

BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/05/05

APRIL 5, 2005

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, FINCH, STRICKLAND, SAPP AND CORBIN PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER AND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE PERSON FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION FOR FEMA PROJECTS.

FREDERICK BROWN AND MILES ANDERSON WERE THE TOP TWO APPLICANTS SELECTED BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WHEN INTERVIEWED. THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES MEET WITH THEM AND A FINAL DECISION BE MADE ON WHO WILL FILL THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION.

MR. FREDERICK BROWN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIS EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE; HE WORKED FOR THE FL-DOT AS AN INSPECTOR FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MONTHS, WORKED WITH WALMARTS IN CONSTRUCTION WARRANTY DIVISION, WAS PROMOTED WORKING AS A COORDINATOR AND THEN AS A PROJECT MANAGER. HIS WORK INCLUDED TAKING CARE OF SCOPES OF WORK, BUDGET ESTIMATES, PERMITTING, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED BROWN'S APPLICATION SHOWING HE HAD CHANGED JOBS A NUMBER OF TIMES AND HE DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE THAT OLD. BROWN ADVISED HE WAS STILL IN SCHOOL WHEN HE HELD SOME OF THE JOBS LISTED ON HIS APPLICATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH MADE BROWN AWARE THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION WOULD BE A PART TIME POSITION FOR THE PRESENT TIME AND WOULD BE ONLY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WORK DOING THE FEMA PROJECTS. BROWN ADVISED HE WAS AWARE OF IT BEING A PART TIME POSITION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED BROWN'S FIELD EXPERIENCE ON REPAIRING DIRT ROADS, PUTTING DOWN GRAVEL, ETC. BROWN ADVISED HE WAS OUT IN THE FIELD PRETTY MUCH ALL THE TIME HE WAS ROAD INSPECTOR WITH FL-DOT. AS FAR AS HIS CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IN THE OFFICE DOING IT, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOING OUT IN THE FIELD IF THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS HAVING TO CORRECT THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED BROWN IF HE WAS ACTUALLY INVOLVED WITH BUILDING WAL-MART STORES. BROWN SAID HE WAS IN THE PAST; BUT, HE HAS JUST FINISHED WORKING ON A CONDOMINIUM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO HIM HAVING BEEN INVOLVED WITH A WALMART CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND IT IS A REAL INDEPTH PROJECT; THERE IS A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN QUESTIONED BROWN IF HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE FEMA RULES AND REGULATIONS. BROWN ADVISED HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO ROADWORK BEING THE MAIN ISSUE INVOLVED WITH THE FEMA PROJECTS AND QUESTIONED BROWN ON HOW MUCH ACTUAL ROADWORK EXPERIENCE WITH PLACEMENT OF DIRT, QUANTITIES OF DIRT, MILLED ASPHALT, ETC. DID HE HAVE. BROWN REITERATED HIS EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD WOULD PROBABLY BE THE FIFTEEN MONTHS HE WORKED WITH FL-DOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO BROWN HAVING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED, DUE TO BROWN BEING UNEMPLOYED AT THIS TIME, IF HE WERE TO GET A FULL TIME JOB, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT THE PART TIME POSITION FOR PROJECT MANAGER. BROWN ADDRESSED, BESIDES THE FEMA PROJECT MANAGER POSITION, THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER POSITION HE HAS APPLIED FOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED BROWN THE BOARD WOULD BE INTERVIEW- ING ANOTHER APPLICANT AND WOULD NOTIFY HIM OF THEIR SELECTION. HE THANKED BROWN FOR APPLYING FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION.

WHILE WAITING ON MILES ANDERSON TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR A HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY.

MILES ANDERSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND PROVIDED THEM WITH BACK- GROUND INFORMATION ON WHAT HE HAS DONE; MOST OF HIS CAREER HAS BEEN WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. HE HAD WENT TO WORK WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AGO IN ALL THE EMERGENCY MANAGE- MENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, MITIGATION PROGRAMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS.

