

BOARD MINUTES FOR 12/21/06

DECEMBER 21, 2006

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS SAPP, PATE, FINCH, STRICKLAND AND HOLMAN PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED THE WORKSHOP ON THE REGIONAL CATALYST PROJECT TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

BRIDGETTE MERRILL, SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR RURAL COMPETITIVENESS AND POLICIES WITH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA WHICH IS THE STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION. SHE EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND FOR THE TIME THE BOARD HAS AFFORDED HER TO EXPLAIN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT TO THEM AND WHAT THE RURAL CATALYST MEMORANDUM IS.

DUE TO THERE BEING NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT, BRIDGETTE STARTED AT THE BEGINNING ON WHERE THIS PROJECT BEGAN, WHERE THEY ARE AT NOW AND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT IN THE FUTURE:

1. IT BEGAN IN 1999 WHEN THE GOVERNORS OFFICE OF TOURISM AND TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDED TO GOVERNOR BUSH THAT HE CREATE THE FIRST RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, WHICH WAS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA. IT CONSISTED OF EIGHT COUNTIES FROM GADSDEN COUNTY TO THE EAST, OVER TO HOLMES COUNTY IN THE WEST AND INCLUDED ALL THE RURAL COUNTIES IN BETWEEN. WHEN THAT INITIAL FIVE YEAR TERM ENDED, THEY APPLIED FOR REDESIGNATION AND IT WAS AGREED TO WITH THE ADDITION OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND WALTON COUNTY.

2. THE SECOND EVENT THAT HAPPENED WAS IN 2003 DURING THEIR REGIONAL FORUM, A RURAL PRIORITY WAS IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE 2004 THRU 2009 STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALSO KNOWN AS THE ROADMAP FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE.

3. ALL THE RURAL COUNTIES CAME TOGETHER AS THE FLORIDA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT IN OCTOBER 2004 IN SEBRING, FLORIDA AND IDENTIFIED SEVEN ISSUES THEY WANTED TO HAVE WORKED ON, ONE OF WHICH RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THAT RURAL PRIORITY WAS TO DEVELOP A MARKETING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP WITH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA.

4. AFTER THAT, THEY TOOK THE SEVEN POINT PLAN, AS THEY CALLED IT, ALONG WITH THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, OF WHICH GOVERNOR BUSH SITS AS THE CHAIR, AND THEY APPROVED AND CODIFIED THE RURAL PRIORITY, THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT HAD BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY THE RURAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP.

5. IN 2005, SHE ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION APPROPRIATED \$2,000,000 ON THE MARKETING AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY THERE WOULD BE A VIABLE PRODUCT TO MARKET WHEN THEY WERE READY TO GO OUT AND MARKET THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN TO BUSINESSES.

6. AFTER THE 2005 SESSION, BRIDGETTE SAID THERE WAS A ROUND OF REGIONAL FORUMS THAT ACTUALLY DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED THE PROCESS FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT IN EACH OF THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. SHE SAID THERE WERE THREE AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN; NORTHWEST FLORIDA, SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA AND NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA.

7. THEY BEGAN THE PROGRAM AND HIRED A CONSULTANT TO FACILITATE THE FORUM AND THEN HIRED A RESEARCH FIRM TO PULL TOGETHER DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ALL THE COUNTIES WITHIN EACH OF THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, LOOKING AT INDUSTRIES THAT WERE CURRENTLY LOCATED, EDUCATIONAL LEVELS WITHIN THE

REGION, SKILLS, AND WORKFORCE IN THOSE AREAS SO THEY COULD BETTER IDENTIFY THOSE APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS FOR EACH RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN.

8. THEY THEN KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE ENTIRE PUBLIC TO TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WAS BEING PUT OUT THROUGH THEIR REGIONAL FORUM AND HAVE POSTED SUMMARIES OF EACH OF THE RURAL FORUMS FROM EACH OF THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, THE PRESENTATIONS MADE AT EACH OF THOSE FORUMS, A SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS WITH THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ARE READY, WHICH IS 23 STATE AND REGIONAL AGENICIES THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER TO WORK ON ISSUES AFFECTING RURAL FLORIDA, AS WELL AS A FORUM THEY HELD EARLIER ON TALKING ABOUT THE REQUEST FOR SITE PROPOSALS. SHE SAID ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS INCLUDED ON THEIR WEB SITE.

9. THEY DID THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AGENCY LETTING THEM KNOW UPFRONT THAT THIS PROJECT WAS COMING ON AND ASKING THEM WHAT COULD THEY DO TO ENGAGE THEIR SUPPORT IN THIS PROJECT SO THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY THEY DON'T HAVE A SITE OR INDUSTRY CLUSTER THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO MOVE FORWARD AS THEY BEGIN THE MARKETING OF THE SITE. SHE SAID THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE EXPECTATIONS OUT THERE THAT CAN'T BE REALIZED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO THE WORK PROPERLY UPFRONT. SHE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING HELD THREE MEETINGS WITH THESE AGENCIES FOR THEM TO IDENTIFY THAT KIND OF INFORMATION THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM ON THE FRONT END TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SITES AND INDUSTRY CLUSTER.

SHE ANSWERED WHAT THEY DID TO GET THROUGH THE TARGET INDUSTRY SCREENING APPROACH. SHE SAID THEY LOOKED AT THE COMPETITIVENESS ASSESSMENT OF TARGET INDUSTRIES THAT WERE APPROPRIATE FOR EACH RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, THEY LOOKED AT THE GROWTH OF THOSE INDUSTRIES, THEY LOOKED AT THE WAGES OF THOSE INDUSTRIES, THE WORKFORCE THAT WAS NECESSARY TO GROW WITHIN THOSE INDUSTRIES, THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER COMPETITIVE FOUNDATIONS WITHIN THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN THAT COULD SUPPORT OR BE RECRUITED INTO THE AREA, POTENTIAL FOR SUPPLIER COMPANIES FOR THOSE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS AS WELL AS DID THAT INDUSTRY CLUSTER HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SERVE AS A RAINMAKER PROJECT FOR THE AREA. IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA, SHE SAID THE FIVE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS IDENTIFIED AS BEING MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE AREA WERE LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION, BUILDING COMPONENTS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, BIO FUELS AND ENERGY, HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PRODUCTS AND HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEFENSE.

BRIDGETTE SAID THE LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION, BUILDING COMPONENTS, BIO FUELS AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WERE COMMON THROUGHOUT EACH OF THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. HOMELAND DEFENSE WAS THE INDUSTRY CLUSTER THAT WAS UNIQUE TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA. SHE EXPLAINED THERE WAS A LOT OF DETAILED INFORMATION THAT SHE WOULDN'T GO THROUGH TODAY THAT WAS INCLUDED ON PAGES 12-26 IN THE BOARD'S PACKET OF INFORMATION; HOWEVER SHE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THOSE AT ANY TIME.

ON PAGES 28-30 IN HER HANDOUT, BRIDGETTE SAID THEY ACTUALLY IDENTIFY THE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS FROM WHICH THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WAS SELECTED FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AREA. SHE SAID IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA, THERE WAS A VERY CLOSE VOTE AT THE REGIONAL FORUM FOR WHAT WOULD BE THE TARGETED INDUSTRY FOR THIS AREA; THEY TURNED OUT TO BE LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTIONS WITH A FOCUS ON INVENTORY MANAGEMENT, DATA PROCESSING, THE INTERMODALITY OF THE LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTIONS INDUSTRY AS WELL AS BUILDING COMPONENTS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING. LOOKING AT STORM RESISTANT, RETIREE FRIENDLY, DESIGN, DREAM DESIGN, ENGINEERED WOOD, ENERGY EFFICIENT, CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND COMPOSITE MATERIAL AS WELL. SHE SAID THOSE WERE THE TWO INDUSTRY CLUSTERS THAT ROSE TO THE TOP FOR CONSIDERATION AS A RAINMAKER PROJECT OR A CATALYST PROJECT FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA.

SHE SAID THEY THEN PROCEEDED ON HOW THEY WERE GOING TO GO THROUGH AND CHOOSE SITES WITHIN THESE AREAS OF RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. SHE SAID THEY HAVE SENT OUT A REQUEST FOR SITES TO EACH COUNTY; IT HAS THE DEMOGRAPHICS IN THERE AND THOSE ATTRIBUTES FOR A SITE THAT WOULD ACCOMODATE EITHER OF THE TWO INDUSTRY CLUSTERS THAT WERE JUST DISCUSSED.

SHE SAID THE REQUEST FOR SITES ARE DUE BACK TO ENTERPRISE FLORIDA BY FEBRUARY 1, 2007; WHEN THE FILLED OUT REQUEST FOR SITES COMES BACK IN, THEY WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW FOR COMPLETENESS. ONCE THE INFORMATION IS DETERMINED TO BE COMPLETE, SHE SAID THEY WOULD GIVE IT TO RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AGENCY FOR THEM TO LOOK AT AND MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO DEAL KILLERS ON THE SITES THAT ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PEOPLE OUT IN THE COUNTY. ONCE THIS REVIEW FOR SITE IS DONE, THEY WILL TAKE THOSE SITES THAT REMAIN ON THE LIST THAT GET THROUGH THAT PROCESS TO THE FOUR REGIONAL FORUMS. THE REGION ITSELF WILL PRIORITIZE THE SITE AND ACTUALLY SELECT THE SITE. THEY WILL THEN MARKET ONCE THE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES AND OPPORTUNITIES ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN DONE AND THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THOSE AGENCIES WITH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP MITIGATE THOSE WEAKNESSES AND THREATS AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND STRENGTHS AND BUILD ON THEM.

IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A SITE, BRIDGETTE SAID EACH COUNTY MUST SUBMIT A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY FOR CONSIDERATION. SHE SAID THERE WAS NO PERFECT SITE; THEY ARE ASKING FOR AT LEAST 100 ACRES ON UP, IT BE CLOSE TO RAIL, IT BE SERVED WITH WATER, SEWER AND NATURAL GAS. SHE POINTED OUT IT WAS RECOGNIZED NOT ALL THOSE THINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE; THAT IS WHY THEY ARE HOLDING THE STRENGTH OPPORTUNITIES AND STRESS ANALYSIS AND LOOKING FOR RESOURCES THAT CAN MAKE THAT THE PERFECT SITE SO THAT WHEN THEY TAKE IT AND GO TO MARKET WITH IT, THEN IT WILL BE CLOSER TO PERFECT THAN IT WAS BEFORE. JUST BECAUSE THERE IS NO PERFECT SITE IN THE COUNTY DOESN'T MEAN THAT A SITE SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY. SHE SAID SHE WOULD LIKE IT UNDERSCORED AS MANY TIMES AS POSSIBLE, JUST BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A SITE THAT MEETS ALL THE CRITERIA OR HAS EVERYTHING THEY ARE ASKING FOR, THAT A SITE SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED, IN FACT IT SHOULD. SHE SAID EVEN IF THE SITE DOESN'T RISE TO THE TOP, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SIDE BENEFITS THE SITE WILL RECEIVE AS SHE HAD STATED EARLIER. IT WILL GET AN EARLY REVIEW BY STATE AGENCIES TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THAT SITE IS APPROPRIATE FOR DEVELOPMENT EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. SHE SAID THAT IS SOMETHING A LOT OF DEVELOPERS AND COUNTIES WOULD LOVE TO KNOW.

SHE ADDRESSED THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS THREE PAGES LONG; A PAGE AND THREE QUARTERS OF IT ARE THE NOWS, THE THEREFORES AND THE WHEREAS'S. SHE EXPLAINED THE WHEREAS'S ARE THE NINE MILESTONES SHE JUST TALKED TO THE BOARD ABOUT AT THE VERY BEGINNING; HOW DID THE PROJECT START, WHEN DID IT START, HOW DID THEY GET TO WHERE THEY ARE. SHE SAID THERE WERE NINE ITEMS IN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THEY ARE ASKING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND EACH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION AND ANY CITY WITHIN THE RURAL AREAS OF ECONOMIC CONCERN SHOULD THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE TO SIGN ON TO.

SHE EXPLAINED THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT IS TO CAUSE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING IN MULTI-PRODIGIST IN A MULTI-COUNTY WAY TO SECURE A NEW PROJECT TO THE AREA. SHE SAID IT HAD ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AGREEING TO SHARE IN THE NEWLY CREATED WEALTH THAT WILL BE GENERATED BY THE CATALYST PROJECT. IT WILL NOT TAKE AWAY ANY OF THE EXISTING TAX BASE OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE. SHE SAID THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT ONLY THE INCREASE THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED AS A RESULT OF STATE, REGIONAL AND FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT HAD BEEN POURED INTO THE PROJECT TO MITIGATE ANY OF THE WEAKNESSES FOUND IN THE PROPERTY SITE AS WELL AS ANY CURRICULUM THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO MAKE SURE THERE IS A WORK-FORCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS AND A PIPELINE THAT THE CATALYST INDUSTRY, ITS SUPPLIER INDUSTRY OR ITS SPINOFF INDUSTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

SHE CONTINUED SAYING THE MOA WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO OPT OUT OF THE PROJECT AT ANY POINT IN TIME; IT COMMITS THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (OTTED), ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO WORK ON THE CATALYST PROJECT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. SHE SAID THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS THE

COORDINATOR OF THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ALREADY AND ALL OF THOSE AGENCIES HAVE ALREADY SIGNED A MOA WITH THE OTTED THAT SAYS THEY WILL WORK WITH OTTED ON ANY SIGNIFICANT RURAL PROJECT TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES, TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE AND BE WILLING TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO LOOK FOR CREATIVE WAYS OF RESOLVING ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS WITHIN COUNTIES OR SOME REGIONS WITHIN THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN.

SHE SAID THE MOA ALSO ALLOWS FOR SITES TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WITHIN THE COUNTY; IF THE MOA IS NOT SIGNED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NO SITES WITHIN THE COUNTY MAY BE SUBMITTED. THE MOA ALLOWS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL DECISION AFFECTING THE CATALYST PROJECT SUCH AS THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS, THE MARKETING DECISION AS THEY MOVE FORWARD THROUGH THAT. SHE ADDRESSED IF THE MOA IS NOT SIGNED, THE COUNTY MAY COME TO THE REGIONAL FORUM, PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION BUT THEY MAY NOT HAVE A VOTE IN THE ACTUAL SITE SELECTION OR THE SELECTION OF BUSINESSES AS IT MOVES THROUGH THAT SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION.

BRIDGETTE ADDRESSED WHAT THE MOA DOES NOT DO. SHE SAID IT IN NO WAY CONFLICTS WITH OR TAKES AWAY FROM THE MOA THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY SIGNED WITH OTTED AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN. BECAUSE THE COUNTY SIGNED THAT INITIAL MOA, BRIDGETTE SAID THAT IS WHAT ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT; IF THE COUNTY OPTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT, THAT INITIAL MOA STAYS IN PLACE, FULL FORCE AND IN EFFECT.

BRIDGETTE REITERATED ALL THE REPORTS ARE ON THEIR WEBSITE AND THERE IS AN ADDRESS FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS GONE ON FROM 2003 FROM THE SEVEN POINT PLAN ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE LAST REGIONAL FORUM HELD IN NOVEMBER IN BRISTOL FOR THIS PARTICULAR REGION; HOW THE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS, WHAT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF HE UNDERSTOOD THAT OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WAS GIVEN A GRANT TO STUDY THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

BRIDGETTE ADVISED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA RECEIVES FUNDING FOR ITS OPERATIONS FROM A GRANT CALLED THE RURAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT; THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE FUNDING SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. SHE SAID THAT IS SEPARATE AND APART FROM THEM OPERATING AS THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE EIGHT COUNTIES IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WAS GOING TO RECEIVE ANY FUNDING SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. BRIDGETTE ADVISED THEY WOULD NOT.

RICK MARCUM EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CHANCE TO COME AND DISCUSS THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WITH THE BOARD. HE ADDRESSED BRIDGETTE HAVING PRETTY MUCH OUTLINED THE DETAILS AND THE PROCESS OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

RICK SAID THE PURPOSE STUDY RESULTED IN SOME VERY GOOD INFORMATION AND IT IS GOOD THEY KNOW THAT; NOT NECESSARILY GOOD THAT IT EXISTS. HE SAID THE STATE OF FLORIDA WHO SITS JUST BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN PER PERSON PER CAPITA INCOME HAS A REAL GAP BETWEEN ITS URBAN COUNTIES AND ITS RURAL COUNTIES; THE RURAL COUNTIES PER PERSON PER CAPITA INCOME IS 34% LESS. HE SAID THEIR CHALLENGES ARE SEVERE AND WITH THE COST OF FUEL AND HOUSING AND A LOT OF THESE CHALLENGES FOR THE SCHOOLS, ETC, THAT GAP HAS ALL THE POTENTIAL OF BECOMING LARGER.

RICK ADVISED OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA BELIEVES THEIR PRIMARY GOAL, ALTHOUGH THEY GET INVOLVED IN MARKETING, WORK PROJECTS WITH OTTED, FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST, ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, IS TO BUILD CAPACITY NOT ONLY FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES BUT THE CAPACITY TO ACTUALLY IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES INTO THE REGION. HE SAID FOR THAT REASON THEY, AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MISSION. HE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING APPROACHED HOLMES COUNTY ON TUESDAY; THEY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO SIGN THE MOA AND TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROCESS AND OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES WASHINGTON COUNTY TO DO SO AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED JIM MORRIS, CITY MANAGER, IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. JIM ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THE MOMENT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HIS CONCERN WAS WITH THE MINIMUM SIZE OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT SITE TO BE SUBMITTED, WHICH BRIDGETTE HAD STATED WAS 100 ACRES UP. HE ALSO QUESTIONED HOW MANY JOBS COULD BE CREATED WITH JUST A 100 ACRE PROJECT AND THOUGHT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE PLACED ON A 100 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AND HAVE A REGIONAL IMPACT. HE SAID IT APPEARED TO HIM THEY WOULD NEED A HALF SECTION OR SECTION OF LAND TO DO A REGIONAL IMPACT THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO AN EXTENT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE 100 ACRE TRACT OF LAND WOULD BE TOO MUCH OF A MINIMUM SIZE TRACT TO BE LOOKING INTO WITH THIS LARGE OF A PROJECT.

BRIDGETTE SAID WHEN THEY WERE LOOKING AT IT AND THE SIZE OF PROPERTY AT A MINIMUM IT WOULD TAKE, THE 100 ACRES IS A MINIMUM THEY ARE REQUIRING FOR PEOPLE TO GET IN THE PROCESS; THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO BE THE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY THAT WILL BE CHOSEN. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED DEVELOPABLE OR INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN THE FUTURE, ETC., IT WILL TAKE A 100 ACRE MINIMUM. SHE SAID WHEN YOU LOOK AT CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, YOU CAN GET A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON 100 ACRES.

RICK ADDED AS THEY LOOK AT EACH OF THE COUNTIES WITH THEIR VARYING RESOURCES AND VARYING ECONOMIES, IF YOU LOOK AT 100 ACRES IN GULF COUNTY, THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT GETTING SOME KIND OF WATER ACCESS AND THAT IS LIMITED. HE SAID THEY HAD TO HAVE SOME KIND OF THRESHOLD SIZE; THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IS WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE. HE REITERATED ALL THE COUNTIES IN THE REGION HAVE DIFFERENT CAPACITIES AND THEY WANTED IT AS SUCH SO THEY COULD PUT EVERYTHING IN THE POT AND THEN DECIDE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHEN MARCUM IS SAYING 100 ACRES, ARE THEY SAYING THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO OWN A 100 ACRE SITE TO PROPOSE FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

RICK SAID THERE WAS NOTHING STOPPING THE COUNTY FROM SUBMITTING THAT SECTION OF LAND OR HALF SECTION OF LAND. BRIDGETTE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY NOT BEING LIMITED TO THE SUBMISSION OF ONE SITE EITHER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE GUESSED WHAT BRIDGETTE WAS SAYING THE COUNTY COULD SUBMIT THREE OR FOUR SITES AND PROPOSE IT AT A PRICE PER ACRE; IT MIGHT NOT BE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY.

BRIDGETTE SAID THE CLOSER THE SITE IS TO LAND THAT IS CONTROLLED BY THE COUNTY OR THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR SOME ENTITY THAT CAN TURN IT OVER TO A BUSINESS, THE HIGHER IT WILL BE RATED. SHE SAID IF IT WAS JUST LAND IN PERSONAL OWNERSHIP THAT IS A WANT TO BE IN SOMEBODY'S EYE, THE COUNTY CAN SUBMIT THIS; BUT, IT WON'T BE RATED AS HIGH AS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT COULD BE DONATED TO A BUSINESS THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAD 100 ACRES AND THEY PROPOSED THAT SITE, HOW LONG WOULD IT BE HELD UP ONCE THEY SUBMIT IT; HOW LONG IS THE REVIEW PERIOD BEFORE THEY FIND OUT IF THEY HAD BEEN SELECTED OR WHAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE.

BRIDGETTE ADVISED THE REQUEST FOR SITE PROPOSALS IS DUE BACK IN ON FEBRUARY 1ST; SOMETIME DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL AND MAY, THEY WILL HOLD THE REGIONAL FORUMS WHERE THE SITES WILL IN FACT BE LISTED AND PRIORITIZED. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE BEFORE JUNE 30TH BEFORE THE COUNTY WOULD KNOW IF THEIR SITE WAS SELECTED FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE CURRENT TAX REVENUE OFF THIS PROPERTY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED; THE MOA SAYS IT WOULD IMPACT THE GRANTS THE CITY AND COUNTY HAS BEEN GETTING FOR ROAD PAVING GRANTS, ETC. AS A LOT OF THESE MONIES WILL BE FUNDED TOWARD THE CATALYST PROJECT FOR THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

BRIDGETTE SAID WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP WAS SAYING WAS A LITTLE STRONG; THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE GRANTS COULD BE AFFECTED. SHE SAID ONE OF THE THINGS THE AGENCIES HAVE AGREED TO DO IS TO GO BACK TO THEIR PROGRAM AND MAKE IT EASIER TO APPROACH THEM FOR FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL PROJECT. RIGHT NOW MOST OF THEIR PROGRAMS ARE LIMITED TO SINGLE ENTITY APPLICATIONS AND THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW IT WILL IMPACT A CITY OR A COUNTY, NOT RECOGNIZING ALL THE BENEFITS THAT WILL GO IN IF THEY HAVE MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WORKING TOGETHER ON A PROJECT. SHE SAID WHAT CAN THEY DO TO INCREASE AND ENCOURAGE REGIONAL COOPERATION BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL AGREED NO SINGLE RURAL COUNTY CAN GO OUT AND SECURE A LARGER BUSINESS OR MAKE INFRA- STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT MULTIPLE COUNTIES NEED TO HAVE MADE IF THEY ARE DISCOURAGED FROM THE PROGRAM IN BY ONLY SUBMITTING A COUNTY OR A CITY PROJECT. SHE SAID THEY ARE USING THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT AS THE LEVERAGE FOR THEIR STATE AGENCIES PROGRAM STAFF TO PUT INTO A COMPONENT FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS. BRIDGETTE SAID THEY HOPED THAT WOULD ALSO ALLOW THEM TO GO IN AND INCREASE THE FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THOSE KIND OF PROGRAMS. IF THEY DON'T SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AND A REGIONAL PROJECT SCORES HIGHER THAN A SINGLE ENTITY PROJECT, BRIDGETTE SAID THAT WOULD BE WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SOME, IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO GO AROUND FOR ALL THE PROJECTS, COMPETITION BETWEEN REGIONAL PROJECTS AND COUNTY PROJECTS OR REGIONAL PROJECTS AND CITY PROJECTS. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT REGIONAL PROJECT WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS FOR MULTIPLE COUNTIES AND CITIES.

RICK SAID ONE OF THE SCORING ITEMS THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT IN THIS PROCESS IS FOR A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY TO HAVE A MULTIPLIER FACTOR; IN OTHER WORDS, WOULD THERE BE OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE REGION, BY BRINGING IN THIS CATALYST PROJECT, THAT WOULD ALSO FEED OFF OF THAT. HE SAID THESE ARE SOME OF THE SCORING ELEMENTS THEY WERE GOING TO LOOK AT; THEY LOOKED AT IN THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING INDUSTRIES BUT IN ALSO REFERRING TO THE SITE. HE SAID WHEN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WORK IN THE MORNING, THEY DON'T REALLY WORRY IF THEY ARE CROSSING THE COUNTY LINE. HE SAID THEY SAW THIS WHEN THEY HAD THE WEST POINT STEVENS PROJECT AND THEY HAD TO MERGE SOME OF THAT INTO JACKSON COUNTY IN THEIR EXPANSION. HE SUGGESTED LOOKING AT THIS IN THE SAME KIND OF APPROACH; THIS IS A CATALYST PROJECT MEANING IT IS GOING TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN WITHIN THE REGION AND NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS ON THAT SITE.

