

BOARD MINUTES FOR 06/16/05

JUNE 16, 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, COPE, FINCH, SAPP AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

LT. MIKE QUALLS, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PRO- CLAIMED THE MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER AND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2005 BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR JUNE 16, 2005:

- A. LIFE MANAGEMENT CENTER INVOICE TOTALLING \$8,239.14 FOR BAKER ACT SERVICES PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR APRIL
- B. VULCAN MATERIALS INVOICE TOTALLING \$15,526.44 FOR MATERIALS PURCHASED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS FOR FEMA PROJECTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE-ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ADDING SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEDURE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT
ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD THE CHANGES THEY WOULD BE ADDRESSING WITH THE ORDINANCE WAS THE ADOPTION OF THE CITATION METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT; THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY JUDGE AS OPPOSED TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD HANDLING THEM.

JIM ACKERMAN, MEMBER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING DONE IN MOST COUNTIES IN FLORIDA AND A LOT OF CITIES, INCLUDING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

HE POINTED OUT IT WOULD BE A MEANS FOR THE COUNTY TO GET A BETTER GRIP ON ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR CODES; THE JUDGE WOULD BE MAKING A RULING AND IT WOULD BE OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

HE EXPLAINED THE WAY CODE ENFORCEMENT IS HANDLED NOW; IF A PERSON'S PROPERTY IS IN VIOLATION, A LIEN IS PLACED ON THE PROPERTY AND IF IT IS HOMESTEADED, A LIEN CAN'T BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY. WITH THE CITATION METHOD, THEY WOULDN'T BE GOING AFTER HOMESTEADING, BUT THE PERSON; THE PERSON CAN BE FINED, GO TO THE COURT AND THE JUDGE WILL BE MAKING THE RULING.

HE CONTINUED BY REFERRING TO LETTERS FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, ETC. AND THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT; IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO THE CITATION METHOD, CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS IS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED A LOT OF CONTROVERSY OVER THE CITATION METHOD COMES FROM PERSONS WHO DO NOT FEEL THEY SHOULD BE TOLD WHAT THEY COULD DO WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED HOW MANY UNLICENSED VEHICLES A PERSON COULD HAVE ON THEIR PROPERTY. ACKERMAN ADVISED

INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY WERE ALLOWED UP TO THREE UNLICENSED VEHICLES TO BE ON THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ABOUT HAVING AN OLD SCHOOL BUS ON YOUR PROPERTY TO USE AS A STORAGE FACILITY. ACKERMAN ADVISED THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ORDINANCES THAT COULD AFFECT THIS ISSUE; IT WOULD BE A NUISANCE TO THE NEIGHBORS IF IT WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME. CORBIN AGREED IT SHOULDN'T BE PARKED IN FRONT OF A PERSON'S HOME SO IT WOULDN'T BE OFFENSIVE TO THEIR NEIGHBORS. ACKERMAN SAID THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD WAS WANTING TO KEEP PROPERTY VALUES AND POINTED OUT THERE WERE MOBILE HOME ORDINANCES ON ABANDONED MOBILE HOMES; HOWEVER, THEY STILL EXIST, ARE VISIBLE AND ARE NEXT TO SOMEONE ELSE AND DOESN'T BRING THEIR PROPERTY VALUE TO THE VALUE IT SHOULD BE. ACKERMAN ASKED THE BOARD TO PASS THE ORDINANCE AND GIVE IT A CHANCE TO WORK; IF IT DOESN'T WORK, THEY COULD COME BACK AND DO AWAY WITH IT.

LINDA WALLER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER RESPONDING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OR ALLEDGED CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS WHEN REPORTED TO HER. WHEN RESEARCHING A CLAIM OF CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS, WALLER EXPLAINED SHE DIDN'T GO ONTO THE PROPERTY OR BACK OF THE PROPERTY TO LOOK FOR A VIOLATION; IT HAD TO BE OBVIOUS THERE WAS ONE. SHE TAKES PICTURES AND BRINGS THEM TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR THEM TO MAKE A DETERMINATION IF THERE IS A VIOLATION AT THE PRESENT TIME; HOWEVER, WALLER SAID, WITH THE CITATION METHOD, IT WOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE JUDGE TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION.

WALLER FURTHER ADDRESSED BY GOING WITH THE CITATION METHOD, IT WOULD ELIMINATE AN INORDINANT AMOUNT OF PAPER WORK; THEY NEVER FULLY RECOVER ALL THE COST THAT IS PUT INTO A CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE. SHE REFERRED TO THE CODE ENFORCMENT BEING ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY BY THEIR LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BASED ON FLORIDA STATUTE 162. BY ADOPTING THE CITATION METHOD, WALLER ADDRESSED IT WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF GETTING PROPERTIES CLEANED UP.

PAUL DAY, RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IT APPEARING THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO ADOPT THE SAME ORDINANCE AS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND HE HAS BEEN BURNT BY THE CITY. HE REFERRED TO PEOPLE CALLING HIM EVERYDAY HUNTING SOMEPLACE TO LIVE AND PEOPLE LEAVING BAY COUNTY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD LIVING THERE AND ARE MOVING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HE SAID WHEN THE BOARD ADOPTS THE ORDINANCE COUNTY WIDE, THEY ARE AFFECTING EVERYBODY AND QUESTIONED IF THEY WANT TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM COMING TO THE COUNTY. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING ASKED TO BE ON THE CODE ENFORCMENT BOARD DUE TO HIM BEING VERY CONCERNED WITH THE WAY HE WAS DONE BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY; THE CITY WOULDN'T WORK WITH HIM NOR DO COMMON SENSE WITH HIM.

HE ADDRESSED HIM PAYING A LOT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND ASKED THE BOARD NOT TO PASS THE CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT. COMMIS- SIONER CORBIN ASKED DAY IF HE HAD ANY PROBLEM SO FAR WITH THE COUNTY'S CODE ENFORCMENT ORDINANCE; DAY ADVISED HE HAD NOT. CORBIN THEN EXPLAINED ALL THE BOARD WAS DOING TODAY WAS TALKING ABOUT THE CITATION METHOD; IF HE HASN'T HAD A PROBLEM SO FAR, HE SHOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE NEW ORDINANCE.

DAY THEN ADDRESSED HIM SITTING ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND THE BOARD HAD TOLD AN INDIVIDUAL HE COULD NOT HAVE EXCESS BUILDING MATERIALS ON HIS PROPERTY UNLESS HE HAD IT UNDER A BUILDING. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING EXCESS STUFF ON HIS PROPERTY AND HIM BEING JUST AS GUILTY AS THE INDIVIDUAL THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD WAS TELLING THEY COULDN'T HAVE EXCESS STUFF ON THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN INFORMED DAY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; IF THEY HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS, HE IS NOT AWARE OF IT. AS LONG AS THERE IS A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT USES GOOD COMMON SENSE, THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

DAY INFORMED CORBIN IT WAS SAID THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COULDN'T OVERRIDE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. WHEN ASKED BY CORBIN, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED ONCE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MAKES A RULING, THERE IS NO APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN VOICED HIS OPINION THE ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE REVISITED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE ISSUE WITH THE BOARD NOT BEING ABLE TO OVERRULE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD COULD NOT BE CHANGED.

CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY; ANYTHING THAT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THE BOARD SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THROUGH THE COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED CORBIN THEIR APPEAL WOULD BE THROUGH THE COURTS FROM A CODE ENFORCEMENT DECISION.

DAY REQUESTED THE BOARD USE COMMON SENSE WHEN MAKING A DECISION ON THE ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE CITATION METHOD APPROACH ON CODE ENFORCEMENT.

JOHN OSTROWSKI, RESIDENT OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, REFERRED TO A CITATION HE HAD GOTTEN FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR HIS TENANT STAYING IN A TRAILER ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. HE REFERRED TO OTHER INCIDENTS ON CODE ENFORCEMENT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ON. HE VOICED HIS OPINION HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT COULD BE POLICED FAIRLY AND REFERRED TO OTHERS BEING IN VIOLATION OF SOME OF THE SAME CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AS HE WAS BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE A VIOLATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING PLENTY OF CODE VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND REFERRED TO LINDA WALLER ONLY RESPONDING TO PROPOSED VIOLATIONS REPORTED BY SOMEONE. FINCH ADDRESSED PEOPLE HAVING DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS AS TO VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE.

OSTROWSKI ADDRESSED HIM MOVING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THESE ISSUES AND ASKED THE BOARD TO TREAT PEOPLE THE WAY THEY WANT TO BE TREATED; HE DIDN'T FEEL PEOPLE SHOULD BE TICKETED AND ISSUES COULD BE WORKED OUT WITHOUT ENFORCING THE CITATION METHOD.

JAMES HOMER RUDD, RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AS THE CURRENT CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE IS EFFECTIVE AS IT IS. HE RECOMMENDED WHEN THEY GO AND START WRITING CITATIONS, OFFER TO HELP THE PERSON TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED WALLER CONSULTING HIM WHEN THERE IS A REPORTED VIOLATION IN HIS DISTRICT; HE LOOKS AT THE PROPERTY AND IF THERE TRULY IS A VIOLATION, HE ADVISES HER TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO CORRECT IT.

DALE SIMS, PAUL DAY'S NEIGHBOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING THE CODE IS NOT CHANGING BUT THE ENFORCEMENT METHOD IS; HE HAS A PROBLEM WITH TAKING IT OUT OF THE BOARD'S HANDS AND PUTTING IT IN A JUDGE'S HAND AS THEY WILL BE TAKING THE PERSONALITY OUT OF IT AND PUTTING IT INTO AN OFFICIAL COURT DOCUMENT. HE REFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST WALLER ADDRESSED WOULD BE REDUCED AND ADVISED THESE COSTS COULD BE CUT WAY DOWN WITHOUT ENFORCING THE CITATION METHOD. HE OPPOSED TO THE CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND RECOMMENDED IT STAY THE WAY IT IS.

RANDY PARKER, PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY, ADDRESSED NO MATTER WHAT THE BOARD ADOPTS, IT CAN BE RESCINDED AND GO BACK TO WHAT IS BEING ENFORCED NOW. HE POINTED OUT THERE WAS A METHOD TO ENFORCE CODE VIOLATIONS NOW AND THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD FINES LEVIED ON THEM THAT HAVE BEEN PRETTY EXCESSIVE; WHEN THESE PEOPLE TRY AND SELL THEIR PROPERTY, THERE WILL BE A HUGE LIEN AGAINST IT. IF THE CITATION METHOD IS ENFORCED AND DONE FAIRLY, IT MAY BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH THE MORE SEVERE PROBLEMS WITHOUT IMPOSING, IN SOME CASES, THESE LARGE FINES.

HE ALSO ADDRESSED THERE ALWAYS BEING WAYS TO CHANGE THE CODES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY IF NECESSARY AND POINTED OUT THIS MAY BE ONE

OF THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE NOW. HE SAID AS GROWTH CONTINUES TO OCCUR, CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED AGAIN. HE GAVE COMPARISONS OF REAL ESTATE SALES IN THE COUNTY THIS YEAR VERSUS LAST YEAR.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED EVERYONE WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE TO STAND. HE THEN ASKED EVERYONE WHO WAS IN FAVOR OF THE CITATION METHOD TO SIT DOWN AND THE ONES WHO WERE OPPOSED TO IT TO REMAIN STANDING; IT APPEARED TO BE HALF AND HALF.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE KEY WORD IS TO TREAT EVERYBODY EQUALLY; IF IT IS A TRUE VIOLATION, IT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED AND A MEANS IS NEEDED TO GET IT CORRECTED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED HE GOES TO A LOT OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS; THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD GIVES THE PEOPLE 60 OR 90 DAYS TO CLEAN UP THEIR PROPERTY BEFORE THEY IMPOSE ANY FINES.

T. L. DIZLER, RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON NOT BEING HERE TO CHANGE ANYTHING; THEY ONLY WANT TO SUPPORT WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE CODE ENFORCEMENT MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE EFFECTIVE.

AFTER BEING ASKED, WALLER EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE SHE GOES THROUGH WHEN SHE RECEIVES A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT. SHE ADDRESSED HER BEGINNING TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH FL-DEP GETTING INVOLVED WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT RESOLVE THEIR CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS AND PERSONS COMPLAINING CALL FL-DEP; DEP IN TURN THEN CALLS HER.

WALLER ADDRESSED TWO CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ONLY: TWO OIL CONTAINERS WERE HIDDEN BEHIND A LARGE PILE OF GARBAGE AND OIL WAS LEAKING DOWN TOWARD A STREAM; A PARKED RV WAS TAKING THEIR PORTABLE HOLDING TANK ACROSS THE ROAD AND DUMPING IT BETWEEN ONE LAKE AND ANOTHER LAKE. SHE EXPLAINED THESE WERE ISSUES THAT NEEDED IMMEDIATE ACTION.

WALLER ADVISED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS ONLY COME BEFORE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD IF A PERSON FAILS TO CLEAN IT UP.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED WALLER IF SHE WAS LOOKING AT AN ALLEDGED VIOLATION SITE AND THE PERSON ADVISED HER OF OTHER VIOLATIONS ON THE SAME ROAD, WOULD SHE GO AND INSPECT THOSE SITES. WALLER ADVISED SHE WOULD QUESTION THE PERSON IF THEY WERE REPORTING A VIOLATION TO HER; IF THEY SAY YES, SHE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

CHAIRMAN ASKED IF THE ADJACENT COUNTIES, HOLMES AND JACKSON, USED THE CITATION METHOD. WALLER ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLMES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAD INFORMED HER THEY WERE GOING TO ESTABLISH A CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND WERE GOING TO RECOMMEND IMPLEMENTING THE CITATION METHOD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ON THE ALLEDGED VIOLATORS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD DOESN'T GET COOPERATION FROM, COULD THE BOARD APPROVE THE CITATION METHOD ON THEM, WALLER BRING THEM TO THE BOARD AND THE BOARD APPROVE HER SENDING A CITATION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE LAWFUL TO DO THIS; THE APPEAL TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD IS THROUGH THE COURT AND NOT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. HE REITERATED ANY INPUT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS WOULD NEED TO COME BEFORE A CITATION IS ISSUED. ONCE THE CITATION IS ISSUED, HOLLEY SAID IT WOULD GO BEFORE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OR THE COURT, ONE OF THE TWO.

