

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/13/05

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, FINCH, SAPP, STRICKLAND AND CORBIN PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH REV. LEONARD DEAN OFFERING PRAYER. CHAIRMAN FINCH LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON SEVERAL ISSUES:

- A. BACKPAY FOR DALLAS CARTER DUE TO IT BEING ADJUSTED DOWNWARD BY \$.25 PER HOUR:  
\$15,806.60 SALARY  
\$ 980.01 FICA  
\$ 229.20 MED  
\$ 1,087.59 RET  
\$18,103.40 TOTAL
- B. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY AND RECORD IMPROVEMENTS, ETC; FEDERAL SHARE IS \$28,823 AND FDLE WILL PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH OF \$9,608 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$38,431. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT AWARD.  
DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVING THE GRANT, THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND IT WOULDN'T BE CREATING ANY NEW POSITIONS BUT PURCHASING EQUIPMENT.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS:
  1. CLARK INSURANCE-BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA
  2. BROWN AND BROWN-UNITED HEALTH CAREHERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BCBS RENEWALS BEING BETTER THAN ANY OPTIONS OFFERED BY UNITED HEALTH CARE AND PROVIDED THREE DIFFERENT BLUE OPTION PLANS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 22ND MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENT PLANS. HE ADDRESSED, UNDER THE CURRENT BCBS PLAN, THE EMPLOYEES UNDERSTAND IT AND THERE IS NOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER ANY OF THE FAMILY PLAN OPTIONS LOOKED AFFORDABLE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE LOWEST PLAN WOULD COST \$1,083.44. DUE TO NONE OF THE EMPLOYEES BEING ABLE TO AFFORD FAMILY COVERAGE AND THE INSURANCE THE COUNTY PRESENTLY HAS BEING GOOD INSURANCE, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO STAY WITH THE CURRENT RENEWAL PLAN WITH BCBS.
- D. HERBERT ADVISED RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL OTHER INSURANCE PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE AT THE SEPTEMBER 22ND BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A SPOT OF LIMEROCK ON CORBIN ROAD THAT WAS BEAT DOWN AND HAD SOME TREMENDOUS POTHoles IN IT; HE HAD

AUTHORIZED A COUPLE LOADS OF DOLOMITE AT A COST OF \$280 TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM WITH THIS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF HIS PAVING FUNDS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF FEMA WORK DUE TO THE GAS CRISIS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CONTINUE THE SUSPENSION OF WEEKEND WORK ON FEMA PROJECTS AND DO WHAT CAN BE DONE DURING THE WEEK UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 22ND BOARD MEETING; THE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE GAS SITUATION AT THAT TIME.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MSBU CREWS WORKING OVERTIME. DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON MSBU DIRECTOR, GLEN ZANETIC, HAVING GOTTEN APPROVAL FROM THEM TO WORK THEIR CREWS FOUR 10 HOUR DAYS AND ONE 8 HOUR DAY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PUT MSBU ON A FORTY HOUR WORK WEEK FOR THE PRESENT TIME DUE TO THE GAS CRISIS.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD TO HELP THE ONE STOP CENTER WITH NEEDED REPAIRS AT THE OLD CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL DUE TO THE PRISON HAVING STOPPED THE USAGE OF THEIR INMATES ON THE PROJECT. HE ADDRESSED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HAS AGREED TO PAY HIS INMATE SUPERVISORS' SALARY AT TIME AND A HALF ON FRIDAYS USING THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT CREW FOR FIVE WEEKS. DUE TO THE ONE STOP CENTER HAVING A DEADLINE TO BE RELOCATED TO THE OLD CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL, DAVID RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE OF THE ALTERNATIVE METHOD WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD REIMBURSING SALARIES. HE EXPLAINED IT WOULD ONLY COST THE COUNTY THE USE OF THE VEHICLES AND THE GAS TO TRAVEL FROM THE SOD FARM TO THE JAIL TO THE OLD CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BACK TO THE JAIL FOR FIVE FRIDAYS.

