

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/21/04

SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS HALL, CORBIN, COPE AND FINCH PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TO ORDER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET NOTES SHOWING CHANGES SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 13TH BUDGET WORKSHOP; ALL OF THE CHANGES WERE BOARD ACTION ITEMS AT THE 13TH MEETING EXCEPT THE ACTUAL SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED VIA THE TRIM NOTICES SENT TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TOTALS \$21,188,538. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS SET AT 10 MILLS; THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS IS 5.26% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 9.5%. CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS. NO ONE RESPONDED.

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HE ADVISED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND A NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS IN THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2004 EDITION AND TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2004 AT 5:05 P.M.

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS CONCLUDED.

DUE TO THIS BEING A RECESSED MEETING, OTHER BUSINESS WAS ADDRESSED AT THIS TIME. CLERK LINDA COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON \$53,813 TAX DEED PROCEEDS HAVE BEEN TURNED IN TO THE BOARD AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT INFORMED THE BOARD THE ORDINANCE ON SELLING OF COUNTY OWNED LAND WAS ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE BOARD'S SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS 22 LOTS READY TO SALE.

HERBERT ADDRESSED HE AND GLEN ZANETIC HAVING DISCUSSED THE VALUE OF THE LOTS AT SUNNY HILLS ARE INCREASING SO FAST THEY ARE NOT SURE HOW TO DETERMINE A

MINIMUM BID ON THE LOTS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD COULD ALWAYS REBID IF THEY DIDN'T BRING ENOUGH.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CLEAN UP FROM IVAN; ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE RODE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THERE IS NOT A WHOLE LOT OF CLEAN UP TO BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER HALL ADDRESSED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING CONTACTED HIM ON THE COUNTY DOING THE CLEAN UP AND LETTING FEMA PAY THEM OR TO CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A CONTRACT THEY HAVE WITH GRUBBS; IF THE DAMAGE IS BAD ENOUGH AND THE COUNTY GETS DECLARED, GRUBBS WOULD MOVE THEIR EQUIPMENT IN AND FEMA WOULD WORK WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER HALL SAID OTHER COUNTIES DIDN'T HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GRUBBS AND FEMA IS NOT ALLOWING THE COUNTIES TO GET THE MONIES; FEMA IS WANTING TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CONTRACTORS.

HERBERT ADVISED THAT GRUBBS WANTED TO HONOR THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FIRST; OTHER COUNTIES THEY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH, HOLMES AND GADSDEN, HAVE TOLD THEM THEY WOULD BE DOING THEIR OWN CLEANUP ALSO. GRUBBS WAS LOOKING TO CONTACT ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES TO TRY AND GET A CONTRACT WITH THEM.

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

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 09/21/04

CHAIRMAN