ALTHOUGH UNDER THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATION METHOD WALLER WOULD ISSUE THE CITATIONS ON HER OWN, SHE SAID SHE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS GOING TO ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS WHEN THERE IS A CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE FELT WITH THE RELATIONSHIP HE HAS WITH WALLER, IF THEY ENFORCED THE CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, THERE WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED HIM NOT KNOWING IF THE BOARD KNOWS ENOUGH TODAY ON THE CITATION METHOD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE.

ACKERMAN REFERRED TO THE PROPERTY NEXT TO HIM NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH CODE; TO BRING THEM IN COMPLIANCE, IT IS HOMESTEADED, ALL THAT COULD BE DONE WOULD BE PUT A LIEN AGAINST THEIR PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REITERATED THE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS PEOPLE MAY HAVE ABOUT SOMEONE NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE AND ASKED IF THE OTHER NEIGHBORS WERE CONCERNED. ACKERMAN ADVISED SOME OF THEM WERE AT THE MEETING TODAY. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERISM WITH CASES THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HAS HAD; THEY ARE LOOKING AT THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO CLEAN UP THEIR PROPERTY. ACKERMAN POINTED OUT PAUL DAY SAT ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND TODAY IS THE FIRST HE HAS HEARD THAT HE WAS AGAINST THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT A LOT OF PROBLEMS COULD BE AVOIDED IF EACH COMMISSIONER WOULD VISIT WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS WHEN THEY ARE NOTIFIED OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION; IF HE CAN'T GET THE ALLEDGED VIOLATOR TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED, HE WILL COME AND TELL WALLER TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET THE PROPERTY CLEANED UP. HE POINTED OUT THIS DIDN'T PERTAIN TO OIL SPILLS, ETC. OR MATTERS OF EMERGENCY NATURE THAT NEEDED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING IN PLACE THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE A COMMISSIONER TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT EVERYTHING; IF WALLER HAS A JOB TO DO, OR WHOMEVER HAS A JOB, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT. HE SAID THE BOARD WAS NOT AN AUTHORITY ON CODE ENFORCEMENT BUT CERTAINLY WANTED TO RESPOND TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED ALL THE NEIGHBORS OF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CITED AS BEING IN NON-COMPLIANCE ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY THIS SIDE OF THE INTERSTATE HAS COME TO HIM; HE HAS BEEN TO THE PEOPLE AND HE CAN'T GET ANY RESULTS IN GETTING IT CLEANED UP. HE REFERRED TO PEOPLE JUST DRIVING BY THE PLACE HAVING CALLED HIM COMPLAINING ALSO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DRIVEN BY THE PLACE THAT IT HASN'T BOTHERED.

JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, REPORTED TO THE BOARD THEY ARE WORKING UNDER THE CITATION METHOD AND THEY DO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE ON EVERY CASE; IT WORKS GOOD FOR THEM. HE AGREED TO GET THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD HOW THE CITATION METHOD WORKS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CODE ENFORCE- MENT ORDINANCE UNTIL THEIR NEXT MEETING.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE EXTENDING LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX;

AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES 85-3, 89-6 AND 95-10: ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE 6 CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX THEY ALREADY HAVE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015. HE ADVISED THE BOARD WAS REQUIRED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PRIOR TO JULY 1ST; IF THEY DON'T, THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO ENACT IT THIS YEAR. CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD OR IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE EXTENDING OF THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX; NO ONE RESPONDED.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

C. PUBLIC HEARING ON PLAT VACATION FOR OPEN SPACE-SUNNY RIDGE

SUBDIVISION-LOTS 3 AND 4-ROSE BARFIELD: LINDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THIS INVOLVING A LOT THAT WAS SOLD IN A SUBDIVISION; THE LOT WAS RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE BY THE DEVELOPER FOR THE PURPOSE OF WELLS. HOWEVER, EACH PERSON ENDED UP PUTTING IN THEIR OWN WELL DUE TO A WATER DISPUTE WITH THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE LOT. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING ONE LOT IN THE SUBDIVISION WITHOUT A WELL BUT THE OWNER OF THE LOT SAYS HE CAN PUT IN HIS OWN WELL IF HE EVER DECIDED TO USE THE LOT.

THE LADY WHO ORIGINALLY OWNED THE LOT INCORPORATED IT INTO HER DEED WITH HER LOT AND IT APPEARS ON THE BOOKS AS A LEGAL BUILDING BLOCK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; HOWEVER, WALLER POINTED OUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PLAT, IT IS RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE. BARFIELD IS ASKING THE BOARD TO VACATE THE OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT ON THE PLAT SO SHE CAN USE THE LOT AS SHE SEES FIT, WHICH IS FOR A MOBILE HOME FOR HER SISTER. CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD OR IN THE AUDIENCE WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED PLAT VACATION. SHELLY YOUNG, BARFIELD'S SISTER-IN-LAW, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MOBILE HOME ALREADY BEING ON THE PROPERTY, ALL THE PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN DONE EXCEPT THE FINAL INSPECTION. SHE EXPLAINED SHE JUST WANTED TO BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST FOR A PLAT VACATION FOR OPEN SPACE IN SUNNY RIDGE SUBDIVISION, LOTS 3 AND 4 FOR ROSE BARFIELD.

- D. PUBLIC HEARING ON PLAT VACATION OF RECORDED SUBDIVISION, BRIARWOOD SUBDIVISION-OLA MAE CULPEPPER: WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON NO LOTS HAVING EVER BEEN SOLD IN THE SUBDIVISION AND CULPEPPER IS WANTING TO BUILD A HOME, VACATE THE PLAT AND RETURN IT TO AG CLASSIFICATION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR BOARD WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSED PLAT VACATION; NO ONE RESPONDED. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PLAT VACATION OF BRIARWOOD SUBDIVISION REQUESTED BY OLA MAE CULPEPPER.

- E. PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND USE CHANGE-GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO HIGH/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL-RODNEY SEWELL: RANDY PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE BEING A 1.5 ACRE PARCEL EAST OF THE CHIPLEY CITY LIMITS ON FIRST STREET DESIGNATED AS COMMERCIAL USE NOW. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING PASSED A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW SEWELL TO PUT FOUR MOBILE HOMES ON THE COMMERCIAL SITE; HE IS NOW WANTING TO PUT FOUR MORE ON THE SITE BUT CAN'T UNDER A SPECIAL EXCEPTION. SEWELL IS REQUESTING THE LAND BE REDESIGNATED TO HIGH/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. PARKER REPORTED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAD COMMITTED TO PROVIDE SEWELL WITH WATER AND SEWER SERVICES, THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL ON THE LAND USE CHANGE, ALL THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED AND NO ONE HAS VOICED ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVE THE LAND USE CHANGE REQUESTED BY RODNEY SEWELL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON DR. VERGOTT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BEING PRESENT; HE HAD FORWARDED TWO APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR CANDIDATES HE FEELS LIKE ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE 4-H POSITION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. DR. VERGOTT WILL TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND POSSIBLY SET A DATE WHEN HE CAN BRING THEM TO TALK TO THE BOARD.

DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HE AND ANDY ANDREASON, AG AGENT, BEING PRESENT TODAY TO BRING THEM TWO APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES. HE REFERRED TO ONE OF THE STATUTES THE UNIVERSITY HAS FOR UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA EXTENSION POSITIONS ALLOWS THE BOARD TO HAVE THE TOP CANDIDATE OR TOP THREE CANDIDATES BROUGHT

BEFORE THEM; HIS UNDERSTANDING, THROUGH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, WAS THE BOARD WOULD LIKE UP TO THREE CANDIDATES.

VERGOTT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROCEDURE THEY HAD USED:

1. THEY HAD POSTED THE POSITION IN FEBRUARY
2. INTERVIEWS WERE HELD WITH ANDY ANDREASON REPRESENTING WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE INTERVIEWS
3. FIVE CANDIDATES WERE INTERVIEWED AND THEY HAVE THE TWO CANDIDATES APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY
4. THE BOARD HAS THE OPTION TO SELECT ONE OF THE TWO CANDIDATES, ASK THE CANDIDATES TO COME AND SET UP THE INTERVIEW PROCESS OF ANY KIND THEY LIKE AT THAT TIME

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SCREENING PROCESS OF ALL APPLICANTS WITH DR. VERGOTT ADVISING THERE WAS A SEPARATE COMMITTEE WHO DID THE SCREENING OF ALL APPLICATIONS THAT CAME INTO THE PERSONNEL OFFICE. FROM THAT, THE SCREENING COMMITTEE SENT A LIST OF CANDIDATES TO THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE AND THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE SET UP THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS. HE STATED THE LIST OF PERSONS ON THE INTERVIEWING TEAM: DR. VERGOTT, ANDY ANDREASON, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND PROGRAM LEADER FOR 4-H. HE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING TWO DIFFERENT INTERVIEWS; AFTER THE FIRST INTERVIEWS, THE INTERVIEWING TEAM DETERMINED THEY NEEDED TO SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES. THEY HELD AN ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW AND THEY HAVE THE TWO CANDIDATES BEFORE THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED IF THESE TWO CANDIDATES PRESENTED TO THE BOARD WERE THE ONLY TWO CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED THAT WERE ELIGIBLE OR THE ONLY TWO THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND.

DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THE TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD WERE THE ONLY TWO CANDIDATES THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD AT THIS TIME FOR THE 4-H AGENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED DR. VERGOTT ON THE OTHER APPLICANTS THAT WERE INTERVIEWED AND REASONS THEY MAY HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THE COMMITTEE COULD NOT CONCUR THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WERE SELECTED THAT WERE INTERVIEWED MET WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS TO ACCEPT THE TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED WERE THE ONLY TWO QUALIFIED APPLIC OUT OF THE FIVE THEY INTERVIEWED; VERGOTT ADVISED THIS WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED IF THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND ONE OF THE TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED AND ADDRESSED FILLING THE 4-H POSITION HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS AND ANDY ANDREASON NEEDS SOME HELP. COPE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING SENT THE UNIVERSITY A LETTER REQUESTING THEY SPEED UP THE HIRING PROCESS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLOSURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED A RECOMMENDATION COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ONCE HE HAS MET WITH THE INTERVIEWING TEAM.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED WITH DR. VERGOTT, AS POLICY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE BOARD LIKED TO HIRE QUALIFIED PEOPLE WITHIN THE COUNTY; THEY VOTE FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS, HAVE FAMILY IN THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD IS FAMILIAR WITH THEM, ETC. HE QUESTIONED HOW BRIAN SOLGER QUALIFIED IN THE FIRST PULL BUT THE SECOND TIME HE WAS NOT CONSIDERED. HE THEN REFERRED TO MINUTES FROM A PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING WHEN ANDREASON WAS HIRED AS AG AGENT, SOLGER WAS QUALIFIED TO BE A COUNTY AGENT; HE ADDRESSED THE CREDENTIALS SURELY BEING DIFFERENT FOR A 4-H POSITION AND AN AG AGENT.

DR. VERGOTT ADVISED SOLGER QUALIFIED FOR AN INTERVIEW; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THIS PROCESS. WHEN QUESTIONED WHY, VERGOTT SAID THAT WAS PART OF THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS AND THERE WAS AN EVALUATION PROCESS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH POINTED OUT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD TALKED TO DR. VERGOTT YESTERDAY AND ASKED FOR THE SCORES FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL ONE THAT WAS RATED AND HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THIS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HIM NOT UNDERSTANDING WHY BRIAN SOLGER WAS NOT APPROVED AS HE KNOWS WHAT SOLGER CAN DO WITH THE 4-H BUT HAS NO IDEA WHAT THE TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED CAN DO.

DR. VERGOTT SAID THE BOARD WAS ABLE, IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO, TO BRING THOSE PEOPLE THEY HAVE PRESENTED IN FOR AN INTERVIEWING PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED THE BOARD IF HE COULD TALK TO REPRESENTATIVE BROWN AND SENATOR PEADEN TO FIND OUT WHY A QUALIFIED PERSON LIVING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING TEAM HELD A THOROUGH, FAIR AND UNBIASED PROCESS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REFERRED TO ONE OF THE APPLICANTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD DID NOT HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE BOARD HAD ASKED THE CANDIDATES HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE. VERGOTT SAID IT IS SUGGESTED BUT IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT; THE POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT SAID A BACHELORS DEGREE IS REQUIRED AND A MASTERS DEGREE IS PREFERRED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE POSITION WOULD HAVE TO LIVE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED IT WAS A REQUIREMENT OF THE BOARD THE PERSON WOULD RESIDE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THAT IS THE BOARD'S PREROGATIVE BUT IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED OUT OF ALL THE TIMES HE HAS SPOKEN TO VERGOTT ON THE BOARD'S CONCERNS IN GETTING THE POSITION FILLED, OUT OF ALL THE CANDIDATES THE INTERVIEWING TEAM SPOKE WITH, THAT ALL THEY WOULD RECOMMEND ARE THE TWO THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED APPLICATIONS ON. REALIZING BRIAN SOLGER'S CREDENTIALS AND VERGOTT KNOWING THE BACK- GROUND ON HIM AND THE HISTORY, FINCH SAID THE BOARD AND A LOT OF PEOPLE QUESTIONED WHY SOLGER WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE.

DAVID SOLGER, THE COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR TWELVE YEARS AND ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM KNOWING THE SYSTEM AND WAS PART OF THE 4-H SYSTEM DURING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE. HE REFERRED TO HIM BEING A LEADER OF 4-H, HAD OVER 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE 4-H PROGRAM AND HIS SON, BRIAN SOLGER, WAS RAISED IN THE 4-H PROGRAM.