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

ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ A RESOLUTION DEALING WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS UNDER HOMELAND DISASTERS, FEMA AND ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS). HOLLEY ADDRESSED IT APPEARED THE BOARD COULD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OR TAKE A RISK OF NOT BEING FUNDED FOR FUTURE DISASTERS.

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

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DR. TODD ANDERSON, ANIMAL CONTROL OF WEST FLORIDA, INC.

HE ADDRESSED THE MOST RECENT CHANGE:

1. THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO COMPENSATE DR. ANDERSON A FLAT AMOUNT FOR ALL ANIMALS OVER 1440; THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED AT A REQUEST BY DR. ANDERSON, ANY ANIMALS OVER 120 PER MONTH WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR ON OR BEFORE 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE YEAR.

DR. ANDERSON ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH GOING WITH AN AVERAGE PER MONTH OF 120 OR PAYING FOR ALL OVERAGES OVER THE 120 PER MONTH AND THE NEED FOR HIM TO HAVE STABILIZATION. HE REFERRED TO SOME MONTHS THE COUNTY MAY BRING AS MANY AS THEY WANT ONE MONTH AND NEXT MONTH THEY MAY NOT BRING ANY BECAUSE THEY HAD AN OVERAGE; THIS WOULD BE HARD ON HIM DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF HELP AND DISPOSAL HE HAS TO COVER.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THIS NOT BEING THE AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH DR. ANDERSON; THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS HAD BEEN 125 PER MONTH. DR. ANDERSON REFERRED TO THE FIRST DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH HIM FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WAS FOR HIM TO BEGIN IN APRIL OF 2005 AND THE COUNTY WOULD LOOK AT GIVING AN INCREASE IN OCTOBER; THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING VERBAL COMMITMENTS FROM EVERY MUNICIPALITY EXCEPT THE TOWN OF WAUSAU. HE VOICED HIS OPINION IF EACH MUNICIPALITY TOOK CARE OF THEIR OWN ANIMAL CONTROL, THEY WOULD SOON FIND OUT THE COST INVOLVED TO HIRE AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, PROVIDE A VEHICLE, INSURANCE AND THE LIABILITY INVOLVED. HE ADDRESSED EACH MUNICIPALITY HAS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY; IF NOT, THEY DON'T HAVE TO BUT THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SERVICE.

DR. ANDERSON ADVISED THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THE AGREEMENT WAS INSTEAD OF TALLYING UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR THEY WOULD KEEP AN EVEN RUN AT THE END OF EACH MONTH. HE REFERENCED IT HAVING HAPPENED PREVIOUSLY, SOMEONE STOPPED PICKING UP ANIMALS WHEN THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS GOT CLOSE TO THE FIGURE THEY HAD CONTRACTED FOR. DAVID SAID THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED UNDER HIS TENURE AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED THE PURPOSE OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM WAS TO TAKE CARE OF VISCIOUS OR NUISANCE ANIMALS; HOWEVER, PEOPLE ARE CALLING ANIMAL CONTROL TO COME PICK UP A LITTER OF PUPPIES, ETC. THEY DON'T WANT.

DAVID AGREED BUT REFERRED TO THE CITIZENS POINT OF VIEW IS THEY PAY TAXES AND IF THE COUNTY HAS A SERVICE, THEY WANT TO USE IT. HE QUESTIONED HOW COULD THEY TELL PEOPLE A LITTER OF PUPPIES WAS NOT A NUISANCE IF IN FACT THEY WERE DOING THINGS THE PERSON THOUGHT WAS A NUISANCE.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH DR. ANDERSON ADDRESSING ISSUES HE WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT:

1. COST OF LIVING INCREASE BASED ON THE STANDARD FEDERAL CPI
2. THIRTY DAY NOTICE BY EITHER PARTY OF THEIR INTENT TO CANCEL THE AGREEMENT

