

BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/27/05

JANUARY 27, 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 CORBIN, FINCH, SAPP, STRICKLAND AND COPE PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF BOBBY HADDOCK PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ROGER HAGAN OFFERING PRAYER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

KEN MONEGHAN, WITH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST, PRE-SENTED THE BOARD WITH A PLAQUE IN APPRECIATION FOR THEM ALLOWING FACT TO PROVIDE THEIR LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FROM 1989 TO 2004.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2004.

NORTHERN TRUST LAWSUIT-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD, SHOULD THEY TAKE ACTION TODAY, ON THEIR ACTION WOULD BE TO ADVERTISE THE CESSATION TO STOP MAINTENANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

1. NORTH HENRY LANE-A SHORT ROAD THAT LEAVES HIGHWAY 79 AND RUNS EASTWARD INTO A GROUP OF HOMES; THERE IS ANOTHER ROAD IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO IT THAT GOES INTO A GROUP OF HOMES ALSO.
2. ROCKY LANDING ROAD-ROAD THAT RUNS THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF NORTHERN TRUST AND DEAD ENDS SHORT OF THE RUN OF THE CHOCTOWHATCHEE RIVER; THIS ROAD HAS HAD A LOT OF WHITE GOODS, GARBAGE AND DEBRI DUMPED ON THE SIDE OF IT AND ON THE PROPERTY OF NORTHERN TRUST.
3. BELL COMMUNITY ROAD-A PORTION COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BELL COMMUNITY PROPERTY WHERE THE NORTHERN TRUST PROPERTY BEGINS AND TERMINATES AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH CEDAR TREE LANDING ROAD.
4. CHARLIE BROWN ROAD-THAT PORTION LYING BETWEEN JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD AND ARMSTRONG MILL ROAD
5. POTTER SPRINGS ROAD-THAT PORTION BEGINNING PAST THE HOUSES AND RUNNING WESTWARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SPRING RUN ROAD

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THEIR INTENT TO CONSIDER THE VACATING OR CESSATION OF THESE ROADS; THESE ARE A GROUP OF ROADS INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT WITH NORTHERN TRUST AT THE PRESENT TIME. IF THE BOARD HAS A PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTES TO VACATE THESE ROADS, HOLLEY SAID IT WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN NORTHERN TRUST QUIT- CLAIMS CERTAIN OTHER ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS INVOLVED IN THE LAWSUIT WITH THE COUNTY.

HOLLEY SAID THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD NEED TO BE RUN TWO TIMES, ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO WEEKS; THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ACKNOWLEDGED THERE BEING A GROUP OF PEOPLE PRESENT WANTING TO SPEAK ON THE ROAD CLOSINGS. HE REQUESTED, IF THE GROUP HAD A REPRESENTATIVE THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD BEFORE THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE ROAD CLOSINGS, THEY ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.

LEONARD DEAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD OPPOSING THE ROAD CLOSINGS DUE TO THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE SCHOOL BUS, GARBAGE TRUCK AND MAIL CARRIER TRAVELLING THE ROADS. DEAN SAID SOME OF THE ROADS WERE USED BY THE

EBRO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS THEIR WATER SUPPLY AND REFERENCED RESPONSE TIME BEING VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE EMS SERVICE.

DEAN EXPLAINED A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD CONTACTED HIM WHO LIVE ON THE ROADS AND TRAVEL THEM DAILY; IF SOME OF THESE ROADS ARE CLOSED, THEY WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL A LONGER DISTANCE TO GET TO THEIR DESTINATION; HE EXPLAINED IF POTTER SPRINGS ROAD IS CLOSED, A PERSON LIVING ON THE ROAD WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL ANOTHER THREE MILES A DAY TO GET TO ACORN ROAD.

DEAN EXPLAINED THERE WOULD BE NO WHERE FOR THE SCHOOL BUS OR GARBAGE TRUCK TO TURN AROUND IF POTTER SPRINGS ROAD IS CLOSED; THE CHILDREN LIVING ON THE ROAD WOULD HAVE TO WALK APPROXIMATELY 200' TO GET TO THE SCHOOL BUS.

DEAN SAID MR. JAMES PETERSON, WHO IS DISABLED, WOULD HAVE TO TRY AND GET HIS GARBAGE UP TO HIGHWAY 79 DUE TO THE GARBAGE TRUCK NOT BEING ABLE TO TURN AROUND.

DEAN ADDRESSED SPRING RUN ROAD SAYING A LOT OF PEOPLE TRAVEL THESE ROADS; MOST DECENT HOMES HAVE TWO OR MORE ENTRANCES AND IF SPRING RUN ROAD IS CLOSED, THIS WOULD CLOSE OFF ONE OF THE ENTRANCES TO THESE HOMES.

DEAN THEN ADDRESSED HIM LIVING ON BELL COMMUNITY ROAD; IF THE SOUTH END OF BELL COMMUNITY ROAD IS CLOSED AND SOMETHING HAPPENED IN FRONT OF HIS HOME, HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT. HE POINTED OUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT USES THIS ROAD TO GET TO THEIR WATER SUPPLY AND RESPONSE TIME COULD SAVE LIVES.

DEAN POINTED OUT THAT CHARLIE BROWN ROAD WAS A STRAIGHT ACCESS TO HIGHWAY 79; IF THIS ROAD WAS CLOSED, PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO TURN ON ARMSTRONG ROAD, JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD AND COME OUT ON SUGAR DOLL/POTTER ROAD. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE LANDOWNER DIDN'T CONSTRUCT ANY OF THESE ROADS; SOME OF THESE ROADS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR OVER EIGHTY YEARS BY PUBLIC FUNDS.

DEAN SAID THE CITIENS OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVE A DEEP CONCERN REGARDING THESE ROAD CLOSINGS AND ARE WILLING TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO KEEP THE ROADS OPEN.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED DEAN IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH CLOSING HENRY LANE AND POINTED OUT THERE WERE TWO LANES GOING TO ONE HOUSE AND THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET TO IT. DEAN SAID THE MAIL AND GARBAGE CARRIERS USE THIS ROAD AS WELL.

ATTORNEY KERRY ADKISON ADDRESSED ONE ISSUE WITH HENRY LANE WAS IN ORDER TO GO DOWN TO THE SOUTH SIDE, A PERSON IF THEY WERE GOING NORTH ON HIGHWAY 79, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO DOWN TO SMITHS STORE, TURN AROUND AND GO BACK UP TO GET BACK GOING NORTH ON HIGHWAY 79; THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO SOUTH, TURN AROUND AND COME BACK TO GO NORTH. HE WAS REFERENCING THIS IS WHAT BRUCE SMITH, FORESTRY DIVISION, FIRETRUCKS AND GARBAGE TRUCKS WOULD HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER COPE THEN QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH ROCKY LANDING ROAD AS THERE IS NO HOUSES ON THIS ROAD. DEAN SAID THE OLDER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY NO LONGER FISH FROM A BOAT AND THEY USE THIS ROAD TO DO BANK FISHING; THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN A COUPLE OF FAMILY REUNIONS HELD THERE TOO.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERENCED THERE BEING A LOT OF DUMPING ON THE ROAD AND PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE RIVER AT THE CEDAR TREE BOAT LANDING. HE ADDED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO BUILT THE ROADS BUT THEY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME AND THE COUNTY HAS MAINTAINED THEM FOR YEARS. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD GET WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, GARBAGE SERVICE AND MAIL CARRIERS TO SEE HOW THE ROAD CLOSINGS WOULD IMPACT THEM BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN POINTED OUT ALL THE ACTION THE BOARD WOULD BE TAKING TODAY WOULD BE TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; IF THEY DID VOTE TO ABANDON MAINTENANCE, THIS WOULDN'T MEAN CLOSING THE ROAD. HE SAID IT IS A PUBLIC ROAD AFTER THE COUNTY ABANDON'S MAINTENANCE; IF A ROAD HAS BEEN TRAVELLED FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS, ANYONE WANTING TO CLOSE IT WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PROPER PROCEDURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND COPE AGREED IF THE COUNTY STOPS MAINTAINING THESE ROADS, THEY MAY AS WELL CLOSE THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE

CITIZENS TO CHALLENGE THE CLOSING OF THE ROAD; THE COUNTY IS NOT GOING TO FENCE THE ROAD OFF BUT ARE GOING TO ABANDON MAINTENANCE ON THE ROAD.

ADKISON AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE ON THE NEED TO WAIT UNTIL SOME MORE WORK IS DONE BEFORE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ROAD CLOSINGS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE GARBAGE TRUCK GOES TO BELL COMMUNITY ROAD. DEAN SAID IT WENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH BELL COMMUNITY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE BUS WENT DOWN BELL COMMUNITY ROAD. DEAN SAID IT DIDN'T AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE ROAD BEING FLOODED AT TIMES AND THE BUS NOT WANTING TO TAKE A CHANCE OF GOING TO THE BRANCH AND WATER BEING ACROSS THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHY HENRY LANE'S SOUTH ACCESS TO HIGHWAY 79 COULDN'T BE DEVELOPED SO PEOPLE COULD TURN EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OFF OF HENRY LANE OFF THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE HIGHWAY. ADKISON SAID THIS MAY BE SOMETHING THE COUNTY COULD LOOK AT DOING.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HENRY LANE COMING IN AT AN ANGLE TO HIGHWAY 79; THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A DANGEROUS SITUATION COMING INTO A HIGHWAY AT AN ANGLE AND PEOPLE WOULD RATHER COME IN AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE. HE POINTED OUT THEY COULD COME IN AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE ON THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE LANE; HOWEVER, THIS WOULD AFFECT BIG TRUCKS LIKE BRUCE SMITH DRIVES.

BRUCE SMITH SAID IT WOULD AFFECT FORESTRY TRUCKS, FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES, GARBAGE TRUCKS, ETC. HE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK WHAT COM- MISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED COULD BE DONE BECAUSE THE ROAD COMES AT AN ANGLE; HE WOULD HAVE TO SWING INTO A DITCH TO GO NORTH. HOWEVER, HE SAID IT COULD BE LOOKED AT. HE THEN POINTED OUT IN ORDER TO DO IT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A LOT OF THE CORNER OFF, TAKE THE FENCE DOWN, REMOVE TREES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF HIGHWAYS THAT INTERSECT WITH MAJOR HIGHWAYS THAT ARE NOT AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE AND PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO TURN BOTH WAYS. HE THOUGHT HENRY LANE ROAD COULD BE DEVELOPED SO IT WOULDN'T HINDER PEOPLE GOING OR COMING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY COMMENTED HE HEARD WHAT WAS BEING SAID AND HE SYMPATHIZES WITH THE PEOPLE; HOWEVER, THE ISSUES WITH THE GARBAGE TRUCK, MAIL TRUCK, ETC. ARE NOT LEGAL ISSUES IN THE MATTER WITH THE LAWSUIT; THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE COUNTY CONSTRUCTED THE ROADS AND MAINTAINED THEM FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. HE EXPLAINED IT MAY BE AN ISSUE IF THE GROUP WANTS TO INTERVENE IN THE SUIT ON THE PUBLIC ROAD THEORY; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH THE COUNTY MAINTAINING THE ROAD. THE COUNTY HAS TO PROVE THEY OR SOME GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CONSTRUCTED THESE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATING OF THE MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS STATED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY. COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED AT THE HEARING PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD; AFTER THAT, THE BOARD WOULD TAKE SOME TYPE OF ACTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THIS WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR EVERYONE TO BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON THE ABANDONMENT OF MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS; THIS IS NOT TO CLOSE THE ROAD AT THAT TIME BUT JUST TO ABANDON MAINTENANCE. HE THEN VOICED HIS OPINION CHAIRMAN FINCH WAS IN ERROR TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE THIS MORNING; IT WAS PREMATURE AND SHOULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO HAVE THE CON- VERSATIONS THAT WAS HAD THIS MORNING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD CORBIN WHEN HE GOT TO BE CHAIRMAN, HE COULD DO IT CORRECTLY AS HE DID IT THE BEST HE COULD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO BE ABLE TO GET WATER FROM THE PONDS. HE ALSO SAID THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE HELD AT NIGHT SO EVERYONE CAN ATTEND.

THE MOTION TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATING OF MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS AT 6:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 24TH. COMMISSIONER COPE OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THE BOARD WISHED TO PULL ANY OF THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ON ITEM B SHOULD BE \$5,985. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE TO ITEM B:

- A. APPROVAL OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PLAN
- B. APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR G & C SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,985 FOR SIGN MAINTENANCE AND MSBU
- C. APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM THE WATER SPIGOT FOR \$6,705 FOR MONITORING AND QUARTERLY GAS MIGRATIONS FOR MUD HILL LANDFILL
- D. APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM THE WATER SPIGOT FOR \$6,690 FOR LANDFILL MONITORING AND QUARTERLY GAS MIGRATIONS FOR THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL
- E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM JANUARY 23-29, 2005 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK
- F. PREMIUM COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH ELAN TO ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO CONTINUE TO BE PAYROLL DEDUCTED

FALLING WATERS SHARED USE PATH-PUBLIC HEARING ON PATH POSTPONED UNTIL THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, ARRIVED TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

DAVE HILL LAND USE CHANGE-PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD WITH RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT, UPDATING THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ON A TOTAL OF 33.3 ACRES; 15.5 ACRES TO BE CHANGED FROM AG/SILVICULTURE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND 17.8 ACRES TO BE CHANGED TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE. PARKER ADVISED THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THEIR ENGINEER HAD SUBMITTED A DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER INFORMATION TO REQUEST A LAND USE CHANGE. THE LAND USE CHANGE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE STATE FOR THEIR REVIEW BEFORE THE BOARD COULD TAKE ANY OFFICIAL ACTION; THE STATE REVIEWED IT, SAID THEY HAD NO OBJECTIONS AND THE BOARD COULD MOVE FORWARD TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE LAND USE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE.

PARKER REPORTED THE PROPERTY WAS ON THE EAST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 77, NORTH OF BAY COUNTY ON PINE RIDGE LANE. PARKER SHOWED THE BOARD THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON WHAT HILL WAS PROPOSING TO DO WITH THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE; PARKER STATED THEY DID AND IT WAS PROPERLY ADVERTISED. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AT THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE AND TOOK ACTION TO SUBMIT IT TO THE STATE; THEY NEED TO TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION TO ADOPT IT THROUGH THE ORDINANCE PROCESS TO CHANGE THE COMP PLAN TO THIS PROPOSED LAND USE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE; NO ONE RESPONDED.

PARKER STATED THE DEVELOPMENT WAS FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL LOTS ON APPROXIMATELY 40,000 SQUARE FEET AND 44,000 SQUARE FEET OF COM- Mercial RETAIL SPACE FOR 20 TOWNHOUSE TYPE UNITS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ON THE LAND USE CHANGE SUBMITTED BY DAVE HILL.

DUE TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER STILL NOT BEING PRESENT, CHAIRMAN FINCH CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADVISED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FALLING WATER SHARED USE PATH WOULD REOPEN WHEN KNAUER ARRIVED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH WELCOMED TOMMY MCDONALD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO THE BOARD MEETING AND ALLOWED HE AND RICK MARCUM OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS THE BOARD. MARCUM SAID HE WAS REPRESENTING WEST POINT STEVENS AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY REQUESTING THE BOARD ADOPT A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO STATUTE REGARDING INDUCEMENT OF THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY; THE TAX PROGRAM AND TAX CREDITS PROGRAM OF WEST POINTS STEVENS IN LIEU OF THEIR EXPANSION NEEDS OF 101 EMPLOYEES. THIS EXPANSION WOULD INVOLVE JACKSON COUNTY AS WELL. ALSO, THEY WERE ASKING THE BOARD TO WRITE A LETTER ASKING ENTERPRISE FLORIDA TO PRESERVE THE INDUCEMENT PERIOD WHILE THE PROCESS IS BEING WORKED OUT; THE TOTAL JOB EXPANSION WILL BE 221 JOBS OF WHICH 101 WILL BE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND 120 WILL BE IN JACKSON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED WHAT KIND OF SQUARE FOOT EXPANSION WOULD BE ON THE BUILDINGS; MARCUM ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NONE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD REVIEWED THE INFORMATION THEY ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD ADOPT AND HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH IT LEGALLY.

CHAIRMAN CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT WAS OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA ACTUALLY REQUESTING; A TAX EXEMPTION. MARCUM ADVISED THIS RESOLUTION ASKED FOR NO LOCAL MATCH; THIS IS ASKING OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA TO ALLOW A \$4800 PER EMPLOYEE TAX CREDIT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THIS WAS NOT A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST. MARCUM SAID IT WAS A STATE INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAS; WEST POINT STEVENS, AS THEY PURSUE THEIR REORGANIZATION, PUT AS MUCH IN THIS AREA AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

MAYOR MCDONALD THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS WHO HELPED HIM WORK TO MAKE SURE WEST POINT STEVENS STAYED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND KEPT THE 700 JOBS.

BAHOMA ROAD-PATRICIA DUCE: COMMISSIONER COPE SAID MS. DUCE WAS NOT PRESENT. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON DUCE HAVING MET WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE ROAD BUT HAD NO LUCK ON OBTAINING RIGHT OF WAY; AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THEY ARE GOING TO LEAVE IT ALONE.

HOPEFULLY, COPE SAID WHEN HIGHWAY 273 IS RESURFACED, THE COUNTY CAN GET SOME MILLED ASPHALT TO GO ON BAHOMA ROAD; DUCE HAS SAID THEY COULD BE SATISFIED WITH THAT.

OVID LANE/HULAN PITTS: PITTS PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE STATUTE ON ABANDONING MAINTENANCE OF ROADS; HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ABANDON THE MAINTENANCE ON OVID LANE. HE SAID HIS BROTHER WAS THE OWNER OF THE ROAD AND OWNED 110 ACRES OF LAND; THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S RECORDS SHOW SIXTY ACRES OF UPLANDS AND FIFTY ACRES OF SWAMP. OF THE SIXTY ACRES OF UPLANDS, PITTS SAID TEN ACRES IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SWAMP WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE PORTION THE ROADS ARE ON. ON THE REMAINING FIFTY ACRES, PITTS SAID THERE WERE TWO ROADS GOING FROM PIONEER HIGHWAY TO ROLLING ROAD; SUGGS ROAD AND OVID LANE ALMOST JOIN AT ROLLING ROAD.

PITTS SAID OVID LANE SERVES NO ONE BUT HE AND HIS BROTHER; HALF OF THE ROAD WAS CLOSED PREVIOUSLY FROM PIONEER ROAD TO ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY. THE ROAD WAS LEFT OPEN FROM PIONEER TO ROLLING ROAD DUE TO THERE BEING A RESIDENCE ON IT. PITTS SAID THE PERSONS OBJECTING TO THE CLOSING OF OVID LANE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE A HALF-MILE TO A MILE DOWN ROLLING ROAD; THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES IN THE PAST WHERE THEY DIDN'T SEE ANYONE FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AT A TIME. HOWEVER, LATELY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN USING THE ROAD FREQUENTLY; SOME OF THEM COME EAST OF OVID LANE OUT TO PIONEER AND BACK WEST TO WAUSAU JUST TO USE THE ROAD.

PITTS SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THE ROAD CLOSED DUE TO THE GARBAGE AND MAIL SERVICE THEY RECEIVE; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE HAD CONTINUOUS HARASSMENT FOR THE EIGHT YEARS THEY HAVE LIVED THERE AND IT HAS GOTTEN WORSE RECENTLY DUE TO A TRESPASSING WARNING BEING SENT TO ONE OF THE PERSONS WHO ARE OBJECTING. HE REFERRED TO PERSONS SHOUTING OBSCENITIES, SHINING LIGHTS IN THE BEDROOM, BLOWING HORNS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED PITTS THE COUNTY HAD SENT A REGISTERED LETTER TO HIM THIS PAST WEEK WHICH WAS RETURNED DUE TO AN INCORRECT ADDRESS; THE LETTER EXPLAINED THERE WAS A LEGAL PROCEDURE TO GO THROUGH TO CLOSE A ROAD AND HE HAS THAT OPTION. ALSO, FINCH SAID THE LETTER REQUESTED PITTS REMOVE THE POSTS UNTIL

HE WAS NOTIFIED THE ROAD WAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED; UP UNTIL THAT TIME, IT WAS CONSIDERED A PUBLIC ROAD. COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD PICTURES OF THE ROAD IN QUESTION, PITTS HOME, WHERE HE HAD PUT THE POSTS, WHERE THE COUNTY GRADES AND SKIPS ACROSS THE FRONT OF HIS HOME AT PITTS' REQUEST.

PITTS ASKED IF THEY COULD GO THROUGH THE LAW FOR THE SAKE OF THE AUDIENCE AS HE DIDN'T FEEL MOST OF THEM HAD EVER READ IT; CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS WELL VERSED IN THE LAW AND THE LETTER WAS SENT BASED ON THE LAW. PITTS SAID ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTE 95.361, OVID LANE IS NOT A PUBLIC ROAD AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO IT DUE TO THEM HAVING STOPPED MAINTAINING THE ROAD IN 2000 FOR TWO YEARS AND STARTED BACK IN 2002.

FINCH SAID THE BOARD UNDERSTOOD WHAT PITTS WAS ASKING AND HE HAD EVERY OPTION TO PURSUE IT; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DECISION THAT WOULD BE MADE TODAY TO CLOSE OR NOT CLOSE OVID LANE UNTIL HE HAS GONE THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS. HE ADVISED PITTS THAT HE OR HIS ATTORNEY COULD WORK WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND MOVE FORWARD. HE THEN SAID THERE WERE OTHERS PRESENT TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE.

PITTS SAID IF IT HASN'T BEEN DEEMED A PUBLIC ROAD, IT IS NOT A PUBLIC ROAD; FINCH SAID IT WAS A PUBLIC ROAD AND HAS BEEN A PUBLIC ROAD FOR MANY YEARS. PITTS SAID THAT IS NOT WHAT THE LAW SAID.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM 1974 TO 1998 AND THE ROAD WAS GRADED REGULARLY. PITTS SAID HE HAD PICTURES OF THE ROAD IN 1996 WHEN HE MOVED THERE AND IT WAS NOT BEING GRADED. HE REFERRED TO ONE OF THE PERSONS PRESENT TODAY ASKED HIM AT THAT TIME TO REQUEST THE COUNTY GRADE THE ROAD BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T GRADE IT FOR HIM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAD COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO GRADED THE ROAD THAT WOULD TELL PITTS THE ROAD WAS GRADED; PITTS REFERRED TO HIM HAVING PICTURES OF THE ROAD AT THAT TIME AND PICTURES DON'T LIE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THOSE PRESENT PERTAINING TO OVID ROAD THAT THIS WAS NOT A TRIAL TODAY; THE BOARD IS HERE TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT WANTING THE ROAD OPENED OR CLOSED BUT NOT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ANYONE.

RANDY RICHARDS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THE ROAD NOT BE CLOSED DUE TO HAVING A WAY OUT DURING STORMS; THE ROAD HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR YEARS. HE REFERRED TO PITTS HAVING SHOT AT PEOPLE, RAN THEM OFF THE ROAD, HOLLERS AT THEM, SHINES A SPOT LIGHT ON THEM, ETC.

CLYDE LAND SAID HE LIVES IN THE AREA STATING HE USES THE ROAD; MR. OVID THARP, THE MAN THE ROAD WAS NAMED AFTER, YEARS AGO ASKED THE COUNTY GRADERS WHEN THEY COME BY TO LIFT THEIR BLADE WHEN THEY WENT BY HIS HOME. LAND SAID ALL OF THE GRADERS SINCE THAT TIME HAVE PROBABLY JUST FOLLOWED SUIT; THE INTENT WAS NOT TO CLOSE THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID PITTS HAD ASKED THEM NOT TO GRADE IN FRONT OF HIS HOME AND THEY INFORMED THE GRADERS NOT TO.

LAND SAID HE HAS OWNED HIS PROPERTY DOWN THE ROAD FROM PITTS SINCE 1966 AND HAS ALWAYS USED OVID ROAD; THERE WERE OTHER ROADS THEY COULD GET BY WITH BUT PERSONS WITH REAL BIG TRUCKS WOULD HAVE TO GO DOWN A REAL STEEP HILL IF THEY USED ANOTHER ROUTE AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO STOP ONE OF THESE TRUCKS.

LAND ADDRESSED THERE BEING A GROUP CALLED HELPING HANDS WHO WOULD HELP MR. PITTS IF AT ANY TIME HE NEEDS ASSISTANCE, IF THERE IS A TREE THAT IS BLOWN DOWN, DAMAGE FROM A TORNADO, ETC. HE ASKED PITTS IF HE HAS A PROBLEM WITH TWO OR THREE PEOPLE, DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID PITTS HAS RIGHTS TO DO THE THINGS SET OUT IN POLICY TO CLOSE A ROAD; HOWEVER, HE IS NOT GOING TO VOTE TO CLOSE THE ROAD. CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE REST OF THE BOARD FELT, BUT THERE WAS NO NEED TO PUT PITTS THROUGH THE EXPENSE TO PETITION TO CLOSE THE ROAD IF UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY GOING TO APPROVE IT.

PITTS SAID, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN, IF HE TAKES IT TO COURT, IT WILL NOT BE LEFT UP TO HIM TO CLOSE THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY ACTION THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE TODAY PERTAINING TO OVID LANE; HE THEN EXPLAINED, AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, MR. PITTS HAS THE OPTION TO LEGAL RECOURSE TO PETITION THE CLOSING OF OVID ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THIS WAS CORRECT; PITTS HAS THE RIGHT TO FILL OUT THE PETITION FORM SENT TO HIM WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS HE DIDN'T GET. HOLLEY SAID PITTS COULD GET THE FORM TODAY, FILL IT OUT, BRING IT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PAY THE FEE FOR ADVERTISING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ROAD CLOSING; AT THAT TIME, EVERYONE HAVING CONCERNS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

CHAIRMAN FINCH THEN GAVE PITTS TWO MINUTES TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE HE HAD TO SAY AND THE BOARD WAS GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM.

PITTS REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING SAID HE WOULDN'T GO- ING TO TAKE ANYTHING ON PERSONAL ISSUES; HOWEVER, RICHARDS WHOLE PRESENTATION WAS ABOUT PERSONAL THINGS WHICH FINCH HAD SAID HE WASN'T GOING TO ALLOW. FINCH ADVISED PITTS HE WAS DONE.

PITTS SAID THE POSTS WERE GOING TO STAY BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IN ANY GRADED PART OF THE ROAD. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY WOULD COME OUT WITH A CREW AND REMOVE THE POSTS; PITTS SAID IF THEY DID, HE WOULD DEFEND IT.

RANDY MORRIS, ROLLING PINES ROAD, ADDRESSED OVID LANE. HE THANKED THE NEIGHBORS WHO HAD COME TO SUPPORT LEAVING THE ROAD OPEN AND REFERRED TO EVERYONE HAVING A GOOD VIEW OF HOW PITTS HAS BEEN TO EVERYONE.

MORRIS SAID THE ROAD HAS BEEN USED CONTINUOUSLY FOR MANY YEARS; THE ROAD HAS BEEN MAINTAINED CONSTANTLY. HE SAID THEY RIDE OVID LANE WITH HORSES, EQUIPMENT BEHIND TRUCKS, ETC.; THEY USE THE ROAD WHEN IT COMES A BAD RAIN AND THEY CAN'T USE SUGGS ROAD.