BRIDGETTE SAID ONE OF THE THINGS THE MOA DOES IS IT GIVES THE STATE AGENCIES THE DOCUMENTATION THAT THERE IS INTERESTS AND NEEDS FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS AND INCREASED FUNDING. SHE SAID THEY THEN CAN GO AND ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING; IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE MOA, THEY WON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO AND ASK FOR IT. SHE ADDRESSED THEM ASKING FOR INCREASED FUNDING IN THEIR RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND OF WHICH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD BENEFITTED FROM AND THEY ARE ALSO ASKING FOR INCREASING IN THE RURAL REVOLVING LOAN WHICH THE HOSPITAL HAS BENEFITTED FROM. SHE STATED THEY RECOGNIZED THERE IS A LOT OF LOCAL USE FOR THESE PROJECTS AND ALSO RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO GENERATE THE REGIONAL COOPERATION IS THERE. SHE SAID THEY WERE WORKING ON BOTH SPECTRUMS AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HIS CONCERN IS IF THEY GET A REGIONAL CATALYST PROJECT SOMEWHERE, WHETHER IT IS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY, ETC, THEY KEEP TALKING ABOUT BENEFITS; HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS IT WOULD PRODUCE JOBS. BUT, THEN, SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE THERE IS GOING TO BE AD VALOREM TAXES AND ALL THAT. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD PROCEEDS WITH SIGNING THE MOA AND IT BECOMES A FACT, WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE COST TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID FOR EVERY BENEFIT THERE HAS GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE WHERE SOMEBODY IS PAYING THE BILL AND HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN PAYING THE BILL UNLESS THE COUNTY GETS GOOD BENEFITS OUT OF IT OTHER THAN JUST JOBS. HE SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD PEOPLE DRIVING SIXTY TO SEVENTY MILES NOW TO JOBS.

BRIDGETTE ADVISED THERE WOULD BE A SECOND MOA ONCE THE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN SELECTED WITHIN THE SITE WHERE THERE WILL BE A FORMULA WORKED OUT; RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE BASING THE FORMULA ON THE REALLOCATION OF UNALLOCATED BUT COLLECTED

SALES TAX REVENUES BACK OUT TO ALL THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY AND CITY COMMISSIONS. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE ON THE VALUE OF THE INCREASED AD VALOREM VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SO THERE IS A TANGIBLE BENEFIT BACK OUT TO EACH OF THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES.

RICK SUGGESTED THEY LOOK AT THE VALUE ADDED TO THAT PROJECT FROM WHAT IT MIGHT BE WITHOUT IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THIS AS HE HAS SERVED ON THE CRA. HE SAID HE WAS ASSUMING WHEN BRIDGETTE MADE THE STATEMENT EARLIER TO SHARE THE WEALTH GENERATED, THAT IS WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT. BRIDGETTE AGREED THAT WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM HAVING ATTENDED A LOT OF BOARD MEETINGS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND REMEMBERS THIS COMING UP; HOWEVER, IF THEY HAVE A FEBRUARY DEADLINE, WHY IS THE MOA BEING ADDRESSED NOW AND NOT EARLIER.

BRIDGETTE SAID THE REQUEST FOR SITES WAS SENT OUT ON THE 1ST OF DECEMBER; THEY WERE HAVING THE GOVERNORS OFFICE FOR TOURISM, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW THE MOA AS WELL AS THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR ENTERPRISE FLORIDA. SHE SAID IT CAME BACK IN DECEMBER 15TH; THEREFORE, THEY GOT IT OUT TO EACH OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS SOON AS THOSE GENERAL COUNSELS HAD AGREED AND THE DOCUMENTS HAD GONE THROUGH MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE THE DOCUMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE PARTIES.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE GETTING BACK THE SITES FOR EACH COUNTY ALREADY. BRIDGETTE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AND SHE DIDN'T PARTICIPATE GETTING ANY PROPOSALS BACK UNTIL FEBRUARY 1ST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION COMING IN, WERE THEY SURE THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WAS GOING TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE WAY IT HAS BEEN UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS. BRIDGETTE ADVISED THEY WERE SURE IT WOULD; THE PROGRAM ITSELF AND THE DOLLARS NEEDED TO CONTINUE WHAT THEY ARE AT THIS POINT OF TIME ARE HOUSED WITHIN ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AS OPPOSED TO BEING HOUSED IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED BRIDGETTE TO EXPLAIN AGAIN THE METHOD OF SHARING THE SALES TAX; WILL THE COUNTY THAT ACTUALLY HOUSES THE INDUSTRY GET MORE OF THAT OR LESS THAN THAT OR IS IT ALL EQUALLED OUT.

BRIDGETTE SAID THEY ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE A PERCENTAGE ADDED ON TO THE HOST COUNTY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS, GRANTS, ETC; THEY DO RECOGNIZE THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL COST TO THE HOST COUNTY. SHE SAID THAT IS WHY THE SECOND MOA FOR ALLOCATION WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE PARTICULAR BUSINESS AND SPECIFIC SITE SO THEY CAN SEE WHAT KIND OF STRESS ON EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE MIGHT BE, WHAT REQUIREMENTS MIGHT BE, ETC. TO MAKE SURE IT IS EQUITABLE TO ALL PARTIES, HOST COUNTY INCLUDED. SHE SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT THE HOST COUNTY TO GO IN THE HOLE ON THIS.

RICK SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY, AS THEY LOOK THROUGH THE SUBMITTING SITES, THE PARTICULAR SITE SETS IN TWO COUNTIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, FOR CLARIFICATION, ADDRESSED WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP BROUGHT UP ABOUT EXISTING GRANTS AND THE POTENTIAL THE GRANTS MAY BE ROLLED INTO THE CATALYST PROJECT VERSUS COMING TO THE COUNTIES AND CITIES IN THE AREA. HE QUESTIONED IF THEY OPTED OUT OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT AND DIDN'T SIGN THE MOA AND HOLMES COUNTY DID AND WAS SELECTED, WOULD THEIR GRANT STILL BE AFFECTED IN ANY MANNER EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS.

BRIDGETTE ADVISED IF IT WAS A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM, THE BOARD WOULD BE COMPETING AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH THE REGIONAL PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER SAPP AND COMMISSIONER FINCH TALKING ABOUT THE GRANTS AND ASKED WOULD IT AFFECT THE GRANTS WITHIN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. HE ASKED BRIDGETTE IF SHE COULD JUST GIVE A YES OR NO ANSWER.

BRIDGETTE SAID SHE COULDN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION DEFINITELY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS GOING TO BE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF GRANTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED FOR THIS SIZE, WHAT THE FUNDING LEVEL OF THE GRANT PROGRAMS MAY BE. SHE SAID IF THEY COULD INCREASE THE POT OF FUNDS SO THAT THE

INCREASE GOES TO THE PROJECT AND THEN HAVE THE BASE THAT IS STILL ELIGIBLE, THE ANSWER WOULD BE "NO" BUT IF THEY DON'T GET THAT INCREASED FUNDING THAT IS ANTICIPATED TO BE ASKED FOR THEN IT COULD BE. SHE SAID PARTICULARLY IF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS REQUIRED; IF IT IS NOT REQUIRED, THERE IS SO MANY VARIABLES. SHE EXPLAINED IT SOUNDED LIKE SHE WAS HEDGING; BUT, SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE ANSWERS BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SITES ARE OR WHAT IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED. SHE SAID THEY WERE MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS ON MULTIPLE POINT FINAL SIMULTANEOUSLY HOPING IT WILL ALL COME TOGETHER AS AN OMELET RATHER THAN BROKEN EGGS.

RICK ADDED AS THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN DESIGNATION TOOK PLACE IN 2002, THERE HAD BEEN APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS OF FLAT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN JOBS BID IN THEIR REGION. AS CAME OUT IN THIS STUDY, BETWEEN 2001 AND 2005, 4313 NEW JOBS HAS BEEN CREATED IN THE REGION; WORKING TOGETHER AND LOOKING AT THINGS FROM A REGIONAL PROSPECTIVE IS ALREADY PAYING OFF. RICK SAID THEY NEED TO KIND OF ACCELERATE IT A LITTLE BIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO BRIDGETTE HAVING STATED EARLIER THE COUNTY COULD OPT OUT OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROGRAM AT ANY TIME IF THEY SIGN THE MOA. BRIDGETTE SAID THEY COULD OPT OUT AT ANY TIME BEFORE THEY SIGN THE SECOND MOA. SHE SAID IF WASHINGTON COUNTY SIGNS THE MOA AND THEIR SITE WAS SELECTED, THAT WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO OPT OUT; BUT, UP TO THAT POINT THEY CAN OPT OUT.

BRIDGETTE SAID THEY TRY TO MAKE IT AS FLEXIBLE AND ACCOMODATING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KNOWING THEY FACE A LOT OF DIFFERENT AND DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS. BUT, IF AT ANY POINT IN TIME, THE COMMISSIONERS BECOME UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE PROJECT OR THE PROCESS, THEY MAY OPT OUT IF IT IS NOT THE SELECTED SITE AND AFTER THEY GO TO CONSTRUCTION. THEN IF THE COMMISSIONERS SAY IT IS NOT WORKING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY MAY OPT OUT AND THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA WILL BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THE OTHERS LEFT IN. HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE HOST COUNTY, THEY WOULD NEED TO STAY IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF BRIDGETTE WAS CONFIDENT IN SOME MANNER THERE ARE POTENTIAL BUILDERS, DEVELOPERS, CLIENTS, ETC. THAT WOULD COME IN IF A SITE IS SELECTED IN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE IS BEHIND IT. HE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID THEY WOULD VERY LIKELY MOVE TO THE COUNTY, AND NOTED HE DIDN'T WANT HER TO DISCLOSE ANYTHING SHE DIDN'T NEED TO. HE SAID HE HOPED THEY WOULDN'T JUST BLANK LOOKING FOR STARTING TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE.

BRIDGETTE ADDRESSED ENTERPRISE FLORIDA WAS PUTTING THEIR MARKETING CAPABILITIES BEHIND THE CATALYST PROJECT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF FLORIDA. SHE SAID THEY WOULDN'T GO INTO THIS IF THEY DIDN'T FEEL THEY COULD BRING A DEAL TO CLOSURE ONCE THEY GOT THE SITE READY AND THE WORKFORCE SKILLS IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD, IN A MUCH SMALLER SCALE, HAVING BEEN ENCOURAGED AND THINGS JUST DON'T WORK OUT SOMETIMES AS THEY WOULD HOPE. HE REITERATED HE WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THERE WOULD BE SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A POSSIBILITY SOMEONE MIGHT COME IN.

BRIDGETTE SAID SHE WISHED SHE COULD GUARANTEE IT; BUT, SHE CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING. SHE SAID SHE WILL TELL THE BOARD THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT IS A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR ENTERPRISE FLORIDA; IF THEY DON'T PUT A CATALYST PROJECT IN EACH RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN, THEY WILL BE IN A WORLD OF HURT.

RICK SAID THE BOARD MUST REALIZE \$2 MILLION HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THIS ENTIRE PROCESS TO GET THEM TO THAT POINT AND HIS UNDER- STANDING IS ENTERPRISE WILL TAKE THESE SITES AS ALMOST A STAND ALONE PROJECT AND IDENTIFY BUSINESSES. HE SAID THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PART OF THE PROCESS TO IDENTIFY BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE EXPANDING THAT THEY SEE GROWING AND THEIR MARKET IS GROWING. HE SAID THESE SITES ARE DESIGNATED AS ALMOST A STAND ALONE PROJECT TO TAKE TO MARKET AND NOT GOING TO ENTREAT THE BOARD IN HOPING SOMEBODY DROPS BY.

BRIDGETTE SAID THEY WOULDN'T BE HANDLING THE MARKETING OF THESE SITES AS PART OF THEIR REGULAR MARKETING ACTIVITIES; THEY ARE NOT MARKETING FLORIDA AS A WHOLE AND SENDING THESE SITES INTO "WE" REQUESTS. SHE SAID THEY WOULD BE TAKING

THESE SITES, THEY WILL HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED THE BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TARGETED INDUSTRY CLUSTER AND KNOW WHAT BUSINESSES ARE EXPANDING AND THEY WILL BE GOING TO THEM AS OPPOSED TO RESPONDING TO INTERESTS INTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE A DIRECT MARKETING APPROACH FOR THE SPECIFIC SITE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE HAD READ A DOCUMENT WHICH MADE IT SOUND LIKE THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD THIS MEETING TODAY OR NOT, THE CATALYST PROJECT WOULD GO FORWARD. HE SAID HE COULD CONCUR WITH PART OF THAT; HOWEVER, IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN ALL THE COUNTIES ARE IN FAVOR OF IT VERSUS SEVEN, FIVE OR FOUR AND STATED WASHINGTON COUNTY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

BRIDGETTE SAID ABSOLUTELY AND SAID NONE OF THE WORDS COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD SAID HE HAD READ WERE FROM OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA. SHE SAID IT WAS STRICTLY UP TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHETHER OR NOT THEY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. SHE SAID THEY FEEL AND RECOGNIZE NOT ALL RURAL COUNTIES ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THAT RURAL COUNTIES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL TO URBAN COUNTIES. SHE SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR AN INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE WAY TO IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THIS REGION WITHOUT PEOPLE FEELING LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DISRUPT A WAY OF LIFE. THEY WANTED TO BE ABLE TO BRING CHOICES FOR STUDENTS THAT WERE LEAVING, GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE, TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK HERE, RECOGNIZING THEY COULDN'T DO THIS ON A COUNTY BY COUNTY BASIS. SHE SAID THIS IS WHAT THE RURAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS A WORKING GROUP OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS OF THE 33 RURAL COUNTIES, SUGGESTED THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT IS A WAY THEY COULD LOOK AT TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT AND THEY COULD MANAGE THREE OR FOUR PROJECTS. SHE POINTED OUT THEY COULDN'T MANAGE 33 PROJECTS AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH 33 PROJECTS; SOME OF THEIR RURAL COUNTIES DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT SAYING WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS IN THAT WAY; WASHINGTON COUNTY IS IN A POSITION TO BE A LEADER IN THE CATALYST PROJECT IF THEY SO CHOOSE THAT IS THE WAY IT NEEDS TO GO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS NOW WAS GOING TO BE THE TIME FRAME. HE POINTED OUT WASHINGTON COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A 100 ACRES AND UNDERSTANDS WHAT BRIDGETTE HAD SAID THAT AMOUNT OF ACREAGE WOULD JUST GIVE THE COUNTY A HIGHER RANKING ON THE CATALYST SITE. HE ADDRESSED HAVING TO COORDINATE WITH THE ADJOINING COUNTIES AND SAID THERE WERE ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AND IT COULDN'T BE DONE BY FEBRUARY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAS A COUPLE OF PLACES HE FEEL WOULD BE WONDERFUL FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT SITE; HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT WILL FIT INTO THE TIME FRAME. HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE LAND OWNERS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

BRIDGETTE SUGGESTED, IF THOSE ARE AREAS COMMISSIONER FINCH WANTED TO SUBMIT FOR THE CATALYST SITE, THE BOARD COULD FILL OUT THE REQUEST FOR SITES MATRIX AND IN THE PART WHERE IT ASKS IF THEY HAVE CONTROL OF THE SITE, THEY COULD NOTE THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT AND WOULD PROVIDE UPDATES ON A WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY OR MONTHLY BASIS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY HAVE THE REGIONAL FORUM MEETING IN APRIL OR MAY. SHE SAID IT IS A FLUENT THING; THERE IS NOTHING STATIC ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

RICK SAID NOW THEY WANT TO JUST IDENTIFY TRACTS OF LAND THAT HAVE POTENTIAL; THE MORE CONTROL, INFLUENCE OR OPTION THEY HAVE, THE BETTER. HOWEVER, HE SAID AT THIS POINT, THEY NEED TO JUST HAVE OPEN OPTIONS.

BRIDGETTE SUGGESTED THE BOARD PUT IN THE SITE MATRIX, THEY ARE WORKING ON THE OPTIONS; LIST THE DEADLINE DATE AND THEN MAKE THE UPDATES SO, AS THEY MOVE FORWARD THROUGH THE REGION FORUM, THEY WILL KNOW WHERE IT IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE COMMENDED BRIDGETTE AND RICK FOR THEIR PRESENTATION ON THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. HE SAID HIS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS WERE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED TO BE ANTI; HE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME JOBS COME TO THE COUNTY AND HOPES IF THE BOARD DOES THE CATALYST PROJECT, THEY CAN GET SOME JOBS IN THE

COUNTY. HE SAID HE DID HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND STILL HAS SOME CONCERNS; A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. HE ASKED THAT THEY KEEP IN MIND THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE MAKING SURE THEY PROTECT THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AS BEST THEY CAN.

JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ASKED THAT IN NO WAY THEY TAKE WHAT HE SAYS AS ANTI. HE SAID MOST OF THE QUESTIONS HE WAS GOING TO ASK HAD ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED. HE REFERRED TO IT HAVING BEEN ASKED HOW LONG WOULD THEY TIE UP A SITE. HE QUESTIONED HOW LONG AFTER THE SITE IS SELECTED, DO THEY ANTICIPATE ANY TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION BEING ON THAT SITE.

RICK SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT WAS NEEDED AS FAR AS INFRA- STRUCTURE, ROADS, WATER, SEWER, ETC. HE SAID THE GOOD NEWS IS THE REDI AGENCIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA ARE GOING TO COME TOGETHER AND ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF GETTING IT PERMITTED, ETC. HE STATED THEY HAD THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE REDI AGENCIES AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND ENTERPRISE FLORIDA; HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF TIME WILL VARY ON THE SHORTCOMINGS OR WEAKNESSES OR STRENGTHS OF A PARTICULAR SITE.

BRIDGETTE SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY PRIORITIZE THE TOP FIVE SITES; START WORKING ON THE FIRST SITE AND IF FOR WHATEVER REASON THE OPTION FALLS THROUGH, THEY MAY GO TO SITE TWO.

JIM SAID SOMETIMES ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT THERE IS A VENDOR THAT WILL WANT TO COME IN TO THE COUNTY AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE AVAILABLE PROPERTY AND THE VENDOR HAS TO GO ELSEWHERE. HE SAID THEY DON'T ASK UNTIL IT IS A DONE DEAL AND THEN THEY ARE READY TO GO.

JIM ASKED BRIDGETTE TO GIVE A ROUGH IDEA ON THE SHARING OF THE SALES TAX. BRIDGETTE SAID THE FORMULA THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR USE FOR THE SHARING OF THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE AD VALOREM TAXES IS THE SAME FORMULA THAT IS USED TO ALLOCATE THE POOL OF SALES TAX. SHE SAID THIS HAS NOT BEEN CODIFIED BUT THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT AS BEING A CREDITABLE SOURCE, A CREDITABLE ALLOCATION THAT CITIES HAVE SAID WOULD WORK. SHE SAID IS IT IDEAL, NO; BUT, THERE IS NO IDEAL BECAUSE IT IS IN FACT POPULATION BASED.

JIM ADDRESSED THE COST OF GAS AND HAVING TO DRIVE TO GO TO WORK; ANY TYPE OF IMPACT IS GOING TO REDUCE THE COST OF GAS WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE FROM HERE TO CALHOUN COUNTY TO GO TO WORK. RICK SAID VERSUS MAYBE DRIVING FROM CHIPLEY TO TALLAHASSEE OR PENSACOLA MAYBE. JIM SAID THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE THAT MAY DO THAT NOW, BUT NOT MANY; IT WAS MOSTLY FROM HERE TO JACKSON COUNTY OR FROM JACKSON COUNTY TO CHIPLEY.

BRIDGETTE SAID THEY COULD COLLECT THE DOLLARS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND THE GAS DOLLARS BE CIRCULATED WITHIN THE REGION.

JIM ASKED IF HE UNDERSTANDS IF THE COUNTY PICKED OUT ONE SITE, THAT WOULDN'T STRICTLY LOCK EVERYTHING INTO ONE SITE; THEY CAN PICK MULTIPLE SITES AND IT ALSO MAY BE IN AN ADJOINING COUNTY.

BRIDGETTE SAID A COUNTY THAT SIGNS THE MOA IS NOT LIMITED TO THE SUBMISSION OF ONE SITE; MULTIPLE SITES MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT SIGNS THE MOA.

RICK SAID EACH COUNTY COULD SUBMIT FOUR SITES. JIM QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD JUST BE PICKING ONE COUNTY FOR THEIR MEGASITE. BRIDGETTE SAID THAT WAS CORRECT.

TED EVERITT SAID IF THE COUNTY OR CITY HAD A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT STRADDLED THE COUNTY LINE; THE SITE COULD BE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY BUT IT WOULD ONLY BE ONE SITE.

JIM SAID PER SAY WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS CHOSEN AS THE CATALYST SITE AND THEY HAD WATER AND SEWER AVAILABLE, WOULD MONIES BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPANSION OF A WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.

RICK SAID FL-DCA IS ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDI PROGRAM ALONG WITH FL-DEP, ETC. JIM SAID IF CHIPLEY WAS CHOSEN AND THEY NEEDED TO PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER, THERE IS NO WAY THEY COULD DO THAT NOW BECAUSE THEIR CAPACITY IS LIMITED.

RICK SAID HE THOUGHT THE STATE WOULD LOOK AT THIS AS A REGIONAL PROJECT AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. BRIDGETTE SAID ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS THEY WILL BE SEEKING SUBSEQUENT LANGUAGE THAT WILL ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY AND MODIFICATION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS TO LOOK AT THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT IN ANTICIPATION OF EXACTLY THAT ITEM. THEY NEED TO HAVE THE FUNDS TO BUILD ON THE TO COME KNOWING THIS SITE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AND THAT IT WILL COME. SHE SAID THAT IS A PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING THE 2007 SESSION; LANGUAGE THAT WILL SPECIFICALLY GIVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THOSE KIND OF PROGRAM CHANGES.

JIM SAID THE COUNTY PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CATALYST PROJECT AS HE SEES IT. HE SAID THE WAY HE SEES IT AT THE MOMENT, IF THE RIGHT MOVES WERE MADE AND THE RIGHT MONIES WERE AVAILABLE, THEY HAVE A 200 ACRE SITE TO OFFER AT THE MOMENT. HE SAID THERE MAY BE MONIES AVAILABLE TO ENTERTAIN SOME THINGS THEY HAVE IN PLANS RIGHT NOW AND IT MIGHT BE TWO YEARS BEFORE THEY SEE ANYTHING GOING ON; HE REITERATED THEY HAD A 200 ACRE SITE TO OFFER.

LINDA CAIN, MAYOR OF CHIPLEY, ADDRESSED ONE OF HER MAIN CONCERNS IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK THEY HAVE NOW; SHE SAID SHE THINKS THAT HAS BEEN ANSWERED. SHE FELT LIKE JIM; THE COUNTY NEEDED TO GO WITH THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

CHIPLEY CITY COUNCILMAN, TOMMY MCDONALD, SAID HIS ONE ISSUE WAS THE GRANTS AND BRIDGETTE HAS ADDRESSED THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE LEGISLATURE TO SEE IF THEY CAN'T INCREASE THAT FUNDING; IF THEY DO, IT WILL HELP THEM ALL. AT THIS POINT, HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH JIM AND FELT THEY SHOULD MOVE FORWARD, SEE WHAT HAPPENS AND THEY CAN ALWAYS MAKE A DECISION LATER.

GENE MARTIN, REPRESENTING FL-DOT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE TRIP FUNDS BEING SET ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; THIS IS THE COUNTY'S MAJOR VEHICLE TO GET FROM THEIR SITE TO A STATE ROAD. ONCE YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT THE STATE ROAD, GENE SAID IT OPENED UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO OTHER POTS OF MONIES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BRING THEIR SITE INTO COMPLIANCE OR SUPPLY THE SITE WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED. HE SAID THERE WAS SOME MONIES AVAILABLE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS THAT IS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH GENE, FL-DOT AND THE OTHER COUNTIES THAT ARE ON THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM; FL-DOT HAS SELECTED TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ELCAM ROAD. HE SAID WITH THAT POSSIBILITY OF A CONNECTION FROM HIGHWAY 231 TO HWY 77, IF THEY CAN BRING IT TOGETHER, THAT IS ONE OF THE AREAS HE WAS TALKING ABOUT BEING A GOOD CATALYST SITE. HE SAID HE HAS SOME PEOPLE FROM SUNNY HILLS THAT WILL TRY TO HELP CONFIGURE A SITE; IT IS ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY BUT THERE IS A HUGE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY THAT IS DEVELOPING PROPERTY BACK THERE THAT WOULD BE ADJACENT TO ELCAM ROAD AND TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BAY, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES. HE SAID THAT IS THE SITE HE HAD IN MIND FOR THIS PROJECT; IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT, HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING THE BOARD COULD SUBMIT FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT. HE ADDRESSED IT WOULD BE BASED ON THE DEVELOPERS HELPING THEM GET THE PROPERTY OR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WANTING TO DONATE, ETC. HE SAID GENE HAD BEEN A GREAT HELP IN SECURING FL-DOT'S HELP WITH THE TRIP FUNDING FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ELCAM AND HOPES THEY CAN BRING IT TOGETHER WITH THE MEGA SITE.

