

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/27/05

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 4:30 P.M. WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, CORBIN, FINCH, SAPP AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

TED EVERITT, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING ACCEPTED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR'S POSITION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TDC. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO STAY THE DIRECTOR OF THE TDC FOR SIX MORE MONTHS; THIS WOULD GIVE HIM TIME TO LOOK OVER SOME OF THE TDC MEMBERS THEY NOW HAVE AND WOULD GIVE THE BOARD TIME TO GIVE HIM ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MAY WANT CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION. HE NOTED IT SHOULDN'T BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR HIM TO HOLD BOTH POSITIONS DURING THE SIX MONTH PERIOD AND EXPRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE A NEW PERSON ON BOARD TO LEARN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH TDC PRIOR TO HIM LEAVING THE POSITION.

EVERITT REITERATED THE NEED FOR A SECRETARIAL POSITION FOR THE TDC TO BE RESOLVED; IF THE BOARD WOULD GIVE HIM THE SIX MONTH EXTENSION ON THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TDC, THE TDC COULD START AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK IN TRYING TO GET THIS ISSUE RESOLVED. HE ADDRESSED THE TDC HAD ALREADY AGREED TO GIVE \$10,000 TOWARD THE POSITION; HOWEVER, DUE TO THEM HAVING MORE MONIES IN THEIR BUDGET, THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE MORE. HE SAID THE TDC WOULD ENTERTAIN ANY OPTION THE BOARD MAY HAVE TO FILL THIS POSITION AND HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE BOARD FROM THE TDC AS A REPLACEMENT FOR HIS POSITION WITH THE BOARD HAVING THE FINAL DECISION ON WHO TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE. EVERITT REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THE COMPUTER FROM THE TDC, MOVE IT TO THE CHAMBER AND KEEP THE DATA FROM THE TDC ON THERE; HE ALSO ASKED THE BOARD TO FIND A SURPLUS COMPUTER TO PUT AT THE TDC OFFICE, LET HIM TAKE ALL THE DATA FILES AND PUT IT INTO THAT COMPUTER. BY DOING THIS, EVERITT SAID HE AND THE SECRETARY AT THE TDC COULD CORRESPOND DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

EVERITT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HOW HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE TDC POSITION AND HOW THE TDC COUNCIL MEMBERS, PER STATUTE, WERE SUPPOSE TO BE APPOINTED. HE POINTED OUT ALL THE TDC MEMBERS WERE NOT FILLED ACCORDING TO STATUTE AND EXPLAINED IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT TO GET ANYONE FROM THE HOTEL INDUSTRY TO SERVE. HOWEVER, EVERITT SAID THE COUNCIL HAD TRIED TO FILL ALL OF THEIR SLOTS WITH PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO WERE INTERESTED AND WOULD SHOW UP AT MEETINGS TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS.

EVERITT ADVISED BY FOLLOWING THE BYLAWS, THE POSITIONS FOR THE TDC SHOULD BE NOMINATED BY THE TDC AND A RECOMMENDATION BROUGHT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TDC BEING TWO MEMBERS SHORT OF THE REQUIRED NINE MEMBERS; EVERITT SAID THE TDC WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NINE MEMBERS AND ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO FILL THE OTHER TWO SLOTS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR DISCUSSION TO APPOINT DON WALTERS TO THE TDC COUNCIL AS A NEW MEMBER.

DON WALTERS APOLOGIZED FOR MISLEADING THE BOARD WHEN HE HAD AGREED TO FUND HALF THE SECRETARIAL POSITION AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY; HOWEVER, HE HAD THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO OFFICES THERE AND HE COULD MOVE INTO ONE OF THEM BUT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. HE EXPLAINED HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO HIRE A PART TIME SECRETARY AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY AND HIM STILL BE HOUSED AT THE AG CENTER. AS FAR AS THE BLUE

LAKE WELCOMING STATION, WALTERS SAID HE COULD HANDLE THAT WITH THE SECRETARY STARTING NEXT MONDAY; IF ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION COULD HANDLE THEIR BUSINESS FROM THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY, THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THE MEETING AND GREETING OF PERSONS COMING INTO THE COUNTY. HE ADVISED THE BOARD HE WOULD DO WHATEVER IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN TOLD WALTERS THE MOTION WAS JUST TO APPOINT HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE TDC COUNCIL AT THIS TIME; THE TDC MEETS ONCE A MONTH.