DAVID ADDRESSED HIM WANTING TO SHARE SOME THINGS WITH THE BOARD REGARDING THE 4-H POSITION AND ADVISED HE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY IF IT WERE NOT FOR TWO COMMENTS HE HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL PEOPLE CONCERNING THINGS ANDY ANDREASON HAD SAID:

1. IT WILL BE A COLD DAY IN HELL BEFORE BRIAN SOLGER GETS
A POSITION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
2. I CAN'T WORK WITH BRIAN

SOLGER ADDRESSED ANDREASON HAVING NEVER WORKED WITH BRIAN IN A PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE COULD DO. HE REFERRED TO BRIAN BEING ASKED IN HIS INTERVIEW AT GAINSVILLE IF HE COULD BE A TEAM PLAYER. SOLGER SAID BRIAN COULD DEFINITELY BE A TEAM PLAYER AND ASKED THE BOARD TO CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL FROM ALTHA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE REFERENCES DR. VERGOTT CONTACTED; DR. VERGOTT GOT THE POSITIVE EFFECT FROM THE REFERENCES.

SOLGER POINTED OUT BRIAN HAD SEVENTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH FFA PLUS THE 4-H EXPERIENCE; HE TOOK TWO PROGRAMS THAT WERE NON- EXISTENT AND BUILT THEM INTO VIABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOLS. HE ADDRESSED BRIAN GROWING UP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, GRADUATED FROM CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL, ATTENDED CHIPOLA COLLEGE AND WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA; HE WANTS TO WORK AND CONTRIBUTE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY BUT THE QUESTION KEEPS COMING UP WHY ANDREASON CAN'T WORK WITH HIM.

SOLGER WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ANDREASON IS AN INTELLIGENT PERSON AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, ESPECIALLY IN LIVESTOCK, AND HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH ANDREASON'S PROFESSIONALISM.

HE ADDRESSED HIM WANTING TO COVER A FEW ISSUES AND WOULD TRY TO MAKE A CASE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AND DR. VERGOTT TRY AND KEEP THEIR MINDS OPEN. HE BROUGHT UP THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

1. HE REFERRED TO A PHONE CALL MADE BY MARY VINING, SECRETARY FOR THE AG CENTER, TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKING HE COME TO THE AG CENTER QUICK AS THERE WAS GOING TO BE A KILLING; COMMISSIONER COPE AND HERBERT WENT TO THE AG CENTER AND THERE WERE SOME REAL PROBLEMS. SHORTLY AFTER THAT, MARY WENT TO THE DOCTOR AND RESIGNED DUE TO STRESS; SHE HAD WORKED AT THE AG CENTER FOR TEN YEARS PRIOR TO ANY PROBLEMS COMING UP.
2. HE HAD CONTACTED MARY JANE SILCOX TO ASK WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS THERE WERE IN THE AG OFFICE AND THE REASON SHE HAD RESIGNED. QUOTES FROM SILCOX PER ANDREASON: ANDY HAS TO BE IN CONTROL; SHE WOULD NEVER WORK UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS OR WITH ANDY AGAIN. ANOTHER QUOTE FROM SILCOX WAS ANDY WAS NOT AN ADMINISTRATOR AND IS THREATENED BY OTHERS; HE NEEDS TO BE IN CONTROL OF EVERY SITUATION AND BECAUSE OF THAT HE CAN'T DO ANY JOB WELL. SILCOX THOUGHT DR. VERGOTT WAS AWARE OF ANDY'S MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS BUT APPARENTLY HE WAS NOT.
3. SOLGER ADDRESSED HIM HIRING NANCY ALEXANDER AS 4-H POSITION AND SHE HAD AN EXCELLENT 4-H PROGRAM GOING; WHEN HE RETIRED, NANCY STARTED STOPPING BY HIS HOUSE SHARING HER PROBLEMS WITH HIM CONCERNING ANDREASON. ANDREASON WAS TRYING TO CONTROL HER AND ALL SHE WANTED TO DO WAS DO HER JOB AND KEEP ANDY OUT OF IT; HOWEVER, ANDY KEEPS TRYING TO MICRO-MANAGE HER PROGRAMS AND TRYING TO KEEP HER 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM AWAY FROM HER TO CONTROL THAT. SOLGER SAID ANDY WAS A CONTROLLING PERSON AND TRIES TO CONTROL HIS EMPLOYEES.
4. SOLGER ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED WITH HENRY STONE; NANCY ALEXANDER USE TO GO TO STONE AND CONFIDE IN HIM THE PROBLEMS SHE WAS HAVING. IT GOT SO BAD, NANCY HAD WENT TO A COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO GET ANDY OFF HER BACK.

SOLGER SAID THE INFORMATION HE HAS PROVIDED WAS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AS HE HAD CONTACTED PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY AND IN GAINSVILLE AND HEARD THE SAME STORIES OVER AND OVER. DUE TO SOME PEOPLE HE HAD CONTACTED ASKING HIM NOT TO SHARE THEIR NAMES OR THEIR PROBLEMS FOR FEAR OF LOSING THEIR JOBS, HE CAN'T SHARE INFORMATION FROM SOME OF THE SOURCES.

SOLGER ADDRESSED DOUG TOWNSEND HAVING COME TO HIM ON SOME PROBLEMS HE HAD WITH ANDREASON IN RELATIONSHIP TO SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE BARN AT THE AG CENTER AND TOLD HIM THE PROBLEM WITH ANDREASON WAS HE SUFFERS FROM THE LITTLE MAN SYNDROME. HE DOESN'T WANT TO SURROUND HIMSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW AS MUCH OR MORE THAN HE DOES OR DOES NOT WANT A PERSON HE CAN'T CONTROL. HE DOES NOT WANT A PERSON HE CAN'T MICROMANAGE. SOLGER SAID NANCY ALEXANDER, MARY VINING AND MARY JANE SILCOX WERE ALL VICTIMS OF MICROMANAGEMENT.

SOLGER SAID ANDY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WORK WITH BRIAN AS BRIAN HAS A MIND OF HIS OWN. IF IT WERE HIM AND THERE WAS SOMEBODY BETTER THAN HIM HE COULD HIRE, HE WOULD HIRE THAT PERSON; IF YOU HAVE GOOD PEOPLE DOING A GOOD JOB, IT MAKES A PERSON LOOK BETTER.

SOLGER GAVE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LACK OF TEAMWORK AND MANAGEMENT WHICH HAPPENED BEFORE HE LEFT THE EXTENSION SERVICE; THERE WAS A LARGE BEEF PRODUCTION CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD IN MARIANNA AND THE WHOLE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA ATTENDS THIS. SOLGER ADDRESSED ANDY NOT KEEPING ALL THE AGENTS ABREAST OF WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH PUBLICITY THEY COULD GET OUT TO THEIR PRODUCERS SO THEY COULD HAVE A GOOD, SUCCESSFUL MEETING. HE SAID THERE WERE MORE SPEAKERS AT THE MEETING

THAN THERE WERE PRODUCERS; THE SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM ASKED FOR THEIR MONIES BACK DUE TO THERE NOT BEING ENOUGH PEOPLE THERE TO JUSTIFY THEM BEING THERE.

SOLGER SAID THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HAS BEEN A REVOLVING DOOR WITH OFFICE STAFF AND ASSISTING AGENTS. HE QUESTIONED IF ANDY COULD WORK WITH ANYBODY.

SOLGER THEN ADDRESSED ANDY'S INTEGRITY AND REFERRED TO THE LAST REPORT THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED FROM ANDY IN REFERENCE TO THE GRANT RECEIVED FOR LANDSCAPING, THE SIGN, APPLIANCES AT THE AG CENTER, ETC. SOLGER SAID THERE WAS NO GRANT; ANDY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF IT. HE ADVISED THAT DON WALTERS FUNDED IT THROUGH ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND SUPERVISED THE LANDSCAPING, CON- STRUCTION, ETC. HIMSELF.

SOLGER THEN ADDRESSED AN INCIDENT AT THE 2005 WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR WHERE A BULL WAS SOLD AS A STEER; IT WAS PURCHASED BY MR. AND MRS. JOHN HOWARD AND TAKEN TO HENRY STONE'S PACKING PLANT. WHEN STONE WAS PROCESSING THE ANIMAL, HE NOTICED IT WAS NOT A STEER, CALLED ANDREASON SAYING THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE ANIMAL BEING A BULL AND NOT A STEER AND ASKED ANDREASON WHAT TO DO. ANDREASON TOLD STONE TO PROCESS IT AND PASS IT OWN AS THE OWNER WOULDN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. HENRY CONTACTED THE PERSON WHO BOUGHT THE ANIMAL AND EXPLAINED TO THEM THE SITUATION; THE HOWARD'S THEN CONTACTED LARRY HILL. LARRY HILL HAD GONE TO THE PROCESSING PLANT TO GET SOME SAUSAGE. AFTER CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED SOLGER BRING HIS SPEECH TO A CONCLUSION, SOLGER SAID THE CONFLICT WAS SETTLED BETWEEN HENRY STONE AND LARRY HILL.

SOLGER ADDRESSED BRIAN SOLGER HAVING TALKED WITH DR. NORMAN, THE 4-H AGENT, DURING HIS INTERVIEW IN GAINSVILLE AND PRESENTED A TALK TO THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE ABOUT 4-H. HE REFERRED TO BRIAN HAVING GONE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN CHIPLEY BEFORE GOING TO GAINSVILLE AND ASKED THE NUMBER OF 4-H KIDS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WAS TOLD THERE WAS 65 OFFICIAL 4-H MEMBERS. WHEN ASKED BY DR. NORMAN DURING THE INTERVIEW HOW MANY 4-H MEMBERS THERE WERE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, BRIAN TOLD HIM THE THERE WERE 65. DR. NORMAN ADVISED HIM THAT WAS INCORRECT; THERE WERE 170 4-H MEMBERS THERE. DAVID EXPLAINED THEY GOT THE NUMBER OF 4-H MEMBERS YESTERDAY FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND WERE TOLD THERE WERE 75 OFFICIAL 4-H MEMBERS. HE QUESTIONED WHERE THE OTHER 4-H MEMBERS WERE THAT GAINSVILLE HAD A RECORD OF.

DAVID ADDRESSED HIM STILL GETTING CALLS FROM PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ABOUT LAWN PROBLEMS, GARDEN PROBLEMS, VEGETABLE PROBLEMS AND PROFESSIONAL TYPE PROBLEMS. HE ASKED THE PEOPLE IF THEY HAD SEEN THEIR COUNTY AGENT; THEY ADVISED THEY HAD CALLED AND CALLED THE AGENT BUT NEVER GET A RESPONSE OR A RETURNED CALL.

DAVID ADVISED THE BOARD, ANYTHING HE HAS TALKED TO THEM TODAY ABOUT, HE CAN BACK UP AND SHOW THEM THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME TO HIM AS HE HAS NOTHING TO HIDE; HE IS ONLY TRYING TO SHARE WITH THEM THE PROBLEM WITH WHY ANDY CAN'T WORK WITH BRIAN.

IN CONCLUSION, DAVID REFERRED TO BRIAN BEING QUALIFIED TO BE THE EXTENSION AGENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RIGHT WITH ANDY ANDREASON IN 1999 ACCORDING TO DR. VERGOTT; FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, HE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE THE 4-H AGENT. DAVID REITERATED BRIAN WAS A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMPLETED 17 YEARS OF YOUTH EXPERIENCE TO THE PROGRAM AND WOULD BRING STABILITY TO THE 4-H PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE ASKED THE COUNTY TO GET OUT OF THE REVOLVING DOOR SITUATION AND REFERRED TO THE LAST SIX YEARS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE HAS BEEN A REVOLVING DOOR TO OFFICE STAFF AND ASSISTANT AGENTS. HE REITERATED THE REAL QUESTION MAY BE CAN ANDY WORK WITH ANYBODY.

ANDY ANDREASON, EXTENSION AGENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAD NOT COME TO THE MEETING WITH THE IDEA OF TRYING TO BE ON COURT OR TRIAL; HOWEVER, EACH AND EVERY PERSON THAT WAS LISTED BY DAVID TODAY, HE WOULD LOVE FOR THEM TO TELL THE BOARD TO THEIR FACES RATHER THAN BEING INTERPRETED. HE REFERRED TO THERE BEING SEVERAL INACCURACIES AND SEVERAL NOT TRUE AT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY SOLGER.

ANDREASON SAID, AS FAR AS COMPLAINTS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE CALLED, HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED. HE THEN SAID THAT IS NOT WHY HE IS HERE TODAY; THE BOARD HAS BEEN PROVIDED TWO CANDIDATES AND THEIR CREDENTIALS. HE REFERRED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATES HAVING A MASTERS DEGREE WITH TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE IN FAMILY RELATIONS, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT SEVERAL COUNTIES WOULD BE GLAD TO GET AND HIRE. ANDREASON SAID HE THOUGHT THE PERCEPTION IS THAT BRIAN DIDN'T GET THE JOB BECAUSE HE HAD SOMETHING TO SAY TO CONDEMN HIM FOR, ETC. AND THIS IS NOT TRUE. HE REFERRED TO ALL THE PEOPLE DAVID HAD LISTED; HE HEARD GROSS EXAGGERATIONS AND SOME THAT WERE NOT ANYWHERE CLOSE TO THE TRUTH. HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THE BOARD AND ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAS ANY CONCERNS AT ANY TIME AND GET TO THE TRUTH AS HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE TRUTH. HOWEVER, HE DOES HAVE A PROBLEM OF BEING CONDEMNED WITH SOMETHING FROM A THIRD PARTY.