HE EXPLAINED THE ONLY ISSUE NOW WAS WHETHER TO PAY MONTHLY FOR ANY OVERAGES OVER 120 ANIMALS OR TALLY UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR. CHAIRMAN FINCH VOICED HIS OPINION, DUE TO THE BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING, THEY SHOULD PAY A PER MONTHLY CHARGE BASED ON THE CONTRACT AMOUNT AND TALLY UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR; IF THIS IS NOT HOW IT IS GOING TO BE DONE, HE WOULDN'T WANT TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE CONTRACT TODAY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH ANDERSON SAYING HE WOULD AGREE TO TALLY UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR IF THE BOARD WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE, THE THIRTY DAY NOTIFICATION BY EITHER PARTY OF INTENT TO CANCEL CONTRACT, IF CONTRACT CANCELLED WITHIN YEAR, TALLY UP AT THAT POINT RATHER THAN AT THE END OF THE YEAR. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HE WOULD RECEIVE MONIES FROM ADOPTIONS OF ANIMALS AND THE BOARD WOULD RECEIVE THE FEES THEY CHARGE TO RETURN THE ANIMALS TO THE OWNERS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH, FOR CLARIFICATION, STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE 1440 DOGS THEY WOULD BE PAYING \$3,500 A MONTH FOR; AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE COUNTY WOULD COMPENSATE ANDERSON \$37.72 PER DOG PLUS THE CPI FOR ALL OVER 1440.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ONLY HAVING VERBAL CONSENT FROM MOST OF THE MUNICIPALITIES; HOWEVER, ALL THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IS THE COUNTY AND AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, THAT IS ALL THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING AT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T GET ANY PARTICIPATION FROM THE CITIES, THE CONTRACT WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN. DR. ANDERSON SAID THE CONTRACT COULD BE CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY WITH A THIRTY DAY NOTIFICATION.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. ANDERSON WITH THE CHANGES ADDRESSED:

- A. COUNTY WILL PAY \$3,500 PER MONTH BASED ON 120 ANIMALS PER MONTH; AT END OF YEAR, THE COUNTY WILL PAY ANDERSON \$37.72 PER ANIMAL, PLUS THE CPI, FOR ALL ANIMALS OVER 1440
- B. 30 DAY NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY EITHER PARTY OF INTENT TO CANCEL CONTRACT
- C. A COST OF LIVING INCREASE ON OCTOBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR BASED ON THE STANDARD FEDERAL CPI FROM JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR
- D. IF CONTRACT CANCELLED DURING YEAR, PARTIES WILL TALLY UP AT POINT OF CANCELLATION RATHER THAN AT THE END OF THE YEAR

ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO DRAW UP A NEW AGREEMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE ORDER JUDGE REGISTER ENTERED ON OVID LANE; ONE OF THE PARAGRAPHS ORDERED THE TWO SIDES TO GET

TOGETHER AND DETERMINE WHERE THE LIMITS OF THE ROAD WERE. HE ASKED FOR PERMISSION FOR DALLAS CARTER AND EITHER ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT OR EOC DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN TO MEET WITH HIM AND THEY GET WITH THE OTHER PARTY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS PART OF THE JUDGE'S ORDER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO MEET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, ROGER HAGAN AND DALLAS CARTER AND THEY GET WITH THE OTHER PARTY IN THE OVID LANE SUIT TO DETERMINE WHERE THE LIMITS OF THE ROAD ARE.