WALTERS NOTED ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BRINGS IN TEN TIMES AS MUCH MONEY AS THE TDC AND IT ALL GOES BACK INTO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TDC AND REFERRED TO THE ENTHUSIASM EVERITT HAS PUT INTO IT AND THE NEED FOR THIS TO CONTINUE.

EVERITT ADDRESSED RUNNING THE TDC WAS NOT ABOUT MONEY; HE STRONGLY BELIEVES THE TDC SHOULD BE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE NEXT APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TDC. HE SAID TDC WOULD LOVE TO HAVE WALTERS ON THE TDC COMMITTEE; AFTER SIX MONTHS, LET THE TDC MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF WALTERS TO THE TDC COUNCIL.

EVERITT READDRESSSED THE SECRETARIAL POSITION AT THE TDC AND QUESTIONED WERE THEY STILL LOOKING AT MATCHING MONIES WITH ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION; HE THOUGHT THEY HAD JOINED FORCES WITH OHSC ON FUNDING AND HAVE ONE SECRETARY WITH THE SECRETARY BEING PART TIME FOR TDC AND OHSC.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THIS IS HOW THE POSITION WAS BUDGETED WITH ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTING HALF THE FUNDING FOR A SECRETARIAL POSITION AND TDC CONTRIBUTING HALF. SHE ADDRESSED THE \$10,000 BUDGETED FOR OHSC WAS TRANSFERRED OUT TO TDC TO FUND HALF THE SECRETARIAL POSITION BASED ON WALTERS AGREEMENT FOR OHSC TO FUND HALF A POSITION.

WALTERS SAID THAT WAS NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN; OHSC HAD A \$4,925 BUDGET TO BEGIN WITH AND ASKED IT BE INCREASED TO \$10,000 AND THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD OPERATE AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY AND HAVE ONE SECRETARY TO BE USED BOTH BY TDC AND OHSC. HOWEVER, WALTERS REITERATED THIS CAN'T HAPPEN; THEY WILL HAVE TO HIRE THEM A SECRETARY AND SAID THE \$10,000 SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN TRANSFERRED TO TDC BECAUSE THAT WAS OHSC MONEY. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE REASON IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO TDC WAS IT WAS GOING FOR THE SPLIT SECRETARIAL POSITION BETWEEN TDC AND OHSC AS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. WALTERS ADVISED EVERITT HE COULDN'T SHARE A POSITION WITH THE TDC BECAUSE HE COULDN'T HAVE A SECRETARY LOCATED AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY AND HIM WORKING OUT OF THE AG CENTER; THIS WOULD BE LIKE HAVING NOTHING.

AFTER DISCUSSION CONTINUED, EVERITT QUESTIONED WHAT COULD TDC DO AND WHAT KIND OF MONIES COULD THEY MAKE AVAILABLE TO HAVE A SECRETARY HOUSED AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY. HE OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE \$12,000 TOWARD THE POSITION IF THE BOARD WOULD MATCH THIS SO THERE COULD BE A FULL TIME SECRETARY AT THE FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE NOT BEING ENOUGH TDC WORK TO DO TO KEEP A SECRETARY BUSY; THE BOARD WOULD BE GETTING THE MOST USAGE OUT OF THE SECRETARY IF THEY AGREED TO MATCH TDC'S FUNDS TO HAVE A FULL TIME POSITION. WALTERS WAS ASKED ABOUT THE SECRETARY WORKING AT BLUE LAKE FACILITY FOR HALF A DAY AND THEN GO TO OHSC AND WORK A HALF A DAY. WALTERS SAID THE LADY THEY ARE HIRING IS NOT WILLING TO DO THIS; OHSC WILL BE FUNDING A PART TIME POSITION AND IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR HER TO BE HOUSED IN THE SAME OFFICE OR NEXT DOOR TO HIM. HE REITERATED THERE WAS JUST NOT ENOUGH ROOM AT THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY.

