

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/28/04

SEPTEMBER 28, 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 BROCK, CORBIN, COPE, HALL AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER.

GLEN ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINI-STRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING MET AND REVIEWED THE SUGGESTED MARKET VALUES ON THE 22 PARCELS IN SUNNY HILLS. HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD LOOKED AT THE PARCELS TO COME UP WITH THE RECOMMENDED MARKET VALUE AND HE HAD GOTTEN CONFIRMATION FROM A SALESMAN THE VALUES WERE CLOSE TO WHAT THEY SHOULD BE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO SET A SALE DATE, PUBLISH A NOTICE THEY ARE ACCEPTING BIDS ON THE 22 PARCELS AND DETERMINE WHERE THEY WANT THE NOTICE PUBLISHED. HE ADVISED THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES THEM TO PUBLISH IT IN THE LOCAL PAPER WHERE THEY PUBLISH THEIR LEGAL ADS; HOWEVER, THEY CAN PUBLISH THEM IN OTHER PAPERS AS WELL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SUGGESTED MARKET VALUE BEING THE MINIMUM BID FOR THE 22 PARCELS ON THE LIST. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ADVERTISE THE 22 PARCELS FOR SALE WITH THE MINIMUM BID BEING THE RECOMMENDED MARKET VALUE AND BIDS BE ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 10TH AT 3 P.M. AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE OPENED AND READ ALOUD.

DISCUSSION HELD ON HOW TO BID THE PARCELS, BY GROUPS OF LOTS OR INDIVIDUAL LOTS. AFTER DETERMINING IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO AWARD THE BIDS UNLESS IT WAS ON A LOT TO LOT BASIS, THE BOARD AGREED ANYONE COULD BID ON AS MANY LOTS AS THEY WANTED TO BUT THEY WOULD BID A PRICE ON EACH LOT. THEY ALSO AGREED TO PUT IN THE AD THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND FINCH AGREED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR MOTION FOR ANYONE TO BID ON AS MANY LOTS AS THEY WANTED TO BUT BID ON EACH INDIVIDUAL LOT AND TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE ORDINANCE ON AN INDIVIDUAL HAVING TO BUILD A HOUSE WITHIN TWO YEARS; IT WAS CLARIFIED AN INDIVIDUAL DIDN'T HAVE TO BUILD A HOUSE BUT IF THEY DID WITHIN A TWO YEAR PERIOD AND IT WAS APPRAISED AT \$100,000 OR MORE, THEY WOULD GET HALF OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE LOT BACK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BID ON THE PROPERTY SOLD THE PROPERTY TO SOMEONE ELSE AND THAT PERSON BUILT A HOME, NO ONE WOULD RECEIVE A REFUND.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE ORDINANCE STATES ANY PURCHASER WHO COMMITS TO BUILD A HOUSE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO YEARS; THE PURCHASER WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO SIGN A COMMITMENT UPFRONT IF THEY PLAN ON BUILDING A HOUSE WITHIN THE TWO YEAR PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER COPE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ZANETIC THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON MSBU BUDGET AMENDMENTS THEY HAD TABLED AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 23RD MEETING. HE ADVISED HE WAS JUST TRYING TO GET THE COUNTY BOOKS TO MATCH THE MSBU BOOKS AND THE AMENDMENTS WERE NOT CHANGING THEIR BUDGET; THEY HAVE BEEN OPERATING UNDER THE SAME BUDGET THE ENTIRE TIME BUT THEIR NUMBERS LOOK DIFFERENT THAN THE COUNTIES. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THERE WERE A LOT OF