LEONARD DEAN, PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT 3 CONCERNED CITIZEN COMMITTEE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A MEETING THEY HAD WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY. HE ADVISED THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED, IF BOTH LAWSUITS NORTHERN TRUST HAS AGAINST THE COUNTY WILL BE DROPPED, FOR BOTH ROCKY LANDING ROAD AND NORTH HENRY LANE TO BE CLOSED IF THE RIGHT OF WAY STAYS THE SAME ON THE ROADS NORTHERN TRUST IS QUIT-CLAIMING TO THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THIS WAS THE ACTION THE BOARD HAS ALREADY TAKEN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON NORTHERN TRUST NOT AGREEING FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY TO BE THE SAME BUT HAS AGREED TO INCREASE IT TO 40' ON ALL THE ROADS; THEY WILL FLARE SOUTH HENRY LANE AT THE HIGHWAY SO ANYONE CAN TURN BOTH WAYS; THEY WON'T THE RIGHT TO USE 5' TO REPAIR THEIR FENCES IF THERE IS A FENCE THERE; THEY WON'T ACCEPT THE \$1,000 COMPENSATION AND AGREED THE MINIMUM THEY WOULD ACCEPT IS \$10,000. HOLLEY ADVISED THE COMPENSATION WAS TO ASSIST NORTHERN TRUST WITH THEIR ATTORNEY FEES AND COST; IF THE COUNTY GOES THROUGH WITH THE LAWSUIT AND NORTHERN TRUST WINS ON ONE ROAD AN INVERSE CONDEMNATION ALLEGING THE COUNTY HAS WIDENED SOME OF THE ROADS, THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY THEIR ATTORNEY FEES, APPRAISAL FEES AND ENGINEERING FEES, ETC. HE ADVISED NORTHERN TRUST WANTED A GPS CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION OF THE ROADS WITH THEIR PEOPLE LOOKING AT THE DESCRIPTION; IF THERE IS A DISPUTE ABOUT THE ACCURACY, IT WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED.

NATHANIEL SMITH ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE NORTH HENRY LANE ROAD CLOSING ON BEHALF OF HIS BROTHER; IF THE LAWSUITS ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUED, HE DOESN'T WANT THE ROADS CLOSED BUT IF THEY ARE GOING TO DISCONTINUE THEM, HE WOULD AGREE TO CLOSE NORTH HENRY LANE BUT ON THE OTHER OUTLET, HE WANTED A LARGE ENOUGH ROAD SO HE COULD TURN A SEMI AROUND ON.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SMITH THEY WOULD HAVE A 40' RIGHT OF WAY FLARED AT HIGHWAY 79 ON SOUTH HENRY LANE.

SMITH ADDRESSED ANOTHER CONCERN WAS IF EITHER SIDE WAS GAINING ANYTHING BY CLOSING THESE ROADS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD BE GETTING A DEED AND WOULD OWN ALL THE RIGHT OF WAY TO THE REST OF THE ROADS IN THE SUIT.

SMITH SAID HIS BROTHER WAS ALSO CONCERNED IF SOMEONE GOT HURT IN THE FAMILY, HE WOULD BE LOOKING AT SUING THE COUNTY AND NORTHERN TRUST AND FELT LIKE THIS ISSUE WOULD BE BACK IN COURT TO REOPEN THE SUIT. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING TALKED TO AN ATTORNEY AND WAS ADVISED THE GRANDFATHER RIGHTS DIDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING; HIS GRANDFATHER SAYS HE WAS THERE BEFORE THE LAND WAS PURCHASED AND HAD OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR YEARS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE THOUGHT WITH SOUTH HENRY LANE BEING FLARED AT THE ENDS AND WITH A 40' RIGHT OF WAY, IT SHOULD BE PRETTY NICE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE COUNTY ENGINEER COULD ENGINEER THE ACCESS ROUTE INTO HIGHWAY 79 SO IT WOULD BE CERTIFIED ENGINEERING DRAWINGS BUILT TO THEIR SPECS; THIS WOULD GIVE CUSHION TO THE COUNTY FOR LIABILITY.

SMITH REQUESTED HE WANTED WHAT IS BEING AGREED ON WITH SOUTH HENRY LANE IN WRITING; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SMITH IT WOULD BE IN WRITING IF THE BOARD AGREED TO IT AND THERE WOULD BE A STIPULATED JUDGEMENT SIGNED BY THE CIRCUIT JUDGE ORDERING THEM TO COMPLY WITH IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY ACTUALLY GAINING RIGHT OF WAY ON SOME OF THE ROADS WITH THE 40'; THIS WOULD HELP WITH DRAINAGE ISSUES AND POSSIBLY THE BOARD COULD ACTUALLY DESIGN SOME TYPE OF ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NORTHERN TRUST HAS ALSO AGREED TO WAIVE THE FIVE YEAR REQUIREMENT FOR TIMBER.