HE REITERATED DR. VERGOTT HAS PROVIDED TWO CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD; IF THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THEM, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ADDRESS THEM AND IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF THIS MEETING AND THE PEOPLE IN IT, HE WOULD MEET WITH THEM AT ANY TIME INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WITH ANYBODY AND ANYTHING MENTIONED TODAY. HE STATED IF THERE WAS ANY PROBLEMS, HE WANTED TO ADDRESS THEM; HIS VIEW IS TO MAKE WASHINGTON COUNTY'S EXTENSION OFFICE THE BEST IT CAN BE AND HE DOES ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALITY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED IF IT WAS A CONSENSUS OF THE INTERVIEWING TEAM THE TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED WERE THE ONLY TWO ELIGIBLE OR DID SOME OF THE OTHER MEMBERS HAVE OPPOSING VIEWS THAT SOME OF THE OTHER NAMES SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED.

ANDREASON ADVISED THAT EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE EVALUATED WHAT THEY SAW; IN FACT, DURING THE INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE LEFT OUT, HE GAVE LEAD QUESTIONS TO HIM TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO GIVE THINGS TO HELP HIM WITH THE INTERVIEW. ANDREASON LET DR. VERGOTT ADDRESS ANY ISSUES CONCERNING THE INTERVIEWS AS THE FIGURES ON THEM WERE COLLECTIVELY LOOKED AT.

DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ADVISING THAT IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF ALL FOUR PEOPLE ON THE INTERVIEWING TEAM TO PRESENT THE TWO CANDIDATES PROVIDED TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD BEING HERE TODAY TO GATHER INFORMATION WITH NO DECISION TO BE MADE. HE THEN QUESTIONED THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD; DID THEY WANT TO BRING THE TWO APPLICANTS SUBMITTED BACK BEFORE THE BOARD OR MAKE A DECISION TODAY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS NOT SATISFIED AND ASKED DR. VERGOTT IF ANDY LEANED AWAY FROM BRIAN OR HAD A PREFERENCE NOT TO ACCEPT BRIAN FOR THE 4-H POSITION.

DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING TEAM BROUGHT ALL FIVE CANDIDATES IN AND GAVE THEM ALL THE SAME OPPORTUNITY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO HIM HAVING ASKED ANDY THIS SAME QUESTION AND HIS RESPONSE WAS BRIAN DIDN'T INTERVIEW GOOD. DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED THEM NOT BEING HERE TODAY TO DEBATE THE INTERVIEWING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS; THE COUNTY PAYS A PORTION OF THE SALARY AND THE UNIVERSITY PAYS THE OTHER PORTION. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULDN'T GET SOMEONE THEY WANT, WHY WAS THEY EVEN INVOLVED IN IT.

DR. VERGOTT ADVISED CORBIN THE BOARD EMPLOYED ANDY TO BE PART OF THE INTERVIEWING TEAM AND ANDY IS AN EQUAL PARTNER IN THE TEAM AND REPRESENTS WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED THEN IF ANDY DIDN'T WANT BRIAN TO HAVE THE 4-H POSITION, IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE. DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED THAT NOT BEING AN ISSUE THAT HE CAN RECALL. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD NOT VOTE TO HIRE ANYBODY IF THE BOARD COULDN'T GET SOMEONE THEY THINK COULD DO A GOOD JOB FOR THE CITIZENS LOCALLY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REFERRED TO THE WAY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD TALKED TO VERGOTT ON THE PHONE, IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO ADD ANY MORE APPLICANTS TO INTERVIEW FOR THE 4-H POSITION AND IF ANYBODY BESIDES THE TWO SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE WERE CHOSEN, THE UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS A 4-H DIRECTOR NOR PROVIDE ANY FUNDING.

DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED THE UNIVERSITY HAVING THE INTERVIEW PROCESS THEY MUST FOLLOW FOR AGENT POSITIONS IN ANY COUNTY OFFICES; COUNTIES DO HIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF TO ASSIST COUNTY AGENTS IN MANY OFFICES ACROSS THE STATE. HOWEVER, THE UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANYONE AS A 4-H AGENT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED WHO THE BOARD WOULD CONTACT TO GIVE THEIR CONCERNS THEY FEEL THE PROCESS WAS NOT FAIR OR FEEL LIKE AN APPLICANT THEY FELT THEY KNEW A LOT ABOUT WAS NOT EVEN CONSIDERED. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED HE COULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE ASSOCIATE DEAN.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED VERGOTT IF THE BOARD HAD THE RIGHT TO OVERRIDE THE INTERVIEWING TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION. VERGOTT ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO SAY THIS IS THE PERSON THEY WERE GOING TO HIRE, THE ABILITY TO BRING IN THE TWO PEOPLE THE TEAM RECOMMENDED TO THEM TO INTERVIEW AND HIRE THE PERSON THEY THOUGHT WAS BEST OR THE ABILITY TO TELL THEM TO GO BACK THROUGH THE PROCESS AGAIN.

DR. VERGOTT ADDRESSED IT BEING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE UNIVERSITY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED AGAIN IF THE BOARD HAD THE AUTHORITY TO OVERRIDE THE INTERVIEWING TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION. VERGOTT SAID HE WOULD IMAGINE NOT; THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY AND ABILITY TO DO THE THREE THINGS HE HAD JUST STATED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE KNEW IF THE BOARD WANTED TO HIRE SOMEBODY AND PUT THEM IN THE COUNTY AS A 4-H DIRECTOR AND PAID THEM STRICTLY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DR. VERGOTT HERE TODAY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO TELL SENATOR PEADEN AND REPRESENTATIVE BROWN HE HAD BROUGHT THIS ISSUE UP TO DR. VERGOTT AND WAS TOLD THE BOARD CANNOT OVERRIDE THE INTERVIEWING TEAMS RECOMMENDATION TO PLACE WHO THE BOARD BELIEVES TO BE THE BEST.

DR. VERGOTT SAID HE WOULD BE MORE THAN GLAD TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH SENATOR PEADEN AND REPRESENTATIVE BROWN.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED HIM BEING SURE EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE BEING AWARE OF HIS SITUATION WITH ANDY WHEN HE WAS HIRED; HE DIDN'T KNOW ANDY WOULD BE ON TRIAL TODAY. HE REFERRED TO HIM NOT VOTING FOR ANDY WHEN HE WAS HIRED AND ANDY KNOWS THE REASON; HE AND ANDY HAVE BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS SINCE THEN AND HE HAS WORKED CLOSE WITH ANDY AT THE AG DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO ADDRESSED ALL THE FARMERS HE HAS TALKED TO AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH SUPPORT ANDY; ANDY HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. COMMISSIONER COPE TOLD ANDY HE HATED HE HAD TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS HEARD THIS MORNING WITH THE BOARD TRYING TO HIRE SOMEONE FOR THE 4-H POSITION THAT IS NEEDED DESPARATELY IN THE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER COPE TOLD DR. VERGOTT HE THOUGHT THEY HAD DONE A GOOD JOB; THEY MOVED A BIT SLOWLY. HE PERSONALLY WANTED TO SEE SOMEONE ON BOARD AND WORKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND RECOMMENDED HIRING SOMEONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HIRE WITHIN THE COUNTY AS MANY TIMES AS POSSIBLE; IF THERE IS NOT SOMEONE QUALIFIED, THEN GO WITH THE INTERVIEWING TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION. HE ALSO SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO GO WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF BRIAN SOLGER WAS QUALIFIED WHEN ANDY ANDREASON WAS HIRED, WHY WOULDN'T HE BE QUALIFIED NOW TO BE THE 4-H AGENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE 4-H DIRECTOR WAS TO COME UNDER A LAND GRANT COLLEGE. DR. VERGOTT REITERATED THE 4-H AGENT WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; THERE IS A PROCESS THEY HAVE FOR HOSTING THE POSITION, INTERVIEWING AND HIRING. HE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING A PROCESS WHERE THEY EVALUATE THE PERSON EACH YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND POINTED OUT HE DOES THIS PERSONALLY FOR ALL 79 FACULTY MEMBERS IN THE EIGHTEEN COUNTIES OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA. HE SAID HE WAS NOT A RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY NOR BORN OR RAISED IN FLORIDA; HOWEVER, HE CHOSE

TO COME TO FLORIDA TO WORK BECAUSE HE WANTED TO COME AND WORK WITH ALL THE FOLKS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA. HE REFERRED TO THE CANDIDATES SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD TODAY ARE CHOOSING TO COME AND HELP AND ASSIST IN FLORIDA. HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT ANDY ANDREASON DOES A VERY GOOD JOB FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND REFERRED TO THE LONG HOURS THEY HAVE TO WORK AND DO IT WITHOUT QUESTION AND MANY TIMES AT THE DETRIMENT OF THEIR FAMILY LIFE. HE SAID THE UNIVERSITY DOESN'T ENCOURAGE THIS BUT SOMETIMES THAT IS THE WAY IT HAPPENS.

DR. VERGOTT REITERATED THE BOARD HAS TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE WILLING TO COME AND ASSIST THE FOLKS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS WHICH WAS A FAIR AND UNBIASED PROCESS THAT THEY MUST FOLLOW BY LAW.

COMMISSIONER COPE REFERRED TO THE CANDIDATES CHOOSING TO COME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND REFERRED TO ANDY BRINGING HIS FAMILY HERE AND HAS BEEN AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY. THE CANDIDATE FOR THE 4-H POSITION MAY ALSO COME AND BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY; SHE MAY COME AND STAY SIX MONTHS OR COME AND STAY SIXTY YEARS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH AGREED THE CANDIDATE WITH THE MASTERS DEGREE IS OBVIOUSLY A QUALIFIED PERSON AND IF THERE HAD BEEN THREE CANDIDATES INCLUDING BRIAN SOLGER, HE WOULD HAVE SAID THE BOARD HAD CHOICES. HOWEVER, IT IS HARD FOR HIM TO IMAGINE AND TOLD ANDY, AS BEING A REPRESENTATIVE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, HE WOULD BE PLUGGING HARD FOR BRIAN DUE TO HIM HAVING ROOTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS AGAIN. IF ANDY IS GOING TO REPRESENT WASHINGTON COUNTY AND KNOWING THE BOARD LIKES TO HIRE A WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT IF POSSIBLE IF THERE IS SOMEONE QUALIFIED AND EVERYTHING BEING EQUAL, HE AGREED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ANDREASON'S THOUGHT PROCESS WAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ANDY IF HE HAD DISCUSSED THE 4-H POSITION WITH ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS; IF IT WAS, IT WAS WITH MR. COPE AND NOT ANY OF THE OTHERS HE HAS HEARD COMMENT ON IT. HE ADDRESSED ANDY NOT EVEN TELLING THE BOARD, EVEN UNTIL TODAY, THAT BRIAN WASN'T IN THE RUNNING; THEY HAD TO HEAR IT OFF THE STREET. HE SAID YOU WOULD THINK ANDY WOULD HAVE TALKED TO THE PEOPLE WHO HIRED HIM.

COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE RECEIVED A LETTER ON THE POSITION. ANDY ADVISED HE HAD NOTIFIED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THOUGHT ALL THE BOARD WAS AWARE OF IT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID ANDY HAD CALLED HIM WHEN HE RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND HE CALLED CHAIRMAN FINCH; HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT FINCH HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THE LETTER.

DIANNE WEBB, ONE OF THE THREE 4-H LEADERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE LIVESTOCK CLUB, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ANDY HAVING NEVER PORTRAYED BEING BOSSY; SHE HAS GONE ON MANY TRIPS WITH ANDY AND WITH THE CHILDREN. SHE TOLD OF ANDREASON TAKING HIS OWN TIME AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY TO TAKE A TRIP TWICE WITH HER TO TAKE FOUR KIDS TO STATE; HE COULD HAVE SENT HER BY HERSELF. SHE AGREED HE MAY TRY TO BOSS AROUND A LITTLE BIT BUT AS FAR AS BEING A CONTROL FREAK, SHE DOESN'T SEE THAT. SHE REFERRED TO HAVING WORKED ONE ON ONE WITH NANCY ALEXANDER AND SHE HAS NEVER EVER COMPLAINED ABOUT A SITUATION THAT SOLGER ADDRESSED. SHE REFERRED TO HAVING WORKED WITH MARY JANE SILCOX WHO CAME TO THE 4-H POSITION WITH A HEALTH PROBLEM; SILCOX HAD TOLD HER SHE LOVED ANDY ANDREASON AND LOVED WORKING WITH HIM AND HATED TO LEAVE HIM. HER LEAVING THE POSITION WAS DUE TO THE STRESS COMING FROM THE POSITION AND NOT FROM ANDY. SHE ADDRESSED HER NOT BEING ABLE TO SIT HERE AND LET ANDY BE TRASHED THE WAY HE WAS. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED HER NOT SAYING THAT BRIAN WAS NOT QUALIFIED AS SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE PROCESS GOES; SHE WOULD JUST LIKE TO GET THE POSITION FILLED SO SOME OF THE WEIGHT WOULD BE OFF OF HER.

CHAIRMAN FINCH INFORMED WEBB THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. VERGOTT ON THE PHONE ENCOURAGING THE PROCESS BE SPED UP; HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD SOME CANDIDATES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY WERE GOING TO END UP WITH JUST TWO CANDIDATES, A MONTH OR TWO AGO. AT THAT TIME AT THE END OF MAY, HE UNDERSTOOD THE UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH LESS THAN THREE CANDIDATES; HOWEVER, AFTER ALL THAT TIME, THEY ENDED UP PROVIDING TWO CANDIDATES

AND BRIAN'S PAPERS CAME TO THEM. HE SAID IT WAS NOT THAT THE BOARD DIDN'T WANT TO HIRE A 4-H DIRECTOR BUT THEY WANTED TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE WHAT THEY ARE GETTING IS FAIR AND EVERYBODY IS BEING TREATED FAIRLY.

WEBB SAID SHE HAD ASKED ANDY IF HE THOUGHT HE COULD WORK WITH BRIAN BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN CONFUSION BETWEEN THE TWO; ANDY RESPONDED IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO WAS PUT IN THE POSITION JUST SO THEY GET SOMEONE TO FILL IT AND THEY CAN GO ON AND THEY DON'T GET PREGNANT AND LEAVE ME. WEBB SAID HE HAD NEVER SAID ANYTHING DEROGATORY ABOUT BRIAN IN HER PRESENCE. ANDY HAS WORKED ONE ON ONE WITH THE KIDS TRAINING THEM TO GO TO STATE ON HIS OWN TIME; THEY ARE GOING TO NATIONAL FINALS NOW.