MORRIS REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER OVID LANE AS A NON-CLOSURE ROAD; EVEN IF PITTS BRINGS A PETITION BEFORE THE BOARD, THEY THINK SERIOUSLY HOW IT WOULD IMPACT THE COMMUNITY. DUE TO THERE HAVING BEEN A LOT OF DISTURBANCE ON THE ROAD, HE REQUESTED IT BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSURE; EITHER OPEN THE ROAD OR CLOSE THE ROAD BECAUSE SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET HURT. IF THE BOARD AGREES TO OPEN THE ROAD, MORRIS REQUESTED THE COUNTY GRADE THE ROAD FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER AND FIX IT.

FALLING WATERS SHARE USE PATH-COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, CONDUCTED A PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE LIMITS OF WORK AND WHAT THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT WERE. HE ADVISED COPIES OF THE PLANS, WHICH WERE 50% TO 75% COMPLETE, WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS LIVING IN THE AREA OF THE PATH LATER TODAY.

HE ADDRESSED THE PROJECT BEING THE RESULT OF A GRANT RECEIVED THROUGH THE FL-DOT; THE LIMITS OF THE WORK ARE FROM HIGHWAY 77 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BRICKYARD WHERE IT INTERSECTS FALLING WATERS ROAD, TURNS SOUTH ON FALLING WATERS ROAD AND RUNS DOWN THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD ACROSS THE BRIDGE AND ALL THE WAY TO STATE PARK ROAD, THERE WILL BE A CROSSWALK AT STATE PARK ROAD AND THE PATH WILL THEN RUN DOWN STATE PARK ROAD BY HIGHWAY 77 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF STATE PARK ROAD.

HE ADDRESSED CHALLENGES WITH THE PROJECT THEY WOULD HAVE TO OVERCOME:

1. SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS THE BRIDGE
2. MAKING SURE ALL OF THE PROPERTIES CROSSED ARE STILL ABLE TO ADEQUATELY DRAIN
3. MINIMIZING IMPACT TO WETLANDS
4. AFTER CROSSING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, THERE IS CHALLENGES OF AN OLD CONCRETE DITCH THAT RUNS FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE ROADWAY FOR ABOUT HALF THE STRETCH FROM THE BRIDGE TO STATE PARK ROAD.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, KNAUER SAID THERE WAS 8' OF SEPARATION FROM THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT TO THE EDGE OF THE MULTI-USE PATH; THE PATH AS PROPOSED IS 8' IN WIDTH. HE POINTED OUT THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE BRIDGE ARE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST ISSUES THAT HAS TO BE DEALT WITH THAT HASN'T BEEN HANDLED AT THIS POINT.

HOWEVER, HE SAID MEETINGS WOULD BE SCHEDULED WITH FL-DOT REPRESENTATIVES TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST AND SAFEST WAY TO GET ACROSS THE BRIDGE.

KNAUER SAID THE GRANT WAS FOR \$770,000 AND HE WAS ANTICIPATING THE LARGEST PART OF THE PROJECT COST WOULD BE THE BRIDGE CROSSING. THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING THE RAIL AND EXTENDING THE DECK OR RECONFIGURING THE ROADWAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE TO MAKE IT WORK. HE GAVE THE AUDIENCE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY PART OF THE PROJECT THEY WERE CONCERNED WITH. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN ADDRESSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO HAVE A FINGER COMING OFF THE PATH TO GO UP TO FALLING WATERS STATE PARK; THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS BUT DO NOT HAVE THE FUNDING AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE PATH WOULD BE DETACHED FROM THE EXISTING PAVEMENT AND HOW WIDE WAS IT FROM THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT TO THE EDGE OF THE PATH. KNAUER SAID IT WAS A DETACHED PATH AND THEY ARE PROPOSING AN 8' SHOULDER WITH A SMALL SWALE BETWEEN THE ROADWAY AND THE PATH; THERE IS AN 8' SEPARATION AND THE PATH ITSELF IS 8' WIDE.

JIM ACKERMAN, PARTICIPANT IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, HAD A CONCERN WITH TWO AREAS ON BRICKYARD ROAD WHEN IT COMES A HEAVY RAIN AND CROSSES BRICKYARD ROAD;; THEY WERE MAIN STREET AUTO AND CARLISLE ROAD. HE REQUESTED IT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT PRESENTLY THESE ROADS FLOOD AND IT THROWS A LOT OF SAND ON THE HIGHWAY; SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE TO DETER THE SAND. HE SUGGESTED THEY DO MORE PAVEMENT ON SOME OF THE DRIVEWAYS, AS THEY COME DOWN, TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM.

KNAUER STATED WHEN THEY CONSTRUCT THE MULTI-USE PATH, THE PLAN IS TO PAVE EVERY DRIVEWAY THAT IT CROSSES; THIS ALLOWS THE GRADES TO BE FIXED SO WHEN THE PATH IS CONSTRUCTED, IF IT WILL CHANGE THE GRADE WHERE A DRIVEWAY IS, THE GRADES CAN BE MATCHED. ALSO, IF IT IS A DIRT DRIVEWAY, KNAUER SAID THEY WOULD BE PROPOSING TO PAVE DIRT DRIVEWAYS ACROSS THE PATH AS WELL; IF THEY DON'T, THERE WILL BE GRAVEL AND ROCK ON EVERYBODY'S DRIVEWAY ALONG THE PATH AND WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS MAINTENANCE EFFORT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ALL OF THIS WOULD BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ROAD; KNAUER ADVISED IT WOULD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERENCED THERE MAY BE A NEED TO PUT IN SOME DRIVEWAY PIPE AT MCDONALDS GOING EAST; KNAUER ADVISED THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF CULVERTS THAT WERE GOING TO BE REPLACED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

RENAE AND MAX SANDERS ADDRESSED THEIR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

RENAE QUESTIONED WHERE WOULD PEOPLE PARK TO USE THE PATH IF IT STARTS AT HIGHWAY 77.

KNAUER SAID AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY OFF STREET AREAS TO PROVIDE A PARKING LOT THAT HE IS AWARE OF.

SHE QUESTIONED IF PEOPLE WERE GOING TO PARK ON THE RIGHT OF WAY OR IN PEOPLES YARDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY VERY WELL COULD OR MAY PARK IN THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT; HE SAID HE WOULD ASSUME PEOPLE WHO WALK AT THE HOSPITAL MAY USE THE PATH, AS THE WHOLE IDEA WAS TO PROVIDE RECREATION FOR THE COMMUNITY.

KNAUER SAID IF THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO GET FL-DEP INVOLVED TO GET A SPUR COMING OFF TO FALLING WATERS STATE PARK ROAD, THE PARKING LOT FOR STATE PARK COULD BE USED. HOWEVER, THE LIMITS OF THE PROJECT ARE DEFINED BY THE APPLICATION AND THE AGREEMENT THE COUNTY HAS WITH FL-DOT; IT WOULD BE HARD TO CHANGE THIS TO SAY THEY WERE GOING TO GO TO THE PARK.

RENAE SAID HER UNDERSTANDING WAS THE PATH WAS SUPPOSE TO TIE INTO A SCHOOL OR A PARK; THE WAY IT IS DESIGNED NOW, IT IS NOT.

KNAUER ADVISED THE SIDEWALK THAT WAS JUST COMPLETED ON BRICKYARD ROAD COULD PRETTY EASILY BE TIED TO THE PROJECT ACCEPT

THERE IS NOT GOOD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING MECHANISM ALONG HIGHWAY 77.

RENAE ADDRESSED PARKING IN THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT; THERE ARE NO PEDESTRIAN FEATURES AT HIGHWAY 77 AND 280. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THIS MAY BE SOMETHING FL-DOT WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER.

RENAE ASKED IF THE PAVED SHOULDERS ON HIGHWAY 77 WERE SUFFICIENT FOR ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO WALK ALONG 77. KNAUER ADVISED THAT FL-DOT CONSIDERS PAVED SHOULDERS A SUITABLE ROUTE FOR A BIKE-PATH; IS IT AS WIDE AS HE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE, HE RESPONDED "NO". HOWEVER, THAT IS WHAT IS THERE NOW AND THAT IS WHAT FL-DOT DESIGNS THEIR STUFF FOR.

RENAE ASKED IF THERE WERE GOING TO BE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND REFERENCED THERE BEING DROP BOTTOM INLETS WITH OPEN GRATES ON THE VALLEY DITCH. KNAUER SAID THERE WAS ALSO A PAVED DITCH GOING DOWN BRICKYARD ROAD. RENAE QUESTIONED IF THESE GRATES WOULD BE COMING OUT; KNAUER ADVISED THEY WOULD ALL BE COMING OUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE PARKING QUESTION RENAE HAD WAS A GOOD ONE; THE PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE BIKEPATH IS NOT GOING TO LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO PARK IN THEIR YARD. KNAUER REITERATED HE DIDN'T KNOW OF ANY OFF SIGHT AREAS THE COUNTY OWNS AT THIS TIME.

MAX SANDERS SAID THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT IS GREAT; PEOPLE DO NEED AN AREA WHERE THEY CAN WALK, RIDE THEIR BIKE, ETC. HOWEVER, 77 COULD BE DANGEROUS. ALSO, THE COST TO CROSS I-10 WILL BE A MAJOR COST AND EAT UP A LOT OF THE PROJECT FUNDING. HE SUGGESTED THEY MAY WANT TO LOOK AT SOME ALTERNATE SITES TO DEPICT THE USE OF THE GRANT RATHER THAN SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY IN ONE PLACE.

HE THEN ADDRESSED THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS ALONG BRICKYARD ROAD; CARLISLE ROAD AND PARTS OF BRICKYARD ROAD IS HIGHER THAN THE DITCH WHICH CAUSES FLOODING DURING HEAVY RAINS. HE SAID HE LIVES ON BRICKYARD ROAD AND THERE IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM WITH ALL OF THE WATER SHED; IT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

HE THEN POINTED OUT THERE WAS ONLY 33' OF RIGHT OF WAY; 66' ON BRICKYARD ROAD; HE DOESN'T KNOW, WITH THE PAVED ROAD, PAVED VALLEY, A GRASS AREA BETWEEN THERE AND THE RIGHT OF WAY, IF THERE WOULD BE ROOM ENOUGH TO GET THIS ALL IN. HE SAID IF THEY GO THROUGH WITH THE PROJECT, HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER UTILIZING THE EXISTING SWALE TO SAVE MONIES; THERE WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM WITH THE TWO GRATED INLETS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SWALE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED, NO MATTER WHAT AREA IS USED, THERE WILL BE SITUATIONS TO DEAL WITH. THE COUNTY MADE APPLICATION A FEW YEARS AGO FOR THE PROJECT; FL-DOT PUTS IT THROUGH A WORK PROGRAM AND IT HAS GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS. THE COUNTY IS AT THE POINT OF A PUBLIC HEARING; FL-DOT HAS ALREADY OKAYED THE PROJECT AT THIS SITE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH DID AGREE THE VALLEY ALONG BRICKYARD ROAD NEEDED TO BE LOOKED AT TO SEE IF A WALKING PATH COULD BE THERE ADJACENT TO THE ROAD; REDESIGN THE INLETS WHERE IT WOULD BE SAFE FOR WALKING, BIKING, ETC.

THE SANDERS REQUESTED A COPY OF THE PLANS. KNAUER ADDRESSED NOTHING BEING SET IN STONE AT THIS POINT AND THERE PROBABLY

WOULD BE PLACES WHERE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE FULL 8' OF SEPARATION; THE MAJORITY OF THE CULVERTS ON PERSONS DRIVEWAYS WILL PROBABLY BE REPLACED AND LENGTHENED WITH PROPER END TREATMENTS, MITERED ENDS, ETC.

MAX SAID TO GET THE DRAINAGE RIGHT ON BRICKYARD ROAD, THEY WOULD NEED TO PUT A STORM SYSTEM ALL THE WAY BACK TO CARLISLE ROAD TO TIE TO THE DROP INLET WEST OF BRICKYARD ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED KNAUER IF HE THOUGHT HE COULD GET THE PROJECT APPROVED FOR THE 8' BIKEPATH DOWN BRICKYARD ROAD BY DR. SLOAN'S OFFICE AND ON DOWN; THERE IS A CHURCH AT THE END OF THE ROAD AND IF HE GOES WITH THE 8' SEPARATION, IT WILL GET INTO THEIR HOLDING POND. KNAUER SAID HE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET INTO THE HOLDING POND.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BIKEPATH; NO ONE RESPONDED. KNAUER ADVISED THOSE PRESENT FOR THE HEARING, COPIES OF THE PLANS WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LATER ON TODAY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING.

STEP UP FLORIDA/MIRANDA PATE-THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS COORDINATING THE SECOND ANNUAL STEP UP FLORIDA AND IT IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST TIME FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; ALL 57 COUNTIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7TH AS STEP UP FLORIDA DAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PROMOTE AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTY.

SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD INFORMATION ON WHY THE STEP UP FLORIDA PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS SO IMPORTANT. SHE INVITED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 7TH FROM 12 NOON TO 5 O'CLOCK AT SHIVERS PARK.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION REQUESTED BY PATE.

NEW VISION CHURCH-SUSAN PEYOR REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE THE VOTING HOUSE IN GREENHEAD AS A CLOTHES CLOSET FOR THE COMMUNITY; THEY WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE THE VOTING HOUSE ALL THE TIME EXCEPT DURING ELECTIONS AND THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITIES.

AS AN AUXILIARY USE, PEYOR SAID SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH HAVE EITHER COMPLETED A LITERACY PROGRAM OR WOULD BE COMPLETING IT; THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE EXTRA SPACE FOR TUTORING. SHE ALSO ADVISED THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, MS. VARNUM, HAS APPROVED THIS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, CAROL GRIFFIN, HAS APPROVED THE REQUEST. LOU TRACY, REPRESENTING THE CHURCH ALSO, SAID MS. GRIFFIN WANTED THIS ISSUE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AND FELT THIS WAS THEIR DECISION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID MS. GRIFFIN HAD BEEN CONTACTED BUT DID NOT WANT TO VOICE AN OPINION ON IT; SHE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE DECISION OF THE BOARD ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITY UNDERSTANDING ANYTIME PRIOR TO OR DURING THE ELECTION, THE CHURCH WOULD NOT UTILIZE IT AT ALL.

MS. PEYER SAID THEY WOULD MOVE OUT AND CLEAN UP THE FACILITY PRIOR TO AN ELECTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO ALLOW NEW VISION CHURCH TO UTILIZE THE GREENHEAD VOTING HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY SHOULD SOMEONE GET HURT. PEYER SAID THE CHURCH HAD LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTING THEY NAME THE COUNTY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED PARTY ON THE INSURANCE.

MS. GRIFFIN SAID SHE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS COVERED AND FREE FROM ANY LIABILITY. SHE QUESTIONED ALSO HOW TO HANDLE THE UTILITIES AS THE BILL CURRENTLY COMES TO HER OFFICE. THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE BILL TO REMAIN IN THE

COUNTY'S NAME WITH THE CHURCH PAYING THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THE COUNTY HAD BEEN PAYING AND WHAT THE BILL IS AFTER THE CHURCH BEGINS UTILIZING THE VOTING HOUSE.

GRIFFIN ALSO ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO DRAW UP SOME TYPE OF CONTRACT ON WHAT IS BEING AGREED ON TODAY. CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON DRAWING UP A CONTRACT TO MAKE SURE THE LIABILITY, ETC. IS COVERED.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MARK SCOVERA, REPRESENTING INDIGO KEY, INC., ADVISED THE BOARD ROB GILMORE, INDIGO KEY'S CEO AND CREATOR OF THEIR DATA BASE, WAS ON THE PHONE.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD IN OCTOBER AND VERBALLY DESCRIBED WHAT THEIR DATA BASE DOES; A PROCURE- MENT SYSTEM FOR PURCHASES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PROVIDING A VISUAL DEMONSTRATION OF THE CAPACITY OF THE DATA BASE, HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS FROM THE INSIDE.

HE POINTED OUT SEVERAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE DATA BASE:

1. THERE IS NO TRAINING REQUIRED BY ANY COUNTY PERSONNEL; THIS IS A SERVICE THEY WILL PROVIDE.
2. THE FOCUS OF WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION WITH LOCAL VENDORS ON COUNTY PROCUREMENTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
3. THEY HAVE BUILT WITHIN THE DATABASE A MINI DATABASE OF 52,000 COMPANIES IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST; A SIXTEEN COUNTY AREA OF FLORIDA. THEY WORK WITH THE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND WITH THEIR IDEALS AND STANDARDS ON HOW THEY WANT TO GO ABOUT PURCHASING. THEY DO THIS THROUGH PREFERENCE RING WHERE THE COUNTY'S FIRST PREFERENCE MAY BE THROUGH LOCAL VENDORS; IF NOT AVAILABLE, GO TO THE GREAT NORTHWEST AND THEN TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ETC. UNTIL THEY FIND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR.
4. INDIGO KEY DID A STUDY; THERE HAS BEEN A DISCONNECTION BETWEEN LOCAL VENDORS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN TERMS OF PURCHASING DUE TO INVOLVEMENT OF PRE-APPROVED STATE VENDORS. THEY WANT TO RELINK THE LOCAL VENDORS WITH THE COUNTY PURCHASING FUNCTION THROUGH THE INDIGO KEY DATA BASE.

MARK THEN SHOWED A FILM PRESENTATION ON THE GREAT NORTHWEST FLORIDA ON HOW THE DATA BASE WORKED AND DID SEARCHES FOR DIFFERENT SERVICES THE COUNTY MAY NEED.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON DOING A SURVEY FOR ENTERPRISE FLORIDA ON COMPANIES INTERESTED IN EXPORTING; WHEN THEY COMPLETE A SURVEY, THEY LINK IT TO THE COMPANY AND THE SURVEY CAN BE CLICKED ON AND THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS CAN BE SEEN. HE ADDRESSED IF THERE WAS A PARTICULAR SURVEY WASHINGTON COUNTY WANTED DONE, THEY WOULD GATHER THE QUESTIONS, DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE COMPANIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR DATABASE, MARRY THE COUNTY'S VENDOR LIST WITH THEIR DATABASE TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE 100% COVERAGE, SEND IT OUT TO ALL THE COMPANIES THE COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN AND BUILD ANOTHER SURVEY DATABASE SO WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A COMPANY FOR A PARTICULAR PROCUREMENT, THEY COULD GET SURVEY RESULTS.

HE EXPLAINED THE FAULT REVIEW PROCESS WHERE THEY CAN ELIMINATE CODES THEY MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN AND PRINT OUT INFORMATION THEY WILL RECEIVE AS WELL AS WHAT THE PEOPLE LOOKING TO RECEIVE THE BID WOULD RECEIVE.

HE EXPLAINED THE PREVIEW PROCESS WHERE IT WOULD LIST ALL THE COMPANIES, THE CONTACT PERSON, FAX NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, ETC. BASED ON THE COUNTY'S PRESELECTION CRITERIA. HE SAID AN ATTACHMENT FORM COULD BE ADDED, A MESSAGE COULD BE ADDED, EVERYTIME AN E-MAIL IS SENT, THE PROCESS MAKES A NOTATION IN THE CASE LOG SHOWING THE SEARCH CRITERIA, THE DATE IT WAS SENT AND WHO IT WAS SENT TO.

HE SHOWED AN EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF THE DATA BASE, WENT INTO A SOLICITATION SEARCH AND DID AN EXAMPLE OF A SEARCH FOR A PARTICULAR PROCUREMENT.

HE SUMMARIZED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DATABASE WAS TO SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY, MAKE THE BIDDING PROCESS MORE EFFICIENT AND SAVES TIME.

HE EXPLAINED AN IMPACT CALCULATOR THEY USE TO DETERMINE WHICH BID WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE COUNTY; EVEN THOUGH A BID MAY BE LOWER THAN A BID RECEIVED LOCALLY, THE IMPACT CALCULATION USED COULD DETERMINE THE LOCAL BID WOULD BE BETTER.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED MARK IF HE COULD PROVIDE A LIST OF ALL THE VENDORS FOR SOME OF THE ITEMS WASHINGTON COUNTY USES SUCH AS CROSS DRAIN PIPES OR CULVERTS AND FUEL DISTRIBUTORS. DUE TO MARK BEING UNABLE TO PULL UP ANY VENDORS, ROB GILMORE INTERVENED AND SAID IT WAS ONLY FAIR TO POINT OUT MARK WAS NOT TRAINED TO DO A LOT OF THE PROCUREMENT MATCHING; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THE MATCHING FOR YEARS. HE ASSURED THE BOARD INDIGO KEY WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SUPPLIERS FOR ALMOST ANYTHING THEY MAY WANT TO PURCHASE.

GILMORE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF A PROCUREMENT THEY HAD DONE FOR JACKSON COUNTY AND WERE ABLE TO FIND FLORIDA VENDORS FOR THEM.

MARK AGREED WITH GILMORE'S STATEMENTS AND SAID INDIGO KEY TAKES A LOT OF GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS AND WHIDDLES THEM DOWN WITHIN THE SIT CODES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION CODES TO FIND EX- ACTLY WHAT SOMEONE IS LOOKING FOR. HE POINTED OUT THEY ARE CONSTANTLY BUILDING AND EVOLVING THEIR DATABASE; AT THE PRESENT TIME, THEY HAVE 95% OF THE COMPANIES IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST IN THE DATABASE AND THEY PLAN ON HAVING 100%.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE PERCENT OF THE PURCHASE INDIGO KEY RECEIVED. MARK EXPLAINED IT WAS A VENDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND INDIGO KEY RECEIVES 1%; THERE WOULD BE EXCLUDED PURCHASES THAT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED UPFRONT SUCH AS SINGLE SOURCE VENDORS THE COUNTY MAY NOT WANT TO MAKE PART OF THE INDIGO KEY PROGRAM. HE SAID THE 1% WOULD BE FOR ANYTHING THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY PUTTING OUT FOR BID.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THE BOARD RELINQUISHED TO THIS PROCESS RATHER THAN PUBLICIZING FOR OPEN BIDS, IT MAY ELIMINATE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE INDIGO KEY CONCEPT. HE REFERRED TO THERE PROBABLY BEING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT LISTED AND MIGHT MISS OUT ON THE COUNTY OPPORTUNITY TO BID.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE INDIGO KEY SYSTEM MAY WORK IF THE COUNTY HAD CENTRAL PURCHASING; HOWEVER, SINCE THEY DON'T, HE QUESTIONED IF INDIGO KEY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS PROCESS IS NOT IN LIEU OF WHAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY DOING; THE COUNTY CAN HAVE THE INDIGO KEY SYSTEM IN PLACE AND STILL USE THEIR PRESENT SYSTEM. HE ALSO SAID IF INDIGO KEY DOESN'T COST ANYTHING IT DOESN'T CAUSE ANY REASON FOR CONCERN; IT MAY BE SOMETHING THE COUNTY WANTS TO WORK INTO AS THEY CONTINUE USING THEIR PRESENT SYSTEM OF ADVERTISING IF THEY COME ACROSS SOME ITEM THEY CAN'T FIND.

MARK ADDRESSED INDIGO KEY WOULD COMPARE THE COUNTY'S VENDOR MASTER LIST WITH THE PEOPLE THEY DEALT WITH BEFORE TO THE COMPANY'S DATABASE AND ADD ANY COMPANIES THEY DON'T HAVE; THEY ALSO ADD COMPANIES THROUGH SURVEYS THEY DO. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE DATABASE THAT SAYS THE COUNTY HAS TO PURCHASE FROM THE VENDORS; IT IS JUST A TOOL TO IDENTIFY LOCAL VENDORS THAT COULD POSSIBLY PERFORM THE SERVICE OR PROVIDE THE GOODS THAT IS CURRENTLY GOING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OR OUTSIDE THE STATE.

GILMORE SAID COMMISSIONER FINCH'S STATEMENT ABOUT INDIGO KEY WAS CORRECT; THEY ARE JUST ADDING ON TO THE COUNTY'S EXISTING PROCESS AND DON'T REPLACE THE PROCESS THEY HAVE NOW. HE REITERATED INDIGO KEY'S ONLY OBJECTIVE IS TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL COMPANIES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THERE IS NO COST TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, WHO WAS GOING TO PAY THE BILL. MARK REITERATED THE VENDOR WOULD PAY A 1% FEE INTO THE VENDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR ANY PURCHASE THAT WENT THROUGH THE

INDIGO KEY PROGRAM. HE REITERATED THE FEE WOULD NOT BE CHARGED TO ANY SINGLE SOURCE VENDOR THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY USING OR ANY VENDOR OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM; ONLY THE PURCHASES THE COUNTY HAS NOW GOING OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW DID INDIGO KEY END UP WITH THE COMPANIES THEY HAVE LISTED ON THEIR DATA BASE AND HOW WOULD A COMPANY GET ADDED ON TO THE LIST.

MARK SAID A LOT OF THE COMPANIES WERE ON THE LIST THROUGH SURVEYS THEY HAVE DONE, THEY HAVE PURCHASED DATABASES FROM OTHER SOURCES AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES THEY HAVE THEY ARE CONSTANTLY UPDATING THEIR DATABASE WITH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE COMPANY FOR THEIR NAME TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST; MARK AGREED THAT WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH GAVE AN EXAMPLE IF SOMEONE OWNED A COMPANY, THEY WOULDN'T JUST AUTOMATICALLY FIND THEIR NAME ON THE VENDOR ENHANCEMENT LIST. MARK ADDRESSED THEY WOULDN'T UNLESS THEY WERE PART OF ANOTHER DATABASE THEY PURCHASED; HE SAID IF A COMPANY WAS SENT A SURVEY AND THEY CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND, THEIR COMPANY NAME WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE LIST. IF THE COMPANY RESPONDED TO A SURVEY, THE INFORMATION WOULD BE ADDED TO THE DATABASE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD KEEP SOMEONE FROM KNOWING WHAT ANOTHER PERSON'S BID WAS AND ASKED IF THERE WAS SOMEWAY FOR A COMPANY TO GET THE PRICE ANOTHER COMPANY IS SENDING IN.

MARK ADVISED "NO"; THE PRODUCT STOPS AT THE POINT THE SOLICITATION GOES OUT; WHEN THE SOLICITATIONS COME IN, IT IS UNDER THE COUNTY'S NORMAL PROCEDURES. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THE REQUEST FOR BIDDING WOULD GO OUT ON THE INDIGO KEY PROGRAM BUT WOULD BE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY; HOWEVER THE BID IS SUBMITTED FALLS UNDER THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PROCEDURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED IT NOT COSTING THE COUNTY ANYTHING AND IT MAY NOT BE SOMETHING THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO USE IN A WIDE RANGE NOW; HOWEVER, IT MAY BE A TOOL THE COUNTY MAY WANT AVAILABLE.

MARK SAID HE COULD LEAVE A DRAFT COPY OF THE VENDOR ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE RESOLUTION COULD BE TO REVIEW THE AGREEMENT AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AT A LATER DATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO REVIEW THE VENDOR ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH INDIGO KEY.

AXA ADVISORS/JAMES FRANK-REQUESTED APPROVAL TO OFFER THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THEIR 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM; THIS PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO PUT UP BEFORE TAX DOLLARS IN SAVINGS TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THEIR RETIREMENT. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO MATCH FROM THE COUNTY AND IT BEING VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION FROM THE EMPLOYEES.