MONIES WHERE THEY SHOULDN'T BE AND THE AMENDMENTS WERE JUST TO PUT THEM WHERE THEY SHOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS WERE APPROVED BY THE MSBU COMMITTEE. ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE MSBU COMMITTEE LOOKS AT THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDES THE BOARD ON THEIR BUDGET; NOT THE BUDGET INFORMATION SET UP BY BOARD FINANCE. HE SAID BASICALLY THE AMENDMENTS WOULD ASSIST IN SETTING UP THE MSBU BUDGET AND BOARD FINANCE MSBU BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MSBU INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS TOTTALLING \$14,792 FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED DALLAS CARTER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, COME BEFORE THE BOARD. CORBIN THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INCIDENT WHERE HE WAS RIDING IN COMMISSIONER COPE'S DISTRICT AND FOUND A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, EARL HENDRIX, LAYING DOWN IN HIS COUNTY VEHICLE. HE STOPPED AND HENDRIX DIDN'T MOVE; HE DROVE DOWN THE ROAD, TURNED AROUND, CAME BACK, STOPPED AND ASKED HENDRIX IF HE WAS ALRIGHT. AT THAT POINT, CORBIN SAID HENDRIX RAISED UP AND SAID HE WAS ALRIGHT AND WAS JUST WAITING FOR THE COUNTY TRUCKS TO COME BACK AND DUMP SOME MORE DIRT.

CORBIN THEN WENT TO HENDRIX'S SUPERVISOR, DALLAS CARTER, AND TOLD HIM HE NEEDED TO GO AND CHECK ON HENDRIX AS HE WASN'T SURE IF HE WAS ALRIGHT OR NOT; DALLAS WENT AND TOLD CORBIN THAT HENDRIX WAS STILL LAYING DOWN IN THE TRUCK. DALLAS THEN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HENDRIX WAS NOT ASLEEP BUT STILL LAYING DOWN IN THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HENDRIX BEING THE TEMPORARY POSITION THE BOARD HAD HIRED TO MOW ON THE EAST SIDE. DALLAS HAD DISCUSSED WITH CORBIN INCIDENTS THAT HENDRIX HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH. DALLAS THEN INFORMED THE BOARD, AT CORBIN'S REQUEST, THAT HENDRIX HAD HIT TWO POLES AND TELEPHONE BOXES THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO REPLACE AND HAD CUT DOWN A 6" TO 8" TREE WHICH FELL ACROSS THE TRACTOR AND BENT IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN TOLD THE BOARD THAT DALLAS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HENDRIX GETTING HURT; DALLAS THEN SAID HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT A TREE FALLING ON SOMEONE ELSE OR ANOTHER VEHICLE.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF HE HAD A RECOMMENDATION, DALLAS SAID HE DIDN'T AND ASKED THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THAT DALLAS DID HAVE A RECOMMENDATION AT THE TIME HE WAS TALKING TO HIM.

CORBIN DISCUSSED JAKE STRICKLAND'S INMATE CARD BEING PULLED TODAY AND HE AND DALLAS HAD DISCUSSED JAKE BEING A LOT SAFER ON THE MOWING MACHINE. HE THEN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK TO MOVE HENDRIX TO THE WEST SIDE TO WORK WITH HARCUS AND PUT JAKE ON THE MOWING MACHINE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THAT WAS GOING TO STILL BE A TEMPORARY POSITION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN POINTED OUT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WAS RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND THE POSITION MAY BECOME PERMANENT, BUT WHO KNOWS. HE ALSO REFERENCED JERRY FEARS HAVING BEEN OUT ON WORKERS COMP FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND MAY NEVER COME BACK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED DALLAS HAS SAID HE NEEDED SOMEONE TO CONTINUE WORKING AND QUESTIONED IF STRICKLAND WOULD BE WORKING ONE DAY AND THEN OFF, ETC., OR WOULD HE BE PERMANENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE EXPLAINED THAT JAKE STRICKLAND WAS ALREADY A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE. COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHEN JAKE IS MOVED INTO THE POSITION HELD BY HENDRIX, WOULD HE STILL BE A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE. THE BOARD INFORMED FINCH THAT STRICKLAND WOULD REMAIN A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE; AT THE PRESENT TIME HENDRIX IS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHAT HENDRIX WOULD BE DOING ON THE WEST SIDE. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HE WOULD BE OPERATING THE TRACTOR MOWER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM IN MOVING JAKE IN THE MOWER POSITION; HOWEVER, IF JERRY FEARS COMES BACK TO WORK WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

DALLAS SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH FEARS; FEARS ADVISED HIM HE WOULD BE OUT FOR AT LEAST SIX TO EIGHT MORE WEEKS AND THEN HE IS GOING TO HAVE MORE SURGERY DONE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE AND ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING BEEN WITHOUT A GRADER MAN FOR A HALF A YEAR; THIS IS NOT DOING JUSTICE TO THE COUNTY EVEN THOUGH FEARS CAN'T HELP IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO GIVE AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS OUT ON WORKERS COMP THE SAME JOB HE HAD WHEN HE RETURNS OR JUST PROVIDE HIM WITH A JOB. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE THE EMPLOYEE WITH A COMPARABLE JOB.