GENE REFERRED TO BRIDGETTE HAVING SAID THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T STRATEGIZE UNTIL YOU GET DOWN TO SPECIFICS; THERE IS OTHER STRATEGIES OUT THERE ONCE THEY KNOW THE SPECIFICS AND WHAT THE LIMITATIONS ARE AND THE INFRASTRUCTURES NEEDED. HE SAID THERE IS CLEARLY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THESE TYPE PROGRAMS. HE SAID IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA THERE IS ABOUT \$10,000,000 AVAILABLE FOR THIS DISTRICT TO USE ANNUALLY TOWARD THAT; THEY HAVE COMPETITIONS FROM OTHER COUNTIES AND STATEWIDE THEY ARE LOOKING AT AROUND \$100,000,000 A YEAR THAT IS DIVIDED OUT ACROSS THE STATE FOR THESE TYPE PROGRAMS. HE SAID THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY, WITH THE INFLUENCE OF THE

LEGISLATURE, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT AND THEM PRIORITIZING THIS AHEAD OF OTHER PROGRAMS, THE LEGISLATURE WILL LEND SOME PRIORITY TO THIS AND SOME LEGISLATIVE INPUT INTO THIS TO HELP DIRECT SOME OF THOSE FUNDS. HE SAID IT WAS TOTALLY WITHIN THEIR ABILITY TO DO THAT AS THEY IDENTIFY THEIR BUDGET EACH YEAR.

BRUCE STILL, WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR ROLE IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. HE SAID WFRPC WAS PART OF THE REDI TEAM AND AS INDICATED THERE ARE SOME COORDINATING EFFORTS THROUGH THE REVIEW OF ANY POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMING UP.

ON THE COMP PLAN AMENDMENT, STILL SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS AN EXCLUSION ON THE TWICE A YEAR REQUIREMENT ON COMP PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FOR FUTURE LAND USE MAP CHANGES THEY MAY NEED TO MAKE THE PROPERTY COMPATIBLE FOR THE TYPE OF USE IT MIGHT NEED TO BE. HE ADDRESSED THIS BEING ANOTHER LOOPHOLE FOR THE PROCESS THAT IS IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING THE PROCESS.

STILL ADVISED THAT WFRPC WAS A FEDERALLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; THE SEVEN COUNTY REGION FROM BAY COUNTY BACK TO PENSACOLA IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. HE ADDRESSED THEM BEING THE STAFF FOR THAT AND AS STAFF FOR THAT THEY MAINTAIN A DOCUMENT CALLED COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND IT REQUIRES AN UPDATE CURRENTLY. A LOT MORE INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN IT. HE ADDRESSED HIS POINT IN BRINGING THIS UP IS THERE ARE WAYS FOR THE WFRPC TO PARTNER WITH ALL THE OTHER ENTITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED; THEY ARE WORKING WITH THEM TO HAVE A COHESIVE APPROACH AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. HE SAID THE STATE HAS A PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGION HAS ONE. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING AN OPTIONAL ELEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ENCOURAGED THE BOARD NOW MAY BE A GOOD TIME FOR THEM TO CONSIDER WORKING ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

LINDA WALLER, COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER, ADVISED THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS A DRAFT THAT RANDY PARKER DID IN 2003 AND SHE WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS WITH THE BOARD LATER TODAY.

STILL SAID THE INCLUSIVE APPROACH OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND ENTERPRISE FLORIDA IS TAKING WITH THE CATALYST PROJECT IS TO BE APPLAUDED BECAUSE EACH ENTITY AND JURISDICTION IS IMPORTANT IN MAKING IT A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT OR NOT. HE SAID THE ANALOGY HE COMES UP WITH IS EVERY FAMILY HAS DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES; EACH INDIVIDUAL MAKES UP THE PERSONALITIES. HE SAID TO SOME FOLKS, THAT IS AN ATTRACTIVE GATHERING AND TO SOME, IT IS NOT; THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE GATHERING TO SOMEBODY OUT THERE AND THE WAY TO PUT IT TOGETHER IS IN A COHESIVE WAY. HE REFERRED TO ENTERPRISE FLORIDA DOING A LOT OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AS WELL; SO, IT IS NOT JUST IN THE UNITED STATES AND THERE IS NOT JUST A LIMITED AMOUNT OF A POOL OUT THERE FOR FOLKS WHO MIGHT COME IF THEY PRESENT THE RIGHT PACKAGE.

STILL ADDRESSED WFRPC HAVING WORKED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THIS LAST YEAR THROUGH VISIONING PROJECTS; THEY WENT TO THE TOWNS OF EBRO, VERNON AND WAUSAU. WITH THIS, THEY WENT THROUGH WITH THEM, HAD PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ASKED THEM WHAT WAS THEIR PREFERENCE TO BE IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS. HE SAID EACH OF THESE TOWNS SAID THEY WANTED TO RETAIN THEIR RURALNESS; THEY WANT TO BE CLOSE KNIT AND STILL HAVE THE GROCERY STORE, PHARMACY, MEDICAL FACILITIES AND ALL THE THINGS A TOWN NEEDS TO HAVE AN ATTRACTION FOR THEIR RESIDENTS TO STAY AND GROW UP IN MAYBERRY. HE SAID THAT WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE KIND OF PROJECTS PROVIDE A LONGEVITY APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH. HE POINTED OUT WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS ALREADY GROWING; LAST YEAR THEY HAD OVER 4000 HOUSING UNITS PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COUNCIL.

LINDA ADVISED THERE WERE 4,434 BUILDING SITES PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

BRUCE SAID THE COUNTY WAS ALREADY HAVING DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT OR JUST BELOW FL-DCA'S THRESHOLD BEING PRESENTED TO THEM FOR CONSIDERATION. HE SAID HE WAS BRINGING ALL THESE THINGS TOGETHER BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL FALLING IN PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. HE SAID THERE WAS A REGIONAL PUSH ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL

THROUGH EDA; THOSE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS THAT GO TO EDA THAT WFRPC HELPS FILL OUT AND SEND IN HAVE COMPONENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT. HE EXPLAINED IT WAS NOT JUST OUR TOWN AND OUR QUARTERS; BUT, SEVERAL COUNTIES AND SEVERAL ENTITIES WORKING TOGETHER SHOWING THERE IS SUPPORT LEVERAGING THE DOLLARS THAT ARE BECOMING SO LIMITED. HE POINTED OUT THERE IS NOT AS BIG A POOL OF FUNDING AS THEY USE TO BE AND ADDRESSED WHO KNOWS WHAT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL BE LIKE.

HE SAID WFRPC'S PART IN THIS IS TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES THEY ALREADY HAVE, HELP WITH THE REVIEW PROCESS, HELP WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIDE OF THINGS AND MAKE SOME GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY.

HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING ANOTHER REGIONAL ENTITY PRESENT THAT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO YEILD SOME TIME FOR THEM TO SPEAK. HE INTRODUCED PAM TEDESCO OF FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST.

PAM SAID THEY HAD BEEN PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA HAVE BEEN HOSTING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. SHE SAID THEY COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED THAT THE STATE IS TAKING THIS INITIATIVE AND ITS INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE EIGHT COUNTIES PART OF THEIR REGION. SHE SAID FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST FULLY SUPPORTS AND ARE ENGAGED IN THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT AS THE DIALOGUES HAVE BEEN CONTINUING WITH THE PARTNERS IN THE EIGHT COUNTIES.

SHE ADDRESSED FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE PLEASED THAT THE TARGETED INDUSTRIES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THE EIGHT COUNTIES ARE COMPLETELY IN SINCT WITH THEIR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH IS COMPLETELY IN SINCT WITH THE STATE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

SHE REFERRED TO HER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD A FEW MONTHS AGO TO TALK ABOUT THE \$15,000,000 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WIRE GRANT FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST IS OVERSEEING. SHE SAID SHE HAD SOME ADDITIONAL GOOD NEWS TO SHARE AS FOR AS WIRE IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM. AS THE INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ARE PART OF THEIR TARGETED INDUSTRIES WITHIN THAT WIRE GRANT PROGRAM, PAM SAID THERE WERE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ANY INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO HELP BRING AND ATTRACT A PROJECT TO THEM FOR THE CATALYST SITE. SHE SAID THEY WERE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO BE A PARTNER AND PARTICIPATE THAT WAY.

PAM SAID, RELATIVE TO FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, THE POOL IS THERE; BUT, IT IS GETTING SMALLER. SHE SAID ONE OF THE THINGS FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST IS BEING TOLD BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRANT THEY ARE ADMINISTERING, AND THEY ARE ONE OF THIRTEEN REGIONS IN THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE THE WIRE GRANT, THE SILO FORM OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO COME DOWN. IN ORDER FOR THE WIRE REGIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SUPPORTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, \$15,000,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS CERTAINLY A GREAT PART OF THAT. HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE GOING TO GROW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PAM SAID THERE WERE GOING TO BE TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES. SHE SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE TABLE TO SUPPORT RURAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN WIRE DIVISIONS; THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S.D.A. ARE ALL BEING BROUGHT TO THE TABLE ALSO. SHE SAID THEY ARE BEING TOLD, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED EQUAL AMONG FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE REGIONAL GRANTS THAT COME FROM WITHIN WIRE REGIONS. THEREFORE, SHE SAID THEY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL BONUS RELATIVE TO ATTRACTING PROJECTS FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. SHE REITERATED SHE WAS REPRESENTING FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST AND THEY COULD NOT BE MORE PLEASED WITH THE STATES INITIATIVE AND ENCOURAGED THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, TED EVERITT AND GARY CLARK, REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CATALYST PROJECT. TED SAID THE CHAMBER

HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH ALL THE MEETINGS ON THE CATALYST PROJECT SINCE DAY ONE AND UNDERSTANDS THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CONCERNS. HE SAID A LOT OF THE ANSWERS AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TODAY AND FROM THE CHAMBER'S POINT OF VIEW, THEY FEEL THE COUNTY HAS TO GO FORWARD WITH THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. HE POINTED OUT THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO OPT OUT IF THEY SEE IT IS NOT GOING TO WORK FOR THEM; HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER FEELS THERE ARE ABOUT THREE OR FOUR SITES WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT COULD BE SUBMITTED. HE SAID HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A BIG BELIEVER OF REGIONALISM SINCE HIS EARLY DAYS ON THE TDC AND STATED THE SPIN OFF JOBS THAT WOULD BE CREATED OFF OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR MULTIPLE COUNTIES. HE SAID THE CHAMBER THINKS THE COUNTY SHOULD PURSUE THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT, SIGN THE MOA AND MOVE FORWARD WITH IT. HE POINTED OUT THERE WOULD BE SOME OTHER ISSUES TO COME UP; BUT, KNOWING ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND THE STATE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE BY PULLING ALL THEIR RESOURCES TOGETHER, GETTING ALL THESE AGENCIES AT THE SAME TABLE AND FAST TRACKING EVERYTHING, THE CHAMBER FEELS IT IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE STATE, SAY THANK YOU, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU AND MOVE FORWARD. HE SAID THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SITE IS GOING TO BE; BUT, THEY CERTAINLY KNOW THERE COULD BE A LOT OF MAJOR IMPACTS THAT WOULD BEHOOVE A LOT OF THE COUNTIES IF THEY ALL STEP UP TO THE PLATE. HE REITERATED THE CHAMBER'S REQUEST FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE MOA.

GARY CLARK ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBABLY THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS. HE SAID HE ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE COMMENDED RICK MARCUM AND THEIR STAFF, ALONG WITH BRIDGETTE OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, FOR THE TREMENDOUS JOB THEY HAVE DONE IN LEADING THE COUNTIES THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

GARY SAID THEY HAD LOOKED AT THIS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO AS BRIDGETTE HAD SAID WITH THE RURAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP AND ASKED WHAT WERE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO MAKE CHANGE AND TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT OCCUR IN RURAL AREAS. HE SAID THEY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION IMMEDIATELY THEY WERE NOT BIG ENOUGH OR STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THIS ON THEIR OWN AND THE ONLY WAY THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON EVERY ONE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES WAS TO DO THIS PROJECT AS A REGION. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO KEEP THIS FOREFRONT IN THEIR MINDS.

GARY TOLD COMMISSIONER PATE HE UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES WITH HIM THE BOARD HAS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY; BUT, THEY ALSO HAVE TO HAVE VISION. HE SAID THEY HAVE TO HAVE ENOUGH FORESIGHT TO SEE THAT SOME THINGS THEY DO THAT MAY TAKE A SMALL LOSS IN THE SHORT TERM ARE FOR A LONG TERM GAIN. IF A PROJECT OF THE NATURE OF THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT IS GOING TO LOCATE IN HOLMES COUNTY OR JACKSON COUNTY, GARY EXPLAINED THERE WERE GOING TO BE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID THE EASIEST WAY TO LOOK AT THIS IS WHEN THE MILL CLOSED IN PORT ST. JOE TEN YEARS AGO, DID WASHINGTON COUNTY FEEL THE ECONOMIC DOWN TIME. HE SAID YES AND THE SAME CONCEPT APPLIES WHEN THERE IS A PROJECT BUILT IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY; WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO FEEL THE ECONOMIC GAINS FROM THOSE SPECIFIC TYPE PROJECTS.

GARY SAID SPECIFICALLY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, PAM TEDESCO MENTIONED HOW FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST PROJECTS ARE ALIGNING WITH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA AND HOW THEIR PRIORITIES LIE. HE SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY IS ON THE EXACT SAME SHEET OF MUSIC; AS THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BEGAN TO DEVELOP ITS FORMAT, THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE SAME THING OCCURRED. THEIR PRIORITIES, THEIR TARGETED INDUSTRIES ARE LINING UP AND THEIR STRATEGIES ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL AND INTENTIONALLY, THEY HAVE DRUG THEIR PLAN PROCESS OUT TO WAIT UNTIL THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT WAS CLOSE TO COMPLETION BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY ELEMENT WITHIN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY IS IN LINE WITH WHAT ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST IS DOING. HE SAID THEY WANTED IT TO BE A CONCERTED EFFORT WITH EVERYONE OF THEM FOCUSING AND WORKING ON THE SAME SHEET OF MUSIC.

GARY SAID HE THOUGHT THE CHAMBER WAS ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FOR JANUARY 21ST TO REQUEST THEY APPROVE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, WHICH IS GOING TO FOCUS ON THOSE TARGETED INDUSTRIES. HE EXPLAINED, EVEN IF WASHINGTON COUNTY IS NOT SELECTED AS THE MEGA SITE RECIPIENT, THEY STILL HAVE THE SAME THINGS TO MARKET; THEY ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE THAT AS A DOWN TURN. HE SAID THEY WERE GOING TO SAY THEY ARE GOING TO PUT A SITE TOGETHER, PROBABLY FOUR SITES TOGETHER TO PROPOSE TO ENTERPRISE FLORIDA; THEY ARE GOING TO STILL MARKET THOSE SITES JUST LIKE THEY WOULD HAVE WHETHER THEY ARE CONSIDERED IN THE MEGA SITE PROJECT OR NOT. HE SAID THEY HAVE A LOT OF THESE THINGS MOVING THROUGH SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE SAID HE REALIZED EVERYBODY HAS MADE SURE THE BOARD KNOWS THEY HAVE AN OUT AND CERTAINLY ANYTIME YOU MAKE A BUSINESS DECISION, YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE EXIT STRATEGY IS. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO KEEP THE REGIONAL APPROACH AT FOREFRONT; DON'T TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, JUST BECAUSE WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY NOT BE SELECTED AS THE MEGA SITE RECIPIENT, IT IS NOT A REASON WITHIN ITSELF TO OPT OUT OF THE MOA. HE SAID THERE MAY BE REASONS THE BOARD WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER; BUT, THAT IS NOT THE ONE. HE ALSO ASKED THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT IT MAY COME TO A POINT WHERE THEY DECIDE THEY MAY WANT TO SUPPORT AND UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSE JACKSON OR HOLMES COUNTY TO BE THE RECIPIENT BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE THE SITE, THE THINGS THAT BECOMES MOST CONDUSIVE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AS INDIVIDUALS. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND AS THEY GO THROUGH THE CATALYST PROCESS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AND FOR TAKING THEIR TIME OUT OF THEIR SCHEDULE TO LISTEN TO THEIR PROGRAM. HE OFFERED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT GARY WAS SAYING; BUT, THE BOARD IS WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ARE OUT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE VOTING PRIMARILY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED HE WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS AS THEY CAME ABOUT; BUT, HE WANTS DOLLARS AND CENTS WHEN THEY START TELLING HIM THE PROJECT IS GOING TO BE IN HOLMES COUNTY AND WANTS THE BOARD TO BLESS THAT. HE SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE HARD FOR HIM TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING HE MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT POSSIBLY GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. AS THIS PROCESS CONTINUES TO GO FORWARD AND THE MEGA SITE IS IDENTIFIED FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT, THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF IT.

GARY ASSURED THE BOARD THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIOR TO HAVING TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS; NOT ONLY FROM THE DIRECT IMPACT OF THE ABILITY TO SHARE THE AD VALOREM GAINS FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY BUT ALSO THE INDIRECT IMPACTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT WAS WHAT RICK MARCUM HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT TO THE BOARD WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE MULTIPLIER AFFECT. HE SAID THEY KNOW EVERYTIME A COMPANY CREATES TEN NEW POSITIONS OR EXPANDS THEIR OPERATIONS BY TEN OR TWENTY POSITIONS, THERE ARE FIVE TO TEN NEW JOBS THAT ARE CREATED IN OTHER SECTORS. HE SAID THOSE HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL; THEY ARE PART OF THE ECONOMIC GAINS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WELL EXPLAINED TO THE LOCAL MAN ON THE STREET BECAUSE WHEN THE BOARD SAYS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A PLACE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ARE PUTTING THEIR FORCES BEHIND IT, THEY HAVE TO KNOW THE LOCAL PEOPLE UNDERSTANDS THAT PROCESS. THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE IF THE BOARD IS SPENDING THE COUNTY'S MONEY SOMEWHERE ELSE, THERE IS STILL AN ECONOMIC GAIN TO THE COUNTY. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS TODAY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE POSSIBLE SITES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO SUBMIT FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. TED EVERETT MENTIONED THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE, OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSSIBLE ON HIGHWAY 277 AND I-10, PROPERTIES WEST OF BONIFAY THAT COULD BE PUT IN, ELCAM ROAD POSSIBLY COULD BE PUT IN. HE SUGGESTED, IF THE BOARD AGREED TO SIGN THE MOA, THE CHAMBER WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY QUICKLY TO LOOK AT THE SITES THEY WANT TO SUBMIT. HE POINTED OUT EACH SITE IS GOING TO BE STUDIED BY THE STATE; EVEN IF THE SITES ARE NOT SELECTED, THE BOARD WILL KNOW WHAT THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE SITES ARE DUE TO THE

STUDIES DONE. HE SAID THEY WOULD LEARN FROM THE STATE SOME OF THE CRITERIA THEY WILL NEED TO PUT INTO THE SITES TO MAKE THEM VIABLE EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT SELECTED.

HE EXPLAINED HE FELT WITH SOME WORK BETWEEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THEY COULD COME UP WITH THREE TO FOUR GOOD SITES TO SUBMIT FOR THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE QUICKLY AS THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME; AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, IT IS TIME TO GET TO WORK.

GARY, AS A WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSON, SAID AS THEY GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS, THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT NUMEROUS SITES; BUT, THEY NEED TO BE REALISTIC IN THEIR APPROACH TO THIS. HE SAID PROXIMITY OF THESE SITES TO WATER, SEWER, GAS, ELECTRICAL SERVICES AND ROADS, ETC. IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL. HE SAID THEY WANT TO SUBMIT SITES THAT WILL HAVE A VERY HIGH CHANCE OF SCORING; SO, THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON ONE PRIMARY SITE. HE SAID THAT SITE IS GOING TO BETTER SUITED FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY'S PROSPECTIVE IF IT IS 500 TO 600 ACRES IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH HAVING ASKED EARLIER HOW THE 100 ACRE MINIMUM SITE WAS GOING TO SCORE. HE SAID IN GULF COUNTY THAT WOULD SCORE TREMENDOUSLY BECAUSE THAT 100 ACRE SITE MAY HAVE A PORT ON IT; IF IT HAS A RAIL SITE AND A DEEP WATER PORT IN PROXIMITY TO IT, IT WOULD BE PHENOMINAL.

WHEN YOU TAKE THAT ADVANTAGE AWAY FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE I-10 CORRIDOR COUNTIES, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BRING MORE TO THE TABLE; LARGER PORTIONS OF LANDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL SPIN OFF BUSINESSES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THINGS THEY WANT THE MEGA SITE PROJECT TO DO. THE MEGA SITE PROJECT SITE NEEDS TO NOT JUST HAVE ONE PRIMARY HUB BUSINESS; BUT, TO SEE THAT BUSINESS TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND AND LOOK AT THE SUPPLY INDUSTRIES FOR THAT PARTICULAR BUSINESS AND SEE THOSE BECOME A PART OF THE CATALYST PROJECT. HE SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO BE NEEDING TO LOOK AT LARGER PORTIONS OF LAND AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE TO SERVE THE MEGA SITE. HE SAID ONE OF THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGES THAT IS AVAILABLE IN THIS REGION IS NATURAL GAS; THAT COULD BE A MAJOR HURDLE TO A NEW BUSINESS COMING IN AND SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES DON'T HAVE THAT GAS ACCESSIBILITY. HE SAID WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT OPTIONS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A PIECE OF PROPERTY THEY HAVE THAT KIND OF CONTROL OVER; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO A COUPLE OF ADJACENT LAND OWNERS TO THE BEEF UNIT PROPERTY AND DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF LUCK THERE. HE SAID THEY WERE NOT RULING THAT PROPERTY OUT; THEY WERE GOING BACK ONCE AGAIN TO THE LAND OWNERS AND ASK FOR CONSIDERATION IN THAT AREA. HE SAID THERE WERE ALSO SOME OTHER PROPERTIES IN PRETTY CLOSE PROXIMITY, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON AS WELL; AT LEAST GET THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO SAY THEY ARE WILLING TO SELL AT A CERTAIN PRICE. HE SAID IT WOULD THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND THE OTHER AGENCIES TO SEE HOW THEY WOULD FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY. HE ADVISED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, THE CHAMBER CERTAINLY WANTS TO HEAR THEM AND WANTS TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC TRACTS OF LAND THEY MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN.

GARY ASKED THE BOARD TO REMEMBER THEY HAVE TO HAVE THE INFRA- STRUCTURE AT LEAST AVAILABLE FOR THE CHAMBER TO SPEND ANY AMOUNT OF TIME WORKING THESE PROSPECTS UP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER AND SEWER CAN ALMOST BE MARKED OUT OTHER THAN AROUND CHIPLEY. AGAIN, THERE IS OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESENT RAIL ACCESS, INTERSTATE ACCESS THEY COULD SORT OF SUPPLEMENT AND HAVE A PLAN AS TO HOW THE WATER AND SEWER WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT SOME POINT IN TIME. HE SAID HE WOULD HATE FOR THE COUNTY TO SUBMIT A GOOD SITE AND IT BE KICKED OUT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE WATER AND SEWER ON IT.

TED GAVE A HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE ON WHAT THE BOARD COULD DO IN THIS INSTANCE; IF THEY HAD A SITE NEAR BONIFAY, IT COULD BE SERVED BY WATER AND SEWER THERE AND THEY CAN WORK WITH THE STATE TO GET THOSE GRANTS TO BRING WATER AND

SEWAGE FROM BONIFAY TO A SITE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SAID WHAT HE WAS HEARING FROM BRIDGETTE IS THE RULES CAN BE REWRITTEN. HE AGREED WITH GARY THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE INFRASTRUCTURE; BUT, IF THE PROPERTY IS CLOSE ENOUGH IT COULD BE REACHED BY INFRASTRUCTURE, IT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.

