIOUSLY GOING TO TAKE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND CONSIDER THEIR IDEAS.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN AGREED ALL THE BOARD SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY AT A PUBLIC HEARING AND HE HOPES EVERYONE WILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH MADE A MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO GET INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE SALE OF THE HOSPITAL TO SACRED HEART ON MAY 19 AT 6:30 P.M. CHAIRMAN CORBIN TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN BROCK AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE URGENCY FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AS THEY HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GO THROUGH THE DUE DILIGENCE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS; HE AGREED WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND THOUGHT THEY HAD AGREED TO GO THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS; COMMISSIONER COPE WAS JUST APPOINTED LAST WEEK, AND THEN THEY WOULD ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THEY AWARD IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY COPE WOULDN'T WANT ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC BEFORE HE NEGOTIATED; WHY WOULDN'T HE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND IF THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT ANY NEGOTIATIONS, THEY WANT HIM TO STOP.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT WOULD BE LEFT UP TO COMMISSIONER COPE BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS ALREADY ISSUED THE LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID IT WOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE BOARD AND ANY ACTION THE BOARD TAKES, THEY CAN RESCIND IT; THEY NEED TO DO IT IN GOOD FAITH AND NOT GET IN THE HABIT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE FELT LIKE THE BOARD IS BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF DUE TO COMMISSIONER HALL BEING ABSENT DUE TO ALL THESE ISSUES BEING BROUGHT UP AND HE IS NOT PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REITERATED HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW ANYONE COULD OPPOSE HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING TO GET THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEM IN OFFICE; THE BOARD OWES IT TO THE PEOPLE TO REACT ON BEHALF OF THEIR VOTE AND IF THE BOARD IS REPRESENTING THEM, SPEAKING FOR THEM, ETC., THEY NEED TO LISTEN TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE HAS LISTENED TO THE PEOPLE; HE HAS GOTTEN PHONE CALLS SUPPORTING SACRED HEART.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED COPE HAVE THEM CONTACT HIM BECAUSE HE DOESN'T RECEIVE ANY CALLS SUPPORTING SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE DIDN'T GET ANY CALLS SUPPORTING SACRED HEART'S PROPOSAL EITHER AND MAYBE ITS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS; IF THE BOARD HAS A PUBLIC HEARING AT NIGHT, EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND IF HE IS CHAIRING THE MEETING, HE WILL RECOGNIZE EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK AND TRY TO KEEP IT ORDERLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND FINCH FOR AND COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COPE OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PUT AN IDOL SPEED AND NO WAKE ZONE IN BLUE POND.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN ADVISED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACRED HEART AT THE END OF EACH NEGOTIATION MEETING AND GIVE THEM A MEMORANDUM ON WHAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED A LOT OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD IS TO FIND OUT THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF BOTH SIDES; IT IS NOT ALL GOING TO BE NEGOTIATED IMMEDIATELY. SACRED HEART WILL HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE HOSPITAL OWES, WHAT THEIR DEBTS ARE, WHAT THEIR BILLS ARE; AND THE BOARD WILL BE FINDING OUT ANYTHING THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SACRED HEART FINANCIALLY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN REQUESTED THE NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR THE COUNTY NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST TO GET SACRED HEART TO TAKE THE LIABILITIES OF THE HOSPITAL.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID THE BOARD WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MEETING THE \$3.2 MILLION LOAN AT THE CURRENT INTEREST RATE; HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED WHERE THE BOARD WOULD GET THE MONIES FOR THE LIABILITIES THE HOSPITAL OWES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED COMMISSIONER BROCK GET A LIST OF EVERY LIABILITY THE HOSPITAL PRESENTLY HAS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF SACRED HEART AGREES TO TAKE ALL THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, WOULD THE BOARD GIVE THEM THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES. CHAIRMAN CORBIN SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM GIVING SACRED HEART THE RECEIVABLES IF THEY WOULD TAKE OVER THE LIABILITIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHAT IF THERE WERE MORE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES THAN PAYABLES; WHO GETS THE MONIES. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED COPE, HIM BEING A GOOD NEGOTIATOR, THE COUNTY OUGHT TO GET IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE IS CONSIDERABLY MORE OWING AT THE HOSPITAL THAN THERE IS COLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE MAY BE SURPRISED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERENCED THE HOSPITAL DOING A POOR JOB OF GETTING THEIR BILLS PAID IF THERE IS MORE RECEIVABLES THAN PAYABLES. HE REQUESTED COMMISSIONER COPE SHARE INFORMATION IF THERE IS MORE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES THAN PAYABLES AND IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT MADE HIM MAKE THE DECISION HE MADE TO GO WITH SACRED HEART THAT IS NOT ON THE SURFACE, HE WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO SHARE THIS ALSO.

COMMISSIONER COPE STATED THAT COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS PRIVILEGED TO THE SAME INFORMATION HE WAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF THERE WAS SOMETHING AT THE HOSPITAL THE BOARD WAS NOT AWARE OF, HE TRY AND LOCATE IT AND SHARE IT WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE SACRED HEARTS CONTRACT HONORED BECAUSE EVER SINCE HE HAS BEEN SETTING ON THE HOSPITAL BOARD, HE HAS HEARD CRITICAL ACCESS AND BRIDGE LOANS; LAST MONTH HE HEARD HOME HEALTH WAS PAYING MORE THAN THEY HAD BEEN PAYING. HE REFERENCED THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR JUDY SCHIROS HAVING SAID IF THE HOSPITAL GETS ON CRITICAL ACCESS, THEY WOULD BREAK EVEN OR MAKE MONEY. HE HATES TO SEE THE HOSPITAL SOLD TO ANYONE AS HE FEELS THEY WOULD BE TAKING AWAY FROM THE COUNTY WHENEVER THEY ARE SELLING AN ASSET THAT VALUABLE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED IF THEY WANT SACRED HEART TO HAVE IT LET THEM FULFILL THEIR CONTRACT; IF THEY TURN THE HOSPITAL AROUND LOOK AT IT LATER ON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF CRITICAL ACCESS IS GOING TO MAKE THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHO WOULD BE THE ONE TO ASK FOR THE STATE AUDIT ON THE HOSPITAL. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN WOULD WORK THROUGH THE CLERKS OFFICE TO CONTACT THE STATE ON THE AUDIT. CHAIRMAN CORBIN DELEGATED HIS AUTHORITY TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREEING TO GET WITH THE CLERKS OFFICE TO CONTACT THE STATE AUDITORS OFFICE.

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

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 05/02/03