HE POINTED OUT HE WAS GETTING CLOSE TO THE POINT HE WAS WANTING TO RETIRE; HOWEVER, ON A PART TIME BASIS, HE WOULD REQUEST PERMISSION FOR DUAL EMPLOYMENT SO THERE IS NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

HE ADVISED HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT DIRT ROADS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE FEMA PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOURS ANDERSON WOULD WORK SHOULD HE BE SELECTED FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION DUE TO HIM ALREADY HAVING A FULL TIME JOB. ANDERSON SAID HE WOULD WORK FOUR TEN HOUR DAYS AT HIS FULL TIME JOB AND WORK FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS ON THE FEMA PROJECTS OR AS MUCH TIME AS NEEDED TO DO WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO.

AS FAR AS HIS RETIREMENT, ANDERSON ADVISED HE WAS A SENIOR STATE PERSON FOR IVAN NOW AND IS TRAINING SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PART OF IT; HIS NEW ROLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TIME WITH THE STATE WOULD BE WRITING AND SETTING POLICY FOR HOW THINGS GO ON. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE PANHANDLE ON A CONTRACTURAL BASIS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPRESSED TO ANDERSON THE COUNTY WANTS TO GET ALL THE FEMA MONEY THEY CAN; HOWEVER, THEY WANT TO GET IT IN A WAY THEY DESERVE IT AND IT WON'T BE QUESTIONABLE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING CONFUSION AS TO WHAT CAN BE PAID FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION; THE COUNTY HAS BEEN TOLD SEVERAL DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES. ANDERSON ADDRESSED THERE BEING MANAGEMENT COST FOR TECHNICAL ACCOUNTING ALLOWANCE AND MANAGEMENT COST FOR WORK DONE ON PROJECT WORKSHEETS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF WORK DONE AND A LOT OF MONEY SPENT TO CORRECT THE ROAD PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM ALLISON AND THEY ARE NOW GOING BACK TO THE EXACT SAME ROADS AFTER THIS LAST RAINSTORM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR ROADS TO BE FIXED WHERE THEY WON'T HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED EVERY TIME THERE IS A DISASTER OR RAIN STORM.

ANDERSON AGREED AND ADVISED HE WAS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHY THE ROADS ARE NOT BEING FIXED SO THEY AREN'T HAVING TO CONTINUOUSLY SPEND MONIES REPAIRING THE SAME ROADS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ANDERSON ADDRESSING, WHENEVER FEMA DOES A DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT THE DOCUMENTATION THE COUNTY HAS ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED ANDERSON, DUE TO HIM ALREADY WORKING FOUR TEN HOUR DAYS, IF HIS SCHEDULE WOULD ALLOW HIM THE ADEQUATE TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE FEMA WORK AND THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED. MILES ADVISED HE WAS COMFORTABLE WITH TAKING THE POSITION AND DIDN'T SEE A PROBLEM IN GETTING THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED CONCERN WITH A LOT OF MONEY HAVING BEEN TURNED BACK IN YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS A DISASTER DUE TO NOT HAVING A PROPER INSPECTOR, PROPER BOOKKEEPING, ETC.; THIS WAS HIS MAIN INTEREST IN HAVING AN INSPECTOR FOR THE HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY TO MAKE SURE THE WORK APPROVED BY FEMA IS DONE CORRECTLY AND THEY GET PAID FOR IT.

ANDERSON EXPLAINED THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD SUBMITTED A LARGE PROJECT WORKSHEET FOR IVAN AND WOULD BE REIMBURSED BASED ON ACTUAL COST; HOWEVER, THE COST WOULD HAVE TO BE INCURRED FOR WORK DONE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WORK DESCRIBED ON THE PROJECT WORKSHEETS.

