

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/25/05

OCTOBER 25, 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 STRICKLAND, FINCH, SAPP AND CORBIN PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO LOOK AT THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNTY AT A REQUEST OF COMMISSIONER SAPP.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEED FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ARE, HOW FAR THE DIMENSIONS ARE IN DIFFERENT AREAS AND WHAT THEY ARE AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO TO STAY WITHIN THE REALM OF THE COUNTY POLICIES. HE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES BE SET SO EVERYONE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SAME ONES AND ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE DOING THINGS UNIFORMLY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THE BOARD WOULD NEED A COPY OF THE COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONAL POLICY TO REVIEW. HE REFERENCED ROGER HAGAN HAVING GONE THROUGH THE POLICIES AND HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE AREAS THAT NEED ADDRESSING. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED HE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF WHAT FINCH WAS REFERRING TO AS HE WAS NOT PROVIDED THE INFORMATION.

ROGER EXPLAINED COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD ADDRESSED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING HIS CONCERNS WITH THE COUNTY OPERATIONAL POLICY, RIGHTS OF WAY, ETC. AND WHEN THIS MEETING WAS CALLED, CHAIRMAN FINCH HAD ASKED HIM TO LOOK OVER SOME ISSUES AND PROVIDE SOME NOTES. CHAIRMAN FINCH APOLOGIZED AND SAID THIS WAS JUST INFORMATION HE HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY ROGER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID ANYTHING THE CHAIRMAN, ADMINISTRATOR AND ROGER HAS A COPY OF, THE REMAINDER OF THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE A COPY ALSO. CHAIRMAN FINCH AGREED TO PROVIDE ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS A COPY OF THE INFORMATION TODAY AND A WORKSHOP WILL BE SET TO DISCUSS ALL THESE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP REITERATED A UNIFORM CODE WAS NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS TO GO BY SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO CHANGE FROM DISTRICT TO DISTRICT AND EVERYBODY IS TREATED EQUALLY IN THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ROGER HAGAN TO TAKE THE OPERATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND HIGHLIGHT THE CONCERNS OF COMMISSIONER SAPP.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE 25' GUIDELINE FOR INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAYS AND THIS NOT BEING CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO HIM HAVING TOLD DALLAS CARTER IF HE DUMPS A LOAD OF DIRT FOR A DRIVEWAY AND HE CAN'T SPREAD IT SATISFACTORILY ON 25', TO SPREAD THE LOAD OF DIRT; THEY GO BY THE 25' GUIDELINES UNLESS THEY HAVE EXTRA DIRT LAYING THERE THEY NEED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD SAID AND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN TO CHANGE THE POLICY GUIDELINES FROM 25' TO 50' FOR DRIVEWAYS CONTINGENT ON ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEWING THE POLICY CHANGE AND DETERMINING IT IS LEGAL.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THERE BEING A DIFFERENCE AT TIMES WHEN TALKING ABOUT A PAVED ROAD AND A DIRT ROAD; MORE FOOTAGE WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED ON A DIRT ROAD. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER THE 50' WOULD START AT THE EDGE OF THE ROAD OR AT THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR DRIVEWAYS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THIS WOULD BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SUPERVISORS WITH THEM BEING ABLE TO USE THEIR OWN GOOD JUDGEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH HAGAN A STARTING POINT NEEDED TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO GO BY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE 50' NEEDED TO BE FROM THE EDGE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PAVED AND DIRT ROADS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON WHAT THE UNDERSTANDING IS ON THE ACTION THE BOARD IS TAKING. HAGAN ADVISED PUBLIC WORKS' UNDERSTANDING IS THEY WOULD BE USING 50' OFF THE RIGHT OF WAY; THE RIGHT OF WAY ON PAVED ROADS IS GENERALLY DEFINED AND IT WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS ON DIRT ROADS TO STAY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE DRIVEWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS HE HAD RECEIVED ON FEMA ROCK BEING PUT DOWN ON ROADS AND IT BEING SO DUSTY CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE ON BREATHING MACHINES. HE REPORTED IF PEOPLE CALL IN AND COMPLAIN ABOUT THE ROCK, HE HAS PUBLIC WORKS COVER THEM UP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THEY USE TO CUT UP THE ROCKS, PUT THEM INTO THE ROADBED AND MIXED ENOUGH DIRT TO HELP CUT DOWN THE DUST PROBLEM. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON OTHER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ON THE FEMA ROCK INCLUDING FLAT TIRES, SPINNING OF TIRES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND BROUGHT UP THE MAINTENANCE LINES FOR THE COUNTY; THE ROADS ARE GETTING SLACK IN HIS DISTRICT AND THE \$20,000 PER DISTRICT BUDGETED IS NOT GOING VERY FAR. HE REFERRED TO WHEN CALLING ABOUT AN INMATE CREW, THEY ARE STAYING IN CHIPLEY; HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS RIGHT FOR HIM TO PULL HIS INMATE CREW FROM HIS MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO COME AND HELP DISTRICT II MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS ARE GOOD ABOUT PUTTING IN WORK ORDERS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID NORMALLY HIS MAINTENANCE CREWS STAYS IN HIS DISTRICT; HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN BOARD POLICY IN THE PAST IF A DISTRICT HAD SOMETHING GOING ON THAT REQUIRED MORE THAN THE DISTRICT INMATE CREWS, THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS CHIPPED IN AND LET THEIR CREWS ASSIST WITH THE PROJECT. OTHER BOARD MEMBERS CONSENTED IF THEIR CREWS HAVE BEEN NEEDED BY ANOTHER DISTRICT ON OCCASION WHEN THEY ARE WORKING ON SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, THEY HAVE ALLOWED THEIR CREWS TO ASSIST. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED CHAIRMAN FINCH TO CLARIFY WHAT ROGER'S POSITION IS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE. FINCH ADVISED THAT ROGER WAS SUPERVISOR OF ROBERT AND DALLAS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE ROGER BEING OVER ROBERT AND DALLAS AS HE DOESN'T GET AS MUCH IN HIS DISTRICT AS HE USE TO GET DONE DUE TO IT HAVING TO GO THROUGH ROGER NOW BEFORE ROBERT AND DALLAS CAN DO ANYTHING.

CHAIRMAN FINCH DISAGREED WITH CORBIN'S STATEMENT ADDING HE HAS CALLED DALLAS TO DO SOMETHING IN HIS DISTRICT AND HE GETS IT DONE; HE DOESN'T HAVE TO CALL ROGER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO HIM HAVING ASKED ROGER TO ASSIST WITH ONE PROBLEM AND THAT WAS WITH JOINER AND SCOTT; HE HASN'T GOT A REPORT ON THAT YET. FINCH EXPLAINED THE ENGINEER DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THAT SITUATION.