GARY WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR, IT WOULDN'T BE THAT THE SITE WOULDN'T BE A GOOD SITE OR WOULDN'T COME UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO REMEMBER THEY ARE IN A COMPETITION AND IF EVERYBODY ELSE HAS THIS AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T, THEY WON'T GET THE SAME CONSIDERATION. HE EXPLAINED THEY JUST WANT TO TRY AND PUT THE ABSOLUTE BEST THEY CAN PUT FORWARD THAT IS GOING TO SCORE THE HIGHEST. GARY SAID EVEN AT LOOKING AT THE PROPERTY IN AND AROUND THE SUNNY HILLS AREA, THE LARGER TRACTS OF LAND THERE IS THE COUNTY'S BEST CHANCE FOR PUTTING A SINGLE LARGE TRACT OF LAND TOGETHER AND THEY HAVE WATER AND SEWER THERE. HE SAID IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF ACQUA UTILITIES, WHO PROVIDES WATER AND SEWER IN SUNNY HILLS, IF THE CHAMBER HAS A PROJECT, THEY WILL GET WATER AND SEWER TO THE PROJECTS OUT THERE. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A BRAND NEW NATURAL GAS PIPELINE RIGHT STRAIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THERE. GARY SAID 80% OF EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR THE SITE IS ALREADY AT THE AREA IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THEY HAD A POTENTIAL RAILROAD T00 AT THAT SITE AND IT IS JUST A FEW MILES FROM I-10. GARY SAID THAT WOULD BE ITS WEAKEST SCORING POINT; BUT, THE PLUS TO THAT IS THE PROXIMITY TO THE DEEP WATER PORT IN PANAMA CITY IS EVEN CLOSER IN THAT AREA.

TED SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THE CHAMBER NEEDS TO WORK WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY ON TO SUBMIT THESE SITES; THEY NEED TO PRIORITIZE THEM AND SEND THEM IN. HE SAID THE FIRST THING IS TODAY AT THE AFTERNOON MEETING SIGN THE MOA SO THEY CAN START MOVING FORWARD ON THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT. HE SAID IF THEY COULD, THE BOARD WOULD HOLD OFF UNTIL THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON STARTING AT 1:00 P.M. TO ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THEY HAD AMPLE DISCUSSION AND A GOOD DISCUSSION ON THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE GROUPS PUTTING THIS PRESENTATION TOGETHER. HE ADDRESSED THE PROJECT DID LOOK LIKE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

RICK MARCUM ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON AN ISSUE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE RURAL CATALYST PROJECT. HE ADVISED ENTERPRISE FLORIDA HAD JUST RECEIVED ITS 501 C-3 STATUS FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. ON THEIR LAND TRUST AND THEIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN THEIR BYLAWS, RICK SAID THEY REQUIRE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM EACH COUNTY COMMISSION TO SIT ON THAT BOARD. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD START THINKING ABOUT THIS AND NOMINATE SOMEONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT.

BRUCE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR NEIGHBORING COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY, HAVING A DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION CENTER WHICH HAS HUNDREDS OF JOBS; THEY EMPLOY PEOPLE FROM FIVE COUNTIES AND IT IS NOWHERE NEAR 100 ACRES. HE POINTED OUT THE IMPACT CAN BE REGIONAL WITHOUT BEING 100 ACRES; IF YOU HAVE A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF ACREAGE, DEPENDING ON THE EMPLOYER, THERE CAN BE A REGIONAL IMPACT. HE ADDRESSED THAT BEING ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN CITY/COUNTY EFFORT; PART OF THIS SITE WAS IN THE CITY AND PART IN THE COUNTY. THEY HAD THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE COUNTY WORKED WITH THEM TO GET THE DESIGNATIONS AND FUNDING.

BRUCE ADDRESSED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. HE SAID IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS WFRPC FACILITATED \$12,000,000 OF EDA FUNDING IN THIS REGION AND THERE IS STILL MORE AVAILABLE. HE GAVE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOLT INDUSTRIAL PARK OFF OF I-10; THEY NEEDED WATER AND EDA FUNDED ALMOST \$500,000 TOWARD THAT EFFORT. HE SAID IT WAS EFFORT BETWEEN USDA AND EDA FOR THAT FUNDING TO BRING THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE THERE. HE EMPHASIZED THE MONEY CAN BE FOUND OUT THERE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT TAKES "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO REACH A SITE WITH WATER, SEWER, ETC. IF YOU HAVE TO INCREASE THE SIZE TO ACCOMODATE THOSE FUNCTIONS, IF YOU HAVE A 300 ACRE SITE OR 600 ACRE SITE, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PETITION FOR A LOT MORE GROWTH IN THE AREA VERSUS ONE PARTICULAR INDUSTRY AND THE COST FOR GETTING IT SET UP IS ALMOST THE SAME WHERE YOU COULD SERVE SEVERAL INDUSTRIES RATHER THAN ONE. HE SAID THE CATALYST PROJECT WOULD WORK AND IMPACT OTHER AREAS; ON A REGIONAL BASIS, HE WOULD THINK LOOKING FOR SOMETHING OF A LARGER CAPACITY FOR THE MEGA SITE WOULD BE BETTER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

DECEMBER 21, 2006

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, STRICKLAND, SAPP, FINCH AND HOLMAN PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK COOK, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP PRESENTED THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR THE COUNTY ANNEX TO MR. LLOYD BRUNER FOR 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. MR. BRUNER WAS PRESENTED A PLAQUE, GIVEN THREE DAYS OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND A BONUS CHECK.

CHAIRMAN SAPP, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, PRESENTED A PLAQUE FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD AT PUBLIC WORKS TO TODD THAMES, WHO WAS ACCEPTING THE PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF MR. BYRON WESTERN. MR. WESTERN WORKED WITH PUBLIC WORKS FOR 14 YEARS AND WILL ALSO RECEIVE THREE DAYS ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND A BONUS CHECK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 12 AND 26 BOARD MEETINGS.

MIKE DIEHL AND CHRIS KORNATOWSKI, SUNTRUST BANK, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO MAKE A FORMAL PRESENTATION AS A FOLLOW UP TO THEIR CONFERENCE CALL AND ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER OVER THE RECENT MONTHS PERTAINING TO THE SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS THE COUNTY HAS OUT CURRENTLY.

MIKE UPDATED THE BOARD ON SUNTRUST BANK BEING THE LETTER OF CREDIT PROVIDER ON THE COUNTY'S SALES TAX BOND ISSUES THAT ARE SOLD OUT IN THE MARKET PLACE ON A VARIABLE RATE BASIS. HE ADDRESSED INTEREST RATES HAVE JUMPED AROUND BUT MORE OR LESS STEADILY INCREASED YEAR OVER YEAR. HE SAID THE STRUCTURE OF THIS IS A VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BOND THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE BY THE UNDERWRITER AND THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR AT THE TIME; IT WASN'T NECESSARILY MOVED FROM A SUNTRUST BANK POINT OF VIEW. HE SAID THEY WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF A MECHANISM CALLED THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT; IT WILL ALLOW THE BOARD TO GO AHEAD AND FIX THE INTEREST RATES ON THE OTHERWISE VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BONDS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.

HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING BEEN PROVIDED A PROPOSAL TODAY SO THEY COULD LOOK AT SOME INTEREST RATES WHERE THEY CAN LOCK IN FOR EITHER A THREE, FIVE OR SEVEN YEAR PERIOD FOR BOTH THE TAX EXEMPT PORTION AND THE TAXABLE PORTION OF THE SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS.

BRUCE SAID AS THE BOARD LOOKS AT THE CURRENT RATE ENVIRONMENT, IT CERTAINLY, FROM THE COUNTY'S PROSPECTIVE AND SUNTRUST'S PROSPECTIVE AS THE GUARANTOR OR THE ENHANCER ON THE REVENUE BOND ISSUES, FEEL IT WOULD BE A FRUGAL MOVE TO MAKE SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE AN OPEN ENDED, UNLIMITED CAP ON INTEREST RATES GOING FORWARD.

BRUCE INTRODUCED CHRIS CORNATOWSKI, MUNICIPAL INTEREST RATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ATLANTA WITH SUNTRUST, ROBERTS AND HUMPHREY, WHO WOULD BE GOING OVER THE MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND ADDRESS THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT.

CHRIS REFERRED TO A CONVERSATION LAST WEEK THEY HAD WITH SEVERAL OF THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES IN GREATER DETAIL ON THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT; HIS INTENT TODAY IS TO HIT ON THE HIGH POINTS THE COMMISSIONERS NEED TO CONSIDER IN UNDERTAKING THIS TYPE OF STRATEGY.

HE EXPLAINED HE WOULD BE WALKING THE COMMISSION THROUGH THE PRESENTATION THEY HAVE IN FRONT OF THEM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING:

- A. SHOW THEM INTEREST RATE HISTORY THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THE REASON FOR CONSIDERING THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME
- B. GIVE THEM BACKGROUND ON HOW THE MECHANICAL ARRANGEMENT OF INTEREST RATE SWAP WORKS WITH THE UNDER LYING BONDS
- C. SHOW THEM THE RATES
- D. TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT INDEX ALTERNATIVES THE BOARD CAN CONSIDER

HE ADDRESSED THE INTEREST RATE GRAPHS ON PAGE 2 OF THE PRESENTATION AND STATED THE PURPOSE FOR SHOWING THE BOARD THIS IS IT IS A REALLY GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER TAKING THEIR VARIABLE RATE DEBT AND FIXING IT BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE INTEREST RATES ARE SITUATED RIGHT NOW. HE EXPLAINED THE GRAPH ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE SHOWED A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT RATE INDEXES:

1. TEN YEAR TREASURY RATE WHICH THEY WILL REFER TO AS LONG TERM INTEREST RATE; THE TEN YEAR TREASURY RATES TEND TO DRIVE DOWN THE SWAP RATES, THE LONG TERM BOND RATES, MORTGAGE RATES, SO IT REPRESENTS LONG TERM INTEREST RATES
2. FED FUNDS RATE WHICH IS A SHORT TERM OVERNIGHT RATE AND IS ACCORDING TO THE CHART, CHRIS SAID OVER THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, THE SHORT TERM RATES HAVE JUMPED AROUND; IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, SHORT TERM RATES HAVE COME UP A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT WHILE THE LONG LONG TERM RATES HAVE STAYED PRETTY STABLE. HE SAID THIS CREATES THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO CONVERT THE FLOATING RATE ON THEIR BOND TO A FIXED RATE. HE SAID IT ISN'T MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT THE BOARD IS CURRENTLY FLOATING ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

HE ADDRESSED THE YIELD CURVE GRAPH ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF PAGE 2 REALLY TELLS THE SAME STORY; IT SHOWED DIFFERENT TREASURY RATES ACROSS THE YEILD CONTINUING WITH THE THREE MONTH TREASURY BILL RATES ON THE LEFT ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE THIRTY YEAR TREASURY BILL RATES. HE USED THE TREASURY BILL RATE CHART TO SHOW LONG TERM THIRTY YEAR BOND RATES ARE NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE SHORT TERM RATES.

ON PAGE 3, CHRIS ADDRESSED THIS SHOWING HOW THE INTEREST RATE SWAP WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S FLOATING RATE BOND ISSUE:

1. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS THE FLOATING RATE BOND AS A VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BOND; THE FLOATING RATE BOND ADJUSTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND GOES UP OR DOWN WITH THE MARKET.
2. THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WOULD DICTATE THE COUNTY WOULD PAY TO SUNTRUST A FIXED RATE OF INTEREST THAT IS LOCKED IN FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AND SUNTRUST WOULD PAY BACK TO THE COUNTY A FLOATING RATE OF INTEREST. IF THE FLOATING RATE SUNTRUST PAYS THE COUNTY IS THE SAME AS THE FLOATING RATE THE COUNTY IS PAYING TO THE BOND HOLDERS, THESE TWO RATES CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT. WHAT THEY ARE LEFT WITH AT THE END OF THE DAY IS A FIXED SWAP RATE. THEY HAVE BASICALLY CONVERTED THE COUNTY'S FLOATING RATE BOND ISSUE TO AN AFFECTIVE FIXED RATE WITHOUT AFFECTING THE UNDERLYING BONDS THEMSELVES.

HE POINTED OUT ON PAGE 4, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO USE A GENERAL INDEX ON INTEREST RATE SWAP TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO PAY THE COUNTY BACK AS A FLOATING RATE, THAT GENERIC INDEX RATE MAY NOT EXACTLY MATCH THE BOND RATE THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE BOND HOLDER ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE TWO FLOATING RATES, THE FLOATING RATE THE COUNTY IS PAYING TO THE BOND HOLDERS AND THE FLOATING RATE THEY WOULD BE RECEIVING FROM SUNTRUST, DO NOT EXACTLY MATCH, THERE IS A BASIS RISK. HE SAID THIS IS JUST A MISS MATCH BETWEEN THE FLOATING RATES.

CHRIS ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO SHOW THE BOARD A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT SWAP ALTERNATIVES; ONE THAT HAS A VERY LITTLE BASIS RISK, A COUPLE OF BASIS POINTS OR

SO AND ONE THAT HAS A LITTLE BIT MORE BASIS RISK BUT IT IS A LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE.

ON PAGE FIVE, CHRIS WENT OVER THE COUNTY'S TWO SERIES OF BONDS; ONE IS A TAXABLE AND ONE IS A TAX EXEMPT SERIES; THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE UNDERLYING RATES THEY END UP WITH BUT THE MECHANICS ARE BASICALLY THE SAME. THE RATES ON PAGE FIVE ARE THE INTEREST RATES ON THE TAX EXEMPT BOND ISSUE THAT IS APPROXIMATELY \$5.9 MILLION; IT SHOWED ALTERNATIVE RATES THE COUNTY COULD USE FOR THREE, FIVE OR SEVEN YEARS. HE SAID THESE WERE RATES THE COUNTY CAN LOCK IN ON A FIXED BASIS FOR ANY OF THESE TIME FRAMES.

AS A REFERENCE POINT, CHRIS STATED THE FLOATING RATE THE COUNTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING ON THE BOND RECENTLY HAS PROBABLY BEEN 3.5% TO 3.6%. IN LOOKING AT THE INFORMATION ON PAGE 5, CHRIS NOTED THAT ANY OF THE RATES FOR THE THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN YEARS CATEGORY, THE FIXED RATE SUNTRUST CAN ACHIEVE FOR THE COUNTY IS NOT MUCH HIGHER THAN THEIR CURRENT FLOATING RATE.

HE EXPLAINED HE WAS INDICATING TWO ALTERNATIVES FOR THE BOARD; ONE IS 67% LIBOR AND THE OTHER IS THE BMA INDEX; THE LIBOR ALTERNATIVE IS LOWER THAN THE BMA INDEX SWAP RATE.

ON PAGE 6, CHRIS REFERRED TO IT SHOWING THE RATES ON THE TAXABLE BOND ISSUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.9 MILLION. THE CURRENT FLOATING RATE ON THE TAXABLE BOND ISSUE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.5%; THE FIXED RATES SUNTRUST CAN ACHIEVE FOR THE COUNTY ON THE TAXABLE BOND ARE ACTUALLY LOWER THAN WHAT THEY ARE FLOATING. THEY ARE ALMOST TWENTY SOME ODD BASIS POINTS LOWER THAN THE CURRENT FLOATING RATE OF 5.35%.

CHRIS SAID PAGES 8 AND 9 DEFINES THE DIFFERENT INDEX ALTERNATIVES:

1. BMA INDEX IS A TAX EXEMPT INDEX PUBLISHED BY THE BOND MARKET ASSOCIATION AND HAS THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COUNTY'S TAX EXEMPT BOND; THE BMA INDEX WOULD BE A VERY GOOD PROXY FOR THE COUNTY'S BOND RATE.

2. LIBOR INDEX RATE IS A SHORT TERM TAXABLE RATE WHICH SERVES TWO PURPOSES: (1) THEY CAN USE THE SHORT TERM LIBOR INDEX AS AN OFFSET TO THEIR TAXABLE BOND RATE; THAT WOULD BE THE RATE SUNTRUST WOULD PAY THE COUNTY ON THE TAXABLE BOND (2) THEY CAN USE THE LIBOR RATE ON THE TAX EXEMPT SIDE BY ASSUMING THE TAX EXEMPT BONDS ARE GOING TO YIELD A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR. HE SAID THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAX EXEMPT BOND YIELDS AND LIBOR HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN AROUND 65% TO 70%.

CHRIS ADDRESSED PAGE 10 AND 11 ON THE BASIS RISK; HOW WOULD THE INDEXES MATCH UP AGAINST THE BOND RATES. IN LOOKING AT THE GRAPH ON THE TOP LEFT OF PAGE 10, CHRIS SAID THE BLACK LINE IS THE TAX EXEMPT BOND RATE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED GOING BACK TO 1990 SO IT SHOWS THE WEEKLY RATE FLUCTUATING; THE RED LINE ON TOP OF THE BLACK LINE, WHICH YOU CAN BARELY SEE, IS THE BMA INDEX. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY HAD AN INTEREST RATE SWAP WHERE THEY ARE PAYING THE BOND HOLDER THE BLACK LINE WHICH IS THE BOND RATE, THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM SUNTRUST, THE RED LINE, WHICH IS THE BMA RATE, THERE WOULD BE A VERY GOOD OFFSET. HE SAID THOSE FLOATING RATES WOULD ALMOST CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT AND THEY ARE LEFT WITH THE FIXED RATE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDES.

HE WENT OVER THE GRAPH ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 10; IT APPLIES IF THE COUNTY ASSUMES THE PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR. HE SAID THE BLACK LINE IS THE HISTORICAL BOND RATE AND THE RED LINE IS 67% OF ONE MONTHS LIBOR; THE RED LINE IS A GOOD AVERAGE OF THE BLACK LINE BUT IT DOESN'T CAPTURE ALL THE PEAKS AND VALLEYS ON A WEEK TO WEEK BASIS. THEREFORE, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE BASIS RISK FROM WEEK TO WEEK. HE SAID THAT BASIS RISK HAS AVERAGED ABOUT 14 BASIS POINTS FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS; IT HAS BEEN AS HIGH AS 48 BASIS POINTS AND AS LOW AS -14 BASIS POINTS SO IT WOULD HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN THE COUNTY'S FAVOR. HE SAID THERE WAS MORE NOISE ON THIS ALTERNATIVE; BUT, LOOKING BACK ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, THE RATES ARE ACTUALLY LOWER. HE SAID THE QUESTION WAS IS THE FIXED RATE LOW ENOUGH ON THE SWAP FOR THE COUNTY TO BE WILLING TO TAKE ON THAT ON AVERAGE 14 BASIS POINTS AN ADDITIONAL MISS MATCH.

CHRIS SAID ON PAGE 11, IT SHOWED THE TAXABLE BOND RATES VERSUS THE ONE MONTH LIBOR; THE BLACK LINE IS THE TAXABLE BOND RATE AND THE RED LINE IS ONE MONTH LIBOR. HE SAID THERE IS VERY LITTLE MISS MATCH OR BASIS RISK WITH THIS ALTERNATIVE.

CHRIS SAID THAT WAS THE BASIC OVERVIEW OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP; THE REAL DECISION, IF THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT, IS HOW LONG TO SWAP AND ON THE TAX EXEMPT BOND ISSUE, WHICH INDEX TO USE, THE BMA INDEX OR A PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR. HE SAID THE OTHER BIG DIFFERENCE ON THE TAX EXEMPT PIECE USING THE BMA INDEX VERSUS THE PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR; IN THE 67% OF LIBOR, SUNTRUST IS ASSUMING THE TAX RATES ARE GOING TO STAY PRETTY CONSTANT. IN DETERMINING THE 67% RATIO, THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MARGINAL TAX RATE HAS BEEN ROUGHLY 35% TO 40% AND THATS WHAT ESTABLISHES A RATE RELATIONSHIP. IF TAX RATES WERE TO FALL AND GO DOWN 15%, IT WOULD IMPLY THE COUNTY'S BONDS ARE HOLDING AND THEY WOULD BE AROUND 85% OF LIBOR. BY DOING THE PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR SWAP AT 67% OF ONE MONTH LIBOR WHICH IS THE FLOATING RATE SUNTRUST WOULD PAY THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY IS ASSUMING THE TAX RISK OF TAX RATES STAYING CONSTANT OR GOING UP, IT WOULD WORK IN THEIR BENEFIT. HOWEVER, IF THE TAX RATES FALL, IT WOULD BE A LESS BENEFICIAL SCENARIO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON BEING IN ON THE CONFERENCE CALL HELD WITH MIKE AND CHRIS ON THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE DIFFERENCE IN LIBOR AND BMA RATES WAS SOME WHAT CONFUSING; BUT, IT BRINGS MORE UNDERSTANDING TO IT WHEN CHRIS EXPLAINED IT TO THE BOARD IF THE TAXES GO UP, THE LIBOR RATE IS BETTER; IF TAXES GO DOWN, THE LIBOR RATE IS LESS OF AN INCENTIVE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING GAME TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH INTEREST RATES IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS. HE FELT LIKE, IF ANYTHING, TAXES WERE GOING TO GO UP DUE TO THE CHANGE IN THE CABINET MEMBERS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WHERE THE BOARD WAS STRUCTURED AT NOW WITH THEIR PAYMENTS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE CURRENT RATE WAS 3.6%. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE COUNTY WAS CURRENTLY PAYING 3.59% AND 5%+ ON THE TWO BONDS THE LAST TIME SHE CHECKED.

MIKE SAID THE COUNTY WAS CURRENTLY PAYING 5.35% ON THE TAXABLE AND 3.6% ON THE TAX EXEMPT WITH THE FLOATING RATES WHICH THEY COULD CONTRACT OUT AND SWAP OUT; IN MOST SCENARIOS, THE COUNTY ACTUALLY LOWERS THEIR INTEREST RATE.

AS FAR AS A RECOMMENDATION, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE DIDN'T HAVE ONE ON CHANGING TO THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT ON THEIR SALES TAX BONDS; IT WAS JUST A GUESSING GAME AND THAT WILL BE A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALL.

SHE ADDRESSED HAVING TALKED TO TED KEISER, WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ORIGINAL BOND ISSUE, AND HE SAID IT WAS A GUESSING GAME; THE ONLY DOWN SIDE IS IF THE BOARD ENTERED INTO AN INTEREST SWAP AGREEMENT AND THEY WANTED TO PAY IT OFF EARLY, THERE WOULD BE A PRE-PAYMENT PENALTY OR IF THEY WANTED TO REFINANCE PART OF THE LOAN, THEY WOULD BE FEES INVOLVED WITH THAT. OTHER THAN THOSE TWO ISSUES, THAT WOULD BE A CALL THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO MAKE. SHE EXPLAINED THE VARIABLE INTEREST RATES THEY CURRENTLY HAVE ARE LOWER SOME MONTHS THAN THEY WERE THE PREVIOUS MONTHS ON THE WEEKLY YIELD.

MIKE SAID WHAT THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WOULD DO IS HELP THEM BE ABLE TO LOCK IN WITH A LEVEL OF CERTAINTY WHAT THEIR INTEREST RATES ARE GOING TO BE FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME SO AS THEY ARE PLANNING THEIR BUDGET YEAR AFTER YEAR THEY ARE ABLE TO LOCK IT IN. HE ADDRESSED IT BRINGS SOME COMFORT AND STABILITY TO IT; AS THEY CAN SEE IN THE LAST YEARS, IT HAS GONE AGAINST THE COUNTY PRETTY DRAMATICALLY AS FAR AS SHORT TERM INTEREST RATES GOING UP. HE SAID THE WAY VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BONDS WORK, THEY ARE ACTUALLY SOLD AND REPRICED EVERY SEVEN DAYS. HE SAID WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT IT BEING A 3.6% RATE; THAT WAS THE AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. IN EACH WEEK, HE ADDRESSED IT MAY BE A LITTLE MORE OR A LITTLE LESS AND IT IS GOING TO CREEP UP OR DOWN ALONG WITH THE INTEREST RATE MARKETS IN GENERAL. HE REITERATED THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE IS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THE COUNTY THE CERTAINTY OF LOCKING IN AN INTEREST RATE THEY DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BONDS.

HE SAID THE ONLY WAY THE COUNTY COULD GET INTO A FIXED RATE BOND, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETELY REISSUE THE BOND, START FROM SCRATCH AND INCUR SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF BOND REISSUANCE EXPENSES JUST LIKE WHEN THE BONDS WERE ORIGINALLY SOLD A FEW YEARS AGO. HE SAID THEY WOULD END UP SPENDING A HEFTY SIX FIGURE EXPENDITURE TO GET THE BONDS REISSUED ON A FIXED RATE BASIS FOR REALLY NOT GAINING ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY THAN WHAT THEY ARE ABLE TO LOCK IN WITH THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT, AT LEAST FOR PERIODS UP TO SEVEN YEARS.