WALTERS REQUESTED THE \$10,000 BUDGETED FOR OHSC REMAIN UNDER THE OHSC BUDGET AND OHSC WILL PUT UP THE REMAINDER TO HIRE A PART TIME SECRETARY TO WORK 24 TO 30 HOURS A WEEK FOR THEM.

EVERITT SUGGESTED TDC CONTRIBTE \$12,000 TOWARD A TDC PART TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION WITH THE SECRETARY TO BE UNDER THE COUNTY'S GUIDANCE. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT TDC'S \$12,000 AND ADVERTISE FOR A PART TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION.

STEVE REGISTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY FORMALLY APPROVE FOR COLONIAL TO OFFER THE CINCINATTI LIFE GUARANTEE INSURANCE TO THE COUNTY

EMPLOYEES DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD WITH THEM BEING THE ONLY COMPANY ABLE TO OFFER THE LIFE INSURANCE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO PRESENTLY HAVE LIFE INSURANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER INSURANCES, WITH OTHER COMPANIES; ADVERTISEMENTS WERE SENT OUT AND THE EMPLOYEES NOW WILL ONLY BE OFFERED WHAT COLONIAL HAS, AFLAC VISION AND DENTAL AND WOULD BE BILLED AT HOME FOR COVERAGE THEY ARE PRESENTLY HAVING PAYROLL DEDUCTED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD AGREEING IT WOULD BE HARD FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO UNDERSTAND THEY WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR INSURANCE PREMIUMS DEDUCTED FOR INSURANCE THEY ALREADY HAVE IN FORCE; THEY WILL HAVE TO BE BILLED AT HOME. STEVE SAID COLONIAL WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE COUNTY CONTINUING TO DEDUCT FOR THE EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS CURRENTLY IN AFFECT.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO LEAVE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS AS IS AND FORMALLY APPROVE FOR COLONIAL TO OFFER THE EMPLOYEES THE CINCINATTI LIFE GUARANTEE INSURANCE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION FROM STEVE IF THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES CURRENTLY PROVIDING INSURANCE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES CONTINUING TO DO SO EVEN THOUGH THE ADVERTISEMENT WAS REQUESTING SOLE SOURCE PROVIDERS. STEVE ADVISED THIS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM WITH THE POLICIES CURRENTLY IN AFFECT; HOWEVER, THOSE INSURANCE COMPANIES WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OFFER ANY MORE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

SHERIFF BOBBY HADDOCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON TWO ISSUES:

1. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW HIM TO KEEP SIX WEEKS OF THE INMATE HOUSING MONIES COMING IN TO HELP WITH THE COST OF INMATE MEALS AND THE INCREASE IN GAS PRICES TO OFFSET THE 2004-2005 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SHERIFF HADDOCK'S REQUEST.

SHERIFF HADDOCK ADVISED HE WOULD ADDRESS ANOTHER REQUEST LATER ON WITH THE BOARD ON HAVING COMPUTERS PUT IN THE PATROL CARS.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL AFTER THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET SCHEDULED AT 5:05 P.M. THIS DATE.

THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN FINCH. HE REPORTED:

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2005.

2. THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TOTALS \$30,691,955.

3. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5 MILLS IS 7.91% MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE. CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5 MILLS.