HE SAID HE HAD MET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND HE SEEN NO PROBLEM WITH HAVING AXA APPROVED TO OFFER THEIR PROGRAM TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM THROUGH PEBSO. FRANK ADVISED THE COUNTY COULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE PROVIDER AND HIS UNDERSTANDING IS PEBSO HAS NOT HAD A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNTY FOR A WHILE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM WITH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS DUE TO THERE BEING QUITE A FEW DEDUCTIONS ALREADY TAKING PLACE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK WITH JENNIFER COOK, PAYROLL CLERK, TO SEE IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM; HOWEVER, SHE DOESN'T FEEL THERE WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED AXA'S CURRENT INTEREST RATE; FRANK ADVISED THEY PAID 3.5% ON A GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT BUT THEY HAVE MUTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE. FRANK SAID HE WOULD NEED TO SET UP A TABLE IN EACH WORK AREA AT A CERTAIN TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T MIND MEETING WITH ALL THE EMPLOYEES; HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED AND SOME WHO

WOULD NOT AND HE WOULD HATE TO GATHER A WHOLE GROUP UP AND HAVE THEM NOT WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND JUST SET IN A MEETING WITH HIM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT PERCENTAGE CAN AN EMPLOYEE HAVE DEDUCTED SHOULD THEY WANT TO; HE REFERRED TO EMPLOYEES HAVING TO PARTICIPATE BEFORE THEY ARE 70 YEARS OLD.

FRANK ADVISED THAT \$20 A MONTH WAS THE MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT WITH THE MAXIMUM BEING \$14,000; IF YOU ARE 50 OR OLDER THE MAXIMUM WOULD BE \$18,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF AXA BEING AN APPROVED VENDOR TO OFFER COUNTY EMPLOYEES THEIR 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM CONTINGENT ON IT NOT BEING A PROBLEM FOR IT BEING PAYROLL DEDUCTED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED FRANK GET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO SET UP A SCHEDULE WITH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

TED EVERITT, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TDC COMMITTEE HAVING MADE A DECISION NOT TO HAVE THE BALLOON FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

EVERITT ALSO UPDATED THE BOARD ON SUNNY HILLS PUTTING TOGETHER A FESTIVAL; HE ENCOURAGED THE PUBLIC TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANY EVENT THEY MAY WANT TO SPONSOR AND TDC WOULD GIVE THEM THE SAME AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FINANCIALLY THEY DO ALL THE OTHER EVENTS.

EVERITT ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A WORKING SECRETARY FOR THE TDC FOR 40 HOURS A WEEK OR HOW EVER MANY HOURS THEY CAN COME UP WITH TO KEEP IT OPEN. HE SAID IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH VISTA WORKERS, AND TO SOME DEGREE THIS HAS WORKED OUT FINE. HOWEVER, EVERITT SAID THERE WAS NOTHING THE TDC CAN DO TO GET A SECRETARY 40 HOURS A WEEK WORTH OF WORK; THEY ARE NOT A DESTINATION MARKET. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER PEOPLE COMING INTO THE COUNTY ANTIQUE MALLS, BOAT LANDINGS, CREEKS AND RIVERS, GOLF COURSES, ETC.

HE POINTED OUT THE VISTA WORKER FOR TDC LEFT HER JOB WITHOUT ANY NOTIFICATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS. HE EXPRESSED THE BLUE POND FACILITY BEING THE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL WELCOME CENTER AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE DOORS TO STAY OPEN.

HE REFERRED TO HAVING SPOKEN TO DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ABOUT WITH- HOLDING HIS PAYCHECKS AND SHE ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO STOP PAYING HIM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED SHE DID TELL EVERITT THIS DUE TO IT BEING BOARD ACTION TO PAY EVERITT \$400 A MONTH.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO STOP EVERITT'S PAYCHECK. HE ADDRESSED IF EVERITT HAD ASKED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ABOUT CANCEL- LING IT, HE WANTED TO GO ALONG WITH IT.

EVERITT POINTED OUT TDC WAS LOOKING AT RECEIVING BETWEEN \$36,000 AND \$46,000 INCOME BASED ON BED TAX RECEIVED. HE SAID HIS JOB IS TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S INTEREST AS IT RELATES TO TDC; THE TDC COMMITTEE HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO GIVE THE COUNTY COMMISSION- ERS UP TO \$10,000 TOWARD FUNDING A FULL TIME SECRETARY AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY. EVERITT REQUESTED THE COUNTY MATCH THIS AMOUNT EITHER MONEY AND/OR BENEFITS TO GET AN EMPLOYEE WHO WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND NOT THE TDC.

EVERITT SAID IF THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH THIS, THE EMPLOYEE WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE DUTIES TO THE TDC BUT THE COUNTY COULD HAVE A SECRETARY THAT COULD TAKE OVER THE ROLL OF RENTING OUT THE COUNTY PARK FACILITIES AND A SECRETARY AT LARGE FOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ANNEX.

EVERITT EXPLAINED USING VISTA WORKERS AT THE TDC IS NOT THE WAY TO GO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT TDC SPENT THEIR FUNDING ON. EVERITT SAID BASICALLY THEY SPEND \$3,000 PER EVENT ON ADVERTISING; THEY HAVE REVISED THEIR TDC POLICY WHERE 2/3 OF THE \$3,000 HAS TO BE SPENT ON ADVERTISING OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE ADDRESSED PREVIOUSLY THE TDC HAS PROVIDED THE MONIES UPFRONT TO THE DIFFERENT FUNDRAISERS AND THEY WOULD SIGN A STATEMENT SAYING HOW THEY SPENT THE FUNDS. HOWEVER, AFTER HE AND BOARD FINANCE DISCUSSED THIS, EVERITT SAID THE EVENTS WOULD SPEND THE MONIES AND TDC WOULD REIMBURSE THEM SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SHOW WHERE THE FUNDING WAS BEING SPENT.

EVERITT SAID THE REMAINING MONIES WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR ADVERTISING; TDC'S CHARGE AS A MISSION STATEMENT IS TO ADVERTISE WASHINGTON COUNTY AND REFERRED TO THE COST FOR ADVERTISING. HE REFERRED TO AN INSTANCE WHERE THE BOARD HAD TO SIGN OFF OF AN ADVERTISEMENT DUE TO IT BEING QUESTIONED IF IT WAS GOING TO UPSET OUR LOCALS THAT LIVE ALONG THE CREEKS AND STREAMS THAT WOULD BE COMING TO THE COUNTY TO KAYAK. EVERITT EXPLAINED THE COUNTY BUILT THE BOAT LANDINGS, ETC. TO GET ACCESS TO THEM; IF THEY CAN'T ADVERTISE THEM, WHY BUILD THEM. HE STATED THE COUNTY HAS TO LET THE PEOPLE GET TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; NOTORIAL RIGHTS DO NOT GIVE THE OWNERSHIP OF THE STREAMS TO THE LANDOWNERS. EVERITT ADDRESSED DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, NOT HAVING AN ADVERTISING BUDGET; TDC IS THE ADVERTISING FOR THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTIES HAVE WELCOME STATIONS AND QUESTIONED IF WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS STEPPING OUT FARTHER THAN THEM.

EVERITT ADVISED THE TDC IN JACKSON COUNTY DID NOT HAVE A WELCOME STATION BUT BLUE LAKE HAS BECOME THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WELCOME STATION. EVERITT SAID THE TDC IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS OUTSHINING SOME OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTIES WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN STATING THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID HE HAD RECEIVED SOME REQUESTS FOR OTHER PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND WOULD RATHER GO OVER EVERITT'S REQUEST AND THE OTHER PERSONNEL ISSUES AT A WORKSHOP.

EVERITT ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD THE ABILITY TO SPEND UP TO \$500 WITHOUT GETTING TDC COMMITTEE APPROVAL; HE HAS GOTTEN A TEMPORARY PERSON WORKING IN THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY AND WILL RENEW IT FOR ANOTHER MONTH HOPING THE COUNTY CAN COME TOGETHER WITH THE TDC TO SEE IF THIS ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED.

EVERITT UPDATED THE BOARD ON SANDRA COOK AND BOB HICKS BEING TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE TDC AND COMMISSIONER RONNIE FINCH HAS REPLACED COMMISSIONER COPE AS COMMISSIONER LIASON TO THE TDC.

EVERITT REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR A ROAD CLOSING ON LARKIN ROAD FOR FEBRUARY 19TH AND 20TH FOR THE ANNUAL HARD LABOR CREEK HARE SCRAMBLE. HE EXPLAINED THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON THAT LIVES ON THE ROAD NOW; THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY AT THE ROAD THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE RACE SO THE PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF HER PROPERTY IF NEEDED. HE FUTURE STATED THE INDIVIDUAL IS AWARE OF THIS AND IS SATISFIED WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING OF LARKIN ROAD ON FEBRUARY 19TH AND 20TH.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED EVERITT HE WOULD PUT IN HIS REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY TO SHARE IN THE COST FOR A FULL TIME SECRETARY AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY WHEN THE BOARD HOLDS A WORKSHOP ON OTHER PERSONNEL ISSUES.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION TO STOP EVERITT'S SALARY. WHEN QUESTIONED IF EVERITT WAS SERIOUS ABOUT STOPPING HIS SALARY, EVERITT SAID IF IT TOOK STOPPING HIS PAYCHECK IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH FUNDS TO KEEP THE BLUE LAKE WELCOME CENTER OPEN, HE SAID HE WANTED IT STOPPED. HE SAID KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN WOULD BE MORE VALUABLE TO THE COUNTY THAN THE SMALL AMOUNT HE DRAWS.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IF EVERITT GIVES THE COUNTY HIS PAYCHECK, WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD THIS LEAVE TO FUND THE POSITION. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT EVERITT RECEIVED \$400 PER MONTH.

EVERITT REITERATED TDC WOULD FUND \$10,000 TOWARD THE SECRETARIAL POSITION AT BLUE LAKE AND HE WOULD NOT DRAW ANY SALARY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THAT EVERITT WAS AGREEING TO PUT HIS SALARY BACK IN THE TDC BUDGET AND THEN TDC WILL FUND UP TO \$10,000 TOWARD THE SECRETARY POSITION; EVERITT WILL JUST NOT RECEIVE A SALARY.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE SECRETARIAL POSITION AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY WOULD REQUIRE A FULL TIME POSITION. EVERITT SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON HOW MUCH MONIES BOTH THE COUNTY AND TDC COULD COME UP WITH; IT MAY WORK OUT TO WHERE IT COULD BE A 9:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M. POSITION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THIS WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD BY THE BOARD ON PERSONNEL ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO STOP EVERITT'S SALARY.

JAMES PETERSON, SUPERVISOR OF RECYCLING PROGRAM, PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITY AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

HE THANKED THE BOARD FOR APPROVING THE RECYCLING TRUCK TO BE PURCHASED; IT SHOULD BE IN BY FEBRUARY 19TH. HE REMINDED THEM THE HE WAS STILL LOOKING FOR A BODY FOR THE TRUCK DUE TO THE PRICE THAT WAS QUOTED FOR THE BODY BEING OUTRAGEOUS.

HE REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE SOME OF THE HOURS FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER SO THEY COULD BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS FOR AT LEAST FIVE HOURS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED PETERSON IF HE HAD FUNDS TO COVER THE OVERTIME. PETERSON AGREED HE AND WILLIAM WAGES, RECYCLING ASSISTANT, WOULD TAKE COMP TIME.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF COMP TIME FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER TO BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY THE FIRST OF APRIL.

PETERSON AGREED TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN EXACT TIME WHEN THIS WILL BEGIN AND HE WILL ADVERTISE IN MARCH THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER ON SATURDAYS AS WELL AS AMNESTY DAY.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

PETERSON ADDRESSED THE REASON A RECYCLING BIN HAS NOT BEEN PUT IN SUNNY HILLS WAS THEY WERE NOT IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE TO PUT OUT; THE BINS NEED TO BE REFURBISHED.

DR. BINGHAM PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER ON HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE RECYCLING PROGRAM SINCE 1989 AND HIS RETIREMENT ON DECEMBER 31, 2004. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE GOOD JOB BOTH WALTER EDWARDS, PREVIOUS RECYCLING DIRECTOR, AND JAMES PETERSON, CURRENT RECYCLING DIRECTOR HAD DONE WITH THE RECYCLING PROGRAM.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO FIX A PLAQUE AND PRESENT IT TO DR. BINGHAM FOR APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICES. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COM- MISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO DEVELOP THE PLAQUE AND PRESENT IT TO DR. BINGHAM.

LEONARD E. DEAN-HE ADDRESSED SOME CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY:

1. THE TRACK AT CAMPBELL PARK IS NOT COMPLETELY ASPHALTED AND QUESTIONED IF THIS COULD BE COMPLETED.
2. THE NEED TO PAVE THE SOUTH SIDE OF JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 79 BY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TO SUGAR DOLL/POTTER ROAD.
3. THE NEED FOR COUNTY ASSISTANCE TO HELP FIX POTHOLES ON ROAD FOR SCHOOL BUS TO PICK UP HANDICAP CHILD.
4. THE STRICKLAND ROAD SIGN NEEDS TO BE REPLACED
5. WHEN THE BOARD CONSIDERS INCREASING THE GAS TAX, CONSIDER THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY; IF THEY ADD A FIVE PERCENT GAS TAX, IT WILL TAKE MONEY FROM THE AVERAGE FAMILY. SOME CITIZENS HAVE TO TRAVEL A GOOD DISTANCE TO THEIR JOB.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME KIND OF FUNDING SOURCE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES BEING REQUESTED; HE SAID THE BOARD WOULD WELCOME ANYONE TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET TO SEE WHERE THE FUNDING WAS. AS FAR AS PAVING, FINCH SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A FUNDING SOURCE OR THERE WOULD BE NO PAVING; HE REFERENCED THE OPERATING EXPENSES INCREASING MORE AND MORE.

DEAN SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER MILLED ASPHALT BEING PUT ON SUGAR DOLL/POTTER ROAD TO HIGHWAY 79. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID MILLED ASPHALT WAS NOT FREE; FL-DOT AT TIMES DOES PROVIDE MILLED ASPHALT WHEN THEY HAVE SOME LEFT OVER FROM A PROJECT BUT THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO PAY \$400 TO \$500 A DUMPTRUCK LOAD.

DEAN SAID COMMISSIONER SAPP WAS ADVISED WHERE HE COULD GET SOME MILLED ASPHALT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ANY BOARD MEMBER WHO CAN GET MILLED ASPHALT FROM FL-DOT SHOULD DO SO AND REQUESTED DEAN WORK WITH SAPP ON THIS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AREA WHERE THE ROAD NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED TO KEEP A HANDICAP CHILD FROM GETTING HURT WHEN CATCHING THE BUS WAS A PRIVATE LANE AND WOULD REQUIRE BOARD DISCRETIONARY MEASURES.

HE SAID IT WAS AN 8' TO 10' WASHOUT ABOUT 5" TO 6" DEEP ON ONE AREA OF THE ROAD; HE SAID IT WOULD MAKE THE ROAD SMOOTHER BUT DOESN'T FEEL IT WOULD CAUSE THE BUS TO TURN OVER. HE DID AGREE IT WOULD BECOME WORSE IF THE ROAD IS NOT FIXED AND IT IS A HANDICAP CHILD SITUATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING TAKEN SPECIAL LOOKS AT SITUATIONS LIKE THIS AND WITH BOARD AUTHORITY, THEY COULD ALLOW SAPP TO FIX THE ROAD IF HE FELT IT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER SAPP TO USE HIS JUDGEMENT ON FIXING THE ROAD TO MAKE IT A SAFER, MORE PASSABLE ROAD COMING OFF STATE ROAD 79.

COMMISSIONER SAPP WANTED TO CLARIFY THE GAS TAX WOULD BE ONE TO FIVE CENT AND WAS NOT MEASURED BY PERCENTAGES.

J. PAUL PHILLIPS-HE REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WRITE A LETTER TO THE NEW STATE ATTORNEY REQUESTING AN INDEPTH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRANSFER OF THE HOSPITAL. HE ASKED IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION, WHICH HE PROVIDED THE CHAIRMAN THE ORIGINAL COPY, TO WRITE THIS LETTER REQUESTING A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO ALL THE FACETS OF THE TRANSFER. AT THE END OF THE GRAND JURY, PHILLIPS SAID THERE WOULD BE A REPORT WHICH SHOULD BE SELF EXPLANATORY TO ANYONE WHO HAS ANY CONCERNS OF WHAT HAPPENED. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY AND GIVE EVERYONE, THOSE WHO OPPOSED IT AND THOSE WHO DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, THE REAL, LEGAL, BINDING DECISION OF THE GRAND JURY, HE REQUESTED THE BOARD WRITE THE LETTER.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED FROM WHAT YEAR TO WHAT YEAR WERE THEY REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION; PHILLIPS SAID THIS WOULD BE DETERMINED AND FELT SURE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WOULD APPLY AND FELT THE STATE ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW; IF NOT ATTORNEY HOLLEY COULD ASSIST WITH THIS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHY THE INVESTIGATION COULDN'T BE BACKED UP A FEW YEARS BEFORE SACRED HEART TOOK OVER. PHILLIPS SAID WHATEVER WOULD BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO DO, A GOOD INVESTIGATION BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED PHILLIPS READ THE PETITION. PHILLIPS SAID DURING THE TIME THE TRANSFER WAS GOING ON, THERE WAS AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO EVERYONE, THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE TRANSFER AND THOSE WHO OPPOSED, TO MEET WITH THEM AT THE AG CENTER; NO ONE WAS AT THE MEETING REPRESENTING THE HOSPITAL OR WHO WAS IN FAVOR OF THE TRANSFER. PHILLIPS SAID THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED; IT WAS ESTIMATED THERE WERE BETWEEN 300 TO 500 PEOPLE. HE SAID THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADDITION TO THE NAMES ON THE PETITION.

PHILLIPS THEN READ THE PETITION BY CONCERNED CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS, HEREBY PETITION YOU, OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, TO PURSUE THE CONDUCTION OF A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO THE SALE/LEASE/TRANSFER OF THE FLORIDA SPECIAL DISTRICT KNOWN AS NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE, INC. AS CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, WE BELIEVE THAT A LEGITIMATE CONCERN DOES EXIST WITH REGARDS TO THE SAID TRANSACTION AND THAT SUCH WARRANTS THE ATTENTION OF THE STATE ATTORNEY.

EACH PETITIONER BY SIGNING THIS PETITION URGES YOU TO PRESENT THIS MATTER TO THAT OFFICE FOR INVESTIGATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THE BOARD UNDERSTOOD WHAT PHILLIPS IS ASKING AND DID THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO ASK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN FOR DISCUSSION TO ASK THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR AN INDEPTH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRANSFER OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE.

ADDISON PRESCOTT, MEMBER OF THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IS A CONCERNED CITIZEN, STATED IN HIS OPINION THIS WAS A PLOY TO THROW ANOTHER SNAG INTO THE PROGRESS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID ANYONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN THE TRANSFER OF THE HOSPITAL, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS GO THERE AND LOOK. HE FURTHER STATED THE COUNTY NEEDS A GOOD HOSPITAL, THEY HAVE THINGS GOING AND FEELS THIS IS JUST ANOTHER PLOY BECAUSE A FEW DON'T LIKE WHAT WENT ON. AS FAR AS THE STATEMENT MADE BY PHILLIPS THAT EVERYONE AT THE AG CENTER WAS AGAINST THE HOSPITAL, ADDISON SAID THAT WAS NOT TRUE.

ADDISON REQUESTED TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING IF THE BOARD IS FOR PROGRESS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STOP THIS CRAP NOW.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO THIS ISSUE GOING ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND QUESTIONED WHERE IT WAS GOING TO STOP; IF THE BOARD APPROVED TO WRITE THE LETTER TO THE STATE ATTORNEY REQUESTING THE INDEPTH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, IS THAT GOING TO BE THE END OF IT OR WILL IT KEEP GETTING BROUGHT BACK UP. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE HOSPITAL WAS DOING; THE BOARD GETS A REPORT FROM THE HOSPITAL ON THE MONEY THAT WAS GAVE TO THEM BUT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND IT AS WELL AS HE WOULD LIKE TO. HE FURTHER STATED HE WOULD LIKE THE HOSPITAL ISSUE STOPPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AGREED WITH ADDISON THE COUNTY NEEDS A GOOD HOSPITAL; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS ON THE ROAD TO THIS OR NOT. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE CLOSURE TO THE HOSPITAL ISSUE AT SOME TIME AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD APPROVED PHILLIPS REQUEST, WOULD THIS BE A CLOSURE OR WOULD IT COME UP AGAIN.

PHILLIPS SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ASKED HIM TO BE A SPOKESPERSON TODAY, WHATEVER THE GRAND JURY REPORT WAS ON THE HOSPITAL ISSUE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. PHILLIPS SAID IF HE THOUGHT FOR ONE MINUTE THIS WAS JUST A BUNCH OF REBEL ROUSERS OR UNHAPPY CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY, HE WOULD NOT BE A PART OF IT. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NOT A WHOLE LOT THAT CAN BE DONE AFTER A GRAND JURY HAS LOOKED INTO A SITUATION, INVESTIGATED IT AND PROVIDED THEIR REPORT. HOWEVER, PHILLIPS SAID THERE WAS NOT A WAY TO EVER CONTROL THE MINDS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE MALCONTENT OR WHO MAY NEVER BE SATISFIED. HE ASSURED EVERYONE HERE TODAY, HE WOULD ACCEPT THE GRAND JURY REPORT AND BE IN TOTAL SUPPORT OF IT. HE SAID EVERYBODY WANTS A GREAT HOSPITAL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; IF THIS COULD HAPPEN AND EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT IT, HE BELIEVES THAT ONCE A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM OR THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET THE INFORMATION, TALKING ABOUT THOSE WHO WEREN'T HAPPY WITH THE DECISION, HE BELIEVES ONCE THIS IS MADE CLEAR, THERE IS A LOT OF CLOUDS OVER A LOT OF PEOPLES HEADS, WHETHER THEY ARE JUSTIFIED OR NOT, HE DOESN'T KNOW, BUT WHEN THE GRAND JURY GETS THE WITNESSES IN THERE AND PUTS THEM UNDER OATH, HE IMAGINED A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE INFORMED ABOUT SOME OF THE AREAS THEY DON'T KNOW OR THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING IS ALRIGHT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF HE UNDERSTOOD THE PETITION IT WAS TO ASK THE STATE ATTORNEY TO CONTACT THE GRAND JURY OR FOR HIM TO DO AN INVESTIGATION AND QUESTIONED WHICH ONE WAS IT.

PHILLIPS ADVISED IT WAS REQUESTING THE STATE ATTORNEY CALL TO IMPANEL A GRAND JURY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED DOES THE STATE ATTORNEY DO AN INVESTIGATION FIRST TO SEE IF HE NEEDS TO IMPANEL A GRAND JURY OR DOES HE JUST IMPANEL ONE.

PHILLIPS SAID THIS WOULD BE THE STATE ATTORNEY'S PREROGATIVE BUT ATTORNEY HOLLEY COULD ANSWER THIS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE STATE ATTORNEY HAS THE DISCRETION TO DO NOTHING OR IMPANEL A GRAND JURY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER DISCUSSION.

ADDISON PRESCOTT READDRESSSED THE BOARD. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING ALREADY SPENT MONIES IN LITIGATION OVER THIS ISSUE; IT HAS BEEN TO COURT SEVERAL TIMES AND BEEN THROWN OUT DUE TO THERE BEING NO CAUSE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO END IT WITH THIS VOTE BEFORE THE BOARD AND THEY ARE ASKING FOR MORE MONIES TO BE SPENT; IT COSTS MONEY TO IMPANEL A GRAND JURY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THE GRAND JURY IS IMPANELLED AND SOMETHING IS FOUND OUT, IT WILL BE WELL WORTH IT; IF NOT, EVERYONE'S MIND WILL BE AT REST AND THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK AT.

PRESCOTT SAID EVERYONE'S MIND WOULD NOT BE AT REST WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREEING WITH WHAT PHILLIPS HAD SAID ABOUT THERE BEING SOME PEOPLE THAT CAN'T BE DEALT WITH; HOWEVER, THERE NEEDS TO BE A CLOSURE. PRESCOTT AGREED AND SAID NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE CLOSURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THAT WAS TRUE AND REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE ON THE PETITION REQUESTING THE BOARD WRITE THE STATE ATTORNEY REQUESTING A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION; HE POINTED OUT THEY HAVE JUST AS MUCH RIGHT TO ASK AS ADDISON HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK THE BOARD WHAT HE IS ASKING.

PRESCOTT SAID AS A TAXPAYER, HE RESENTED PEOPLE LIKE COMMISSIONER FINCH, COSTING THE COUNTY MONEY FOR LAWYERS, ETC. WHEN IT HAS BEEN DISPROVED AND DISPROVED. THE CHAIR ASKED PRESCOTT TO SIT DOWN AS HE HAS HEARD HIS REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ELSE HAD ANY OTHER OPINIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD OR IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD ANY OTHER QUOTES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD SHOULD PROCEED WITH WRITING THE STATE ATTORNEY REQUESTING AN INDEPTH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION; WHATEVER THE GRAND JURY COMES BACK WITH, LET IT LAY, LOOK AHEAD AND GET IT BEHIND THEM SO THEY CAN CARRY ON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY COST EXCEPT FOR THE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE LETTER AND SEND IT TO THE STATE ATTORNEY. HE SAID HE GUESSED THE GRAND JURY WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID; HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY WERE OR NOW. HOWEVER, CORBIN SAID IF THERE WAS ANY INTENT TO DO SOMETHING WRONG, THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT IT; IF THERE WAS NO INTENT TO DO ANYTHING WRONG, EVERYBODY ELSE NEEDS TO KNOW IT. HE REITERATED HE WANTED TO SEE THIS ISSUE OVER.

PHILLIPS REBUTTED A REMARK BY PRESCOTT; HE SAID WHEN YOU CAN GET CITIZENS TO PERSONALLY VENT THEIR SPLEEN AND BE SO CONTENTIOUS TO EACH OTHER OVER THE HOSPITAL SITUATION THAT THEY ARE ASKING TO BE INVESTIGATED DOESN'T STOP HERE; IT IS ALL OVER THE COUNTY. HE SAID A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T JUST TAKE NORTH FLORIDA HEALTH CARE'S FIGURES AND STATEMENTS FOR THE GOSPEL; THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE STATEMENT ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND OTHER ATTORNEYS HAVE ON THEIR DESK "EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL". THE GRAND JURY, IF THE COUNTY ELECTS TO DO IT, WHEN THEY SUBMIT THEIR REPORT WOULD BE THE END OF THE ROAD AS FAR AS HE KNOWS; IF THE PEOPLE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE REPORT, HE FEELS SORRY FOR THEM. AS FAR AS HIMSELF, PHILLIPS SAID WHATEVER THE FINAL REPORT THE GRAND JURY SUBMITS TO THE BOARD SAYS IS WHAT THEY ALL WILL ABIDE BY.

CHERYL, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, SAID THE REASONS THE PREVIOUS LAWSUITS WERE THROWN OUT WAS DUE TO THE PARTIES WHO BROUGHT THEM DID NOT HAVE STANDING; IT WAS NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE INVESTIGATED AS THERE WERE NO INVESTIGATIONS EVER.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS. HE THEN DID A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND VOTING YES, COMMISSIONER COPE NO, COMMISSIONER FINCH YES, COMMISSIONER SAPP YES AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN YES. THE VOTE WAS FOUR FOR AND ONE OPPOSED.

