

BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/15/05

DECEMBER 15, 2005

THE BOARD OF COUNTY 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 COPE, FINCH, STRICKLAND AND SAPP PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22 AND SEPTEMBER 27 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT ITEMS B AND C ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- B. GULF ATLANTIC CULVERT INVOICE TOTALLING \$8,860.73 FOR CULVERTS PURCHASED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS FOR DAILY ROAD MAINTENANCE
- C. FIRST COMMUNICATION INVOICE FOR PURCHASE OF SIX RADIOS TO COMPLETE THE CHANGE OUT OF OLD UNITS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD REQUESTED ITEM A BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. G & C SUPPLY COMPANY., INVOICE FOR \$30,477.12 FOR SIGNAGE IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REMAINING FOR SIGNAGE FOR THE SUNNY HILLS AREA. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING COMMITTED TO GIVE SUNNY HILLS UP TO \$100,000 FOR SIGNAGE; THEY WERE GIVEN \$30,000 THE FIRST TIME THEY REQUESTED SIGN FUNDING AND THERE IS \$40,000 IN THE NEW BUDGET. ACCORDING TO BOARD FINANCE, HERBERT ADVISED THEY HAVE \$43,000 AVAILABLE FOR SIGNS; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE ALREADY PUT IN AN ORDER AT PUBLIC WORKS FOR MORE SIGNS AND WILL NEED THE BOARD TO OBLIGATE SOME MORE OF THE \$100,000 FUNDING. HERBERT REPORTED FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE TO COVER THE INVOICE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD STILL BE MONIES AVAILABLE IN THE BUDGET FROM THE \$100,000 THE BOARD HAD AGREED TO GO UP TO FOR SIGNAGE FOR SUNNY HILLS; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT THERE WAS \$25,000 TO \$30,000 REMAINING AFTER THIS INVOICE IS PAID.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEM A ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. LAND USE CHANGE FOR GARNETT AND VAN WILLIAMS FROM AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ON HIGHWAY 79:

LINDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE BEING PROPERTY SOUTH OF VERNON ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE UNNAMED ROAD OF MR. WORLEY. SHE REPORTED IT WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 AND THEY RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1. CONCERNS OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS AS TO THE SUITABILITY OF HAVING THIS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AN AREA THAT IS PREDOMINANTLY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE AND AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE USE.
2. CONCERNS REGARDING SAFETY OF A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ON THAT PARTICULAR STRETCH OF HIGHWAY; IT OPENS DIRECTLY ONTO STATE ROAD 79.
3. THE SITE PARCEL IS LOCATED INSIDE A BLIND CURVE

4. A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS WOULD CREATE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ENTERING STATE ROAD 79 FROM THAT PARCEL

5. THE IMPACT OF THE WIDENING ON HIGHWAY 79 ON THE SUITABILITY FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS WAS ALSO A CONCERN

WALLER REPORTED ON OCTOBER 27TH THE OBJECTING PROPERTY OWNERS SHOWED UP FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THAT HAD BEEN ADVERTISED ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE; THE APPLICANT HAD REQUESTED THE HEARING BE PULLED FROM THE AGENDA BUT THE BOARD CHOSE TO LISTEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS PRESENT ON THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND DENY THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE REQUEST BY GARNETT AND VAN WILLIAMS FROM AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL ON HIGHWAY 79.

RON THOMASON, LAND USE PLANNER OUT OF PANAMA CITY REPRESENTING GARNETT AND VAN WILLIAMS, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN INFORMATION PACKET ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE ON THE FIVE ACRE PIECE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 79.

THOMASON REPORTED:

A. FIVE ACRE PIECE OF PROPERTY LIES ON HIGHWAY 79 LESS THAN A QUARTER MILE FROM THE INTERSECTION AT MILLERS FERRY

B. IT IS LESS THAN 850' FROM EXISTING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

C. IT LIES WITHIN A ZONE THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR A PREVIOUS COMMISSION HAS DESIGNATED AS A COMMERCIAL AREA IN A COMMUNITY; IT WAS SO DESIGNATED ON THE T MAP AND TO THAT EXTENT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND AFTER HEARING COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA, THEY MET WITH J. C. PETERS, A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH FL-DOT AND THE OVERALL ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THE HIGHWAY 79 FOURLANING PROJECT

D. THOMASON ADDRESSED HE WOULD GET BACK ON WHAT PETERS HAD TOLD THEM ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR STRETCH OF THE ROADWAY SYSTEM AND THE CHANGES THEY EXPECT TO MAKE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA'S INTRASTATE INTERMOTOR SYSTEM, WHICH THIS HIGHWAY IS PART OF AND WILL HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE CHANGES THE STATUTES.

E. FIVE ACRES IS IN AN AREA THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATES AS A FUTURE COMMUNITY; NEW HOPE IS ALREADY A COMMUNITY BUT IT IS A VERY RURAL COMMUNITY AND QUESTIONED WHY WOULD IT BE EXPECTED TO CHANGE

F. AT THE LAST MEETING, PEOPLE VOICED THEIR CONCERNS ON ANY KIND OF CHANGE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT ANY CHANGE. HE ADDRESSED HIS EXPERIENCE IN AREAS SIMILAR TO HIS HOME AND OTHER AREAS AS FAR AS WHERE HE HAS WORKED PREVIOUSLY, ONCE CERTAIN MACRO ISSUES GET WORKING, CHANGES INEVITABLY COME; THE MARKET DRIVES THAT AND, WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS STILL BEING CONSTITUTIONALLY ENFORCED IN FLORIDA, HE IS ASSUMING PEOPLE WITH PROPERTY RIGHTS WILL WANT TO EXERCISE THOSE RIGHTS IF THE MARKET GIVES THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON AN INVESTMENT.

THOMASON SAID IN THIS CASE, A LAND OWNER IN THAT AREA OWNS FIVE ACRES AND CHOSE TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT AND PUT IT UP FOR SALE; GARNETT AND VAN WILLIAMS, TWO BROTHERS, WHO ARE PROFESSIONAL UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE, SAW THE WAY THINGS WERE MOVING IN THE PANHANDLE AREA AND REALIZED THIS WAS THE NEXT BEST GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR REGIONAL GROWTH IN FLORIDA. HE ADDRESSED THE AREA BEING LESS THAN A FIFTEEN MINUTE DRIVE TO WORK SOUTH OF THIS SITE IN THE PART OF THE WEST BAY DETAIL SECTOR AREA PLAN. CHAIRMAN SAPP INFORMED THOMASON HE HAD APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES

TO FINISH UP HIS PRESENTATION AND ASKED HIM TO SPEED THINGS UP; SAPP ADVISED HIM THE BOARD HAD A LOT ON THEIR AGENDA TODAY AND WERE NOT GOING TO SPEND ALL DAY ON THE ONE PROJECT. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THOMASON'S CONCERN WITH THE BOARD AND ASKED HE EXPEDITE THE MATTER.

BECAUSE THIS SITE IS IN A PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT AREA, IT IS GOING TO BE BRINGING IN 20,000 NEW JOBS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND IS SEEN BY FL-DOT AS A RAPIDLY DEVELOPED GROWING AREA. PART OF RAPID GROWTH MEANS THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE IN LAND USE; THOMASON ADVISED WHEN WILLIAMS BEGAN LOOKING FOR PROPERTY, THEY WENT TO THE PLANNING TOOL, THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND FOUND THE AREA DESIGNATED TO BE A NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT CENTER. THEREFORE, THEY FELT LIKE, WITH THIS SITE BEING ON A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY THAT IS ABOUT TO BE COMPLETELY RESET IN THAT AREA WITH LOWER SPEED LIMITS THAN CURRENTLY EXIST AND A NEW LAYOUT, WHICH WAS THE LAST MAP IN THE HANDOUT HE HAD PROVIDED, SHOWS THE PROJECTED PATH THAT MR. PETERS INDICATED WOULD BE TAKEN BY FL-DOT.

BECAUSE OF THE LONG TERM ISSUE WITH THE CURVE, ON WHICH THEIR PROPERTY IS AT THE VERY END OF THE CURVE, HE SHOWED THE BOARD WHERE THE CURVE WAS LOCATED ON THE MAP AND ADVISED IT WAS NOT IN THE CURVE. HE ITERATED MR. PETERS INDICATED THE PROPERTY DOES NOT SHOW ON THEIR RECORDS AS BEING IN THE CURVE BUT NEXT TO IT. HE ADDRESSED A ROAD WHICH NEEDED TO BE IMPROVED AND EXPLAINED THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO ADD TRAFFIC; THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE FOR A STORAGE UNIT FACILITY WITH AN ACCOMPANYING OFFICE. THEY BELIEVE WHEN PEOPLE MOVE INTO THE AREA, THE FIRST THING THEY NEED TO DO IS STORE STUFF UNTIL THEY GET THEIR BUILDING BUILT AND SET UP; IT IS A BOOMING TYPE OF BUSINESS IN BAY COUNTY AND SOUTH WALTON COUNTY NOW WITH ALL THE OTHER GROWTH GOING. HE ADDRESSED THE STOARGE UNIT FACILITY WAS ALSO A GOOD SUPPORT SERVICE TYPE BUSINESS; IT GETS LOW IMPACT AND ITS LOW TRAFFIC. IN CASE THE TRAFFIC IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE, THOMASON SAID THEY WERE PRO-POSING THAT PART OF THE ROAD THAT LIES NEXT TO THEIR LAND BE IMPROVED TO COUNTY STANDARDS TO BE ACCEPTED AS A PUBLIC ROAD BY THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE SOLVED THE PROBLEM UP TO THE POINT THEY ARE INVOLVED WITH ALONG THE PROPERTY TO MAKE THIS INTO A ROAD THAT WILL NOT ONLY HELP ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA, WHICH ISN'T A LARGE NUMBER, BUT WILL ALSO GIVE THEM A POINT WELL OUT OF THE CURVE FOR ALL TRAFFIC TO COME IN AND OUT.

THOMASON SAID THEY BELIEVE FROM WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND FROM THE ENGINEERS, THIS WOULD FULLY SATISFY ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; THERE WOULD BE NO DRIVEWAYS ALONG THE ROAD ALTHOUGH FL-DOT DID INDICATE TO THEM, IF THEY WISHED TO, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GET A DRIVEWAY SINCE THE PROPERTY IS LONG ENOUGH AND FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE INTER-SECTION.

THOMASON ADDRESSED THERE BEING A CEMETERY NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP WHICH HE SHOWED THE BOARD THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION; HE SAID CLEARLY THE FOUR LANE CAN'T IMPACT THE CEMETERY. HE ADVISED THE ROAD WOULD BE ON A LEFT HAND SIDE SHIFT; WHEN IT COMES TO THE ROAD, SINCE THEY WOULD NOW BE COMING AT IT FROM A WIDER ANGLE, IT WOULD TAKE THE CURVE OUT. THEY WANT TO GO INTO THE CURVE SO THE IDEA WOULD BE TO BRING THE ROADWAY ACROSS ANOTHER LOCATION, WHICH HE SHOWED THE BOARD, TO FLATTEN OUT THE CURVE. THIS WOULD MAKE THE AREA A SAFER AREA, BECAUSE NOT ONLY WAS IT

A CURVE BUT IT WAS A DOWNHILL CURVE. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, AND FL-DOT IS TELLING THEM, THE PD & E WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2006 AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AND BE FINISHED BY 2009, THE AREA WILL BE SAFER. THERE IS GOING TO BE AN AREA THAT IS GOING TO HAVE CONGESTION; IT IS AN AREA THAT SHOWS MILLER FERRY ROAD TO BE EXTENDED TO BECOME THE NORTH EXPRESSWAY ENTRANCE ACROSS HIGHWAY 20 INTO THE NEW AIRPORT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORTED THE ROAD THOMASON WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS NOT A ROAD; IT IS A DRIVEWAY. LINDA WALLER SAID THE ROADWAY WAS ONE OF THE POINTS OF DISSATISFACTIONS; THERE ARE EASEMENTS THAT OVERLAP EASEMENTS AND NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR BILL WORLEY OWNS THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IN HAVING WORKED WITH FL-DOT, ANY PIECE OF PROPERTY JOINING A STATE ROAD CAN GET A DRIVEWAY NO MATTER HOW BAD IT MAY LOOK. HE EXPLAINED THE ROAD THOMASON IS REFERRING TO COULDN'T BE IMPROVED AND TIED INTO HIGHWAY 79 WITHOUT GOING THROUGH FL-DOT AND GETTING THE PROPER PERMIT AND DESIGN ON IT; IT WOULDN'T BE A SITUATION OF UPGRADING TO A COUNTY ROAD. OBVIOUSLY, FINCH SAID THE BOARD WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH A LOT OF THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE WITH COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG HIGHWAY 79 AND 77 AND RECOMMENDED THE BOARD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER WHAT THEY ARE DOING. HE ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE ACCORDING TO THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC THAT WOULD BE COMING OR GOING TO DETERMINE HOW SAFE AND UNSAFE IT IS GOING TO BE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP POLLED THE BOARD ON THE MOTION TO DENY THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE PETITIONED BY VAN AND GARNET WILLIAMS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO DENY THE LAND USE CHANGE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ADDRESSED THE MOTION WAS TO DENY THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE AT THIS TIME; SHOULD THERE BE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, HE ADVISED THOMASON THE BOARD WOULD LOOK AT IT AT THAT TIME. HE EXPLAINED HE LOOKED STRONGLY AT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD; IF THE BOARD SEES THEIR APPROVAL, IT WOULD PROBABLY ENHANCE THE BOARD'S DECISION IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID HE FELT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS NEEDED TO BE MADE TO GET IT FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.

THOMASON QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE PROVISIONS TO ALLOW THEM TO COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AT A CERTAIN POINT OF TIME AFTER THEY HAVE DONE FURTHER STUDY. CHAIRMAN SAPP ADVISED HIM THEY COULD ALWAYS GO BACK THROUGH THE PROCESS AND THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC TIME FRAME.

TED EVERITT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CHAMBER BEING ENGAGED WITH THREE PROJECTS AT THIS TIME; THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY AND WILL NEED TO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD.

CHAIRMAN FINCH NOTED HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE CHAMBER ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY; EVERITT EXPLAINED THE CHAMBER IS KEEPING THE BOARD INFORMED THROUGH A LETTER SENT TO THEM YESTERDAY. EVERITT ADVISED THE CHAMBER HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTING THE PROJECTS BUT ARE SIMPLY LOOKING AT WHAT HAS TO BE OVERCOME TO MAKE THESE PROJECTS WORK.

HE ADDRESSED THE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE A POTENTIAL FOR OVER 300 JOBS COMING INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY; THIS WOULD BE A VERY LARGE, POSITIVE IMPACT TO THE COUNTY AND THERE ARE SOME DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE OVERCOME. HE EXPLAINED THE CHAMBER WAS WORKING AS A MEDIATOR OR FACILITATOR BETWEEN THE ENTITIES SO WHAT NEEDS TO BE OVERCOME CAN BE DONE TO GET THE PROJECTS INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

EVERITT ADDRESSED THESE BEING VERY GOOD PROJECTS; THEY ARE VERY MUCH WANTING TO RELOCATE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, KNOW THE GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE OF

LOCATING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CHAMBER'S MISSION STATEMENT IS TO PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COUNTY AND THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT THIS TIME.

CHAIRMAN SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE POSSIBILITY THERE WERE THREE ENTITIES THAT WERE WANTING TO START A BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THEY NEED RAILROAD ACCESS AND APPROXIMATELY NINETY ACRES OF PROPERTY. SAPP EXPLAINED THE ISSUE THEY ARE FACING WITH THE PROJECTS COMING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAS A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO USE THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY FOR A SPRAY FIELD; THIS WOULDN'T LEAVE ENOUGH USEFUL LAND WITHOUT MITIGATING WETLANDS ON THE PROJECT TO ACCOMODATE NINETY ACRES OF PROPERTY FOR AT LEAST THREE PROJECTS.

GARY CLARK REITERATED THE DILEMMA WAS THE COUNTY HAD OFFERED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AN OPTION ON 102 ACRES OUT OF A TOTAL OF 202 ACRE INDUSTRIAL PARK THAT WAS ORIGINALLY SET ASIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT. AS A CHAMBER, THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY RECRUITING BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRY.

IN ORDER TO GET THE PROJECTS IN AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST, CLARK SAID THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT AND APPLY FOR TRANSPOR- TATION ROAD FUNDS AND GRANT FUNDS TO BUILD A RAIL SPUR TO THE PROPERTY; IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE TO BE AS CLOSE TO THE EXISTING MAIN TRACK AS POSSIBLE.