ROGER TOLD CORBIN HE HAD TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT THE SCOTT AND JOINER PROBLEM SEVERAL TIMES. WHEN ROGER ASKED DALLAS IF HE HAD ASKED HIM WHAT TO DO IN CORBIN'S DISTRICT, DALLAS STATED "NO", NOT ANY MORE THAN HE DOES IN ANY OTHER DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED DALLAS IF HE ASKED ROGER HOW TO PUNISH A PERSON WHEN THEY HAVE DONE WRONG AND QUESTIONED DALLAS WHO TOLD HIM TO TAKE A DAY AWAY FROM JAKE STRICKLAND. DALLAS SAID STRICKLAND NEEDED PUNISHING FOR NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK AND NOT CALLING ON THE FIRST DAY UNTIL AROUND 10:30 A.M. AND AROUND 8:30 OR 9:00 A.M. THE SECOND DAY HE DIDN'T REPORT TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID JAKE HAD A SICK BABY IS WHY HE WASN'T AT WORK; ROGER SAID WHEN HE DID CALL THE COUNTY YARD, HE SAID HE HAD JUST WOKE UP.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN STATED HE DIDN'T LIKE IT TODAY, DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN IT WAS DONE AND WON'T EVER LIKE ROGER BEING OVER DALLAS AND ROBERT. COMMISSIONER FINCH REMINDED CORBIN DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND CORBIN HAD MADE THE MOTION WHEN

ROGER WAS FIRST PUT AT PUBLIC WORKS; ROGER WAS SUPPOSE TO BE PUT AT PUBLIC WORKS IN SIX MONTHS; HOWEVER, CORBIN HAD WANTED IT IMPLEMENTED THE NEXT MONTH.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN THEN REFERRED TO THE BOARD, AT A LATER DATE, HAVING VOTED TO APPROVE OF A LIST OF THINGS ROGER HAD SAID HE WOULD DO AT PUBLIC WORKS AND THEN VOTED LATER ON IN THAT SAME MEETING TO PUT ROGER OVER DALLAS AND ROBERT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH EXPLAINED IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO SUPPORT HAGAN, HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE AT PUBLIC WORKS BUT DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY CORBIN WAS OPPOSED TO HIM BEING THERE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN REITERATED HE WOULD NEVER SUPPORT ROGER BEING AT PUBLIC WORKS; HE HAS WORKED WITH ROGER FOR FIFTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS AND KNOWS HIS AGENDA IS TO GET WHERE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID ROGER HAD NEVER SHARED THAT AGENDA WITH HIM AND HAD NEVER SAID ANYTHING BUT COMPLIMENTARY THINGS ABOUT PETE; HOWEVER, IF HE WERE AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE COUNTY, HE WOULD WANT PETE'S JOB IF HE THOUGHT HE COULD HANDLE IT AND COULD MAKE MORE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REFERRED TO THIS REALLY BEING GOOD LOYALTY TO YOUR FELLOW MAN; TRYING TO ROLL HIM FOR HIS JOB. FINCH SAID IF AN EMPLOYEE DOES NOT TRY TO BETTER HIMSELF, HE DOESN'T FEEL HE IS MUCH OF AN EMPLOYEE. FINCH ADVISED HE WAS JUST RAMBLING NOW AND ASSURED PETE HE WAS NOT TRYING TO GET HIS JOB.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED PETE HAVING LOOKED INTO OTHER JOBS WHICH WERE PAYING MORE MONEY THAN WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY COULD PAY; IF HE CAN GET A JOB MAKING TWO OR THREE TIMES HIS SALARY, HE IS GOING TO BE GONE AND HE DOESN'T BLAME HIM FOR THIS. SAPP POINTED OUT THAT ROGER WAS NOT AFTER HIS JOB; HOWEVER, IF PETE WENT AND FOUND A JOB ELSEWHERE, THE COUNTY WOULD BE STUCK WITHOUT SOMEBODY. THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE ELSE AND ROGER MAY BE INTERESTED IF PETE DID GO SOMEWHERE ELSE; HE QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD THE COUNTY DO IF THEY EVER DID LOSE THE ADMINISTRATOR IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE AT ALL. SAPP SAID HE HAD ENJOYED WORKING WITH PETE AND HAGAN; HAGAN IS DOING A FANTASTIC JOB KEEPING THINGS ORGANIZED AT ROAD AND BRIDGE AS THERE NEEDS TO BE A POINT OF STABILIZATION IN ORIGINATING DIRECTION ON A JOB.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED WHY ROGER WAS NEEDED AND WHY COULDN'T THE SUPERVISORS JUST FOLLOW THE POLICY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REPORTED IF ROBERT OR DALLAS IS OUT, THE EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE ORDERS FROM ROGER; THEY DON'T MIND TAKING ORDERS FROM ROBERT OR DALLAS. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND VOICED HIS OPINION ROBERT AND DALLAS SHOULD BE THE BOSS AND IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. HE ADVISED THIS ISN'T ANYTHING AGAINST ROGER.

ROGER REPORTED THIS HAD ONLY HAPPENED ONE TIME; THE DAY STRICKLAND HAPPENED TO BE THERE AND ROBERT AND DALLAS HAS BEEN OUT SINCE THEN BUT IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED AGAIN. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THE SAME EMPLOYEES WHO TOLD STRICKLAND THEY DIDN'T LIKE TAKING ORDERS FROM ROGER ALSO TOLD ROGER HOW GOOD THINGS WERE GOING AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE EMPLOYEES WAS TELLING HIM ONE THING AND ROGER SOMETHING ELSE. ROGER CONTINUED SAYING SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE TOLD COMMISSIONERS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE USE TO WORK AT PUBLIC WORKS AND HE KNOWS WHO WORKS AND WHO DOESN'T; HE DOESN'T FEEL HE NEEDS TO BE AT PUBLIC WORKS. COMMISSIONER SAPP HAS A BUSINESS AND DOES HIS BUSINESS WELL; MAYBE HE OR SOMEONE ELSE COULD DO SOMETHING AT PUBLIC WORKS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE FELT COMMISSIONER SAPP SHOULD TRY BEING LIASON AT PUBLIC WORKS.

HARCUS SAID HE FELT IF HAGAN WAS GOING TO BE AT PUBLIC WORKS, HE SHOULD BE OVER EVERYBODY AND HAVE AUTHORITY.

FINCH SAID THERE WERE GOING TO BE SOME EMPLOYEES WHO COULDN'T BE SATISFIED REGARDLESS OF WHO IS PUT DOWN THERE WITH STRICKLAND AGREEING THERE WERE GOING TO BE THE SAME ONES WHO ARE GOING TO COMPLAIN OVER AND OVER.