MARSHA HAYES ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON ANDY HAVING BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE 4-H PROGRAM; SHE HAS CONTACTED EVERYONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO ASK THEM TO SUPPORT WHATEVER THE UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDS. SHE WOULD LOVE FOR IT TO BE BRIAN; HOWEVER, IF THE UNIVERSITY FEELS THERE IS A MORE QUALIFIED APPLICANT AND SOMEONE THAT WOULD DO A BETTER JOB FOR THE UNIVERSITY, THAT IS WHO SHE FEELS THE BOARD SHOULD GO WITH.

HAYES ADDRESSED 4-H NOT BEING JUST A LIVESTOCK PROGRAM; THERE IS ANOTHER LEADER WHO WORKS WITH THE HOME EC DIVISION BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THEY DON'T HAVE THE DIVISION BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO WORK WITH THEM. HAYES CORRECTED HER STATEMENT SHE HAD TALKED TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS; SHE HAD NOT SPOKEN TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN BUT HAD CALLED HIM SEVERAL TIMES BUT DID NOT RECEIVE A RETURNED CALL.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM AND LEADER THAT WOULD BE HERE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW; THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND THIS IS NOT GOOD FOR KIDS. HE REFERRED TO BRIAN'S APPLICATION SHOWING HE HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE AND HE IS A HOME TOWN PERSON; IF EVERYTHING ELSE IS EQUAL AS FAR AS QUALIFICATIONS, HE IS GOING TO GIVE THE EDGE TO THE LOCAL HOMETOWN PERSON. HE ALSO REFERRED TO IT BEING DISTURBING ON THE INTERVIEWING TEAM NOT EVEN GIVING THE BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW BRIAN; THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD AND THE REASONS THEY ARE NOT REVIEWING BRIAN ARE TRUE. IF THEY ARE, THE BOARD WILL MOVE FORWARD.

HAYES REITERATED ANDY HAD BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE AND THE ISSUE WITH THE STEER BEING THE BULL; ANDY CALLED HER WHEN HE FIRST HEARD ABOUT IT, THE MONEY WAS REFUNDED, LARRY HILL GOT WITH THE HOWARDS BECAUSE HIS FATHER HAD SOLD THE STEER, AND REFUNDED THE MONEY TO THE PROGRAM. ANDY DID HIS JOB IN TAKING CARE OF THIS MATTER.

BILL WILLIAMS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON WHAT HE HAS HEARD TODAY BEING AN EMBARRASSMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY; ANDY ANDREASON IS NOT THE ONE ON TRIAL TODAY. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEING IN CHARGE OF HIRING A 4-H DIRECTOR; ANDREASON IN HIS POSITION HAS CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES HE IS CHARGED WITH CARRYING OUT. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ANDY AND NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH HIM.

WILLIAMS SAID HE HAD BEEN IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR 34 YEARS; HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FROM BEING INTERVIEWED TO INTERVIEWING EMPLOYEES. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A PROCESS THAT HAS TO BE GONE THROUGH, POINTS ARE GIVEN IN THE PROCESS AND PEOPLE ARE SELECTED; THE BOARD HAS TWO CANDIDATES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THEM THROUGH SUCH A PROCESS AND HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THERE WERE FOUR PEOPLE DOING THE INTERVIEWING. HE SAID IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE PERSON TO SWAY THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS TO THEIR THINKING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED WILLIAMS IF HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN AN INTERVIEWING PROCESS WHERE HE DIDN'T FEEL THINGS WERE NECESSARILY KOSHER; EVERYONE'S QUALIFICATIONS WERE JUSTLY EVALUATED AND EVERYTIME THE BEST PERSON COME OUT. HE QUESTIONED IF WILLIAMS NEVER EXPERIENCED HIM OR ANYONE ELSE BEING BIASED AGAINST ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

WILLIAMS STATED, BASED ON THE CRITERIA, "NO". HE AGREED HE DIDN'T ALWAYS FEEL SOMEONE ELSE SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN CHOSEN; HOWEVER, THE BOARD HAS THE BEST

QUALIFIED PEOPLE SELECTED AND PRESENTED TO THEM AND THEY ARE CHARGED WITH SELECTING ONE OF THOSE CANDIDATES.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY FINCH IF EVERYTIME WILLIAMS APPLIED FOR A JOB AND HE DIDN'T GET IT, HE THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE A BETTER PERSON GOT IT, WILLIAMS RESPONDED HIS OPINION MAY BE DIFFERENT. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THIS TODAY WAS JUST SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OPINIONS BEING LAID DOWN ON THE TABLE. WILLIAMS ADVISED THE BOARD WAS NOT HIRING THE 4-H POSITION BASED ON THEIR OPINION; THEY ARE HIRING THEM BASED ON THE CRITERIA THE INTERVIEWING TEAM EVALUATED THE CANDIDATES BY. HE POINTED OUT THAT BRIAN SOLGER WAS NOT IN THAT GROUP; THEREFORE, THAT WOULD BE A MUTE ISSUE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED THAT IS WHERE THE BOARD IS AT; TO FIND OUT WHY SOLGER WAS NOT IN THE GROUP TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. WILLIAMS REITERATED THE BOARD WAS TO HIRE A 4-H AGENT BASED ON SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THEM.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD PAYING 30% OF THE AGENT'S SALARY, VEHICLE, ROOMS, ETC. AND THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE THE SAY SO AS TO WHO IS THE ULTIMATE 4-H AGENT; HE WAS NOT SAYING ONE OF THE CANDIDATES PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IS NOT THE RIGHT ONE BUT WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVEN'T DISCARDED SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT WASN'T ELIGIBLE TOO.

WILLIAMS QUESTIONED FINCH IF HE WAS GOING TO PENALIZE THE PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN IN 4-H BECAUSE HE DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE CANDIDATES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THEM. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO PENALIZE ANYONE; THEY HAVE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS BUT HE HOPES THEY HAVE GOTTEN THE RIGHT PERSON IN PLACE AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE FAIR.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WILLIAMS IN HIS INTERVIEWING FOR EMPLOYMENT, IF HE EVER TOOK IT INTO CONSIDERATION IF AN APPLICANT WAS A WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT. WILLIAMS ADVISED IT WAS HIS PHILOSOPHY TO ALWAYS HIRE SOMEONE WITHIN THE COUNTY IF POSSIBLE; IT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS CASE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CORBIN DISAGREED WITH THE STATEMENT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS CASE TO HIRE SOMEONE WITHIN THE COUNTY. CORBIN REITERATED THAT BRIAN SOLGER WAS QUALIFIED TO BE A COUNTY AGENT PREVIOUSLY BUT NOW IS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A 4-H AGENT; HE REFERRED TO THAT NOT MAKING ANY SENSE TO HIM.

DAVID SOLGER COMMENTED THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE HE HAD MENTIONED TODAY SAID THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TALK WITH THE BOARD INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER ON WHAT HE HAD IN HIS REPORT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED THE BOARD IF THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY OR LET DR. VERGOTT AND ANDY BRING THE APPLICANTS BEFORE THEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THE BOARD DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE ANYONE ON TRIAL; PREFERABLY, ALL THE REMARKS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID COULD HAVE BEEN KEPT TO THEMSELVES RATHER THAN BE ON RECORD AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICE. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TO HIRE ONE OF THE TWO APPLICANTS THEY PRESENTED; IF THEY PASSED OVER BRIAN SOLGER, THEN THEY PASSED OVER HIM. THE BOARD POSSIBLY COULD GO THROUGH A POLITICAL PROCESS AND REINTERATE HIM AND GO THROUGH A DIFFERENT PROCESS; BUT, THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT ACTUALLY ACCUSING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA OF NOT BEING CAPABLE TO SUBMIT THE BOARD CAPABLE APPLICANTS. HE REFERRED TO THERE PROBABLY BEING A REASON SOMEWHERE WHETHER IT IS PERSONAL CRITERIA THAT THEY REJECTED IT; IT COULD BE POLITICAL BUT HE WOULD HOPE THE BOARD WOULD NOT LET POLITICAL REASONS STAND IN THE WAY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S 4-H GROUP MOVING FORWARD. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO PUT ALL POLITICS ASIDE AND NOT LET ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER BE SWAYING ANY INTEREST. HE REFERRED TO THE APPLICANT, SARAH MASS, TO HIM LOOKED LIKE WOULD BE VERY WELL QUALIFIED TO DO THE JOB AND ADDRESSED HIM HAVING SOME DISREGARDS WITH THE OTHER CANDIDATE, NOT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR BACKGROUND. HE ADDRESSED SARAH APPEARING TO BE A COUNTRY TYPE PERSON, SOMEONE RAISED ON A FARM TYPE INDIVIDUAL, BEEN THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND GOT A TREMENDOUS FINAL EDUCATION THAT WOULD DO A GOOD JOB FOR THE COUNTY. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO PRESS THE ISSUE AND TRY TO GET SOMETHING ELSE DONE WOULD BE ONE THING; HOWEVER, HE FELT THE COUNTY COULD LIVE WITH SARAH BEING THE 4-H

AGENT. HE SAID IF THE BOARD DOES GO FORWARD FURTHER AND LOOK AT PUTTING A PERSON IN A POSITION THAT HAS SOME KIND OF PERSONAL AGENDA WITH ANDREASON, THEY WOULD BE PERMITTING A SITUATION WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TWO PEOPLE WORKING POSSIBLY AGAINST ONE ANOTHER AND TRYING TO RAISE UP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO A PLACE THEY NEED TO BE IN A 4-H GROUP AND THEY DON'T NEED TO BE INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. HE VOICED HIS OPINION AS A BOARD MEMBER, HE COULD MAKE A SUGGESTION THEY INTERVIEW SARAH MASS; HE HAD RATHER INTERVIEW A PERSON IN FRONT OF THEM RATHER THAN JUST LOOKING AT THE PAPERWORK. HE REITERATED HE COULD SEE SARAH'S QUALIFICATIONS FITTING WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DOESN'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH HER APPLICATION AS FOR AS HER REQUIREMENTS, CRITERIA, ETC. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE FOR DISCUSSION FOR THE BOARD TO INTERVIEW SARAH MASS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND HAVE A PERSONAL PRESENTATION OF WHAT SHE IS.

COMMISSIONER COPE QUESTIONED SAPP IF HE THOUGHT THEY NEEDED TO INTERVIEW MASS AS THE UNIVERSITY HAS ALREADY INTERVIEWED HER AND IF BOARD WAS JUST GOING TO INTERVIEW ONE OF THE CANDIDATES PRESENTED TO THEM OR BOTH OF THEM. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED HIM LIKING TO KNOW A PERSON AND DID WANT TO INTERVIEW MASS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD WAS SUPPOSE TO INTERVIEW BOTH CANDIDATES IF THEY FOLLOW THE UNIVERSITY'S PLAN; THE UNIVERSITY IS NOT RECOMMENDING ANYONE TODAY BUT ARE RECOMMENDING TWO PEOPLE. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HIS CONCERN WAS TO GET A 4-H DIRECTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH CHAIRMAN FINCH REITERATING THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE HAD A 4-H DIRECTOR TWO MONTHS AGO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INTERVIEW BOTH CANDIDATES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY, COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE CANDIDATE'S TRAVEL TO COME TO THE INTERVIEW. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THE UNIVERSITY WAS GOING TO PAY THE TRAVEL EXPENSE, DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THEY WERE NOT; FINCH THEN SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD WOULD PAY IT EITHER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND VOICED HIS OPINION THE UNIVERSITY PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN THE SALARY OF THE 4-H AGENT; HE AGREES THE PERSON LIVING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE AT THE POSITION. HOWEVER, STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING GONE TO THE UNIVERSITY, THEY SELECTED SOMEONE AND THE BOARD SHOULD GO WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION. STRICKLAND NOTED HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST BRIAN SOLGER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A CHANCE TO GET THE UNIVERSITY TO ADD BRIAN SOLGER'S NAME TO THE LIST OF CANDIDATES AND LET THE BOARD INTERVIEW ALL THREE OF THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED NOT AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

CHAIRMAN FINCH POLLED THE BOARD ON THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO INTERVIEW THE TWO APPLICANTS THAT WERE PROPOSED BY THE UNIVERSITY AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN-NO, COMMISSIONER SAPP, YES, COMMISSIONER FINCH-NO, COMMISSIONER COPE-YES AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND-YES. THE MOTION PASSED THREE TO TWO.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY TO HAVE THE APPLICANTS AT THEIR NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED DR. VERGOTT IF THE BOARD DIDN'T APPROVE OF THE CANDIDATES AFTER INTERVIEWING THEM, WHAT WOULD BE THE PROCESS AFTER THAT. DR. VERGOTT ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD TELL THE UNIVERSITY WHAT TO DO AND THEY WOULD REPOST THE POSITION AND START AGAIN.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, GORDON WARREN, UPON RECEIVING A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD, ADDRESSED A FOUR WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF FALLING WATERS ROAD AND STATE PARK ROAD. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PACKAGE ON INTERSECTIONS; THERE NEEDS TO BE A VOLUME OF 500 VEHICLES PER HOUR FOR AN EIGHT HOUR PERIOD TO

WARRANT A FOUR WAY STOP SIGN. HE ADVISED THE TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF FALLING WATERS ROAD AND STATE PARK ROAD NO WHERE APPROACHES THAT KIND OF VOLUME OF TRAFFIC. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING COUNTED THE TRAFFIC FOR A THIRTY MINUTE PERIOD AND COUNTED 74 VEHICLES; IN 1999, HE DID A SPEED STUDY AND IN AN HOUR PERIOD THERE WERE ONLY 102 VEHICLES BUT NOTED THIS DIDN'T INCLUDE WHAT WENT THROUGH STATE PARK ROAD; ON JUNE 15TH, HE DID A TRAFFIC COUNT FOR AN HOUR AND COUNTED 96 VEHICLES GOING THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.