FROM A PREPAYMENT STANDPOINT, MIKE SAID DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WAS CORRECT; THE SWAP AGREEMENTS WERE PUT IN PLACE AND THEY HAVE AN ECONOMIC VALUE TO THEM. HE SAID IF THEY PREPAY THEM, THE COUNTY COULD POTENTIALLY ENCOURAGE A PENALTY; BUT, THEY CAN ALSO DEPENDING ON THE WAY THE INTEREST RATE GOES, THEY CAN ALSO BE SOLD FOR A GAIN. HE SAID THE GATE DOESN'T ALWAYS SWING IN A NEGATIVE; THERE IS ALWAYS AN AFFIRMATIVE SIDE TO IT. HE SAID THE REALITY IS WHEN LOOKING AT THE COUNTY'S HALF CENT SALES TAX AS BEING PLEDGED AND DIRECTED TOWARD THE REPAYMENT OF THESE BONDS, THEY PRETTY MUCH HAVE EVERYTHING TIED UP AND BEING AIMED AT BOND REDUCTION ANYWAY. HE SAID UNLESS THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO TAKE SOME OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE AND APPLY THEM TOWARD THE BOND REPAYMENT TO ACCELERATE THAT OVER AND ABOVE THE HALF CENT SALES TAX, WHICH HE DON'T THINK IS LIKELY, THE CHANCES OF PREPAYING IT EARLY, IS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY LOCKED IN TO THEIR HALF-CENT. HE SAID IF THEY KNEW WHICH WAY INTEREST RATES WERE GOING FOR SURE, NONE OF US WOULD HAVE TO BE HERE; EVERYBODY WOULD BE ON EASY STREET. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE ARE SOME GOOD PRUDENT TOOLS TO MAKE, ESPECIALLY FOR MEDIUM AND SMALL COUNTY GOVERNMENTS WHERE THEY NEED THE CERTAINTY OF BEING ABLE TO MEET INTEREST RATES, PLANS AND EXPENSES; HE FELT THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT REPRESENTS A VIABLE TOOL FOR THE BOARD.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING, THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THE VARIABLE RATE THEY ARE CURRENTLY PAYING NOW ON THEIR BOND ISSUES; IF THE COUNTY GOES INTO THE INTEREST RATE SWAP WITH SUNTRUST AND IT IS HIGHER, THE COUNTY WILL PAY SUNTRUST THE DIFFERENCE OVER AND ABOVE WHAT THE VARIABLE RATE IS. HOWEVER, IF SUNTRUST RATE IS LOWER THAN THE VARIABLE RATE, SUNTRUST WILL PAY THE COUNTY THE DIFFERENCE.

MIKE SAID THERE WILL BE PAYMENTS GOING BACK AND FORTH; THEY ARE GOING TO AVERAGE OUT AND LOCK IN WHATEVER THE SWAP RATE IS. IF THEY SAY IT IS GOING TO BE 3.6% OR 3.7%, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PAY. THE COUNTY WILL EITHER PAY IN AND GET SOME BACK AS THE CASE MAY BE SO IT WILL EQUAL THE SAME AS THE LOCKED IN FIXED RATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE TERM OF THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISING THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IF THEY WANTED TO LOCK IT IN FOR 3, 5 OR 7 YEARS.

MIKE TOLD THE BOARD TO LOOK ON PAGE 5 AND 6 AS IT GIVES THEM A LAYOUT; THEY SHOW THE INTEREST RATES AS OF YESTERDAY BUT THEY TEND TO BOUNCE AROUND. HE SAID IF THE BOARD IS IN AGREEMENT AND THEY AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO PURSUE THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT AND ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, SUNTRUST CAN LOCK THIS RATE IN LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW ONCE THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY.

HE SAID ON THE TAX EXEMPT PIECE OF THE BOND ISSUE, INTEREST RATES GO ANYWHERE FROM 3.51% TO 3.54% ON THREE TO SEVEN YEARS USING THE 67% LIBOR INDEX OR THE MORE CONSERVATIVE APPROACH WITH THE BMA INDEX IS 3.65% UP TO 3.81%. HE SAID THE TAXABLE PORTION OF THE BOND ISSUE IS PRETTY MUCH A NO BRAINER IT WOULD SEEM LIKE; THE COUNTY IS AT 5.35% CURRENTLY AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO LOWER THEIR RATES TO 5.13% FOR THREE YEARS OR 5.16% FOR SEVEN YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WOULD GIVE A CONSISTENCY OF ACCOUNTING AS FOR AS WHAT THEY WOULD BE LOOKING TO PAY EACH YEAR ON THE LOAN. IF THE INTEREST RATES WERE TO GO TO 7%, THE COUNTY PROBABLY WOULD BE GASPING FOR BREATH TRYING TO PAY IT. HE SAID IF THE BOARD KNOWS THEY CAN PAY THE FIXED RATE, HE FEELS THEY WOULD BE BETTER TO LOCK IN THE INTEREST RATE AND HAVE A CONSISTENCY IN THEIR CASH FLOW WITHOUT HAVING A CONCERN OF WHAT CAN

HAPPEN WITH THE RATES. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE IT WAS A GAMBLE EITHER WAY; BUT, THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY THE LOAN AND THE FIXED RATE BEING OFFERED SEEMS TO BE A FAIR RATE AND IT IS GUARANTEED. HE REITERATED IT APPEARED TO BE A BETTER DEAL FOR THE COUNTY TO GET THE CONSISTENCY AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS CHANGING DRAMATICALLY AND GET IN CASH FLOW PROBLEMS DOWN THE ROAD.

MIKE SAID WHAT MAKES THIS A PARTICULAR GOOD TIME TO ENTERTAIN THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT, WHEN LOOKING AT THE GRAPHS AND LOOKING AT THE SHORTER TERM RATES AND THE LONGER TERM RATES WHERE THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY ON TOP OF EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW, THIS WOULD BE THE OPTIONAL TIME TO TAKE IT OUT LONGER BECAUSE THERE IS NO DISADVANTAGE OVER IT. HE SAID THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY A POSITIVE SLOPE ON A YIELD CURVE; THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY MUCH HIGHER RATES TO BE LOCKED IN FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

CHRIS ADDED ONE QUESTION THE BOARD NEEDED TO ANSWER ON THE TAX EXEMPT PORTION OF THE BOND ISSUE IF THEY WANTED TO USE THE BMA INDEX OR THE PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR. HE SAID THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS ON THEIR BONDS BOTH INTEREST RATE AND TAX RISKS. HE ADDRESSED THERE WERE TWO THINGS THAT COULD CAUSE THEIR WEEKLY BOND RATE TO GO UP; ONE IS THE GENERAL LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES GOING UP AS THEY HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS WITH THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK RAISING INTEREST RATES AND TAX RATES. HE SAID IF TAX RATES FALL, TAX EXEMPT BONDS BECOME LESS ATTRACTIVE SO THEIR YIELDS HAVE TO GO UP. HE SAID THE COUNTY BEAR BOTH THESE RISKS ALREADY; IT IS JUST A QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WANT TO HEDGE BOTH OF THOSE RISKS TO A SWAP OR NOT. HE SAID IF THE BOARD IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAX RISK PIECE OF IT, THEY CAN HOLD ON TO IT GET A PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR SWAP, AND THEY ARE LOCKED IN ON THE INTEREST RATE PART OF IT. IF THE BOARD IS CONCERNED ABOUT TAX RISK AS WELL, THEY CAN DO THE BMA SWAP AT A SLIGHTLY HIGHER COST BUT IT IS GOING TO HEDGE THEM AGAINST BOTH GENERAL INTEREST RATE MOVEMENT AND THE REDUCTION OF TAX RATES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF CHRIS WOULD GIVE THE BOARD AN EXAMPLE OF HIGHS AND LOWS ON THAT RISKS PERCENTAGE RATE WISE OF WHAT HE SEES THE MAXIMUM RISK THEY WOULD INCUR BY TAKING THE PERCENTAGE OF LIBOR VERSUS THE BMA.

CHRIS ADVISED IT WAS REALLY A FUNCTION OF HOW LOW THE TAX RATES GO; HE CHOSE THE EXAMPLE OF 15% TAX RATES BECAUSE THAT WAS A REALISTIC PROPOSAL THAT WAS ON THE TABLE AT ONE POINT ABOUT A 15% FLAT TAX. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE HAS HEARD OF ANYTHING BEING SUGGESTED ANYTHING BELOW ASSUMING THEY ARE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE SOME LEVEL OF TAXES. IF THERE WAS A 15% FLAT TAX, CHRIS SAID THE BOARD WOULD ASSUME THEIR BOND RATE WOULD GO UP TO 85% OF THE TAXABLE YIELD OR 85% OF LIBOR. HE SAID THE REASON IS NOW THE INVESTORS BUYING THOSE BONDS ONLY GETS A 15% TAX BREAK ON IT; SO THEY ARE GOING TO DEMAND A HIGHER YIELD TO A TUNE OF 85%. HE SAID ON THE HIGHER END 85% OF LIBOR WOULD BE WHAT THE BOARD WOULD BE LOOKING AT IF THAT OCCURRED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF HE CALCULATED THAT OUT IN INTEREST RATE, WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN. CHRIS SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT THE LEVEL OF GENERAL INTEREST RATES ARE; NOW THE GENERAL INTEREST RATE IS AROUND 5% AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING 5% TAXABLE YIELD ON THE BOND SIDE AND RECEIVING 67% ON THE LIBOR ON THE SWAP. HE SAID THAT WOULD BE A MISMATCH OF ABOUT 18% OF 5% BASE NUMBER; IT WORKS OUT AT LESS THAN 1%. IF THEY GO UP TO A HIGHER GENERAL INTEREST RATE OF 10%, HE SAID THAT WOULD MEAN THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING 8.5% TO THEIR BOND HOLDERS AND RECEIVING 6.7% FROM SUNTRUST. HE SAID IF INTEREST RATES GO A LOT HIGHER AND TAX RATES FELL, THAT IS WHEN THE GAP COULD REALLY WIDEN OUT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WENT WITH BMA INDEX, IT WOULD STAY CONSISTENT REGARDLESS OF EITHER ONE OF THOSE SCENARIOS. CHRIS ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT BECAUSE THE BMA IS ALSO A TAX EXEMPT INDEX ITSELF; HE SAID IF INTEREST RATES WERE TO FALL, THE COUNTY'S BOND RATES WOULD GO UP AND ALL THE BONDS THAT MAKE UP THE BMA INDEX WOULD GO UP; THE COUNTY WOULD BE HEDGED AGAINST CHANGES IN THE TAX RATE.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED WHO INSTIGATED THE TALKS ABOUT THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY OR SUNTRUST. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SUNTRUST DID.

KATHY THEN QUESTIONED IF IT WAS DIRECTED TO LEVEL OUT THE COUNTY'S PAYMENTS OR TO BORROW MORE FUNDS. CHRIS ADVISED IT WAS JUST TO FIX THE INTEREST RATES FROM THE CURRENT FLOATING RATE BONDS.

KATHY ASKED WHAT WAS SUNTRUST MAKING OFF OF THIS. CHRIS SAID THAT SUNTRUST DOESN'T CHARGE ANY FEES TO EXECUTE THE TRANSACTIONS; BUT, THEY ARE A SWAP DEALER MEANING THEY RUN A LOT OF THESE TRANS- ACTIONS THROUGH THEIR TRADES BOOK. HE SAID THEIR INTENT TO ENTER INTO THESE TRANSACTIONS IS TO HEDGE THEIR CLIENTS AT AN ATTRACTIVE RATE AND POOL IT TOGETHER AND HAVE THEIR TRADE INVESTOR GO AND MARKET AND SECURE A COST OF FUNDS THAT ALLOWS THEM TO GENERATE A SPREAD OF PROFITS.

JAY, CHIPLEY NEWSPAPER, QUESTIONED WHEN THE ORIGINAL BONDS WERE ISSUED OFFICIALLY AND WHAT WERE THEY ISSUED FOR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN 2003 AND THEY WERE ISSUED TO CONSOLIDATE A LOAN THEY ALREADY HAD AND TO GET NEW MONIES FOR THE HOSPITAL.

JAY QUESTIONED THE TERM OF THE SWAP RATE AGREEMENT. CHRIS ADVISED THE BOARD COULD CHOOSE 3 YEARS, 5 YEARS OR 7 YEARS AND ANYTHING IN BETWEEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO ENTER INTO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WITH SUNTRUST FOR A SEVEN YEAR TERM USING THE BMA INDEX OF 3.81% ON THE \$5.9 MILLION TAX EXEMPT BOND AND THE ONE MONTH FIXED LIBOR RATE OF 5.16% ON THE \$2.935 MILLION BOND.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED THE TERM OF THE COUNTY'S CURRENT LOAN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WOULD BE PAID OFF IN 2028.

MIKE DIEHL AGREED ON THE TERM OF PAY OFF AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING A GOOD LONG TIME BEYOND THE LENGTH OF THE FIXED RATE CONTRACT. HE SAID SEVEN YEARS INTO THE FUTURE, THEY CAN SIT DOWN AND VISIT IT AGAIN; SEVEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE CONTRACT EXPIRES, THE BOARD CAN REVERT BACK TO WHERE THEY ARE TODAY. HE SAID THEY CAN JUMP BACK INTO THE MARKET ON A VARIABLE RATE BASIS; IF IT MAKES GOOD ECONOMIC BUSINESS SENSE TO LOOK AT ANOTHER INTEREST RATE SWAP AT THAT TIME, THEY WOULD HAVE THAT OPTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE RATES CURRENTLY BEING PAID ON THE BOND ISSUE FALL INTO THEIR BUDGETED EXPENSE SO FAR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY DID AND THEY BUDGETED ACCORDING TO THE VARIABLE RATE THE BEST THEY COULD. SHE REITERATED IT WOULD BE A BOARD DECISION AND ADDRESSED IT BEING A GAMBLE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WOULD TAKE MOST OF THE GAMBLE OUT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT THE HOSPITAL AND REFERRED TO THEM HAVING TO PAY BACK ANY INTEREST OVER 4%. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE HOSPITAL LOAN PORTION WOULD ACTUALLY BE LOWER THAN WHAT IS BEING PAID NOW; THE HOSPITAL WILL ACTUALLY BE REDUCING THE AMOUNT THEY HAVE TO PAY THE COUNTY BACK ON ALL INTEREST OVER 4%.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE; THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT WITH SUNTRUST FOR A SEVEN YEAR TERM USING THE BMA INDEX ON THE TAX EXEMPT BOND AND THE ONE MONTH LIBOR ON THE TAXABLE BOND.

CHRIS SAID HE WOULD GET THOSE INTEREST RATES LOCKED IN TODAY; HE HAD CHECKED BEFORE HE CAME TO THE MEETING TODAY AND THE INTEREST RATES HAVE NOT GONE UP.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE 11.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY THE BOARD IS PURCHASING TO PUT THE NEW EMS ON THE ROADSIDE PARCEL AND ALL THE REST, PERHAPS SELL TO WAUSAU; TOTAL COST IS \$152,618 INCLUDING THE CLOSING COST OF \$2618. HE ADVISED THE BOARD NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CLOSING STATEMENTS ON THE PURCHASE OF THE 11.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM KEITH JONES FOR THE NEW EOC. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANDRA COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TDC ACTIVITIES:

- A. MAP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
- B. TDC WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING
- C. CONTRACTED TO PRINT OUT TDC BROCHURES TO HAND OUT TO POWER COMPANIES, ALL THE HOTELS AND MOTELS, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT, ETC.

SHE CONGRATULATED COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ON THEIR NEW POSITIONS AND ADVISED THE NEXT TDC MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON JANUARY 22ND AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE.

SHE SAID IT HAD ONLY BEEN A YEAR SINCE SHE TOOK THE TDC POSITION AND THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT. SHE ADVISED THE BOARD THE COMFORT INN OWNER WAS NOW ON THE TDC BOARD AND ANOTHER HOTEL OWNER, MARY RICHMOND WITH THE EBRO HOTEL, IS WANTING TO BE ON THE TDC BOARD.

SHE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT MARY RICHMOND ON THE TDC BOARD; BUT, THERE WAS A LITTLE DILEMMA. SHE ADDRESSED A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, DON WALTERS WAS PUT ON THE TDC BOARD AND HAS ONLY ATTENDED TWO MEETINGS LAST DECEMBER. SINCE HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, SHE FELT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO REPLACE WALTERS WITH MS. RICHMOND. SHE SAID THEY HAVE INVITED DON TO EVERY TDC MEETING THEY HAVE HAD, THEY HAVE MADE PHONE CALLS, LEFT MESSAGES AND EVEN TALKED TO HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER DON'S PRIORITIES HAS CHANGED OR WHATEVER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD OUGHT TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME REASON DON HASN'T ATTENDED THE MEETINGS AND SEE WHAT HIS INTENT IS. HE OFFERED TO GO AND TALK TO DON TO SEE WHAT HIS INTENT IS; IF HE HAS NO INTENTION OF BEING INVOLVED, HE FEELS THEY OUGHT TO REPLACE HIM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADVISED EVIDENTLY DON'S INTENTIONS ARE NOT GOOD BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN SHOWING UP FOR THE TDC MEETINGS EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST TWO. HE SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY REASON TO TAKE IT ANY FURTHER AND TALK TO HIM.

SANDRA SAID THE TDC SECRETARY HAS TALKED TO DON A COUPLE OF TIMES AND A COUPLE OF TIMES, DON TOLD THE SECRETARY HE HAD RATHER NOT BE BOTHERED. SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT TALKED TO HIM PERSONALLY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED COULDN'T THE BOARD LET ADMINI-STRATOR HERBERT GET UP WITH DON AFTER CHRISTMAS; HE NEEDS TO SHOW UP TO THE TDC MEETINGS IF HE IS GOING TO BE PART OF IT.

SANDRA SAID SHE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DON BEING ON THE TDC BOARD; HOWEVER, THEY WANT MEMBERS THAT ARE GOING TO BE WORKERS AND PARTICIPANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO DO SOME THINGS FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE HAD RATHER HAVE COMMISSIONER FINCH TALK TO DON ABOUT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE TDC AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON DON'S INTENT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

SANDRA REITERATED THE TDC MEETINGS WERE HELD THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH UNLESS IT IS A HOLIDAY; THIER NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 22ND AT 4:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS WHEN THERE ARE MEMBERS ON A BOARD THAT DOESN'T SHOW UP AND SOMETIMES IT CAN CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS.

CONRAD FUTCH, LUCAS LAKE ROAD, CONGRATULATED THE TWO NEW MEMBERS ON THE BOARD. HE REFERRED TO HIM BEING BEFORE THE BOARD SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND REQUESTED THEY NOT DUMP ANY MORE CLAY ON THE LUCAS LAKE ROAD. HE SAID FIVE DAYS LATER THERE WAS TRUCK AFTER TRUCK AFTER TRUCK; NOT ONLY DID THEY DUMP CLAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, BUT THE ONLY PART OF THE ROAD THAT WAS WORTH ANYTHING, THEY HAD THIS ASPHALT AND SAND MIXED TOGETHER AND PUT 10" OF CLAY ON TOP OF IT. HE SAID THE ONLY GOOD THING, THE COUNTY DID COME OUT A FEW WEEKS LATER AND DUG DITCHES; WHEN IT RAINED AGAIN, MOST OF THE CLAY RAN INTO THE DITCHES.

HE SAID THEY NEED MORE MAINTENANCE ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD; HE DIDN'T CARE IF THE COUNTY EVER PAVED THE ROAD. HE SAID HE HAD BOUGHT FOUR WHEEL COVERS IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS AND HE IS STILL SHORT ONE. HE ALSO ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TO

GO DOWN TO FIRESTONE EVERY SIX WEEKS AND GET THE FRONT END ALIGNED; EVERY THREE YEARS HE HAS TO GET NEW STRUTS.

MR. FUTCH SAID HE PAID OVER \$1,000 IN PROPERTY TAXES THIS YEAR; PROBABLY THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ROAD PROBLEMS IS THOSE IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND SUNNY HILLS. HE POINTED OUT HE REALIZED EVERYBODY ELSE IS IN THE SAME BOAT HE IS IN. HE SAID THERE WAS OVER 100 DWELLINGS THAT FEED INTO LUCAS LAKE ROAD OFF OF LAKE SHORE DRIVE, ST. MARKS AND THE OTHER ROADS. HE SAID IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A HOUSE BUILT OUT THERE, THERE IS A FOUNDATION TO POUR FOR ANOTHER HOUSE TOMORROW AND THERE IS ANOTHER DRIVEWAY BEING PUT IN ON DOWN THE ROAD.

HE SAID WITH PEOPLE COMING UP FROM BAY COUNTY, THEY HAVE GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING DONE. HE SAID IF THEY COULD GET SOME OF THE SAND AND ASPHALT PUT DOWN ON ALL THE ROAD LIKE THEY DID THE QUARTER OF MILE OF ROAD, IT WOULD HELP A WHOLE LOT. HE REITERATED THE CLAY THE COUNTY PUTS ON THE ROAD IS DANGEROUS; HIS WIFE HAS SLID IN CIRCLES AND HE HAS PULLED CARS OUT OF THE DITCHES. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAD GRADED THE ROAD LAST WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2.5 WEEKS; IN THE TWELVE YEARS HE HAS LIVED OUT THERE, IT WAS THE WORST JOB THEY HAVE EVER DONE. HE POINTED OUT THEY HIT THE HIGH PARTS OF THE HILLS AND LEFT THE VALLEYS; THERE WOULDN'T EVEN A DAY THAT HAD GONE BY, THE ROAD WAS JUST AS BAD AS BEFORE THE ROAD WAS GRADED.

MR. FUTCH SAID THEY NEEDED SOME MORE MAINTENANCE DONE ON THE ROAD TO KEEP THE HUBCAPS ON THE CARS, KEEP THE FRONT END IN LINE. HE EXPLAINED IF THE COUNTY COULD GRADE THE ROAD MORE OFTEN, THEY HAVE ALL THESE OTHER ROADS THEY HAVE ALREADY PAVED. HE SAID THE EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER OUGHT TO BE THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GRADING THE ROADS THEY HAVE PAVED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED MR. FUTCH HOW OFTEN HE EXPECTED THE ROAD TO BE GRADED. MR. FUTCH RESPONDED HE EXPECTED THE ROAD TO BE GRADED AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. HE REFERRED TO SAND TURNING INTO WASHBOARDS WHEN IT IS DRY; IT HAS BEEN WASHBOARD NOW FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ENOUGH GRADING POWER TO GO AROUND ALL OF THE ROADS ONCE A WEEK; BUT, AGREED TO DO WHATEVER THEY COULD.

LINDA WALLER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL ON CYPRESS CROSSING SUBDIVISION, ITERA CORPORATION. SHE SAID SHE HAD SENT THE BOARD THE FINAL PLAT AND HAS ALL THE SIGNATURES ON IT; ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT AND CHAIRMAN SAPP'S SIGNATURE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF CYPRESS CROSSING SUBDIVISION, ITERA CORPORATION. CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION; THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LINDA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON SCHOOL CONCURRENCY. SHE UPDATED THEM ON HAVING ENTERED INTO A SCHOOL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE; IT IS IN TALLAHASSEE AND THINKS SHE HAS SEEN WHERE IT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN WITH A NOTICE OF INTENT. SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT THIS MEANS IT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

UNDER THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY HAS TO DO A SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT; FL-DCA HAS GIVEN THE COUNTY A \$25,000 GRANT. SHE SAID THE PLANNING COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SUB THIS OUT TO WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; WFRPC HAS GIVEN AN ESTIMATE TO DO THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT. SHE SAID THE PLANNING OFFICE WILL DO THE EXCESS WORK OVER THE \$25,000 FL-DCA GRANT WHICH WILL INVOLVE SCHEDULING THE LOCAL MEETINGS, APPEARING BEFORE ALL THE TOWN AND CITY COUNCILS, GETTING THEIR SIGNATURES ON THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT, THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL AND BACK TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. SHE STATED THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT IS A REQUIREMENT BY THE STATE AND WILL HAVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY APRIL 2008.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE CONSULTANT SERVICES WFRPC WAS AGREEING TO DO WOULD HAVE TO BE BID OUT. LINDA SAID NOT TO HER UNDERSTANDING, IT WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE BID.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THERE HAD BEEN OTHER GRANTS THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SUB-CONTRACT THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO BID.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WAS FINE IF THIS IS ALLOWED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HADN'T BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BACKGROUND SO HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE CONDITIONS WERE.

LINDA STATED FL-DCA DIDN'T PLACE ANY CONDITIONS; THE ONLY CONDITION THEY PLACED WAS IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO SUB-CONTRACT IT, THEY WOULD REQUIRE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT. SHE EXPLAINED WFRPC DID THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT AND SEVERAL OTHER THINGS THAT WERE NECESSARY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE NEEDED TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING DUE TO HIM BEING THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN OF WFRPC BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THIS WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ALSO; JOEL WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. HE SAID HE AND JOEL BOTH DIDN'T NEED TO ATTEND THAT MEETING. JOEL DISAGREED; THE GOVERNOR MAKES THAT DECISION AND NOBODY ELSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T THINK TWO COMMISSIONERS COULD SET ON THE WFRPC BOARD EVEN THOUGH ONE WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID PROHIBITION WITH RONNIE AND JOEL BOTH SERVING ON THE WFRPC BOARD WOULD BE DISCUSSING BUSINESS THAT WOULD COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF ITEMS BROUGHT UP ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE BOARD IS NOW CONSIDERING CONTRACTING WITH WRFPC.