DEAN ADVISED HE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE AGREEMENT IN WRITING. HE ADDRESSED THEIR COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO BE THE COUNTY'S SCAPEGOAT AND HELP THEM GET OUT OF THE LAWSUITS; HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T OWN THE RIGHT OF WAYS TO BEGIN WITH, WHY WERE THEY GRADING THE ROADS AND DID MR. MOODY OWN THE LAND WHEN THE ROADS BECAME COUNTY ROADS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY THEY HAVE BEEN GRADING THEY DON'T ACTUALLY OWN; THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO IN AND GRADE THEM AND THEY ARE CONSIDERED A COUNTY ROAD. HE POINTED OUT THE ONLY THING THAT HAPPENED ON THE ROADS INVOLVED IN THE NORTHERN TRUST SUIT IS THEY WERE FILED ON UNDER THE OLD LAW; HE FELT THE RESOLVE TO THE SUIT WAS REASONABLE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NORTHERN TRUST WAS GOING TO WIN ON AT LEAST ONE INVERSE CONDEMNATION BECAUSE THEY CAN PROVE THE COUNTY DUMPED DIRT ON THEIR PROPERTY AND LEFT IT THERE FOR AWHILE; THIS ALONE WOULD PAY THEIR ATTORNEY FEES.

COMMISSIONER COPE EXPLAINED THE DIRT WAS DUMPED ON THE POWER LINE PROPERTY; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NORTHERN TRUST STILL OWNED THE LAND.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN TRUST, RESOLVE THE LONG STANDING ISSUE AND THE COUNTY OWN THE PROPERTY 40' WIDE ON ALL THE ROADS, GET THE CENTER LINE DONE WITH GPS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NORTHERN TRUST IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER CALL THEIR ENGINEER PRIOR TO DOING THE GPS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP CONTINUED WITH HIS MOTION WITH THE COUNTY TO ENGINEER SOUTH HENRY LANE AND IT WAS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S DESIGN.

MILTON BROWN QUESTIONED WHO WOULD DETERMINE HOW WIDE SOUTH HENRY LANE WOULD BE. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THEY WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO THE FL-DOT FOR A PERMIT TO DO THE WORK; THE COUNTY WOULD DO THE WORK OR CONTRACT THE WORK, HAVE IT ENGINEERED AND PRESENT IT TO NORTHERN TRUST FOR APPROVAL.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD NOT PRESENTED THE ENGINEERING PLAN ISSUE TO NORTHERN TRUST; HE WILL PRESENT IT TO THEM AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IF THEY ARE TYING INTO STATE ROAD 79, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR A FL-DOT PERMIT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THEY WERE ALREADY TIED INTO HWY 79 WITH FINCH ADDRESSING IT WOULD BE TOTALLY MODIFIED AND REQUIRE A NEW PERMIT.

BROWN ALSO QUESTIONED IF THE 40' WOULD BE ENOUGH WIDTH FOR PAVING IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAS PAVED SOME THAT WERE 40' BUT IT WASN'T NICE.

BROWN SAID HE WAS ASKING THESE QUESTIONS DUE TO FUTURE GROWTH AND NOT BECAUSE HE WAS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED; HIS CONCERN WAS IF NORTHERN TRUST WERE TO SELL IT AND A DEVELOPER WANTED TO COME IN AND DEVELOP THE PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED BROWN IF SOMEONE CAME IN AND DEVELOPED IT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WHICH REQUIRES A 60' RIGHT OF WAY, AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO FILE A PLAT. IT WAS ALSO ADDRESSED THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRES THE ROADS TO BE PAVED.

BROWN QUESTIONED IF ANYONE HAD WENT AND CHECKED THE WIDTH OF THE ROADS NORTHERN TRUST IS GOING TO DEED TO THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE IF THE 40' IS MORE OR LESS THAN THEY CURRENTLY MAINTAIN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED SOME OF THE ROADS WERE LESS THAN 20' AND SOME WERE 50'; THEY VARY IN WIDTH.