ROGER ASKED THE BOARD TO ASK DALLAS IF HE FELT THE SAME AS HARCUS ABOUT IF HE IS GOING TO BE AT PUBLIC WORKS, HE SHOULD BE OVER EVERYBODY AND HAVE AUTHORITY; DALLAS AGREED WITH THIS.

ROGER ADDRESSED HIM BEING AT PUBLIC WORKS FOR NEARLY FOUR MONTHS; WHEN THE BOARD RECEIVES THEIR FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED FROM WHAT WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER ON. HE APOLOGIZED TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN IF HE HAS OFFENDED HIM IN ANY MANNER AND SAID CORBIN HAD TOLD SOME OF THE MEN HE HAD NEVER ASKED HIM TO DO ANYTHING THAT HE DIDN'T DO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED ROGER HE HADN'T OFFENDED HIM AS HE IS ENTITLED TO AN OPINION JUST LIKE HE IS. HE TOLD ROGER HE FELT LIKE HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THEY PAY HIS SALARY; HE FEELS LIKE ROGER SHOULD BE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR BECAUSE HE DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH IT. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T FEEL ROGER CAN DO THE PUBLIC WORKS JOB AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JOB; THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE HIM COMPLETELY AWAY FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUT HIM OVER ROAD AND BRIDGE OR LEAVE HIM AT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND LET HIM DO THE GOOD JOB HE HAS DONE SINCE HE HAS BEEN THERE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT HAD BEEN LACKING IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT THAT HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SINCE ROGER HAS BEEN AT PUBLIC WORKS. CORBIN RESPONDED THAT IT WAS HARD FOR A MAN TO WEAR TWO HATS WITH FINCH DISAGREEING AND POINTING OUT THAT CORBIN HAS NOT SAID WHY HE DOESN'T WANT ROGER AT PUBLIC WORKS OTHER THAN HE JUST DON'T LIKE ROGER.

CORBIN SAID HE DIDN'T SAY HE DIDN'T LIKE ROGER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED ROGER BEING GOOD ABOUT SAVING MONEY AND WITH BUDGET ISSUES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR A HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO DO THE HIRING AND FIRING OF EMPLOYEES AND HANDLE EMPLOYEE ISSUES; THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY BUT FUNDING HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED HE HAD BEEN SATISFIED WITH ROGER'S PERFORMANCE AT PUBLIC WORKS. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED ALL THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO DO WHEN THEY GET READY TO RUN FOR OFFICE AGAIN IS TO CONVINCING THE PEOPLE EVERYTHING IS RUNNING FINE. FINCH EXPLAINED IF HE GOT VOTED OUT BECAUSE SOMEBODY DOESN'T LIKE HIS DECISIONS, HE WILL JUST BE VOTED OUT BUT HE WILL CONTINUE TO GO BY HIS OWN IDEAS ON HOW TO DO THINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID EVERY EMPLOYEE AT PUBLIC WORKS HAS A FAMILY AND SOME HAVE A BIG FAMILY; HE GETS COMPLAINTS EVERYDAY OF HIS LIFE ABOUT ROGER FROM THE EMPLOYEES FAMILIES AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND HE APPRECIATES THE CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY TO TALK TO THE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR COMPLAINTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE PEOPLE WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT ROGER BECAUSE OF HIS WORK; IS HE DOING SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD IS NOT DIRECTING HIM TO DO ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES. THIS SHOULD BE THE BOTTOM LINE WITH ANY EMPLOYEE THE COUNTY HIRES; IT SHOULDN'T BE WHETHER SOMEONE LIKES A PERSON OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REITERATED HE HAD ALWAYS LISTENED TO THE PEOPLE WHO PUT HIM IN OFFICE AND HE HAS SERVED LONGER THAN ANY OTHER COMMISSIONER; AS LONG AS HE STAYS COMMISSIONER, HE WILL LISTEN TO THEM. HE SAID WHEN A COMMISSIONER QUILTS COMMUNICATING WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, THEY WON'T BE A COMMISSIONER LONG.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD NOT HAD THE FIRST PERSON TELL HIM THE COUNTY NEEDED TO GET RID OF ROGER HAGAN. CORBIN SAID THEY DON'T APPARENTLY COMMUNICATE WITH THE SAME CIRCLE OF PEOPLE.

KATHY FOSTER, NEWS REPORTER, QUESTIONED IF THE EMPLOYEES FAMILIES WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE COMPLAINING; COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AS HE GETS COMPLAINTS EVERYWHERE HE GOES. FINCH REITERATED HE GOES THROUGH THE SAME AREAS AS CORBIN AND HE DOESN'T HEAR THESE COMPLAINTS.

CLERK COOK ASKED COMMISSIONER CORBIN IF ROGER WAS A POLITICAL ISSUE; CORBIN ADVISED IT WAS NOT. HE ADDED IT WAS A PERFORMANCE ISSUE AND ROGER OVER EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY HE FEELS HE SHOULD HAVE.

DUE TO CHAIRMAN FINCH HAVING ANOTHER MEETING ELSEWHERE AT 9:00, THE BOARD RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING BACK TO ORDER. HE ADDRESSED A MEETING HE HAD ATTENDED IN SUNNY HILLS WITH THE DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS AND WERE ABLE TO LET THEM SPEAK OF SOME OF THE BUILDING THEY PLANNED ON DOING IN SUNNY HILLS AND THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS WITH THE BOARD AND TO GIVE THE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED EVERYONE GO AND VISIT SUNNY HILLS TO SEE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. ANDREW SCHERROD, DELTONA CORPORATION, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE IMPORTANCE TO RECOGNIZE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FLORIDA, WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY IN SUNNY HILLS. HE REFERRED TO INFORMATION ST. JOE HAD SAID IN ONE OF THEIR ARTICLES:

1. BY 2011, FLORIDA WILL SURPASS NEW YORK AND BECOME THE THIRD MOST POPULATED STATE
2. BY 2030, 12,000,000 PEOPLE WILL MOVE TO FLORIDA

SCHERROD POINTED OUT EVERYTHING IS GETTING PUSHED INWARD FROM THE COAST; SUNNY HILLS IS ONLY 30 MILES FROM THE COAST AND HIGHWAY 77 IS BEING FOUR LANED WHICH WILL MAKE A QUICK COMMUTE TO THE COAST. HE ADDRESSED SUNNY HILLS IS A SELF SUSTAINED COMMUNITY; IT HAS THE CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, RETAIL, GOLF COURSES, LAKES, ETC.

HE ADDRESSED ST. JOE OWNING 800,000 ACRES IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA; REGARDLESS OF DELTONA OR ANYONE ELSE, ST. JOE IS GOING TO SPEND THE MONEY TO MARKET AND BRING EVERYONE HERE. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE AIRPORT IS COMING AND WILL PUSH GROWTH.