CORBIN AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD SAID ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITHOUT A GRADER POSITION. DALLAS ADVISED THE BOARD THAT JERRY THOMAS HAS BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB AS A GRADER OPERATOR, FILLING IN FOR FEARS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HELPING FEARS GET DISABILITY IF HE IS DISABLED DUE TO THE PERIOD OF TIME HE HAS BEEN OUT OF WORK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID FEARS MAY BE OUT ON PERMANENT SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BEFORE IT IS OVER WITH.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF HENDRIX WOULD REMAIN AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE; DALLAS ADVISED HE WOULD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO ADVERTISE FOR JAKE'S INMATE POSITION WITH CORBIN SAYING THEY WOULD, AS HE NOW ONLY HAS ONE INMATE CREW.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH IT FINALLY BEING DETERMINED, THERE WAS NOT A FULL TIME POSITION AVAILABLE; WHEN FEARS COMES BACK FROM WORKERS COMP, THOMAS WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT SOMEWHERE. THE BOARD AGREED THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM UNTIL SOME OF THE ONES ON WORKERS COMP CAME BACK AND THEY WOULD WORRY ABOUT THAT AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING A SIMILAR SITUATION WITH AN INMATE SUPERVISOR AND HE WAS MOVED TO ROAD AND BRIDGE AT THE LOWEST PAYING JOB; HE HAS TALKED TO HERBERT ABOUT MOVING UP TO A POSITION THAT PAYS BETTER. HERBERT CAUTIONED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE IF THEY MOVE JAKE TO ROAD AND BRIDGE UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES AT A HIGHER PAYING POSITION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE EMPLOYEE REFERENCED BY HERBERT HAD BEEN WORKING AS A PICKUP DRIVER AND LABORER; HE AND COM- MISSIONER BROCK BOTH AGREED THIS WAS THE ONLY POSITION OPEN AT THE TIME THE OTHER INCIDENT HAPPENED.

HERBERT SAID THE EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE WANTED TO MOVE TO THE POSITION THEY PUT JAKE INTO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD AGAIN ON A POSSIBLE PROBLEM WITH THE EMPLOYEE WHO IS WANTING TO MOVE UP TO A POSITION THAT PAYS BETTER. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THERE COULD BE A PROBLEM; THE POSITION HE TOOK, HE TOOK AT THE SCALE OF THAT POSITION. HE AGREED WHEN THEY FIND SOMETHING, THEY NEED TO MOVE THE EMPLOYEE UP AND PROMOTE HIM; HE THEN REFERENCED COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING TRIED THE EMPLOYEE ON A MOTORGRADER AND HE COULDN'T RUN IT.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DALLAS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MEETING WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE ENGINEER AND BRIDGE CREW PERSONNEL FROM WALTON COUNTY ON GILBERT BRIDGE; THEY RECOMMENDED REPLACING THE BRIDGE. DUE TO IMPOSING LIABILITY ON THEM, THE WALTON COUNTY PERSONNEL DIDN'T WANT TO ASSIST THE COUNTY WITH THE BRIDGE; THEY DIDN'T WANT TO WORK ON A BRIDGE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT THEY WOULDN'T IN THEIR OWN COUNTY. AFTER A LOT OF DIS- CUSSION AT THAT MEETING, THE COUNTY ENGINEER RECOMMENDED TAKING THE LAST BRIDGE REPORT FROM FL-DOT, ADVERTISE THE CONDITION OF THE BRIDGE AND SPECIFY THEY WANT THE BRIDGE TO MEET A CERTAIN WEIGHT LIMIT.

HERBERT STATED ONCE THE BIDS ARE IN, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE SOME FIGURES ON WHAT THE COST WOULD BE; FEMA, FL-DOT AND WALTON COUNTY HAVE ALL SAID THEY WOULDN'T HELP WITH THE BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID BASICALLY WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IS GET A PRICE; THEY CAN TAKE THE LAST BRIDGE REPORT AND GET A BID ON WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BRING IT UP THE RIGHT WEIGHT LIMIT.