CLARK SAID EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PARK LENDS ITSELF TO LOCATING THE BUSINESSES IN A CLUSTER IN ONE END OF THE PARK NEAR THE RAILROAD TRACK; THIS IS THE LAND THE CITY HAS ALREADY HAD UNDER OBLIGATION WITH THE COUNTY AND HAVE ALREADY BEGUN SOIL TESTING AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ON. HE ADDRESSED THE SITUATION IS THEY CAN'T HAVE BOTH PROJECTS ON THE PROPERTY; THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY TO SEE HOW THEY CAN SHIFT THE PROPERTY AROUND, GET SOME UTILIZATION FOR THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AS A SPRAYFIELD AND GET THE NINETY ACRES AVAILABLE FOR THE THREE BUSINESS PROSPECTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS THEY RAN OUT OF LAND.

DUE TO THE WETLAND SITUATION, CLARK SAID THE CITY WOULD ONLY END UP WITH FORTY USABLE ACRES AND NEED ONE HUNDRED TWO ACRES. CLARK UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING BROUGHT THE SCHOOL BOARD INTO THE PICTURE; THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS SOME POTENTIAL PROPERTY WHICH MIGHT COULD BE USED FOR SPRAY FIELDS IF THEY AGREE TO DO SO. CLARK SAID WHAT THE CHAMBER IS TRYING TO DO NOW IS WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY, CITY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD SO THEY CAN LAND THE THREE PROJECTS.

CLARK REITERATED THE LAND ORIGINALLY WAS SET ASIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES; THEY HAVE NOW 350 POTENTIAL JOBS AND \$13 MILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENTS BY THE THREE COMPANIES. THE FIRST PROJECT WOULD REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION TO \$8 MILLION; THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS WOULD REPRESENTLY APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION TO \$3 MILLION EACH. CLARK ADDRESSED ONE OF THE PROJECTS ALONE WOULD EMPLOY 160 PEOPLE WITH THE AVERAGE WAGE BEING \$32,000 PER EMPLOYEE; THIS IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN THE AVERAGE PER CAPITAL WAGE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HAS A HUGE IMPACT, NOT ONLY FROM THE PROSPECTIVE OF JOB CREATIONS BUT FROM TAX BENEFITS, FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE \$13,000,000 INVESTMENT WOULD EQUATE TO AROUND \$70,000 TO \$80,000 TAXES FOR EACH OF THE THREE ENTITIES INVOLVED.

CLARK SAID THE CHAMBER WAS BEFORE THE BOARD TO TRY AND DETERMINE WHAT THE COUNTY AND CITY'S POSITION IS IN TERMS OF THE LAND AND GET IT OFFICIALLY ON THE RECORD SO THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD AS ALL OF THE COMPANIES WANTS TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN SPRING OF 2006. CLARK SAID ONE OF THE PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES 70 ACRES WITH THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS REQUIRING 10 ACRES EACH; IT IS A SITUATION, IF THE CHAMBER LOSES ONE OF THE PROJECTS, THEY MAY STAND TO LOSE ALL THREE.

CLARK EXPLAINED, WITH THE CHAMBER BEING ABLE TO TAP INTO THE ROAD FUND WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE NUMBER OF JOBS THE THREE PROJECTS CREATE AS A TOTAL; THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR AROUND \$60,000 PER JOB TO APPLY INTO THE ROAD FUND

WITH. HE ADDRESSED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A BRAND NEW ACCESS ROAD BUILT AND A RAIL SPUR.

CLARK ADDRESSED ANOTHER DILEMMA; ONCE THEY GET THESE THREE PROJECTS LOCATED, THEY WOULD BE COMPLETELY OUT OF LAND. HE SAID THE CITY, COUNTY, CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN IDENTIFYING OTHER POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES THEY COULD BEGIN MARKETING TO PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS.

JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER, ADDRESSED WHEN THE BOARD GAVE THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO THE CITY ON THE USE OF THESE PROPERTIES FOR A SPRAY FIELD, NOTHING HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS AND THEY DIDN'T FORESEE ANYTHING COMING AT THE TIME; THEY MAY HAVE ALL MADE A MISTAKE BY DOING WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. HE SAID THE CITY WOULD RECTIFY A MISTAKE IF THERE WAS ANY WAY POSSIBLE; THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD TO MAKE THE JOBS HAPPEN IF POSSIBLE. HE ADDRESSED THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF COSTS INCURRED WITH DOING IT BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE IF THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER; THE CITY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY IF THEY CAN. HE POINTED OUT IT WILL PUT THEIR TOTAL SPRAYFIELD PROJECT IN A TAILSPIN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHERE THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY WAS LOCATED THAT CLARK REFERENCED THEY MAY COULD LET THE CITY HAVE FOR A SPRAYFIELD. JIM ADVISED IT WAS LOCATED AROUND CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL, THE OLD CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THOSE LOCATIONS WOULD WORK FOR THE CITY; MORRIS ADVISED THEY WOULD MAKE IT WORK BUT THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF COSTS INVOLVED IN RELOCATING, TESTING, REDESIGNING, ETC.

CLARK ITERATED HE WOULD PRESENT THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO USE; HE ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY NOR DID CALVIN STEVENSON, SCHOOL BOARD SUPERINTEND- ENT, TO COMMIT THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ANYTHING. IF THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED, CLARK ADVISED IT WOULD STILL BE CONTINGENT ON FL-DEP AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVING CURRENT SCHOOL FACILITIES TO BE SPRAYED ON. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DOESN'T FEEL THERE WILL BE MUCH OF A PROBLEM; HE FEELS THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL GO ALONG WITH IT AS THE LONG TERM BENEFITS WOULD BE TOO GOOD TO OVERLOOK BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T WORK OUT A LAND USE ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER COPE POINTED OUT THE INDUSTRIES WOULD HAVE TO HAVE WATER AND SEWER ALSO; IT HAS TO BE FIGURED OUT WHERE TO PUT THE WATER AND SEWER.

COMMISSIONER COPE ALSO ADDRESSED HOW THE COUNTY OBTAINED THE LAND TO BEGIN WITH AND IT WAS FOR INDUSTRY; DUE TO IT HAVING SET THERE FOR SO LONG AND IT DIDN'T APPEAR THERE WAS ANY INDUSTRY COMING, IT WAS QUESTIONED WHY NOT USE IT FOR A SPRAY FIELD. JIM REFERRED TO THE CITY HAVING AGREED UPFRONT, EVEN USING IT FOR A SPRAYFEILD, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM CUTTING OUT SOME ACREAGE; HOWEVER, NO ONE ENVISIONED THEY WOULD BE SOMEBODY COMING IN WANTING SEVENTY ACRES. HE ADDRESSED THE CITY NOT HAVING ANY PROBLEMS WITH CUTTING OUT TEN ACRE TRACTS AS THEY HAD ALWAYS ENVISIONED BRINGING IN SMALLER COMPANIES; HE HAS HEARD SINCE HE HAS BEEN HERE THEY WERE GOING TO BRING IN SMALLER COMPANIES BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT THE BIGGER COMPANIES AS IT WOULD HAVE A BIGGER IMPACT ON THE COMPANY SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO IT BY LOSING 300 TO 400 JOBS AT ONE TIME. HE REITERATED EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY AND CITY MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE AT THE TIME, THEY DIDN'T INTENTIONALLY MAKE A MISTAKE BECAUSE THEY WERE DOING WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS BEST FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE CHAMBER HAVING SAID THE COUNTY OWNED THE PROPERTY. HE POINTED OUT HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR GROWTH AND FOR MORE JOBS TO COME IN TO THE COUNTY; HOWEVER, HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE IF THE COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY AND THE CHAMBER IS GOING TO SELL IT FOR THEM, HE WANTS REPRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD INVOLVED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

FROM THE CHAMBER'S PROSPECTIVE, TED SAID EVERY MEETING THEY HAVE HAD HAS BEEN TO TRY AND FACILITATE THE CITY AND COUNTY TO WORK TOGETHER ON THESE PROJECTS; THEY HAVE NOT MADE ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE HAS BEEN SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT ALL THE CHAMBER'S MEETINGS WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING THESE PROJECTS.

CLARK ADVISED CHAIRMAN SAPP HAS BEEN PRESENT AT ALL THE MEETINGS EXCEPT ONE AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND INFORMED. HE THEN WENT OVER THE HISTORY OF HOW THE CHAMBER HAS PROCEEDED IN THE PAST AND IF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE THIS CHANGED, THEY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO LOOK AT ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE. HE CONTINUED SAYING THE CHAMBER HAS HAD A LONG STANDING AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS THEY WOULD MARKET THE PROPERTY FOR NEW JOBS AND INVESTMENTS BASED ON APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 PER ACRE IF THEY CREATED WHAT THEY ALL FELT LIKE WAS A JUSTIFIABLE NUMBER OF JOBS AND A LARGE ENOUGH CAPITAL INVESTMENT. HE SAID THEY HAD SOME LEADWAY ON HOW THEY MARKET THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY; HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN A LONG TERM AGREEMENT THE CHAMBER WAS GOING TO MARKET THE COUNTY PROPERTY AND ONCE THEY GET SOMETHING CONCRETE, THEY BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD AND GET THEIR FINAL BLESSING ON IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ANYTHING HE OWNS, HE WANTS TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE PROCESS; HE EXPLAINED WHATEVER DECISION THE CHAMBER MAKES, THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO HEAR THE PROS AND CONS ON. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CHAMBER TO GET THESE THREE PROJECTS THIS CLOSE AND HOPE SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO GET THEM IN THE COUNTY. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE COUNTY WOULD GET THAT MANY PEOPLE TO WORK.

CLARK ADVISED THERE WAS A LOT OF UNDER EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTY AND THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE CONSIDERATE IN CHANGING JOBS WHERE THEY CAN MAKE \$30,000 TO \$40,000 A YEAR. HE SAID THE CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST PERHAPS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISH A PERMANENT LIASON THAT WORKS WITH THEM UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

CLARK REITERATED THE CHAMBER DOESN'T MAKE ANY DEALS WITH ANYBODY; THEY HAVE NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO ANYTHING AND ADVISE THEIR POTENTIAL CLIENTS THEY ARE PRESENTING THEIR OFFER CONTINGENT ON COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVAL. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND CHAMBER MAY WANT TO SET DOWN AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES; HE EXPLAINED REALISTICALLY, WHEN WORKING WITH PROSPECTS, THERE WOULD NEVER BE A SITUATION WHERE THEY COULD GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER. HE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO PUT SOMEONE IN CHARGE, GIVE THEM THE GUIDELINES AND PERIMETER THEY ARE TO WORK UNDER AND ADVISE THEM ALL OF THAT WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON BOARD APPROVAL.

WHEN CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED FOR DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED WHAT THE BOARD NEEDED TO DO AS IT IS UP TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE THE OTHER LAND NEEDED FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S SPRAYFIELD. CLARK ADVISED MR. STEVENSON WAS GOING TO TRY AND POLL THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO AT LEAST GET A SENTIMENT OF THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO THE PROPERTY.

CLARK THEN REPORTED ON THE CITY HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT INVESTED IN THE 102 ACRES THE COUNTY HAS OPTIONED THEM; IF THE CITY'S SPRAY FIELD PROJECT IS MOVED, THE CITY WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ENGINEERING AND TESTING AGAIN. THE CHAMBER IS PROPOSING TO THE BOARD, IF THEY CAN GET THE SCHOOL BOARD TO AGREE TO LET THE CITY SPRAY ON THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY HE HAD REFERRED TO EARLIER, THEY HELP WITH THE COST OF TESTING AND ENGINEERING USING THE MONIES FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO THESE THREE BUSINESSES AND EARMARK \$150,000 TO \$200,000 FOR ENGINEERING COST WITH THE REMAINDER BEING SET ASIDE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS ON THE EXISTING PROPERTIES.

CLARK EXPLAINED IF THE BOARD COULD CONSENT TO HELP THE CITY COVER THESE COSTS, HE FEELS THEY ALL ARE IN A POSITION TO MOVE FORWARD. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED NO ONE KNOWING FOR SURE IF THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY IS SUITABLE FOR SPRAY FIELDS.

CLARK AGREED THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE INITIAL TESTING PROCESS; THEY ARE LOOKING AT \$30,000 TO \$40,000 JUST FOR SOIL TESTING.

JIM TOLD EVERYONE THEY NEEDED TO KEEP IN MIND, EVEN AFTER THE PROPERTY IS TESTED AND IT COMES BACK UNSUITABLE FOR A SPRAY FIELD, THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY THE COST FOR THE TESTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW MUCH OPPOSITION DID THEY EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS ON SPRAYING ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND REFERRED TO PEOPLE BEING AFRAID WHEN SPRAYING WAS GOING TO BE ON THE GOLF COURSE.

CLARK SAID HE COULDN'T SAY WHAT THE OPPOSITION WOULD BE; HE COULD ONLY ADDRESS WHAT HIS UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT AFFLUENT WATER IS, WHAT KIND OF TESTING IT GOES THROUGH AND HOW SAFE IT IS WHEN IT COMES OUT. HE SAID IT WAS BASICALLY ESTABLISHED TO DRINKING WATER STANDARDS WHEN IT COMES OUT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW MUCH SUITABLE LAND WAS THERE FOR THE SPRAY FIELD ON THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING A LOT OF LOWLANDS THERE. JIM ADVISED THE TOTAL AMOUNT THE CITY ENCOMPASSED WAS 116 ACRES INCLUDING THE WETLANDS ON THE EAST SIDE; OUT OF THE 116 ACRES THERE WERE PROBABLY 90 ACRES MINIMAL THEY COULD SPRAY ON AND THEY NEEDED 84 ACRES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS 84 ACRES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY AVAILABLE THAT CLARK HAD REFERRED TO. CLARK REPORTED HE WASN'T SURE HOW MUCH WAS AVAILABLE IN THE PLANTED PINES AREA; THEY HAVE PART OF THE OLD LAND LAB SPOT, THE OLD PRACTICE FIELD AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY, THE OLD BASEBALL FIELD, THE SOCCER FIELD AND A BASEBALL FIELD AT THE NEW CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY. IF THEY START AGGREGATING EVERYTHING, THERE WILL BE QUITE A DISTRIBUTION NETWORK BUT THEIR PROPOSAL IS TO LEAVE SOME OF THE EFFLUENT ON THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY NOW AND POSSIBLY SPRAY SOME OF THE AREA THEY ARE PUTTING THE POTENTIAL CLIENTS IN, THEN PUT SOME AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL AND SOME AT THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND ARE HOPING THEY CAN AGGREGATE THE 102 ACRES THE CITY NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE TIME FRAME DELAYING THE PROCESS FOR THIS LONG WOULD RUN PEOPLE OFF THAT ARE WANTING TO COME IN. CLARK SAID IF THE CHAMBER COULD GIVE THE CLIENTS SOME TYPE OF SOLID ASSURANCE THE LAND IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE READY FOR THEM WITHIN 60 TO 90 DAYS, THIS WOULD BUY ENOUGH TIME TO GET PRELIMINARY STUDIES DONE TO SEE IF THIS WHOLE SCENARIO IS DOABLE. HE ADDRESSED IF THE LAND DOESN'T PERK, IF THEY CAN'T COVER THE ENGINEERING COST, THEY WILL HAVE TO THROW UP THEIR HANDS AND SAY THEY HAVE NO AVAILABLE PROPERTY; HE DOESN'T FEEL ANYONE WANTS THIS TO HAPPEN.

CLARK SAID THE PROCESS COULDN'T STOP HERE AND REITERATED THE NEED FOR THE CITY, COUNTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD, AS THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY IS SOLD, SET ASIDE THE NET FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE NEXT PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; IT SHOULD BE A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN WITH RISING LAND COSTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PRIVATE LANDOWNERS THAT WERE WANTING PROPERTY TO BE FERTILIZER PASTURE. MORRIS SAID THEY COULD FIND THE PROPERTY BUT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HAVE THE PROPERTY, INVEST THE DOLLARS INTO IT TO MAKE THE WATER SPRAY ON IT, THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A 30 YEAR LEASE ON IT; NO LAND OWNER WANTS TO TIE UP THEIR PROPERTY FOR 30 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE CHAMBER WAS LOOKING FOR A MOTION TO OR CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE THE MINIMUM COST OF \$30,000 TO DO THE TESTING NEEDED FOR THE RELOCATING OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY SPRAY FIELD SITE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS; ONCE EVERYTHING IS DONE, THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY IS FOUND SUITABLE FOR A SPRAY FIELD, IT WOULD PROVE TO BE PROFITABLE. THE MOTION TO ALLOCATE THE MINIMUM COST OF \$30,000 FOR THE TESTING WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVING GIVING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY THE LAND FOR THE SPRAY FIELD.