BROWN ASKED IF THESE ROADS WERE ALL THE ROADS THAT WERE GOING THROUGH NORTHERN TRUST PROPERTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THESE WERE ALL THE ROADS THE COUNTY MAINTAINED THAT WENT THROUGH NORTHERN TRUST PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR A FLARED PAVED DRIVEWAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS HIGHWAY 79 SAFELY TO BE ENGINEERED BY PREBLE RISH AND THE COST OF THE CENTER LINE SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED. DISCUSSION

WAS HELD ON IT NEEDING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION PERMANENT BOUNDARY MARKERS BE ESTABLISHED WITH REASONABLE DISTANCES APART WITH 20' FROM THE CENTER LINE ON EACH SIDE OF THE ROAD BEING DONE WITH A GPS SURVEY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE BOUNDARY MARKERS TO BE 500' ON STRAIGHT OF WAYS AND 100' ON CURVES.

COMMISSIONER COPE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN FINCH EXPRESSED TO THE DISTRICT 3 CONCERNED CITIZEN COMMITTEE HE HOPED THE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT AS THE BOARD WANTED TO WORK WITH THEM ON GETTING SOMETHING SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT TRYING TO PUSH ANYTHING ON ANYONE; IT SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD PLAN AND IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES TO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED TODAY, THE BOARD WOULD MAKE THEM AWARE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COMMITTEE WORKING WITH THE BOARD AND COMMISSIONER SAPP IN TRYING TO RESOLVE THE NORTHERN TRUST SUITS.

PURSUANT TO A PREVIOUS REQUEST FROM THE BOARD, JIM ACKERMAN REPORTED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD COULD MEET WITH THE BOARD ON CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES ON OCTOBER 10TH AT 5:00 P.M. DUE TO SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THAT DATE, IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO HOLD THE WORKSHOP AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING DATE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TO ORDER. HE STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED VIA THE TRIM NOTICES SENT TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

HE ADVISED THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TOTALLED \$30,569,105 WITH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE SET AT 10 MILLS; THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS IS 13.6% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF \$8.804%.

HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS; NO ONE RESPONDED. HE THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED WITH THE AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS BEING UP THIS YEAR, HE FELT LIKE THE MILLAGE RATE COULD BE LOWERED BY ONE-HALF MILL AND HOPEFULLY MORE NEXT YEAR. HE ADDRESSED WORKING ON THE BUDGET WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, HE FEELS THE MILLAGE CAN BE LOWERED BY ONE-HALF MILL AND ASKED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER; SHE ADVISED THEY COULD. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO REDUCE THE MILLAGE RATE TO 9.5 MILLS. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED OF REDUCING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TO 9.5 MILLS.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TOTALLING \$30,569,105. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE PROPOSED BUDGET TOTAL WOULD CHANGE DUE TO THE REDUCTION IN THE MILLAGE RATE.

VIVIAN F. YEISLEY, JR., ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS A PROPERTY OWNER IN SUNNY HILLS AND LIVES IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. HE ADVISED HE LIKED THE BOARD'S ACTION TO REDUCE THE MILLAGE RATE AS IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR BOTH THE VALUES AND THE MILLAGE RATE TO GO UP. HE POINTED OUT HIS TAXES WERE \$54 LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR THEY ARE \$145.

CHAIRMAN FINCH EXPLAINED THE PROPERTY VALUES HAVE ESCALATED AND YEISLEY'S HOUSE IS VALUED AT MUCH MORE THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO.