HE SAID HE WAS HERE TO INFORM THE BOARD THERE ARE EXPERTS WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL WHO HAVE DONE THEIR RESEARCH WHO KNOW THAT SUNNY HILLS IS GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING 160 MILES OF ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS AND THEY NEED SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD TO HELP THEM BEAUTIFY SUNNY HILLS; THEY WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS A TEAM.

HE POINTED OUT THERE WERE BUILDERS, PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T SPENT MONEY, WHO ARE CURRENTLY SPENDING MONEY AND MAKING MONEY IN SUNNY HILLS; THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING A LIVING SELLING REAL ESTATE IN SUNNY HILLS AND DEVELOPERS WHO ARE CREATING COMMERCIAL. THERE IS ALSO SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO MAKE A HUGE INVESTMENT WITH THE GOLF COURSE OWNER BECAUSE HE KNOWS THERE IS A FUTURE IN SUNNY HILLS. WITH THE ROOF TOPS DELTONA IS GENERATING AND THOSE THE DEVELOPERS ARE GENERATING, THEY NEED TO BE PREPARED AND REQUESTED THE BOARD HELP SUNNY HILLS BY INVESTING SOME OF THEIR TIME.

TURNER HERITAGE HOMES-FRED SAXTON:

1. HAVE BEEN BUILDING HOMES SINCE 1958 PRIMARILY IN LEON COUNTY AREA, SURROUNDING AREAS OF WAKULLA AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES AND ARE MOVING INTO GADSDEN COUNTY.
2. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THEY HAVE MOVED INTO OKALOOSA AND WALTON COUNTIES; THEY PRESENTLY HAVE FOUR SUBDIVISIONS IN THAT AREA.
3. THEY STARTED PURCHASING LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS DURING THE LATTER PART OF LAST YEAR; THEY HAVE 40 LOTS IN THE COUNTY AND THEY PLAN ON BUILDING 500 TO 600 HOUSES IN 2006 IN THE AREAS THEY ARE BUILDING. A LOT WILL DEPEND ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE MARKET DUE TO THE HURRICANES; MATERIALS ARE GOING UP.
4. THEY SEE SUNNY HILLS AS A SLEEPING GIANT; WHEN IT DOES AWAKE IT IS GOING TO BE PROFITABLE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED AND INVESTED IN SUNNY HILLS OVER THE YEARS. THE REASON IS DUE TO THE PRISON SYSTEM EXPANDING AND THE POTENTIAL AIRPORT BEING WITHIN A FEW MILES OF SUNNY HILLS.
5. THEY PRESENTLY HAVE THREE MODELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION RANGING

- FROM 1700 TO 2300 SQUARE FEET
6. THEY ARE GOING TO START OUT WITH 3 HOMES A MONTH IN SUNNY HILLS AND AS THE DEMAND CONTINUES, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD HOMES
 7. WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS, THEY FEEL THEY COULD BE BUILDING 100 HOMES A YEAR; WITH THE OTHER BUILDERS COMING IN, THEY WOULD BE JUMPING ON THE BAND WAGON AND IT WILL KEEP MUSHROOMING.
 8. THEY HOPE TO START THEIR HOMES AT \$200,000 AND WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE UP TO \$300,000 TO \$350,000
 9. IT APPEARS THE MAJORITY OF THE NEW HOMES WILL GO TO THE SOUTH OFF OF SHENENDOAH AND TO THE NORTH OFF OF ELTON

SAXTON EXPLAINED THE REASON THEY ARE MEETING WITH THE BOARD IS BECAUSE THEY WANT THEM TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE GROWTH. HE POINTED OUT THEIR MAJOR HURDLE IS THE APPRAISED VALUE BEING ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE COST OF HOMES. IF THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROADWAYS ARE IMPROVED COMPARABLE TO THE VALUE OF THE HOMES, SAXTON SAID THEY COULD GET OVER THE HURDLE.

SAXTON ADDRESSED THEM FEELING ANY INVESTMENT THE COUNTY MAKES WILL CREATE A GREAT RETURN FOR ALL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NOT JUST SUNNY HILLS WITHOUT REQUIRING A LOT OF EXPENSES RELATIVE TO THE FUTURE GROWTH IT WILL STIMULATE.

WITH THE INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FOLLOWING, WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BENEFIT WITH AD VALOREM TAX REVENUES FROM THE LOT AND HOME VALUES. IF EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS, SAXTON SAID HE COULD SEE THOSE LOTS CREATING JUST IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE \$2,000 A YEAR PER LOT PER HOUSE RATHER THAN THE \$150 TO \$200 THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING IF THERE WAS NOT A HOUSE ON IT.

SAXTON ADDRESSED SPINOFFS THAT WOULD BE COMING FROM THE BUILDING OF HOMES; THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING TAXES FROM OTHER BUSINESSES THAT WILL BE COMING IN. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY WERE TO TAKE THEIR BUDGET AND ADD ANOTHER 100 OF 1,000 HOUSES ON THERE THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS, THE TAXES THEY WILL BE CREATING WILL HELP ALL OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

IN CLOSING, SAXTON SAID THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO AWAKEN THE SLEEPING GIANT AND WON'T TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF SUNNY HILLS AND THANKED THE BOARD FOR ANY HELP THEY CAN GIVE THE EXISTING OWNERS IN SUNNY HILLS.

BRAD MCQUAIGE, MCQUAIGE CONSTRUCTION, WAS NOT PRESENT; GLEN ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT MCQUAIGE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DOING IN SUNNY HILLS. MCQUAIGE HAS A LOT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION GOING ON IN THE SHENANDOAH AREA; THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 12 HOMES UNDERGROUND WITH SIX OF THEM COMPLETED, PEOPLE LIVING IN THEM AND MORE TO COME. HE ADDRESSED THEM BEING LOCAL MARKET AND ARE VERY ACTIVE; DELTONA IS MOSTLY NATIONAL TO INTERNATIONAL IN THEIR MARKETING. ZANETIC ADVISED MCQUAIGE WOULD BE VERY AGGRESSIVE ON PRICE POINTS AND VERY GOOD TO SUNNY HILLS.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY CHAIRMAN FINCH ON WHAT MCQUAIGE WAS LOOKING TO BUILD IN SUNNY HILLS, ZANETIC ADVISED THEY WOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE OTHER BUILDERS.