CORBIN REITERATED HE WANTED THE COUNTY TO GET ALL THE FEMA FUNDING THEY CAN IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS QUALIFIED AND MAKE SURE THE WORK IS DONE WHERE IT WAS DESIGNATED TO BE DONE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH WANTED IT UNDERSTOOD WHATEVER CAN BE RECOUPED FROM FEMA FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION IS WHAT THE PERSON HIRED WILL MAKE. ANDERSON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND INVITED THE BOARD TO CALL HIM ANYTIME WITH ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO FEMA WHETHER THEY HIRE HIM AS THE PROJECT MANAGER OR NOT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED ANDERSON THE BOARD WOULD DISCUSS THE APPLICANTS FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION AND NOTIFY HIM OF THEIR DECISION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THAT FEMA PAYS COULD BE USED TOWARD THE COUNTY'S OWN SUPERVISION; THE SALARY OF DALLAS CARTER OR WHOMEVER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON INHOUSE EMPLOYEES BEING ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON THEIR OVERTIME ON FEMA WORK AND IN ADDITION, FEMA WOULD FUND THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON BOTH APPLICANTS FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION BEING QUALIFIED AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE BETTER OFF TO CONTRACT WITH ONE OF THE APPLICANTS TO MAKE SURE THE WORK ON THE FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEETS IS DONE AND DONE CORRECTLY.