WITH THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, MORRIS ADVISED THE ENGINEER HAD ESTIMATED A COST OF \$50,000. CLARK SAID THE TESTING WOULD BE FIRST AND THEY WOULDN'T COMMIT TO THE ENGINEERING DOLLARS UNTIL THE TESTING DOLLARS WERE CONFIRMED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE TESTING DOESN'T WORK, WHO WOULD PAY FOR THE TESTING. CLARK SAID THAT WAS THE COMMITMENT THEY WERE ASKING THE COUNTY FOR; WERE THEY WILLING TO RISK THE \$30,000 TO PAY FOR THE TESTING.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE TESTING COULD BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTIES TO THE THREE INDUSTRIES.

MORRIS SAID IF THE TESTING DIDN'T WORK ON THE NEW PROPERTIES FOR SOME REASON, THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN A \$30,000 COST INVOLVED BUT THE LAND SALES WOULD GO THROUGH IF THE INDUSTRY THAT IS NOW WANTING 70 ACRES MINIMUM WOULD HAVE WENT WITH THEIR ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR 50 ACRES.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE PART OF THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TESTED WAS THE BETTER PART OF THE PROPERTY; IF THEY MOVE TO THE NORTH, IT MAY NOT SUITABLE FOR THE SPRAY FIELD. MORRIS SAID HE DIDN'T FORSEE THE NORTH SIDE BEING ANY DIFFERENT THAN THE EAST PART BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PRETTY GOOD HIGH AREAS EVEN THOUGH THERE IS MORE WETLANDS. HE FELT LIKE 40 ACRES COULD BE OBTAINED TO SPRAY ON; THERE WOULD BE WETLAND MITIGATIONS WHICH WOULD TAKE QUITE A WHILE TO GET.

COMMISSIONER COPE SUGGESTED PUTTING THE TESTING OUT FOR BID AND THEN MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THEY WANT TO DO IT OR NOT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

MORRIS EXPLAINED THEY HAD PUT THE TESTING AND ENGINEERING OUT FOR BID WHEN THEY BEGAN THEIR SPRAY FIELD PROJECT AND WOULD USE THE SAME ONES FOR THE NEW SITE LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE CITY HAD PAID FOR THE LAND OR WERE THEY GOING TO PAY FOR THE LAND; MORRIS ADVISED THEY HAD NOT PAID FOR IT BUT THEY WERE GOING TO. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THEY COULD GET A COMMITMENT FROM THE CITY TO SHARE IN THE COST, IF IT COMES DOWN TO THE ENGINEERING AND IT ENDS UP NOTHING WORKS, BASED ON THE FACT THE COUNTY GAVE THEM THE LAND OR ALLOWED THEM TO USE IT. FINCH SAID THE COUNTY HAD ACCOMODATED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND NOW ARE TRYING TO ACCOMODATE EVERYBODY; HE DOESN'T FEEL IT IS FAIR FOR THE COUNTY TO PAY ALL THE COSTS. IF IT COMES DOWN TO WHERE THE COUNTY CAN SALE THE LAND TO THE THREE INDUSTRIES, FINCH SAID THE COUNTY WOULD PAY IT ALL; HOWEVER, HE FEELS THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF COMMITMENT FROM THE CITY TO PAY FOR HALF THE COSTS IF IT SHOULD COME DOWN TO IT.

MORRIS SAID HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR THE CITY WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING HE WOULDN'T WANT TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE UNTIL EVERYTHING IS FIGURED OUT BEFORE OBLIGATING THEMSELVES FOR ANOTHER \$50,000.

CHAIRMAN SAPP SAID WHAT WAS BEING LOOKED AT NOW WAS \$30,000 FOR THE TESTING TO SEE IF THE SOIL PASSED FOR A SPRAY FIELD. FINCH ADDRESSED THIS WAS JUST A ROUND FIGURE AND GUESS FIGURE AND COULD BE TOTALLY DIFFERENT; HE SAID HE WOULDN'T WANT TO VOTE ON IT NOW GIVING THE CITY AN OPEN DOOR TO DO ALL THE ENGINEERING AS IT COULD BE \$100,000.

EVERITT QUESTIONED IF A CAP OF \$30,000 COULD BE PUT ON THE COST FOR NOW AND ADDRESS ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING AFTER THE TESTING IS DONE. HE SAID THE BOARD WAS LOOKING AT A VERY NARROW TIME FRAME FOR THE INDUSTRIES AS THEY ARE READY TO BREAK GROUND IN THE SPRING OF 2006; HE SAID TIME IS A CRITICAL ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED CLARK ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE SCHOOL BOARD OBLIGATES THE LAND THAT WAS ZONED FOR SCHOOLS FOR A SPRAY FIELD; WHAT WOULD BE DONE FOR SCHOOLS AS THEY ALREADY KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO NEED MORE SCHOOLS.

CLARK SAID THAT WAS A VERY GOOD POINT AND A DILEMA THE SCHOOL BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO CONSIDER WEIGHING OUT WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY NOW AND WHAT THE LONG TERM AFFECTS ARE. IF LOOKING AT THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROPERTY, THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROPERTY THAT WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR A SCHOOL SITE; IF LOOKING AT THE FOOTPRINT OF A SCHOOL BUILDING ON THE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MORE ON THE SOUTH AND WEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY LEAVING THE BACKSIDE FOR THE SPRAY AREA. ALSO, IF AN AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT WITH THE CITY ON THE PROPERTY, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME

STIPULATION, THE SCHOOL BOARD COULD COME BACK AND TAKE A CERTAIN PORTION TO PUT A FACILITY ON.

CLARK SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD ALSO OWNS A LOT OF PROPERTY THAT SURROUNDS THE EXISTING BUILDINGS AND THE POTENTIAL NEW BUILDINGS; THERE IS ALSO A PRETTY GOOD WAY FROM CONSIDERING ANOTHER FACILITY IN CHIPLEY. THEIR CURRENT MOVE TO EXPAND AND PUT A FIFTH GRADE WING AT THE ROULHAC MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL GIVE THEM SOME RELIEF ON THE KATE SMITH SITUATION AND THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS TO GO AHEAD AND DOING SOME REHAB AT KATE SMITH THAT WOULD ALSO GIVE THEM ROOM FOR FURTHER EXPANSION AND GROWTH AT KATE SMITH NOW. CLARK SAID HE CAN'T SAY WHAT THE SCHOOL BOARD WOULD BE LOOKING AT OR FACING IN TEN YEARS; THE BOARD HAD WISDOM AND FORETHOUGHT IN PURCHASING 100 ACRES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MAY HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PROSPECTIVE THAN HE DOES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THE BOARD WENT FORWARD WITH COMMITTING \$30,000 TOWARD THE TESTING, HE WOULD WANT A COMMITMENT FROM THE THREE COMPANIES THEY WILL BUY THE PROPERTIES SHOULD EVERYTHING PREVAIL TO BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMMITTING THE \$30,000.

CLARK SUGGESTED THE BOARD DIRECT THEIR ATTORNEY TO DRAW UP SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT THE CHAMBER WOULD PRESENT TO ALL THREE COMPANIES THAT WOULD GIVE ALL THE QUALIFIERS NEEDED CONTINGENT ON WORKING OUT THE PROPERTY, THEY WOULD PURCHASE THE LAND AND THEY WOULD COMMIT TO BUILD "X" VALUE OF PLANT AND EMPLOY "X" NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO HAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD LAND TESTED FOR THE CHIPLEY SPRAYFIELD AND SPEND UP TO \$30,000. COPE CHALLENGED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO PAY HALF THE COST OF THE TESTING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ITERATED THE THREE INDUSTRIES WANTING TO LOCATE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE INDUSTRIES.

EVERITT REITERATED THE INDUSTRIES LOCATING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IS CONTINGENT ON BEING PROVIDED RAILROAD SPURS. COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE ACCESS ROAD THE INDUSTRIES WOULD NEED.

CLARK REPORTED PBS&J HAS DONE SOME PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS AND THE CHAMBER'S PROPOSAL IS TO COME IN AT THE OLD ENTRANCE TO THE OLD ROULHAC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY; THERE IS A 100' EASEMENT OFF OF THE CSX RAIL SPUR THE SCHOOL BOARD GAVE TO THE COUNTY SOME TIME AGO AND GO STRAIGHT DOWN THE BACK SIDE OF THE RAILROAD WITH A NEW ACCESS ROAD AND TURN ALL THE NEW LANES INTO THE PROPERTY RUNNING PERPENDICULAR TO THE FL-DOT AND THE CSX RAIL SPURS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE BYPASS BEING PROPOSED TO COME THROUGH CHIPLEY. CLARK SAID WHEN LOOKING AT THE BYPASS FROM THE MAP PROVIDED, THE BYPASS WOULD COME RIGHT ACROSS THE BACK SIDE OF THE PBS&J FACILITY AND IS VERY CLOSE TO THE EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE THAT BORDERS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY. CLARK ADVISED THE CITY'S PLANT MAY BE IN DANGER OF GETTING TAKEN OUT; HOWEVER, WHERE THEY ARE PLANNING ON LOCATING THE THREE INDUSTRIES WOULD BE VERY SAFE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHERE THE ACCESS WOULD END UP BEING WHEN IT LEAVES THE ROULHAC PROPERTY. CLARK SAID THE MAIN ENTRANCE WOULD BE BETWEEN THE GO-CO AND WHAT USE TO BE THE CAR DEALERSHIP ON THE CORNER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE CITY WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TRUCKS COMING IN AND OUT THAT LOCATION AND REFERRED TO THE INTERSECTION THERE NOT BEING ANY GOOD. CLARK REFERRED TO THE ROAD HAVING BEEN IMPROVED WITH NEW CURB AND GUTTERS WITHIN THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS; CLARK SAID IF COMING FROM THE EAST, TRAFFIC COULD GET OFF IN COTTONDALE AND COME IN ON HIGHWAY 90.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF CLARK WAS TALKING ABOUT THE INTERSECTION AT THE PIGGLY WIGGLY; CLARK REITERATED HE WAS TALKING ABOUT COMING IN OFF OF HIGHWAY 90 BETWEEN THE GO-CO AND THE OLD CAR LOT, GO ACROSS THE RAILROAD TRACK AND IMMEDIATELY TURN TO THE RIGHT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR NEEDED TO INCLUDE GETTING A COMMITMENT FROM THE INDUSTRIES TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY IF THE LAND

PREVAILS TO BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO DOING THE TESTING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO INCLUDE IN THE MOTION THE COMMITMENT FROM THE INDUSTRIES TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE TESTING BEING DONE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY, CHALLENGE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO PAY HALF THE COST FOR TESTING AND AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THIS PROCEDURE. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLARK QUESTIONED IF THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY TO HAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED, WHAT IS THE COUNTY'S POSITION. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO TRY AND FIND MORE PROPERTY FOR A SPRAY FIELD FOR THE CITY. EVERITT SAID PROPERTY WAS NEEDED BOTH FOR THE SPRAY FIELD AND FOR FUTURE INDUSTRY. JIM ADDRESSED SHOULD THE SCHOOL BOARD CHOOSE NOT TO LET THEIR PROPERTIES BE USED FOR A SPRAY FIELD, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT DUE TO THE COST OF PROPERTY.

SAPP ADVISED THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR THE CHAMBER TO CONTACT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, LET HIM CONTACT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CALL A SPECIAL MEETING IF NECESSARY BUT PROCEED WITH WHAT THEY HAVE FOR NOW.

CLARK ADVISED HE AND MR. STEVENSON WERE GOING TO POLL THE SCHOOL BOARD AT THIS TIME TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY PURCHASING THE PROPERTY FOR A SPRAY FIELD.

STEVENSON REITERATED WHAT CLARK HAD SAID ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAVING TO APPROVE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD LAND BEING USED FOR A SPRAY FIELD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED TED EVERITT PROVIDE HIM WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO DRAW UP THE OPTIONS FOR THE INDUSTRIES TO SIGN; EVERITT AGREED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NEEDED.

TED EVERITT PRESENTED A NOMINEE FROM THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE CHAIRPERSON OF TDC; THE COMMITTEE NOMINATED SANDRA COOD BY A VOTE OF FOUR TO ONE. EVERITT REPORTED THE TDC HAS ALSO NOMINATED STEVE SMITH TO SERVE ON THE TDC BOARD AND THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO APPROVE OF THIS APPOINTMENT; HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON SMITH HAVING MANY YEARS OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE AND WOULD BE A GREAT ASSET TO THE TDC.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF STEVE SMITH'S APPOINTMENT TO THE TDC.

EVERITT ADVISED THERE WAS STILL ONE OPENING ON THE TDC; HE HAS SPOKEN TO THE OWNER OF THE NEW COMFORT INN AND THE OWNER HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST, ONCE THE HOTEL IS UP AND RUNNING, TO SIT ON THE TDC BOARD. HE REITERATED THE TDC HAS TRIED NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST TO GET AN OWNER OF THE HOTEL INDUSTRY ON THE TDC BOARD.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE TDC BOARD, EVERITT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN ON THE TDC BOARD SHOULD THE NEW COMFORT INN OWNER CHOOSE NOT TO DO SO.

SANDRA COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING SERVED ON THE TDC BOARD FOR FOUR YEARS; SHE FEELS SHE HAS BEEN AN ASSET TO THE TDC AND HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF ITS EFFORTS. IF SELECTED AS THE NEW TDC DIRECTOR, COOK SAID SHE COULDN'T PROMISE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANY NEW BUILDINGS WOULD BE BUILT OR OFFER ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT; SHE WOULD GIVE THEM MORAL SUPPORT FOR EVERYTHING THE COUNTY IS ENDEAVORING AND PROMISES TO DO THE UTMOST TO PROMOTE THE BEST IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. TOGETHER WITH THE TDC, THEY WILL SET PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOOKING TO LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PAST AND WORKING TOWARD THE FUTURE. SHE EXPRESSED HER THOUGHTS THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THAT BEAUTY MUST BE PRESERVED BUT SHARED IN A VERY CAREFULLY, ORCHESTRATED MANNER. AS THE NEW TDC DIRECTOR, COOK ADVISED SHE WOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE SCHOOL BOARD, ALL THE CITY COUNCILS AND THE SMALL UNINCORPORATED TOWNS IN THE COUNTY TO MAKE A UNIFIED EFFORT TOWARD PRESERVING WHAT WE HAVE WHILE BRINGING IN VISITORS TO SHARE IN ENJOYING THE COUNTY'S QUAINT WAY OF LIFE. COOK THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS TDC DIRECTOR SHOULD THEY SO CHOOSE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TDC ON THEIR NOMINATION FOR SANDRA COOK TO BE THE NEW TDC DIRECTOR.

HOLLAND KENT AND GLEN ZANETIC, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WHERE THEY WERE PRESENTED A PROJECT AND WOULD NEED AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE TO EXPLORE AND DO A STUDY FOR BUILDING AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING MET WITH THE PARKS COMMITTEE AND THEY VOTED TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE MATTER OF AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WHICH WILL BE MORE THAN THAT. HE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE WAS LOOKING FOR A MOTION FROM THE BOARD TO PURSUE THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FURTHER; THIS WILL BE PAID FOR THROUGH GRANT FUNDING AND WILL BE A DIFFERENT ENDEAVOR THAN THE PARKS AND BOAT RAMPS BUT IS A FACILITY THAT IS NEEDED IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE EXPRESSED HIS ONLY CONCERN IS THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO MAKE MONEY DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE IN COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. SAPP SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL THIS WOULD BE THE CASE AND ASKED DAVID CORBIN TO SPEAK ON THIS.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMMITTEE NEEDING TO WORK WITH THE 4-H AND AGRICULTURE CENTER ON THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. HE AGREED A STUDY NEEDED TO BE DONE AND FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO LOOK INTO THE COMPETITIVE ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY WOULD BE WITHIN THE REALMS OF THE FBIP FUNDING THE COUNTY RECEIVES FOR PARKS. DAVID REPORTED ANOTHER COUNTY HAD RECEIVED A \$150,000 GRANT FROM FRDAP AND A \$400,000 GRANT FROM AGRICULTURE FOR AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH DOING A STUDY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND TO CONTACT THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO ARE MAKING A LIVING DOING THIS TO GET THEIR FEELINGS ON THE COUNTY BUILDING AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY; IF THE PEOPLE ARE OKAY WITH IT, HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHERE THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY IS BEING PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED. GLEN ADVISED THE ONLY LOCATION MENTIONED AT THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE WAS DANIELS LAKE; HOWEVER, THE BOARD WOULD BE MORE FAMILIAR WITH WHERE THEY HAVE PROPERTY THAN HE WOULD. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD NOT WANT TO TIE UP THE SITUATION WITH THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT WITH GLEN ADVISING HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WOULD INTERFERE AT ALL WITH THIS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SHOWED THE BOARD FORTY ACRES OF OPEN AREA NEAR DANIELS LAKE PARK; THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY PROJECT WOULD NEED TWENTY ACRES WITH THE BUILDING TAKING NO MORE THAN AN ACRE AND A HALF OR SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF ALL THE PARKS THE COUNTY HAS CLOSED AT DUSK. DAVID CORBIN ADVISED THERE ARE PRESENTLY SEVEN TRIAL AREA PARKS CLOSED AT DUSK AND HE WILL PROBABLY BE RECOMMENDING MORE BE CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE CONSIDER EXTENDING THE TIME UNTIL 8:00 P.M. OR 9:00 P.M. TO CLOSE THE PARKS DUE TO HIM HAVING RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM PERSONS FISHING OFF THE BANKS OF THE RIVERS AND CREEKS BEING RUN OFF AT DUSK. DAVID AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

DAVID ASKED THE BOARD IF THE OFFICE AT THE BLUE LAKE PARK FACILITY WOULD STAY OPEN AND RECOMMENDED IF IT WAS NOT GOING TO, THE OFFICE BE RETRIEVED AND TURNED INTO A KITCHEN DUE TO HIM RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR KITCHEN FACILITIES WHEN RENTING OUT THE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED A SECRETARY FOR THE TDC AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED A LOTS OVER THE PAST YEAR WITH THE PROBLEM BEING

FUNDING; HE RECOMMENDED LEAVING THE OFFICE SPACE AS IS FOR NOW. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO GET INTO THIS DISCUSSION AT ANOTHER MEETING.