ZANETIC THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON SUNSPACE LAND HAVING MET WITH THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, PROPERTY APPRAISER AND WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AND GAVE INSIGHT ON WHAT THEY PROPOSED TO DO. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE INVENTORY AND INTEREST INSIDE SUNNY HILLS WHERE THEY WILL BE BUILDING AT THE SAME RATE AS EVERYONE ELSE, THEY HAVE LANDS ADJOINING SUNNY HILLS THEY HOPE TO DEVELOP. ZANETIC ADVISED THAT SUNSPACE IS REQUESTING FROM THIS MEETING ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY TO CONNECT ELCAM BOULEVARD WHICH WOULD GIVE THREE FOOT FROM HIGHWAY 231 TO HIGHWAY 77 AT THAT POINT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE FOURLANING OF ELCAM TO HWY 231 IS WHAT SUNSPACE LAND IS WANTING TO DO; THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT FINANCING THE PROJECT WITH THE COUNTY ASSISTING IN ACQUIRING THE RIGHT OF WAY BY NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS. FINCH SAID THEY WERE ALSO TALKING ABOUT HAVING A GATED COMMUNITY OFF OF ELCAM AND 1500 ACRES OF PROPERTY; ON THE WEST SIDE OF 77 CLOSE

TO MOBILE SWAMP, THEY HAVE TEN ACRES THEY ARE READY TO START DEVELOPING FOR TOWN HOMES TO MARKET THE PRISON GROWTH.

LINDA WALLER ADDRESSED SUNSPACE HAVING PUT TOGETHER A GOOD CONCEPTUAL PLAN ON 1900 ACRES; THE MAIN THING WILL BE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PAVING THE ROAD THROUGH THE PROPERTY INTO BAY COUNTY.

RUBEN PRESSER, DEVELOPER, WAS NOT PRESENT; ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON PRESSER HAVING ACQUIRED PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD. PRESSER IS LOOKING TO DEVELOP THIS AREA JUST LIKE SUNNY HILLS; THEY HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE UTILITY COMPANIES TO GET UTILITY COMMITMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER. ZANETIC ADVISED THEY WANT TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA.

TONY RAY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON BEING IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING THE SUNNY HILLS GOLF COURSE AND WILL BE MAKING A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN IT; HE PLANS ON INVESTING \$10,000,000 ON THE FRONT END OF THE GOLF COURSE WHERE HE IS GOING TO BUILD CONDOS AND A NEW CLUB HOUSE. HE EXPLAINED HE WANTED TO BUILD A SHOW CASE FOR THE COMMUNITY WHICH WILL ALWAYS REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

RAY ADDRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE AND PAVING OF THE ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS; SOME OF THE ROADS ARE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE. ANOTHER BIG PROBLEM IS THERE ARE A LOT OF LOTS AROUND THE GOLF COURSE AND NO HOUSES THERE; ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THERE IS NO SEWER FACILITIES. AQUA UTILITIES HAS A CONTRACT TO COME IN AND DO THIS TYPE OF WORK AND ARE VERY OPEN TO WHAT HE IS SUGGESTING; RAY IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY LOOK AT THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY AND LOOK AT A CENTRALIZED SEWER SYSTEM BASED IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY.

RAY THEN ADDRESSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SUNNY HILLS HAS A LOT OF PROPERTY THAT WAS SET ASIDE FOR COMMERCIAL AND NONE OF IT IS BEING USED. WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN NORTH BAY COUNTY WITH THE AIRPORT AND THE MAJOR INVESTMENTS LARGE COMPANIES ARE MAKING THERE, THERE NEEDS TO BE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HE SUGGESTED HOLDING WORKSHOPS, TAX INCENTIVES, EXPOS, ETC. TO ADVERTISE WASHINGTON COUNTY AND GET SOME OF THESE MAJOR INVESTORS TO COME INTO THE COUNTY.

RAY ADDRESSED ANOTHER CONCERN WAS WITH HOUSES BEING DEVELOPED, BUSINESSES ARE NEEDED. HE HAS TWO BIG BUSINESSES IN BAY COUNTY HE IS CONSIDERING MOVING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY; BAY COUNTY HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING FOR HIM AS A BUSINESSMAN. HE IS TAKING A BIG CHANCE IN INVESTING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY BUT HE BELIEVES PEOPLE ARE COMING TO THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD BE GLAD TO WORK WITH THEM IF HE COULD DO ANYTHING TO FACILITATE THE POINTS HE HAS BROUGHT UP.

TED EVERITT, CHAMBER DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CHAMBER SUPPORTING ALL THE GROWTH; IT WILL BE A BENEFIT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE MORE PEOPLE THAT MOVE IN THE MORE BUSINESSES WILL BE ATTRACTED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER, EVERITT ADVISED THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERYTHING DONE TO HELP THE BUILDERS IN THE COUNTY; THE CHAMBER STANDS BEHIND THE NEED FOR SEWER, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, ETC. EVERITT ASKED GARY CLARK TO GIVE AN OUTLAY ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THE CHAMBER AND OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA.

GARY CLARK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA BEING A COALITION OF EIGHT OF THE RURAL COUNTIES IN THE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA; THEIR PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT FROM A REGIONAL PROSPECTIVE. SPECIFICALLY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, CLARK NOTED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAS HANDLED SOME ECONOMIC PROSPECTS ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; THEY HAVE FOUR ACTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THEY ARE WORKING ON IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. TWO OF THESE ARE VERY MUCH ON A FAST TRACT; WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, THEY ARE POTENTIALLY LOOKING AT CLOSING BOTH OF THE DEALS OUT COMPLETELY AND IF THE TWO PROJECTS GO, WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE LOOKING AT 320 NEW JOBS WITHIN THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS. THE AVERAGE WAGE IN ONE OF THE COMPANIES WILL BE \$33,000 A YEAR; ONE OF THE PLANTS IS ANTICIPATING ABOUT AN \$11 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT WHICH WILL BRING IN ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CLARK EXPLAINED THEY HAVE NOT FOCUSED ON RETAIL DEVELOPMENT BUT THIS IS GOING TO COME. HE ADDRESSED NOT BEING ABLE TO INCENTIVIZE RETAIL AS THE STATE DOESN'T GIVE OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA ALLOWANCES TO MAKE INCENTIVES, PUT PROMOTIONS OUT THERE OR RECRUIT RETAIL INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, FROM A LOCAL PROSPECTIVE, CLARK SAID THERE WERE THINGS THEY COULD DO TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GET INTO BUSINESSES.