LINDA ADDRESSED THE WFRPC WAS THE APPOINTED AGENCY OF THE STATE TO ADMINISTER DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED THE BOARD HAS CONTRACTED WITH WFRPC BEFORE WITHOUT BIDDING IT OUT; HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO CHECK ON COMMISSIONER FINCH'S CONCERN ABOUT HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE BOTH SERVING ON THE WFRPC BOARD AND GET A RULING ON IT. HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER IF PATE AND FINCH DIDN'T VOTE ON SUBCONTRACTING THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT WITH WFRPC.

LINDA SAID ONE PROBLEM THEY MAY RUN INTO IF THEY BID OUT THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT IS THAT SOMEONE ELSE MAY CHARGE \$35,000 OR \$40,000 AND NOT ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DO PART OF THE WORK TO BRING IT WITHIN THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS; BUT, HE WOULDN'T WANT A CONSULTANT TO COME AND QUESTION WHY THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT WAS NOT BID. IF THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE TO BID IT OUT, HE SAID THAT IS FINE; BUT, HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN SUBCONTRACT WITH WFRPC WITHOUT HAVING TO BID IT OUT TO ANY OTHER COMPANY FOR AN RFP.

LINDA SAID THE PROBLEM AGAIN IS TIME; IT IS A LENGTHY PROCESS TO GET ALL OF IT DONE AND GET IT THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. SHE SAID WHEN TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS, YOU ARE SPEAKING OF EVERY MUNICIPALITY, PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD; THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS PROBABLY TO GET ALL OF THIS DONE AND THEN SUBMIT IT TO FL-DCA. SHE ADDRESSED ONCE THEY GET THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT DRAWN UP, IT HAS TO BE SENT TO FL-DCA FOR APPROVAL, THEN IT COMES BACK AND THE BOARD BEGINS THEIR HEARING PROCESS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED HE DIDN'T THINK THERE IS ANY PROBLEM WITH SUBCONTRACTING WITH WFRPC TO DO THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT; BUT, HE WOULD ADVISE COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR DISCUSSION TO SUBCONTRACT WITH WFRPC TO PREPARE THE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY ELEMENT AND SUBSIDIZE WITH THE COUNTY TO DO ALL THE WORK OVER THE \$25,000 GRANT PROVIDED BY FL-DCA.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID ACCORDING TO THE MEMO FROM THE PLANNING OFFICE, THE GRANT IS FOR \$25,000 AND THE BID FROM WFRPC IS FOR \$33,033.84 LEAVING \$8,033.84. HE QUESTIONED EITHER THE COUNTY PICKS UP THE TAB OR THE PLANNING OFFICE PERFORMS INKIND WORK IS WHAT THE BOARD IS ACTING ON NOW. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE AMOUNT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY, INKIND OR OTHERWISE, MEETS THE THRESHOLD FOR HAVING TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR PROPOSALS.

LINDA SAID IT MAY BE POSSIBLE DOWN THE LINE, THE PLANNING OFFICE CAN PERFORM MORE OF THE INKIND SERVICES. LINDA SAID SHE WOULD DO THE ADVERTISEMENTS AND POINTED OUT A BIG COST FACTOR IS THE TRIPS WFRPC MAKES TO THE COUNTY; THEY WILL TRY TO ELIMINATE THOSE TRIPS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD IT IN THE RECORD THAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD ADVISED HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE NOT TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE DID HAVE IT IN THE RECORD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A FORM THAT BOTH COMMISSIONER PATE AND FINCH WOULD HAVE TO FILL OUT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY WOULD NEED TO FILL OUT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM STATING THEIR REASON FOR ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AND PATE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DRAFT ECONOMIC ELEMENT HAVING BEEN DONE BY RANDY PARKER A FEW YEARS AGO; IT DID GO TO FL-DCA AND RANDY IS LOOKING FOR CORRESPONDENCE WHERE FL-DCA REVIEWED IT. SHE SAID IT NEVER WENT THROUGH ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS AGAIN.

SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING \$10,638 SITTING IN THE PLANNING GRANT FUND WHICH THEY NEED TO USE PART OF IT TO DO THEIR ECONOMIC ELEMENT. SHE SAID THE ECONOMIC ELEMENT CAN BE COMPLETED BY REVISING SOME POPULATION FIGURES AND OTHER FIGURES ON CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY. SHE SAID THEY CERTAINLY WANTED TO INCLUDE THE WORK DONE IN THE RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN.

LINDA SAID SHE NEEDED A PROGRAM THAT WAS GOING TO DO SOME VODACIOUS SCANNING. SHE ADDRESSED THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT IS DUE BY APRIL 2008; THE WFRPC DID PART OF THE WORK ON THIS AND RANDY PARKER DID PART OF THE WORK. SHE REQUESTED THEIR DIGITAL FORMAT AND DUE TO CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN WFRPC, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE IT. SHE POINTED OUT THIS DOCUMENT HAS TO BE SCANNED REPETITIVELY; TO DO THIS THEY WILL NEED AN ABBY PROGRAM. SHE SAID SEVERAL OF THE COUNTY OFFICES HAVE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1700 FOR THE ABBY PROGRAM. SHE ADDRESSED IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROGRESS AND USE THE WEB SITE AS A PLACE THEY ARE GOING TO PUT THEIR INFORMATION, THEY REALLY NEED THE ABBY PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO ALLOW LINDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, TO USE THE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE ABBY PROGRAM FOR SCANNING AND FOR THE ECONOMIC ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE MINUTES ARE STILL BEING RETYPED IN ORDER TO GET THEM ON THE COUNTY'S WEB PAGE OR HAS THIS BEEN STRAIGHTENED OUT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THEY HAVEN'T BEEN RETYPED OR PUT ON THE WEB SITE SINCE MAY IS HER UNDERSTANDING.

LINDA ADVISED THE ABBY PROGRAM IS JUST THE PROGRAM NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF SCANNING THE MINUTES AND PUTTING THEM ON THE COUNTY'S WEB PAGE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED CLERK COOK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WHERE THE MINUTES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE WEB SITE; HER UNDERSTANDING IS THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT STOPPED RETYPING THE MINUTES AND PUTTING THEM ON THE WEB SITE AS OF MAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN PUT ON THE WEB SITE SINCE MAY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID PROBABLY DUE TO WAITING ON THE UPGRADED PROGRAMS OR UPGRADED SOFTWARE.

LINDA ADDRESSED JUDY WATFORD IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT HAVING DONE A LOT OF THAT RETYPING OF MINUTES AND THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THEY WANT TO PUT ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE THAT JUST CAN'T BE READ SUCCESSFULLY AND IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK TO GO IN AND STRAIGHTEN THE DOCUMENTS OUT. SHE SAID THE ABBY PROGRAM WOULD SOLVE JUDY'S PROBLEM ALSO.

LINDA SAID IT WOULD SAVE ROGER HAGAN'S PROBLEM WHEN HE COMES BACK WITH A BROCHURE THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ALTER TO FIT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S LOCAL NEEDS. SHE SAID THE ABBY PROGRAM WOULD SCAN AND GET A WORD DOCUMENT THAT HE CAN ACTUALLY GO IN AND EDIT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED ALL THE MINUTES SHOULD BE ON THE INTERNET BY NEXT MONTH; ALL THE MINUTES FROM 1987 FORWARD WILL BE CAPABLE OF BEING PUT ON THE WEB SITE. AS FAR AS WHY THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RETYPED THE MINUTES SINCE MAY, SHE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THAT DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE ALWAYS THOUGHT SUSAN RETYPED SOME OF THE MINUTES TO GO ON THE WEB SITE ALSO. LINDA SAID THE ABBY PROGRAM WOULD SERVE AS A FIX IT THING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY THE MINUTES COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ELECTRONICALLY SENT TO THE BOARD'S WEB SITE; BUT, THAT IS NOT HIS BUSINESS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY EITHER; BUT, THE PERSON CLERK COOK HIRED FIXED A PROGRAM AND IT WILL BE WHERE THEY CAN PUT IT ON THE INTERNET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE AGREED WITH LINDA WALLER, IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO CONTINUE RETYPING THE BOARD MINUTES, THE ABBY PROGRAM WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE SOFTWARE NEEDED.

LINDA SAID AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO GROW, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF DIFFERENT USES FOR THE ABBY PROGRAM; THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, HEATHER FINCH, CAN USE IT TO DO THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS. SHE SAID ANY- TIME YOU SCAN SOMETHING, IT COMES UP WITH A LOT OF ERRORS; BUT, WITH THIS PROGRAM, IT IS GREATLY REDUCED. SHE REFERRED TO RANDY PARKER HAVING SAID THE ABBY PROGRAM WAS JUST ABOUT THE BEST PROGRAM YOU CAN USE.

SHE SAID THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT COULD USE THE ABBY PROGRAM AND AMY SIMMONS, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, COULD USE IT ALSO.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO ALLOW LINDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, TO USE THE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS TO DO THE ECONOMIC ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO PURCHASE THE ABBY PROGRAM.

LINDA REQUESTED SHE BE ALLOWED TO USE THE PLANNING GRANT MONIES TO PURCHASE A DESK FOR HER NEW PERSON IN THE PLANNING OFFICE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$250.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THESE FUNDS COULD BE USED TO PURCHASE FURNITURE. LINDA ADVISED IT COULD BE USED FOR WHATEVER THEY WANT TO NOW; AS LONG AS IT IS USED FOR PLANNING, PLANNING ITEMS AND PLANNING PROGRAMS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID HER UNDERSTANDING IS THE WORK TO BE DONE BY THE GRANT WAS ACTUALLY DONE AND THESE FUNDS WERE LEFT OVER; THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN SITTING IDLY IN THIS ACCOUNT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A DESK FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OUT OF THE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE HAVING TO BE KEPT UP TO DATE; WHEN THE BOARD APPROVES A LAND USE AMENDMENT CHANGE TO THE LAND USE MAP, ANY INFRASTRUCTURE THEY HAVE WITHIN THAT APPROVAL THAT IS NOT THERE, GOES ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST. SHE SAID THIS IS WHERE THEY START TO MAKE SURE THE DEVELOPER GUARANTEES ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE. SHE EXPLAINED THEY HAVE TO SHOW IT ON THERE AND SHOW THE FUNDING SOURCE; WHETHER THE DEVELOPER IS FUNDING IT, THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS FUNDING IT OR FL- DOT IS FUNDING IT. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE LIST UP TO DATE, LINDA DEVELOPED A PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES SEEM TO BE USING. SHE ADDRESSED WHEN A NEW PROJECT COMES ON BOARD, THE PROJECT SHEET NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT AND SENT TO THE PLANNING OFFICE SO WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR THEM TO DO THEIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST UPDATE, WHICH THEY CAN NOW DO TWO TIMES A YEAR, THE FORM WILL SHOW THEM WHERE THEY ARE AND WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA.

LINDA REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF HER SENDING THE PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET TO ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND REMIND THEM ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT OR PROJECTS WILL BE SHOWN ON THEIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST BY FILLING OUT THIS FORM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION COULD BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE. HE SAID LINDA COULD SEND ONE OF THE FORMS TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AND LET THEM KNOW IT IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT ANY TIME. HE SAID THE DEPARTMENTS WOULDN'T KEEP UP WITH THE FORM. LINDA AGREED TO PUT IT ON THE WEB SITE FOR THE DEPARTMENTS.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF A MOTION WAS NECESSARY, COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHY WOULD THEY NEED A MOTION; IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT COULD HANDLE.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT STATING IT WAS A VERY DETAILED DOCUMENT. SHE SAID HOPEFULLY ALL THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO THE DOCUMENT IS ADD TO IT. SHE SAID THEY WERE ALREADY WORKING ON THEIR POPULATION FIGURES AND LOGISTICS. SHE ADDRESSED THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND THEY WOULD BE CONTACTING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE EAR INFORMATION.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE. SHE REFERRED TO THE CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRES A PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE. SHE SAID IT CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO INFRASTRUCTURE; IT MAY BE WITH FL-DOT, THE COUNTY, AQUA UTILITIES, ETC. THEY HAVE TO SHOW THEY ARE PICKING UP THE TAB FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT. SHE REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, WORKSHOPS, WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO GET THE PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE TO FL-DCA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE LINDA WALLER TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, WORKSHOPS AND WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO GET THE PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE TO FL-DCA.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH HER REPORT.

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM-THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION REGARDING SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE TO THIS PROGRAM.

AFTER SPEAKING WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND SEVERAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, SHE ASKED THE PROGRAM DEFINED IN THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION BE REVIEWED AND PRESENTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL ONCE IT HAS BEEN REVISED.

SHE EXPLAINED THERE HAD BEEN SOME ISSUES WITH THE REWARD AMOUNT, FAIRNESS IN MAKING SURE EVERY EMPLOYEE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THAT HONOR, NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA, ETC. SHE SAID SHE HAD DONE QUITE A BIT OF RESEARCH ON HOW OTHER ORGANIZATIONS COMPILE THINGS AND SELECT IN REGARDS TO EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC. SHE ASKED SHE BE ALLOWED TO PUT TOGETHER SOME- THING TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD THAT WILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE STRICTER GUIDELINES FOR THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER TO WORK ON THE CRITERIA, AWARDS, ETC. OF THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND PRESENT IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED STACY WEBB'S REPORT DUE TO HER BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. AT THIS TIME EVERY YEAR, THE BOARD SUBMITS COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS TO SENATOR DURELL PEADON AND REPRESENTATIVE DON BROWN. LAST YEAR THEY SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR THE SECURITY AT THE COURTHOUSE AND RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$250,000.

JUDGE PEEL HAD THE U.S. MARSHALL SERVICE COME IN AND DO AN INSPECTION AND SURVEY ON THE COURTHOUSE; THEY MADE A LOT OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO EXCEED \$250,000. JUDGE PEEL WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR RENOVATION OF COURTHOUSE ENTRANCES FOR ADA AND SECURITY ACCESS, RENOVATE INTERIOR OF COURTHOUSE FOR ADA AND SECURITY AND CONTINUE TO ENHANCE SECURITY MEASURES, UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES.

JUDGE PEEL WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR \$400,000 FOR THE COURTHOUSE PROJECTS. STACY HAS THE PAPERWORK READY TO BE SUBMITTED AND BOARD APPROVAL IS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED FOR STACY TO SUBMIT THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY MEASURES REQUESTED BY JUDGE PEEL FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER PROJECTS THEY WERE GOING TO SUBMIT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD WAS NOT LIMITED TO JUST ONE PROJECT; BUT, IF THEY ONLY SUBMIT ONE OR TWO, THEY WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING FUNDED. HE SAID IN THE PAST, THE BOARD HAS SUBMITTED AS MANY AS TEN TO TWELVE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE EMS BUILDING AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE EQUESTRIAN SITE MAY BE A GOOD PROJECT TO SUBMIT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY HAVE THE LAND, AVAILABILITY AND HAVE THE INTEREST IF THEY CAN GET THE EMS BUILDING PUT IN AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE COUNTY NEAR THE AIRSTRIP ON SPRING POND ROAD. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED IF THERE WAS A DOLLAR AMOUNT THE BOARD WANTED TO REQUEST FOR THE EMS BUILDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED \$200,000.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED TO LLOYD BRUNER, BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, AND HE THOUGHT THEY COULD BUILD AN EMS FOR \$100,000 USING INMATE LABOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION TO SUBMIT THE EMS BUILDING FOR \$200,000. COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTED COMMISSIONER PATE TO INCORPORATE INTO HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY; HE SAID THEY REALLY NEED AROUND \$1.2 MILLION TOWARD THAT FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ANY MATCH REQUIRED. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE APPLICATION QUESTIONED WHAT TYPE OF MATCH EXISTS FOR THE REQUEST. HE SAID A MATCH WAS NOT REQUIRED; BUT, IF THE BOARD PROVIDED A MATCH, IT MAY IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING THE FUNDING.

THE BOARD PRIORITIZED THE SUBMITTALS:

1. COURTHOUSE SECURITY
2. EMS STATION IN SOUTHERN END OF COUNTY
3. EQUESTRIAN FACILITY

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO THE BOARD ONLY HAVING SUBMITTED ONE PROJECT LAST YEAR PER ADVICE FROM TALLAHASSEE; THEY THOUGHT IF THEY ONLY SUBMITTED ONE PROJECT, IT WOULD HELP THEM HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING IT FUNDED. HOWEVER, THEY SUBMITTED ONE PROJECT AND DIDN'T GET ANY FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR MOTION AND SECOND TO SUBMIT FOR FUNDING IN PRIORITY ORDER THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY-\$400,000, EMS STATION IN SOUTHERN END OF COUNTY-\$200,000 AND THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY-\$1.2 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUEST FUNDING.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

A. ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY-RECENTLY ADDED THE APRONS STARTING IN TOWN AND WORKING THEIR WAY OUT OF TOWN. THEY HAVE USED UP ALL THE MONEY ON ASPHALT THEY CAN USE UP WHILE SAVING THE REST OF THE MONEY FOR SOD; THERE IS APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 REMAINING IN THE CONTRACT RIGHT NOW. THE MAJORITY OF THE \$40,000 IS LINED UP FOR SOD ON THE PROJECT.

THERE IS A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN A COUPLE OF TYPE C AND TYPE D INLETS INSTALLED ON THE PROJECT THEY HAVE PAVED AROUND. THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND INCLUDE THE CONTRACTOR FIXING THE INLETS WITH THE REMAINING SODDING TO CLOSE OUT THE PROJECT.

CLIFF SAID THE ROAD RIDES PRETTY GOOD AND HE IS PRETTY SATISFIED OVER ALL WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND THEY PROBABLY WILL RAP IT UP IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

HE SAID IF THE BOARD WOULD ALLOW HIM TO DO SO, IF THE CONTRACTOR COMES BACK WITH SOMETHING MORE REASONABLE THAN \$1600 TO RAISE THE INLETS, HE WOULD LIKE THE

AUTHORITY TO TELL THEM TO GO AHEAD AND DO IT WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AT ANOTHER MEETING. COM- MISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLIFF, IF THE CONTRACTOR WILL GIVE A MORE REASON- ABLE PRICE ON THE TYPE C & TYPE D INLETS, TO PROCEED WITH RAISING THE INLETS.

B. ROLLING PINES ROAD-CLIFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMMUNITY MEETING HELD LAST SATURDAY; THERE WERE PROBABLY 60 TO 70 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED. HE SAID THEY ANSWERED QUESTIONS AT THE MEETING AND AFTER THE MEETING, THEY WENT DOOR TO DOOR FROM ONE END OF THE ROAD TO THE OTHER. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING TREMENDOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

THEY DISCUSSED PUTTING TOGETHER A LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE CENTER LINE AND HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY HELP WITH SOME LANGUAGE FOR AN EASEMENT THAT WOULD BASICALLY GIVE THE COUNTY A PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FOR THE 60' RIGHT OF WAY.

CLIFF SAID ROLLING PINES HAS TURNED OUT TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO QUAIL HOLLOW; THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTIES LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS WERE DESCRIBED TO THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY ROAD. OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID THE ROAD HAS SHIFTED IN VARIOUS WAYS; NOW, THEY HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THE PROPERTY LINES OVERLAP WHERE THE EXISTING ROADWAY IS. RATHER THAN GOING TO EVERY SINGLE PROPERTY AND FIGURING OUT WHO SHOULD REALLY OWN WHAT, THEY ARE PROPOSING A CENTER LINE LEGAL DESCRIPTION WITH A 60' RIGHT OF WAY THAT EACH AND EVERY PERSON WOULD SIGN SO THEY WOULDN'T BE GIVING THE COUNTY FEE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY BUT GIVING THEM A PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD BE ASKING ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO HELP WITH GET- ING THE PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS ONCE THEY GET THE CENTER LINE LEGAL DESCRIPTION TOGETHER. HE ADDRESSED EVERYONE THEY MET WITH SAID GIVE ME THE PAPER AND THEY WERE READY TO SIGN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING SEVERAL PEOPLE ASK HOW MUCH WERE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO PAY TO GET THE ROAD PAVED IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSE. HE SAID THE PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN THE PAVEMENT BEING PUT DOWN. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO CLIFF FOR ALL THE WORK HE DID; HE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE, HAD THE INFORMATION FOR THEM AND MET WITH THEM.

C. ROAD BUILDING CREW-CLIFF SAID THIS CREW WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER WITH THE ROLLING PINES ROAD PROJECT; IT IS THE SINGLE LARGEST PROJECT THE COUNTY HAS EVER UNDERTAKEN THAT HE IS AWARE OF. HE SAID TO HAVE SOME KIND OF CONTINUITY WITH THE CREW WORKING ON THE PROJECT IS GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER TAKING WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO COME UP WITH THE ROAD BUILDING CREW SINCE THEY HAVE THE MIXER AND THE TOOLS. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD JUST NEEDED TO GET THE RIGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER. HE POINTED OUT IF THEY HAD THE SITUATION WHERE HE HAS SOMEBODY NEW ON THE ROAD EVERY TIME THEY TAKE OFF AND COME BACK, IT WILL BE A DISASTER.

D. QUAIL HOLLOW BOULEVARD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON FL-DCA HAVING APPROVED FOR THE COUNTY TO GO FORWARD WITH ADVERTISING THE PLANS AND SPECS FOR THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE PLANS AND SPECS ON THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT OUT FOR BID THE WEEK AFTER RETURNING FROM THE HOLIDAYS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CLIFF'S REQUEST TO ADVERTISE THE QUAIL HOLLOW PROJECT.

E. ROAD PROGRAM-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON A COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM MEETING HE ATTENDED. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD INVITED THE POST OFFICE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE, SCHOOL BOARD AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. THEY DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF HAVING THESE ENTITIES RANK THE ROADS WITHIN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT INDIVIDUALLY AND WHAT KIND OF CHALLENGES THEY WOULD FACE TRYING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. HE SAID EVERYBODY WAS PRETTY WELL OPEN TO IT AND IT WAS PRETTY WELL RECEIVED.

IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ROAD PROGRAM, CLIFF SAID THERE WERE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED. HE SAID THERE WERE SOME FACTORS INCLUDED IN THE MATRIX THAT ARE CALLED IMPORTANCE FACTORS:

1. IF THE RIGHT OF WAY IS ALREADY THERE AND IT IS AVAILABLE, THERE IS AN IMPORTANCE FACTOR OF 1.5 ASSIGNED TO IT SO THE AVERAGE OF ALL THE OTHER NUMBERS ARE MULTIPLIED BY 1.5. IT RAISES THE RANKING OF THAT ROAD.

2. THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS WHETHER OR NOT IT IS A COLLECTOR STREET; IF IT IS A COLLECTOR AND LOCAL ROADS DON'T TIE ONTO IT, IT ALSO HAS A FACTOR OF 1.5.

3. THE NUMBER OF HOUSES PER MILE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANCE FACTOR

HE SAID ANOTHER TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE WHETHER OR NOT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT'S RANKING OF THOSE ROADS SHOULD HAVE A FACTOR ON IT AS WELL; IS THE COST OF MAINTENANCE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HAVE THE ROAD DEPARTMENT'S RANKINGS HIGHER THAN THE SHERIFF, SCHOOL BOARD, ETC. HE SAID THESE ISSUES WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THEY COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT SHOULD RANK AS HIGH AS THE COLLECTOR ROUTE AND RIGHT OF WAY AVAILABILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING EVERYTHING FROM BALL BEARING SAND ROADS TO JUST AS HARD OF CLAY AS THERE IS. HE SAID THERE ARE SOME DIRT ROADS THAT NEED VERY LITTLE MAINTENANCE THAT HAVE A MIXTURE OF SAND/CLAY; THE MAINTENANCE PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO RANK THESE ROADS WOULD PROBABLY BE A REAL DETERMINING FACTOR. HE SAID HE HAD RATHER SPEND HIS MONEY ON SOMETHING THE COUNTY IS ALL THE TIME HAVING TO REPAIR SUCH AS REAL SANDY ROADS THAN SOMETHING THAT IS NOT REALLY CAUSING ANY PROBLEMS EXCEPT IT IS JUST AN UNPAVED ROAD. HE SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO KEEP THINGS IN MIND; JUST BECAUSE IT IS NOT PAVED DOESN'T MEAN IT SOMETIMES NEEDS AS MUCH ATTENTION AS OTHER ROADS MIGHT NEED.