GLEN ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION REQUESTING AN ORDINANCE BE PUT ON BOAT LAKE RESTRICTING IT TO TROLLING AND ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY AND ALLOW HIM TO GET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON DRAWING UP THE ORDINANCE TO BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ZANETIC WORKING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON DRAWING UP AN ORDINANCE TO BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD RESTRICTING BOAT LAKE TO TROLLING AND ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY.

ZANETIC REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF THE \$25,000 BUDGETED FOR MSBU SIGNAGE FOR FY 2005-2006 AND THIS WOULD TAKE IT UP TO THE \$100,000 THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ZANETIC'S REQUEST.

C. J. PIPKINS, ESCAMBIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT THE AUTHORITY HAS DONE FOR THE CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER THEIR FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM.

PIPKINS REPORTED ON THE FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM:

- A. PROVIDES FOR A LOW MARKET INTEREST RATE OF 5.39% AND THEY HAVE JUST ADDED A \$10,000 DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE WITH 0% INTEREST.
- B. THERE ARE SEVERAL LENDERS FOR ANYONE WHO HASN'T OWNED A HOME IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THAT NEEDS HELP WITH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE OR LOW INTEREST RATES.
- C. THERE IS STILL MONIES AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; SHE WILL LEAVE BROCHURES AND INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY GRANTS PERSON, STACY WEBB.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE ASSISTANCE WAS BASED ON INCOME. PIPKINS ADVISED THERE WERE INCOME REQUIREMENTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD; A FAMILY OF TWO HAS AN INCOME LIMIT OF \$52,550 AND THREE AND MORE IS \$60,433. SHE REPORTED THEY HAD NOT HAD ANY LUCK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH PERSONS APPLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CAROL WORLEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IDENTITY THEFT INSURANCE AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO OFFER THE INSURANCE AS AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TO THE EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A PAYROLL DEDUCTION. SHE ADDRESSED THE INSURANCE COVERAGE WOULD COVER ALL TYPES OF IDENTITY THEFT AND WOULD COST THE COUNTY NOTHING TO IMPLEMENT IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW WORLEY WOULD PRESENT HER INSURANCE COVERAGE TO THE EMPLOYEES. WORLEY ADVISED SHE WOULD GET WITH EACH AGENCY AND WORK OUT WITH EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD ON WHAT WAY WOULD BE THE LEAST INTRUSIVE FOR EACH OF THEM.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ALLOW WORLEY TO OFFER THE IDENTIFY THEFT INSURANCE TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS A VOLUNTEER PAYROLL DEDUCTION AND TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON SETTING UP A SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD EMPLOYEES SO IT WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THEIR WORK.

WORLEY ADVISED THE BOARD SHE HAD MORE INFORMATION SHE COULD PROVIDE THEM ON IDENTITY THEFT AND SHE DOES SEMINARS ON THE IDENTITY THEFT IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE ONE.

BOB BOOTH, NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE AND BOB WETHERSPOON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A SAMPLE OF A MEMORANDUM THEY WOULD BE REQUESTING THE BOARD SIGN TO UPDATE THE SOIL SURVEYS. BOOTH EXPLAINED THE MAIN REASON THEY ARE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD IS THEY WILL BE DOING THE SOIL SURVEYS AND PEOPLE MAY BE ASKING QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON; THEY WILL ALSO BE PUTTING ARTICLES IN THE NEWSPAPER TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

WETHERSPOON UPDATED THE BOARD ON WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVING HAD A SOIL SURVEY THAT MET THE NEEDS THAT WERE REQUIRED AT THE TIME IT WAS DONE; IT WAS PUBLISHED

IN 1961. HOWEVER, SINCE THAT TIME, WETHERSPOON EXPLAINED THE LAND USES HAVE CHANGED, THE INFORMATION FOR SOIL HAS CHANGED AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT OTHER THINGS BESIDES AGRICULTURE. HE ADDRESSED THEM LOOKING AT URBAN DEVELOPMENT, RECREATIONAL USE, FORESTRY USE AND ANYTHING THEY FEEL THE LANDOWNER OR LAND USER NEEDS TO MAKE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS. HE ADVISED IT WOULD BE A THREE YEAR SURVEY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A NEW AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH; WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE LIMITED COPIES OF THE HARD COPY OF THE SOIL SURVEY AS THE SAME INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION WEBB SITE. HE EXPLAINED THE REASON THEY COULDN'T BANK ON HARD COPIES WAS DUE TO THE COST AND DUE TO THINGS CHANGING SO RAPIDLY IT WOULD TAKE A LOT TO HAND TOSS A LARGE NUMBER OF HARD COPIES.

HE SAID THEY WOULD BE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY FOR A USE OF A BACKHOE WHEN DOING THE SOIL SURVEY; OTHER THAN THAT, THEY WILL ONLY NEED SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

BOB BOOTH EXPLAINED THE FUNDING FOR THE SOIL SURVEY WOULD COME FROM NRCS FUNDING. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME A BACKHOE WOULD BE NEEDED, WETHERSPOON SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED A TOTAL OF FOUR DAYS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE UPDATING OF THE SOIL SURVEY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED THE 2006 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$32,000 AND REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE SIGNING OFF ON THE CONTRACT. SHE REPORTED SHE THOUGHT THAT ROGER HAGAN'S INTENT FOR THE MONIES WAS TO MAKE SURE THE CEMP AND COOP COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. SHE REPORTED SHE AND ROGER WOULD BE MEETING WITH ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT TO REVIEW THEIR CEMP AND COOP TO ASSIST WITH COMPLIANCE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT CONTRACT.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED THE CONTRACT FOR THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT AND REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN OFF ON THAT CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF THE CDBG QUAIL HOLLOW GRANT CONTRACT.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING APPROXIMATELY \$13,000 LEFT OVER FROM THE LAST HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. ROGER HAGAN HAS REQUESTED THESE FUNDS BE USED TO INSTALL CAMERAS OUTSIDE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND TO PURCHASE A LAMINATING ID MACHINE WHICH WOULD ALLOW ID CARDS TO BE CREATED FOR ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES INSIDE THE COUNTY ANNEX.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HAGAN'S REQUEST ON HOW TO SPEND THE \$13,000 LEFT OVER FROM THE LAST HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY JUDGE PEEL'S OFFICE ON SECURITY ISSUES AND ADA ISSUES. THE JUDGE'S SECRETARY, LAURA FISHER, HAD SPOKEN TO HER ABOUT THERE BEING A SEPARATE AMOUNT OF DESIGNATED TRUST FUNDS MONIES SET ASIDE FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY AND ADA ISSUES. WEBB REQUESTED PERMISSION, ON BEHALF OF JUDGE PEEL'S OFFICE, TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THESE ISSUES. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEBB'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED WEBB UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE PLANNING GRANT FOR THE HERITAGE VILLAGE. WEBB REPORTED SHE HAD OVERNIGHTED THE GRANT APPLICATION LAST NIGHT FOR THE \$50,000 PLANNING GRANT TO DO THE LAYOUT OF WHAT THE COUNTY PERCEIVES THE HERITAGE VILLAGE TO BE.

WILLIE THARP ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM HE WAS HAVING WITH DRIVEWAY PERMITS. HE EXPLAINED HE DIDN'T SEE THE IRONY OF CHARGING FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE HAD A DISASTER, HAVE TO REBUILD THEIR HOME AND HAVE AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING BEEN TOLD HE WOULD BE CHARGED \$25 FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AND DOESN'T FEEL THIS IS FAIR DUE TO HAVING AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY THERE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH SAID THEY THOUGHT IN THE PAST THE COUNTY HAD WAIVED THE PERMIT FEE FOR EXISTING DRIVEWAYS IF NO CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE POLICY ADDRESSES CHARGING \$25 IF SOMEONE HAS TO GO OUT AND DO AN INSPECTION FOR A DRIVEWAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO CHANGE THE DRIVEWAY POLICY, IN CASE OF A PERSON REBUILDING A HOUSE IF NOTHING IS DONE TO THE DRIVEWAY, THE SUPERVISOR IS FAMILIAR WITH THE DRIVEWAY AND KNOWS IT DOESN'T REQUIRE AN INSPECTION, TO NOT CHARGE A FEE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE MORE IN LINE TO WAIVE THE PERMIT FEE ON THE PRE-EXISTING DRIVEWAY IF THERE IS A 911 ADDRESS THERE AND SHOULD THERE BE A NEED TO REVAMP THE DRIVEWAY, DUE TO A HOUSE BURNING, ETC.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING TO PAY A \$25 PERMIT FEE WHEN A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY MOVED A MOBILE HOME ONTO HIS PROPERTY AND IS USING THE SAME DRIVEWAY HE IS USING AND HAS BEEN USING SINCE 1980. PELLETIER ADVISED NO ONE HAD TO COME AND LOOK AT THE DRIVEWAY OR NOTHING WAS TOUCHED. COMMISSIONER SAPP TOLD PELLETIER THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR WOULD TAKE CARE OF THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF A PERSON'S HOUSE BURNS AND THEY WANT A BIGGER DRIVEWAY, ETC. AND THEY TOUCH THE EXISTING DRIVEWAY, THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE A DRIVEWAY PERMIT; IT THERE IS NO UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING DRIVEWAY, THERE SHOULD BE NO DRIVEWAY PERMIT FEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SYLVESTER SCOTT, WARMOUTH ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON TAKING A TREE OUT ON THE ROAD. SCOTT UPDATED THE BOARD A FEW MONTHS AGO ABOUT HE AND HIS WIFE HAVING PREVIOUSLY COME BEFORE THEM ABOUT HAVING THE TREE REMOVED; ALL THE NEIGHBORS UP THE STREET HAVE BEEN COMPLAIN- ING AND HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS. SCOTT ADVISED THE BOARD HAD VOTED TO REMOVE THE TREE FROM THE ROAD SO HE CAN PUT HIS DRIVEWAY GATES IN AND USE HIS PROPERTY BUT SOMEHOW THE TREE HASN'T BEEN REMOVED.

SCOTT REFERRED TO HIM HAVING BEEN TOLD THE GUY UP THE STREET WITH A DOG KENNEL, BLOCKING THE STREET WITH THE JUNK CARS, MOTORCYCLE JUNKYARD, ETC. HAS STOPPED THE CREW FROM REMOVING THE TREE. HE ASKED AGAIN IF THE TREE COULD BE REMOVED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHEN THEY WENT AND LOOKED AT THE TREE, THERE WAS A PERSON OPPOSED TO REMOVING THE TREE AND SAID THE ROAD WENT TO HIS HOUSE; IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE GARBAGE TRUCK HITTING THE TREE, HE AGREED TO TAKE HIS GARBAGE CAN TO THE EDGE OF THE ROAD. STRICKLAND SAID BY MOVING THE GARBAGE CAN WHERE THERE WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE WITH THE GARBAGE TRUCK, THIS WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

SCOTT REITERATED HE NEEDED TO PUT HIS DRIVEWAY GATES THERE AND USE HIS PROPERTY; IF THE WATER GETS UP ON SUMMERHOUSE ROAD, THEY HAVE TO GET OUT ACROSS THE ALLEY TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OVER TO SKIPPER ROAD. SCOTT SAID HE IS THE ONE WHO PICKS UP THE TRASH, MOWS THE GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF BOTH STREETS, REPAIRS THE STREETS, AND DOESN'T UNDER- STAND HOW ONE TROUBLEMAKER CAN COME UP WITH ALL THIS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE TREE WAS ON COUNTY PROPERTY. STRICKLAND ADDRESSED IT WAS AN OLD SUBDIVISION WHERE BACK IN THE DAY THEY CAME IN AND BUILT SOME ROADS AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANYWAY TO GET IN THERE; THE COUNTY MAINTAINS THE ROAD AND HAS MAINTAINED THE ROAD FOR AS LONG AS HE HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF THE TREE WAS ON THE PORTION THE COUNTY MAINTAINED; COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED HE COULDN'T REMEMBER.

SCOTT SAID THERE WAS A 40' RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THERE; FROM HIS FENCE IT IS ABOUT 15' AND THERE IS ABOUT A FOOT BERM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED ALL THE COUNTY HAS A RIGHT TO IS THE PART THEY HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

SCOTT ADVISED THE ROAD USED TO GO AROUND THE TREE; IN 1994, THEY CAME AROUND THIS SIDE OF THE TREE AND THE ROAD DIVES AROUND THE TREE. HE REITERATED HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE HIS PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REPORTED THAT HE, ROBERT HARCUS AND ROGER HAGAN HAD WENT AND LOOKED AT THE TREE; THEY CAME UP WITH THE DECISION IF THE PERSON OPPOSED TO THE TREE BEING REMOVED WOULD TAKE HIS GARBAGE CAN TO THE END OF THE ROAD, THEY WOULDN'T CUT THE TREE. THE PERSON SAID THE ONLY ROAD HE USED WAS BY HIS HOUSE BY THE TREE AND THE REST OF HIS NEIGHBORS USED THE ROAD BY HIS HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED SCOTT IF HE COULDN'T GET TO HIS PROPERTY BECAUSE THERE IS TREES IN THE WAY OF THE WAY HE GOES AND COMES TO HIS PROPERTY. SCOTT EXPLAINED ON THIS ONE STREET THAT WAS CORRECT; AT ONE END OF THE PROPERTY, THE STREET IS ABOUT FOUR FOOT DEEP WHERE THE WATER HAS WASHED IT OUT OVER THE YEARS AND AT THE OTHER END IT IS ONLY ABOUT ONE FOOT WHERE HE NEEDS TO GO THROUGH WITH HIS GATES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP POINTED OUT TO SCOTT IF THE TREE WAS TAKEN OUT, IF SOMETHING IS NOT PUT BACK THERE, IT WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT FOUR FOOT DEEP THERE IF THEY TAKE OUT THE ROOT SYSTEM AS IT WILL DISTURB THE LAND TO A POINT IT WILL ERODE ALSO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND RECOMMENDED TABLING THIS ACTION UNTIL NEXT MONTH; HE WILL TAKE SOME PICTURES AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THEM TO REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE TREE WAS WITHIN THE COUNTY MAINTAINED AREA. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED THE POWER LINES WAS RIGHT THERE; HE HAD CONTACTED THE POWER COMPANY TO SEE IF THEY COULD DO ANYTHING BUT THEY WANT DO ANYTHING ON THE TREE REMOVAL. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REITERATED THE ONLY ACCESS IS GOING TO THE PERSON'S HOUSE AND IT IS ON THE ROAD THERE; IF THAT PERSON CAN LIVE WITH IT, HE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT USES THE ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED IF IT IS NOT WITHIN WHAT THE COUNTY HAS GRADED AND MAINTAINED WITHIN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, THEY HAVE NO LEGAL RIGHT TO CUT THE TREE; HE EXPLAINED IT CAN'T BE WHERE THE COUNTY GRADED IT, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GRADE THROUGH A TREE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION TO TAKE THE TREE OUT AND IT HAD BEEN LOOKED AT.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHOSE PROPERTY THE TREE WAS ON, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED THE GUY AT THE END OF THE ROAD SAID IT WAS ON HIS PROPERTY AND SCOTT SAYS IT IS ON HIS PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO KNOW WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY THE TREE IS ON BEFORE THEY CUT IT DOWN.

CHAIRMAN SAPP TABLED THIS ISSUE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UNTIL NEXT MONTH WHEN HE WILL BRING BACK PICTURES TO SHOW THE BOARD.