CLYDE WALKER/LEISURE LAKE ROAD-WALKER ADDRESSED THE BOARD PERTAINING TO CHAIN LAKE ROADS SAYING HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE MONIES APPROVED TO PAVE THE ROAD. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING TOLD HIM LAST YEAR THE WORK WAS GOING TO BE DONE INHOUSE AND QUESTIONED IF THE PAVING WOULD BE DONE INHOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED HIM THE PAVING WOULDN'T BE DONE INHOUSE; HE SAID THEY HAVE HAD GOOD RESULTS WITH PEOPLE DONATING PROPERTY AND, AS OF LAST WEEK, MR. CLECKLEY HAS AGREED AGAIN TO ALLOW THE COUNTY ON THE FIRST STRETCH OF ROAD ON CARTER CIRCLE TO MOVE THE FENCE OVER AND GET FIVE MORE FEET SO THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP SOME SHOULDERS. HE SAID THEY ARE ACTUALLY DELAYING THE PROJECT; HOWEVER, THEY ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE IT SO ONCE THE PAVING IS DONE IT WILL BE ENGINEERED PROPERLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH THEN ADDRESSED THE CURVE BY THE POND; CLECKLEY HAS ALSO AGREED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TEN MORE FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE TO MAKE THE CURVE MORE VISIBLE. HE REITERATED THE ROAD COULD HAVE BEEN PAVED A YEAR AGO IF THEY WOULD HAVE JUST WENT OUT AND GRADED IT DOWN AND PAVED IT. HOWEVER, FINCH SAID THEY WERE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING THAT IS ENGINEERED AS CLOSE AS THEY CAN AND SOMETHING THAT WILL BE THERE FOR A LONG TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY IS ABSOLUTELY COMING DOWN TO THE POINT OF PAVING; THE DELAYS WERE DUE TO OBTAINING THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY AND GETTING IT ENGINEERED PROPERLY.

WALKER ASKED IF A CONTRACT HAD BEEN LET ON THE ROAD PAVING; COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THERE HAD NOT BEEN. HE INFORMED WALKER THE COUNTY HAD A CONTRACT WITH C. W. ROBERTS TO FURNISH ASPHALT IF THEY DECIDE TO USE ROBERTS. FINCH SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING GOING OUT FOR BID TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET A BETTER PRICE DUE TO ROBERTS HAVING INCREASED THEIR CONTRACT PRICE.

WALKER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING GONE OUT AND DONE A LOT OF WORK TO PREP THE ROAD, A BIG RAIN COMES AND ALL THE WORK IS WASHED DOWN THE GUTTER AND IT HAS TO BE PREPPED AGAIN. HE DID SAY THEY APPRECIATED THE WORK THE COUNTY HAS DONE AND THE ROAD IS BETTER NOW THAN IT HAS BEEN. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WANTED CLARIFICATION FOR HIMSELF ON THE STATUS OF THE ROAD PAVING.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING ASKED HIM TO PUT TOGETHER BIDDING AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS TO PUT THE PAVING OF CHAIN LAKES ROAD OUT FOR BID; HE WANTED TO HAVE THE FINE GRADING AND MIXING PUT OUT FOR BID IN ADDITION TO THE ASPHALT. HE TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD BE PROVIDING THE BID DOCUMENTS TO THEM TODAY.

KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD THE POTENTIAL FOR DISASTER IN THE DOUBLE CURVE IS VERY HIGH; THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR SOME OF THE DELAY IN THE PROJECT BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN AGGRESSIVELY TRYING TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THOSE CURVES TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR WALKER AND THE COMMUNITY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS. TE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, GLEN ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PARK AND RECREATION ORDINANCE THAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD ABOUT A YEAR AGO. HE ADVISED THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HAD MET AND MADE A COUPLE OF REVISIONS TO THE ORDINANCE AND WERE REQUESTING THE BOARD MAKE A DECISION ON THE ORDINANCE AND ADVERTISE IT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. HE REFERRED TO THE TDC WANTING TO MARKET THE PARKS AND ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THERE TO BE RULES ON THEM; THE ORDINANCE DOESN'T LIMIT THE USE BUT JUST COMPOUNDS THE SENTENCE BEHIND SOME OF THE ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE STATING SWIMMING WOULD BE PROHIBITED IN ALL LAKES WITHIN THE PARKS AND THEN IT STATED ELSEWHERE IT WOULD BE POSTED TO SWIM AT OWN RISK; HE FELT THIS WAS A LITTLE REDUNDANT.

ZANETIC ADVISED THAT LYNDA WALLER HAD COMPILED THE ORDINANCE FROM MANY OF THE COUNTIES AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE RECOMMENDED TO LEAVE ALL SIGNAGES STATING SWIM AT OWN RISK.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REFERRED TO THE WORDING IN THE ORDINANCE SAYING IF IT IS NOT AN AUTHORIZED SWIMMING AREA, SWIM AT OWN RISK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE ADDRESSED TODAY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SUGGESTED PROCEEDING WITH ADVERTISING A PUBLIC HEARING; IF THEY HAVE CHANGES, THEY COULD BE MADE AT THE HEARING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PARK AND RECREATION ORDINANCE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2005.

LAND EXCHANGE WITH DELTONA CORPORATION-ZANETIC REQUESTED THE COUNTY TAKE TWO PARCELS THEY OWN AND DO A LAND SWAP WITH DELTONA CORPORATION. HE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE TWO PARCELS DIRECTLY BEHIND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE STATION AS THEY ARE LOOKING AT BRINGING RECYCLING BINS BACK AND AN ANIMAL SHELTER AS A PICKUP STATION WITHIN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONER FINCH LOOK AT THE PROPERTY EXCHANGE AND COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD LOOKED AT IT.

ZANETIC SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO SWAP TWO LOTS ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO DELTONA FOR LOTS 8 AND 9 BEHIND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE STATION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF DELTONA WAS IN AGREEMENT TO THE LAND EXCHANGE; ZANETIC ADVISED THEY WERE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW THE VALUE OF ALL THE LOTS TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE A FAIR EXCHANGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE LOTS THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING WOULD BE TO ENHANCE THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, ALLOW FOR THE POSSIBLE RECYCLING BINS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO SUNNY HILLS AND THE ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE SUNNY HILLS AREA.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE LOTS BE PURCHASED FROM DELTONA; IF THE COUNTY COULD MAKE MONEY BY SELLING THE OTHER TWO LOTS AND PURCHASING THE LOTS, DELTONA MAY BE IN AGREEMENT.

ZANETIC SAID THE TWO DELTONA LOTS TO BE EXCHANGED ARE VALUED AT \$42,000. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE AND A FAIR SWAP OF PROPERTY. HE TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE AND OFFERED A MOTION TO APPROVE OF EXCHANGING TWO LOTS ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO DELTONA CORPORATION FOR TWO LOTS BEHIND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED THE MOTION INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN A RESOLUTION AND THE DEED. CHAIRMAN FINCH AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED TO INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE LOT NUMBERS DIDN'T NEED TO BE NAMED. ZANETIC ADVISED THE COUNTY WAS SWAPPING TWO LOTS IN UNIT 6, BLOCK 356, LOTS 17 AND 19 FOR TWO LOTS IN UNIT 19, BLOCK 1109, LOTS 8 AND 9.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUNNY HILLS PROPERTY SALES-ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING WINDFALL PROFITS ON THE SALE OF THESE PROPERTIES. THE CITIZENS OF THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENTS AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS; THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT HALF OF THE PROFITS OF THE SALE OF THESE PROPERTIES.

ZANETIC SAID THE MONIES WOULD BE USED FOR SIGNAGE AS THERE WERE OVER 1,000 SIGNS THAT NEED TO BE PUT UP; HE REFERRED TO IT PROBABLY TAKING SIX YEARS IF THEY HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE FUNDING TO COME FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET.

HE ADDRESSED THE MONIES WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR AN AREA FOR THE COMMUNITY TO MEET AGAIN; DELTONA IS BECOMING ACTIVE, THEY ARE REBUILDING THEIR COMMUNITY CENTER, GOING BACK TO THEIR OLD PRACTICE OF BRINGING PEOPLE IN, ARE GOING TO FINISH THE DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE USING THEIR COMMUNITY CENTER MORE.

ZANETIC REFERRED TO THE SUNNY HILLS GARDEN CLUB AND THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEEDING A MEETING ROOM, OFFICE SPACE, ETC.

HE ADDRESSED THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND REFERRED TO DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN SUNNY HILLS AND MORE PAVING BEING NEEDED. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO REINVEST IN THE AREA AND POINTED OUT THE INVESTMENTS THUSFAR HAVE PAID OFF VERY WELL.

HE REFERRED TO THE TAX BASE INCREASING DUE TO THE WAY THEY ARE SELLING THE PROPERTIES; HOUSES BRING IN MORE BUSINESSES, ETC. HE ADDRESSED WHAT THE PROPERTIES WERE SOLD FOR VERSUS WHAT THEY WERE LISTED ON THE BOOKS FOR; IN OCTOBER THEY WERE SOLD AT SIX TIMES THEIR VALUE. EVENTUALLY, HE SAID THE COUNTY SHOULD BE ABLE TO REDUCE THEIR MILLAGE RATE DUE TO THE INCREASE OF THEIR TAX BASE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHAT ZANETIC WAS REQUESTING WAS FAIR BASED ON THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN PUT INTO THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS ALLOWED THE GROWTH AND FUTURE GROWTH OF SUNNY HILLS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING SOME BUDGET RESTRICTIONS WHICH THE LAND SALES MONIES ASSISTED WITH ON THE 2004-2005 BUDGET. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE WAS GOING TO HOLD AND

HATED TO PUT THE COUNTY IN THE POSITION WHERE THEY AGREE TO GIVE MSBU HALF THE MONIES AND THEN HAVE TO COME BACK DUE TO BUDGET RESTRAINTS AND TAKE IT AWAY. HE SAID THE BOARD COULD AGREE TO DO WHAT ZANETIC WAS ASKING BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW BINDING IT WOULD BE; PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS AND HAVE VERY GOOD IDEAS ON HOW MONIES SHOULD BE EXPENDED. HE ADDRESSED JUST BECAUSE HE AND ZANETIC FEELS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SPLIT THE FUNDS; ANOTHER COMMISSIONER MAY WANT TO SPEND IT ELSEWHERE. HE SAID JUST BECAUSE THE BOARD MAY NOT APPROVE OF THIS, IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYONE HAS A PROBLEM WITH SUNNY HILLS AS THEY RESPECT AND REALIZE HOW THAT IS COMING ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO THE JAIL; THE COUNTY HAS NO MORE BORROWING POWER TO EXTEND THE JAIL. HE WANTED TO REMIND THE BOARD THE JAIL ISSUE IS NOT GOING AWAY AND BEFORE THEY COMMITTED ANY OF THE LAND SALES MONEY, HE WANTED THEM TO LOOK AT ALL ISSUES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ZANETIC SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT IS BEING SAID AND UNDERSTANDS THEY HAVE BEEN MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THE BOARD ON MUCH OF THIS MANY TIMES. HE SAID HE COULD FORESEE WHERE THE BOARD MAY FEEL THEY HAVE GREATER NEEDS THAN OBVIOUSLY THEY ALL FEEL THEY HAVE A NEED; OBVIOUSLY, THEY MAY SWAP PERIODS OF TIME AND MONEY. HE SAID THE BOARD MAY TAKE A FUTURE PERCENTAGE OF THE MONIES AND MSBU WAITS UNTIL THE NEXT SALE TO COME AROUND.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IN THE PAST YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MSBU. ZANETIC SAID THE COUNTY HAS INVESTED APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS AND MSBU HAS INVESTED \$4,000,000. HE REITERATED MSBU PUT UP MONIES TO BRING THE GROWTH IN AND THEY SHOULD GET SOME OF THE INVESTMENTS OUT OF IT. HOPEFULLY, ZANETIC SAID THIS MONEY WON'T HAVE TO BE USED AGAIN TO BALANCE A BUDGET; THERE WILL BE A TAX BASE TO GENERATE ENOUGH FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE MSBU HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL AND SUPPORTS WHAT THEY ARE DOING; HE REFERRED TO THE 142 MILES OF PAVING THAT WAS DONE IN SUNNY HILLS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE MSBU.

ZANETIC SAID HE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD LOOKED AT THE SALES AND THERE APPEARED TO BE \$425,000 CLEAR AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN ON THERE BEING GROWTH AT THE JAIL; IF THE COUNTY CAN STAY AHEAD OF THE GROWTH AND BUILD THE ADDITION NOW, THEY CAN RENT THE SPACE AT THE JAIL AND MAKE PAYMENTS ON IT. HE SAID THIS MONEY COULD BE LIKE A LOAN TO THE COUNTY TO GO AHEAD AND DO THE JAIL ADDITION.

ZANETIC SAID THE COUNTY HAS HALF THE MONIES NOW AND THEY MAY BE ABLE TO SOLVE ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR THEMSELVES BY WAITING UNTIL THE NEXT SALE OF PROPERTY AND MSBU WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT SALE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE MONIES GENERATED BY THE LAND SALES IS DUE TO THE INVESTMENTS MSBU HAS MADE. HE ASKED ZANETIC TO EXPLAIN IN LAYMANS TERMS WHAT HE IS REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD.

ZANETIC SAID HE WANTED \$200,000 OF THE \$425,000 CLEARED WITH \$100,000 BEING PUT TOWARD SIGNAGE AND \$100,000 BEING PUT TOWARD A COMMUNITY CENTER. HE SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER FINCH WORK WITH THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER AS THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT BUILDING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ZANETIC TO SUBMIT HIS REQUEST IN A BUDGET PROPOSAL TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND IT COULD BE LOOKED AT WITH OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ZANETIC WAS REQUESTING THE COUNTY EARMARK HALF THE LAND SALES MONIES BEING GENERATED BACK INTO SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS NOT READY TO TAKE ACTION TO DO THAT TODAY; HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE FOR ZANETIC TO PUT IN A BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE \$100,000 FOR THE SIGNAGE AND \$100,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

ZANETIC SAID IF NEEDED, THERE WERE MEMBERS OF THE GARDEN CLUB WHO MIGHT WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED WHERE THEY STAND ON MORE LAND SALES IN SUNNY HILLS. ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PAVING BEING DONE IN FIVE MILE

SEGMENTS; ONCE THIS IS DONE, THE PROPERTIES WILL SELL AND HE IS TRYING TO GIVE THE COMPANIES TIME TO GET THE HOUSES UP AND GET THEM OFF THE INVENTORY; IF THEY KEEP TURNING HOUSES, THEY WILL GIVE UP MORE LAND AND ADDRESSED THEM NOT WANTING LAND INVESTORS TO JUST SET ON THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REVIEWS IT AND CONTINUE WITH THE LAND SALES; HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING SEVERAL OBLIGATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IN THE COUNTY'S FAVOR TO WAIT UNTIL THE HOTEL IS BUILT IN THAT AREA AND THE EXTENSION TO WASHINGTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION BEFORE SELLING ANY MORE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO PROBLEM IN SELLING PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH TURNED HIS CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE AND OFFERED A MOTION TO RETURN HALF OF THE SUNNY HILLS LAND SALES TO BE USED INSIDE SUNNY HILLS FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENTS. ZANETIC REQUESTED COMMISSIONER FINCH MAKE HIS MOTION TO RETURN HALF OF THE FIRST LAND SALES WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREEING TO CHANGE HIS MOTION TO RETURN HALF OF THE FIRST LAND SALES TO BE USED INSIDE SUNNY HILLS FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENTS. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION FOR ZANETIC'S REQUEST TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND PRESENTED ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER BUDGETS TO SEE IF THE COUNTY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE UP HALF THE SALES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH WANTED THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND, EVERYTIME A HOUSE IS BUILT, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY JUST BECAUSE MSBU INVESTED THE MONIES; HOWEVER, A LOT OF THE GROWTH IS DUE TO THE INVESTMENT OF MSBU. HE POINTED OUT IT WAS A COUNTY INVESTMENT; IF MSBU DEFAULTS, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO END UP PAYING IT. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING EVERYTIME A NEW HOUSE IS BUILT, THE COUNTY RECEIVES A NEW TAX REVENUE. HE HOPES ONE DAY IT WILL BE LIKE ZANETIC SAID THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TAX BASE THE COUNTY CAN REDUCE THEIR MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BOARD WAS NOT DENYING ZANETIC'S REQUEST BUT ARE JUST WANTING IT TO BE REVIEWED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND SEE HOW THINGS LOOK AT BUDGET TIME. HE POINTED OUT THE JAIL ISSUE WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT ALSO.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING GONE TO THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY ON PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM; HE GOT 100% APPROVAL EXCEPT FOR WAUSAU.

JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE HAVING HAD MEETINGS AND WORKED UP A BUDGET FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. HE POINTED OUT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL TO WORK, THE COUNTY TAKE CONTROL AND THE MUNICIPALITIES PARTICIPATE IN IT, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ADOPT ONE ORDINANCE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

HE ADDRESSED THEM LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBBING OUT ANIMAL CONTROL WITH DR. TODD ANDERSON; HE HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH ANDERSON TO TRY AND WORK OUT THE FIGURES AND FEELS LIKE IT WILL WORK OUT WITHIN THE BUDGET THEY HAVE SET. IF SO, MORRIS SAID THIS WOULD RELIEVE THE COUNTY FROM LIABILITY OF HOLDING ANIMALS, PUTTING ANIMALS DOWN, ADOPTIONS, ETC. HE REITERATED THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY TO ADOPT ONE ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES.

MORRIS SAID EVEN IF THE COUNTY WENT WITH DR. ANDERSON, THERE WOULD STILL BE TWO CONTROL OFFICERS, THEIR VEHICLES, GAS, THEIR BENEFITS; WHAT IS REMAINING WILL BE USED TO SUB OUT ANIMALS WITH DR. ANDERSON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF DR. ANDERSON WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS. MORRIS SAID ANDERSON WOULD ACCEPT ANIMALS 24 HOURS A DAY.

COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED WITH MORRIS ON THE NEED TO HAVE ONE ORDINANCE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

DAVID SAID THE CITY OF VERNON DID STRESS WHEN THEY VOTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE OR THEY WOULDN'T PARTICIPATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THEY ADOPTED A COUNTY WIDE ORDINANCE, WOULD THAT MEAN THEY WOULD BE FORCING THE CITIES TO ABIDE BY THE COUNTY ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE CITIES COULD ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY ORDINANCE; IF THEY DIDN'T PARTICIPATE, THE COUNTY WOULD NOT DO THEIR ANIMAL CONTROL.

MORRIS SAID WAUSAU WAS ONLY LOOKING AT HAVING TO PAY \$1,400 TO PARTICIPATE; THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS NOT GOING TO PAY FOR WAUSAU'S ANIMAL CONTROL AND DOESN'T FEEL THE COUNTY SHOULD. HE FELT IF EVERYONE ELSE IS ON BOARD THEN WAUSAU SHOULD BE ALSO OR THEY WANT GET ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID SUNNY HILLS HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM AT A COST OF \$5,800.

DAVID SAID THE ONLY MUNICIPALITY HE HASN'T SEEN YET IS EBRO AND THEIR MEETING WAS HELD ON THE SAME NIGHT AS CARYVILLE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF EVERYONE HAD READ THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ORDINANCE IF THIS IS THE ONE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO USE AS A PATTERN.

CHERYL, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, ASKED MORRIS IF DR. ANDERSON ACCEPTS THE ANIMALS, WILL THERE BE A HOLDING TIME. MORRIS SAID THERE WOULD BE A FIVE DAY HOLDING PERIOD WHICH IS THE SAME AS IT CURRENTLY IS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY'S ORIGINAL ORDINANCE WAS FOR VISCIOUS OR NUISANCE DOGS; HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE ANY DOG THAT NO ONE WANTS.

DAVID SAID UNDER THE OLD ORDINANCE, IF A PERSON LIVES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PRODUCES A LICENSE, THEY WILL ACCEPT THEIR DOGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW THE COUNTY WOULD HANDLE THE LARGER ANIMALS SUCH AS COWS, HORSES, ETC.; WOULD THIS BE HANDLED THROUGH DR. ANDERSON OR WOULD THE COUNTY HAVE TO HAVE A HOLDING PEN FOR THAT.

MORRIS SAID HE WOULD TALK TO DR. ANDERSON PERTAINING TO TAKING CARE OF THE LARGER ANIMALS. MORRIS SAID UNTIL HE GETS THROUGH WORKING WITH ANDERSON, THE COUNTY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO HOLD THE LARGER ANIMALS THEMSELVES.

DAVID SAID THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM ALL HINGES ON THE BUDGET AND IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO APPROVE THE \$100,000 BUDGET. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO KNOW THE AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IT WOULD BE A \$100,000 BUDGET REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COUNTY DOES THE ANIMAL CONTROL OR GOES WITH DR. ANDERSON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO ADVERTISE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DRAFT A COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS WHAT THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ORDINANCE DOES; THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ORDINANCE CAN'T BE ADVERTISED AS IS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED COULD THE BOARD AMEND THE ORDINANCE AT A PUBLIC HEARING IF THEY WANTED TO; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY COULD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS ACTION WAS JUST PERTAINING TO ADVERTISING THE ORDINANCE AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MORRIS WORKING WITH DR. ANDERSON. HE WAS ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; MORRIS SAID IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO WORK A DEAL WITH ANDERSON TODAY, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO DO TO ANDERSON NEEDING TO MAKE PREPARATIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED DAVID CORBIN DOING A LOT OF WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND REFERRED TO THE GOOD JOB DAVID AND THE INMATES HAD DONE ON THE COUNTY ANNEX FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE HAD NEVER FAILED TO ASK DAVID TO DO SOMETHING THAT HE DIDN'T DO IMMEDIATELY; DAVID GOT INVOLVED WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO DAVID WEARING A LOT OF HATS IN THE COUNTY; HE COOPERATES WITH THE BOARD AND DOES WHAT THEY ASK HIM TO DO.

DAVID SAID HE DONE IT FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND THE DESIRES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. HUNTERS PARK-ACROSS FROM SCHOOL ON HIGHWAY 279; HE HAS PRELIMINARY DESIGN DONE THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER SAPP WILL GO TO SITE AND WALK IT TO MAKE SURE IT IS ALRIGHT. FRDAP GRANT IS FOR \$150,000 WITH THE ONLY COST TO COUNTY BEING FOR THE SURVEY.

KNAUER QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY COULD AFFORD TO BUILD THE PARK AS DESIGNED; ARE THEY GOING TO DO THE WORK INHOUSE OR CONTRACT OUT THE ENTIRE PROJECT. KNAUER SAID IF THEY DID THE WORK INHOUSE, THERE WOULD BE MONIES LEFT OVER; IF THEY CONTRACTED IT OUT, MONIES WOULD BE TIGHT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO ADVERTISE TO SEE WHAT THE CONTRACT COMES IN AT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE LIKED THE WAY CAMPBELL PARK WAS BUILT; INHOUSE LABOR WAS USED, THEY DID A GOOD JOB AND IT WAS GOOD QUALITY. SAPP RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY DO THE WORK INHOUSE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THERE BEING A SLOPE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY THAT WILL NEED TO BE LEVELLED OUT BUT COUNTY FORCES CAN DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID DAVID WAS READY AND WILLING TO DO THE HUNTERS PARK PROJECT AND HAS ASKED HIM WHEN HE WANTED TO GET STARTED.

KNAUER SAID THERE WAS A PAVED PARKING LOT ON THE PROJECT AND THE COUNTY CAN BID OUT THE ASPHALT OR USE C. W. ROBERTS CONTRACT PRICE. HE POINTED OUT THE BIGGEST SAVINGS ON THESE PROJECTS IS WHEN THE COUNTY ACTUALLY ORDERS THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT THEMSELVES DIRECTLY; THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE SALES TAX THEN NOR HAVE TO PAY THE 30% MARKUP A CONTRACTOR WILL PUT ON IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW DAVID WAS INVOLVED WITH BUILDING PARKS; HE DOESN'T KNOW OF ANY PARK HE HAS HAD ANY PART IN THE BUILDING OF ANY PARKS. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID DAVID COORDINATES THE INMATE CREW TO BUILD THE PARKS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED SAPP TALK WITH MR. SMITH AT THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AS HE WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED WITH EVERYTHING AND APPROVE OF EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO THE INMATE CREWS BUILDING THE PARK.

KNAUER SAID TO HIS RECOLLECTION, DAVID HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH EVERY PARK THE COUNTY HAS BUILT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED THE BUILDING OF THE PARKS OR JUST GETTING THE INMATE CREWS.

KNAUER SAID DAVID ORGANIZED ALL OF THE WORK AND ACTED LIKE A SUPERINTENDENT ON THE JOB IN A LOT OF WAYS.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERRED TO C. W. ROBERTS ORIGINAL CONTRACT BEING \$42 A TON FOR ASPHALT; THIS HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$52.50 A TON.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW DID C. W. ROBERTS CHANGE HIS CONTRACT PRICE. KNAUER ADVISED ROBERTS SAID WHATEVER HE HAD A WRITTEN QUOTE FOR THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY, HE WOULD HONOR THE PRICE OF \$42 PER TON; THOSE THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE A WRITTEN QUOTE FOR SPECIFICALLY WOULD BE \$52.50 A TON PLUS MOBILIZATION. HE SAID ROBERTS HAD POINTED OUT TO HIM THEIR CONTRACT HAD NO ESCALATION COST ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE PROJECTS THE COUNTY HAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN MADE REFERENCE IF THE COST OF PRODUCTS HAD COME DOWN RATHER THAN GONE UP, WOULD C. W. ROBERTS HAVE HONORED A LOWER CONTRACT PRICE. KNAUER WELCOMED ANY OF THE BOARD TO CONTACT C. W. ROBERTS DIRECTLY ON HIS CONTRACT PRICES.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE INCREASE AND ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE COUNTY WAS LEGAL; C. W. ROBERTS WAS ALREADY OBLIGATED TO DO TWO MORE ROADS FOR HIM BUT THEY WENT UP ON THEIR PRICE. HE SAID C. W. ROBERTS WAS ALSO CHARGING HIM FOR AN EXTRA MOBILIZATION CHARGE ON COLEMAN AVENUE AND \$2,310 FOR AN OVERLAY ON SECOND STREET. HE SAID DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WAS GOING TO TAKE THE \$2,500 OUT OF HIS DISTRICT MONIES TO PAY THE MOBILIZATION CHARGE AND POINTED OUT THE COUNTY HAD A LOT OF DOLLARS ON COLEMAN AVENUE.

HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD PRESENTED THE \$2,310 INVOICE TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND JIM MORRIS HAD AGREED TO SEE IF THEY COULD ASSIST WITH PAYMENT OF

THIS INVOICE. KNAUER SAID THE INVOICE ON SECOND STREET WAS CROSS DRAINS THAT WAS PUT IN AND A GOOD PIECE OF THE ROAD WAS TORN UP; IT WAS OVERLAYED ABOUT 75' TO 100' IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER COPE REITERATED C. W. ROBERTS CHARGED MOBILIZATION THE FIRST TIME THEY CAME IN TO DO COLEMAN AVENUE AND THEN CHARGED IT AGAIN. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO JIM MORRIS BEING A FINE MAN AND AN EXCELLENT CITY MANAGER; HOWEVER, HE IS FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND NOT FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION TO PROCEED WITH THE HUNTERS PARK PROJECT. CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID IT WAS SAPP'S PARK AND IN SAPP'S AREA, HE AND CLIFF HAS THE PLANS FOR THE PARK, IT HAS BEEN APPROVED TO BUILD IT AND ADVISED THEM TO PROCEED WITH THE PARK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS WITH DAVID CORBIN HELPING IN ANY WAY HE CAN.

KNAUER ADVISED IF THEY DECIDED TO PUT THE PROJECT OUT FOR BID, THEY NORMALLY GET BOARD APPROVAL; HOWEVER, UNTIL IT IS DECIDED WHO IS GOING TO DO WHAT, THERE IS NO USE AT THIS TIME. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF COMMISSIONER SAPP WANTED TO DO THE JOB INHOUSE, HE HAS NO PROBLEM.

2. CHAIN LAKES/LEISURE LAKE-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING THE BIDDING AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS TOGETHER TO ADVERTISE FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO MIX THE ROAD, DO THE FINISH GRADE AND PAVE IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WANTED TO BID IT TO SEE IF HE COULD GET A PRICE BETTER THAN C. W. ROBERTS. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET A CREW TO ESTABLISH THE ALIGNMENT AND DETERMINE HOW MUCH RIGHT OF WAY WOULD BE NEEDED PRIOR TO STARTING PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE AND GETS BIDS ON CHAIN LAKES ROAD FROM CARTER CIRLE TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE LEISURE LAKES SUBDIVISION; APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES. KNAUER SAID HE WOULD GET IT ADVERTISED AND HAVE THE BID RESULTS BEFORE THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

3. CREEK ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO OVERLAY THE BAD SECTIONS OF CREEK ROAD. HE, COMMISSIONER STRICK- LAND AND ROBERT HARCUS SPRAY PAINTED AND MEASURED THE AREAS WHICH NEEDED TO BE FIXED WITH THE INTENTION FOR THE COUNTY TO REMOVE, RE- PLACE AND COMPACT THE LIMEROCK AND HAVE THE CONTRACTOR BRING THE ASPHALT TO THE PATCHES. HE CAME TO A TOTAL OF 2800 SQUARE YARDS TO OVERLAY THE BAD SECTIONS.

HE ADVISED THE COUNTY IF THEY WANTED TO PUT DOWN 1/2" TO 3/4" ASPHALT IN THE PATCHED AREAS WITH NO OVERLAY, IT COULD BE DONE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$10,000; IF THEY WANT TO PUT A 1" TO 1 1/4" ASPHALT IN THE PATCHED AREAS WITH NO OVERLAY, IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 WITH \$2,500 OF THIS BEING FOR MOBILIZATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO SPEND ABOUT \$38,000 TO FIX THE BAD AREAS OF CREEK ROAD. THE BOARD AGREED THEY HAD WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAYING THE COUNTY DIDN'T NEED TO SPEND THIS MUCH MONEY ON THE ROAD; IF THEY CAN GET BY FOR THE TIME BEING AND HOPEFULLY WHEN ANOTHER ROAD GRANT COMES UP, THEY CAN FIX CREEK ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON GRIFFIN HAVING GIVEN HIM A PRICE TO DO THE BAD AREAS ON CREEK ROAD; HE IS TO GET A QUOTE FROM BAXTERS ASPHALT TOMORROW AND ANOTHER QUOTE FROM SOMEONE ELSE. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD HOLD OFF UNTIL HE CAN GET THE OTHER QUOTES AND BRING THEM BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND CHECK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEE IF HE IS AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT FOR QUOTES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF IT WAS GOING OVER THE BID AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BID.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IT WAS UNDER THE \$38,000 THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED HE SPEND TO GET THE ROAD FIXED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WOULD HAVE TO BID \$38,000 UNLESS THEY GO WITH THE CONTRACT WITH C. W. ROBERTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT; C. W. ROBERTS GAVE A QUOTE ON WHAT THEY WOULD DO THE PROJECT FOR AND THE BOARD APPROVED THIS THINKING THEY WERE GOING TO OVERLAY THE WHOLE ROAD; HOWEVER, THEY DECIDED THIS WAS NOT A GOOD THING AND DECIDED JUST TO DO SPOTS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SUGGESTED THE BOARD DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY AND GET THREE QUOTES RATHER THAN GETTING FORMAL BIDS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD HAVING AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO SPEND UP TO \$39,000 TO DO THE REPAIR WORK ON CREEK ROAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S MOTION COULD AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION MADE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THE MOTION COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS GOING TO MAKE WOULD AMEND THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS ACTION. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO DECLARE THE CREEK ROAD REPAIRS AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO GET THREE QUOTES ON THE ASPHALT WORK DONE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE JUDGEMENT AGAINST FORMER COMMISSIONER HALL ON THE OVEREXPENDITURE ON CREEK ROAD AND PARISH STEEL ROAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH WAS OVERSPENT OVER HALL'S AUTHORITY. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON THE VALUE OF THE ROAD WORK DONE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THIS WAS PROBABLY NOT THE FIRST TIME A COMMISSIONER HAS SPENT MONEY WITHOUT APPROVAL; NEITHER IS HE CONDONING IT. HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY TO TRY AND RECOUP \$19,000 AND THERE IS A VALUE OF THE ROAD. HE SAID THE BOARD COULD WIND UP STIRRING UP A LOT OF TROUBLE AND NOT ACCOMPLISH VERY MUCH. HE SAID HIS OPINION WOULD BE TO LET IT PASS AS GOOD EXPERIENCE TO THE BOARD AS IT HAS BEEN TALKED PREVIOUSLY AT A MEETING TO GET A GOOD UNDERSTANDING AT THE BOARD LEVEL OF WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO WITH THE ROAD SYSTEM BEFORE THEY EVER LEAVE THE BOARD. HIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO LET IT PASS AS GOOD EXPERIENCE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE BOARD, THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE FEELING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE; THEY TRIED TO PUT LOGIC INTO THINGS BEFORE AND IT SEEMED LIKE IT FELL ON DEAF EARS. HE SAID HE FIRMLY BELIEVED IF THE COUNTY NEVER RECOUPS ANYTHING, THEY MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF THIS.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO USE GOOD JUDGEMENT. HE ALSO REFERRED TO FORMER COMMISSIONER HALL BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF HIS MONEY AND WAS VERY CONSERVATIVE; HALL PAVED SOME ROADS AND DID A GOOD JOB ON SOME. HE AGREED THE ONES DONE IN THE END WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE BUT THE BOARD HAS ALL MADE MISTAKES; HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO CORRECT CREEK ROAD AND DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO SALVAGE IT. HE REFERRED TO HALL DOING A LOT OF WORK ON PARISH STEEL ROAD AND IT LOOKS SO MUCH BETTER THAN IT DID; HE REITERATED THE BOARD ALL HAVING MADE MISTAKES AND THEY NEED TO CORRECT IT AND MOVE ON.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HEARD THAT ARGUMENT WHEN THE BOARD WAS ABOUT TO BULLDOZIER THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY DOWN. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE BUILDING WAS STILL THERE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT THE LITIGATION WOULD COST TO PURSUE THE \$19,000 THAT WAS SPENT ON PARISH STEEL UNAUTHORIZED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT DEPENDED ON HOW VIGOROUSLY HALL DEFENDS IT; PROBABLY \$2,000 TO \$3,000. HOLLEY COMMENTED HE HAD ALREADY TOLD SOME OF THE BOARD INDIVIDUALLY HE DIDN'T FEEL THEY WOULD EVER COLLECT ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE BOARD MAY NOT GET THE MONEY TODAY OR TOMORROW; HOWEVER, TWENTY YEARS DOWN THE LINE, SOME BOARD WILL GET IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF HALL HAD SOME TYPE OF ASSETS BESIDES HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, THE BOARD MAY GET THE MONIES AND QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON NOT BEING ABLE TO LEVY ON HOMESTEAD. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT WAS ACCORDING TO HOW THE PROPERTY WAS TITLED; IF IT IS TITLED TO HUSBAND AND WIFE, THEY CAN'T LEVY ON IT ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REITERATED TO THE BOARD FORMER COMMISSIONER HALL HAD COME TO HIS HOUSE ON TUESDAY AFTER HE LEFT OFFICE AT MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY SAYING HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID FORMER COMMISSIONER HALL HAD COME TO HIM ON THAT SAME TUESDAY AND TOLD HIM THE SAME THING, HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE AND HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING HE HAD DONE WRONG AND HE WOULD MAKE IT RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID MAYBE THE BOARD NEEDS TO GET THE ATTORNEY TO WRITE HALL AND TELL HIM WHAT THE COST ON THE ROAD WAS AND MAYBE HE WOULD PAY IT FREELY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER IF COMMISSIONER HALL CHECKED WITH HER PERIODICALLY ON THE MONIES HE HAD; DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED HE DID. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE FEELS HALL THOUGHT HE HAD THE MONIES WHEN HE DID THE WORK; MAYBE THERE WERE SOME INVOICES THAT HADN'T COME THROUGH BUT HE DOES FEEL IT WAS A MISTAKE.

VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE STATED THE QUESTION HAD BEEN CALLED FOR AND ASKED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO FILE A JUDGMENT AGAINST FORMER COMMISSIONER HALL FOR THE OVEREXPENDITURE UNAUTHORIZED ON PARISH STEEL ROAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOTED YES, COMMISSIONER SAPP NO, COMMISSIONER FINCH, YES, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND YES AND COMMISSIONER COPE NO; THE MOTION PASSED THREE TO TWO.

4. SPRING POND ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING A MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY THAT REPRESENTS THE BANK AROUND THE AIRPORT PARK ON SPRING POND ROAD. HE ADDRESSED THE ROAD GOES IN AT THE ENTRANCE AT CRYSTAL VILLAGE, TURNS AND GOES BACK AROUND TO THE BACK SIDE OF THE AIRPARK.

HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING PUT A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ON ALL THE PROPERTY THAT BELONGS TO THE BANK; UNTIL THIS IS LIFTED, THE BANK IS UNABLE TO SELL ANY OF THE PROPERTIES.

HE POINTED OUT THE ROADS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS; THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING HELD WAS TO SEE WHAT WORK WOULD BE NEEDED TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS.

KNAUER SAID THEY RODE THROUGH IT AND PUT ESTIMATED COSTS TOGETHER USING COUNTY FORCES AND FEMA RATES TO REPAIR THE ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO SPRING POND ROAD, FROM SPRING POND ROAD TURN SOUTH ON THE WOODY MARION DRIVE TO PANTHER TRAIL ALL THE WAY TO CRYSTAL LAKE.

KNAUER SAID THE ROAD NOW IS MUCH NARROWER THAN THE 30' ROADBED NOW REQUIRED; THERE ARE A LOT OF DRAINAGE ISSUES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED; THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SIDE DRAINS AND CROSS DRAINS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE INSTALLED. IN ORDER TO GET THE ROAD THROUGH, KNAUER SAID THE BANK WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED TO GIVE THE COUNTY AN EASEMENT ALONG THE BACK SIDE OF THE AIRPARK. IN ORDER TO BUILD THE PROJECT AND DO IT WITHOUT CAUSING ANY DOWNSTREAM ISSUES, KNAUER SAID IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE RIGHT OF WAY AND ROADWAY DEDICATED FOR STORMWATER THROUGH THAT SECTION OF AIRPARK ROAD. KNAUER SAID THE COUNTY COSTS HE CAME UP WITH WAS \$45,000 WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SURVEY WORK OR ENGINEERING WORK THAT MAY BE REQUIRED; THE SURVEY ITSELF WILL PROBABLY COST AROUND \$2,000 TO \$3,000 AND THE ENGINEERING PROBABLY WILL BE IN THE SAME BALLPARK.

KNAUER SAID IN HIS JUDGEMENT, A FAIR COST ESTIMATE TO BUILD THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS USING COUNTY FORCES WOULD BE \$45,000 IF THEY WERE GIVEN ADEQUATE EASEMENTS IN ORDER TO BUILD THE PROJECT; IF THE PROJECT WAS GOING TO BE BID OUT USING A FULL SET OF PLANS TO TIE DOWN A CONTRACTOR TO A VERY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE OF WORK, KNAUER SAID THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$85,000 TO \$100,000. HE SAID THE ROAD WOULD BE TYING INTO CRYSTAL LAKE WHICH IS COUNTY MAINTAINED; IT IS APPROXIMATELY 1.6 MILES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED WHAT PROPERTY WAS THE BANK GOING TO GIVE TO THE COUNTY. KNAUER SAID THERE WERE TWO PIECES OF PROPERTY THE BANK WAS TALKING ABOUT GIVING TO THE COUNTY; ONE WAS ALL THE WAY AT THE BACK SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AT A LAKE AND THE OTHER PIECE WAS NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE AIRPARK.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS ABOUT FOUR ACRES AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE WAY BETWEEN THE AIRSTRIP AND HIGHWAY 77 WHICH WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE SHOULD THE COUNTY EVER NEED AN EMERGENCY STATION IN THAT AREA; THE PARCEL IN THE

BACK WHERE THE ROAD WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED OVER TO TOUCH THE PROPERTY LINES WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES; A STRIP ON THE FRONT OF BOOGER HILL BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE WATER. SAPP SAID THE BANK WOULD NEED TO DEED THOSE TO THE COUNTY FOR THEIR PART OF THE DIRT HAULING, WORK ETC. THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO GET THE BANK TO COME UP WITH THE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR THE ROAD BUILDING.

KNAUER ADDRESSED IT BEING DISCUSSED WHEN THEY MET WITH THE BANK THAT MONEY WOULD BE NEEDED FOR PIPES, MATERIALS, ETC. TO GET THE PROJECT DONE; HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE BANK HAD SEVERAL OF THOSE LOTS SOLD FOR \$40,000.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE BANK HAS HAD A CONTRACT ON THESE LOTS AND LOOK AT THEM TO STICKING OUT THE MONIES TO GET THE DEALS CLOSED TO DO THE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE SO THE BANK COULD WASH OUT OF IT, CLOSE ON PROPERTIES, PEOPLE WOULD BUILD HOUSES, ETC. HE REFERRED TO THE PROPERTIES BEING DEADLOCKED NOW AND NO ONE IS GOING ANYWHERE WITH IT; EVENTUALLY, HE SAID THE BANK WOULD PROBABLY JUST THROW UP THEIR HANDS AND QUIT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTED LYNDA WALLER BRING THE MAP FOR THE BOARD TO BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT PROPERTIES THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAS BEEN HOLDING UP THE PROPERTY AND WAS JUSTIFIED IN DOING SO; HOWEVER, THEY ARE REALLY HURTING THEMSELVES AS EVERYTIME THERE IS A HOUSE BUILT, THEY HAVE A TAX BASE. HE THOUGHT IF THE BOARD COULD COME TO SOME CONCLUSION ABOUT THE PROPERTIES, THEY NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO LET THE BANK SELL THE PROPERTY; IF THE BOARD COULD GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT, THIS WOULD BE GOOD. HE FELT IF THE ROADS COULD BE BROUGHT UP TO STANDARDS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PROPERTIES THE BANK IS WILLING TO GIVE WOULD BE SOMETHING HE WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN.

WALLER PROVIDED THE MAP AND COMMISSIONER SAPP AND KNAUER SHOWED THE BOARD ON WHAT ROADS WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UP TO STANDARDS AND THE PROPERTY THE BANK WAS WILLING TO DEED TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WAS DOING ANY MAINTENANCE IN THERE NOW; COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID DALLAS CARTER HAS SAID THE COUNTY IS MAINTAINING IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE GRADERS GO THROUGH THERE AND AS THEY GO THROUGH THEY GRADE CRYSTAL LAKE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF ALL OF THIS HAD TO BE DONE AT ONE TIME; COULDN'T THE COUNTY GO INTO GENERAL MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS.

KNAUER SAID THE FIRST ROUND WITH THE BANKS WAS THE BOARD REQUESTING THEM TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS AND THEY WOULD ACCEPT IT; THE BANK HAS REQUESTED THE COUNTY BRING IT UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS AND THEY WILL PAY THE COUNTY. IT WENT FROM THEM PAYING THE COUNTY TO TRADING THE COUNTY PROPERTY FOR BRINGING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED THE PEOPLE NEEDED A GOOD ROAD BUT THE PEOPLE IN BACK OF THE PROPERTY NEEDS GOOD ROADS TOO. WALLER SHOWED THE BOARD THE PROPERTY THE BANK OWNED AND WHAT THEY HAD UNDER CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD OUGHT TO PROVIDE THE BANK WITH THE ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER; IF THEY DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT, THE BANK CAN COME BACK WITH SOMETHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE TO TRY AND GET IT CLEARED UP AND BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS IN SECTIONS; IF IT IS \$45,000 WORTH OF MONEY INHOUSE FOR THE KIND OF PROPERTY THE BANK IS WILLING TO DEED, IT IS SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WHEN THE COUNTY GIVES THE BANK THE COST TO DO IT OUT OF POCKET, THEY ARE LOOKING AT GOING BACK TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE CONTRACTS ON THE PROPERTY AND ADVISE THEM IT WOULD COST "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO CLOSE THE PROPERTY OUT AND SEE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE COST TO GET THEM CLOSED OUT, THE COUNTY TAKE UP THE ROADS AND MAINTAIN THEM; THESE PERSONS WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS RETURN ON THEIR MONIES IF THEY WANT TO TURN AROUND AND SELL THEIR PROPERTY WHEN THEY CLOSE ON IT. HOPEFULLY, THIS WOULD HELP SETTLE SOME ISSUES ON THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY; THE COUNTY IS ALREADY MAINTAINING THE

ROADS TO A CERTAIN DEGREE SO THEY ARE ALREADY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF IT. HE STATED IF THE COUNTY COULD GET THE PROPERTY THERE IT WOULD BE A GREAT ASSET; THE CLOSURE WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE BANK AS WELL AS TO THE COUNTY AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED ON WITH SOMETHING. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT IT TODAY AND BRING SOMETHING IN FORM OF A MOTION THEY CAN MOVE ON; AT LEAST PRESENT THIS INFORMATION TO THE BANK'S ATTORNEY TO SEE IF IT CAN BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSURE.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE RESIDENTS ON THE AIRSTRIP HAD MET WITH THE BOARD AT ONE TIME AND THEY WERE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE AND DO SOMETHING TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHAT HE IS HEARING IS FOR KNAUER TO CONTACT THE BANK AND TELL THEM THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER ANYTHING THEY MAY HAVE TO OFFSET IT; HE SAID THE COUNTY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE NINE ACRES.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO WRITE THE BANK A LETTER ON THE COST ESTIMATE THE COUNTY ENGINEER CAME UP WITH TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROADS STANDARD AND THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE FOR THE BANK TO GIVE THEM NINE ACRES ALSO.

WALLER SUGGESTED THE BOARD LET HER MAKE A COPY OF THE PLAT AND OUTLINE THE LAND THE BOARD WANTS CONSIDERED IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATOR ATTACH IT TO HIS LETTER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THERE WAS SOME ROADWORK TO BE DEVELOPED BY INHERITING THE PROPERTY; THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ASSUME THE COST OF BUILDING THE ROAD DOWN FOLLOWING THE PROPERTY LINE. IF NOT, SAPP SAID THE BANK WOULD WANT TO DEED THE PROPERTY ACROSS TO EACH LAND OWNER TO THE EXISTING ROAD NOW; THE ROAD NEEDS MOVING AND THE COUNTY COULD USE IT FOR A LOT OF ADDITIONAL PURPOSES. COMMISSIONER SAPP WAS REFERRING TO THE LONG NARROW STRIP THE PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T TOUCH THE ACTUAL GRADED ROAD THAT IS THERE NOW THE BANK WAS WILLING TO THROW IN ALSO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED WALLER OUTLINE THE LONG NARROW STRIP TOO AS PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BANK.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED IF THE ROADS WERE WHERE THEY ACTUALLY SHOULD BE. WALLER SHOWED THE BOARD THERE WERE ONLY TWO ROADS WHICH WERE NOT FOUND ON THE ORIGINAL PLAT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ASKED ON THE ORIGINAL PLAT, IF THERE WERE SOME DESIGNATED PUBLIC ACCESSES TO SOME OF THE LAKES. WALLER SAID SHE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PLAT TO SEE.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A PUBLIC ACCESS TO SPRING POND AND THIS MAY BE A GOOD PLACE FOR A BOAT LANDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF COMMISSIONER COPE'S MOTION WAS TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WRITE A LETTER DESCRIBING THE ESTIMATED COST TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY DIRT ROAD STANDARDS. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THAT WAS CORRECT PLUS THE ACREAGE. KNAUER ADDRESSED IT BEING HARD TO TELL THE EXACT ACREAGE DUE TO THE PIECES BEING SUCH A FUNNY SHAPE; HE SUGGESTED USING THE PARCEL NUMBERS INSTEAD TO IDENTIFY THE PROPERTIES. COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE PIPES, CROSS DRAINS, ETC. WOULD COST \$45,000 AND THIS IS THE PART THE COUNTY IS PETITIONING THE BANK FOR IN CASH AND THE OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY EXPENSE TO BRING THE ROADS UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS IS IN PROXY IN EXCHANGE FOR PROPERTIES THEY WERE LOOKING AT RECEIVING. KNAUER SAID THIS WOULD INCLUDE HAULING THE CLAY, DIGGING THE PERK POND, DIGGING THE SWALES AND SURVEYING IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THIS TO BE CLEARED UP.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ROCHE ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING SENT SALLY COOEY OF FL-DEP ANOTHER E-MAIL COPYING HER WITH DRAWINGS THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO FL-DEP PANAMA CITY OFFICE SOME TIME AGO TO CORRECT THE ROCHE ROAD PROBLEM; HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM COOEY.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THEY NEEDED FL-DEP TO TELL THEM IF DRAWING 1 OR DRAWING 2 WOULD BE SUITABLE TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM; THE BOARD HAS ALREADY HAD A MEETING

STATING THEY PREFER DRAWING 2 DUE TO IT BEING CHEAPER AND EASIER TO USE COUNTY FORCES TO TAKE CARE OF IT.

HE BRIEFED THEM ON THE DIFFERENCE IN DRAWING 1 AND 2:

DRAWING 1 WAS USING A LOT OF RIP-RAP GOING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE LAKE WHICH WAS VERY EXPENSIVE.

DRAWING 2 WAS TO BUILD A POND ON GARY FULMAR'S PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN OUT; IT HAD TWO TYPE C INLETS THAT STEP DOWN THE HILL ALL THE WAY TO THE WATER LINE.

KNAUER ADDRESSED THIS WAS THE OPTION THE BOARD HAD DISCUSSED GOING WITH AND HE HAD GIVEN THEM AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$17,000 TO \$18,000.

SINCE THAT TIME, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAS BEEN TALKING WITH BOB BOOTH OF NRCS ABOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING ON THE PROJECT; NRCS HAS \$45,000 THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE PROJECT IF THE COUNTY WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT THEY HAVE FORWARDED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING THE AGREEMENT FOR SOME TIME BUT HAVE BEEN WAITING ON THE PERMITTING OF THE PROJECT; HOWEVER, BOOTH SENT A LETTER ADVISING THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO GO AHEAD AND ACT ON THE AGREEMENT DUE TO THEIR FUNDS HAVING TO BE OBLIGATED BEFORE THE 15TH OF FEBRUARY. HE SAID HE WOULD NEED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH NRCS AND A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ON ASSURANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH NRCS.

KNAUER QUESTIONED IF THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS JUST FOR FUNDING OR ARE THEY GOING TO BUILD THE POND; HE REFERENCED IF IT WAS JUST FOR FUNDING THE COUNTY WOULD STILL HAVE TO WIND UP PUTTING IT OUT FOR BID.

FULMAR SAID BOB BOOTH OF NRCS ADVISED HIM THEY WERE GOING TO TURN THE PROJECT OVER TO KNAUER.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. SOUTH BOULEVARD-KNAUER SHOWED THE PLANS ON SOUTH BOULEVARD TO THE BOARD AND EXPLAINED THE RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED AND A DRAINAGE EASEMENT THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SWALES SO THERE CAN BE A SAFE SHOULDER. IF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NOT WILLING TO GIVE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT, HE SAID CURB INLETS MAY HAVE TO BE PUT IN ALL THE WAY DOWN THE ROAD RATHER THAN SWALES.

HE EXPLAINED THE DESIGN HE HAD WAS UTILIZING AN 8' SHOULDER WITH A 1 1/2' SWALE THAT IS AT A 3 TO 1 SLOPE; THIS WILL HELP KEEP WATER OFF OF THE ROADWAY. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AT FOURTH AVENUE WHERE WATER WAS COMING FROM BOTH SIDES, KNAUER SAID THEY WERE GOING TO TIE INTO THE CITY'S SYSTEM THAT RUNS DOWN FOURTH AVENUE TO THE CREEK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO PUT A PARKING AREA ON SOUTH BOULEVARD WHILE THEY ARE DOING THIS PROJECT AND REFERRED TO THE DANGEROUS SITUATION WITH PEOPLE BACKING UP ONTO THE ROAD.

KNAUER SAID HE HAD DRAWED UP PLANS TWO OR THREE TIMES PREVIOUSLY WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING ALL IT WOULD TAKE FOR A PLAN TO PUT A ROW OF PARKING IS FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE A PAINT MACHINE AND PUT A ROW OF PARKING.

KNAUER POINTED OUT THERE WAS 80' OF GRASS BETWEEN THE BUILDING AND THE PARKING LOT; HE HAD PROPOSED TO TEAR ALL THE ASPHALT UP AND PUT A ROAD CUTTING TO THE RIGHT AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND HAVE PARKING ON BOTH SIDES AT 45 DEGREES ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE YARD.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE RETENTION PONDS HAVE HELPED WITH THE FLOODING AREA; MOST OF THE WATER NOW IS SURFACE WATER THAT IS STANDING IN THE ROAD BECAUSE OF THE DEEP BERM ON EACH SIDE. HE ADDRESSED IF THIS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF, IT WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

KNAUER SHOWED THE BOARD THE SEGMENT OF SOUTH BOULEVARD THAT IS COVERED IN THE FL-DOT SCRAP PROJECT; IT STARTED OFF THEY WERE GOING TO DO THIS PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. AFTER THE SURVEY WAS PUT OUT FOR BID, THE

LOW BIDDER TOOK A GOOD WHILE TO GET THE SURVEY COMPLETED; WHILE THE SURVEYOR WAS WORKING ON THE SURVEY, A GRANT WAS AWARDED TO THE COUNTY ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY. KNAUER SAID AFTER TALKING WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND MEETING ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY, HE SUGGESTED HOLDING OFF ON DOING THE PROJECT UNDER THE CDBG AND BID IT OUT AS AN ALTERNATE BID ITEM ON THE MAIN PROJECT AND HAVE THE CDBG FUNDS JUST HANDLE THE COST FOR THAT. KNAUER SAID ENGINEERING CAN'T BE DONE ON THE SCRAP PROJECT UNTIL THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IS SIGNED; IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP FROM GETTING IN TROUBLE WITH FL-DOT, THEY DID NOTHING.