DALLAS ADDRESSED THE COUNTY NOT HAVING THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THE BRIDGE THEMSELVES; IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONTRACT IT OUT AND GET THE RIGHT WEIGHT LIMIT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF FEMA HAD WENT OUT AND LOOKED AT THE BRIDGE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON TWO FL-DOT REPRESENTATIVES, WHO REPRESENTED FEMA AND WROTE THEIR CONTRACTS, HAVING LOOKED AT THE BRIDGE WITH HE AND DALLAS. COMMISSIONER BROCK POINTED OUT THIS WAS NOT THE ACTUAL FEMA PEOPLE WHO WRITES THE CHECKS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SEE WHAT A CONTRACTOR WOULD CHARGE TO REPAIR GILBERT BRIDGE TO BRING IT UP TO THE NEEDED WEIGHT LIMIT AND FOR THE BOARD TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STACY WEBB, GRANTS PERSON, UPDATED THE BOARD ON FEMA HAVING MADE MONIES AVAILABLE DUE TO THE STORMS AND SHE HAS SOME GRANTS SHE WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR. WEBB REQUESTED PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST.

WEBB REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FOR HURRICANE FRANCIS AND CHARLIE; THEY ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT WOULD BEST FIT THE NEEDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE STATED THEY WERE LOOKING AT A CRITICAL FACILITY RETROFIT FOR THE VERNON EMS STATION TO MAKE IT FIT THE NEEDS FOR AN ALTERNATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND TO UPGRADE THE VERNON EMS FOR A CRITICAL FACILITY SHELTER. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD INTERFERE WITH ANYTHING ELSE THE BOARD MAY BE APPLYING FOR; WEBB ADVISED IT WOULD NOT AS IT IS SEPARATE FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW THE HURRICANES WOULD AFFECT THE CDBG GRANT; WEBB SAID SHE WAS GOING TO ADDRESS THE CDBG GRANT NEXT. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED WORD THE QUAIL HOLLOW BOULEVARD CDBG GRANT WAS NOT APPROVED; SHE IS WAITING ON A RANKING SHEET TO SEE HOW THE APPLICATION WAS RANKED.

SHE ADDRESSED WHEN FL-DCA CAME AND DID AN EVALUATION ON THE GRANT APPLICATION, THE COUNTY HAD 739 POINTS TOWARD THE GRANT; RATTLEBOX AND JOINER GRANT PROJECTS WERE AWARDED WITH 719 POINTS.

SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD HANG ON TO THE \$300,000 COUNTY MATCH THEY HAD BUDGETED AND NOT REALLOCATE IT UNTIL SHE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITUATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPEAL FL-DCA'S RULING ON THE CDBG GRANT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WEBB ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT. WEBB QUESTIONED ZANETIC WOULDN'T THEY SUPPOSE TO BE CHECKING ON THE WATER FACILITY AT SUNNY HILLS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SELLING IT.

ZANETIC ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS GOING TO MAKE CONTACT TO SEE IF THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL IT.

WEBB AND HERBERT ADDRESSED RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELT LIKE THE COUNTY WOULD QUALIFY FOR LOAN MONIES FOR THE UTILITIES; HOWEVER, THERE ISN'T ANY GRANT MONIES AVAILABLE FOR THE WATER FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE BOARD OBLIGATE THE REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE WATER FACILITY AND REQUESTED WEBB FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS PROJECT AND IT NOT BE DROPPED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED CHAIRMAN HALL APPOINT ATTORNEY HOLLEY, COMMISSIONER FINCH AND GLEN ZANETIC TO WORK ON THE WATER FACILITY AND REPORT BACK THEIR FINDINGS TO THE BOARD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SUGGESTED WEBB BE ON THE COMMITTEE ALSO.