SUSAN PARSONS, CHANCE ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE POOR CONDITION OF THE ROAD WHEN IT RAINS; THE RESIDENTS ON CHANCE ROAD ARE UPSET WITH COMMISSIONER COPE BECAUSE THEY HAVE CALLED HIM NUMEROUS TIMES ON THE ROAD CONDITIONS AND THEY CAN'T GET ONE CALL BACK.

PARSONS ADVISED COMMISSIONER COPE HAS A LIST GIVEN TO HIM THIS MORNING OF EVERY PERSON ON CHANCE ROAD THAT SIGNED IT WITH THEIR ADDRESSES THAT WOULD LIKE CHANCE ROAD, MILLER LANE AND LEX LANE REPAIRED, FIXED, GRADED PROPERLY, PAVED, GRAVELED, STONED OR ANYTHING PUT ON THAT WILL STAY ON THE ROAD LONG ENOUGH TO DRIVE A CAR DOWN.

PARSONS REFERRED TO THERE BEING NUMEROUS ACCIDENTS ON CHANCE ROAD; THERE IS A WICKED CORNER ON IT THAT MAKES EVERYONE DRIVE IN THE DITCH, WHEN IT IS RAINING IT IS LIKE DRIVING ON SLICK ICE, THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DELIGHTS IN RUNNING EVERYBODY OFF THE ROAD. SHE ADDRESSED EVERYONES CARS WERE FALLING APART DUE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD.

PARSONS SAID THE ROADS ARE GRADED NOW BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN CALLING SO OFTEN; SHE ADDRESSED WHEN SHE MOVED THERE, THERE WERE NOT THAT MANY HOMES OUT THERE BUT NOW THERE ARE A LOT OF NEW HOMES AND THERE IS CONSTANT TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD.

SHE SAID WHEN THEY HAD ASKED BEFORE ABOUT GETTING THE ROAD FIXED, SHE WAS ALWAYS TOLD NEXT YEAR IT WOULD BE DONE; IT HAS BEEN ELEVEN YEARS AND NEXT YEAR DON'T EVER COME. WHEN THE GRADERS DO COME, PARSONS SAID THEY DRIVE DOWN THE ROAD SOMETIMES HITTING THE GROUND AND CLEAR IT; SOMETIMES THEY DON'T AND THEN THEY VERY NICELY DRIVE DOWN TO THE END OF THE ROAD, TURN AROUND AND COME BACK AND BACK INTO LEX LANE AND FALL ASLEEP IN THEIR GRADERS AND STAY THERE THE REST OF THE DAY. SHE EXPLAINED HER AND THE NEIGHBORS HAVE ACTUALLY WENT BACK AND FORTH TO SEE HOW LONG THEY WERE GOING TO STAY AS THE GRADER OPERATOR ACTUALLY PUTS THEIR FEET UP AND SLEEPS WITH A CAP OVER THEIR EYES WHEN THEY ARE ASLEEP.

PARSONS QUESTIONED THE BOARD ON WHAT KIND OF MONIES THEY WERE SAVING BY PUTTING DIRT ON A DIRT ROAD THAT GETS WASHED INTO A DITCH THAT GETS DUG OUT THAT GETS PUT SOMEWHERE ELSE TO BRING DIRT ON A DIRT ROAD THAT GETS WASHED INTO A DITCH, THAT GETS DUG AND DUMPED SOME- WHERE ELSE. SHE QUESTIONED WHY THEY COULDN'T JUST PUT GRAVEL OR PAVE CHANCE ROAD SO THEY CAN GET A NEWSPAPER DELIVERED OUT THERE; WHEN IT IS WASHED OUT THE SCHOOL BUS CAN'T COME IN THERE AND THE PEOPLE CAN'T GET OUT. SHE REFERRED TO 40% OF THE PEOPLE ON CHANCE ROAD ARE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND WHEN IT IS WASHED OUT, THEY CAN'T GET EMERGENCY VEHICLES OUT THERE. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE BOARD THAT ROAD IS IN HIS GRADING DISTRICT AND IT IS GRADED MORE OFTEN THAN ANY OTHER ROAD IN THE COUNTY AND EVERYTIME PARSONS HAS CALLED, HE HAS SENT A GRADER OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED PARSONS ON WHAT THE ROAD LOOKED LIKE WHEN SHE BUILT HER HOME THERE; PARSONS ADVISED IT LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME. SHE SAID IT WASHED OUT, IS FALLING APART AND EVERYBODY HAS COMPLAINED FOR YEARS AND YEARS FROM WHAT SHE UNDERSTANDS; ONE MAN, WHEN SHE WENT AROUND TO GET SIGNATURES ON THE LIST PROVIDED TO COPE, SAID HE HAD LIVED OUT THERE FOR 23 YEARS AND HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DRIVE ON THAT ROAD WHEN IT RAINED SOLID.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THEY HAD A LIST OF NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED IN ON THE ROAD; EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND BUSES CAN USE THE ROADS BECAUSE HE DRIVES IT AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

PARSONS ASKED COPE IF HE HAD WENT DOWN CHANCE ROAD TO MILLERS LANE; COPE SAID HE HAD. PARSONS ADDRESSED NOT BEING ABLE TO CROSS THE ROAD AT MILLERS LANE WHEN IT IS RAINING BECAUSE IT WASHES COMPLETELY OUT EVERY TIME.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ADVISED PARSONS THE BOARD WOULD LOOK AT THE SITUATION WITH CHANCE ROAD. COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS GO AND LOOK AT CHANCE ROAD TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD RECOMMEND BEING DONE.

JOHN FOSTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HAVING GONE TO A TDC MEETING, WENT AFTERWARDS AND LOOKED UP THE STATE STATUTES ON THE TDC. HE NOTED:

1. THERE WERE SUPPOSE TO BE NINE MEMBERS ON THE TDC; THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT.
2. ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE SUPPOSE TO BE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS PRESENT.
3. TWO MEMBERS WERE SUPPOSE TO BE ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS; ONE OF WHICH HAS TO BE FROM THE MOST LARGEST MOST POPULUS CITY AND THE OTHER ONE CAN BE FROM ANY OF THE OTHER CITIES
4. THE REMAINING SIX MEMBERS HAVE TO BE IN THE TOURIST BUSINESS

FOSTER SAID SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN TOUR- ISM AND WENT DOWN THE LIST:

MS. WATKINS/WOLF PRESERVE-TO SOME DEGREE, THIS IS TOURISM

JIM TOWN/RUNS EVENTS AT SUNNY HILLS, THIS IS TOURISM

THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS THAT OUGHT TO BE ON THE BOARD THAT ARE NOT AND THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE ON IT THAT DO NOT FIT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

FOSTER SUGGESTED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LOOK AT REARRANGING THE TDC BOARD MEMBERSHIP SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT LOOK INTO FOSTER'S CONCERNS WITH THE TDC BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

BILLY LAMAR JOHNSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING BEEN CHARGED FOR SELLING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND OUTSIDE THE CITY

LIMITS OF CHIPLEY ON JULY 22, 2005. HE RECEIVED SIX MONTHS OF COMMUNITY CONTROL, THREE YEARS OF PROBATION AND 150 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AND A PUBLIC APOLOGY OR COME BEFORE THE COMMUNITY TO APOLOGIZE. HE SAID HE WAS HERE TODAY TO APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE FOR HIS ACTIONS AND HE WISHED TO MOVE ON AND TRY TO REGAIN HIS NOBLE CITIZENSHIP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; HE IS A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY AND LOVES STAYING HERE.

MIKE TALBERT, CSSI TOWER, ADVISED HE WOULD WAIT AND ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER.

JOEL PARSONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A DOG PROBLEM; HE CALLED THE FL-DEP AND THEY SENT HIM TO CODE ENFORCEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT SENT HIM TO ANIMAL CONTROL. HE EXPLAINED HIS NEIGHBOR HAS ABOUT 75 DOGS ALONG HIS PROPERTY LINE; HE COMPLAINED OF THE NOISE AND SMELL FROM THE DOGS. ANIMAL CONTROL REALIZED HE HAD A PROBLEM BUT ADVISED THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO NOISE AND SMELL. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING PASSING AN ORDINANCE TO ALLEVIATE THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM.

DAVID CORBIN, ANIMAL CONTROL, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING BEEN AT THE PROPERTY WHERE PARSONS IS SPEAKING OF SEVERAL TIMES; HE HAD CARRIED LINDA WALLER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE LAST TIME HE WENT AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED THE PERSON WAS CLEANING UP THE PEN.

DAVID ADVISED HE AND WALLER WENT AND TALKED WITH PARSONS AND ADVISED HIM THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE AN ODOR OR NOISE RESTRICTION, OR A KENNEL RESTRICTION IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO ASSIST HIM.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE DOGS WERE THERE WHEN HE PURCHASED HIS PROPERTY, PARSONS ADVISED SOME DOGS WERE THERE BUT THE BIGGEST PART OF THEM CAME AFTER HE PURCHASED HIS PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY; WALLER ADVISED IT WAS AGRICULTURE/SILVERCULTURE BUT THE OWNERS DENY THE DOGS IS A BUSINESS. THE GREYHOUNDS AND TERRIORS ARE SAID TO BE ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE OWNERS PLEASURE.

PARSONS SAID HE HAD WENT TO AL CLEVELAND OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HE ADVISED HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE NOISE PROBLEM; HOWEVER, HE IS SEEING WHAT HE CAN FIND ABOUT THE WASTE AND ODOR COMING FROM THE DOGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER SOME TYPE OF NOISE ORDINANCE, NOT PARTICULAR FOR DOGS, AND ADDRESSED COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE ABOUT NOISE COMING FROM RIBBING UP OF THE ENGINE WHILE WORKING ON RACECARS. HE SAID THERE WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO BE AN ENGINEERING STUDY TO DETERMINE WHAT LEVEL OF NOISE COULD BE TOLERATED, WHAT KIND OF BUFFERS WOULD BE NEEDED TO CONTROL THE NOISE LEVEL, ETC.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD IF THEY ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE, IT WOULDN'T BE RETROACTIVE AND WOULDN'T AFFECT THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF THE PERSON WAS GETTING PAID BY THE RACETRACK TO KEEP THE DOGS AND POINTED OUT IF IT IS COMMERCIAL, THEY ARE. PARSONS SAID HE COULDN'T SAY FOR SURE ABOUT GETTING PAID BY THE RACETRACK BUT THE GUY WHO PUT THE TERRIORS ON THE PROPERTY IS SELLING THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT WOULD BE COMMERCIAL TOO.

WALLER SAID SHE HAD ASKED THE PERSON SPECIFICALLY IF HE WAS SELLING AND BREEDING OF DOGS AND IT WAS DENIED. AS FAR AS THE NOISE ORDINANCE, SHE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD LOOK INTO THAT AS THE STATE SETS UP SPECIFIC STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED PARSONS HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THE BOARD COULD TAKE ANY ACTION TODAY; IF THEY FIND THE PERSON IS USING IT FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, THEY COULD PROBABLY TAKE ACTION TO REQUIRE THE PERSON TO GO THROUGH A LAND USE CHANGE. IF THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A LAND USE CHANGE, SAPP SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO GRANT IT OR DISAPPROVE IT.

PARSONS QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND REFERRED TO SEVENTY FIVE DOGS FIGHTING, ETC. SAPP REITERATED IF THE BOARD DID DO SOMETHING IT WOULDN'T HELP PARSON'S SITUATION BUT MIGHT HELP THE NEXT PERSON'S SITUATION. HOWEVER, IF IT IS PROVEN HE IS DOING A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, THE COUNTY COULD PROBABLY REQUIRE HIM TO GET A LAND USE CHANGE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON IF IT WAS PROVED A BUSINESS WAS GOING ON, ALL THE LANDOWNERS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN A PUBLIC HEARING IF THEY WERE TO ASK FOR REZONING. WALLER ITERATED THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT OPPOSING IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF THE BUSINESS PRE-EXISTED THE COUNTY'S ZONING AND LAND USE ORDINANCE WENT INTO AFFECT, NOTHING COULD BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE PERSON SAYING HE DON'T HAVE A BUSINESS AND THE COUNTY TELLS HIM HE HAS TO HAVE A BUSINESS IN ORDER TO HAVE THE DOGS, HIS BUSINESS WOULD JUST BE STARTED. HOLLEY SAID THE CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON.

PARSONS SAID IT DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT TO HAVE TO FILE A LAW SUIT TO GET SOMEBODY AND COST HIM MONEY; IF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD THE PROBLEM HE HAD WITH THE DOGS THEY WOULD BE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

A. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE FELLOW THAT OWNED THE LAND WHERE THE COUNTY'S COMMUNICATION TOWER IS OFF BONNET POND ROAD REQUESTING IT BE MOVED. KNAUER SAID HE HAD A MEETING WITH FL-DEP ABOUT MOVING THE TOWER TO MUDHILL LANDFILL; FL-DEP SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM DOING THIS BUT THEY WOULD NEED A LOCATION MAP SHOWING WHERE THE COUNTY IS PLANNING ON PUTTING IT AND A FOUNDATION PLAN SO THEY CAN VERIFY THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BREACH THE CELLS THEY HAVE AT THE LANDFILL.

KNAUER SAID FL-DEP HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE LOCATION MAP AND ADVISED WHEN THE COUNTY GETS THEIR FOUNDATION PLAN, THEY WILL REVIEW IT AND APPROVE IT. HE SAID PLAN A WAS TO TAKE THE TOWER AND MOVE IT TO MUDHILL LANDFILL. HE HAD MIKE TALBERT, WHO HAD WORKED WITH FIRST COMMUNICATIONS WHO HAD HANDLED A LOT OF THE COUNTY'S ANTENNAS, ETC., LOOK AT THE TOWER AND THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING IT TO THE MUDHILL LANDFILL SITE. KNAUER SAID THE PROBLEM WAS THE EXISTING TOWER CAN'T HANDLE THE CURRENT WINDLOAD REQUIREMENTS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING MET WITH THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A 300' TOWER AT THE MUDHILL LANDFILL SITE. HE WENT OVER WHAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE TO GO THROUGH THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR A TOWER; IT GOES THROUGH THE FCC AND THE FAA. DUE TO HIM NOT KNOWING MUCH ABOUT THE TOWER PROCESS, HE ASKED MIKE TALBERT TO ASSIST WITH MAKING THIS WHOLE THING HAPPEN.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, TALBERT AND THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HAVING MET AND THEY REQUESTED TALBERT GET TOGETHER PROPOSALS FOR PUTTING UP A 300' TOWER WITH A COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING AND ANY OF THE ASSOCIATED HARDWARE THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE. THE CONCEPT IS IF THEY BUILD A 300' TOWER, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF ROOM LEFT ON THE TOWER TO RENT OUT SPACE TO HELP THEM RECOVER THE COST.

KNAUER SAID IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING THAT MIKE AND HIS COMPANY, CSSI TOWERS, MAY BE INTERESTED IN DOING A LEASE WITH THE COUNTY ON THE LAND, THEY PUT UP THE TOWER AND THEY GENERATE INCOME FROM RENTING OUT THE ANTENNAS AND THE COUNTY GETS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ANTENNAS PUT UP ON THE TOWER AS PART OF THE DEAL.

MIKE TALBERT, CSSI TOWERS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING BEEN ASKED TO REMOVE THE OLD TOWER AND COME UP WITH A PROGRAM WITH A TOWER 300' HEIGHT AND RATED WITH A 130 MPH WINDLOAD. HE EXPLAINED THEY WENT TO THE TOWER MANUFACTURER AND GAVE THEM A LOADING THAT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PLACE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE TOWER LOWER THAN THEMSELVES AND RENT THAT SPACE OUT; IT GENERALLY RENTS FROM \$1525 A MONTH FOR ONE LEVEL.

TALBERT ADVISED IF THE NEW TOWER WERE TO BE BUILT, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEIR RADIO LICENSES TO THE FCC AND GET THEM CHANGED INCREASING THE HEIGHT BY 60'; THIS COULD TAKE PROCESS DURING THE TIME THE NEW TOWER IS BEING BUILT.

TALBERT ADDRESSED THERE BEING DISCUSSION ABOUT HIS BOSS, MR. COX, OWNING THE TOWER AND LEASING THE GROUND FROM THE COUNTY AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO GO

ON THE TOWER AT THE 300' LEVEL, THE COUNTY WOULD PAY COX A RENT. COX WOULD AMORTIZE THE TOWER OVER A 40 YEAR PERIOD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TAKING THE EMS ANTENNA OFF THE TOWER THAT HAS TO BE MOVED AND PUT IT ON THE MUDHILL TOWER. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THERE BEING POOR COMMUNICATIONS NOW BETWEEN CHIPLEY AND EBRO; THEY FEEL IF THEY CAN GET THEIR ANTENNAS UP 300', IT WOULD HELP WITH COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMS, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DEPART- MENTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

TALBURT SAID WITH FOUR ANTENNAS ON THE TOWER AND COX OWNING THE TOWER, AMORITIZED AT 40 YEARS, THE COUNTY WOULD PAY HIM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$2,250 PER MONTH FOR A FOURTY YEAR LEASE WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE TWENTY YEAR PERIODS. HE ADVISED THEY HAD THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS IN LOWNES COUNTY, GEORGIA WHERE COX LEASES THE LAND FROM THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY LEASES SPACES ON THE TOWER FROM COX.