HE ADVISED THE BIGGEST PROBLEM HE SAW AT THE INTERSECTION AT THE EAST APPROACH WAS A VISIBILITY PROBLEM DUE TO LIMBS OVERHANGING; WITH A LITTLE BIT OF WORK TRIMMING UP THE INTERSECTION ON THE EAST APPROACH WOULD MAKE THE STOP SIGN MORE VISIBLE.

ON THE WEST APPROACH THE ADVANCE STOP SIGN IS NOT VISIBLE DUE TO TREE LIMBS AND THEY COULD ALSO BE CLEANED UP; AT THE STOP SIGN ITSELF THERE IS A VISIBILITY PROBLEM.

GORDON SAID HE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND A FOUR WAY STOP SIGN AS IT DOESN'T MEET ANY OF THE CRITERIA; HE FEELS THERE WOULD BE FATALITIES THEY DON'T HAVE NOW IF ONE IS PUT UP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY GORDON AND TRIM THE LIMBS TO HELP WITH VISIBILITY PROBLEM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING VISIBILITY PROBLEMS AT A LOT OF AREAS WITH WARREN ADVISING OF A STOP SIGN BEING BLOCKED BY ANOTHER SIGN AT GRIFFIN ROAD GOING TO OLD BONIFAY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF THE COUNTY HAD A CREW THAT WENT AROUND TO ALL THE INTERSECTIONS ON DIRT ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO VISIBILITY PROBLEMS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON A DEED REQUEST TO ABANDON STREETS IN WAUSAU FROM E. W. JERNIGAN. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PACKET PERTAINING TO THE REQUEST AND ADVISED MR. JERNIGAN HAD COME TO SEE HIM ABOUT THE COUNTY GIVING HIM A DEED. HOLLEY ADVISED WHEN THE COUNTY ABANDONS A ROAD, THE RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE CENTER LINE REVERTS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON EACH SIDE.

HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE ROADS BEING DISCUSSED WAS GAINER ROAD, MONROE ROAD AND MUD HILL ROAD WHICH USE TO BE FLORIDA AVENUE; JERNIGAN OWNS THE ENTIRE BLOCK 19 WHICH LIES IN BETWEEN THESE THREE ROADS AND IS ASKING FOR A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO SHOW HALF OF THESE THREE ROADS REVERTED TO THE PROPERTY HE OWNS. HOLLEY ADVISED JERNIGAN ADJOINS ALL THREE ROADS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THESE STREETS WITH JERNIGAN SHOWING THE THE BOARD ON A MAP WHERE THE ROADS WERE LOCATED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED BY LAW THE PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN REVERTED TO JERNIGAN; HOWEVER, JERNIGAN IS WANTING SOMETHING IN THE DEED RECORDS SO IT CAN BE ASSESSED TO HIM. CHAIRMAN FINCH RECOMMENDED THE BOARD PROVIDE JERNIGAN WITH A DEED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF JERNIGAN'S DEED REQUEST TO ABANDONED STREETS IN WAUSAU BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT V COMMISSIONER.

JONATHON HARRIS, CHAIRMAN OF TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND LARRY PARKER, BOARD MEMBER WERE PRESENT TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE, WHERE THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS NOW, WHERE IT IS HEADED AND REQUEST THE BOARD CONSIDER ADDING THEM TO THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS.

PARKER ADVISED THE BOARD JONATHAN AND HIMSELF WERE TWO OF THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY ON THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AIRPORT BEING ESTABLISHED IN 1971 AND FINISHED IN 1974; IT IS A SPECIAL DISTRICT ESTABLISHED BY THE LEGISLATURE WITH THE ONLY THING THEY CAN'T DO IS TAX.

HE REQUESTED THE BOARD GO AND LOOK AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND ADDRESSED IT SERVING CHIPLEY, BONIFAY AND GRACEVILLE. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AUTHORITY HAVING PUT TOGETHER AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN LISTING PROJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO OVER A FIFTEEN YEAR PERIOD; IN PHASE I,

MOST OF THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. HE ADDRESSED WHEN THEY GOT STARTED IN 1996, FL-DOT WAS NOT GETTING ANY FUNDING FROM FAA AND ALL THE AUTHORITIES MATCHING GRANTS WERE COMING FROM FL-DOT AT 80-20 MATCH TO DO RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS, APRONS, ETC. AND A 50-50 MATCH TO DO ANY REVENUE PRODUCING PROJECTS LIKE HANGARS, ETC. HE UPDATED THE BOARD, THROUGH THE GOVERNORS OFFICE, PASSED THE RURAL COUNTIES OF ECONOMIC CONCERNS WHICH WASHINGTON, JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY BEING PART OF THE EIGHT COUNTIES UNDER ECONOMIC CONCERN, WHICH ALLOWED FUNDING FOR THE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS TO BE WAIVERED THROUGH FL-DOT.

THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S PLAN IS TO GET TO THE POINT THEY ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND PRODUCE ENOUGH REVENUES TO TAKE CARE OF THE OVER- HEAD AND OPERATING EXPENSES. HE ADVISED ONE OF THE BIGGEST IMPROVE- MENTS WAS THE PAVING OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE AIRPORT.

HE ASKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION DURING BUDGET TIME FOR FUNDING FOR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY. THEY WERE GOING TO LEAVE A PROMOTIONAL TAPE OF TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW. PARKER SAID THEY HAD A FIXED BASE OPERATOR, PRESTON HADDOCK AND GARY CUSHION.

PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING SEVEN UNIT T HANGARS THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY FL-DOT AT 100% FUNDING AND ADDITIONAL APRONS FOR ADDITIONAL TIE DOWNS; THIS WOULD BRING IN MORE REVENUE FOR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

HE ADDRESSED THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S MASTER PLAN CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL T-HANGARS; THE AUTHORITY HAS PROJECT PLANS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS THAT WOULD GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE AIRPORT. HE SAID THEY WOULDN'T BE BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY UNLESS THEY WEREN'T IN A DESPERATE NEED FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. THE 7 UNIT T-HANGERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN BUILT YET AT THE AIRPORT IS ALREADY FULL; THEY ALREADY HAVE A WAITING LIST TO FILL UP THE HANGARS AND PROBABLY 7 MORE IF THEY HAD THEM.

HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING INTEREST OUT TO BUILD A LARGE COM- Mercial TYPE HANGAR TO BASE OUT OF AND OPERATE OUT OF A TWIN THAT BURNS DIESEL; IT IS PUT IN THE WORK PLAN TO PUT IN A JET AID FARM WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO FUEL HELICOPTERS AND THE BIG TWIN ENGINES.

PARKER ADDRESSED THERE BEING 85 ACRES THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED NEAR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SUGGESTED THE BOARD GO AND LOOK AT THE AIRPORT AND PERHAPS HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TAKE THEM FOR A TOUR OF THE FACILITIES.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ALSO ADVISED HARRIS AND PARKER THE BOARD WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THEIR BUDGET FOR FY2005-2006 AND THEY WILL SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO. THE BOARD REQUESTED A COPY OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL REPORTS.

JAMES BOSWELL, VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF THEY HAD ASSISTED OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS MONETARILY TO PURCHASE NEW TRUCKS, ETC. REFERRING TO THE \$10,000 THEY AGREED TO GIVE TO THE TOWN OF WAUSAU. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER HELPING THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS BY GIVING THEM SOME MONIES; HE SAID WHAT IS FAIR FOR ONE DEPARTMENT IS FAIR FOR ANOTHER ONE.

BOSWELL INFORMED THE BOARD VERNON HAD PURCHASED A NEW TRUCK AND GIVEN ONE OF THEIR OLDER VEHICLES TO FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT; VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT IS IN DEBT TOO FOR THE LOAN THEY GOT TO PURCHASE THEIR TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVING PURCHASED NEW VEHICLES AND WENT TO THE BANK OF BONIFAY TO BORROW THE MONIES. HE REFERRED TO THE FIRETRUCK WAUSAU PURCHASED BEING A SPECIALIZED TRUCK; IT IS THE ONLY FIRETRUCK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT SHOOTS FOAM.

BOSWELL ADDRESSED THE EXPERIENCE HE HAD IN FIGHTING FIRES AND SAID HE COULD COUNT ON ONE HAND THE NUMBER OF TIMES FOAM HAS HAD TO BE USED; VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS FOAM CAPABILITY ON THEIR FIRETRUCK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THERE IS MONIES AVAILABLE, THEY WILL ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ALL THEY CAN; IF NOT, FUNDING WILL HAVE TO BE CUT OFF AND HE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET WILL ALLOW. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAD

GIVEN WAUSAU \$5,000 AND PROPOSED TO GIVE THEM \$5,000 MORE AND HE HOPES THOSE MONIES COULD BE FOUND IN THE FY 2006 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT TO FUND VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT \$5,000 IN FY 2006 AND \$5,000 IN FY 2007; BOSWELL SAID THAT WOULD BE ALRIGHT FOR VERNON BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AS HE WOULD LIKE FOR EVERY DEPARTMENT TO BE TREATED THE SAME IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE HALF MIL THE BOARD FUNDS THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS EACH YEAR AND THIS AMOUNT INCREASES EVERY YEAR.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE HALF OF MIL BEING ABLE TO GENERATE QUITE A BIT MORE FUNDING THIS YEAR AND IN THE FUTURE DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PROPERTY VALUES LAST YEAR VERSUS THIS YEAR. COM- MISSIONER COPE SAID HE WAS NOT FOR HELPING ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANY MORE THAN THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS; IF THEY HELP ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT THEY SHOULD HELP THEM ALL.

BOSWELL SAID HE WAS NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT THE FORMULA; HE IS PLEASED WITH THE AMOUNT THEY ARE GETTING.

STACY WEBB, GRANTSPERSON FOR THE COUNTY, ADVISED BOSWELL THERE WAS GRANT MONIES AVAILABLE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE IN APPLYING FOR THE FUNDING. BOSWELL TOLD WEBB VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T NEED A NEW TRUCK OR ANYTHING; THEY JUST NEEDED ASSISTANCE IN PAYING THE LOAN THEY GOT FOR THE TRUCK THEY HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED. HE ADDRESSED THEM NOT FOOLING WITH A GRANT BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY ARE A LOT OF AGGRAVATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED MARGARET RILEY, CITY CLERK IN WAUSAU, IF THEY RECEIVED A GRANT FOR THE WAUSAU FIRE TRUCK THEY RECENTLY PURCHASED; RILEY ADVISED THEY GOT A PARTIAL GRANT AND A PARTIAL LOAN. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ALSO ADDRESSED CARYVILLE HAVING APPLIED FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR A FIRETRUCK. HE POINTED OUT SOMETIMES PAPERWORK MAY BE HARD TO DO; HOWEVER, SOMETIMES THEY GET A GRANT.

RILEY ADDRESSED THEM RECEIVING A 50/50 GRANT THROUGH THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT; THEY ARE GOING TO USE THE MONIES THE COUNTY GAVE THEM TO ASSIST WITH THE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TRY AND OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING AND ADVISED BOSWELL THE BOARD WOULD LOOK AT HIS REQUEST DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD NEEDED TO LOOK AT IT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS AND IF THEY POSSIBLY CAN, FUND THE REQUEST DUE TO THEM HAVING HELPED WAUSAU AND IT SHOULD BE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

JEFF HELMS, PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND WELCOMED THEM TO COME BY AND JOIN THEM FOR THEIR CHAMBER BREAKFAST WHEN IT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH A BOARD MEETING.

HELMS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CHAMBER'S JOB WAS TO TRY AND HELP MAKE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOB EASIER BY HANDLING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARM, HELP EXISTING BUSINESSES TO SUCCEED, HELP TO GROW JOBS AND MONITOR LEGISLATION.

HE PROVIDED STATISTICS ON THE CHAMBER'S MEMBERSHIP IN COMPARISON TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES ADVISING THEY WERE A VERY STRONG CHAMBER WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER AREAS IN THE STATE. (300 BUSINESSES AND 90 INDIVIDUALS)

HE PROVIDED STATISTICS ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AT THE PRESENT TIME BEING 3.2% IN COMPARISON TO 14+% IN THE 1980'S; THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 4.1% AND THE UNITED STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 5.1%.

HE ADDRESSED CONCERNS OF EMPLOYERS ON IT BEING HARD TO FIND GOOD PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANTED TO WORK DUE TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BEING SO LOW. BASED ON THE DEPOSITORY FOR STATISTICAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA, THERE WERE 250 NEW JOBS CREATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AN ESTIMATED 20 TO 25 JOBS WERE CREATED WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AREAS.

HE SAID THE CHAMBER NEEDS TO BE DOING A BETTER JOB ON GETTING THE WORD OUT ON THE INCENTIVES FOR LOCATING WITHIN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE; MONEY IS GIVEN BACK TO ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS IF THEY DO LOCATE WITHIN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE. HE SAID THEY WOULD BE HOLDING A WORKSHOP SOMETIME IN AUGUST IN CONJUNCTION WITH

OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA TO TRY AND GET THE WORD OUT ON THE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO PERSONS LIVING WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

HE ADDRESSED THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF THE CHAMBER WAS TO PROTECT THEIR EXISTING BUSINESSES AND REFERENCED HOW THEY HAVE ASSISTED WEST POINT STEVENS TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE CHAMBER ASSISTED WITH A \$750,000 ROAD FUND APPLICATION BUT HELMS AGREED THEY COULD DO BETTER WITH WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION STAFF MORE CLOSELY ON THESE TYPE GRANT APPLICATIONS.