ZANETIC QUESTIONED WEBB IF THE 30 DAY EXTENSION ON APPLYING FOR FRDAP GRANTS WAS ALSO FOR CLOSING OF EXISTING GRANTS; WEBB SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE BUT WOULD CHECK ON IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EQUIPMENT FOR CAMPBELL PARK BEING DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EQUIPMENT FOR ORANGE HILL PARK HAD BEEN DELIVERED BUT NOT INSTALLED; THE BID ON THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDED THE INSTALLATION BUT THE BIDDER HAS NOT COME BACK AND INSTALLED IT YET.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING LEFT A MESSAGE WITH COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, TO GET BACK WITH HER ON THE EXTENSIONS OF THE FRDAP GRANTS DUE TO HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON BUCKHORN CREEK AND QUAIL HOLLOW NEEDING HELP WITH THEIR ROADS; HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING \$300,000 IN THE BUDGET FOR A CDBG MATCH FOR QUAIL HOLLOW AND IT COULD BE BUILT FOR \$200,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED THEY COULD BUILD A ROAD FOR \$200,000 BUT IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME QUALITY OF ROAD AS THE ENGINEER DESIGNED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD DOING OLD BONIFAY ROAD NOW; THEY HAVE STARTED ON CARR ROAD, HAVE DONE VALLEY ROAD, PLEASANT HILL ROAD AND CREEK ROAD. HE REFERENCED HIM HAVING SAID HE WOULDN'T DO ANOTHER ROAD; HOWEVER, TO HELP THE PEOPLE AT QUAIL HOLLOW AND BUCK- HORN CREEK HE WILL DO THEIR ROAD IF THE COUNTY WILL OBLIGATE THEM- SELVES TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED THE BOARD WAIT AND SEE HOW THE APPEAL TO FL-DCA ON THE CDBG GRANT TURNS OUT; THE BOARD CONSENTED.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED THE BOARD FINISH UP SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE IN PROGRESS BEFORE STARTING ON ANOTHER ROAD; COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED AND SAID IT WOULD BE NEXT JULY OR AUGUST BEFORE HE COULD GET STARTED ON THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT.

CHERYL, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE BOARD GO AHEAD AND TAKE ACTION TO DO THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT IF THE APPEAL ON THE CDBG GRANT WAS DENIED.

THE BOARD ADVISED IF FL-DCA KNEW THE COUNTY HAD THE FUNDING, THEY MIGHT DENY THE APPEAL.

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED THE BOARD WAS ENTERING INTO THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. HE READ THE BUDGET NOTES FOR THIS DATE ON CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET TALLING \$2,481 SINCE THE 09-21-04 PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ONE ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE AND TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005:

- A. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2004.
- B. THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TOTALS \$21,186,057.
- C. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS IS 5.26% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE.

CHAIRMAN HALL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; NO ONE RESPONDED.

HE THEN ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED THE MILLAGE HAS BEEN AT 10 MILLS FOR YEARS.

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 BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; NO ONE RESPONDED.

HE THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT OR HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.

COMMISSIONER FINCH COMMENTED TO THE NEWSPAPER ON IT SAYING THE COUNTY COMMISSION PROPOSES A TAX INCREASE; HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE ABOUT THE INCREASE AND HE HAD TOLD THEM THE MILLAGE WAS STILL AT TEN MILLS. HE HAD GOTTEN ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO EXPLAIN TO HIM WHY IT STATED THERE WAS A TAX INCREASE; OVERALL, THE AMOUNT IS MORE BUT THIS IS DUE TO THE APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED COMMISSIONER FINCH SHE PUT THE AD IN THE PAPER; THE AD WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRIM REQUIREMENTS AND THE CITY, SCHOOL BOARD AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVE TO COMPLY ALSO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, THE COUNTY BENEFITS FROM HAVING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS WITH GRANTS, ETC.; THEY HAVE GOTTEN SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FEMA PROJECTS AND DUE TO THE COUNTY BEING AT 10 MILLS, THE 12.5% MATCHING REQUIREMENT WAS WAIVED.

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

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TOTALLING \$21,186,057. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN HALL STATED THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 WAS CONCLUDED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EMPA GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FY 2004-2005 AND REQUESTED THEY AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT; SHE ADVISED IT WAS ALREADY BUDGETED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

THE BOARD EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO CLERK COOK, COMMISSIONER COPE, ROGER HAGAN, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND DEBBIE RILEY FOR ALL THE TIME AND WORK THEY HAD PUT INTO THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO START ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER IT BE THE SAME COMMITTEE OR NOT.

CHAIRMAN HALL ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/28/04