KNAUER ADVISED THE BIG ISSUE WITH RANDALL IN THE MEETINGS HE HAS ATTENDED WAS THEY HAVE POOR COMMUNICATIONS.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY KATHY FOSTER WHO WOULD MAINTAIN THE TOWERS, TALBURT ADVISED IT WOULD BE ACCORDING TO WHO OWNED IT; IF COX OWNED IT, IT WOULD BE 100% MAINTAINED BY CSSI AND INSPECTED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, THERE WOULD BE AN ANNUAL INSPECTION AND THESE INSPECTION REPORTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY IF THEY DESIRED.

TALBURT INFORMED THE BOARD TO PUT UP A 300' TOWER, IT WOULD COST \$268,875.75; THE RENT INCOME FROM PERSONS WANTING TO RENT A SPACE FROM THE TOWER WAS TOTALLY NEGOTIABLE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PERSON WANTING TOWER SPACE. TALBURT SAID NORMALLY A PERSON PAYS ABOUT \$.75 PER FOOT FOR HEIGHT, \$100 FOR FLOOR SPACE AND \$200 FOR EACH TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER AND WHOMEVER IS RENTING THE SPACE PAYS FOR THEIR OWN POWER OR THE COUNTY INCLUDES IT AND MAKES AN ADJUSTMENT ON THEIR LEASE RATE TO INCLUDE IT OR SUBMETER IT.

TALBURT SAID WITH THIS PARTICULAR TOWER SITE, THERE IS A POWER PEDESTAL THAT HAS FIVE METER BASES ON IT; THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ONE AND ANYONE ELSE WHO DESIRED TO PLACE THEIR OWN BUILDING THERE OR A CONCRETE PAD WITH OUTDOOR CABINETS, ETC. COULD PUT THEIR OWN METER IN AND PUT THEIR OWN POWER ON IT. HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO A BOX FOR ALL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED; HE UNDERSTANDS THE COUNTY HAS ALL REPEATERS SO THEY MAY ALL BE WIRE LINED CONTROLLED.

RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THE NEED FOR A 300' TOWER IS TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN GET INTO SOME OF THE AREAS THAT ARE SHADOWED SUCH AS IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY, THE BELL COMMUNITY AND BACK UP TOWARD CHIPLEY, EAST OF ORANGE HILL AT REX ROAD SO THEY CAN HAVE A GOOD LINE OF COMMUNICATION WHERE FREQUENCY CAN REACH THOSE AREAS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF MOVING THE WEAVER HILL TOWER TO THE MUDHILL TOWER WOULD HELP; TRUETTE ADVISED HE FELT THERE WOULD STILL BE PROBLEMS WITH COMMUNICATIONS IF THEY MOVE THE WEAVER HILL TOWER TO THE MUDHILL TOWER AT THE SAME ELEVATION. HE EXPLAINED THE WEAVER HILL TOWER ACTUALLY WAS A BETTER LOCATION THAN THE MUDHILL TOWER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE BEING DISCUSSED BY OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND HE ASSUMES THEY WILL BE PUTTING UP TOWERS OR HAVE TOWER SPACE.

RANDALL RECOMMENDED WAITING UNTIL A STUDY IS COMPLETED TO SEE WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE GAINED BY GOING 300' WITH A TOWER VERSUS 240'.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY PLACE ELSE THE WEAVER HILL TOWER COULD BE MOVED TO; MAYBE AN EXISTING TOWER IN NEW HOPE THEY COULD RENT SPACE TO THAT MAY BE CHEAPER THEY COULD MOVE THAT PART OF THE SYSTEM TO ACCOMODATE THIS. TRUETTE ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS AVAILABLE; HE KNEW THERE WERE SOME TOWERS NORTH OF NEW HOPE AND ON ORANGE HILL BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO THEY BELONGED TO OR WHAT THE COST TO RENT SPACE ON THEM WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED RANDALL IF HE SEEN COMMUNICATIONS CHANGING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD BUILDING A NEW TOWER FOR \$300,000 WITH THE WAY COMMUNICATIONS ARE CHANGING.

TRUETTE ADDRESSED THE STATE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN IS CHANGING AND AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, WITH THE HOMELAND SECURITY SITUATION, TRY TO GET EVERYONE LINKED IN; HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD EXPECT ANY RURAL COUNTY TO DO IT AND DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WILL MANDATE IT OR NOT.

TALBURT ADVISED TRUETTE THEY WOULD NEED A PLAT OF THE MUDHILL SITE, A GEONETIC SURVEY MAP WITH A DOT ON IT SHOWING WHERE THE TOWER IS TO GO SO HE CAN PLOT THE COORDINATES AND DO THE 300' PLUS THE TOWER STATION, ETC.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ADVISED NOTHING COULD BE DONE TODAY ON THE TOWER ISSUE DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH INFORMATION AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNER LAST YEAR WHERE THE WEAVER HILL TOWER IS LOCATED, HE AGREED TO EXTEND THE TOWER SITE FOR A YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH WILLIAMS AND HE IS WANTING A TIME LINE; IF IT IS DRUG OUT ANOTHER YEAR, WILLIAMS WILL PROBABLY BE ASKING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE TOWER STAY- ING ON HIS PROPERTY.

RANDALL SAID BY MOVING THE WEAVER HILL TOWER TO THE MUDHILL SITE, THE ONLY THING ELIMINATED WOULD BE THE FAA PART OF IT AND THEY WOULD BE DEALING WITH THE FCC AND THE STATE; THEY WOULD ALSO LOSE A LOT OF RADIO ABILITY THEY HAVE NOW.

TALBURT SAID IF MR. COX WERE TO OWN THE TOWER, HE WOULD MORE THAN LIKELY BUILD A 480' TOWER AS THIS IS THE SIZE HE NORMALLY BUILDS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE LOOKING AT A TRADEOFF BETWEEN THE LEASE OF LAND FOR THE TOWER TO COX AND THE ANTENNA SPACE FOR THE COUNTY. TALBURT SAID THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COUNTY'S ANTENNA RENTAL AND WHAT COX WOULD PAY THE COUNTY FOR THE LEASE OF LAND AND THEN THERE IS A SHARED REVENUE AGREEMENT WHERE THE RENTAL OF THE REMAINING TOWER SPACE WOULD BE SPLIT 50/50 AND APPLIED BACK AGAINST THE COUNTY'S MONTHLY RENTAL.

RANDALL SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM TALBURT IS THERE IS A SET NUMBER FOR THE COUNTY TO BE ON THE TOWER AND THE COUNTY HAS A SET AMOUNT FOR COX TO BE ON THE PROPERTY; IF COX RENTS OUT ADDITIONAL TOWER SPACE, THE COUNTY WILL SHARE THAT MONEY AND IT WILL OFFSET THE COUNTY COST AND THE COUNTY WILL PROBABLY MAKE MONEY.

TALBURT ADDRESSED THE \$2200 FIGURE HE QUOTED FOR THE COUNTY'S TOWER SPACE RENTAL DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING FROM COX FOR LEASING OF THE LAND FOR THE TOWER. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR TALBURT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL COST TO THE COUNTY.

STACY WEBB OFFERED TO CHECK WITH HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT MONIES TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY MONIES AVAILABLE FOR FUNDING OF THE TOWER. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF WEBB CHECKING ON HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING FOR THE TOWER.

JOHN FOSTER, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADVISED BEHIND THE VERNON HIGH SCHOOL WOULD BE A GOOD LOCATION SHOULD THE BOARD EVER DECIDE TO BUILD A NEW TOWER.

TALBURT INFORMED THE BOARD IN THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED, IT SHOWED HOW MUCH LAND WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A PARTICULAR TOWER HEIGHT. RANDALL ADVISED HE HAD PROVIDED A LIST OF AGENCIES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED IF THEY WERE MOVED TO ANOTHER TOWER.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A COMMITTEE TO BE PUT TOGETHER TO HAVE INPUT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWER. HE ALSO ADDRESSED A TIME FRAME NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO MR. WILLIAMS ON MOVING THE TOWER OFF HIS PROPERTY, JUSTIFY HOW TO PAY FOR IT AND A PLACE TO PUT IT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A DOLLAR AMOUNT IT WILL COST THE COUNTY IF COX BUILDS A TOWER, OWNS IT AND LEASES THE LAND FOR THE TOWER FROM THE COUNTY AND TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, CONTINUED WITH HIS REPORT:

2. THE FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMISSIONER SAPP WAS DENIED AND THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMISSIONER FINCH, ROLLING PINES ROAD, WAS AWARDED FOR APPROXIMATELY \$480,000.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHEN THE BOARD COULD APPLY FOR ANOTHER FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT, KNAUER AGREED TO CHECK WITH TYLER MCMILLAN WHEN THEIR NEW APPLICATION COMES OUT BECAUSE AS IT STANDS NOW, THERE IS NOT AN APPLICATION TO SUBMIT ONE. KNAUER SAID THE BOARD MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THE ALLIGATOR CREEK AREA AND CHANCE ROAD FOR THEIR NEXT FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT APPLICATION.

KNAUER REITERATED ANY PROJECTS SUBMITTED NEEDED TO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THEY ARE IMPACTING HIGH QUALITY WETLANDS THAT ARE VALUABLE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

3. ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING MET WITH C. W. ROBERTS AND NEGOTIATED THEIR BID DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY \$7,000 UNDER THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT. C. W. ROBERT'S CONTRACT PRICE IS NOW AT \$2,384,848.37 FOR THE SCRAP AND OTTED GRANT COMBINED; THIS IS ABOUT \$7,000 UNDER BUDGET.

KNAUER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAVING REQUESTED THEY MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO OVERLAY A SMALL SECTION OF ROADWAY FROM BRICKYARD ROAD TO HIGHWAY 77; C. W. ROBERTS WILL PROBABLY DO THIS NEXT WEEK AND WHEN THEY COME BACK AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, THE COUNTY WILL START SEEING PROGRESS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE END ON HIGHWAY 277, SOUTH BOULEVARD BEING JUST AS BAD AS THAT SECTION ON BRICKYARD ROAD WITH KNAUER AGREEING TO RIDE WITH COMMISSIONER COPE TO SEE WHERE COPE WANTS OVERLAY DONE.

THE LIMEROCK BASE, WHICH THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY ISSUED A PURCHASE ORDER FOR AS PART OF ONE OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S CDBG PROJECTS, HASN'T BEEN DELIVERED YET BUT WILL BE WHEN THEY GET READY FOR IT. THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIMEROCK BASE ON BOTH ENDS OF SOUTH BOULEVARD IS NOT IN C. W. ROBERTS CONTRACT NOW WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY COUNTY FORCES. THERE IS ABOUT 1400 TONS OF LIMEROCK THAT WILL HAVE TO BE PUT DOWN BUT IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE PROJECT.

ON INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS, 12 OR 15 CULVERTS WILL NEED TO BE INSTALLED BY THE COUNTY ON SOUTH BOULEVARD; THE CONTRACTOR WAS GOING TO CHARGE \$75 A FOOT TO INSTALL CULVERTS THE COUNTY ALREADY OWNED AND HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS WORTH IT. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED IT MAY BE WORTH \$75 A FOOT TO GET THE CULVERTS INSTALLED DUE TO THE NUMBER OF GAS LINES AND FIBER OPTIC LINES INVOLVED.

KNAUER SAID HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS GOING TO BE THAT BAD FOR THE COUNTY FORCES TO INSTALL THE CULVERTS; IF THEY HAD TO MOVE THE CULVERTS TO STAY OFF THE FIBER OPTIC LINES THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY THEY HAVE TO GET IT DONE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN SOUTH BOULEVARD TO DO SOME OF THE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO PUT THE CULVERTS IN WHEN DOING THE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. THE MAJORITY OF THE BURDEN THE COUNTY HAS IS ON THE SOUTH BOULEVARD PROJECT.

THE SLIP LINERS AT KAYS CORNER-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON

ORIGINALLY HAVING THREE BOX CULVERTS TO BE PUT IN; ONE AT KAYS CORNER, ONE AT BROWN ROAD AND ONE BY THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE CONTRACTOR WANTED \$185,000 EACH FOR THESE AND THEY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE PROJECT. HOWEVER, THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A SLIP LINER ON THE KAYS CORNER SIDE; HE WOULD LIKE TO GET ANOTHER QUOTE ON A SLIP LINER, AS THE ONE HE HAS IS NO LONGER ANY GOOD, AND HAVE THE COUNTY FORCES PUT IT IN.

THERE WAS 8600 HUNDRED YARDS OF ADDITIONAL FILL THAT WAS NEEDED TO BUILD UP THE SHOULDERS ON THE ROAD; WHEN THEY BID IT OUT, THEY DIDN'T GIVE THE CONTRACTOR THE OPTION TO GET THE MATERIALS FROM A COUNTY PIT. KNAUER SAID HE HAS SPOKEN WITH C. W. ROBERTS AND SAID IF THE COUNTY GAVE THEM THE DIRT OUT OF THE COUNTY PIT, ROBERTS LOADS AND HAULS THE DIRT THEMSELVES, WHAT KIND OF SAVINGS COULD THEY GET. THE EARTHWORK PRICE WENT FROM \$165,000 TO \$80,000. KNAUER SAID THE CONTRACTOR WAS ONLY LOOKING FOR SELECT SAND FOR THE PROJECT AS THEY ARE NOT USING IT FOR BASE MATERIAL.

GEORGE ROBERTS HAD ALSO TOLD KNAUER IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO GET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ON THE EARTHWORK, THEY COULD BY LOADING AND HAULING THE DIRT TO THE JOB SITE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS NOT TO HAUL THE DIRT.

KNAUER ADDRESSED HIM HAVING A NOTICE OF AWARD AND AGREEMENT FOR C. W. ROBERTS WITH A NEW CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,384,848.37 HE NEEDED THE BOARD TO APPROVE; THE WIDENING AND LEVELING WILL STILL BE COMPLETED AND EVERYTHING GOING DOWN COMMERCE BOULEVARD AS PART OF THE OTTED GRANT WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED. HE REITERATED THE DRAINAGE AND THE NEW CULVERTS ON THE ENTIRE ROAD IS WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT; THE ONE CULVERT THEY ARE KEEPING IN THE GRANT IS ON SOUTH BOULEVARD ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH C. W. ROBERTS ON THE NEGOTIATED PRICE OF \$2,684,848.37 WITH THE CHANGES ADDRESSED BY KNAUER.