CAROL FISHER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY GETTING THE ADVANTAGE WITH ALL THE PROPERTY VALUES INCREASING SO THEY ARE GETTING MORE TAXES FROM THAT; SHE QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THEIR BASE OF PROPERTIES INCREASED BECAUSE OF A LOT OF BUILDING IN THE AREA AND WOULDN'T THIS GIVE THEM MORE SOURCES FOR THEIR TAXATION ALSO. CHAIRMAN FINCH AGREED THAT WAS CORRECT; THAT IS WHY THEY REDUCED THE MILLAGE RATE A HALF MILL AND HOPEFULLY CAN REDUCE IT MORE NEXT YEAR.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. COMMISSIONER CORBIN SAID HE WAS HAPPY THE BOARD COULD LOWER THE MILLAGE ONE-HALF MILL AND THOUGHT THIS WAS SHOWING THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THEIR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD AND WOULD LOWER IT MORE IF THEY COULD.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET TOTTALLING \$30,569.105 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 LESS THE REDUCTION DUE TO LOWERING THE MILLAGE RATE TO 9.5%.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND A NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS IN THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 EDITION AND TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 AT 5:05 P.M.

MILTON BROWN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THANKING THEM FOR ROLLING BACK THE MILLAGE RATE ONE HALF MILL.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED A REQUEST HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH COMMISSIONER COPE AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ABOUT WORK AT THE ORANGE HILL PARK. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED COMMISSIONER CORBIN HE THOUGHT DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, COULD FIND THE \$1,000 TO DO THE WORK IN HIS FY 2004-2005 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED INSURANCE AND ADDITIONAL RAISES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH EMPLOYEES AND IT DOESN'T APPEAR ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT AFFORDABLE FAMILY INSURANCE RATES. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES AN ADDITIONAL \$.40 AN HOUR RAISE. COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE \$.60 PER HOUR RAISE ALREADY BUDGETED AND WOULD HELP THE EMPLOYEES IN A WAY TO FIND INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ADDRESSED HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS WHAT WAS THIS GOING TO DO TO THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER COPE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THEY ALL HAD FIGURED A \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE TOO. COMMISSIONER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THIS ACTION CAUGHT THE BOARD OFF GUARD AS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WORKING ON THE BUDGET LIKE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE; HE WOULD LIKE TO AT LEAST KNOW ABOUT THINGS IN ADVANCE IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS AND REFERENCED HIM TRYING TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A \$1.00 AN HOUR PREVIOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COPE POINTED OUT HE WAS THE ONE BRINGING THIS UP; WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED DISCUSSING THE \$1.00, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THEY COULD FUND IT BUT THINGS HAVE COME IN LOOKING BETTER THAN WHAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PROJECTED. HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS A CHANCE THE BOARD CAN HELP THEIR EMPLOYEES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WAS NOT AWARE THE \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE WOULD BE BROUGHT UP. SHE EXPLAINED, AFTER LOOKING AT THE ESTIMATED REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND THE ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD, THE BUDGET PROJECTIONS WERE REFIGURED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING GIVEN SOME EMPLOYEES AN INCREASE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FEEL THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY WERE WORTH; NOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE REWARDING THEM PRETTY GOOD. HE SAID HE APPLAUDS THE FACT THE BOARD CAN GIVE THE EMPLOYEES MORE AS THEY SHOULD GET TWICE AS MUCH BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THIS WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REITERATED COMMISSIONER COPE'S MOTION WAS NOT A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OR HER AS IT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADDRESSED, IN A MEETING WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, HE UNDERSTOOD, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS WOULD BE FIGURING \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE GIVING SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES MORE AND SOME LESS THAN THE \$1.00. HE POINTED OUT THE \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE FOR BOARD EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ACROSS THE BOARD.