BOBBY ANDERSON, 5252 CLARK LANE, A TAXPAYER AND A SENIOR CITIZEN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE WAY WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS GROWING IS GREAT; HOWEVER, HE FEELS THE HOMEOWNERS OUGHT TO GET A BREAK ON TAXES. HE ADVISED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE 1992 AND HE HAS TREES IN HIS DITCHES, SEES NO SERVICES AND DOESN'T FEEL HIS TAXES SHOULD INCREASE. HE POINTED OUT HE WAS ON A FIXED INCOME, PAYS \$4,000 A YEAR FOR INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE; HE DOESN'T SEE HOW SENIOR CITIZENS ON A FIXED INCOME IS GOING TO MAKE IT IF THE TAXES KEEP INCREASING. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY PROBABLY RECEIVING \$2,000 A YEAR PROPERTY TAXES ON EVERY NEW HOUSE THAT IS BEING BUILT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED ANDERSON THE BOARD HAD DROPPED THE MILLAGE RATE BY A HALF MILL FOR FY 2005/2006 AND HOPEFULLY IF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS CONTINUE AS THEY ARE, THEY CAN REDUCE IT A WHOLE MILL NEXT YEAR. COMMISSIONER FINCH

EXPLAINED TO ANDERSON GAS TAX IS USED TO CLEAN DITCHES AND WORK ON ROADS AND NOT THE AD VALOREM TAXES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF THE TREES IN ANDERSON'S DITCHES ON THE DEAD END PART OF CLARK LANE.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT OR HAD ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5 MILLS. HE SAID HE FELT THE BOARD HAD TAKEN A RIGHT DIRECTION IN LOWERING THE MILLAGE RATE AND HOPEFULLY CAN LOWER IT MORE IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS ON THE AFFECT THE REDUCING OF THE MILLAGE RATE WOULD HAVE ON GRANTS THE COUNTY RECEIVES. HERBERT ADVISED HE HAD TALKED WITH VANESSA STRICKLAND OF FL-DOT; SHE INFORMED HIM THE 9.5 MILLS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE SCRAP AND SCOP PROGRAMS BUT SHE WOULD CHECK WITH TALLAHASSEE TO MAKE SURE; SHE WAS TO CALL HIM BACK IF SHE FOUND OUT ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY AND SHE HASN'T CALLED HIM.

HERBERT HAD CHECKED WITH STACY WEBB, COUNTY GRANTSPERSON, ON THE AFFECT THE 9.5 MILLS MAY HAVE WITH THE CDBG GRANT FOR COUNTRY OAKS; SHE ADVISED IT WOULDN'T AFFECT THE CDBG GRANT IF THE MILLAGE RATE WAS REDUCED.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN EXPLAINED WHEN THE COUNTY IS CAPPED AT 10 MILLS, THEY QUALIFY FOR A LOT OF GRANTS THEY COULDN'T GET IF THEY WERE NOT AT TEN MILLS; THIS WAS A CONCERN HE HAD WITH REDUCING THE MILLAGE RATE AND WHY HE HAD ASKED HERBERT TO RESEARCH THIS ISSUE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REFERRED TO THE NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE IN THE PAPER BEING CONFUSING AS THE BOARD HAS ACTUALLY REDUCED THE MILLAGE RATE BY A HALF MILL; HOWEVER, THE MILLAGE RATE IS STILL MORE THAN THE ROLL BACK RATE. SHE EXPLAINED THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE "TRIM" REQUIREMENTS STIPULATES WHAT THE WORDING OF THE BUDGET ADVERTISEMENTS ARE.

HERBERT ITERATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH STACY WEBB SEVERAL TIMES AND EACH TIME, SHE HAD TOLD HIM SHE WASN'T AWARE OF ANY GRANTS THE REDUCTION IN THE MILLAGE RATE WOULD AFFECT.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ASKED HERBERT TO DO ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT GRANTS THE REDUCTION IN THE MILLAGE RATE WOULD AFFECT AS HE HAD ALWAYS HEARD THAT TOO. HERBERT ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD BE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SCOP AND SCRAP FUNDING IF THEY REDUCED THE MILLAGE RATE TO 8.5 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 \$30,691,955. NO ONE RESPONDED.

HE THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT OR HAD ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

COMMISSIONER COPE ADVISED THE POSITION REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY WAS STILL NEEDED; HE HAD TALKED WITH LINDA NORTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, AND THE STATE FUNDING IS NOT GOING TO BE AS MUCH AS ANTICIPATED. NORTON IS ALSO SAYING IT APPEARS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO START CLOSING THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY'S OR MONDAY'S TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO GET THEIR WORK DONE.