HELMS THEN TALKED ABOUT OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND BEING PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS; THEY SUBMITTED THE WEST POINT STEVENS GRANT. HE ADVISED THAT GARY CLARK, PRESIDENT OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA BOARD, WAS RECOMMENDED FOR THE ECONOMIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR. AGAIN, HELMS ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LACK OF REPORTING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION FROM OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA ALSO ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

HELMS ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW BUSINESSES; HOWEVER, THERE IS A LACK OF SPEC BUILDINGS. HE SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO HEAR GARY CLARK HAD COME BEFORE THE BOARD LOOKING AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A SPEC BUILDING AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK; HE FEELS THE COUNTY NEEDS THAT SEED TO GET STARTED TO CREATE ADDITIONAL JOBS.

HELMS ADDRESSED THE NEED TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE AS A CHAMBER; THEY HAVE HAD BOARD MEETINGS IN VERNON AND SUNNY HILLS AND ONE OF THEIR GOALS IS TO REACH OUT TO THESE AREAS. HE ALSO SAID THE CHAMBER NEEDED TO GET REPRESENTATION FROM SUNNY HILLS ON THEIR BOARD. HE MENTIONED GETTING PAUL PARKER FROM THE VO-TECH CENTER ON THE BOARD DUE TO THE VO-TECH BEING IN THE BUSINESS OF CREATING JOBS, ETC.

HELMS ADDRESSED LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY BEING ONE OF THEIR INITIATIVES THEY STARTED LAST YEAR; TRAIN ADDITIONAL LEADERS WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

HELMS ADDRESSED THE CHAMBER'S RIBBON CUTTINGS BEING ONE OF THE WAYS THEY TRY TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES COMING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HELMS DISCUSSED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH AND ASSURED THE BOARD THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE SOMEONE FROM NORTHWEST FLORIDA; THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS JULY 22ND. HE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD SOMEONE IN MIND THEY FEEL WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATES. HE ADDRESSED ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S JOBS WOULD BE REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

HELMS ADDRESSED PROTECTING THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; HE EXPLAINED THE TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM CAME FROM THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT BILL. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO THE "TRIP" AND DUE TO THE COUNTY BEING IN THE AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, THE 50/50 MATCH COULD BE WAIVED ON MAJOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE "SIS" SYSTEM.

THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR THE FOUR LANING OF HIGHWAY 77 AND 79; AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS BECOMING AN ISSUE, THEY NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB IN GETTING HIGHER PAYING JOBS AND MARKET LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES.

HELMS SAID THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE CHAMBER IS TO RAISE THE PER CAPITA INCOME AND EVENTUALLY NO LONGER BE AN AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS AND AGREED TO TRY AND DO A BETTER JOB IN REPORTING TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED HELMS IF THE MEETINGS IN SUNNY HILLS AND VERNON HE REFERRED TO WERE SPECIAL MEETINGS OR THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. HELMS ADVISED IT WAS THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED TO MARKET THE COUNTY, THE CHAMBER NEEDS TO GET THIS INFORMATION OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY ARE GOING TO BE AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO SOLICIT IDEAS. HE ADDRESSED HIM TRYING TO GET THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO HOLD MEETINGS IN THE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD JEFF HELMS WAS DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB AND WAS THE BEST PRESIDENT THE CHAMBER HAS HAD SINCE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED.

ANDY FLEMING, PRESIDENT TO BE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AGREEING THE CHAMBER'S BIGGEST WEAKNESS WAS NOT MAKING THE BOARD AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

HE ADDRESSED THE CHAMBER DOES PROMOTE WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ARE A PROACTIVE PORTION OF THE COUNTY; THEY ARE RECEPTIVE TO LISTENING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS NOT AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON, HE CAN IMAGINE THE CITIZENS NOT BEING AWARE AT ALL OF WHAT IS GOING ON. ANDY ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GET OUT WITH VARIOUS GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

HELMS SAID HE HAD CREATED A PRESIDENT'S REPORT THAT HE GIVES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER EACH MONTH AND ENCOURAGED ANDY TO CONTINUE DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO TOMMY MCDONALD HAVING BEEN AN EXCELLENT DIRECTOR AND THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT WAS RECOGNIZED ANY MORE IN TALLAHASSEE THAN MCDONALD.

HELMS ADVISED THE CHAMBER WAS NOT GOING TO TRY AND FIND SOMEONE TO FILL TOMMY MCDONALD'S SHOES; THEY WERE GOING TO TRY AND FIND SOMEONE WHO COULD WORK WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES, OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, FLORIDA GREAT NORTH AND TEAM UP AND BE A PARTNER TO TRY AND TRACK JOBS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE COUNTY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA. HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD WAS A MEMBER OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED RICK MARCUM WAS TO HOLD A WORKSHOP WITH THE COMMISSION ON THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AND ASKED IF THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY TO EXPAND THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. HE ASKED HELMS AND FLEMING TO CHECK ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOING AN EXPANSION.

RANDY PARKER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LIFTING OF THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER FOR WOODLAND MEADOWS. HE ADVISED THE PLAT HAD BEEN SIGNED BY EVERYONE, RECORDED AT THE COURTHOUSE AND JENSON HAS DONE EVERYTHING THE BOARD HAS ASKED AT THIS POINT; PARKER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD LIFT THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER WHICH WOULD GIVE JENSON THE RIGHT TO SELL ALL THE LOTS.

PARKER RECOMMENDED AS PART OF LIFTING THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IT IS IMPORTANT IT BE NOTED THERE IS A ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE COUNTY ACCEPTING THE ROADS FOR THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THEM; FOR A YEAR, IT IS JENSON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS IN THAT AREA. AFTER A YEAR FROM THE DATE THE PLAT WAS RECORDED, MAY 31, 2005, THE COUNTY ENGINEER WILL REINSPECT THE ROADS AND IF THEY ARE UP TO THE COUNTY UNPAVED ROAD STANDARDS, THE COUNTY WILL ACCEPT THEM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PARKER'S RECOMMENDATION AND LIFT THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ON WOODLAND MEADOWS.

ROBERT JENSON THANKED THE BOARD FOR EVERYTHING THEY DID FOR HIM ON THE WOODLAND MEADOWS SUBDIVISION. HE INFORMED THE BOARD, THEY WERE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS DUE TO THE GROWTH; THE ISSUES OF BUDGET WILL NOT EXIST AS THE COUNTY WILL BE A CASH FLOW COUNTY.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. LEISURE LAKES IS PAVED AND GRASSED. CHAIRMAN FINCH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR ASSISTING HIM WITH THEIR INMATE CREWS; HE ALSO SPOKE ON THE FANTASTIC JOB THE CREWS DID ON THE LEISURE LAKES PROJECT. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE HAY BALES PUT ON THE PROJECT HAS PROTECTED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK.
2. FL-DOT SCRAP PROJECT-KNAUER ADVISED THE JPA HAS BEEN SIGNED ON THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY PROJECT FROM HIGHWAY 277 TO LEDGER ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD PREPARED A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD TO

ADOPT AGREEING TO ENTER INTO THE SCRAP PROJECT JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE JPA.

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

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED THE \$750,000 GRANT THE BOARD HAD RECEIVED THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE JPA GRANT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE PAPERWORK HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED, RETURNED, EXECUTED AND STACY WEBB, GRANTS-PERSON, HAS ALL THE PAPERWORK AND THE COUNTY IS READY TO GO FORWARD ON THE \$750,000 GRANT.

KNAUER AGREED TO ADDRESS ALL THE DRAINAGE ISSUES ON THE ENTIRE 14 MILE STRETCH OF ROAD FUNDED BY THE GRANT.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED A PROBLEM WITH A PORTION OF LEDGER ROAD BEING TORN UP. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED THE PROBLEM HAD TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND REFERRED TO FEMA MONIES THE COUNTY WOULD BE RECEIVING TO DO DITCH PAVING, ETC.

KNAUER ADVISED PREBLE-RISH WAS DOING THE SURVEYING ON THE SCRAP PROJECTS THEMSELVES AND HAVE DONE QUITE A BIT OF WORK ALREADY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON GETTING THE SCRAP PROJECT UNDERWAY WITH KNAUER COMMITTING TO HAVE THE PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

3. CDBG PIPE BID/SOUTH BOULEVARD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING IT PUT OUT FOR BID TWICE AND HAD ONLY ONE BIDDER:
A. FERGUSON WATER WORKS \$18,163.84
KNAUER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE THE BID. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PIPE BID FROM FERGUSON WATER WORKS. KNAUER ADDRESSED THIS PROJECT WAS FOR SOUTH BOULEVARD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO THIRD STREET.

4. TROY ANDERSON DITCH-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING SHOWN PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, DALLAS CARTER, WHAT TO DO ON THE DITCH AT ANDERSON'S PROPERTY; DALLAS IS TO GET PROJECT ON PUBLIC WORKS SCHEDULE.
5. BUCKHORN ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE

BOARD ON THE OWNER SAYING THE

CREEK IS BEING CONTAMINATED BY RUNOFF FROM THE COUNTY ROAD. HE ADDRESSED THE EDGE OF THE DIRT ROAD AT THE PRESENT TIME IS FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE WOOD LINE AND DOESN'T KNOW OF A LOT THAT COULD BE DONE. HE HAD SUGGESTED TO DALLAS CARTER TO TRY AND GET SOMEONE TO STAKE OUT THE RIGHTOFWAY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT THE COUNTY ACTUALLY HAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE A SURVEY BE DONE TO DEFINE THE LIMITS OF RIGHT OF WAY.

6. BUILDING IN SUNNY HILLS-KNAUER REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PUT PLANS AND SPECS OUT FOR BID ON COMMUNITY BUILDING IN SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S REQUEST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE OPENING OF THE BIDS WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS TO OPEN BIDS ON JULY 8TH AT 2 P.M. WITH KNAUER TO PRESENT THE BIDS TO THE BOARD AT THEIR JULY BOARD MEETING.

7. NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT/PORTER POND ROAD-KNAUER PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH PLANS

ON THE PROJECT HE WAS GOING TO SUBMIT WITH A GRANT APPLICATION TO NFWFMD FOR FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT FUNDS AND ADDRESSED TWO CONCEPTS TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE ISSUES:

1. TAKE ALL THE DIRT FROM THE BANKS, ROLL IT INTO THE ROAD, HAUL ALL NEW SUBGRADES AND HAUL ALL NEW BASE
2. SET THE FINISH GRADE 8" TO 10" ABOVE WHAT IS ALREADY THERE AND HAUL ALL THE SAND OFF/THIS IS CONCEPT BEING LOOKED AT.

HE REPORTED ON THE QUANTITIES OF CUT AND FILL; 4,304 CUBIC YARDS OF CUT AND 936 CUBIC YARDS OF FILL WHICH LEAVES THEM 3,368 YARDS OF SAND TO HAUL OFF IN THE 2500' OF TEST SECTION ON THE ROAD. HE ADDRESSED IF THE GRADE IS KEPT CLOSE TO WHAT THEY ARE NOW, THE WORST CASE SCENARIO IS 3" OF CLAY WILL BE HAULED THAT THEY MIXED TO GET THE GRADE STABILIZED AND THEN THEY WOULD HAUL ROCKS ON TOP OF THAT AFTER THEY GET THE SAND OUT.

HE REPORTED IF THEY WERE TO HAUL 12" OF SANDCLAY TO THE TEST SECTION TO TRY AND REBUILD THE SUBGRADE ON TOP OF THE SAND PUT IN THE ROAD, THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 2,197 YARDS OF CLAY THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAUL TO THE ROAD WHICH WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN JUST HAULING THE SAND OUT.

HE SAID IT SHOULD WORK OUT WHERE THE COUNTY WILL HAUL A LOAD OF CLAY TO THE TEST SECTION AND HAUL A LOAD OF SAND BACK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE KNAUER TO PROCEED WITH THE FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT PROJECT ON PORTER POND ROAD.

KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING PUT THE COUNTY GRANTS-PERSON, STACY WEBB, IN CONTACT WITH TYLER MCMILLAN, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM WITH THE NFWFMD.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE KNAUER TO PROCEED WITH THE FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT PROJECT THROUGH NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ON A TEST SECTION OF PORTER POND ROAD SOUTH OF SUNNY HILLS.

8. GUETTTLER AND GUETTTLER QUOTES FOR RUMBLESTRIPS/CTST PROJECTS-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON A PROJECT THE COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM WAS WANTING TO DO AND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO ADD ANY MORE STRIPING ON THE LEISURE LAKES ROAD PROJECT OR NOT. COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD KNAUER TO GET A PRICE FROM GUETTTLER AND IT WOULD BE ACCORDING TO THE PRICE IF HE CAN AFFORD TO HAVE IT DONE OR NOT. (APPROXIMATELY 1.4 MILES) COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THE COUNTY COULD DO THE TEMPORARY STRIPING ON THE SCRAP PROJECT AND REFERRED TO THE AMOUNT THAT WAS SPENT ON THE FALLING WATERS ROAD PROJECT FOR TEMPORARY STRIPING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND KNAUER BOTH AGREED THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF GRANT MONEY TO COVER THE STRIPING ON THE SCRAP PROJECT.
9. ROOKS ROAD-KNAUER UPDATED THE BOARD, UPON BEING QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN, ON MS. AMELIA B'S PROBLEM ON ROOKS ROAD. HE HAS TALKED WITH HER MANY TIMES AND SHE IS DOING A STORM WATER MODEL USING SWIM AND IS INSISTING SHE COME UP WITH HER OWN MODEL. HE HAS ADVISED HER WHEN

SHE GETS WHATEVER SHE IS DOING COMPLETED AND GETS IT TO HIM, HE WILL CHECK IT WITH ICPR AND IF IT IS REASONABLE, HE WILL PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, GERALD HOLLEY, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

- A. HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON A DEED HE HAD FOR THE BOARD TO SIGN WHERE THEY WERE SELLING A STRIP OF LAND THEY HAD GOTTEN FROM DENNIS AND MARSHA HAYES TO THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER.