HE ADDRESSED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING CONTACTED HIM A WEEK OR TWO AGO AND ADVISED THEY NEEDED TO GET THE PROJECT DESIGNED AND THAT IS WHAT HE HAS DONE. HE IS GOING TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT AND HOW AND THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THE CITY CDBG FUNDS GOING TO COVER SOUTH BOULEVARD. JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISED THIS IS WHAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD BUT FRED FOX, GRANTS MAN FOR CHIPLEY, SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT BID OUT; HE THOUGHT SINCE THE COUNTY HAS AN INHOUSE ENGINEER THE SAME AS THE CITY, THE CDBG WOULD COVER IT; HOWEVER, IT HAS TO BE BID ON THE CDBG PROJECT. MORRIS SAID THERE WAS ABOUT \$33,000 REMAINING OUT OF THE \$70,000 CDBG DUE TO THE TIME FRAME THAT HAS LAPSED; THE SURVEYING HAS BEEN PAID FOR. HE ADDRESSED THE \$33,000 WAS NOT GOING TO COVER THE PROJECT AND SUGGESTED DOING THE WHOLE PROJECT OUT OF THE SCRAP PROGRAM AND GET THE ENGINEERING FEES OUT OF IT ALSO. HE POINTED OUT A DECISION WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE \$33,000 REMAINING ON THE SOUTH BOULEVARD DRAINAGE PROJECT.

MORRIS SAID ONE IDEA WAS FOR THE COUNTY TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO DO A SET OF DRAWINGS ON LANDSCAPING AROUND ALL THE FENCES AND PAY FOR THAT OUT OF THE \$33,000.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WANTED SCRAP TO DO WHAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO DO FROM HIGHWAY 277 TO GILBERT MILL AND THEN TO LEDGER ROAD. HE POINTED OUT THE SOUTH BOULEVARD PROJECT SHOULD STAND ON ITS OWN; IT HAS BEEN DRUG AROUND UNTIL THE \$70,000 IS NOW \$33,000.

MORRIS SAID THAT WAS ON A CITY CDBG THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL PROJECT; THAT IS A GRANT THE CITY RECEIVED AND TO SCORE POINTS, THEY ALLOTTED \$70,000 TO THE DRAINAGE PROJECT.

KNAUER SAID AT ONE TIME THE SOUTH BOULEVARD PROJECT WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE DONE BY COUNTY FORCES WITH THEM CUTTING THE SWALES AND GOING ON CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE \$33,000 WOULD HANDLE THE PROJECT NOW; COMMISSIONER COPE STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW. MORRIS SAID THE \$33,000 COULD BE PUT TOWARD THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW DID THE PROJECT GET TO BE \$70,000. MORRIS SAID THE PROJECT STARTED OFF AT \$70,000. THE COUNTY'S PROJECT STARTED OFF AT \$325,000; THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DONE AND THE \$325,000 HAS BEEN SPENT. HOWEVER, MORRIS SAID THE PROJECT WAS NOT COMPLETE BECAUSE SOUTH BOULEVARD WAS A PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND IT HAD TO BE TAKEN OFF BECAUSE THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO DO IT WITH. HE SAID HE THEN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND TOLD THEM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAD A CDBG GRANT FOR A WATER TOWER GRANT THAT THEY COULD ALLOCATE \$70,000 TOWARD GOING TO WORK ON SOUTH BOULEVARD. THE BOARD AGREED TO DO THIS AND THE TOTAL WENT TO \$395,000; THE \$70,000 PROJECT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AGO BUT IT HAS BEEN ON HOLD FOR SO LONG SOME OF THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN EATEN UP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER PART OF THE \$70,000 IF THE CITY ONLY HAS \$33,000 LEFT. MORRIS SAID WHEN THEIR ORIGINAL CDBG PROJECT WAS BID OUT IT WAS \$590,000 PROJECT; BY THE TIME IT WAS BID OUT, ALL THE PRICES WERE ESCULATED AND THERE WAS AN OVERRUN OF \$152,000 AND THE CITY HAS TO EAT ABOUT \$120,000 OF THIS AMOUNT THEMSELVES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED THE BOARD NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING WHILE THEY HAVE \$33,000 LEFT. MORRIS REITERATED THEY SCORED POINTS ON THEIR CDBG GRANT BY

OBLIGATING SOME OF THEIR MONIES ON THIS PROJECT; IT NEEDS TO BE SPENT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT IF THEY COULD WAIT UNTIL THEY GOT THE JPA ON SOUTH BOULEVARD/ORANGE HILL SCRAP PROJECT, THEY COULD DO IT AS AN ALTERNATE.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE RIGHT OF WAY PROBLEM WAS BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREET; KNAUER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT. BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH STREET, KNAUER SAID HE HAD CURB INLETS.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT IF KNAUER FIXED THE PROBLEM BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREET, IT MIGHT CORRECT THE PROBLEM BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH STREET.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE HATED TO EVEN MENTION DOING THE PROJECT INHOUSE; MORRIS ADVISED THE CDBG FUNDS COULDN'T REIMBURSE FOR EQUIPMENT. HE DID SAY THE CDBG FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR LABOR AND FUEL COST AND IF THE COUNTY RENTED THE EQUIPMENT, IT WOULD PAY FOR THAT.

MORRIS SAID HE NEEDED AN INVOICE FROM THE COUNTY FOR \$33,000 FOR THE SOUTH BOULEVARD DRAINAGE PROJECT. KNAUER SAID THE PROBLEM WITH THE TIME FRAMES WAS MORRIS WAS SAYING IT NEEDED TO BE DONE WITH- IN THREE MONTHS; IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET THE O'KAY TO DO THE SOUTH BOULEVARD/ORANGE HILL PROJECT UNTIL JULY, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO SATISFY THE CDBG FUNDS. MORRIS SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO HAVE THE FUNDS SPENT BY APRIL SO THE CITY COULD APPLY FOR ANOTHER CDBG GRANT.

SAPP QUESTIONED IF KNAUER WAS SAYING TO GO AHEAD AND START ON THE PROJECT AND IF THE RIGHT OF WAY WAS NOT WIDE ENOUGH, THEN TRY AND GET RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION. KNAUER SAID HE RECOMMENDED GOING DOOR TO DOOR, TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THE PROPERTY THE COUNTY NEEDS AN EASEMENT ON AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THE COUNTY IS GOING TO TRY AND CORRECT THE DRAINAGE IN FRONT OF ALL THEIR HOMES BUT THEY NEEDED THE RIGHT OF WAY TO DO IT. HE SAID TO GET THE RIGHT OF WAY FROM THEM, GET CLEANED UP AND FINISHED UP ON THE COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING PROJECTS, GET A CREW ON SOUTH BOULEVARD AND LET THE CITY PAY FOR ALL THE FUEL AND THE MATERIALS IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY FIXING THAT SECTION OF ROAD USING APPROVED CDBG COSTS.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO INVOICE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY \$33,000 FOR THE SOUTH BOULEVARD PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING NO WAY TO GET THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE DEADLINE AND THE INVOICE CAN ONLY BE SENT WHEN THE WORK IS DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ALL THE DRAINAGE CULVERTS COULDN'T GO AHEAD AND BE PURCHASED WITH THE \$33,000; KNAUER ADVISED THEY COULD.

MORRIS SUGGESTED LETTING CLIFF FIGURE OUT THE COST OF MATERIALS TO DO THE PROJECT AND ANYTHING LEFT OUT OF THE \$33,000 WOULD BE USED FOR LANDSCAPING AROUND THE FENCES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE THE LANDSCAPING AROUND THE FENCE; CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THERE MAY NOT BE ANY MONIES LEFT FOR LANDSCAPING IF THE MATERIALS COST \$33,000.

COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED FOR HIS MOTION TO BE AMENDED TO INVOICE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR \$33,000 FOR THE COST OF MATERIALS TO DO THE PROJECT AND IF ANY FUNDS LEFT, FOR IT TO BE USED FOR LANDSCAPING AROUND THE FENCES.

EVEN THOUGH COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD SECONDED THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO INVOICE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY \$33,000, HE DIDN'T AGREE TO THE AMENDED MOTION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH TURNED THE CHAIR OVER TO VICE-CHAIRMAN COPE AND SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN OPPOSING DUE TO THE FLOWERS AROUND THE FENCE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY PROJECTS ARE BEIG DRUG OUT SO LONG; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT IS THE ENGINEERS FAULT, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FAULT OR WHOSE BUT SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THIS PROJECT DONE ON TIME. HE REFERRED TO THE HOLDING POND PROJECT BEING DRUG OUT AND WHEN GRANTS ARE RECIEVED AND THEY ARE NOT DONE TIMELY, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

MORRIS AGREED TO SEE IF RIGHT OF WAY COULD BE PURCHASED WITH THE CDBG FUNDS.

REBECCA HARRIS/ASSOCIATED LAND TITLES-SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING SPOKEN TO THEM ABOUT A SITUATION THEY HAD A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO AND WAS WANTING TO SEE WHAT THE BOARD WANTED TO DO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE HAD ADVISED HARRIS WHAT SHE WAS PRO- POSING WAS A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE BUT IF THE FULL EXPLANATION WAS PUT IN THE MINUTES AS TO WHY THE BOARD IS DOING IT, IT WOULDN'T BE A MAJOR PROBLEM. HE REFERRED TO THE STATUTE REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO ADVERTISE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY UNLESS THEY ARE DISPOSING TO A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR A NOT FOR PROFIT AGENCY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED GLEN ZANETIC IF HE WAS AWARE OF WHAT HARRIS WAS ASKING; ZANETIC SAID HE WAS NOT. CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED HARRIS TO EXPLAIN WHAT SHE WAS ASKING AGAIN.

HARRIS SAID THEY HAD A CONTRACT WITH A SELLER AND PURCHASER; THE SELLER WHO SIGNED THE CONTRACT, WHEN THEY RESEARCHED THE PROPERTY IN THE RECORDS SHOWED JAMES NEWTON AND HIS WIFE AS THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE HOLDER; THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE HAD JAMES NEWTON. THEY CLOSED ON THE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE CONTACTED THEM AND SAID THE COUNTY ACTUALLY OWNED THE PROPERTY. UNTIL THAT TIME, THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE LIST OF LANDS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND THERE IS A SPECIFIC CODE IN THE TAX COLLECTOR'S COMPUTER NOW, THAT THEY KNOW ABOUT NOW, TO SHOW THE COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY.

BASICALLY, HARRIS SAID THERE WAS A SITUATION WHERE THE COUNTY OWNED THE PROPERTY, IT WAS NOT IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS TO SHOW THAT WHEN THEY CLOSED ON IT, THEY GOT A COPY OF THE LIST OF LANDS AVAILABLE TO SELL AND THE PROPERTY WAS DUE TO BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY ON MAY 3, 2004 AND THEY CLOSED ON AUGUST AND AT THAT TIME IT HAD NOT BEEN DEEDED TO THE COUNTY. SHE THEN CONTACTED THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE TAX DEED DEPARTMENT, SPOKE TO SEVERAL DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND EACH TIME IT WAS A DIFFERENT STORY. THE CLERK'S OFFICE TURNS AROUND AND DEEDS IT TO THE COUNTY THE VERY DAY THE PURCHASER AND SELLER COMES TO SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT ON THE PROPERTY.

HARRIS WAS ASKING IF THERE WAS SOME WAY THE COUNTY COULD DEED THE PROPERTY TO THE PURCHASER WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH THE BID PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE PURCHASER HAD BOUGHT IT WITH THE INTENT TO RESALE IT TO MAKE MONEY WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING; HOWEVER, THAT STILL DOESN'T SAY THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T STILL LET IT GO TO THE BANK AS THEY HAD INTENDED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY FAULT ANYWHERE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ASSOCIATED LAND TITLES WENT THROUGH ALL THE PROCEDURES THEY NORMALLY GO THROUGH TO RESEARCH TO SEE WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY; EVERYTHING INDICATED NEWTON OWNED THE PROPERTY. HE ASKED HARRIS IF THIS WAS TRUE; HARRIS SAID IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH CONTINUED EXPLAINING WHEN THEY WENT TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE BUYER AND SELLER THERE, THEY FOUND OUT, BASED ON THE CODE, THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO KNOW IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, THE PROPERTY ACTUALLY HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY. HARRIS SAID IT HAD NOT BEEN DEEDED TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN THEN QUESTIONED HARRIS NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE THE BUYER TITLE INSURANCE OR A CLEAR ABSTRACT ON IT; HARRIS SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN THEN QUESTIONED HARRIS IF SHE HAD ANY LIABILITY. HARRIS ADVISED ASSOCIATED LAND TITLES DOES HAVE LIABILITY BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT MADE AWARE OF THE SITUATION UNTIL AFTER THEY HAD ALREADY CLOSED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD ASSOCIATED LAND TITLES WAS LIABLE UP TO THE AMOUNT OF TITLE INSURANCE THEY WROTE ON THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID SOMEONE AT THE COURTHOUSE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ON THE LIST OF LANDS. HARRIS SAID THAT IS WHERE THEY GOT THE LIST OF LANDS FROM AND REITERATED IT WAS DUE TO BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY IN MAY AND THIS HAPPENED IN AUGUST AND IT HAD NOT BEEN DEEDED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID IT APPEARED ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD SAID THE COUNTY MAY COULD DO IT AND GET AWAY WITH IT OR THEY MAY NOT; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THIS IS A

REASONABLE THING TO SAY OR NOT. HE SAID IT SEEMED LOGICAL THE BOARD OUGHT TO DO WHAT HARRIS IS REQUESTING BUT DOESN'T KNOW LEGALLY IF THAT IS WHAT THEY CAN DO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IF ANYONE PICKED UP ON IT, IT WOULD BE THE AUDITORS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD IT COMPLICATE THINGS IF THE BOARD WENT THROUGH THE PROCEDURE AND ADVERTISED IT; IT MAY TAKE ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY WOULD GET A MUCH HIGHER BID AS THE PURCHASER ONLY PAID \$1,000 FOR THE PROPERTY.

HARRIS SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD A \$1,000 WAS NOT A LOT OF MONEY; IT CAN GO AGAINST THEIR COMPANY, IT IS A CLAIM AND THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO DO IN THE COUNTY RECORDS; THE COUNTY RECORDS WERE NOT UP TO DATE. SHE SAID THEY COULD NOT DO THEIR JOB WHEN THE COUNTY RECORDS ARE NOT UP TO DATE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF IT WAS A \$10,000 LOT NOW, HE WAS NOT FOR SAVING THEM \$1,000 ON THE TITLE INSURANCE; HE HAD RATHER GIVE THEM THE \$1,000 AND THE COUNTY MAKE \$9,000 IF THEY CAN DO IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THIS COULD BE TABLED AND TOLD HARRIS ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WOULD GET BACK WITH HER AND LET HER KNOW FOR SURE WHAT THEY CAN DO WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. HE DOESN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT PASSING THIS NOW AND IS NOT SURE ABOUT HIS LEGAL STANDING. HE SAID HE WANTED TO HELP BUT FELT LIKE COMMISSIONER CORBIN; SHOULD THE BOARD BE LOOKING OUT FOR THE COUNTY THAT WE WOULD BE GAINING \$9,000 BY BEING SELFISH BY SAYING THAT IS A COUNTY LOT OR DO THE RIGHT THING.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID TO DO THE RIGHT THING WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREEING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE BUYER HADN'T GOTTEN A CHECK. HARRIS SAID THE BUYER IS THE ONE THAT PRESENTED THE MONEY; THE SELLER IS THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET A CHECK. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID REALLY THE SELLER DIDN'T OWN THE PROPERTY TO SELL; HARRIS SAID THAT WAS RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THERE WAS NO MONEY OUT AT ALL RIGHT NOW BUT DIDN'T KNOW IF THE SELLER WOULD SUE THE TITLE COMPANY OR NOT FOR THE MONEY OR WHAT. HARRIS SAID THE SELLER WAS NOT GOING TO SUE THEM FOR ANYTHING AS THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT ANY LONGER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE BUYER WAS GOING TO BE THE ONE TO FILE THE CLAIM AGAINST THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE \$1,000.

BETH, WITH THE BUGLE, QUESTIONED HOW THE SELLER DIDN'T KNOW HE DIDN'T OWN THE PROPERTY ANYMORE; SHE WOULD FEEL THE TITLE COMPANY WOULD HAVE SOME TYPE OF RECOURSE AGAINST THE SELLER.

HARRIS SAID ACCORDING TO NEWTON, HE THOUGHT HE OWNED THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BANK DIDN'T EVEN KNOW NEWTON DIDN'T OWN THE PROPERTY BASED ON EVERYTHING IN THE RECORDS; HARRIS SAID THERE WAS NO BANK INVOLVED IN IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID ACCORDING TO THE TITLE SEARCH, NEWTON DID OWN IT. HARRIS SAID ACCORDING TO EVERYTHING IN THE COURTHOUSE, TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND EVERYWHERE THEY LOOKED, IT SHOWED JAMES NEWTON AND HIS WIFE OWNING THE PROPERTY FEE SIMPLE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID NEWTON KNEW HE HADN'T PAID ANY TAXES ON IT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE ANY ACTION TODAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO DROPPED THE BALL BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.

HARRIS SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO TALK TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE FELT LIKE THEY NEEDED TO TALK TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE AS SHE MAY HAVE SOME ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED COULDN'T THE TITLE COMPANY RETURN THE MONEY TO THE BUYER. HARRIS SAID SHE WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT; SHE IS SURE THEY CAN. SHE EXPLAINED THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF TIME BETWEEN THE TIME THEY CLOSE AND THE TIME THEY ISSUE THE POLICY; THE POLICY HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED.

SHE SAID THEY ARE HOLDING THE \$1,000 AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED THE SELLER LOST HIS CHECK AND THEY STOPPED PAYMENT ON IT.

HARRIS SAID THE POLICY IS THE PROBLEM; THEY HAVE ALREADY ISSUED THE POLICY AND IF HE DON'T GET TITLE TO THE PROPERTY, HE WILL HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THEM. SHE REITERATED THEY COULDN'T DO THEIR JOB CORRECTLY IF THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB; THIS IS WHY THIS IS THE SECOND TIME SHE HAS BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD TO TRY AND GET IT RESOLVED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THE COUNTY MADE THE PROBLEM, THEY SHOULD CORRECT IT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE CLERK'S OFFICE WAS A DIFFERENT ENTITY AND HE WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH HER ABOUT THIS BEFORE DOING ANYTHING.

HARRIS SAID THE CLERK WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. CORBIN SAID SURELY THE CLERK HAS SOME ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE; IF NOT, SHE IS A FOOLISH LADY DUE TO HER EMPLOYEES COULD POSSIBLY MAKE A MISTAKE AND SHE IS THE ONE THAT IS BONDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT APPEARED THE COUNTY, WHETHER THE CLERK OR THEM, DROPPED THE BALL AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO MAKE A DECISION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF THE CLERK HAD ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE, THEY WOULD PAY IF AN ERROR WAS MADE. HE QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THAT WAS CORRECT; HOLLEY ADVISED IT WOULD BE UP TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WANTED TO DO WHAT COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD RECOMMENDED AND GET BACK WITH HARRIS IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT THIS WAS GOING TO BE HIS JOB TO CHECK WITH THE CLERK AND TAKE CARE OF THIS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED HARRIS FOR THE BUYER AND SELLER'S NAME; THE SELLER WAS JAMES NEWTON AND THE BUYER WAS JOHN DICKENSON.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

1. QUIT CLAIM DEED HE PREPARED FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE; THEY MADE A MISTAKE IN THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED AND HE CORRECTED THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THEM. HOLLEY EXPLAINED THEY ISSUED A TAX DEED FIRST TO H. CLYDE BLAND AND THEN ONE TO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY HAS TO QUIT CLAIM IT TO BLAND BECAUSE HE OWNS IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE QUIT CLAIM DEED.
2. TRAFFIC VIOLATION RESOLUTION--ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A RESOLUTION AT THE REQUEST OF ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE \$3 THE BOARD ASSESSED BY ORDINANCE TO EACH TRAFFIC VIOLATION TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR DRIVERS EDUCATION. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT.
3. RENTAL AGREEMENT--ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DEPUTY SHERIFF OR CORRECTION OFFICER TO RENT THE HOUSE ON THE CAMPBELLTON HIGHWAY; IN EXCHANGE FOR LIVING IN THE HOUSE, THEY WILL PAY THE UTILITIES, MAINTAIN THE HOUSE AND YARD, PURCHASE RENTERS INSURANCE AND WATCH OVER AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE COUNTY'S 200 ACRES ADJOINING IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT.
4. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH PETER HERBERT--ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE HAD MADE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD; THE CONTRACT CHANGED TO A ONE YEAR CONTRACT AND CUT THE 90 DAYS THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO REQUIRE HERBERT TO PAY THEM BACK TO 30 DAYS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD BE REQUESTING A WORKSHOP BE HELD ON PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO HOLD OFF ON THE CONTRACT UNTIL THAT MEETING. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THAT WOULD BE OKAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE INTENDED IN HIS MOTION THAT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY THE COUNTY ANYTHING IF HE LEFT. HE REFERRED TO WHERE THE CONTRACT DID SAY IF HERBERT LEFT WITHOUT GIVING NOTIFICATION, HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE COUNTY FOR UP TO 90 DAYS AND IF THE COUNTY LET HIM GO THEY WERE OBLIGATED TO PAY HIM FOR 90 DAYS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE CONTRACT SAYS ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WOULD HAVE TO GIVE 30 DAYS NOTICE BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE HIM TO PAY ANY MONEY BACK.

THE BOARD AGREED TO WAIT TO ACT ON THE CONTRACT WHEN THEY HOLD A WORKSHOP ON PERSONNEL ACTIONS.

5. CORRECTIVE COUNTY DEED-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING AN ERROR ON ONE OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ON THE 230 LOTS THE COUNTY SOLD. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CORRECTIVE DEED TO RICHARD P. DUFFIELD.
6. PARISH STEEL ROAD-ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER SUMMARIZING THE WITNESS INTERVIEWS HE DID REGARDING PARISH STEEL ROAD.
7. ANIMAL CONTROL-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE OWNER OF THE COWS THAT WERE INJURED; HE HAS NOT HEARD ANY RESPONSE.
8. DEED FROM MCDERMOTT-ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE HAD MAILED A DEED TO MCDERMOTT, WHO WAS WANTING TO DEED LOT 31, UNIT 12 IN SUNNY HILLS TO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE IF HE IS GOING TO SIGN IT AND SEND IT BACK TO THEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO SENATOR PEADON AND REPRESENTATIVE BROWN:
 - A. ROAD PAVING-IMPROVES ACCESS TO POPULAR HEAD CHURCH IN DISTRICT I \$200,000
 - B. EMS STATION/DISTRICT II \$200,000/HERBERT SAID THIS MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR THE HOSPITAL WHERE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A SITUATION WHERE THEIR AMBULANCES WERE INVOLVED
 - C. EMS STATION AT EBRO/DISTRICT III \$200,000
 - D. EMS SHELTER ON QUAIL HOLLOW BLVD/DISTRICT IV \$100,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST \$200,000; IF \$100,000 APPROVED THIS YEAR, REQUEST ANOTHER \$100,000 NEXT YEAR
COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE REQUEST FOR DISTRICT IV BUT IF THEY COULD GET IT, HE WOULD TAKE IT.
 - E. EMS STATION/DISTRICT V AT GREENHEAD \$200,000
 - F. EMS SHELTER/AMBULANCE AT WAUSAU-DISTRICT V \$100,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST \$106,000

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHERE WEBB GOT THE AMOUNTS OF \$100,000 THIS YEAR AND \$100,000 NEXT YEAR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THEY HAVE DONE PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY AND APPLIED FOR RETROFITS THE NEXT YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THEY HAVE BUILT PROJECTS BEFORE AND WENT BACK AND TRIED TO GET RETROFITS; BUT, THEY NEVER

GOT THEM APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE RETROFIT FOR DISTRICT FOUR EMS SHELTER COULD HAVE BEEN SOMETHING WEBB ASKED FOR LAST YEAR AND IS ASKING FOR IT AGAIN THAT HE REQUESTED BUT DIDN'T REMEMBER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO IT HAVING BEEN ADDRESSED TO NOT SEND A LOT OF PROJECTS AT ONE TIME AND THEY ENDED UP SENDING IN A REQUEST FOR EMS SHELTERS FOR DISTRICT III AND DISTRICT V. HE THOUGHT THESE SAME TWO WOULD BE SUBMITTED AGAIN THESE YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID EACH YEAR THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, THEY HAVE GONE TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL; LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT TWELVE LISTED AND THE BOARD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE ONES FOR DISTRICT III AND V.

WHEN ASKED WHAT ACTION HERBERT NEEDED, HE ADVISED HE NEEDED BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IT WAS ALRIGHT TO SUBMIT THE PROJECTS; HOWEVER, THERE IS PROBABLY SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISTRICT IV'S PROJECT; DISTRICT IV HAS GOTTEN SEVERAL GRANTS AND THEY ARE NOT HURTING AS FAR AS HE CAN REMEMBER ON WHAT IS BEING ASKED FOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD; DID THEY WANT TO SUBMIT EVERYTHING ON THE LIST THAT HAD BEEN READ OR DO THEY WANT TO DELETE ANY OF THEM OR TALK TO WEBB ABOUT THEM. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE PROJECTS HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO SUBMIT THE LIST OF PROJECTS AS READ.

2. ELMS NICKEL-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX; IT EXCLUDES ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND MOST OF THE COUNTIES WHO COLLECT THIS COLLECT THE WHOLE FIVE CENTS; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST APPROVED IN NOVEMBER OF 2004 HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE STATE FOR REVIEW AND INCLUDED IN THE PLAN WAS A TRANSPORTATION ITEM/A ROAD PAVING MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; THIS WOULD AT LEAST GIVE THE COUNTY SOMETHING AS A START ON WHAT THEY PLAN ON USING THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX FOR. THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF \$117,859 FOR A ONE CENT GAS TAX; FIVE CENTS WOULD GENERATE \$589,295. HERBERT SAID THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO HAVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES FOR THEM TO GET THEIR SHARE OR GO BY THE FORMULA THEY USE ON THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX.