CLARK ADDRESSED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA LIKE TO SEE SMALL STARTUP BUSINESSES FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTY; THEY OFFER ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRY TO HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR BUSINESS PLAN. THEY ALSO HELP THEM WITH FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES, MARKETING ASSESSMENTS, ETC.; CLARK OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA FOR ANY OF THE RETAIL DEVELOPMENT THAT MAY BE COMING INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY TO HELP THEM GET STARTED. HE SAID THEY COULDN'T PUT THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES THERE BUT CAN MAKE GETTING INTO BUSINESS FOR THEM EASIER.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN THE COUNTY, CLARK ADDRESSED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA BEING 110% SUPPORTIVE BUT CAN'T OVERLOOK THE WORKFORCE HOUSING; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO BE DEMANDED BY THE NEW RESIDENTIAL INCREASES IN THE MIDDLE TO UPPER SCALE HOUSING WITH THE PEOPLE WORKING IN THE MINIMUM WAGE TYPE JOBS. HE SAID THE DEVELOPERS WERE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT BASE PRICE HOUSES THAT GIVES A SOLID TAX BASE FOR THE COUNTY AND GIVES THAT CUSTOMER SOMETHING THAT HAS AN APPRECIABLE VALUE DOWN THE ROAD; OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HOPES THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE MANUFACTURING HOUSING MARKET TO GET SOME OF THESE PEOPLE TRANSITIONED FROM SOMETHING THEY ARE EXPENSING OFF TO SOMETHING THAT IS BUILDING THEM AN ASSET.

CLARK EXPLAINED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAS FORMED TWO CORPORATIONS; A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST; IN THE EIGHT COUNTY REGION OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, THREE COUNTIES HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED PROPERTY TO BE PUT INTO THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FOR THEM TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS. WHEN LOOKING AT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET AND THE MEDIUM INCOMES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AREA, AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL BE IN THE \$120,000 RANGE AND UNDER; SPECIFICALLY, THEY ARE TARGETING THE \$90,000 TO \$95,000 HOUSING MARKET AND ARE LOOKING FOR MIXED USE COMMUNITIES THAT PLACE AFFORDABLE HOMES, WORKFORCE HOUSING IN AN INTEGRATED MIX WITH ANY OTHER STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ANY OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPERS WOULD BE PROUD TO PUT A HOME NEXT TO IT. AS LONG AS THEY CAN KEEP MAKING PROGRESS IN THIS AREA, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE HIGH END RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE IN THE COUNTY.

FROM A UTILITIES PROSPECTIVE, CLARK ADDRESSED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA'S SECOND INITIATIVE IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING WITH BROADBAND; THE NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME TO RURAL AMERICA IS BROADBAND SERVICE.

CLARK UPDATED THE BOARD ON OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAVING RECEIVED A \$150,000 FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT FROM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BROADBAND AND THEY WOULD BE ASKING THE BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BROADBAND.

RICK MARCUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ANALOGUE OF DISTRIBUTION OF TELEVISION GOING BLANK IN APRIL OF 2009K; IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR EVERYTHING TO HAVE DIGITAL RECEPTION. HE REITERATED THE BROADBAND INITIATIVE IS ESSENTIAL; THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA BOARD APPROVE BOTH CORPORA- RATIONS FOR THE CVC AND THE LANDTRUST AND ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING IRS 501.3C STATUS AND REQUESTED ANY KIND OF SUPPORT LETTER FROM THE BOARD TO ASSIST WITH EXPEDITING GETTING THE STATUS. MARCUM REITERATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ACCELERATED IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA NOW; HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY, CHAMBER, OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, EEO'S ARE DOING THINGS TOGETHER SO THEY WILL GET MORE SUPPORT WHEN THEY GO TO TALLAHASSEE. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAVING A MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 2 TO VISIT WITH THEIR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER IN THE PROGRAM; DURING THE INTERIM, MARCUM SAID THE BOARD COULD GO TO THEIR WEBSITE "OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA.COM", AND RESPOND TO A CITIZENS SURVEY, WHICH IS PART OF THEIR FEASIBILITY STUDY. THEY WILL ALSO BE HOLDING

MEETINGS IN BRISTOL AND LIBERTY COUNTIES DEALING WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS, PUBLIC SAFETY, THE EDUCATION AND MEDICAL COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AVAILABLE; THEY WILL ADD THESE FORUMS AS PART OF THEIR DELIVERABLES IN THE GRANT THEY GOT FROM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO DO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND WILL BREAK IT DOWN INTO TWO AREAS:

1. COMMUNITY BENEFIT STUDY
2. TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS

MARCUM ADDRESSED THEY WOULD BE REPORTING BACK TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY, WHICH THEY WILL BRING THE OTHER 22 COUNTIES IN TO HEAR WHAT OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAS DONE. BY JANUARY 31, MARCUM SAID THEY HOPED TO HAVE THE STUDY COMPLETE, THEY WILL HAVE SIGNED A DEAL WITH THEIR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER AND THEY WILL START WRITING CHECKS TO PUT UP SOME TOWERS.

MARCUM SAID THE BROADBAND PROGRAM WOULD NOT WORK UNLESS OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA GOT THE INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ETC.

GARY CLARK ADDRESSED THE ENTIRE REASON OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WAS CREATED WAS OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNATION OF THE EIGHT COUNTIES AS A RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN; THEY SAW A NEED FOR THE EIGHT COUNTIES TO SPUR ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WITH THAT CAME SOME INCENTIVES OF THEIR OWN. HE POINTED OUT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST WAIVERS OF ANY HINDRANCES TO ECONOMIC PROSPERITY; IF THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE NON-STATUTORY AND ARE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE AGENCY SIDE THEY CAN REQUEST WAIVERS OR ADDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT MONIES, UNDER THE RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, THE COUNTY HAS THAT RIGHT. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THAT MARCUM WOULD ASSIST THEM WITH THIS PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADVISED ONE OF THE REASONS THE COUNTY FUNDS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS DUE TO THEM BEING THE INDUSTRIAL ARM OF THE COUNTY.

CALVIN STEVENSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, REITERATED THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SERVICE WORKERS AND PUBLIC WORKERS. HE ADDRESSED ROAD SITUATIONS AND THE NEED TO LOOK AT ELIMINATING GOING THRU BAY COUNTY TO PICK UP WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN; HE POINTED OUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WAS HAVING ISSUES ALSO WITH GETTING TO CERTAIN LOCATIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

STEVENSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BEING IN THE PROCESS OF SWAPPING 97.5 ACRES ON DUMA JACK ROAD WITH LAND THEY OWN ON THE CHOCTOWHATCHEE RIVER SO THE SCHOOL BOARD, AT SOME POINT, CAN BUILD A SCHOOL THERE IF THEY CAN GET ENOUGH CHILDREN IN THAT AREA.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO HAVE AT LEAST 450 ELEMENTARY CHILDREN TO JUSTIFY BUILDING A SCHOOL TO WHERE IT IS AT A BREAK EVEN POINT AT SUNNY HILLS; THEY PRESENTLY HAVE THREE BUSES GOING INTO SUNNY HILLS. STEVENSON EXPLAINED THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD A COMMITMENT FROM THE LEGISLATION TO HELP BUILD SCHOOLS IF THEY CAN JUSTIFY THE NEED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ISSUE WITH SINGER ROAD; IN THE PAST, BAY COUNTY ACCEPTED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY STUDENTS THAT LIVED ON THE ROAD. HOWEVER, BAY COUNTY HAS GOTTEN PRETTY CROWDED AND THEY NO LONGER ACCEPT WASHINGTON COUNTY STUDENTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN QUESTIONED STEVENSON IF THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD ANY PLANS FOR THE APPROXIMATE 1000 ELEMENTARY CHILDREN THAT WILL BE GOING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS ONCE THE TWO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE EDGE OF CHIPLEY COME IN. STEVENSON ADVISED THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS NOT PREPARED FOR A 1000 ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY CHILDREN AT THIS TIME; HE DID ADDRESS THEM BEING IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING TEN CLASSROOMS FOR FIFTH GRADERS AT ROULHAC. IF THERE IS GOING TO BE AN ADDITIONAL 1000 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, STEVENSON ADDRESSED THERE MAY BE A NEED TO LOOK AT BUILDING ADDITIONAL THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE CLASSROOMS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED TO GET WITH STEVENSON TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR THE TWO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