WHEN ASKED FOR A PREFERENCE ON WHOM TO SELECT DUE TO THEM HAVING INTERVIEWED THE APPLICANTS INDEPTH AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAVING WORKED AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT, STRICKLAND ADVISED HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE MILES ANDERSON DUE TO HIM BEING WITH FEMA AND IF THE COUNTY NEEDS MORE HELP WITH THE PROJECTS, HE COULD ASSIST THEM WITH GETTING IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO SELECT MILES ANDERSON FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER POSITION WITH HIM TO BE PAID WHATEVER FEMA FUNDS FOR THE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED QUALIFICATIONS IN SOME AREAS THAT ANDERSON HAS THAT BROWN DOESN'T AND HE SEES QUALIFICATIONS THAT BROWN HAS IN SOME AREAS THAT ANDERSON DOESN'T. HE REFERRED TO ANDERSON PROBABLY BEING ABLE TO GET MORE FINANCIAL HELP FROM FEMA THAN BROWN HAS EXPERIENCE IN; AS FAR AS AN APPLICANT WHO IS CERTIFIED TO GO OUT ON THE FIELD AND DO THE WORK AND CERTIFY IT, BROWN IS PROBABLY MORE QUALIFIED AND PHYSICALLY ABLE TO DO THE FIELD WORK AND HAS MORE TIME.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED ANDERSON COULD PROBABLY GET THE JOB DONE THAT WOULD SATISFY FEMA DUE TO HIS FEMA EXPERIENCE. HE IS INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE THE WORK IS DONE IN ACCORDANCE TO FEMA GUIDELINES AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE PROJECT WORKSHEETS SO IF THE COUNTY IS AUDITED, THEY WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE AND WON'T HAVE TO REIMBURSE THE FEMA FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE WORKING WITH THE FEMA PROJECTS THAT KNOWS THE GUIDELINES ON WHAT CAN BE CHARGED FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY RECEIVES ALL THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED DEBBIE RILEY AT PUBLIC WORKS HAS TOLD HIM THE RATES CHARGED ON DIFFERENT ITEMS IS BASED ON FEMA'S GUIDELINES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS, THE WAY THE WORKSHEET PROJECT IS WRITTEN OUT AND THE WAY IT IS CODED CAN PUT YOU IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FUNDING AREA.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY GETTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONTRACT PRICE IF THEY CONTRACTED OUT THE WORK TO BE DONE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE ON THE FEMA PROJECTS WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER TO BE IN CHARGE OF TELLING THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS THE DIRECTION TO GO BUT WOULD NOT BE DIRECTING EMPLOYEES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON FEMA WORK BEING DONE DURING THE WEEK IN THE PAST WITH THE BOARD AGREEING FOR THE FEMA WORK ON IVAN TO JUST BE DONE WHEN THE PROJECT MANAGER IS THERE DUE TO HIM BEING OVER THE PROJECT. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAVING PREVIOUSLY WORKED ON FEMA PROJECTS BY DISTRICT; WHOMEVER HAD THE EQUIPMENT IN THEIR DISTRICT IS WHERE THE WORK WAS DONE. THE BOARD CONSENTED THE ROADS TO BE DONE NEEDED TO BE PRIORITIED AND CATEGORIZED WITH THE WORST ROADS REPAIRED FIRST REGARDLESS OF THE DISTRICT IT IS IN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TRANSPORTATION FOR ANDERSON; WHETHER HE WOULD PROVIDE HIS OWN TRANSPORTATION OR NOT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED ANDERSON HAD QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HIM GETTING A VEHICLE TO USE IF FEMA WOULD ALLOW THIS TO BE FUNDED. THE BOARD AGREED THEY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IF ANDERSON COULD GET THE VEHICLE COVERED THROUGH FEMA; HOWEVER, IF NOT, HE WOULD HAVE TO FURNISH HIS OWN TRANSPORTATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HE AND COMMISSIONER COPE HAD AGREED TO EXCHANGE \$1,000 OF COPE'S INTEREST MONEY TO CORBIN TO HELP WITH THE FENCE AT THE ORANGEHILL PARK AND CORBIN WILL GIVE COPE \$1,000 OF HIS ROAD PAVING MONIES. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE EXCHANGE OF FUNDS BETWEEN COMMISSIONER COPE AND CORBIN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE COUNTY POLICY ON RENTING OUT A MOTORGRADER FOR \$50 PER HOUR AND QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RENT ONE TO PUT A DRIVE IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO RENT THE MOTORGRADER FOR ONE HOUR AT \$50 PER HOUR TO PUT IN A PAVED DRIVEWAY. CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED IT BE NOTED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY POLICY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED AN EMPLOYEE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAVING CONTACTED HIM ABOUT PRIOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CHARLES BROCK, ALWAYS HAD IT FIXED WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY WHEN THEY PICKED UP OLD APPLIANCES ALONG SIDE THE ROAD AND TOOK THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER. THE EMPLOYEE DIDN'T FEEL THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY A TIPPING FEE ON APPLIANCES THEY HAVE PICKED UP ALONG SIDE THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY RUNNING INTO THE SAME PROBLEM ON ITEMS THEY ARE TAKING TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO KEEP THESE ITEMS OFF OF THE STREETS, YARDS, ETC. AND THIS BEING THE REASON FOR THE GRANT MONIES THE COUNTY RECEIVES TO OPERATE THE RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION NOT TO CHARGE A TIPPING FEE TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OR ANY OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY FOR ANY TIRES, APPLIANCES, ETC. THEY PICK UP AND TAKE TO RECYCLING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND POINTED OUT IT COST THE COUNTY MONEY TO DISCARD TIRES AND THIS IS THE REASON THE RECYCLING CENTER CHARGES FOR TIRE DISPOSAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN WANTING IT INCLUDED IN HIS MOTION, THE PERSON TAKING THESE ITEMS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE IDENTIFICATION PROVING THEY ARE EMPLOYEES OF NWFWMDC OR THE CITIES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT NOTIFY WATER MANAGEMENT AND JAMES PETERSON AT THE RECYCLING CENTER OF THE BOARD'S DECISION.

MILES ANDERSON THEN READDRESSSED THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN FINCH INFORMED ANDERSON THE BOARD HAD SELECTED HIM TO BE THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE FEMA PROJECTS AND WHAT HE WOULD BE PAID WOULD BE WHATEVER IS ELIGIBLE AND ALLOWABLE BY FEMA. ANDERSON AGREED TO ACCEPT THE POSITION.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAFT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANDERSON AND THE COUNTY. ANDERSON ADDRESSED THE AGREEMENT NEEDED TO HAVE THE RIGHT WORDING AND TITLE; CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED ANDERSON TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON PROPER WORDING FOR THE AGREEMENT.