CLIFF SAID THAT WAS THE BEAUTY OF THE MATRIX SYSTEM THEY ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH; AS LONG AS THEY APPLY SOME HARD NUMBERS TO IT, HE ALREADY HAS A LIST OF THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS AND ONCE THEY GET THE FEEDBACK FROM THESE DIFFERENT AGENCIES ON THEIR RANKINGS, IT WOULD BE A DONE DEAL. HE ADDRESSED SOME PEOPLE MAY BE SURPRISED ON WHAT ROADS RANK THE HIGHEST.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE PERSONALLY THINKS EVERYTIME THEY TAKE A PROBLEM SECTION OUT AND FIX THEM, EVEN THOUGH IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF WORK GOING ON AND A LOT OF TIME SPENT ON THEM, IT WOULD GIVE THE COUNTY MONEY TO WORK ON SOMETHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT'S MAINTENANCE RECORDS ON A ROAD SHOULD BE RANKED THE SAME AS THE RIGHT OF WAY AVAILABILITY AND THE COLLECTOR ROAD.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THERE BEING QUITE A BIT OF LEG WORK TO BE DONE BY THE TIME THEY DETERMINE WHAT THE FACTORS ARE AND THE TIME THEY ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK AT BECAUSE THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO CLASSIFY ALL THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS. HE SAID THE OTHER FACTOR IN THE MATRIX NOW IS THE NUMBER OF HOUSES ON A ROAD PER MILE; THEY MAY COULD GET JERRY BROCK'S HELP IN PUTTING TOGETHER SOME OF THIS INFORMATION. HE REITERATED THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE UNTIL THEY GET TO THE POINT OF SAYING HERE IS THE RANKINGS. HE SAID IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED USING THOSE FACTORS, HE COULD GET IT GEARED UP AND GET IT DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC WORKS, POST OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD, SHERIFF, ETC. TO LET THEM START WORKING ON IT. HE GUESSED IT WOULD TAKE THREE MONTHS MINIMUM BY THE TIME THEY GOT IT ALL WORKED OUT. HE REFERRED TO CECELIA ALSO BEING A VERY HELPFUL TOOL WITH THE ROAD PROGRAM AS SHE HAS A LOT OF INFORMATION SHE COULD HELP WITH.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR CLIFF TO GET STARTED ON THE ROAD PROGRAM AND SET A TIME LIMIT AS TO WHEN THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET ALL THIS INFORMATION BACK IN FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP ON THE FACTORS TO BE USED FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ON THE TRAFFIC COUNT BEING USED AS A FACTOR; HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF BEING ABLE TO TAKE A ROAD THAT STARTS AT

HIGHWAY 77 AND GOES TO ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND THERE MAY NOT BE BUT TWO OR THREE HOUSES. BUT, HE SAID THEY MAY HAVE THREE TIMES AS MANY CARS ON THEM.

CLIFF SAID THEY COULD ADD ANOTHER CATEGORY IF IT IS A CUT THROUGH ROAD; IF IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED IT IS A CUT THROUGH ROAD, THERE COULD BE A FACTOR FOR THAT AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID BRICKYARD ROAD AND SEWELL FARM ROAD WOULD BE A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A CUT THROUGH ROAD.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED GILBERT MILL ROAD THAT CUTS OVER TO CORBIN ROAD AT THE COUNTY LINE; THAT IS A CUT THROUGH FOR EVERY- BODY AT QUAIL HOLLOW AND EVERYTHING ELSE GOING TO MARIANNA. HE SAID THIS ROAD WAS IN COMMISSIONER HOLMAN'S DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE OF A ROAD NOT HAVING THAT MANY HOUSES ON IT; BUT, IT HAS A LOT OF TRAFFIC.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HAVE A 1.5 IMPORTANCE FACTOR FOR TRAFFIC COUNT ON A ROAD AND FOR CLIFF TO BRING THIS INFORMATION BACK AT A WORKSHOP.

F. EQUESTRIAN ARENA AT DANIELS LAKE-CLIFF ADDRESSED THEY HAD DONE A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY ON THIS PROPERTY AND FOUND THERE IS A PRETTY GOOD BIT OF DROP OUT THERE. HE SAID THERE WAS ABOUT 5' OF CUT ON ONE END AND ABOUT 5' OF FILL ON THE OTHER; THEY HAVE STAKED IT OUT, SET GRADE STAKES AND ARE WORKING ON MOVING THE DIRT AROUND. HE SAID THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND IT WOULD TAKE A WHILE.

G. SUNNY HILLS ROADS-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ROADS THAT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED; FORTY ROADS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE, STRIPED, HAVE PROPER SIGNAGE, ALL THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS ARE IN HAND, HAVE A GOOD SURFACE AND ARE IN A POSITION TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY WITHOUT A PROBLEM.

CLIFF ADDRESSED A LIST OF FIFTY TWO ROADS THAT ARE IN GOOD SHAPE AND MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY EXCEPT STRIPING; THERE ARE ABOUT EIGHTEEN ROADS WHERE ITEMS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE BEING READY FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNTY.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SUBMIT HIS FIRST LIST OF FORTY ROADS TO GET ACCEPTANCE ON THOSE AND REALIZED A FEW OF THEM ON HIS LIST ARE ALREADY COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS. HE REFERRED TO DUMA JACK ROAD AND A SECTION ON DELTONA THAT ARE ALREADY COUNTY MAINTAINED.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD BRING A LIST OF ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS BACK AT THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING AND MAYBE THE BOARD CAN MOVE FORWARD ON ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE ROADS THAT ARE STRIPED, SIGNED AND WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY COUNTY MAINTAINED.

HE SAID THEY HAVE A PUNCH LIST THEY ARE GIVING TO DELTONA ON A THIRD LIST OF ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE COUNTY WOULD BE READY TO ACCEPT THEM. HE POINTED OUT THERE HAD BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ROADS BUILT IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND STATED IT WAS HARD TO KEEP UP WITH THE ROADS THE COUNTY HAS NOW, MUCH LESS ANY MORE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED, ON THE SOUTH END OF COUNTRY CLUB BOULEVARD WHERE THEY HAVE PAVED THAT BOULEVARD SECTION, IF CLIFF HAD HELPED THEM DEVELOP ANY PLANS WHERE THAT COMES BACK TOGETHER. HE SAID SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL DRIVING ON THE TWO LANE PART BECAUSE THE OTHER PART OF THE ROAD HAS NEVER BEEN STRIPED.

CLIFF SAID IT DID APPEAR THAT SECTION NEEDED TO BE LOOKED AT. HE ADDRESSED HIM NOT HAVING BEEN INVOLVED WITH IT; BUT, HE CAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID COMING DOWN FROM GAP BOULEVARD TO THE WEST, THERE IS PEOPLE THAT JUST COME ON ACROSS THE FIRST TWO LANES AND IT IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION. HE SUGGESTED STOP BARS BE PUT DOWN AND STRIPING DONE. CLIFF AGREED TO LOOK AT THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF IN SUBDIVISIONS, THE BOARD REQUIRED THE DEVELOPER TO BUILD THE ROADS AND THE COUNTY ACCEPTS THEM A YEAR LATER. CLIFF ADVISED ONCE THE ROADS ARE DONE AND BROUGHT UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS AND THE DEVELOPER PROVIDES THE TESTING, FOR THE LBR'S, THE DENSITIES AND THE CORE THICKNESS AND THEY HAVE BEEN INSPECTED, AND EVERYTHING IS ACCORDING TO COUNTY

STANDARDS, THEY SIGN OFF ON THE ROADS BEFORE THE BOARD TO START THEIR ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD. BEFORE THE COUNTY ACTUALLY ACCEPTS THE ROADS, THE BOARD REQUESTS AFTER ONE YEAR, THE ROADS BE INSPECTED AND IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME, THE DEVELOPER IS PROVIDED A PUNCH LIST. IF EVERYTHING IS ACCORDING TO COUNTY STANDARDS, HE BRINGS IT BEFORE THE BOARD AND THEY ACCEPT IT AND THEN IT IS THE COUNTY'S. HE SAID ALL HE WAS TRYING TO DO IS START THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD ON THE ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS.

H. QUAIL HOLLOW, COUNTY ROAD 279 FROM I-10 TO HIGHWAY 90 IN CARYVILLE-CLIFF REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT FOR BID ON THESE TWO PROJECTS NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLIFF TO BID OUT QUAIL HOLLOW AND COUNTY ROAD 279 PROJECTS NEXT WEEK.

I. GAP POND DOCK-CLIFF REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PUT BIDS OUT ON GAP POND DOCK. HE SAID THIS IS SOMETHING THE COUNTY JUST GOT PERMITS FOR AND ARE WAITING TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT UNTIL THEY GET THE RESTROOMS BUILT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLIFF TO BID OUT GAP POND DOCK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE LAND SWAP WITH DELTONA FOR GAP POND. CLIFF ADVISED HE HAD SENT A MAP TO SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS THAT SHOWED THE AREA THE COUNTY NEEDED; THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE PUTTING A LEGAL TOGETHER FOR THE LAND SWAP. ONCE SOUTHEASTERN HAS THE LEGAL READY, THE COUNTY CAN GO TO DELTONA WITH THE LEGAL.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THAT DELTONA HAS TOLD HIM IF THE COUNTY WOULD GO AHEAD AND DO THE DEED ON THE LAND SWAP, GET IT SIGNED AND GET IT TO THEM, THEY WOULD SEND IT TO THEIR MAIN OFFICE AND HAVE THEM SIGN OFF ON THE LAND SWAP.

J. PINE LOG ROAD-CLIFF REPORTED THEY HAD INVESTIGATED A COMPLAINT ABOUT EROSION ON PINE LOG ROAD GOING INTO ONE OF THE COUNTY'S OLD NRCS SITES NEXT TO PEGGY KERR'S HOME. HE SAID THE DISCHARGE FROM THE ROADWAY GOING DOWN THE SIDE OF THE HILL IS CAUSING PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL EROSION ALL THE WAY DOWN THE HILL TO THE BACK OF THE KERR'S PROPERTY THAT EVENTUALLY TURNS INTO SOME KIND OF SWAP DOWN THERE.

CLIFF SAID HE HAD MET WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE SITE AND DISCUSSED HAVING ONE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYORS PROVIDE A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY SO THEY CAN COME UP WITH A DESIGN FOR TWO SETTLING PONDS TO TRY AND CONTAIN THE CLAY BEFORE IT GOES DOWN THE HILL AND INTO THE SWAMP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY DONE ON PINE LOG ROAD TO CORRECT AN EROSION PROBLEM ON KERR'S PROPERTY.

CLIFF AGREED TO DO THE WORK HOURLY AS CHEAP AS HE POSSIBLY CAN SO THEY CAN TRY AND GET IT DONE AT THE ABSOLUTE BOTTOM DOLLAR COST; HE WILL WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS ONCE THEY GET SOMETHING TOGETHER TO HELP GET IT STAKED OUT AND GET CONSTRUCTION DONE AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WAS AN NRCS PROGRAM THAT FAILED AND CAUSED THE BLOW OUT EVENTUALLY; IT BLOWED THE CONTAMINANTS OFF THE ROAD, THE CLAY GOT IN THERE AND STARTED STOPPING THINGS UP AND UNDERMINED, BLEW OUT THE ROCK LEVIES IN THERE. HE REITERATED IT ALL FAILED AND HAS TO BE REDONE AND RE-ENGINEERED TO BE FIXED RIGHT. HE SAID THE TWO SETTLING PONDS WOULD BE THE IDEAL SERVICE CENTER; HE SAID THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOME MILLED ASPHALT FOR A PERIOD OF WAYS BEFORE EACH END OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH TO ELIMINATE PART OF THE CONTAMINANTS FROM GETTING IN THE FIRST POND. HE SAID THE SECOND POND HAS NOTHING BUT CLEAR WATER GOING THROUGH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF ANYBODY HAD CHECKED TO SEE IF THE COUNTY COULD GO BACK TO NRCS TO GET SOME HELP WITH CORRECTING THE EROSION PROBLEM AND ASKED WHEN THE PROJECT WAS DONE.

CLIFF SAID THE PROJECT WAS DONE IN 1999. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID NRCS PROVIDED THE FUNDING; BUT, IT WAS THE COUNTY'S PROJECT.

CLIFF SAID HE ACTUALLY DESIGNED THE PROJECT THE FIRST TIME AND ONE OF THE ISSUES WAS MAINTENANCE; THE PROJECT WAS NOT MAINTAINED. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING CONCRETE FLUMES PUT IN AS PART OF THE PROJECT AND A BIG TYPE D INLET; THE CLAY FROM THE ROAD FILLS IN THE CONCRETE FLUMES AND WHEN THE CONCRETE FLUMES FILL IN THE BOX, THE WATER DOESN'T GO THROUGH WHAT WAS DESIGNED AND OVERFLOWS OVER THE TOP OF IT. HE SAID THAT WAS REALLY THE MODE OF FAILURE ON THE PROJECT.

CLIFF SAID THE ORIGINAL POND WAS PROBABLY A FRACTION OF THE SIZE IT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF TRYING TO STAY OFF THEIR PROPERTY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE; THE COUNTY DID GET AN EASEMENT FROM THEM THE FIRST TIME IT WAS DONE. HE ADDRESSED IF SOMEBODY HAD SAID THEY HAD A BLANK CHECK TO DO THE PROJECT, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DONE IT DIFFERENTLY; BUT, THEY HAD PRETTY LIMITED FUNDS TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM.

CLIFF SAID THE ISSUE BEFORE WAS THE ROAD WAS GETTING ATE OUT AND ERODING ACROSS THE TRAVEL LANES; THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM ANYMORE BUT IT IS NOW GOING THE OTHER WAY. HE SAID THE GOOD NEWS IS THE ROAD IS SAFE.

K. CR276 AND CR278-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THESE PROJECTS BEING OUT FOR BID RIGHT NOW. HE ADDRESSED THE BIDS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN YESTERDAY AT 3:30 P.M. HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS YESTERDAY AT ABOUT 11:00 A.M. THAT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS IN THE BID SCHEDULE ON THE STRIPING.

HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD WANTING TO SAVE SOME MONEY BY HAVING THE COUNTY FORCES TAKE CARE OF THE TEMPORARY STRIPING AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION OF NEEDING SOME FLAGMEN AND QUITE A BIT OF MATERIAL FOR THE JOB.

CLIFF SAID THE PROBLEM IS THE FINAL LIFT OF TEMPORARY STRIPING IS THE LIFT THAT HAS ALL THE LAYOUT OF PASSING ZONES DONE ON IT; WHAT WAS GETTING READY TO HAPPEN WAS THE CONTRACTOR WAS GOING TO STRIPE HIS THERMO DIRECTLY OVER THE TOP OF WHATEVER THE COUNTY'S LAST LIFT OF STRIPING WAS. HE EXPLAINED IF THE COUNTY'S LAST LIFT OF TEMPORARY STRIPING WAS CURVY OR DIDN'T MEET THE PASSING ZONES, THAT IS WHAT THEY WERE GETTING READY TO END UP WITH FOR THEIR THERMO. HE SAID TO DO THE LAYOUT TAKES A LITTLE SPECIAL REFLECTOR THAT IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT HEIGHT AND THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE JOB ON THE GROUND AND DO THE LAYOUT FOR ALL THE STRIPING PASSING ZONES; THE PASSING ZONES OUT THERE NOW DO NOT MEET CURRENT STANDARDS. HE SAID EVEN IF THE COUNTY MARKED OUT WHAT THE EXISTING STRIPING WAS, THEY WOULD NOT BE ACCURATE TO REPLACE THAT WITH THE NEW STRIPING. IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT WHOLE SITUATION, HE PUT OUT AN ADDENDUM TO EXTEND THE BID DATE UNTIL DECEMBER 22ND AT 1:00 P.M. AND ADDED THE FINAL LIFT OF TEMPORARY STRIPING AND LAYOUT TO THE CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT. TO AVOID A SITUATION WHERE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ENDED UP WITH CRAZY STRIPING ON THEIR ROADS BECAUSE THEY WERE TRYING TO DO THE TEMPORARY STRIPING THEMSELVES, HE SET UP UP WHERE THE FINAL LIFT OF TEMPORARY STRIPING, THE LAYOUT AND THE THERMO IS GOING TO BE BID BY THE CONTRACTOR. HE ADDRESSED IT WOULD STILL BE A HUGE SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE DAILY TEMPORARY STRIPING; THEY WOULD PROBABLY END UP WITH THREE LIFTS, THE FIRST LIFT OF LEVELLING, THE SECOND LIFT OF LEVELLING AND THE CAP. HE SAID ON THE FIRST TWO LIFTS, THAT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES OF ROAD AND 40 MILES OF STRIPING THE COUNTY WOULD SAVE THE COST OF CONTRACTING ON; IT WOULD STILL BE 20 MILES OF FINAL TEMPORARY AND 20 MILES OF THERMO.

HE SAID HE HAS ALSO SET UP THE AMOUNT OF CUBIC YARDS OF BARROW MATERIAL IN EACH ONE OF THE CONTRACTS FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO GO TO MUDHILL PIT, LOAD IT THEMSELVES AND HAUL IT TO THE SITES THEMSELVES. HE POINTED OUT THE CONTRACTOR WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE COUNTY MATERIALS STOCKPILED AT THE MUDHILL PIT; THERE IS A TOTAL OF 11,000 TO 12,000 YARDS BETWEEN THE TWO JOBS. HE SAID HE HAS HAD SEVERAL OF THE CONTRACTORS ASK IF THE COUNTY WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAUL OUT OF THE GILBERTS PIT AT MOONSEED FOR THE ALFORD HIGHWAY JOB BECAUSE IT IS CLOSER THAN MUDHILL. CLIFF SAID HE TOLD THE CONTRACTORS IT WOULD BE OKAY FOR THEM TO USE THE MATERIALS AT GILBERTS PIT DUE TO THERE BEING A LARGE AMOUNT OF DIRT STOCKPILED THERE. HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE THE CONTRACTORS THE FLEXIBILITY AND THE COUNTY THE BEST PRICE BY THE CONTRACTORS HAULING THE DIRT FROM THE CLOSEST

PIT. THE CONTRACTORS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE MUDHILL PIT OR GILBERTS PIT, WHICHEVER IS CLOSEST TO THE JOB.

L. BRIDGE OFF SEWELL FARM ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING PRICED OUT SOME 96" CONCRETE CULVERTS AND HE HAS A QUOTE; ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAS SIGNED THE QUOTE AND RIGHT AFTER THE HOLIDAYS, THE PIPES WILL BE DELIVERED AND THEY CAN GET MOVING ON THE PROJECT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ROLLING PINES CONTRACT. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AMENDMENT STATING WHENEVER HE MET WITH NFWFMD IN MID WAY, THE ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION CALLED FOR 3.44 MILES; AFTER THE SURVEY WAS DONE, IT WAS ACTUALLY CLOSER TO 3.2 MILES. HE SAID THE DISTRICT WANTED THEIR BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THE PROJECT WASN'T BEING SHORTENED AFTER IT HAD BEEN AWARDED; THEY ARE JUST GOING TO AWARD THE ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE PROJECT.

CLIFF SAID THE OTHER ISSUE WAS THE EASEMENTS THEY HAD PUT TOGETHER AT THE POPOFFS; THERE ARE THREE POPOFFS ON THE ROAD THAT ALL GO TO NFWFMD PROPERTY. NFWFMD ASKED THE COUNTY TO PUT TOGETHER A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT EACH ONE OF THE POPOFFS; HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME LANGUAGE IN THE REVISED AGREEMENT ABOUT THAT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE AMENDMENT ADDRESSED THE EASEMENTS AND READ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE AMENDMENT. CLIFF EXPLAINED ON THE ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION, THEY ACTUALLY SURVEYED A HALF MILE SECTION AND DID A PROFILE AND CROSS SECTION THROUGH IT AND CAME UP WITH A CUT AND FILL VOLUME PER FOOT. HE SAID THEY HAD THIS ON THE APPLICATION AND FOR SOME REASON WHEN THEY PUT THE CONTRACT TOGETHER, THEY PUT THE CUT AND FILL VOLUMES FOR THE HALF MILE SECTION IN THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT. HE SAID HE HAS NO REASON AS TO WHY THEY DID THIS; IT WASN'T NECESSARY AND IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AFTER EXPLAINING THIS TO NFWFMD, THEY AGREED TO REMOVE IT FROM THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE REVISED AMENDMENT ON THE ROLLING PINES CONTRACT.

M. SCRAP & SCOP PROJECTS-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN THEY HIRE HIM TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PROJECTS, THEY DO IT FOR THE FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE PROJECTS FROM FL-DOT. AS PART OF THAT, THEY ALSO DO SOME GEOTECHNICAL TESTING. HE ADDRESSED BORINGS HAVING BEEN DONE ON HIGHWAY 276 AND HIGHWAY 278, WHICH IS CREEK ROAD AND PIONEER ROAD AND CLAYTON ROAD AND ALFORD ROAD.

OUT OF ALL THE BORINGS THEY DID, CLIFF SAID THERE WERE TWO SECTIONS THAT NEEDED SOME ATTENTION. HE REFERRED TO CREEK ROAD A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, THERE WERE SOME SECTIONS THAT HAD BASE FAILURE; THEY DUG OUT ALL THE OLD BASE AND BROUGHT IN SOME LIMEROCK AND HIRED SOMEONE TO PAVE OVER THE TOP OF IT. CLIFF SAID THEY HAVE SANDY CLAY THAT STARTS ONE FOOT BELOW THE ASPHALT AND GOES DOWN TO A DEPTH OF ABOUT 15'; THE SANDY CLAY ACTS LIKE A WICK. HE SAID WHEN THE GROUND-WATER TABLE IS UP, THE SANDY CLAY SUCKS IT UP AND BRINGS IT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP; THIS IS THE REASONS THOSE SECTIONS FAILED. HE REPORTED THERE WERE THREE SECTIONS ON CREEK ROAD, TWO SECTIONS ON PIONEER ROAD WHERE THE ROAD ITSELF IS PROBABLY OKAY BUT THE AREAS THEY ARE GOING TO BE DOING THE WIDENING COULD PROBABLY USE TO BE OVER EXCAVATED SO THEY DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WIDENING.

CLIFF ASKED FOR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO START THE CONTRACTOR ON THE OTHER END OF THE ROAD SOMEWHERE AND GET DALLAS AND CHRIS OUT THERE, LET THEM DO SOME DIGGING TO UNDERCUT THOSE AREAS BEFORE THEY CUT THE CONTRACTORS LOOSE ON CREEK ROAD. HE EXPLAINED IF THEY DIDN'T DO THIS, THE COUNTY WOULD BE SITTING IN THE SAME SITUATION. HE SAID IT WAS VERY HIGHLY PLASTIC CLAY AND THAT IS WHAT CAUSED THE ORIGINAL BASE FAILURES.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLIFF TO GET THE SECTIONS OF CREEK ROAD AND PIONEER ROAD REPAIRED BY THE COUNTY BEFORE THEY THE CONTRACTOR STARTS PAVING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED CLIFF THAT MR. CORBIN HAD ASKED HIM WHEN THEY MAY START PAVING SEWELL FARM ROAD. CLIFF SAID HE MET WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE ROAD AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO DO THE ROAD RIGHT AND TO GET THE AMOUNT OF RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED.

CLIFF SAID HIS RESPONSE WAS A SURVEY WAS NEEDED FOR A ONE MILE STRETCH TO ESTABLISH WHERE THE RIGHT OF WAY NEEDS TO BE AND TO SET SOME GRADES SO WHEN THEY COME THROUGH AND MIX IT, THEY COULD SET GRADES FOR THEM. HE HAS TALKED WITH SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS AND THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING A PRICE TOGETHER TO SURVEY THE 1.1 MILE SECTION OF SEWELL FARM ROAD SO THEY CAN COME UP WITH A PLAN TO FIX THE ROAD.

CLIFF REMINDED THE BOARD WHAT MR. LENZY WAS WANTING TO DO ORIGINALLY WAS TO HAVE ANDERSON COLUMBIA COME IN AND MIX IT FOR THE 1.1 MILE STRETCH AND PUT ABOUT AN INCH OF ASPHALT OVER THE TOP OF IT. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING PURCHASED THEIR OWN MIXER SINCE THAT TIME; THEORETICALLY, THEY COULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF ASPHALT IF THEY DID THE MIXING THEMSELVES. HE ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN THOUGHT HE COULD GET SOME HELP WITH RIGHT OF WAY.

CLIFF SAID THAT WAS THE DIRECTION THEY WERE LOOKING AT GOING; IT WASN'T A SITUATION OF LET'S NOT DO WHAT THE BOARD TOLD US TO DO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF CLIFF WAS LOOKING AT ACQUIRING MORE RIGHT OF WAY FOR ALIGNMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REPORTED HE WANTED THE CITIZENS TO KNOW HE WANTED TO TRY AND DO THE ROAD CORRECTLY; IF THEY COME IN AND DO IT THE WAY PRIOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER CORBIN IS WANTING TO DO IT NOW, THEY WILL HAVE A PROBLEM LATER ON WHICH WILL COST THE TAXPAYERS MONEY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO TRY AND AVOID THAT; IF HE CAN GET THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY TO FIX THE ROAD CORRECTLY, THAT IS WHAT HE IS WANTING TO DO IF THAT IS ALRIGHT WITH THE BOARD. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD AGREED TO CAP THE ROAD AS IS; IF THEY CHOOSE FOR HIM TO GO AHEAD AND DO THE ROAD THIS WAY, HE WILL HAVE TO. HOWEVER, IF HE COULD DO THE ROAD THE WAY HE, CLIFF AND DALLAS CARTER HAS TALKED ABOUT, THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS TO DO; OTHERWISE, HE WILL DO AS THE BOARD REQUESTS.