HE ADDRESSED THE LIBRARY BUDGET WOULD NEED ABOUT \$8,000 MORE TO BE ABLE TO FUND THE POSITION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE LIBRARY AS SERIOUSLY AS THEY DO ANYTHING ELSE, LOOK AT THE PRIORITIES AND DETERMINE HOW IMPORTANT THEY FEEL IT IS AND ADDRESS IT JUST LIKE THEY DO OTHER REQUESTS. WHEN ASKED FOR A RECOMMENDATION, COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED FUNDING THE ADDITIONAL \$8,000 FOR THE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO TAKE \$8,000 OUT OF CONTINGENCY AND FUND THE NEW LIBRARY POSITION.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5 MILLS AS THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 9.5 MILLS AS THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 TOTALLING \$30,691,955. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$30,691,955 AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MSBU RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MSBU BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD TOTALLING \$584,925. GLEN ZANETIC ADVISED THE \$150,000 WILDER PARK GRANT WAS PUT IN A SPECIAL GRANT FUND.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THE TENTATIVE BUDGET WAS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WAS ADVERTISED DUE TO THE SOD FARM EMPLOYEE AND EXPENSES BEING TRANSFERRED OUT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUT UNDER DAVID CORBIN'S BUDGET; THIS WILL BE STATED IN THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

CHAIRMAN FINCH STATED THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 WAS CONCLUDED.

THE BOARD WENT BACK INTO THEIR RECESSED MEETING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON LEAVING THE \$10,000 IN THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION BUDGET DUE TO WALTERS HAVING ADVISED THE BOARD THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SHARE A SECRETARY WITH TDC BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR HIM TO HAVE AN OFFICE THERE.

WALTERS READDRESSSED THE BOARD SAYING THE \$10,000 BUDGETED FOR OHSC WAS NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO TDC; IT WAS TO GO TO OHSC. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT IS PRESENTLY BUDGETED AS A TRANSFER TO TDC AS IT WAS GOING TO BE USED TO FUND HALF A SHARED FULL TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION BETWEEN OHSC AND TDC AS WAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. WALTERS REBUTTED HER STATEMENT AND ADVISED OHSC HAD NOT AGREED TO GIVE TDC ANYTHING.

FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO LEAVE THE \$10,000 IN THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION BUDGET.

SHERIFF HADDOCK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVING HIS BUDGET REQUEST AS IT MEANS A LOT TO HIM AND HIS EMPLOYEES.

ROGER NORRIS, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON GLEN ZANETIC'S RAISE AS COORDINATOR OF THE MSBU; THE MSBU BOARD HAS APPROVED OF ZANETIC'S RAISE TO \$36,000 PER YEAR.

CHAIRMAN FINCH READ A LETTER FROM ROBERT BRENT, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC AND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, ADVISING THEIR BOARD HAD APPROVED THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE COORDINATOR OF MSBU, GLEN ZANETIC, OF \$36,000 AT THEIR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER OF 2005 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005. NORRIS ADVISED THE FUNDS FOR ZANETIC'S SALARY WOULD COME FROM THE MSBU BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THIS DOUBLING ZANETIC'S SALARY WITH SAPP QUESTIONING WOULD THIS MEAN THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO DOUBLE THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY. HE POINTED OUT THE BOARD HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR AND DOESN'T NEED TO PENALIZE THEMSELVES IN THAT MANNER BY MAKING A QUICK DECISION. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE A SIGNED CONTRACT WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AT THIS TIME.