ANDERSON ADDRESSED EQUIPMENT RATES IS OPERATED, MAINTAINED AND FUELED; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE EQUIPMENT RATES USED BY THE COUNTY IS FOR EQUIPMENT, FUEL, MAINTENANCE ETC. AND THE LABOR OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE SUBMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON THEIR SALARIES AND BENEFITS. WHEN ANDERSON QUESTIONED HOW

THE FEMA EQUIPMENT RATES USED BY THE COUNTY COMPARED TO A CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT RATE, COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO THE CONTRACTOR'S RATE BEING HIGHER.

ANDERSON AGREED TO LOOK INTO THIS TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS ADEQUATELY TAKEN CARE OF TO MEET THE NEEDS OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY BEING ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PICKUPS BASED ON THE HOURLY RATE OR MILEAGE; HE REFERRED TO THE PICKUPS USED BY THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FOREMEN.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED, IF THE COUNTY SELECTED DOING THE FEMA PROJECTS AND THEY NEED A SPECIAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, WOULD THIS BE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR THE COUNTY BY FEMA. ANDERSON REITERATED FEMA WOULD PAY THE COUNTY THE COST TO DO THE SCOPE OF WORK AS IT IS WRITTEN AS LONG AS IT IS REASONABLE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED WHEN THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS TIME FRAME WOULD BEGIN ON COMPLETING THE FEMA PROJECTS. ANDERSON SAID THE CLOCK STARTED TICKING 18 MONTHS AFTER THE DECLARATION DATE; HOWEVER, THE STATE WILL GIVE AN EXTENSION IF NEEDED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE FEDERAL AGREEMENT WAS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER AND THE STATE FUNDING AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THERE WAS A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD FOR SPECIFIC TASKS TO BE DONE ON A PROJECT. ANDERSON SAID HE COULDN'T IMAGINE ANYONE DETERMINING HOW MUCH TIME IT WILL TAKE TO DO A PROJECT DUE TO THERE BEING A LOT OF VARIABLES TO CONSIDER ON EACH SITE.

ANDERSON ADDRESSED, IF THE COUNTY DOES A PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT DUE TO THE RAINSTORM, THEY NEED TO BE SPECIFIC ON WHAT WAS THERE BEFORE AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

ANDERSON ADVISED HE WOULD GET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND THE COUNTY AND WOULD ALSO GET THE DUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO NOT START FEMA WORK UNTIL THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED WITH MILES. CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT INTRODUCE ANDERSON TO ROBERT AND DALLAS AT PUBLIC WORKS ON THE WAY THEY PERCEIVE THE WORKING CONDITIONS TO BE, THE LINE OF SUPERVISION, ETC. THERE WAS ALSO AN UNDERSTANDING MILES WOULD BE WORKING OUT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED ROADS BEING WASHED OUT, PEOPLE CALL COMPLAINING AND EQUIPMENT IS SITTING IDLE NEAR THE ROAD THAT IS WASHED OUT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LEGALITY OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OPERATING COUNTY EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT WHEN THERE ARE ROAD PROBLEMS AND SOME EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ARE ON LEAVE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REPORTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD ADVISED HE WASN'T AWARE OF ANYTHING THAT STRICTLY PROHIBITED A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM OPERATING COUNTY EQUIPMENT; BUT, HE HAD STRONGLY ADVISED AGAINST IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHEN AN EMPLOYEE'S LEAVE TIME IS APPROVED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISING AN EMPLOYEE USUALLY PUTS THEIR LEAVE REQUEST IN AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM RECEIVING CALLS AFTER THE LAST MEETING ABOUT THE BOARD GIVING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY RECREATION MONIES. HE RECOMMENDED GIVING MONIES TO WAUSAU, VERNON, EBRO AND CARYVILLE FOR THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED THE BOARD USE THE SAME PERCENTAGE SCENARIO AS USED FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM IN GIVING RECREATIONAL FUNDING TO THE OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY BASED ON THE \$32,000 GIVEN TO CHIPLEY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IS TO BRING BACK THE AMOUNTS EACH ENTITY WOULD RECEIVE AT THE APRIL BOARD MEETING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TAKING THE MONIES OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED IT NOT TAKING ALL OF THE MONIES THE BOARD HAD ALLOCATED FOR THE CEMENT MIXER TRAILER, ETC. AND THEY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER USING THE REMAINDER OF THOSE FUNDS TO GIVE TO THE OTHER CITIES; HE SHOULD HAVE THE COST FOR THE MIXER TRAILER, ETC. AT THE APRIL MEETING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED A DRAINAGE ISSUE ON HARD LABOR ROAD WHERE WATER LEAVES THE COUNTY ROAD GOING INTO JERRY PATE'S POND. PATE HAS REQUESTED THE COUNTY BUILD A RETENTION POND BEFORE IT SPILLS OVER INTO HIS FISHING LAKE.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, HAS LOOKED AT THE PROBLEM AND DREW A DIAGRAM ON WHAT TO GO BY TO BUILD A SMALL RETENTION AREA WITH A LOAD OF RIP-RAP ROCK TO DO THE OUTFALL.