MALCOLM GAINNEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT HE AND SHERIFF HADDOCK HAD DISCUSSED ON USING HIM AND HIS ASSISTANT TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SERVICES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MALCOLM WAS REQUESTING \$5,000 A YEAR INCREASE IN SALARY AND \$3,000 A YEAR INCREASE FOR HIS ASSISTANT, JUDY WATFORD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP EXPLAINED HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH MALCOLM AND TO HIRE SOMEONE OUT OF TALLAHASSEE WOULD COST \$105 PER HOUR WITH A FOUR HOUR MINIMUM EACH TIME THEY ARE CALLED. MALCOLM EXPLAINED TALLAHASSEE ALSO HAS A TWENTY FOUR HOUR RESPONSE TIME AND THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE DOWN FOR A DAY BEFORE THEY SHOW UP TO FIX THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE PRETTY IMPORTANT FOR THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO GET SOMEONE LOCAL, CONSISTENT AND WHO CAN DO THE WORK; IT IS NOT AN EXPENSE BUT A SAVINGS TO USE MALCOLM AND JUDY.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED THE SHERIFF HAD FOUND A TECHNICIAN BUT IT WAS GOING TO COST \$22,000 A YEAR; BY USING HE AND JUDY, IT WOULD ONLY COST \$8,000 WHICH IS A SAVINGS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SHERIFF HADDOCK'S REQUEST TO ALLOW MALCOLM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SERVICES WITH MALCOLM TO RECEIVE A \$5,000 A YEAR SALARY INCREASE AND JUDY TO RECEIVE A \$3,000 A YEAR SALARY INCREASE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED MALCOLM IF HE HAD COME UP WITH ANYTHING ON HIRING OF A COMPUTER PERSON FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. GAINNEY ADVISED THEY ARE WRITING UP THE SCOPE OF WORK NOW FOR CONTRACTING A COMPUTER PERSON; THEY HAD TO ADJUST THE ORIGINAL SCOPE AND HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DEBBIE RILEY AND CECELIA WELD TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD EVERYTHING INCLUDED THAT WAS NEEDED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF MALCOLM AND JUDY WOULD RECEIVE THE \$1.00 AN HOUR PAY INCREASE ALSO. MALCOLM QUESTIONED WHEN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF WOULD BE EFFECTIVE; THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE WOULD INCLUDE THE OCTOBER 1, 2005 DATE IN THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON MALCOLM AND JUDY RECEIVING THE \$1.00 AN HOUR EMPLOYEE RAISE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005 AS WELL AS THE INCREASES THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE \$5,000 A YEAR INCREASE FOR MALCOLM IS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK HE IS GOING TO BE TAKING HOME; IF SOMEONE TAKES ANOTHER JOB ON OCTOBER 1ST, THEY WOULD BE TAKING HOME ADDITIONAL INCOME AND A PERSON SHOULDN'T BE PENALIZED FOR WHAT THEY ARE ALREADY MAKING BECAUSE THEY TAKE ON ANOTHER JOB. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT MALCOLM WAS ALREADY HIRED TO WORK EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR THE COUNTY; WITHIN THAT EIGHT HOURS, SOMETIMES HE WILL WORK FOR THE SHERIFF DURING THAT TIME AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE JUST AFTER HOURS WHEN HE IS WORKING FOR THE SHERIFF.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPLAINED MALCOLM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOURS WITH THE COUNTY IF IT MEANS COMING BACK TO THE SHERIFF AND DOING THE COUNTY WORK. COMMISSIONER COPE EXPLAINED IF DISPATCH CALLED MALCOLM AT MIDNIGHT, HE WOULD HAVE TO COME AND DO THE WORK.

CHAIRMAN FINCH, FOR CLARIFICATION, STATED THE BOARD WAS AGREEING FOR MALCOLM TO GET \$5,000 A YEAR INCREASE IN SALARY PLUS THE \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE AND JUDY WOULD BE GETTING \$3,000 A YEAR SALARY INCREASE AND THE \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE; THE BOARD CONSENTED THIS WAS WHAT THEY WERE AGREEING TO.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID, FOR THE PRESS, WHEN HE RAN FOR ELECTION, HIS MAIN INTEREST WAS TO GET BETTER INSURANCE FOR THE WORKERS; WHEN HE WAS WORKING FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT, HE ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY COULD GET A BETTER DEAL ON HEALTH INSURANCE. HOWEVER, SITTING ON THE BOARD AND GETTING BIDS FROM OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES, THERE IS NO BETTER INSURANCE THAN WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE.



ED PELLETIER UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN COUNTRY OAKS RECEIVED A FEMA GRANT THREE YEARS AGO, THE PERSON THAT PRESENTED THE CHECK IS NOW THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

THE MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 09/13/05