STEVENSON ADDRESSED SEWER WOULD BE AN ISSUE FOR A SCHOOL BEING BUILT IN SUNNY HILLS.

CLARK REQUESTED SOME OF THE DEVELOPERS PRESENT THEM WITH WHAT THEIR TARGET MARKETS ARE; HE REFERRED TO THE FORMER MARKET BRINGING IN A LARGER PROPORTION OF RETIREES AND THIS DIDN'T BRING IN A LARGE AMOUNT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS ADDRESSED THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE MARKETING BAY COUNTY; ANOTHER PERSON SPOKE FOR A DEVELOPER ADVISING THE DEVELOPER HAD SAID HE GOT 20% OF HIS SALES OUT OF THE NORTH, 50% OUT OF BAY COUNTY AND 30% OUT OF THE REST OF FLORIDA, ALABAMA AND SOUTH GEORGIA. OUT OF THIS 100% OF SALES, HE ADDRESSED 50% WOULD BE RETIREES.

SCHERROD ADDRESSED PERSONS WHO ARE SELLING THEIR HOMES IN BAY COUNTY WOULD PROBABLY BUY IN SUNNY HILLS TO RETIRE IF THEY HAVE MONIES LEFT OVER; ALSO KNOWING LAND IS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS WOULD BE A HUGE SPIKE IN BRINGING FAMILIES INTO THE AREA.

CLARK ITERATED THE SCHOOL BOARD CAN'T JUSTIFY BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL UNTIL THE CHILDREN ARE LOCATED AT SUNNY HILLS.

JANE NORRIS, RESIDENT OF SUNNY HILLS, WELCOMED THE NEWCOMERS TO SUNNY HILLS AND ADDRESSED TWO OF THE NEW FAMILIES THAT HAVE MOVED INTO SUNNY HILLS HAVE SMALL CHILDREN. SHE ALSO REITERATED SOME OF THE NEWCOMERS ARE MOVING FROM BAY COUNTY DUE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN BAY COUNTY.

LOU TRACY POINTED OUT WHEN HE MOVED TO SUNNY HILLS IN 1988, HIS TWO CHILDREN WERE THE ONLY CHILDREN ON THE CIRCLE HE LIVED ON; THERE ARE NOW FIVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN GOING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS AND FOUR CHILDREN WHOM ARE TRANSPORTED TO BAY COUNTY SCHOOLS BY THEIR PARENTS BECAUSE THEY WORK THERE.

JOE TAYLOR UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SCHOOL BOARD HAVING A WORK-SHOP SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY ON THE CONCURRENCY ISSUE WITH FL-DCA; ONE OF THE THINGS DCA IS PROBABLY GOING TO FORCE THEM INTO EARLY IMPLEMENTATION AND ADOPTION IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCHOOLS AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN. HE EXPLAINED THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO AGREE WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE STARTING OF THE DEVELOPMENTS, INFRASTRUCTURE WAS IN PLACE TO HANDLE THEM.

LOU TRACY ADDRESSED THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THEIR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN SUNNY HILLS WITH APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSBU. HE LISTED SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THE MSBU INCLUDING PAVING OF ROADS, UP TO DATE FIRE DEPARTMENT, RIGHT OF WAYS THAT WILL COMPLIMENT ANY CITY AROUND, MAINTENANCE PEOPLE ON STAFF, PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, PROPERTY FOR A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AND A NEW PARK.

TRACY ADDRESSED THERE BEING THREE BOYS THAT ARE QUALIFIED FOR EAGLE SCOUTS IN THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY AND ALL THEY LIKE IS WORKING ON THEIR SERVICE PROJECT; ONE OF THE BOYS IS WORKING WITH GLEN ZANETIC AND THE MSBU ON A PARK THAT HAS JUST GOTTEN APPROVED, ONE OF THEM IS WORKING ON A WALKING TRAIL THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION AND THE OTHER BOY IS WORKING ON A LIBRARY IN SUNNY HILLS. TRACY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE ON GETTING PROPERTY FOR A LIBRARY; THE BOY IS WORKING WITH GLEN ON USING PART OF THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER TO START A LIBRARY BUT THEY WILL NEED A FULL TIME LIBRARY IN THE FUTURE. TRACY ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD ASSIST THEM IN THE WAY OF GRANTS, CASH DONATIONS, ETC.

HE REFERRED TO HE AND COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAVING SEEN THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE SOUTH END OF WASHINGTON COUNTY WHEN HE SERVED ON THE BOARD IN 1988; AT THAT TIME, THEY HAD TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND NOT JUST SUNNY HILLS DUE TO THE GROWTH AND THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS WAS NOT THERE. TRACY ADVISED THEY DECIDED TO PUT THE EMERGENCY CENTER IN VERNON IN HOPES OF BETWEEN CHIPLEY AND VERNON, THEY COULD CATCH SUNNY HILLS IN A TIME FRAME OF THREE TO FIVE MINUTES FOR TRAUMA SITUATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS HASN'T WORKED AND THE COUNTY IS IN DIRE NEED, WITH THE AGING POPULATION AND BEING RIGHT ON HIGHWAY 77, OF AN EMERGENCY STATION CLOSER BY TO PROVIDE THE FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION.