HE RECOMMENDED BUILDING THE RETENTION POND TO KEEP THE ORANGE CLAY FROM DISCOLORING PATE'S POND ON HARD LABOR ROAD. DISCUSSION WAS ON HARD LABOR AND DUNCAN COMMUNITY ROADS BEING IN BAD CONDITION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER SAPP TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT PATE'S PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER SAPP IS TO GET AN EASEMENT FROM PATE BEFORE DOING THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REPORTED JO ANN HASTY WAS WANTING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS HER ROAD PROBLEMS AND HOW THEY COULD BE CORRECTED; HE HAS DISCUSSED IT WITH HER BUT SHE IS REQUESTING THINGS BE DONE HE CAN'T DO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THERE BEING TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS AT ROGER LANEY'S AND GAY BUSH'S ON FALLING WATERS ROAD; THERE WERE ALSO PROBLEMS ON THE BRIDGE ALWAYS WASHING OUT ON GAINER ROAD AND A PORTION OF THE ROAD WASHING OUT. HE ADDRESSED IT TAKING MAJOR WORK TO CORRECT THESE PROBLEMS AND THERE BEING OTHER MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTY AS WELL.

HE HAD ADVISED MS. HASTY HE WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO DO WHAT THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDED BUT FELT ALL THAT WAS NEEDED WAS AN OUTFALL DITCH. HOWEVER, CORBIN SAID THE PROPERTY OWNER ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO PUT AN OUTFALL DITCH ON HIS PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING RECEIVED NEWS, WHEN THEY WERE IN TALLAHASSEE AT A CONFERENCE, THE COUNTY WOULD BE RECEIVING \$560,000 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE SINCE THEY WERE A PHYSICALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BILL IS BEING ADDRESSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR INCREASES IN STATE REVENUE SHARING FOR PHYSICALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM KATHY ADAMS, FL-DOT, ON A PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 277 VERNON HIGHWAY FROM STATE ROAD 79 IN VERNON TO STATE ROAD 10 WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO START MILLING.

HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AND ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO PUT IN A FORM OF A RESOLUTION A REQUEST TO EDWARD PRESCOTT OF FL-DOT TO GIVE THE COUNTY ALL MILLED ASPHALT FROM ANY PROJECTS THEY WRITE UP AND DESIGN IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY, EDWARD PRESCOTT, AND GET THE PROPER WORDING TO FORWARD IT TO THE SECRETARY IF NEEDED FOR THE COUNTY TO GET THE MILLED ASPHALT FOR MAINTENANCE WORK IF THERE IS MILLING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY NEEDING THE MILLED ASPHALT TO FULFILL THEIR REQUESTS; IF THE STATE IS NOT GOING TO USE IT, RATHER THAN LETTING THE CONTRACTORS ON STATE PROJECTS SELL IT, THEY SHOULD GIVE IT TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED PRESCOTT HAVING ALREADY COMMITTED TO GIVING HIM THE MILLED ASPHALT FROM A PROJECT THE STATE IS DOING ON SINCLAIR STREET AT FARM BUREAU TO THE END OF THE FOUR LANE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON SEVERAL ISSUES:

1. COMMITTEE REVIEWING RADIO INVENTORY-COMMISSIONER FINCH, ROGER HAGAN AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REVIEWED WHO HAD RADIOS BEFORE SWITCHING TO NEXTEL AND THEY CUT BACK ON QUITE A FEW. HOWEVER, THERE ARE REQUESTS FOR RADIOS AND FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE ON THEIR RADIOS:

1. JAMES FINCH-NEW POSITION AT SOD FIELD
2. AMY SIMMONS-VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AND RISK
MANAGER
3. JOHN RONEY & JOSH RUDD-ANIMAL CONTROL ARE REQUESTING
TELEPHONE SERVICE ON THEIR RADIOS
4. JERRY BROCK-911 DISPATCH IS REQUESTING TELEPHONE SERVICE
5. JAMES PETERSON-RECYCLING CENTER IS REQUESTING TELEPHONE
SERVICE

COMMISSIONER FINCH STOOD BEHIND HIS DECISION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AND DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ANY OF THE REQUESTS ARE NECESSARY; HOWEVER, HE WOULD AGREE TO HATEVER THE BOARD DECIDES. HE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD RECEIVED ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICES SINCE THE COMMITTEE HAD MADE THEIR DECISION ON WHO WOULD GET WHAT TYPE OF SERVICE; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY HAD NOT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING TO TAKE THE REQUEST ONE AT A TIME. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO GIVE JAMES FINCH A RADIO.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO PROVIDE JOSH RUDD AND JOHN RONEY WITH TELEPHONES AT THIS TIME DUE TO THEM HAVING RADIO SERVICE. IF THEY NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE, THEY COULD CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND ON WEEKENDS, THEY COULD CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO PROVIDE JERRY BROCK WITH A TELEPHONE DUE TO HIM HAVING RADIO SERVICE.

DUE TO AMY SIMMONS NOT HAVING RADIO OR TELEPHONE SERVICE, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO GIVE AMY RADIO SERVICE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO PROVIDE JAMES PETERSON WITH TELEPHONE SERVICE AS HE HAS RADIO SERVICE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH INSTRUCTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A LIST OF WHO HAS THE NEXTEL TELEPHONE AND/OR RADIO SERVICE.

2. 4-H POSITION/AG CENTER-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANDY ANDREASON, AG AGENT, HAVING ADVISED THE UNIVERSITY WAS GOING THROUGH THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 4-H POSITION AND WAS WANTING TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY WAS WANTING TO INTERVIEW THE THREE TOP CANDIDATES. THE UNIVERSITY IS LOOKING AT INTERVIEWING THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY AND IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED, THEY WILL READVERTISE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE UNIVERSITY NOT TO READVERTISE DUE TO ANDREASON NEEDING HELP BADLY. THEY CONSENTED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO DR. VERGOT EXPLAINING THE EMERGENCY FOR THE POSITION BEING FILLED.

COMMISSIONER COPE REPORTED ANDREASON HAD TAKEN A JUDGING TEAM TO TAMPA AND THEY WON STATE AND ARE GOING TO NATIONAL.