4. SWINDLE LAKE-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN DONE ON THE LAKE CHANGES THE LAYOUT THAT IS THERE NOW; THEY HAVE TO APPLY FOR A BOATRAMP DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT AND HE NEEDS AUTHORIZATION FOR A \$100 CHECK AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE PERMIT APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE A \$100 CHECK FOR A DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A BOATRAMP AT SWINDLE LAKE AND TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO SIGN THE PERMIT APPLICATION.
5. WILDER PARK-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON NEEDING A \$100 CHECK FOR A STORM WATER PERMIT FOR WILDER PARK. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE \$100 CHECK FOR A STORM WATER PERMIT.
6. LEISURE LAKE PROJECT-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ADDRESS ALIGNMENT ISSUES AND HE IS GOING TO TRY AND GET SOME RIGHTOFWAY FROM NWFWM D.
7. SCOP PROJECT/FANNING BRANCH ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD

- ON WAITING FOR THE NOTICE TO PROCEED ON THE PROJECT.
8. QUAIL HOLLOW CDBG PROJECT-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT TODAY ON THIS PROJECT AND ONCE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED IS RECEIVED THEY WILL BE READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT.
 9. GAP POND/FBIP PROJECT-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON WAITING FOR A NOTICE TO PROCEED ON THIS PROJECT; THIS IS \$130,000 GRANT AND QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TRY AND BID OUT AND WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND DO THEMSELVES. KNAUER ADVISED THE PROJECT CONSISTED OF A RESTROOM, PARKING LOT AND A BOARDWALK GOING TO THE BOATRAMP. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO BID OUT THE RAMP GOING OUT INTO THE LAKE AND THE RESURFACING OF THE PARKING LOT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED HAVING RV SITES AT GAP POND IF THERE IS ENOUGH LAND LEFT TO DO THIS; IF THIS COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO RE-DOING THE LANDING, HE FELT IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BATHROOM COULD BE DONE INHOUSE. 10.
 - ALLISON DRIVE-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NOTICE TO PROCEED HAVING COME IN AND THE AGREEMENT IS READY FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD CAN'T GET ANY MONIES OUT OF THE GRANT ON THINGS THEY HAVE DONE PRIOR TO GETTING THE NOTICE TO PROCEED. KNAUER SAID THEY STARTED WORK A LONG TIME AGO BUT THEY HAVEN'T SPENT ANY OF THE GRANT MONIES.
 11. ROCHE ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ROCHE ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT IS NOT GOING VERY WELL DUE TO EROSION AND WASHOUTS; FORTUNATELY, THERE IS A ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON THE PROJECT. KNAUER SAID HE WOULD PUT TOGETHER AN INSPECTION REPORT AND SUBMIT IT TO MR. WALTERS TO TAKE CARE OF THE ITEMS TO BE CORRECTED UNDER WARRANTY. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE C-350 EARTHBLANKET USED ON THE ROCHE ROAD PROJECT IS DEPENDENT ON GRASS COMING UP THROUGH IT TO STABILIZE IT; THEY NEVER GOT MUCH OF A STAND OF GRASS TO COME UP THROUGH THE EARTH BLANKET AND THIS WAS PART OF THE ISSUE.
 12. DORCH CIRCLE PERMIT-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HAVING FOUND THE PERMIT ON DORCH CIRCLE; HE OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROJECT.
 13. JOINER ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED TO FL DEP RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION TEAM AND THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION TEAM; BOTH HAVE INDICATED IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ON SITE. AS SOON AS HE FINDS OUT THE EXACT DATE, KNAUER AGREED TO NOTIFY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT FOR HIM TO CONTACT MR. SCOTT TO MEET WITH THEM. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT QUESTIONED KNAUER IF HE HAD PROVIDED ANY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS REQUESTED BY MR. SCOTT; KNAUER SAID HE WAS SURE THERE WAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY DONE BY FL-DEP BUT HE DIDN'T ASK FL-DEP FOR THEM.
- ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOME OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON SCENIC DRIVE QUESTIONING IF IT IS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD; IT DOESN'T SHOW ON ANY LIST OF COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS. HOWEVER, HERBERT ADVISED IT WAS FOUND IN THE MINUTES WHERE KNAUER HAD RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING THE ROAD AS COUNTY MAINTAINED CONTINGENT ON THE DEVELOPER POSTING A \$200 CASH BOND FOR SEEDING AND MULCH. AFTER CHECKING WITH FINANCE, HERBERT SAID THE BOND WAS POSTED AND IT APPEARS

EVERYTHING WAS DONE BY THE DEVELOPER HE WAS SUPPOSE TO DO BUT IT WAS NEVER GOTTEN IN THE MINUTES IT WAS COUNTY MAINTAINED AND TAKEN OFF THE LIST OF PRIVATE ROADS.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THE ROAD WAS SUPPOSE TO BE BUILT TO THE OLD COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS; HE THOUGHT THE ISSUE WAS WHEN THE DEVELOPER CALLED FOR THE FINAL INSPECTION, HE HAD HAULED A LOT OF CLAY AND DONE THE IMPROVEMENTS HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO DO BUT THE GRASS HADN'T STARTED GROWING. KNAUER EXPLAINED THAT IS WHY HE HAD RECOMMENDED THE DEVELOPER PUT UP A \$200 CASH BOND.

KNAUER HAD GONE AND INSPECTED THE ROAD AND SAID THE GRASS WAS PRETTY WELL COVERED THERE NOW; WHERE THERE ARE DITCHES, THEY ARE GRASSED PRETTY GOOD AND MOST OF THE PROJECT DOES HAVE SMALL SWALES. KNAUER SAID THEY MET WITH SOME RESIDENTS THAT WANTED IT PAVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO ACCEPT SCENIC DRIVE AS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD IF THIS IS THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE DEVELOPER HAS DONE ALL HE WAS SUPPOSE TO DO. COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED KNAUER IF HE HAD LOOKED AT THE ROAD GOOD. KNAUER ADVISED HE HAD AND ADDRESSED THE BIG ISSUE WHEN IT FIRST CAME BEFORE THE BOARD WAS THERE WAS NOT A CULDESAC AT THE END THAT MET COUNTY STANDARDS; THE COUNTY MADE HIM COME IN AND CLEAR OUT A BUNCH OF TREES THAT WERE AT THE END OF THE ROAD AND HAUL IN A BUNCH OF CLAY. KNAUER POINTED OUT THERE WAS A CULDESAC NOW AND EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT HAVE A GOOD APPEARANCE, IF AN AMBULANCE, FIRETRUCK, ETC. CAME IN, THEY COULD TURN AROUND. THE MOTION CARRIED TO ACCEPT SCENIC DRIVE AS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR HAVING APPROVED OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HONEYWELL; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD CHECKED ON THE LAND SALES AND THERE ARE MONIES AVAILABLE TO FUND THE PROJECT. HE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THEY TRY AND FUND THE HONEYWELL PROJECT INTERNALLY FROM LAND SALE MONIES AND TO ESTABLISH AN ESCROW ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,154 AND PAY THE INITIAL INVOICE FOR HONEYWELL TO GET STARTED FOR \$84,646.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE SAVINGS WOULD BE PUT BACK INTO THE LAND SALES FUND AS THIS IS WHAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD WOULD HAPPEN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY COULD BE PUT BACK INTO LAND SALES AND ADDRESSED PRADES HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE THESE FIGURES. PRADES ADVISED THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

HERBERT SAID HONEYWELL WOULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE ANNUAL SAVINGS ON THE ENERGY AND THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE PUT BACK INTO THE LAND SALES.

PRADES SAID WHAT WAS OWED HONEYWELL NOW WAS FOR MOBILIZATION AND FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE SO FAR SUCH AS THE ENGINEERING STUDY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO TAKE THE MONEY FROM LAND SALES TO DO THE HONEYWELL ENERGY PROJECT, MAKE PAYMENTS BACK TO THE COUNTY TO REPLENISH THE LAND SALES AND INCLUDE THE SAVINGS IF ANY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE LAND SALES MONIES CAN BE USED FOR REPAVING, RESURFACING OR BUILDING NEW ROADS; IF THEY INVEST THE LAND SALES MONIES INTO THE HONEYWELL PROJECT AND IT IS TIED UP, THEY WOULD HAVE TROUBLE BORROWING MONEY TO PAVE ROADS WITH. COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED LETTING HONEYWELL DO THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT AS THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO DO SOME PAVING WITH THOSE MONIES AND THESE MONIES DON'T NEED TO BE TIED UP FOR A 16 YEAR NOTE.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED BY DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HONEYWELL HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET FINANCING DUE TO AN AUDIT OPINION; HOWEVER, SINCE THE AUDITOR WENT BACK AND INCLUDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED, HONEYWELL MAY BE ABLE TO GET FINANCING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE AUDIT DIDN'T INCLUDE THE EMS; THIS HAS NOW BEEN INCLUDED AND IT MAY BE CLEARED UP.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HONEYWELL PROBABLY NEEDED THEIR INVOICE PAID BUT THE BOARD COULD STILL LET HONEYWELL FINANCE THE PROJECT AND REIMBURSE THEM FOR THE INVOICE AMOUNT. PRADES SAID, IN ORDER FOR HONEYWELL TO START, THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THE MONEY IS THERE AND IF THE COUNTY WOULD SET UP THE ESCROW ACCOUNT, IT WOULD BE FINE; THE FINANCING COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF WHENEVER THE AUDITING ISSUES

ARE CLEARED UP AND APPROVAL FOR THE FINANCING IS SECURED FROM WHATEVER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HONEYWELL BROUGHT FORWARD OR A LOCAL BANK THE COUNTY MAY NEED TO USE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THIS WOULD PRETTY MUCH WIPE OUT THE CURRENT LAND SALE MONIES. COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE LENGTH OF FINANCING AND IF IT COULD BE PAID BACK QUICKER.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE LOAN WAS TO BE PAID BACK WITH SAVINGS FROM THE HONEYWELL ENERGY PROJECT; IT WOULD TAKE THE SIXTEEN YEARS TO ACCUMULATE THE SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE PROJECT. PRADES SAID THE FLORIDA STATUTE GOVERNING THESE TYPE OF CONTRACTS TO ALLOW THE COUNTY, IF THEY HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM WHATEVER SOURCES, TO SHORTEN THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AND PREPAY IT. IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO ACHIEVE ALL THE ENERGY SAVINGS THAT WOULD COVER THE ENTIRE COST OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE 16 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND ON THE FLOOR.

CHAIRMAN SAPP RECOMMENDED TABLING THE ISSUE UNTIL THE AUDIT IS CORRECTED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO TABLE ACTION ON THE HONEYWELL PROJECT UNTIL THEY CAN CHECK ON THE FINANCING. PRADES REQUESTED THE BOARD LET HIM KNOW WHAT THEIR CHOICE IS FOR FINANCING; HONEYWELL HAS ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING BUT THEY NEED TO REDO THE CREDIT CHECK WITH UPDATED INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW SOON COULD IT BE DETERMINED IF THE UPDATED AUDIT REPORT WOULD ALLOW HONEYWELL TO FINANCE THE PROJECT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED PRADES COULD BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE UPDATED AUDIT AND HE COULD GET IT TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO SEE IF THEY WOULD AGREE TO FINANCE IT. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IF THEY COULDN'T GET FINANCING, POSSIBLY THE BOARD COULD GO BACK TO THE OPTION OF USING LAND SALES TO PAY FOR IT.

PRADES SAID THEY WOULD RESUBMIT THE AUDIT INFORMATION TO THEIR FINANCING COMPANY AND LET THE BOARD KNOW IF IT WAS APPROVED OR NOT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, COMMISSIONER COPE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY, AT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION AT THEIR LAST MEETING, TO NEGOTIATE WITH CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM ON THEIR AUDITING FEES. THEY MET WITH THEM AND THEY HAVE SUBMITTED A STANDARD ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE; THE AUDITING FEES ARE NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.

HERBERT EXPLAINED THEIR FEE STARTED OUT AROUND \$65,000 BUT AGREED TO LOWER IT WHEN CONSIDERING GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS WOULD BE PROVIDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; HOWEVER, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME WORK ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AFTER THEY RECEIVE THEM AND THERE WERE ALSO SOME ADDITIONAL AUDITING REQUIREMENTS DEALING WITH FRAUD.

HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD TALKED WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ON THE AUDITING FEES; THEY WERE OKAY WITH IT EVEN THOUGH THEY FELT IT WAS A LITTLE HIGH BECAUSE THEY LIKED THE IDEA OF WORKING WITH A LOCAL FIRM FROM MARIANNA.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED DONNA ROGERS, FROM GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS, HAVING CONTACTED HER AFTER REVIEWING THE AGREEMENT FROM CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM. ROGERS POINTED OUT THE TIME FRAME THE FIRM WAS TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE AUDIT MAY CAUSE THE AUDIT REPORT NOT TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO MEET SOME OF THE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FL-DCA GRANTS. CARTER ALSO ADDRESSED AUDIT REPORTS HAVE BEEN LATE IN THE PAST BUT SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE END OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REFERRED TO DONNA ROGERS HAVING BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE GRANT REQUIREMENT FROM FL-DCA TO HAVE A COPY OF THE COUNTY'S AUDIT BY APRIL 30TH OF EACH YEAR. AFTER TALKING WITH STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON, HE WAS INFORMED SHE HAD TO REQUEST EXTENSIONS FROM FL-DCA ABOUT EVERY YEAR AND IT WAS PRETTY COMMON.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER READDRESSED THE TIME FRAME IN THE AUDITING FIRM'S ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND EXPRESSED THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND THE COUNTY WOULD

LIKE TO HAVE THE AUDIT COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

LESLIE TUCKER, REPRESENTING CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEM NOT BEING ABLE TO CHANGE THE TIME TABLE IN THE BEGINNING DUE TO TAX SEASON AND THE SCHEDULING OF THEIR OTHER AUDITS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER RECOMMENDED HAVING GRIMSLEY, CAVIN AND ROOKS COMPLETE THEIR FINANCIALS FOR THE COUNTY BY JANUARY 31ST EACH YEAR SO CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM CAN START WORK ON THE AUDIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHE ALSO REFERRED TO THE AUDIT CONTRACT BEING FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD AND THE TIME TABLE IN THEIR AGREEMENT WOULD REMAIN THE SAME IF IT WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE 1% FEE THE AUDITING FIRM WOULD BE CHARGING FOR GRANTS WOULD HAVE TO BE BUDGETED. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT EXPLAINED THIS COULD BE PAID FOR AND BUDGETED OUT OF THE GRANTS. HERBERT SAID THE WAY THE AUDITING FIRM HAD EXPLAINED IT, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THE 1% FEE TO BE CHARGED.

LESLIE ADVISED FOR A SINGLE AUDIT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE OVER \$500,000 EXPENDED OF FEDERAL MONIES OR STATE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED THE BOARD THEY WERE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL MONIES TO HAVE TO BE BUDGETED FOR AUDITING PURPOSES AS THEY ONLY BUDGETED \$45,000 AND WITH THE FINANCIALS IT WILL BE \$65,000.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED LESLIE IF THE AUDITING FEES COULD BE LOWERED. LESLIE ADVISED SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO DETERMINE THIS; BUT, IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THE FEES ARE ABOUT AS LOW AS THEY CAN GO.

COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED AND OFFERED A MOTION TO HIRE CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM TO DO THE COUNTY AUDIT FOR \$45,000. COM- MISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERRED TO HAVING GIVEN THE BOARD COPIES OF THE PROPOSED STIPULATION SETTLEMENTS OF THE NORTHERN TRUST SUITS AND REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO FINALIZE THEM. HE INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD TALKED WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON WHAT NORTHERN TRUST IS REQUESTING ON THE GPS AND HE IS OKAY WITH IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO FINALIZE THE PROPOSED STIPULATION SETTLEMENTS OF THE NORTHERN TRUST SUITS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH COPIES OF THE HEARING AND HIS RECOMMENDATION AS HEARING OFFICER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD ON A GRIEVANCE FILED BY GLEN SHEFFIELD. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON SHEFFIELD'S GREIVANCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH COPIES OF THE HEARING AND HIS RECOMMENDATION AS HEARING OFFICER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD ON A GREIVANCE FILED BY JACOB STRICKLAND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THERE BEING A COUPLE OF TIMES WHERE PEOPLE WERE HIRED AND LATER ON IT WAS FOUND OUT THEY HAD EXPERIENCE AND THEY WERE GIVEN SOMETHING FOR THEIR EXPERIENCE. HE SAID THE BOARD HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM A PERSON WHEN THEY ARE HIRED OF ALL THE POLICIES; AS THEY ARE INTERVIEWED, THEY SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE AND ADVISE THEM THEIR EXPERIENCE WOULD ALLOW THEM TO START AT A HIGHER SALARY IF THEY WERE HIRED. FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL THIS WAS DONE WITH STRICK- LAND EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS AN EXISTING POLICY; HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF STRICKLAND HAD EXPERIENCE BUT HE SAYS HE HAS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT ROGER OR PETE DIDN'T DO THE INTERVIEWING FOR JACOB STRICKLAND; IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS INFORMED OF THAT POLICY AND HE THOUGHT DAVID CORBIN DID THE INTERVIEWING. HOLLEY SAID HE WAS ADVISED THE POLICY WAS AVAILABLE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW FROM THE TESTIMONY WHETHER ANYBODY SPECIFICALLY ADVISED STRICKLAND OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED BACK TO SPECIFIC CASES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE COME BACK IN, SAID THEY WERE UNAWARE OF THE POLICY, THE BOARD AGREED IT WAS POLICY WHEN THEY WERE HIRED AND ENDED UP GIVING THEM MORE MONEY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT STATED THIS WAS WHILE THE POLICY WAS STILL IN EXISTENCE; THE POLICY NO LONGER EXISTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WOULDN'T STRICKLAND GONE DURING THE TIME THE POLICY CHANGED FOR MILITARY SERVICE; HOLLEY SAID THAT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH VOICED HIS OPINION THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT DIFFERENTLY AS HE FELT STRICKLAND HAD A LEGITIMATE CASE BASED ON WHAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE IN THE PAST. FINCH ADDRESSED IF STRICKLAND HAD BEEN HERE AND HAD NEVER DONE ANYTHING ABOUT IT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT; HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE WHEN THE COUNTY MADE A CHANGE IN POLICY. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT STRICKLAND DESERVES.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING CHANGED POLICY AND GAVE PEOPLE CREDIT FOR EXPERIENCE AT ONE TIME; BUT, HE QUESTIONED IF THE PEOPLE THAT WAS ACTUALLY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND GETTING THEIR EXPERIENCE HERE RECEIVED ANY CREDITS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THAT HE, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD WENT THROUGH THE EMPLOYEES AT ONE TIME, ADJUSTED SOME SALARIES, ACTUALLY DID MOVE PEOPLE UP IN PAY GRADES BECAUSE OF EXPERIENCE AND FELT LIKE EVENING THEM OUT FOR SOME THAT HAD GOTTEN AWARDED FOR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED STRICKLAND'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WAS WORKING IN PARKS AND RECREATION AS AN INMATE SUPERVISOR.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE JUST KNEW STRICKLAND WAS A GOOD EMPLOYEE AND DOES A GOOD JOB; SHEFFIELD DOES A GOOD JOB TO AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT LIKE STRICKLAND HAD A LEGITIMATE CONCERN BUT DIDN'T KNOW IF IT SHOULD BE TO THE POINT OF A LEGITIMATE GRIPE OR APPEAL. HE REITERATED HE COULD SEE WHERE STRICKLAND HAD A LEGITIMATE CONCERN WHERE HE WASN'T TREATED EXACTLY LIKE SOME OTHERS HAD BEEN TREATED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THAT STRICKLAND STILL HAS NOT TURNED IN ANY DOCUMENTATION ON HIS PRIOR EXPERIENCE; WHEN HE FIRST TALKED WITH HIM, HE WAS GOING TO PROVIDE HIS TRAINING RECORDS FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED AND OFFERED A MOTION TO TABLE ACTION ON THE GREIVANCE FOR JACOB STRICKLAND UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING UNTIL STRICKLAND PROVIDES AMPLE INFORMATION. COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HANDLE IT IF THERE WERE MORE EMPLOYEES THAT CAME UP AT A LATER TIME. COM- MISSIONER FINCH SAID THE ONLY REASON HE WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THE GRIEVANCE WAS DUE TO STRICKLAND HAVING BEEN SENT TO IRAQ AND THE POLICY WAS CHANGED WHILE HE WAS GONE; HE WOULDN'T LISTEN TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN HERE ALL THE TIME AND THEN THEY COME FORWARD AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR CHANGING THE POLICY; THEY WOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN INCREASE IN THEIR PAYGRADE DUE TO EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN HERE ALL THE TIME.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT JACOB STRICKLAND WAS BACK FROM IRAQ BEFORE THE POLICY IN QUESTION WAS RESCINDED. COM- MISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED HERBERT BRING THIS INFORMATION FORWARD AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO F. D. CHESTNUT TO QUIT CLAIM AN EASEMENT THE COUNTY HAD GOTTEN YEARS AGO TO GO THROUGH HIS PROPERTY; THAT HAS NOW BEEN ABANDONED, THEY HAVE CHANGED THE ROUTE OF THE ROAD AND THE COUNTY HASN'T USED THE EASEMENT IN YEARS AND YEARS. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO EXECUTE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED TO F. D. CHESTNUT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO JEAN AND DENNIS HELLWIG FOR A TAX DEED THAT WAS ISSUED ERRONEOUSLY WHICH THE BOARD HAD APPROVED AT THEIR LAST BOARD MEETING AND NEEDED TO BE EXECUTED.

HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN EASEMENT TO MR. MARTIN JOHNS WHICH WAS IN COMMISSIONER FINCH'S DISTRICT; COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THIS WAS GOING DOWN TO DANIELS LAKE AND THE BOARD HAD ACTED ON IT AT A PREVIOUS MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO REDESIGNATE WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A COUNTY OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. HE ADVISED THIS WAS A DESIGNATION THE COUNTY HAS HAD FOR A FEW YEARS NOW WHICH HELPS THEM OUT WITH GRANTS, WAIVERS, MATCHES, ETC. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTER TO REDESIGNATE WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A COUNTY OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S REQUEST.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE HAVING BEEN DISCUSSION PREVIOUSLY ON A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NEGRO LAKE TO DOVE LAKE AND THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED MORE INPUT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND HE HAS RECEIVED PHONE CALLS ABOUT THIS; GAIL HARRIS WHO LIVES IN TALLAHASSEE AT THE PRESENT TIME BUT OWNS PROPERTY IN THAT AREA ADVISED SHE AND THE LATE TOMMY MCDONALD HAD BEEN WORKING TO GET THE NAME OF THE LAKE CHANGED TO CHAIN LAKE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED SHE OWNED THE LAKE WITH HERBERT ADDING THE LAKE WAS AT THE END OF CHAIN LAKE ROAD. HERBERT SAID HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH WANTED TO BRING THIS MATTER BACK BEFORE THE BOARD TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NEGRO LAKE TO CHAIN LAKE. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF CHANGING THE NAME FROM NEGRO LAKE TO CHAIN LAKE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF ANY MORE ADDRESSES WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED BY DOING THIS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO JERRY BROCK, 911 DIRECTOR, AND WAS TOLD IT WOULDN'T AFFECT ADDRESSES OF ANYONE ELSE.

THE MOTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NEGRO LAKE TO CHAIN LAKE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN E-MAIL HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CHRIS DOOGLE OF THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION; LAST YEAR DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION THERE WAS A BILL INTRODUCED FOR PHYSICALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES AND IT MADE IT THROUGH THE SESSION UNTIL IT REACHED THE SENATE. THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION IS SUPPORTING THE BILL THIS YEAR AND IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ASK THEM TO CO-SPONSOR THESE BILLS. HERBERT REPORTED LAST YEAR IT WOULD HAVE MEANT AN ADDITIONAL \$550,000 TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IF IT HAD PASSED. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN LETTERS HE HAD PREPARED TO REPRESENTATIVE DON BROWN AND SENATOR DURELL PEADEN ASKING FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BILL. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTERS REQUESTED BY HERBERT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT LEVEL THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO BE AT BEFORE THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO GET A DESIGNATION AS AN AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED BEING A PHYSICALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTY IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH ONE MILL GENERATES; THE CUT OFF IS IF ONE MILL GENERATES \$3,000,000.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE OVID ROAD SUIT. HE REPORTED THE COUNTY HAD GOTTEN THE STIPULATION ON THE ROAD AND IT HAD ONE ERROR IN IT; HE HAS CONTACTED CURRY ADKISON, ATTORNEY FOR HULAN PITTS ON THE ERROR, AND HE IS TAKING OUT THE PROVISION IN THE STIPULATION THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE AGREEMENT. HOLLEY ADVISED HE SHOULD GET THE CORRECTED STIPULATION SHORTLY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL FOR VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR NOVEMBER 2005 TALLING \$1,336,073.29. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN ONGOING PROBLEM WITH A PERSON PUTTING CONES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF UNION HILL ROAD, THE COUNTY GOES AND REMOVES THEM AND TAKES THE GRADER AND CUTS HIS GRASS. STRICKLAND EXPLAINED THE

COUNTY HAD 22' THAT IS COUNTY MAINTAINED AND EVERYTIME HIS GRASS GROWS, THE CONES GETS CLOSER INTO THE ROAD. HE HAD REQUESTED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO WRITE THE PERSON A LETTER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, HE IS GOING TO WRITE THE PERSON INFORMING HIM THE COUNTY HAS 22' THAT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AND REQUEST HE CLEAR ANYTHING IN THAT AREA.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REPORTED WITHIN THE LAST WEEK AND A HALF, THE PERSON HAS PUT A MAILBOX IN THE MAINTAINED AREA; HE GETS A LOT OF PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE PASSING THROUGH ON UNION HILL AS THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR ONE VEHICLE AT A TIME.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEND THE PERSON A LETTER INFORMING THEM OF THE 22' COUNTY MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM ON CREEK ROAD COMING OFF OF HIGHWAY 79 WITH THE HIGHWAY IS CAVING IN; THEY WENT BACK LAST NOVEMBER WHEN IT FLOODED AND IT WAS UNDERMINING UNDER THE ROAD. HE REPORTED ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS BEEN PATCHING IT AND IT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE 2006-2007 YEAR TO BE REPAVED; HE IS HOPING THE PATCHING WILL LAST UNTIL THEN.

HE ADDRESSED HE, ROGER HAGAN AND ROBERT HARCUS WENT AND LOOKED AT THE ROAD; HE SHOWED THE BOARD PICTURES HE HAD TAKEN OF WHAT PROBLEMS THEY WOULD HAVE UPCOMING AND EXPLAINED HE DIDN'T HAVE MONIES IN HIS BUDGET TO DO ANYTHING WITH.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TRY AND KEEP PATCHING IT UNTIL 2006-2007 WHEN THE ROAD IS TO BE REPAVED; IF IT DETERIORATES PRIOR TO THEN, THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND BROUGHT IT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THERE WERE A COUPLE OF EMPLOYEES FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE WHO HAD SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK AN EXTRA ONE YEAR TO GET THEIR LONGEVITY PAY INCREASE. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE LONGEVITY PAY BE GIVEN ON AN EMPLOYEE'S HIRE DATE RATHER THAN OCTOBER 1ST EACH YEAR.

DEPUTY CLERK REMINDED THE BOARD THEY MAY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING WHEN THE LONGEVITY PAY INCREASES WERE GIVEN AS THIS WAS THE BOARD'S POLICY FOR EVERYONE TO RECEIVE THEIR LONGEVITY PAY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LEAVE THE POLICY AS IS.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HIM FEELING FOR THE PEOPLE ON CHANCE ROAD BUT THEY ARE HARD TO DEAL WITH. HE REFERRED TO THE CURVE THE LADY ADDRESSED IS THE FIRST SHARP CURVE ON THE ROAD; THE PRISONERS GO IN THERE AND GO AS FAR BACK AS THEY CAN REACH WITHOUT GETTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD REQUESTED CHRIS LAWSON GO AND SPRAY THE WEEDS TO TRY AND KILL THEM; THE ROAD IS NO WORSE THAN SOME OTHER ROADS IN THE COUNTY. SHORT OF PAVING, COPE SAID THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF SOME OF THE PEOPLE MAY GIVE SOME LAND FOR ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE CURVE SOME. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THEY PROBABLY WOULD; HOWEVER, THE CURVE IS FINE AS LONG AS PEOPLE DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO. HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE ROAD AS HE RIDES IT ONCE A WEEK; PART OF THE ROADS SHE TALKED ABOUT WAS PRIVATE ROADS AND THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T HAVE PICKED THEM UP. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING A GRADER OPERATOR AT ONE TIME WHO LIVED IN THERE AND STARTED GRADING THE ROADS; ONCE YOU START GRADING, IT IS HARD TO STOP GRADING IT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO RIDE CHANCE ROAD AND GIVE HIM A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT TO DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO DO THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THE FIRST QUARTER WOULD BE FOR OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER AND HE HOPED TO HAVE THE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT THE JANUARY 12TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORTED HE WAS INVITED TO THE TRI- COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY CHRISTMAS EVENT AND AFTERWARDS WAS INVITED TO ONE OF THEIR MEETINGS. THE AUTHORITY IS WANTING THE BOARD TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE AIRPORT AS THE

COUNTY CHANGES AND DEVELOPS; THEY WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS.

THE TCAA ALSO WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER GIVING THEM AN OLD VEHICLE WHEN AND IF THEY HAVE ONE AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. HE HAD DISCUSSION WITH ROGER HAGAN, DALLAS CARTER AND ROBERT HARCUS ON CONCERNS WITH MECHANICS DRIVING VEHICLES HOME. HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING APPROVED TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR THE SHOP RATHER THAN HAVE THE MECHANICS BRING THEIR TOOLS FROM HOME. HE ADDRESSED WITH THE VEHICLES LEFT AT THE SHOP, IF THERE IS A VAN, TRUCK OR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DOWN FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, THERE IS NOT A PLACE TO PARK THAT VEHICLE; THERE IS A CHANCE THEN FOR TOOLS TO BE STOLEN OUTSIDE THE SHOP AND IT IS POSSIBLE TOOLS CAN GET STOLEN INSIDE THE SHOP. THEIR RECOMMENDATION WAS TO ALLOW THE MECHANICS TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLES HOME TO FREE UP THE SHOP SPACE.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE MECHANICS LIKE TO USE THEIR OWN TOOLS SOME AND THERE PROBABLY ISN'T THAT MUCH OF A SAVINGS BY NOT ALLOWING THEM TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLES HOME. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THEM BEING ABLE TO DO SOME WORK ON EQUIPMENT ON THEIR WAY HOME IF THERE IS SOME PROBLEMS WITH EQUIPMENT WHICH IS CLOSE TO THEIR HOME. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MECHANICS DRIVING THEIR VEHICLES HOMES AND POINTED OUT THEY USE TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH VOICED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE MECHANICS DRIVING THEIR VEHICLES HOME; THE BOARD KEPT TELLING THEM THEY WOULD BUY THEM TOOLS SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE THE VEHICLES HOME.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED HE HAD RATHER SEE THE BOARD PURCHASE THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR THE SHOP RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE MECHANICS DRIVE THEIR VEHICLES HOME.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE MECHANICS PROBABLY HAD \$8,000 TO \$9,000 WORTH OF TOOLS EACH AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS READY TO SPEND THAT KIND OF MONEY; COMMISSIONER FINCH DISAGREED THE MECHANICS HAD THAT VALUE OF TOOLS BUT AGREED THE COUNTY NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE TOOLS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND FOR DISCUSSION TO NOT ALLOW THE MECHANICS TO DRIVE COUNTY VEHICLES HOME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THE COUNTY HAD JUST HIRED NEW MECHANICS AND THEY WERE TOLD WHAT THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS WERE GOING TO BE; THEY WERE NOT TOLD THEY WOULD BE GETTING A COUNTY VEHICLE TO DRIVE HOME AS THE OTHER MECHANICS MIGHT WOULD HAVE STAYED ON IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO LET THEM DRIVE A COUNTY VEHICLE HOME.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHO DROVE COUNTY VEHICLES HOME NOW AT PUBLIC WORKS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED ROGER HAGAN AND THE TWO PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS CURRENTLY DRIVE A COUNTY VEHICLE HOME. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID CHRIS LAWSON LEFT HIS COUNTY VEHICLE AT THE SOD FARM.

COMMISSIONER COPE THEN WENT OVER THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO DROVE COUNTY VEHICLES HOME; THEY INCLUDED LLOYD BRUNER, DAVID CORBIN, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND PETER HERBERT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WAS FOR HELPING THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ANY WAY HE COULD BUT IF YOU LOOK AT WALMART'S AND LOOK AT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE ON COMPANY VEHICLES BUYING GROCERIES, ETC., HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN DOING THIS. HE SAID HE WAS PRETTY SURE THE EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WOULDN'T DO THAT AND HE HAS ONE OF THE MECHANICS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE THAT LIVES IN HIS DISTRICT. HE POINTED OUT THE MECHANICS NEVER GET CALLED OUT ON THE WEEKENDS TO DO ANY WORK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD COULD REVISIT THIS ISSUE THEIR NEXT BUDGET TIME AND POINTED OUT THERE NEEDED TO BE A LOT OF DISCUSSION BEFORE ALLOWING THEM TO START DRIVING COUNTY VEHICLES HOME.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE MECHANICS BROUGHT THEIR PERSONAL TOOLS ON THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLES. COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE BRINGING ANY TOOLS FROM HOME AND THE COUNTY SHOULD PURCHASE ANY TOOLS NEEDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY NOT TO ALLOW THE MECHANICS TO DRIVE THE COUNTY VEHICLES HOME.

COMMISSIONER SAPP REPORTED ON OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BEING REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC WORKS; PURCHASE OF DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT, TIRE CHANGER AND DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PM PROGRAM WITH CATERPILLAR; THE MECHANICS WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME WORK FOR HALF THE PRICE AS CATERPILLAR AND THIS WOULD SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT PUBLIC WORK'S IS REQUESTING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT BEING REQUESTED AND THE EFFECT DISCONTINUING THE CATERPILLAR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE WHEN THE COUNTY TRADES IN THEIR EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER SAPP REPORTED AS LONG AS THE MECHANICS PULL THEIR OIL SAMPLES AND SEND THEM IN, THEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME RECORDS BASICALLY AS CATERPILLAR.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO DISCONTINUE THE SERVICE WITH CATERPILLAR AND PURCHASE THE TOOLS REQUESTED BY PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT PURCHASING SOME USED TRUCKS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED GETTING SOME PRICES ON SOME TRUCKS JUST TO SEE THE COST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULDN'T PURCHASE EQUIPMENT OFF THE STATE BID AND REFERRED TO THE VEHICLES DIDN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES, ETC. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD COULD PURCHASE OFF OF STATE BID.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF AN INDIVIDUAL WANTS TO SELL A VEHICLE, COULD HE BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THEY HAD ADVERTISED FOR A USED VEHICLE AND WAS PRETTY SPECIFIC ON THE VEHICLE DESCRIPTION BUT THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY BIDS ON IT.

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

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END OF MINUTES FOR 12/15/05

CHAIRMAN