FINCH EXPLAINED HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH MSBU WAS THE MSBU BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD BE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; UNLESS THE COMMISSION HAS SOME JUSTIFIABLE REASON NOT TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION, THEY APPROVE IT. HE REITERATED THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION WITH THE MSBU BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS MADE A RECOMMENDATION THAT ZANETIC IS THAT VALUABLE TO THEM. FINCH AGREED SOMEONE WOULD HAVE A BIG JOB TO FILL SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO ZANETIC; THE \$36,000 A YEAR IS NOT OUT OF PRO- PORTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK ZANETIC DOES WITH THE MSBU.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, WITH CHAIRMAN FINCH PASSING HIS GAVEL AND SECONDING THE MOTION, TO APPROVE OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND MSBU BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION AND RAISE GLEN'S SALARY TO \$36,000 ANNUALLY IF THE MONIES ARE IN THE MSBU BUDGET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING A CONCEPT TO KEEP THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST AT A PERCENTAGE OF THE MSBU PROCEEDS; HOWEVER, THERE IS NOTHING STATUTORY OR REGULATORY ABOUT IT. ZANETIC EXPLAINED THERE WAS A PACKET IN THE BEGINNING EXPLAINING WHAT THE MSBU COORDINATOR'S POSITION WOULD INVOLVE AND HOW IT WAS TO BE COMPENSATED ON A STATE GOVERNMENT SCALE; THAT FIGURE IS LOWER THAN IT SHOULD BE. AS FAR AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST, THE ATTORNEYS USUALLY TAKE CARE OF MOST OF IT FOR BIG DOLLARS.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON SEVERAL ISSUES:

1. OCTOBERFEST IS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 14TH; A LIST OF PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND THERE WOULD BE RESTRICTIVE USE ON SOME OF THE ROADS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE PARADE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON MSBU HAVING COORDINATED WITH SHERIFF HADDOCK ON THE ROADS THEY ARE GOING TO BE ON FOR THE TRIATHOLON TO BE HELD DURING OCTOBERFEST. HE REPORTED MSBU HAS PROVIDED A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS REVIEWED IT, HAS NO PROBLEM WITH IT BUT ADVISED IT WOULD NEED BOARD APPROVAL BECAUSE THE COUNTY OWNS THE ROADS. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ALLOW THE ROAD CLOSURES FOR OCTOBERFEST RECOMMENDED BY ZANETIC WITH THIS TO BE COORDINATED WITH SHERIFF HADDOCK BY THE GROUP SPONSORING THE EVENT.
2. HE REPORTED HE NEEDED THE MSBU CREWS TO WORK ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THE WEEKEND OF THE OCTOBERFEST, TO ASSIST WITH THE EVENT AND TAKE OFF THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. DUE TO THE BOARD HAVING INSTRUCTED NO WEEKEND WORK DURING THE GAS CRUNCH, BOARD ACTION WOULD BE NEEDED TO APPROVE OF THE WEEKEND WORK. COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE MSBU CREWS WORKING ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY TO ASSIST WITH THE OCTOBERFEST AND TAKE OFF TWO DAYS THE FOLLOWING WEEK.
3. ZANETIC UPDATED THE BOARD ON TENTATIVELY LOOKING AT SETTING THE BUILDERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD ON THE 20TH OF OCTOBER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD. COMMISSIONER CORBIN ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE SELLING OF THE REMAINDER OF COUNTY OWNED SUNNY HILL LOTS. CHAIRMAN FINCH ADVISED THE DEVELOPERS ARE READY TO PURCHASE THEM AND THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THEY COULD DISCUSS AT THE BUILDERS MEETING. ZANETIC SAID THE BUILDERS ARE WANTING TO PRESENT THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN WITH DEVELOPMENT IN SUNNY HILLS AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO PRESENT THEM WITH INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO SET THE BUILDERS MEETING FOR 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 25TH AT THE COUNTY ANNEX. CHAIRMAN FINCH REQUESTED THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDING AND PLANNING OFFICES BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS HAVING SENT HIM A LETTER ON THE NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS BUDGETED FOR IN THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR. SHE HAD PROVIDED A SALES ORDER CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE ONLY COMPANY THAT MAKES THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED; ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS REVIEWED THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND APPROVED IT. HERBERT ADVISED THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WAS FOR \$198,840 AND ALL OF THIS WAS BUDGETED EXCEPT \$1,563; IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE VOTING EQUIPMENT, THEY NEED TO DO SO AS OF OCTOBER 1ST AND TAKE THE \$1,563 OUT OF CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SALES ORDER CONTRACT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST AND APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL \$1,563 TO BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTINGENCY FOR THE NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A RESOLUTION PREPARED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY FOR THE FSA OFFICE TO REMAIN IN CHIPLEY; HE READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