3. SENIOR PICTURES ON BUGLE-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED IN THE PAST THE BOARD HAS APPROVED PUTTING THE CHIPLEY AND VERNON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASSES PICTURE ON THE BUGLE. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CONTINUE DOING THIS AT A COST OF \$225.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO CONTINUE PUTTING THE SENIOR PICTURES ON THE BUGLE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

4. TRUCK AT SOD FIELD-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS EXPRESSING

CONCERN WITH THE PICKUP TRUCK GOING TO THE SOD FIELD;
SHE USED THE TRUCK TO TRANSFER VOTING EQUIPMENT WHEN
NECESSARY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE PICKUP TRUCK TO CONTINUE
TO BE USED AT THE SOD FIELD AND GRIFFIN USE THE COUNTY
VAN OR OTHER COUNTY EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE AT
THE COUNTY ANNEX.

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EOC
DIRECTOR ADVISED THERE WOULD BE A CONFERENCE CALL AT 2:00
TODAY; IF THE COMMISSIONERS ARE AWARE OF ANY DAMAGES TO
STRUCTURE CAUSED BY THE RAINS, HE NEEDS TO BE MADE AWARE
OF IT. THE SBA TEAMS WOULD BE MAKING ASSESSMENTS ON
APRIL 6TH.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON FLOODING AT ROGER LANEY III CAUSING
PROBLEMS WITH A DRIVEWAY HE HAD JUST POURED AND THE DRAINAGE
PROBLEM AT LANEY'S AND BUSH'S PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF
KNAUER, HAVING ENGINEERED PLANS TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM BUT
IT WAS NEVER BUILT; IF THE COUNTY GETS A DECLARATION DUE TO
THE RAINFALL, FEMA MAY COULD ASSIST WITH FUNDING TO CORRECT
IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED WATER DAMAGE DONE TO STRUCTURES
ON BACKWOODS ROAD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SOME STRUCTURES NOT BEING ON THE
FLOODPLAIN THAT SHOULD BE AND SOME ARE ON THE FLOODPLAIN
THAT SHOULDN'T BE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM MR. PHILLIPS, WHO LIVES NORTH
OF BLUE LAKE, TO ASK FL-DOT TO PULL THE PLUG ON THE LAKE DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY
OF IT FLOODING HIS BASEMENT IF IT GETS ANY HIGHER.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, HAD CONTACTED FL-DOT ON PULLING THE PLUG AT THE
LAKE BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE A GOOD RESPONSE. COMMISSIONER FINCH RECOMMENDED THE
BOARD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE PLUG BEING PULLED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND
CARRIED TO REQUEST IN WRITING TO FL-DOT TO OPEN THE WELL UP AT BLUE LAKE TO GIVE
THE PEOPLE AROUND BLUE LAKE RELIEF DUE TO THEIR ANTICIPATION ANY ADDITIONAL
WATER WILL CAUSE FLOODING TO THEIR HOMES. CHAIRMAN FINCH INSTRUCTED
ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WRITE THE LETTER TO FL-DOT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS
FOR MSBU AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

- A. MSBU-\$102,900 TO MOVE FROM ONE LINE ITEM TO ANOTHER TO
COVER OVERAGES
- B. BUILDING DEPARTMENT-\$1,200

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND
CARRIED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO CHECK INTO GETTING A FUEL TANK FROM
SANGAREE OIL COMPANY AT THE BEEF UNIT; THIS WOULD SAVE THE INMATE CREWS TIME.
HE THEN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO HAVE
ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CHECK ON THE FUEL TANK FOR THE TRUCKS AND TRACTORS AT THE
BEEF UNIT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW THIS WOULD BE CHARGED AND THE NEED FOR THE TANK
TO HAVE A PUMP WITH A METER ON IT. IT WAS ALSO DIS- CUSSED FOR THE INMATE CREWS
AT THE BEEF UNIT TO FUEL UP AT THE BP STATION. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE PHONE CALLS HE HAD RECEIVED ABOUT
PEOPLE'S GARBAGE NOT BEING PICKED UP. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HIM TO
CONTACT SUSAN LAWSON, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, WITH GARBAGE COMPLAINTS AND SHE

WILL TAKE CARE OF CONTACTING WASTE MANAGEMENT. CORBIN ALSO ADVISED OF THE DISCOUNTED GARBAGE RATES FOR DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 04/05/05