COMMISSIONER COPE COMMENTED THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY THE THE COUNTY WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO PAVE A ROAD; HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, GAS PRICES ARE ALREADY SO HIGH AND HAVE PEOPLE STRESSED AND DOESN'T KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD TIME. HE POINTED OUT FROM HIS OBSERVATIONS, GAS IS ALREADY HIGHER IN CHIPLEY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY THAN IN NEIGHBORING COUNTIES; IF THE COUNTY IS NOT CAREFUL AND THEY IMPLEMENT ANOTHER GAS TAX, THIS WILL FORCE THE PEOPLE TO GO OUT OF THE COUNTY TO BUY THEIR GASOLINE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER COPE HAD SAID AND REFERRED TO PEOPLE HAVING TOLD HIM THEY WOULD STICK A DRUM IN THE BACK OF THEIR TRUCK, DRIVE TO DOTHAN, BUY THEIR GAS AND HAUL IT BACK TO FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE NOT TO PASS THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX THIS YEAR. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO SEE ANY PAVEMENT ACCOMPLISHED, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GENERATE FUNDS FROM SOMEWHERE. HE SAID HE HAD SOME CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS WHO DON'T WANT ANY MORE TAX; TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, HE AGREES WITH THEM BUT THE COUNTY HAS MAJOR ISSUES ON ROADS THAT NEED TO BE PAVED. THE GAS TAX WOULD BE ONE WAY TO HELP ILLIMINATE THAT PROBLEM AND IT WOULD ENHANCE PEOPLE'S LIVES NOT HAVING TO DRIVE UP AND DOWN DIRT ROADS. SAPP ALSO POINTED OUT A LOT OF THE ROADS ARE CAUSING A LOT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT; THERE IS SOME PROGRESS NEEDED ON PAVING AND REFERRED TO SOME OF THE MAJOR ARTERYS NEED PAVING FROM ONE HIGHWAY TO ANOTHER TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE GRADING. SAPP SAID IF THE COUNTY KEEPS BUYING MORE DIRT PITS AND DIGGING UP MORE HOLES, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN EYE SORE THERE. THIS CAN'T BE STOPPED OVERNIGHT; BUT, SAPP SAID IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T MAKE A HARD CHOICE SOMETIME AND DO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NEED DONE, THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP DIGGING ON PROPERTY AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WASHING IT DOWN THE CREEKS AND STREAMS UNTIL THERE IS REALLY NOTHING LEFT. HE REFERRED TO PEOPLE MAY THINK HE IS EXAGGERATING BUT ASKED THEM TO LOOK BACK OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS ON HOW MANY PITS HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR JUST THIS CAUSE. HE THEN REFERRED TO GIVING OTHER COUNTRIES A \$.50 TO \$1.00 A GALLON INCREASE AND DRIVE UP TO THE GAS PUMPS AND SAY IT IS NOT RIGHT BUT CONTINUE TO PUT GAS IN THEIR VEHICLE AND NEVER THINK ANY MORE ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, IF A BOARD MEMBER TALKS ABOUT A FOUR CENT OR FIVE CENT A GALLON GAS TAX, IT IS LIKE CUTTING THEIR OWN THROAT. HE ADDRESSED THE TAXES THAT WERE IMPLEMENTED TWENTY YEARS AGO AND ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE PRICE OF ASPHALT AT THAT TIME VERSUS NOW; THEY ARE STILL OPERATING OFF THE SAME CENTS PER GALLON GAS EVEN THOUGH MATERIALS HAVE QUADRUPLED IN PRICE. UNLESS THE BOARD MAKES TOUGH DECISIONS ON THIS ISSUE, THERE WON'T BE ANY DRASTIC CHANGES IN THEIR PAVING HISTORY. HE IS NOT WANTING TO HARM ANYONE OR TAKE GROCERIES OFF THEIR TABLE TO PAVE A ROAD; HOWEVER, HE SAID IF THEY ARE BUYING GAS NOW THEY ARE GOING TO PAY \$.80 TO \$1.20 A GALLON MORE AT THE TANK IF THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX IS IMPLEMENTED. COMMISSIONER COPE AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID; HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO LOOK AT ANOTHER AVENUE AND REFERRED TO WHAT THE MSBU HAS DONE IN SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO JACKSON COUNTY HAVING PUT A ONE CENT SALES TAX ON THE BALLOT AND EARMARKED IT STRICTLY FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND CONSTRUCTION AND THE PEOPLE VOTED IT IN; THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THIS AVENUE. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT THE ONE CENT SALES TAX HAD BEEN PURSUED BEFORE BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE END RESULT WAS. HE THEN REFERRED TO THE MSTU BEING AN OPTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO IMPLEMENT ANOTHER TAX, IT NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE WILL SHARE IN; DON'T TAX IT TO PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH

SAID PEOPLE WERE DEFINITELY AGAINST AN INCREASE IN THE GAS TAX.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE BOARD COULD LOOK AT AN MSBU AND POSSIBLY REDUCE THEIR MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL; HOWEVER, THE NEXT BOARD MAY COME IN AND INCREASE IT. HE SAID THE BOARD HAD DECREASED THE MILLAGE RATE BY ONE MILL ONE YEAR; THE VERY NEXT YEAR IT WAS PUT BACK AND ONE HALF MILL WAS GIVEN TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND ONE HALF MILL WAS GIVEN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY IS ACTUALLY OPERATING ON NINE MILLS IF THEY EXCLUDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THEY DO ANYTHING ABOUT INCREASING TAXES AND GET INPUT FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE GAS TAX WOULD BE THE ONLY FAIR WAY FOR EVERYONE TO PAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE MOST FAIREST TAX WOULD BE A SALES TAX OR A GAS TAX AS IT IS A USERS TAX. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT WAS A BAD TIME TO IMPLEMENT A GAS TAX.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A LIST OF ROADS THE BOARD IS PLANNING ON PAVING BEFORE IMPLEMENTING A GAS TAX.

RANDY PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTIES WHO HAVE PASSED THE ONE CENT SALES TAX, THE CITIZENS HAVE TO VOTE ON THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX. THESE COUNTIES HAVE HAD A PLAN ON THE PROJECTS THEY WERE GOING TO DO WITH THE TAX DOLLARS AND A TIME FRAME FOR THE TAX; AT THE END OF THE TIME FRAME, THEY CAN USUALLY GO BACK AND SHOW THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DONE AND CAN EASILY RESALE THE TAX AGAIN. THE ONE CENT SALES TAX IS A MUCH WIDER BASED TAX THAN THE GAS TAX.

PARKER ASKED HERBERT WHEN FAC GAVE HIM THE ESTIMATE FOR THE ONE CENT AND FIVE CENT GAS TAX, WERE THEY BASING THIS ON THE CURRENT GAS SALES. HE POINTED OUT HIS CONCERN WAS IF WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS THE ONLY COUNTY IN NORTH FLORIDA WHO HAS THE ELMS NICKEL TAX, HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD GO ELSEWHERE TO BUY GAS. THERE MAY BE SOME OVERALL DECREASE IN ALL COLLECTIONS IF THE GAS TAX GOES UP.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THERE WAS ALREADY A PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE GOING ELSEWHERE TO PURCHASE THEIR GAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN POINTED OUT WASHINGTON COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE A TRUCK STOP ANYWHERE AND REFERRED TO THE 76 TRUCK STOP IN MARIANNA SELLING AND COLLECTING MORE FUEL TAX THAN WASHINGTON COUNTY DOES ALL TOGETHER.

JIM MORRIS SAID HE WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE GAS TAX; BUT, HE QUESTIONED THERE BEING 30% OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY PAYING AD VALOREM TAX AND 70% THAT WERE NOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THESE PEOPLE DO PAY SALES TAX.

MORRIS AGREED BUT SAID THEY GET A BENEFIT FROM THIS. HOWEVER, WITH THE AD VALOREM TAX, THE COUNTY SAYS THEY PROVIDE A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CLERK, ETC.; MORRIS SAID THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T PAY THE AD VALOREM TAX GETS THE SAME BENEFIT.

WITH THE MSBU TAX, MORRIS SAID EVERYBODY WOULD PAY SOMETHING AND IF THEY CHARGED \$25 A PARCEL COUNTYWIDE, IT WOULD GENERATE MORE MONEY THAN THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE HAS HEARD A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY

THEY FEEL BAD BECAUSE THEY DON'T PAY ANY AD VALOREM TAXES AND ASKED TO TAKE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OFF THE FIRST \$5,000 AND LET IT GO TOWARD THE NEXT \$25,000.

MORRIS SAID IF THE COUNTY CUT THEIR MILLAGE RATE TO 8 MILLS, THEY WOULDN'T HEAR PEOPLE GRIPE ABOUT THEIR GAS TAX.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM HE HAS WITH AN MSBU IS IN SUNNY HILLS, THERE ARE LOTS; HOW WOULD THE COUNTY DO AN MSBU, \$25 PER ACRE OR \$25 FOR THE ENTIRE 100 ACRES.

MORRIS AND COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THE COUNTY MSBU WOULD BE ASSESSED BY PARCEL; A PERSON WOULD PAY \$25 FOR THE 100 ACRE PARCEL BUT IF THEY DIVIDE IT UP ONE DAY, IT WILL GENERATE A LOT OF PARCELS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM WITH AN MSBU IS ANY MONEY RECIEVED WOULD HAVE TO BE A DIRECT BENEFIT BACK TO THE PROPERTY.

MORRIS SAID PAVING ROADS WOULD BE A BENEFIT; ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED IT WOULD BE ACCORDING TO THE ROADS BEING PAVED.

MORRIS THEN SAID HE GUESSED DELTONA WAS PAYING \$25 PER UNIT FOR EVERY LOT THEY HAVE SUBDIVIDED; THEY ARE PAYING TAXES THAT IS ON LOTS THAT CONSTRUCTION IS NOT GOING TO GET TO FOR YEARS. COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THEY WERE NOT PAYING ALL THE ASSESSMENTS TO IMPROVE ROADS.

THE MOTION TO NOT LOOK AT PASSING THE FIVE CENT GAS TAX THIS YEAR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER COPE TO INVESTIGATE THE MSBU POSSIBILITIES. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THIS GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHEN AL PYFROM WAS WITH THE COUNTY; THEY WORKED UP ALL THE NUMBERS, ETC. AT THAT TIME FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE COUNTY COULD DO AN MSBU FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, AND DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH THE MILL THEY ARE CURRENTLY GIVING THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHATEVER THE BOARD DECIDES TO DO, IT SHOULD BE PUT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON. IF THEY CAN DO A MSBU PER PARCEL, PEOPLE MAY APPROVE THIS.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED.

DAVID CORBIN INTRODUCED THE WARDEN AT WASHINGTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, MR. RUSSEL SMITH AND WIFE, DIANNE, TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SMITH UPDATED THE BOARD ON MEETING WITH THE CONTRACTOR ON THE PRISON ADDITION, A. D. MORGAN, AND BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 400 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AT THE PRISON SITE; THIS WILL BE ABOUT A \$9,000,000 PROJECT AND IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER 300 EMPLOYEES WORKING THERE.

SMITH INFORMED THE BOARD THEY WOULD BE NOTIFIED WHEN THEY HAVE THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE PRISON ADDITION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE RELATIONSHIP THEY HAVE WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEY WANT TO BE AN ASSET TO THE COUNTY.

3. COUNTY JAIL-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON CAPTAIN BARNES WANTING TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON CHARGING A \$20 BOOKING FEE FOR ANYBODY THAT IS BOOKED INTO THE COUNTY JAIL. IF A PERSON DOESN'T HAVE MONEY WHEN THEY ARE BOOKED IN AND THEY RECEIVE MONEY AT ANY TIME DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL CONFISCATE THE \$20. BARNES IS PROPOSING TO SPLIT THIS 50/50 WITH THE BOARD; HALF TO THE BOARD AND HALF TO STAY AT THE JAIL. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE THE POLICY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

4. POLICY/WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, DEVELOPING A POLICY ON INITIAL MEMBERSHIP, MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIP, PHYSICALS, RECORDING ILLNESSES AND INJURIES, RETURN TO SERVICE PHYSICAL, NEW PHYSICAL REQUIRED AFTER LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE THE POLICY.
- COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE POLICY.

5. NEXTEL RADIO SERVICE-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANN GALL MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THEM A FEW MONTHS AGO ON NEXTEL'S SERVICE; BEFORE GIVING THEM A PROPOSAL, SHE WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GOT THE NEW TOWERS UP AND OPERATIONAL AND PROVIDE TEST RADIOS. FOLLOWING HURRICANE IVAN, ROGER HAGAN HAD MADE CONTACT WITH A NEXTEL DEALER OUT OF TALLAHASSEE; THE DEALER CAME AND TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT PROVIDING THE COUNTY WITH NEXTEL SERVICES. DUE TO GALL AND THE DEALER FROM TALLAHASSEE BOTH BEING WITH NEXTEL AND NEXTEL HAVING THE STATE BID ON THESE TYPE SERVICES, THEY GOT A QUOTE FROM EACH OF THEM. HOWEVER, ROGER SAID HE HAD GOTTEN A CALL PERTAINING TO THIS.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HAVING SPOKEN WITH MARK HADDOCK, WHO IS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN TALLAHASSEE, AND WITH SHERIFF BOBBY HADDOCK, WHO BOTH HAVE GONE WITH CTS. MARK HADDOCK ADVISED HIM THEY HAD QUITE A BIT OF PROBLEMS WITH NEXTEL WITH SERVICE, EQUIPMENT EXCHANGES, ETC. AS LONG AS HE WAS USING NEXTEL'S FIGURES THAT WAS ALSO FIGURES FOR SOMEBODY ELSE, SOMEBODY ELSE, ETC.

HAGAN EXPLAINED THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT A PRESENTATION THEY HAD A MONTH AGO. CTS REPRESENTS NEXTEL; THEY SELL NEXTEL, SERVICE NEXTEL AND ARE ACTUALLY A SERVICE AFTER THE SALE AND IS WHERE THEY GET THEIR REPEAT BUSINESS. MARK HADDOCK WAS MORE OR LESS ENDORSING CTS.

HAGAN REFERRED TO BEING ABLE TO GET NEXTEL SERVICE FROM ANY NEXTEL DEALER; HOWEVER, CTS IS IN COMMUNICATIONS AND THAT IS THE WAY THEY SALE THEMSELVES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THIS BEING A BIG INVESTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HADN'T MS. GALL SAID THERE COULD BE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE IN THE ACTUAL SERVICE AS FAR AS WHAT NEXTELL THEMSELVES CHARGE; HOWEVER, BASICALLY, THE LINES COST THE SAME NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE GOTTEN.

HAGAN AGREED THIS WAS SAID; HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THE DIFFERENCES WOULD BE IN THEIR COMMISSIONS BUT THE SERVICE IS SET BY NEXTELL ITSELF. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THAT THE NEXTEL TOWERS IN EBRO, VERNON AND NEW HOPE WERE OPERATIONAL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE TOWER IN EBRO WAS OPERATIONAL AND THEY THOUGHT THE TOWERS IN NEW HOPE AND VERNON WERE BUT THEY ARE STILL TESTING THEM.

HAGAN SAID THE COVERAGE ISSUE PROBABLY HAS ABOUT WORKED ITSELF OUT AS FAR AS THE DIFFERENCE IN SERVICE BETWEEN NEXTEL AND SOUTHERN LINC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ON THE COUNTY HAVING PREVIOUSLY GONE WITH NEXTEL FOR A MONTH OR TWO AND WENT BACK TO SOUTHERN LINC DUE TO COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH NOT BEING ABLE TO GET SERVICE IN EBRO AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO NEXTEL SUPPOSEDELY WAS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A DEMONSTRATION RADIO BEFORE SWITCHING TO THEM. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY ARE STILL OFFERING TO DO THIS.

HAGAN EXPLAINED HE HAD DRIVEN ALL OVER THE COUNTY AT LEAST TWICE FROM CARYVILLE TO SINGER ROAD COMPARING NEXTEL SERVICE TO SOUTHERN LINC SERVICE; IN SOME PLACES ONE WOULD WORK AND ONE WOULD NOT, IN SOME PLACES BOTH OF THEM WOULD WORK AND IN SOME PLACES NEITHER ONE WOULD WORK. HE SAID THE NEW TOWERS MAY HELP THE NEXTEL SERVICE. HE REFERRED TO HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING SERVICE ON HIGHWAY 20 IN THE AREA AROUND THE HIGH POWERED TRANSMISSION LINES WITH SOUTHERN LINC. HE POINTED OUT HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE MANY PLACES THAT EITHER ONE OF THEM WOULDN'T WORK.

HAGAN ALSO SAID IF THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT CHANGING TO NEXTEL, THE REASON WOULD BE BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONLY ENTITY IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS SOUTHERN LINC; HE RECOMMENDED KEEPING SEVERAL SOUTHERN LINC RADIOS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DUE TO A COUPLE OF ADJACENT COUNTIES STILL USING SOUTHERN LINC AND THAT WOULD BE THEIR ACTIVATION RADIO. HE EXPLAINED EVEN IF THE BOARD DIDN'T CHANGE TO NEXTEL, HE WOULD NEED TO HAVE A COUPLE OF NEXTEL UNITS DUE TO THE OTHER ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY EOC DEALS WITH HAVING THAT SERVICE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE QUOTES RECEIVED:

1. COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES-VOICE SERVICE PLAN
WOULD BE \$2,339.59 MONTHLY

2. DUELERS-VOICE SERVICE PLAN WOULD BE \$2,583.31 MONTHLY

HERBERT EXPLAINED ON THE VOICE SERVICE THE LOWBID WOULD BE CTS; HOWEVER ON THE RADIO EQUIPMENT CTS'S BID IS \$4,849 AND WITH DUELERS IT IS \$3,949.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED HOW THE DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF UNITS WERE ARRIVED AT. HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT THEY WENT BY THE CURRENT INVENTORY.

HAGAN EXPLAINED THEY TOOK THE COUNTY'S CURRENT INVENTORY AND BILLING STATEMENTS; THERE ARE A COUPLE OF USERS THAT ARE EXCESSIVE, THE NEXT GROUP ARE ALL ABOUT THE SAME AND THE OTHERS DON'T HAVE THE PHONE SERVICE JUST THE BEEPERS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BILLS WITH NEXTEL VERSUS SOUTHERN LINC. HERBERT ADVISED THE CTS PROPOSAL WAS APPROXIMATELY \$300 PER MONTH LESS THAN WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY PAYING SOUTHERN LINC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE IS A NEED TO DETERMINE HOW MANY UNITS ARE ACTUALLY NEEDED AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING SECRETARIES WITH THREE OR FOUR MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS; HE QUESTIONED WHY A SECRETARY WOULD NEED A CELL PHONE AND A TELEPHONE, ETC.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE EQUIPMENT SALES IS HIGHER WITH ONE BID AND THE MONTHLY SERVICE IS LOWER WITH ONE; THE MONTHLY SERVICE IS WHAT WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. ALSO IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO MAKE A CHANGE, HAGAN SAID SOMEONE WOULD NEED TO SEE HOW MANY EMPLOYEES HAVE GOTTEN A NEW SERVICE WITHIN THE LAST YEAR AND MAY STILL BE UNDER CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF DIFFERENCE IN THE COST FOR DIFFERENT UNITS. HAGAN SUGGESTS DETERMINING WHO NEEDS A RADIO, TO WHAT DEGREE THEY NEED IT AND PRIOR TO ONE BEING TRADED, DETERMINE THERE IS A NEED FOR IT TO BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED A LIST OF THOSE WHO CURRENTLY HAVE COUNTY RADIOES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT TYPE OF ACTION DID THE BOARD NEED TO TAKE TODAY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THEY NEEDED TO DECIDE IF THEY WANTED TO SWITCH TO NEXTEL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN LINC AND NEXTEL TO MAKE THE CHANGEOVER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FEELS THE BOARD OUGHT TO SWITCH TO NEXTEL; HOWEVER, IT NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED WHICH ONES DON'T GET THE RADIO SERVICE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REFERRED TO THERE HAVING BEEN A COMMITTEE AT ONE TIME THAT CAME AND MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON WHO NEEDED RADIOES AND WHO DIDN'T; HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE UNITS PROPOSED WAS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE ON THE NEXTEL PHONES DOING WHAT THEY WANT OR ARE THEY GOING TO TRY THEM FOR A MONTH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY COULD TRY THE NEXTEL PHONES IF THEY WANTED TO; HOWEVER, HE HAS ONE FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND HE IS PLEASED WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH HIS NEXTEL PHONE SERVICE ALSO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE ONLY PLACE HE HAS FOUND NEXTEL DON'T WORK IS GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA; COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID NOTHING WORKED IN GRACEVILLE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO SWITCH TO NEXTEL AND THEN SET DOWN AND EVALUATE HOW MANY UNITS ARE NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IF THEY ACCEPT NEXTEL'S PROPOSAL, THEY WILL HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE UNITS ON THE PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT IF THE NUMBER WAS DROPPED BY 20, NEXTEL WOULD STILL PROVIDE CLOSE TO THE SAME PER UNIT PRICE.

HAGAN SAID NEXTEL'S PROPOSAL ON UNIT PRICES WOULD BE THE SAME WHETHER THEY GOT ONE OR ONE HUNDRED UNITS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THE BOARD WOULD ALLOW IT, HE WOULD LIKE FOR HIMSELF, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ROGER HAGAN TO DECIDE HOW MANY UNITS ARE JUSTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO CHANGE FROM SOUTHERN LINC TO NEXTEL SERVICE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO GO WITH THE CTS PROPOSAL; THE BOARD AGREED TO GO WITH CTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE BOARD CONSENTED FOR COMMISSIONER FINCH, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ROGER HAGAN TO REVIEW THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE UNITS THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS AND DETERMINE HOW MANY ARE JUSTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGEOVER TO NEXTEL. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WILL NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY CELLPHONE UNITS, BEEPER UNITS OR CELLPHONE/BEEPER UNITS ARE NEEDED.

HAGAN SUGGESTED FREEZING ANY MORE NEW RADIOES SO NO MORE CONTRACTS WILL BE OBLIGATED AND THEN DO THE UNIT REVIEW PRIOR TO CHANGING OVER TO NEXTEL SERVICE.

6. SURPLUS LAND SALES-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR COMMITMENT OF \$25,000 TO HELP FUND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, VERNON AND WAUSAU WITH THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM. HE PROVIDED THEM WITH THE BREAKDOWN EACH CITY WOULD RECEIVE BASED ON POPULATION AND REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHIPLEY - \$18,735
2. VERNON- \$ 4,173
- WAUSAU - \$2,092

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS AS PRESENTED BY HERBERT.

7. TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM JONATHON HARRIS TO APPOINT LARRY PARKER TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST.
8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/SURPLUS PROPERTY-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO SURPLUS TWO RADIO UNITS, A REQUEST FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO SURPLUS A XEROX FAX MACHINE AND A REQUEST FROM THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT TO SURPLUS EIGHT CPU TOWER CASES, FOURTEEN PRINTERS AND COPIERS, TEN MONITORS, ONE TYPEWRITER, TEN KEYBOARDS AND TEN MICE.
COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EQUIPMENT

WHEN THEY SURPLUS IT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED IT IS SOLD AT MASON'S PUBLIC AUCTION. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A REQUEST FROM MALCOLM GAINNEY, COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, FOR THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT THEY ARE SURPLUSSING TO GO BACK INTO THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO QUESTIONED IF ANY OF THIS WAS PURCHASED THROUGH THE STATE FUNDS. HERBERT ADVISED THERE WERE TWO SOUTHERN LINC RADIOES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN PURCHASED WITH GRANT FUNDS. HAGAN ADVISED THESE JUST NEEDED TO BE DESTROYED AS THEY CAN'T BE REPAIRED. HE SAID THE RADIOES MAY HAVE BEEN PURCHASED WITH STATE FUNDS; HOWEVER, ONCE IT GETS IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNT, THEY CAN'T NECESSARILY TRACK DOLLARS AND FUNDING. HE DID STATE THEY HAD ALREADY SENT OFF THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF IT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE SURPLUSSING THE EQUIPMENT AND SELLING IT AT THE PUBLIC AUCTION.

9. PUBLIC WORKS--HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PUBLIC WORKS USING GOOD FRIDAY AS A FLOATING DAY; HOWEVER, THEY HAD RATHER HAVE THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO GOOD FRIDAY AS A HOLIDAY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO APPROVE OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED WHEN HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE AT PUBLIC WORKS THE FLOATER DAY CAME IN HANDY AS A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TAKE OFF AND THE HOLIDAY HELPED THEM. HE RECOMMENDED LEAVING GOOD FRIDAY AS A FLOATER DAY. THE BOARD AGREED THE EMPLOYEES WOULD STILL HAVE A CHOICE WHETHER TO TAKE OFF THE THURSDAY BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY OR TO TAKE ANOTHER DAY OFF.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND COMMISSIONER COPE WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND AND LEFT GOOD FRIDAY AS A FLOATING DAY.

BRONSON LANDING--HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A FENCE THAT ENCROACHES ON THE COUNTY ROAD; PEOPLE ARE ASKING THE STATUS ON THIS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE HADN'T BEEN ANY LEGAL ACTION; THEY WERE WAITING ON THE LAW TO CHANGE AND IT CHANGED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. HE SAID IF THE BOARD WOULD DIRECT HIM WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO, HE WOULD DO IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS ONE OF THE CASES WHERE THE OWNER OWNED PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AND WANTED THE ROAD CLOSED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE OWNER WAS WANTING TO RESTRICT IT; HE HAD HIS LAND SURVEYED AND TOOK FENCES UP ON THE LAND LINE WHICH ENCROACHES THE COUNTY ROAD AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE SITUATION BEING A SAFETY HAZARD; AFTER YOU GO AROUND A CURVE ON THE ROAD, THE OWNER HAS BARB WIRE FENCE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. HE RECOMMENDED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, THE FENCE SHOULD BE TAKEN DOWN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS AN EASEMENT ON IT OR DO THEY DO IT BY THE PART THEY MAINTAIN.

STRICKLAND SAID THE PART THE COUNTY HAS BEEN MAINTAINING IS NOW ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE; THE OWNER TOOK ABOUT TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET AND PUT A FENCE UP. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY WAS ONLY ENTITLED TO THAT PORTION THEY HAD BEEN MAINTAINING.

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COMMISSIONER COPE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAVING SAID THE COUNTY HAD MAINTAINED A PORTION OF THAT WHERE THE OWNER PUT UP A FENCE IN THE PAST. CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO INSTRUCT ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE LANDOWNER ASKING HIM TO TAKE DOWN THE FENCE ON THE PORTION OF THE ROAD THE COUNTY HAD BEEN MAINTAINING BEFORE HE ENCROACHED ON IT; PROVIDE A TIME FRAME IN THE LETTER AND IF LANDOWNER DOESN'T TAKE THE FENCE DOWN, THE COUNTY WILL TAKE CREW AND TAKE IT DOWN. 11. ROAD AND BRIDGE-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST

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PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE A SECURITY SYSTEM DUE TO HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM GOING OFF ON WEEKENDS AND AT NIGHT; THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME CAMERAS TO SHOW THE YARD AT NIGHT. THE ESTIMATE THEY PROVIDED WAS FOR \$6,500. HERBERT SAID THIS WAS MORE OF A BUDGET COMMITTEE ITEM BUT WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE REQUEST. 12. MODEL AIRPLANE

CLUB-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON JULY 3,

2003, THE CLUB CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND ASKED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TEAR DOWN THE BUILDING AT THE OLD LANDFILL. THE BOARD APPROVED FOR THE CLUB TO TEAR IT DOWN; HOWEVER, THEY HAVEN'T TORN IT DOWN AND THEY HAVE APPROACHED DALLAS CARTER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SEE IF THE COUNTY COULD ASSIST. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ONE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE CREWS ARE WORKING AT THE OLD LANDFILL NOW CLEANING UP; THE CLUB HAD TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT ALSO. HE RECOMMENDED THE BUILDING BE TORN DOWN. HE THEN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED FOR THE COUNTY DOZIER TO TEAR DOWN THE BUILDING WHILE WORKING AT THE SITE. COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD THEY DO WITH THE BUILDING WHEN THEY TORE IT DOWN. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED SOME OF THE BLOCKS COULD BE USED IN DITCHES, ETC. AND SOME OF THE MATERIALS WOULD NEED TO BE HAULED TO SPRINGHILL LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS DISPOSED OF PROPERLY RATHER THAN TEARING IT DOWN AND IT BEING LEFT ON THE SITE.