HERBERT READ A LETTER FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD TO HELP WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 3RD IN CHIPLEY. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DONATING \$500 TO THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OUT OF THE PROMOTIONS BUDGET LINE ITEM IN THE FY 2004-2005 BUDGET YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SUGGESTED THE BOARD HOLD A WORKSHOP ON COUNTY POLICY PRIOR TO THE BUILDERS MEETING ON OCTOBER 25TH. HE ADDRESSED IT BEING BENEFICIAL TO THE BOARD TO HAVE A GENERAL POLICY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS SO THERE WON'T BE ANY CONFUSION ON WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO DO AND WHAT THEIR LIMITATIONS ARE; BY DOING THIS EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE THE SAME IN ALL DISTRICTS AND WILL NOT VARY FROM ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO ANOTHER OR ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE POLICY TO COVER EVERYTHING AND FOR NOTHING TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON COUNTY POLICY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. ON THE 25TH OF OCTOBER.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD TO START CLEARING ON ALLISON DRIVE; HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DALLAS CARTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DOZIER WILL BE FREE NEXT WEEK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS TO GRANT PERMISSION TO START CLEARING ON ALLISON DRIVE CONTINGENT ON COMMISSIONER CORBIN CHECKING WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SEE IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH DOING IT AT THIS TIME.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED FOR DIRECTION IF THE BOARD WANTED EVERY EMPLOYEE ON THE BOARD PAYROLL AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TO GET THE \$1.00 AN HOUR SALARY INCREASE AND THE BASE PAY RAISED \$1.00 AN HOUR FOR EACH PAY CLASSIFICATION. DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COPE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE ON THE BOARD PAYROLL AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 TO RECEIVE THE \$1.00 AN HOUR INCREASE AND THE BASE PAY FOR EACH PAY CLASSIFICATION TO BE INCREASED BY THE \$1.00 AN HOUR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER EXPLAINED THIS WOULD DECREASE THE BOARD'S CONTINGENCY IN THEIR BUDGET FOR FY 2005-2006 BECAUSE EVERYONE WAS NOT GIVEN THE \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER COPE ON THE STATUS OF GETTING GUARANTEED PRICES ON THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING GOTTEN WITH ROBERT HARCUS AND DALLAS CARTER AND THEY PROVIDED HIM WITH A MANAGEABLE LIST OF EQUIPMENT. HERBERT ADVISED IT APPEARED THEY WANTED TO GET GUARANTEED PRICES ON ALL OF THE TRUCKS, SIX GRADERS AND ONE OF THE EXCAVATORS; HOWEVER, NOTICES HAVEN'T BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL THE AUCTION COMPANIES DUE TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAVING SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL THE SPRING TIME TO SELL THE EQUIPMENT AT AUCTION.

COMMISSIONER CORBIN REPORTED HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE AUCTION BUSINESS WAS TO AUCTION EQUIPMENT IN THE SPRING SALES. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO HOLD OFF ON SELLING OR PURCHASING OF EQUIPMENT UNTIL MARCH OF 2006.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORBIN AND CARRIED TO GIVE THE OLD AG CENTER CAR TO THE CARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO USE AS A FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLE.

CLERK COOK THANKED THE BOARD FOR APPROVING HER BUDGET AND FOR APPROVING THE \$800 TO GET THE TREES TRIMMED AT THE COURTHOUSE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER THANKED THE GIRLS IN THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE, ESPECIALLY JOHNNIE ODOM, FOR ALL THE WORK DONE TO ASSIST WITH THE BUDGET PREPARATIONS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER COPE RECOMMENDED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE START ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH COMMISSIONER CORBIN RECOMMENDING WAITING UNTIL JANUARY 2006.

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

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 09/27/05

CHAIRMAN