HE REITERATED THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS APPRECIATE THE MSBU AND THE FINE JOB GLEN ZANETIC AND THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE DONE; A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE INALERTNESS OF THE MSBU AND SOME INFORMATION

TYPE MEETINGS SHOULD BE SET UP SO PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT GLEN JUST DOESN'T TAKE A BUNDLE OF MONEY BACK TO SUNNY HILLS AND SPEND IT ANY WAY HE WANTS TO AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECIDES HOW AND WHEN THE MONIES ARE GOING TO BE SPENT. HE STATED HE WAS PROUD OF THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY AND SAID MCQUAIGE CONSTRUCTION ALONE MUST HAVE EIGHTEEN HOMES ONGOING IN SUNNY HILLS NOW. HE SAID THE RESIDENTS JUST WANTED TO ASK ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD WITH SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE WANTING TO DO IN SUNNY HILLS BY ALLOWING THEM TO USE THE MSBU MONIES AND SOME OF THE MONIES MADE OFF THE SALE OF THE LOTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED SUNNY HILLS HAD OFFERED THE BOARD LAND TO BUILD A HOSPITAL THERE AS WELL AS LAND FOR A COURTHOUSE; THEY HAVE BEEN A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY DUE TO THE DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN THE AREA AND 50% OF THE PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE AREA ARE GOING TO BE RETIRED PEOPLE. HE ADDRESSED THE RESPONSE TIME PRESENTLY TO GET TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY AND IT BEING TIME TO LOOK SERIOUSLY LOOK AT PUTTING AN EMERGENCY FACILITY IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD PETITIONED THE LEGISLATURE EVERY YEAR TO FUND A FACILITY FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL BECOME A REALITY IF THEY STAY PERSISTENT. HE ASKED ANYONE PRESENT WHO COULD PASS THE WORD ON TO THE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SUGGESTED IF SUNNY HILLS HAS LAND THEY CAN GIVE THE COUNTY FOR AN EMS FACILITY, THE BOARD COULD POSSIBLY LOOK AT TAKING SOME OF THE LAND SALE MONIES AND BUILD THE FACILITY. HE AGREED THERE WAS A BIG NEED FOR AN EMS FACILITY ON HIGHWAY 77 AND HIGHWAY 79.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE LAND THE COUNTY OWNS AT CRYSTAL VILLAGE WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE FOR AN EMS FACILITY AS IT IS RIGHT ON HIGHWAY 77.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE COUNTY NEEDED TO LOOK AT HOW CLOSE IT WOULD BE TO THE BAY COUNTY LINE; IF CLOSE TO THE BAY COUNTY LINE, HOW MANY TIMES WOULD PERSONS BE TAKEN TO BAY COUNTY RATHER THAN WASHINGTON COUNTY. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS TWO AMBULANCES, IF ONE AMBULANCE IS IN TRANSPORT TO DOTHAN OR PANAMA CITY AND A CALL COMES IN AND THE AMBULANCE IS STATIONED IN CHIPLEY, IT WOULD HAVE TO GO DOWN SINGER ROAD AND IF THERE WAS A PERSON IN A TRAUMA SITUATION, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T MAKE IT.

RANDALL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AMBULANCES RUNNING ABOUT 800 TIMES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY THIS PAST YEAR. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THEM HAVING RUN TWO AMBULANCES FOR THE LAST 31 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID THE COUNTY WOULDN'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO BUILD AN EMS SUBSTATION WITH THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.

GIL CARTER, PROPERTY APPRAISER, ADVISED THE BOARD HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID; HE IS EXCITED ABOUT THE GROWTH GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.

GLEN ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CHANGES GOING ON EVERYDAY IN SUNNY HILLS AND IN THE COUNTY; IT IS NOT GOING TO BE THE SAME AS IT WAS 35 YEARS AGO WHEN DELTONA CAME IN AND PROMISED THE SAME THINGS. HE EMPHASIZED THIS TIME IT WAS A HARD SALE AND THERE ARE A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN JUST DELTONA WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HILLS; THE 35 YEARS THAT HAVE GONE BY TOTALLY CHANGED THE ECONOMICS AND HIS AGE GROUP IS THE NEXT GROUP TO RETIRE. HE SUGGESTED BEFORE SPENDING THE LAND SALE MONIES AGAIN, THE BOARD LOOK AT A PLAN AND SEE WHERE PRIORITIES NEED TO BE SET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO DISCUSS PUTTING THE PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS THEY HAVE LEFT TO SALE. COM- MISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE WHOLE BOARD IS PRESENT BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON SELLING ANY MORE PROPERTIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH RECOMMENDED BEFORE THE BOARD GOES OUT AND SALES THESE PROPERTIES, THEY FORMULATE SOME PLAN AND COMMIT SOME OF THE MONIES INTO RESURFACING OF SOME OF THE STREETS AND BACK INTO WHAT THE DEVELOPERS ARE PUTTING

INTO SUNNY HILLS. HE SUGGESTED HAVING A GROUP CONSISTING OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS, BUILDERS AND WORKERS IN THE AREA TO COME UP WITH A PLAN ON HOW TO SPEND THE LAND SALE MONIES.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE BOARD ENTERTAINING A MOTION OR THOUGHT TO GO OUT AND FIX ROADS IN FRONT OF THE LOTS THE DEVELOPERS HAVE PURCHASED TO PUT HOMES ON JUST TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF THEIR LOTS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THIS WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO BUILD THE DEVELOPERS ROADS; HE IS TALKING ABOUT RESURFACING SOME OF THE EXISTING ROADS.

ANDREW SCHERROD EXPLAINED A LOT OF ROADS THE COUNTY OWNS ARE ROADS THAT ARE FALLING APART; BY REPAVING THE ROADS, IT WOULD ONLY INCREASE THE VALUE OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY AND WITH THE INCREASE IN VALUE, IT WILL BRING AN INCREASE IN TAXES. HE POINTED OUT IT WOULD BE A WIN ALL FOR EVERYBODY AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE HERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID DELTONA IS BUILDING ALL THESE NEW ROADS TO OPEN UP NEW LOTS; HE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT BUILDING NEW ROADS BUT RESURFACING SOME THE COUNTY ALREADY OWNS.

HE ADVISED THE BOARD WAS HAVING THEIR REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ON OCTOBER 27TH AND IF COMMISSIONER COPE IS ABLE TO ATTEND, HOPEFULLY, THEY CAN FORMULATE A COMMITTEE, TALK WITH THE DEVELOPERS ON THEIR THOUGHTS AND DEVISE A PLAN ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LAND SALE MONIES. HE SAID THE BOARD WOULD ALSO ENTERTAIN A MOTION AT THEIR OCTOBER 27TH MEETING ABOUT SELLING SOME OF THE OTHER PROPER- TIES IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE PROVIDED A LIST OF ROADS SUNNY HILLS WOULD LIKE TO BE RESURFACED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ZANETIC COULD PROBABLY PROVIDE THEM WITH A BETTER IDEA ON THE ROADS THAT ARE THE MOST NECESSARY TO LOOK AT.

FRED SAXTON SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT BUILDING THIRTY SIX HOMES IN SUNNY HILLS THE FIRST YEAR AND IT WILL DEPEND ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE GOLF COURSE, ETC. ON HOW MANY THEY WILL BUILD AFTER THAT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 10/25/05

CHAIRMAN