13. BUDGET AMENDMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS SHOP-\$4,900 TRANSFERRED FROM SMALL TOOLS TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE A GENERATOR AND PUMP PURCHASED AFTER IVAN; \$1,404 COUNTY MATCH FOR MSBU TO REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO PAY FOR GRADER BLADES USED IN THE MSBU AREA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE GENERATOR AND PUMP WOULD BE STORED FOR WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED AND IF THEY WOULD BE ON THE INVENTORY AND KEPT UP WITH. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THEY WERE STORED IN THE SHOP AT THE PRESENT TIME.

14. TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE-ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, SUSAN LAWSON, CHECKED ON A TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE WITH BELL SOUTH THAT IS SIMILAR TO WHAT FL-DOT HAS; PUT IN AN EXTENSION THAT WOULD RING INTO DIFFERENT OFFICES AND TURNING ON SOME ADDITIONAL PHONE JACKS AROUND THE COUNTY ANNEX. HERBERT SAID THE TOTAL PRICE THROUGH BELL SOUTH TOTALLED \$3,376.32.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT NO ONE ANSWERING THE PHONE AND PERSONS GETTING A MESSAGE; HE THOUGHT IF THERE WAS A WAY IT COULD AUTOMATICALLY GO TO ANOTHER SECRETARY'S PHONE AND THEY COULD ANSWER IT. HE SAID THEY NEEDED SOMEONE OR SOMETHING TO DEPEND ON FOR PHONES TO BE ANSWERED. HE FELT IT OUGHT TO BE AUTOMATED OR A LIVE PERSON TALKING ANYTIME THERE IS A CALL RECEIVED; THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME SYSTEM FOR THE PHONE TO BE ANSWERED. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN REFERENCED THEM HAVING CALLED AND RECEIVED NO ANSWER AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IT APPEARED THERE WOULD BE SOME WAY CHEAPER THAN THE \$3,376.32 AND ADDRESSED DESIGNATING SOMEONE FROM THE OTHER OFFICES TO ANSWER THE PHONE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THERE WAS CALL FORWARDING ON THE CURRENT PHONE SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THERE IS NOT MANY TIMES WHEN SOMEONE WOULDN'T AT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HAGAN IF HE WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD FORWARDING THE CALLS TO EOC IF THERE IS NO ONE TO ANSWER THE PHONES.

ROGER HAGAN SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE AT EOC AT ALL TIMES; THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE AND BE AT THEIR WORK STATIONS. HE ADDRESSED THEY PROBABLY COULD ANSWER THE PHONES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE; HOWEVER, WHEN THESE CALLS ROLL OVER TO THE EOC LINES, THEY HAVE A SMALLER SET. HE AGREED THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER THE PHONE IF IT RINGS IN THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENT RING FOR EOC TO KNOW IT IS A CALL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND ANSWER IT ACCORDINGLY; HE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW THEY HAVE GOTTEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICE. HAGAN ADDRESSED IF THERE IS A SPACE ON THE EOC FOR A THIRD LINE, WHEN IT RINGS, THEY WILL KNOW IT IS A ROLLOVER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. HE ALSO SAID IF THERE COULD BE A DIFFERENT RING ON THE LINE, THEY WOULD KNOW WHETHER TO ANSWER AS EOC OR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SEE WHAT IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE MANNER TO DO WHAT HAGAN HAS ADDRESSED.

HAGAN SAID THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT MAY BE A GOOD PLACE FOR THE CALLS TO BE FORWARDED TO BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT IN THE FIELD AND DO INSPECTIONS; TECHNICALLY, THE SECRETARIES IN EOC HAVE TO GO FOR TRAINING, ARE IN THE FIELD, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LEAVE THE DECISION UP TO THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DECIDE WHICH ONE HE THINKS WOULD BE BEST.

LEASE FOR FIRING RANGE WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD- ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEASE FOR THE FIRING RANGE BEING PREPARED TO EXTEND IT TO TWENTY YEARS; IT WAS AT HIS OFFICE AND HE FORGOT TO BRING IT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HAD APPROVED THE EXTENSION BUT THEY NEEDED ACTION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE LEASE EXCLUDED THE COUNTY FROM LIABILITY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT HAD THE SAME LANGUAGE AS BEFORE; IT WAS ONLY EXTENDING IT FOR TWENTY YEARS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE LEASE.

SINK HOLE-HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SINK HOLE SITUATION IN THE REDHEAD COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON WHAT LIABILITY THE COUNTY HAD WITH THE SINKHOLE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD TOLD THEM THE OTHER DAY TO GO AHEAD AND FILL IT UP WHEN IT WAS SMALL; HOWEVER, SOMETIMES THEY GET SO BIG THERE IS NO WAY TO FILL IT UP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID IF THE COUNTY BUYS THE DIRT THEY PUT IN THE SINKHOLE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE AND IT DESTROYS A WELL DOWN SOMEWHERE ELSE, WOULD THEY HAVE A LIABILITY; HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD NEEDED TO COVER ANY MORE WELLS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVED THAT IS WHAT CAUSED IT; IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR PERSONS TO PROVE THE DIRT THE COUNTY PUT IN THE SINKHOLE CAUSED THEIR WELL TO GO BAD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE COUNTY HAD ALWAYS PUT DIRT IN WELLS AS A SAFETY ISSUE FOR CHILDREN.

HAGAN POINTED OUT THE SINKHOLE HAS NEVER BEEN AS DEEP AS THE NEWS MEDIA HAS SAID; IT WAS MEASURED YESTERDAY AND IT WAS ABOUT 24' DEEP AND 30' IN DIAMETER.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE ANY ACTION OR GIVE HAGAN ANY DIRECTION ON HOW THEY WANT HIM TO PROCEED. HAGAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE LYNN WHITE SOME INSTRUCTIONS TOMORROW BEFORE HE HAS TO LEAVE FOR A CONFERENCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY NEED TO DIRECT HAGAN TO TAKE WHAT- EVER STEPS IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE LIFE AND SAFETY.

HAGAN POINTED OUT IT WAS GOING TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$4,000 TO MOVE THE MOBILE HOME LOCATED NEAR THE SINKHOLE; THE SINKHOLE IS AN UNKNOWN AS HE WAS TOLD IT COULD GET TWO ACRES BIG OR MAY NEVER GET ANY BIGGER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED IF THE MOBILE HOME IS MOVED OUT, WHO PAYS THIS EXPENSE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE HOMEOWNER SHOULD PAY THIS.

HAGAN SAID THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, LLOYD POWELL, HAD AGREED TO WAIVE THE FEE, WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, IF THE MOBILE HOME OWNER SHOULD DECIDE TO MOVE THE MOBILE HOME AND WANTED TO MOVE IT BACK IN; HE WOULD REINSPECT AT NO CHARGE. HE SAID THE OWNERS OF THE MOBILE HOME HAD MOVED OUT.

HAGAN QUESTIONED IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS IF THE SINKHOLE GOT LARGER, WAS THE BOARD GOING TO TRY AND BACKFILL IT; THEY ARE LOOKING AT 30 TO 50 LOADS OF DIRT NOW TO FILL IT UP.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED WHETHER IT NEEDS TO BE FILLED WITH SOMETHING BESIDES DIRT. HAGAN SAID HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THE STATE RUBBLE NEEDS TO BE PUT IN AS A BACKFILL FIRST AND THEN CONCRETE TO SEAL IT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE STATE WOULD ASSIST WITH THE SINKHOLE ISSUE DUE TO IT COMING UNDER A DISASTER. HAGAN ADVISED THE STATE HAD SAID IT WAS A PRIVATE PROPERTY ISSUE AND THE COUNTY NEEDED TO STAY AS FAR AWAY FROM IT AS THEY CAN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID BY USING ROCK OR CEMENT TO FILL IT UP WOULD COST AROUND \$15,000. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED WHOEVER MADE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STATE MIGHT NEED TO FUND THE MONIES; HOWEVER, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO FILL IT UP WITH DIRT AND DO THE BEST HE COULD TO GET IT BACK TO GROUND LEVEL BUT IT STILL MAY NOT BE SAFE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED PUTTING A FENCE AROUND THE SINK- HOLE TO CONTAIN IT TO SEE WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO. HAGAN ADVISED THEY HAVE A FENCE AROUND IT, THE YELLOW CAUTION TAPE IS AROUND IT AND IT IS WELL MARKED; IT IS PROBABLY AS SECURE AS THEY CAN MAKE IT.

HAGAN SUGGESTED LEAVING THE FENCE AND BARRIOR AROUND IT, LET IT GO FOR TWO WEEKS UNTIL HE GETS BACK FROM THE CONFERENCE AND THEN IF THERE IS ANY DECISION THAT HAS TO BE MADE, HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER TO FILL IN AGAIN. HE SAID HE ALWAYS TOLD LYNN WHITE IF SHE EVER MADE A DECISION, IT WOULD BE HIS DECISION AND WHEN HE GETS BACK; IF IT IS WRONG, IT WILL STILL HAVE

BEEN HIS DECISION. IF IT IS SOMETHING NEEDED, HE WANTS SOMEBODY TO KNOW SHE IS NOT LEFT TO MAKING A DECISION AND THEN HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT IN HIS ABSENCE.

THE BOARD CONSENTED WITH HAGAN'S SUGGESTION.

EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL WORKSHOP-COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SET A WORKSHOP WHERE ANY PERSONNEL ACTIONS COULD BE DISCUSSED AND ANY OTHER THINGS THAT MAY NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD THE WORKSHOP AT 1:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 1ST.

OVID LANE-COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REGISTERED LETTER HAVING BEEN SENT TO HULAN PITTS TODAY TO REMOVE THE POST OUT OF THE ROAD; MR. PITTS HAS SAID HE WOULD DEFEND THE POST. COM- MISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T MIND GOING OUT THERE WITH A CREW IF THERE WERE SOME DEPUTIES WHO COULD COME WITH THEM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO REMOVE THE POST ON OVID ROAD IF NECESSARY.

HOSPITAL QUARTERLY REPORT-COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HAVING RECEIVED THE REPORT AND HAD ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO ASK PAT SHLENKER OR SOMEONE REPRESENTING THE HOSPITAL TO ATTEND THE MEET- ING TODAY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE REPORT. FINCH ADVISED THAT SCHLENKER WAS NOT COMING TO THE MEETING AND NO ONE COME TO REPRESENT THE HOSPITAL; HE SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE REPORT AND WANTED SOMEONE TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD TALKED WITH SCHLENKER AND THE PART THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH WAS THE \$2,001,352.28 WAS A NEGATIVE NUMBER; THAT IS THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS BEING SUBTRACTED FROM THE LOAN BALANCE; THEY ADDED BACK IN THE INTEREST AND SUBTRACTED OUT THE CHECK CHARGES LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$876,511.46.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE HAD SOME OF THE SAME QUESTIONS AND WENT TO SCHLENKER; SCHLENKER EXPLAINED THE REPORT TO HIM AND HE IS SATISFIED WITH THE REPORT. COPE ALSO ADDRESSED SCHLENKER WOULD LIKE FOR EACH COMMISSIONER TO COME AND SIT DOWN WITH HIM TO GO OVER THE REPORT; COPE FELT LIKE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO GO AND LET SCHLENKER SHOW THEM WHERE THE MONIES HAVE BEEN SPENT, WHAT IT HAS BEEN SPENT FOR, ETC. COMMISSIONER COPE THEN EXPLAINED THE REPORT IN DETAIL REITERATING THE \$5,000 WAS THE INTEREST EARNED ON THE MONIES AND THE BANK CHARGES WERE \$1,676.20 LEAVING A TOTAL OF \$876,511.76.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE \$5,000 SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN BACK TO THE COUNTY RATHER THAN BEING ADDED BACK TO THE LOAN BALANCE. HE ALSO QUESTIONED SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE SUPPOSE TO BE DONE WERE NOT GOING TO BE DONE DUE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM COST RUNNING OVER.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE DONE RUN UNDER THE COST AND HE IS TAKING THESE DIFFERENCES TO MAKE UP FOR THE EMERGENCY ROOM OVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ALL THE ITEMS THAT WERE SUPPOSE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE LOAN MONEY WERE GOING TO BE DONE; COMMISSIONER COPE SAID THIS IS WHAT SCHLENKER HAD ADVISED HIM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE PARKING LOT PAVING WAS BILLED TO THE COUNTY OR DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITAL; COMMISSIONER COPE SAID IT WAS BILLED DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS DISCUSSION AT A BOARD MEETING BEFORE ABOUT \$200,000 IN THE BUDGET FOR A PARKING LOT FOR THE HOSPITAL AND IT WAS SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE HOSPITAL. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE ONLY \$200,000 SHE REMEMBERED WAS THE AMOUNT OF WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE HOSPITAL BEING INCLUDED IN THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PORTION OF THE BUDGET WITH THE HOSPITAL PAYING THE COST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THEY GOT THE COUNTY'S \$42 PER TON ASPHALT PRICE FROM C. W. ROBERTS ON THE HOSPITAL PAVING PROJECT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THAT WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL QUOTES GIVEN BY C.W. ROBERTS. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF THEY GOT THE \$42 PER TON PRICE; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY DID OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO THEM HAVING GOTTEN \$400,000+ FOR DOCTOR RECRUITMENT BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DOCTORS THEY ARE RECRUITING AND HOW MUCH THEY ARE HAVING TO GUARANTEE THEM. HE SAID HE WOULD GO AND TALK WITH SCHLENKER ABOUT THIS.

COMMISSIONER COPE REITERATED THAT SCHLENKER ENCOURAGED ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS TO GO AND TALK WITH HIM ABOUT ANY OF THEIR CONCERNS.

SECOND STREET-COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A BILL FROM C. W. ROBERTS ON THE OVERLAY OF SECOND STREET WITH JIM MORRIS. MORRIS AGREED THE CITY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE \$2,310 INVOICE EVEN THOUGH THEY TOLD ROBERTS NOT TO PAVE THAT PORTION.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE \$2,500 MOBILIZATION FEE FROM C. W. ROBERTS ON COLEMAN AVENUE. MORRIS SAID THE BOARD SHOULDN'T PAY THE MOBILIZATION FEE DUE TO THE ROAD WAS SUPPOSE TO BE DONE BY C. W. ROBERTS WHEN THEY WERE IN TOWN; THE BOARD DIDN'T TELL THEM TO PULL OUT AND THEY ARE THE ONES THAT DECIDED TO PULL OUT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD PAID THE BILL ALREADY. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD PAID C. W. ROBERTS EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE MOBILIZATION FEE AND THE OVERLAY ON SECOND STREET.

MORRIS ADDRESSED WHEN C. W. ROBERTS PAVED THE AG CENTER PARKING LOT, IT BEGAN TO RAIN AND COLEMAN AVENUE GOT A LITTLE WET; THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO GO TO SINCLAIR STREET AND PAVE THAT FOR THE CITY AND THEN GO BACK TO COLEMAN AVENUE. HOWEVER, MORRIS SAID THEY DIDN'T STOP AND PAVE SINCLAIR; THEY JUST LEFT TOWN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE \$2,500 MOBILIZATION FEE WAS NOT PAID THE FIRST TIME. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION NOT TO PAY IT DUE TO C. W. ROBERTS SUPPOSEDLY WAS TO PAVE IT AT THE SAME TIME THEY DID THE AG CENTER LIKE MORRIS SAID.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THERE STILL APPROXIMATELY \$300 LEFT ON COLEMAN AVENUE BESIDES THE MOBILIZATION. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED HE THOUGHT THAT WAS TIED INTO PARISH STEEL AND CREEK ROAD; HOWEVER, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AGREED TO READDRESS THE \$300 PORTION OF THE INVOICE AT THE FEBRUARY 1ST MEETING. SHE WAS ALSO ADVISED TO INVOICE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR THE \$2,310 FOR THE OVERLAY OF SECOND STREET.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL FOR LIGHTS AT THE SCHOOL CROSSING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THERE USE TO BE A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ON HIGHWAY 79 AND THE STATE CAME IN AND PUT IN SOME FLASHING LIGHTS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THESE COULD BE MOVED TO THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ON BRICKYARD ROAD OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND CHECK WITH JIMMY ROGERS OF FL-DOT AND HE COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE LIGHTS COULD BE MOVED OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH THE LIGHTS WOULD HELP AND REFERRED TO SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS HAVING BEEN PAINTED AT THE SITE A YEAR OR SO AGO; THERE IS A LOT OF CONGESTION IN THE MORNING AND IN THE AFTERNOON. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO CHECK ON THE RELOCATING OF THE FLASHING LIGHTS ON HIGHWAY 79 FOR THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. THE BOARD CONSENTED TO THIS REQUEST.

BEEF UNIT RESOLUTION-COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF IT HAD BEEN DECIDED WHO WAS GOING TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID FOR RIGHT NOW THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WILL LIVE THERE AND SOMEWHERE DOWN THE ROAD MAYBE THE DEPUTY. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE PERSON LIVING THERE NOW SAID HE WOULD BE OUT IN MAY OR JUNE.

COMMISSIONER COPE THANKED DAVID CORBIN FOR THE WORK DONE ON THE COUNTY ANNEX FLOORS; HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE WAS GIVEN TIME OFF BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT ANY PAY FOR IT. HE ALSO THANKED JOE RUSTIN, THE INMATE, WHO WORKED ON THE FLOORS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WRITE THE JAIL A LETTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK RUSTIN DID AND LET IT GO IN HIS PERSONNEL FILE. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID RUSTIN WAS TO GO BEFORE BARBARA TODAY AND MAY NOT BE AT THE JAIL TO SEE THE LETTER.

SOD EQUIPMENT-COMMISSIONER COPE, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING BOUGHT THE EQUIPMENT AT AUCTION FOR \$32,000 AND HAD FIGURES PROVIDED BY DAVID CORBIN ON THE SOD THAT HAD BEEN PUT DOWN:

- A. PARISH STEEL-200 ROLLS
- B. COLEMAN AVENUE-50 ROLLS
- C. JOINER ROAD-300 ROLLS
- D. CREEK ROAD-200 ROLLS
- E. HOLMES VALLEY-1,000 ROLLS
- F. HIGHWAY 279 AND BONNET POND -500 ROLLS
- G. BRICKYARD ROAD-100 ROLLS

COPE SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT \$97,500 WORTH OF SOD HAD BEEN LAID AND THE EQUIPMENT COST \$32,000; IT WAS A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING SOD PUT DOWN AT CRYSTAL LAKE AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THERE WAS NO ROLLS USED ON JOINER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SQUARE BALES OF HAY THAT CORBIN HAD PUT OUT WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE WHAT ROAD AND BRIDGE HAD PUT OUT; IT MAY BE A GOOD INVESTMENT TO GET INTO HAY BUSINESS TOO.

COPE CONTINUED EXPLAINING THE COUNTY HAS ACCESS TO A HAY BAILER AND CUTTER; HE RECOMMENDED TRYING THIS EQUIPMENT TO SEE HOW IT WORKS AND HE WILL TAKE HIS PERSONAL HAY RAKE. HE SAID IF THE EQUIPMENT WORKS FINE AND IF NOT, PURCHASE A RAKE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COPE'S RECOMMENDATION.

HOLMES VALLEY ROAD-COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED DAWN KIRKLAND HAVING CONTACTED HIM ON AN EASEMENT THE COUNTY PURCHASED FROM HER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD AND SHE WAS TOLD THEY WOULD REPLACE A FENCE THAT WAS TORN DOWN AND REPLACE THE SURVEY STOPS IN THE NEW LOCATION DUE TO THE PROPERTY LINES HAVING BEEN MOVED.

KIRKLAND SAID SHE HAD TALKED TO COMMISSIONER BROCK ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS AGO AND WAS TOLD HE WOULD CHECK IT OUT; HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO DAWN HE HAS NOT DONE SO.

HE ASKED THE BOARD FOR DIRECTION ON WHAT TO DO. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THESE SAME ISSUES HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF IN THE PAST AND ADVISED HIM TO DO WHATEVER IS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONER SAPP GO AND LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND HE COULD TELL IF THE REQUEST WAS LEGITIMATE OR NOT; HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH DOING THE WORK IF FORMER COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD PROMISED IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP AGREED TO CHECK WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND TRY TO GET INFORMATION ON WHAT WAS DONE AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CORRECT IT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 1ST.

WADE BROWN-COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED BROWN HAVING ACCESS TO MILLED ASPHALT AT NO CHARGE AND PROVIDED HIS PHONE NUMBER- 872-4490. BROWN WAS REFERRING TO MILLED ASPHALT TO FINISH THE PART AT CAMPBELL PARK THAT HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

SAPP SAID HIS COMPLAINT WAS THAT \$17,000 GRANT MONEY WAS TURNED IN BEFORE THE CAMPBELL PARK WAS COMPLETED; THE FEW ISSUES THAT REMAIN TO BE DONE AT THE PARK PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE COST THAT MUCH. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THERE WAS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THE PROJECT OR A LACK OF TIME ON GETTING STARTED ON IT. HOWEVER, HE SAID SOMEBODY DROPPED THE BALL BUT HE WAS WILLING TO GO IN AND FINISH THE CAMPBELL PARK PROJECT. HE NOTED THE COUNTY NEEDS TO FINISH A JOB WHEN THEY START IT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THE PARKS THAT NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO BEING ABLE TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER GRANT PROJECT; HOWEVER, HE AGREED THE NEED TO FINALIZE A PROJECT PRIOR TO STARTING ANOTHER ONE.

ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT-COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD, AS EQUIPMENT LIASON, ON A GRADER THAT HAD BROKEN A GEAR; HE SAID IN THE PAST FROM WHAT HE HAD GATHERED, THEY NORMALLY REPLACE EVERYTHING IN THERE, THE BARRONS, SEALS, ETC. HE ADVISED THIS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$3,000; HOWEVER, HE RECOMMENDED JUST REPLACING THE GEAR THAT WAS BROKEN WHICH WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$1,800 AND SAVE THE COUNTY \$1,200. HE POINTED OUT THIS TYPE OF ISSUE WOULD BE ONE OF THE WAYS THE COUNTY COULD SAVE MONEY.

ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT-COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING LOOKED AT THE WATER TRUCK; IT IS ILLEGAL TO EVEN USE IT ON A U.S. HIGHWAY AND IS ONLY TO BE USED FOR OVERSEAS SHIPMENT. HE STATED IT WAS NOT DRIVABLE; THEY COULD HAUL IT BUT THEN QUESTIONED WHERE WOULD THEY GET WATER FROM. HE SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO LOOK AT THIS AND IF THE COUNTY NEEDS A WATER TRUCK, THEY NEED TO GET ONE THEY CAN USE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPLAINED ED MINER, PREVIOUS ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, HAD ASKED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD TO PURCHASE THE TRUCK; CORBIN SAID IT WAS A GOOD WATER TRUCK BUT IT IS A SLOW SPEED ON THE ROAD AND PROBABLY ISN'T DESIGNED FOR ROAD TRAVEL. HE FURTHER STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY MINER WANTED TO PURCHASE THE TRUCK IF IT CAN'T BE DRIVEN ON THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE BOARD WAS GOING TO NEED A WATER TRUCK AND HE REFERRED TO HAVING SEEN WHERE A WATER TANK WAS DESIGNED FOR A DUMP TRUCK; WHEN YOU GET THROUGH USING IT AS A WATER TRUCK, IT IS STILL A DUMP TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED C. W. ROBERTS WAS WANTING THE TRUCK; COMMISSIONER COPE SAID ROBERTS HAD SAID HE WOULD EXCHANGE ASPHALT FOR THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID DALLAS AT PUBLIC WORKS HAD MENTIONED ROBERTS HAVING AN ASPHALT SPREADER TO EXCHANGE FOR THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF THE COUNTY NEEDED HIS WORN OUT SPREADER WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING HE WAS TOLD IT WAS NOT WORN OUT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THE BOARD MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS DURING A WORKSHOP AND EXPLAINED THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO JUST SWAP EQUIPMENT; THEY MAY HAVE TO AUCTION IT OFF OR TAKE BIDS ON IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IF THE COUNTY GETS A FAIR VALUE FOR THE EXCHANGE, THEY COULD EXCHANGE THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP AGREED TO LOOK INTO GETTING A FAIR VALUE FOR THE WATER TRUCK AND GET SOMETHING THEY COULD GET A GOOD USE OUT OF.

ORANGE HILL PARK-COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THERE BEING QUITE A BIT OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AT THE PARK AND REFERRED TO VEHICLES SPINNING AROUND; HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PUT UP A CHAIN LINK FENCE AROUND IT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,500. DUE TO HIM NOT HAVING ANY FUNDS, COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED TO EXCHANGE SOME INTEREST MONIES TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO USE TO PURCHASE THE FENCE FOR SOME ROAD PAVING MONIES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER FINCH AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXCHANGING MONIES TO DO THE FENCING AT ORANGE HILL PARK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTING, DUE TO HIM HAVING RELATIVES WORKING WITH TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONER SAPP ACCEPT THE LIASON APPOINTMENT FOR TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED. IN EXCHANGE, COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD BE LIASON TO NRCS WHICH COMMISSIONER SAPP CURRENTLY SERVES. THE BOARD AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS AT THE FEBRUARY 1ST MEETING.

BAY COUNTY AIRPORT RELOCATION-COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING WENT TO A MEETING ON THE AIRPORT AND SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MOVING THE AIRPORT TO THE WEST BAY SITE.

HE HAD A LETTER, ASKING ALL THE COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN IT IF THEY AGREE WITH IT, STATING WASHINGTON COUNTY FEELS IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AND WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER AIR SERVICE TO THE AREA, ETC. HE ADVISED IT HAD TO BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 28TH.

ON A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER CORBIN, COMMISSIONER FINCH READ THE LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY. AFTER THE LETTER WAS READ, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN THE LETTER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY LEFT AT 5:20 P.M.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. OLD MILL ACRES RESOLUTION-ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOARD'S ACTION AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO APPROVE OF A PLAT VACATION PETITIONED BY MARK ODOM ON OLD MILL ACRES. SHE ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ADVERTISE THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THE PLAT VACATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ADVERTISE THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THE OLD MILL ACRES PLAT VACATION.
2. VOUCHERS-VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 2004 TOTTALLING \$1,566,819.08. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS.
3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS-TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BUDGET INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS MOVING \$3,000 FROM THE BALLOON FESTIVAL LINE ITEM TO \$500 TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE DAY AND \$2,500 TO OTHER CURRENT CHARGES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW FUNDING NORTHWEST FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE DAY WAS PROMOTING WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED CORBIN ON A BOOTH BEING SET UP WITH ACTIVITIES GOING ON IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AVAILABLE; THE LEGISLATORS COME BY AND LOOK OVER WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE AND THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE LEGISLATORS ABOUT THINGS THEY WANT TO SEE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.
COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID WHEN THE BOARD FUNDS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THEY EXPECT THEM TO PROMOTE WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE CHAMBER WOULD BE THERE ALSO.
BUDGET AMENDMENTS-COMPUTER DEPARTMENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENT MOVING \$1191 FROM MAINTENANCE TO MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.
COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.
4. FINAL WORKERS COMPENSATION AUDIT-PREMIUM FOR FINAL AUDIT WAS FOR \$21,784 WITH \$17,675.50 BEING PAID BY NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING FINAL AUDITED PREMIUM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER IF THE HOSPITAL WAS REIMBURSING ON TIME FOR THE RETIREMENT AND OTHER THINGS THE COUNTY IS PAYING ON THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY WERE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 1:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 01/27/05