HE INFORMED THE BOARD THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE COUNTY GOT SUED BY KATHRYN BAILEY DUE TO DRAINAGE AND SEWER OVERFLOWING ON SOUTH BOULEVARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE DEED ADDRESSED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

2. HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY FILED BY KATHRYN BAILEY DUE TO HER NOT ALLEDGING ANYTHING AGAINST THE COUNTY, ONLY THE CITY. HOWEVER, SHE MAY REFILE THE SUIT. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD HAVE THE COUNTY ENGINEER LOOK AT THE PROBLEM SO HE CAN BE PREPARED TO TESTIFY WHEN SHE REFILES IT.

JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD, AT THEIR REQUEST FROM THEIR JUNE 13TH MEETING, DUE TO THEM DISCUSSING IMPACT FEES TO FUND RECREATION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED MORRIS THE BOARD WENT AHEAD AND PASSED ACTION AT THE WORKSHOP TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPACT FEES IN THE COUNTY.

MORRIS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH RECREATIONAL INFORMATION ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S RECREATIONAL PROGRAM; IF THEY DON'T GET FUNDING THIS YEAR FROM THE COUNTY, THEY WILL HAVE TO ELIMINATE BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND FLAG FOOTBALL. HE REFERRED TO THIS CUTTING THE PROGRAM FROM APPROXIMATELY 900 KIDS TO AROUND 384 KIDS; IF THERE IS NO FUNDING, THERE WILL BE AROUND 500 KIDS THAT CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY'S RECREATION PROGRAM.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE CUTBACKS WOULD BE COUNTY KIDS, JIM ADVISED THEY COULDN'T JUST CUT OUT COUNTY KIDS; THE CUTBACKS WOULD BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED THE NORTHERN TRUST LAWSUIT HAS BEEN SET FOR TRIAL ON OCTOBER 17, 18 AND 19 AND ASKED THE BOARD TO PUT THAT ON THEIR CALENDAR DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY THEY MAY HAVE TO TESTIFY.

HOLLEY REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER ON THE ENGINEERING ASPECT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING HE CAN HELP THE COUNTY WITH IN DEFENDING THE LAWSUIT.

HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE THE SURVEYORS LOOK AT THE SURVEYS NORTHERN TRUST HAS ATTACHED TO THE COMPLAINTS TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH ROADWAY NORTHERN TRUST IS CLAIMING HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM.

HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CONSULT SOME WITH A CONDEMNATION LAWYER; HE IS GOING TO SEE IF SOMEONE FROM FL-DOT CAN ASSIST HIM.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO GIVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO TO DEFEND THE COUNTY IN THE LAWSUIT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. LETTER FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LYNDA WALLER, REQUESTING THE BOARD REAPPOINT KAREN MORRIS TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF MORRIS BEING REAPPOINTED TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.
2. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON TWO EMPLOYEE GREIVANCES HE HAS RESPONDED TO; THE EMPLOYEES WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH

HERBERT'S RESPONSE AND THE NEXT STEP IN THE GREIVANCE PROCEDURE IS FOR THE BOARD TO APPOINT A HEARING OFFICER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HEARING OFFICERS PREVIOUSLY USED AND ON USING ATTORNEY HOLLEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SERVE AS HEARING OFFICER; HOWEVER, HE REMINDED THEM PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYEES CLAIMED HE WAS TOO CLOSELY ATTACHED TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY AS THE HEARING OFFICER ON THE EMPLOYEE GREIVANCES. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OPPOSED.

3. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ESTIMATES RECEIVED FROM BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, LLOYD BRUNER, FOR MATERIALS TO REPAIR THE ROOF AT THE BEEF UNIT USING INMATE LABOR:

SHINGLE ROOF	\$1,668.54
METAL ROOF	\$3,296.18

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO PUT A METAL ROOF ON THE HOUSE IF THE COUNTY PLANS ON KEEPING IT. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE QUOTE FOR THE METAL ROOFING.

4. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEED FOR THEM TO SUBMIT PROJECTS FOR THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IMPACT FEES. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH UPDATING THE COUNTY'S JOB DESCRIPTIONS. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF APPLYING FOR THE SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE COUNTY WITH AN IMPACT FEE STUDY AND THE UPDATING OF THE COUNTY'S JOB DESCRIPTIONS.
5. SCHEUDLING OF WORKSHOP ON AG CENTER RENTAL RATES, 911/ COMPUTER DEPARTMENT AND 4-H POSITION. HERBERT ADVISED JIM LASSITER WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS SUPPOSE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CODE ENFORCEMENT; HOWEVER, HE IS NOT GOING TO BE IN TOWN THE WEEK OF THE 30TH AND MAY HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. HERBERT RECOMMENDED THE MEETING BE HELD ON JUNE 30TH; THE BOARD AGREED TO TAKE ACTION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING TO RECESS UNTIL JUNE 30TH.
6. ROGER HAGAN HAD PROVIDED HERBERT INFORMATION ON A VEHICLE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND A VEHICLE FOR EMS; HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE OF HIM NOT SPENDING MORE THAN \$25,000 FOR EACH VEHICLE, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET WHAT HE NEEDED OFF STATE BID. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO TABLE ACTION ON HAGAN'S REQUEST UNTIL HE CAN PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD AT THEIR JUNE 30TH MEETING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH UPDATED COMMISSIONER SAPP ON THE BOARD'S ACTION TO PURCHASE EMS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLES AND THE TRANSFER OF A VEHICLE FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REVIEW THE VEHICLES THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT EMS COULD USE WITHOUT HAVING TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE; HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING TWO OR THREE VEHICLES PARKED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING THAT ARE NOT USED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH INFORMED COMMISSIONER CORBIN THE BOARD HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO PURCHASE EMS A VEHICLE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ROGER HAGAN, COM- MISSIONER STRICKLAND AND HIMSELF HAD GONE TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEM ADDRESSED BY TAMMY MACE ON YATES SETTLEMENT ROAD. HE ADVISED HAGAN WAS WANTING THE PIPE THE BOARD HAD REQUESTED BE REMOVED BE PUT BACK, LEAVE IT FOR SIXTY DAYS, GIVE THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE USING THE OTHER EASEMENT SIXTY DAYS TO GET THE EASEMENT OPENED UP; IF NOT OPENED UP IN 60 DAYS, TAKE THE PIPE BACK OUT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO BE ABLE TO USE THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSION- ER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO LEAVE THE PIPE ON YATES SETTLEMENT ROAD IN FOR SIXTY DAYS; AFTER SIXTY DAYS, THE PIPE BE TAKEN OUT.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED WITH HAGAN ON THE WATER TRUCK; THEY WERE TRYING TO GET C. W. ROBERTS TO MAKE AN OFFER TO THE BOARD FOR THE TRUCK. HOWEVER, HERBERT ADVISED C. W. ROBERTS WAS ASKING HOW MUCH THE COUNTY WANTED FOR THE WATER TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION TO OFFER THE TRUCK TO C.W. ROBERTS FOR \$40,000 AS IS; IF ENGINE ON TRUCK IS REPAIRED, OFFER IT FOR \$50,000.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED TRADING OUT MILLED ASPHALT WITH C. W. ROBERTS FOR THE TRUCK; THEY MAY GET MORE VALUE OUT OF MILLED ASPHALT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN CHANGING HIS MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN FINCH TO NEGOTIATE WITH C. W. ROBERTS AND BRING BACK HIS RECOMMENDATION AT THE JUNE 30TH MEETING. COM- MISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS FOR MAY 2005 TOTTALLING \$1,146,096.06. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE VOUCHERS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REITERATED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THE LEISURE LAKE ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CORBIN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EMS EMPLOYEES GETTING PAID FOR 19 HOURS WHEN THEY WORK 24 ON AND 48 OFF. HE ADDRESSED THE EMPLOYEES MAY BE SLEEPING BUT IF THEY RECEIVE A CALL, THEY HAVE TO RESPOND AND THEY ARE AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE 24 HOURS. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CHECK INTO IT TO SEE IF THE EMPLOYEES COULD BE PAID FOR THE TIME THEY ARE ON DUTY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO CHECK TO SEE IF THE EMPLOYEES CAN BE PAID FOR THE 24 HOURS, THE COST IF THEY CAN AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THEIR JUNE 30TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED DAVID CORBIN GETTING A LOT OF CALLS FROM PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT THE INMATE CREWS; DAVID SENDS THE CREWS OUT TO DO A JOB AND PUBLIC WORKS CALLS AND WANTS THEM PULLED TO ANOTHER JOB RATHER THAN LETTING DAVID GETTING THE WORK DONE FOR THE DAY HE HAD SCHEDULED FOR THE INMATE CREWS TO DO AND PLAN WHAT PUBLIC WORKS WANTS FOR ANOTHER DAY. HE REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS HAVING THREE INMATE CREWS THEY CAN USE; A NON-DEPARTMENT OFFICER, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND ONE THEY ARE FIXING TO HIRE.

WHEN THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR WAS BROUGHT IN AT PUBLIC WORKS, STRICKLAND SAID THE DIRECTOR WOULD CALL DAVID WHEN HE NEEDED SOME- THING DONE AND SAY HE NEEDED A CREW THEN.

CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED THIS ISSUE BE ADDRESSED WITH DAVID AND ROGER AT THE JUNE 30TH WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED A REQUEST FROM JOE TAYLOR, WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, FOR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING RID OF POPCORN AND WILLOW TREES THAT ARE FILLING UP THEIR HOLDING POND AT CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL. COPE FELT LIKE THE COUNTY COULD TAKE THE MOTRIM AND BEAT THEM DOWN IF THEY WANTED TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL BOARD; HE HAD SUGGESTED TO TAYLOR THEY SPRAY SOMETHING ON THEM TO KILL IT THEN.

COMMISSIONER COPE ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD GETTING \$25,000 FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD; HOWEVER, THEY GO WAY BEYOND THIS AMOUNT IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THEM. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THE SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING THE COUNTY FOR THEIR SERVICES OR GIVING THEM "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS; HE REFERRED TO THE

SCHOOL BOARD GIVING THE COUNTY \$25,000 LAST YEAR AND THE COUNTY PROBABLY FURNISHED THEM \$50,000 OF SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO GIVE COMMISSIONER COPE PERMISSION TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL BOARD IN CLEANING OUT THE RETENTION POND ON BRICKYARD ROAD IN FRONT OF CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED DEREK HAYES, DEPUTY LIVING IN THE BEEF UNIT HOUSE, REQUESTING DIRECTION ON WHAT HE NEEDS TO PATROL AT THE SITE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE WOULD PROVIDE HAYES DIRECTION ON WHAT TO PATROL; HE WOULD ASK FOR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER COPE UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANDY ANDREASON, AG CENTER AGENT, REQUESTING A VEHICLE FOR THE AG CENTER; ANDREASON FILLS HE CAN PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE ON LEASE PURCHASE WITHIN HIS BUDGET. COPE ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD FINALIZE THIS AT A BUDGET MEETING.

COMMISSIONER COPE REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE ROADS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO MR. ENFINGER, SOUTHTRUST BANK, AND HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING BACK FROM HIM; HE HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN TRYING TO TALK WITH THE BANK'S ATTORNEY, BILL HOWELL, EITHER.

HERBERT ADDRESSED STAN PORTER HAVING ADVISED THAT BILL HOWELL AND THE BANK HAD A FALLING OUT; HERBERT SAID HE WAS NOT EXACTLY WHERE THE COUNTY IS WITH THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ISSUE. HE DID REPORT THAT STAN PORTER WAS LOOKING FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE BOOGER HILL AND IT IS STILL IN PORTER'S NAME. HERBERT AGREED TO PUT A COPY OF THE LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PORTER IN EACH OF THE COMMISSIONER'S BOX.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE LAST LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM AN ATTORNEY ON THE BANK WAS FROM A DIFFERENT ATTORNEY THAN BILL HOWELL; HE THOUGHT SOMEONE ELSE WAS HANDLING THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ISSUE NOW.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD HAVING DECIDED TO DO MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE PREVIOUSLY AND HAVE DONE SOME; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED COMPLAINTS ON THE ROAD CONDITIONS AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEIVING MORE COMPLAINTS WHEN SCHOOL STARTS BACK AND THE BUSES HAVE TO RUN.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING MET WITH TODD ABBOT ABOUT THE COUNTY HAVING AN INMATE CREW CLEANING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES; HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH IT. STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE INCREASE IN ABBOT'S FEE TO CLEAN THIS FACILITY WAS A HIGHER INCREASE THAN ON ANY OTHER FACILITY HE CLEANS FOR THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ABBOT SAYING THE INCREASES HE SUBMITTED WERE GOING TO STAND; IF THE BOARD WANTED TO ACCEPT THEM, HE WOULD CONTINUE CLEANING THEM. HOWEVER, ABBOTT SAID IF THEY REJECTED THE INCREASES AND CONTINUED PAYING ONLY WHAT THEY HAD BEEN PAYING, IT WOULD BE UP TO HIM TO DECIDE IF HE WOULD CONTINUE CLEANING THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROBATION AND PAROLE AND THE STATE ATTORNEY BEING THE ONLY FACILITIES LEFT FOR ABBOTT TO CLEAN IF THE BOARD LETS INMATE CREWS START CLEANING THE LIBRARIES AND THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE COUNTY GETS REIMBURSED FOR WHAT IS PAID FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED FOR THE INMATE CREWS TO TAKE OVER CLEANING OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE LIBRARY IF HOURS CAN BE WORKED OUT TO DO THE CLEANING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO PAY INCREASED RATES TO ABBOTT FOR CLEANING SERVICES ON THE FACILITIES HE CLEANS. CHAIRMAN FINCH SUGGESTED HE TELL ABBOTT THE BOARD IS NOT INTERESTED IN PAYING ANY INCREASED RATES, SEE WHAT ABBOTT SAYS AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION ON THE 30TH.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL JUNE 30TH AT 8:00 A.M. ATTEST:_____

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 06/16/05

CHAIRMAN