CLIFF STATED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GENE STRICKLAND, ANDERSON COLUMBIA, ABOUT WHEN THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO COME AND DO SOMETHING ON SEWELL FARM ROAD. MR. STRICKLAND'S RESPONSE WAS THE NEXT TIME THEY GET GEARED UP TO COME TO TOWN AND DO SOMETHING, HE WOULD CONTACT CLIFF AND TRY AND GET IT LINED UP. BASICALLY, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT THAT SAYS THEY WILL START WITHIN "X" AMOUNT OF TIME, CLIFF SAID ANDERSON COLUMBIA IS PLANNING ON COMING WHENEVER THEY ARE IN THE AREA.

CLIFF SAID GENE WAS NOT EXCITED ABOUT DOING THE PROJECT; BUT, IT WILL BE HARD TO FORCE HIM TO COME NEXT WEEK TO START THE PROJECT BECAUSE THERE IS NO CONTRACT. IF THE COUNTY DOES THE GRADE WORK AND MIXING, CLIFF SAID HE THOUGHT ANDERSON COLUMBIA WOULD HONOR THEIR CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING. BUT, HE SAID WITH THE MONEY PRIOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD ALLOCATED FOR THE MILLING, THEY COULD PUT 2" OF ASPHALT ON THE 1.1 MILE STRETCH OF ROAD IF THE COUNTY DID THE MIXING AND PREP WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN IF THOSE MONIES WERE STILL IN HIS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF THE FUNDS WERE STILL AVAILABLE; HERBERT ADVISED THERE WAS AROUND \$57,000 AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADVISED IT WAS A THROUGH ROAD ALL THE WAY TO WEST POINT STEVENS FOR ANYBODY COMING FROM MARIANNA, COTTONDALE OR HIGHWAY 231.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REITERATED HE HAD TALKED TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE ROAD AND HE HAS THEIR OKAY THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH HIM ON THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY. HE SAID HE HAD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT DONATING THE RIGHT OF WAY AND THERE IS ABOUT THREE OR FOUR HE HASN'T TALKED TO YET. HE SAID IF HE COULD ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF RIGHT, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO THE ROAD CORRECTLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID DOING THE ROAD CORRECTLY MEANS PROBABLY IN ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF FROM NOW THEY WOULD BE FINISHING THE ROAD AT THE MINIMUM. HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT SAYING THAT IS NOT WHAT COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OUGHT TO DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING COMMITTED TO PRIOR COMMISSIONER CORBIN THEY WOULD PAVE THAT PORTION OF SEWELL FARM ROAD. IF COMMISSIONER HOLMAN IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO DO THE ROAD THE WAY HE, CLIFF AND DALLAS HAS DISCUSSED, COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS NOT A WHOLE LOT THE BOARD CAN SAY. HE SAID IF HOLMAN WAS GOING FORWARD AND DO THE ROAD RIGHT, HE DIDN'T BLAME HIM; BUT, HE FELT LIKE THE BOARD NEEDED A COMMITMENT HOLMAN WAS GOING TO PURSUE PAVING THE ROAD EVENTUALLY. HE TOLD HOLMAN IT MAY BE MORE MONEY THAN WHAT HE HAD AVAILABLE TOO.

CLIFF SAID WITH THE \$60,000, THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ANDERSON COLUMBIA MIXING IT AND PUTTING DOWN 1" ASPHALT; HE SAID THIS IS LESS THAN WHAT THEY WOULD NORMALLY PUT ON A PAVED ROAD BY ALL MEANS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD END UP SETTING GRADES, PUTTING IN DITCHES, ETC. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WASN'T AS SIMPLE SOMETIMES AS WHAT IT SOUNDS; BUT, COMMISSIONER HOLMAN NEEDS TO DO WHAT HE FEELS LIKE HE NEEDS TO DO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID NOW WOULD BE THE BEST TIME TO DO THE ROAD IF THEY CAN DO IT; BUT, COMMISSIONER HOLMAN HAS TO UNDERSTAND HE ONLY HAS "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO WORK WITH. HE ADVISED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WHEN THAT MONEY RUNS OUT, IT MAY BE DIRT FROM THAT POINT ON.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID CORBIN HAS CALLED HIM TOO AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE ROAD PAVED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD INFORMED COMMISSIONER CORBIN THE BOARD WOULD TALK ABOUT IT AGAIN AND WHATEVER THE COMMISSIONERS TELL HIM ABOUT IT, THAT IS WHAT THEY WOULD DO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THE POWER COMPANIES WOULD COME AND MOVE THE POLES BACK. CLIFF SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD IF THEY HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO DO IT; HOWEVER, RIGHT NOW THERE IS NOT A PLACE FOR THEM TO GO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED TABLING THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND ALLOW COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO SEE IF HE CAN GET THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY; THE BOARD WOULD DISCUSS IT AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING AND IF HOLMAN HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY, PROCEED FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WANTED TO DO THE ROAD RIGHT; BUT, HE ALSO LOOKS AT IT THAT THE BOARD MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. CORBIN AND IF HE HAS TO ABIDE BY IT, HE WILL. HE REITERATED HE KNOWS FROM THE CONVERSATION WITH MR. CORBIN THE OTHER NIGHT, IT DIDN'T GO VERY WELL. HE ASKED IF MR. CORBIN HAD REQUESTED TO MIX IT AS IT IS RIGHT NOW AND PAVE OVER IT WITH MILLED ASPHALT. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS MR. CORBIN HAD REQUESTED THE ROAD BE CAPPED AS IS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN THAT IS WHAT COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAD REQUESTED. HOWEVER, THAT WAS BEFORE THE BOARD BOUGHT THE MIXER AND CERTAINLY AT THE MINIMUM, COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OUGHT TO MIX IT AND SHAPE IT UP IF HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE AND THEN PAVE IT.

CLIFF SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON SEWELL FARM ROAD AT MR. CORBIN'S LAST MEETING. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAVING BROUGHT HIM IN ON THE DISCUSSION AND HE TOLD MR. CORBIN HE DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY HE WAS PROPOSING TO DO THE ROAD.

CLIFF SAID HE DIDN'T REMEMBER WHEN THE BOARD VOTED IF IT WAS TO PAVE WHAT WAS THERE OR IF IT WAS TO GO AHEAD AND MIX IT AND PUT AN INCH OVER THE TOP OF WHAT WAS THERE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE AND SHE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THE RECORDS; BUT, HER UNDERSTANDING WAS THEY WERE JUST TO PAVE OVER WHAT WAS ALREADY THERE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS TO CAP IT AS IS WITHOUT MIXING IT OR ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF CLIFF HAD SAID FOR THE \$57,000, THEY WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO PUT DOWN ABOUT AN INCH THICK ON SEWELL FARM ROAD. HE THEN ASKED IF THIS WOULD INCLUDE ANY LEVELLING. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADVISED HIM IT DIDN'T INCLUDE ANY LEVELLING.

CLIFF SAID THAT WAS THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE MIXING; IF THEY GO THROUGH THERE AND MIX IT, THEY COULD CLIP IT AND SET THE GRADES RIGHT SO IF THEY PUT AN INCH

OF ASPHALT DOWN, THEY WOULD HAVE SOME- THING. HE SAID HE THINKS IF THEY JUST GO AND PUT DOWN AN INCH OF ASPHALT DOWN OVER WHAT IS THERE RIGHT NOW, THEY WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING IT LEVELLED UP. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE DISCUSSION WHEN MR. LENZY WAS ON THE BOARD WAS TO TRY TO DO THE MIXING AND CAP IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT MR. CORBIN WAS WANTING THEM TO PAVE OVER WHAT IS THERE NOW. HE SAID WHEN MR. CORBIN TALKED TO HIM THIS WEEK, HE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT MIXING; HE WAS WANTING PAVE- MENT DOWN THIS WEEK. COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED AT A MINIMUM COMMISSIONER HOLMAN NEEDS TO MIX THE ROAD AS THE COUNTY DOES HAVE THE MIXER. IF HOLMAN WANTS TO PURSUE AND GET THE RIGHT OF WAY ON THE ROAD, FINCH SAID THAT WOULD BE FINE TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID MR. CORBIN WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH MIXING THE ROAD; HE WANTED IT CAPPED "NOW".

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IF HE CAPPED THE ROAD LIKE IT IS; HE WOULD STILL HAVE TO GO BACK LATER ON AND TRY TO GET THE RIGHT OF WAY TO TRY AND KEEP THE ROAD FROM FALLING APART.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID COMMISSIONER HOLMAN COULD MIX THE ROAD AND PUT A VERY MINIMUM OF 1" ASPHALT ON IT AND SAVE THE REST OF HIS FUNDS TO DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH.

CLIFF SAID WHEN THE BOARD HIRED THE MIXING COMPANY TO COME THROUGH AND DO THE MIXING ON LEISURE LAKES ROAD, THEY RAN AN LBR ON IT AND THE LBR CAME UP TO 105 ON THE MATERIAL; IT TURNED OUT TO BE A FANTASTIC BASE TO BUILD THE ROAD ON; BUT, THEY ALSO PUT PRETTY CLOSE TO 2" ASPHALT OVER THE WHOLE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THEY COULD TAKE THE ROAD AS IS, MIX IT AND CAP IT, THEN COME BACK LATER ON AND TRY AND GET SOME EASE- MENTS AND WORK WITH SOME SHOULDERS WHERE NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM HE SEES WITH THAT WOULD BE THEY WOULD HAVE TO TEAR THE ROAD UP TRYING TO GET ON THE EDGE WITH THE EQUIPMENT TO TAKE STUFF OUT, CLEAR THE TREES, BANKS, ETC. HE SAID THE TIRES ON THE EQUIPMENT IS GOING TO TEAR THE ROAD UP TRYING TO WORK THE BANKS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY GO IN THERE AND MIX IT, THEY WOULD BE JUST MIXING WHAT IS THERE AND THEY WOULD HAVE A GRADE THERE; TO DO THE SHOULDERS, THE GRADE MAY OR MAY NOT WORK FOR THEM.

CLIFF SAID HIS BIGGEST CONCERN WAS TO TRY AND GET THE POWER POLES AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. HE EXPLAINED THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT AT 15 MPH TO COVER THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF HAVING NO SHOULDER BETWEEN THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT AND THE POWER POLES. AT THE VERY MINIMUM, IF THEY GET THE POWER POLES MOVED AND THEN DO WHAT THE COMMISSIONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT, THAT MAY BE SOME- THING TO CONSIDER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST MIXING IT AND CAPPING THE ROAD AND ADDRESS IT DOWN THE ROAD WHEN IT IS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WOULD DO IT THAT WAY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF CLIFF HAD ANY INFORMATION ON SOUTH HENRY LANE IN REGARDS TO THE NORTHERN TRUST SETTLEMENT. CLIFF SAID IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO FL-DOT; HE HASN'T GOTTEN THE PERMIT YET BUT WILL CHECK ON IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT WHEN THE SOUTH HENRY LANE ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED AS PART OF THE NORTHERN TRUST SETTLEMENT, BRUCE SMITH WANTED TO REVEIW THE DESIGN. HE REQUESTED CLIFF PROVIDE BRUCE A COPY OF THE DESIGN.

CLIFF AGREED TO GET THE DESIGN TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT FOR HIM TO GET TO BRUCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REPORT:

A. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO BE APPROVED ON THE LOCATION OF A MEGA SITE IN THE EIGHT COUNTY DISTRICT; THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO SIGN THE MOA TO BE CONSIDERED AND THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE THE OPPOR- TUNITY TO SUBMIT PROPERTIES IN THE COUNTY FOR THE MEGA SITE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

TED EVERITT ASKED THE BOARD TO HAVE A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE SITE SELECTIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT, AS THEY ONLY HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 1ST. HE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE CITY AS WELL.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 16TH AT 8:00 A.M.

B. ROULHAC DEED-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON DR. SHEFFIELD HAVING SAID THE ADDRESS WAS WRONG ON THE DEED AND WANTED IT CHANGED. HE REQUESTED AUTHORITY FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN A CORRECTED DEED WITH THE CORRECT ADDRESS ON IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK SIGNING THE CORRECTED ROULHAC DEED.

C. EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES-ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY HAD THE REPORT BACK FROM JIM TOWNE ON THE TWO EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES. HE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS JUST RECEIVED THEIR REPORT TODAY AND QUESTIONED IF THEY WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THEIR NEXT MEETING TO ADDRESS IT. HE THOUGHT THE PROCEDURE WAS FOR THE BOARD TO ACT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GREIVANCE OFFICER AT THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING; HOWEVER, SINCE THEY GOT THE REPORT THIS CLOSE TO TODAY'S MEETING, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FINE. HE POINTED OUT THIS WOULD GIVE THE BOARD TIME TO READ THE REPORT TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

D. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAVING TALKED TO HIM ABOUT AN EASEMENT FOR PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY WANTING AN EASEMENT ACROSS THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MUD HILL SO THEY COULD GET TO PROPERTY TO CUT THE TIMBER OFF OF IT. HE SAID THE PROPERTY WAS LOCATED NEAR THE FIRING RANGE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSION- ER FINCH AND CARRIED TO GIVE AN EASEMENT TO PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY SO THEY CAN GET TO PROPERTY TO CUT TIMBER.

E. UNION HILL ROAD-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN EASEMENT HE HAD PREPARED ON UNION HILL ROAD WHERE COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS WANTING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE CURVE AND WIDEN A WOODEN BRIDGE. HE SAID MR. & MS. YATES HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE EASEMENT AND HE WILL CALL THEM TO COME IN AND SIGN IT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FROM THE YATES TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM ON UNION HILL ROAD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

A. TSR WIRELESS HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY A COMPANY CALLED AMERICAN MESSAGING; TSR WIRELESS IS REQUESTING THEIR LEASE BE TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN MESSAGING. TSR WIRELESS SENT A FORM OF CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEASE. HERBERT REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNING THE TRANSFER OF TSR WIRELESS LEASE TO AMERICAN MESSAGING FOR TOWER SPACE ON MUDHILL TOWER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SIGNING THE TRANSFER OF TSR WIRELESS LEASE TO AMERICAN MESSAGING.

B. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP-DUE TO GARY CLARK COMING OFF OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP, IT LEFT AN OPENING ON THE RTP. THE SCHOOL BOARD IS RECOMMENDING TERRY ELLIS BE APPOINTED TO RTP TO TAKE GARY CLARK'S PLACE. THE SCHOOL BAORD ALSO RECOMMENDED ELLIS BE APPOINTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TERRY ELLIS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BOARD.

C. IMPACT FEES-HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP; A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9TH FOR GSG TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONER PATE AND HOLMAN AND BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON THE STUDIES DONE ON IMPACT FEES. HOPEFULLY BY THE REGULAR JANUARY BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD WILL BE READY TO ADDRESS IMPACT FEES AGAIN AND MAKE A DECISION IF THEY WANT TO GO FORWARD WITH THEM.

HERBERT ADVISED THAT GSG WORKS WITH NABORS, GIBLIN AND NICKERSON, AN ATTORNEY FIRM, AND THEY ARE READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE AND BEGINNING THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THE IMPACT FEES. THEY ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD ON TAKING THAT NEXT STEP.

D. DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING--HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING HELD ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO; IT WAS THE FIRST ONE THEY HAD HELD IN QUITE A WHILE AND IT WENT VERY WELL. THEY LOOKED AT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THE AUDITORS HAD MADE; ONE OF THE THINGS WAS THE NEED TO UPDATE THE COUNTY'S OPERATIONAL POLICY. HE SAID THEY TALKED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD'S MONTHLY REPORTS.

HERBERT ADDRESSED HEATHER FINCH TALKED TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ABOUT THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT. THEY DISCUSSED SETTING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:00 A.M. AS THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING DATE. HE SAID EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD WOULD BRING THEIR MONTHLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING AND PRESENT IT TO THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS AND GET FEEDBACK AND INPUT ON IT. HE SAID BY FRIDAY OF THAT SAME WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL HAVE MADE THEIR CHANGES, EDITED IT AND TURNED IT IN TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE; THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN GET IT TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS EACH DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE; COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY TO GOOD MANAGEMENT AND HE FEELS IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO CONTINUE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID WITH PETE BEING THE ADMINISTRATOR, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS WOULD GIVE HIM A LOT MORE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS FOR HIM TO ASK TO DO A FOLLOW UP ON DIFFERENT ISSUES AND MAKE DECISIONS AS AN ADMINISTRATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING A MEETING EVERY TWO WEEKS IF NECESSARY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00 A.M.

E. PROBLEM AT COUNTY LIBRARY--HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD, WHEN THEY WERE PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2006-2007, LINDA NORTON RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY HAD MET A CERTAIN THRESHOLD TO WHERE THEIR STATE AID GRANT COULD BE INCREASED BY \$100,000. LINDA CALLED THE STATE AND CONFIRMED WITH THEM EVERYTHING WAS CORRECT AND WAS ADVISED IT WAS.

HERBERT SAID LINDA THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE GETTING \$180,000 IN STATE AID FUNDING; WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS TO BE MADE, LINDA ONLY GOT \$75,000. SHE CALLED THE STATE AGAIN AND THE STATE TOLD HER THEY HAD BEEN GOING BY AN ESTIMATE FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES; BUT, WHEN THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF THE LIBRARY CAME IN, THEY DROPPED BACK DOWN BELOW THEIR THRESHOLD AND THE COUNTY DIDN'T GET THE EXTRA MONEY.

HERBERT REPORTED HE AND LINDA HAD MET WITH DIANNE AND JOHNNIE AT BOARD FINANCE TO GO OVER THE LIBRARY BUDGET; IT HAS \$35,000 IN THE CONTINGENCY FUND, \$19,000 TO PURCHASE NEW BOOKS, MONEY TO FUND A LIBRARY DIRECTOR AT SUNNY HILLS WHEN THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED. HE SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AT TAKING THESE THREE ITEMS AWAY; THIS WOULD STILL LEAVE THE LIBRARY BUDGET ABOUT \$40,000 SHORT. HE ADDRESSED THE ONLY THING THEY THOUGHT OF LOOKING AT WAS TO TAKE IT OUT OF CONTINGENCY OR POSSIBLY TAKING OUT THE NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION AT CHIPLEY. HE SAID THIS NEEDED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO SEE HOW THEY WANTED TO HANDLE THE SHORTAGE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF LINDA COULD GO BACK TO THE STATE TO RECOVER SOME OF THESE FUNDS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID LINDA HAS ALREADY DONE THIS AND THE STATE WASN'T RECEPTIVE TO EVEN DISCUSSING IT; THEY TOLD HER THE LIBRARY HAD FELL BACK BELOW THE THRESHOLD AND DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR THE ACTUAL MONEY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF IT WAS GOING TO BE A RE-OCCURRING THING TO STAY BELOW THE THRESHOLD OR DOES LINDA HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND TO GET BACK ABOVE THE THRESHOLD NEXT YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED HE THOUGHT LINDA WAS GOING TO BUDGET LIKE SHE WAS PLANNING ON BEING BELOW THE THRESHOLD; IF IT WORKS OUT WHERE THE LIBRARY IS OVER THE THRESHOLD, THEY WOULD BE OKAY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THE BRANCH MANAGER POSITION AT THE CHIPLEY LIBRARY WAS RECENTLY FILLED; THEY HAD A LOT OF DIFFICULTY IN FILLING IT. HE ADDRESSED THIS POSITION HAD BEEN VACANT FOR QUITE A WHILE UNTIL RECENTLY. HE SAID LINDA WAS DIRECTOR OVER ALL THE LIBRARIES; BUT, HER OFFICE IS IN CHIPLEY. LINDA HAD SAID SHE COULD FILL IN FOR THE BRANCH MANAGER POSITION AT CHIPLEY IF SHE NEEDED TO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SUGGESTED TAKING THE \$30,000 ADDITIONAL MONIES NEEDED OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY. WHEN QUESTIONED IF \$30,000 WAS THE AMOUNT NEEDED, DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE WAS GOING TO GET A REPORT UP FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ON EVERY ITEM THEY WERE LOOKING AT PULLING OUT OF THE CURRENT LIBRARY BUDGET IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE FUNDING SHORTAGE. SHE SAID THEY WOULD SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION TO LINDA FOR HER REVIEW AND APPROVAL AND COME UP WITH THE AMOUNT THAT WILL STILL BE NEEDED TO FUND THE LIBRARY BUDGET AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TABLE THE LIBRARY BUDGET SHORTAGE UNTIL THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LAST LAND SALES; HE SENT PAN-FLORIDA THE CLOSING STATEMENTS ON THE LAND PURCHASE AND REQUESTED THEY SIGN THEM AND SEND THE MONIES BACK OVER A MONTH AND A HALF AGO. HE SAID THEY NEVER SENT THE MONIES BACK TO CLOSE.

THE BOARD CONSENTED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO CONTACT PAN-FLORIDA; IF THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE LOTS, THE LOTS WILL BE READY TO SALE AGAIN.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER'S REPORT:

A. VOUCHERS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2006 TOTTALLING \$3,516,662.03. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO PAY THE VOUCHERS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING HEARD SO MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT COUNTY VEHICLES, HOW MANY VEHICLES ARE AT PUBLIC WORKS, HOW MANY VEHICLES ARE AT THE COUNTY ANNEX, WHO IS USING THE VEHICLES, ETC. HE HAD REQUESTED DAVID CORBIN GET HIM A LIST OF THE VEHICLES HE KNEW ABOUT AND HE HAS PROVIDED A LIST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE VEHICLES NEED TO BE PUT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE USED. HE ADDRESSED THE VEHICLE LIST:

1. AT ROAD & BRIDGE, TWO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS USED PRIOR TO PURCHASING TWO NEW TRUCKS
2. AT SOD FARM, 1992 FORD RANGER, A SPARE VAN, 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP, 1998 4X4 FORD TRUCK THAT IS USED BY JAMES FINCH
3. AT COUNTY ANNEX, THERE IS 1998 FORD SPARE TRUCK OF MR. BRUNERS
4. 1989 DODGE TRUCK USED TO PULL STOCK TRAILER

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING SENT A TRUCK TO PUBLIC WORKS THEY TOOK OFF THE SOD FARM TO PULL A CEMENT MIXER WITH; AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, IT IS STILL SETTING OUT THERE AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE WITH IT.

FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE VEHICLES PUT TO GOOD USE. HE ADDRESSED THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS HAVE PROBLEMS SOMETIMES WHERE THEY NEED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS; IF THAT IS WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE PUT, THAT IS WHAT THEY OUGHT TO DO WITH IT.

FINCH SAID HE HAD SAID ALL THIS TO SAY IT IS NICE TO HAVE TWO OR THREE SPARE TRUCKS; BUT, THEY HAVE A STATION WAGON SOMEBODY COULD USE IF THEY NEED TO MAKE A TRIP. HE ADDRESSED THE ADMINISTRA- TOR'S TRUCK SITTING AT THE COUNTY ANNEX A LOT OF TIMES WHICH COULD BE USED BY SOMEONE ELSE TO RUN ERRANDS, ETC. HE SAID THERE IS A LOT OF USE THEY COULD DO ON THE COUNTY VEHICLES THEY ARE NOT GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF. HE SAID THEY OUGHT TO SELL ALL OF THE VEHICLES NOT BEING USED, GIVE THEM AWAY OR DO SOMETHING WITH THEM, DECIDE WHO NEEDS WHAT AND

MOVE ON FROM THERE. HE STATED HE COULDN'T SEE A 1998 FORD PICKUP SETTING IDLY BECAUSE SOMEONE MIGHT NEED TO USE IT ONCE IN A WHILE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO HIM HAVING BROUGHT UP THE NEED OF A VEHICLE FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL; THAT THURSDAY, HIS REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN TO GIVE THEM THE TWO VEHICLES USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING MONDAY, THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S TRUCK BROKE DOWN AND HE AND DAVID CORBIN HAD TO TAKE A TRUCK TO HIM. HE SAID ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS ARE ON CALL TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND THEY NEED A GOOD WAY TO GET AROUND.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED WHO GOT THE TWO TRUCKS THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS HAD USED BEFORE GETTING THEIR NEW VEHICLES. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT THE MECHANIC HAS ONE AND THE OTHER ONE IS JUST SETTING DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW; BUT, THE SECRETARY AT ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS A TRUCK DRIVING IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND FINCH QUESTIONED WHY DID THE SECRETARY NEED A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK OR NOT; BUT, THERE IS A TRUCK THE SECRETARY IS DRIVING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WERE TWO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS DOWN THERE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHOSE JOB IT IS TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THOSE TWO TRUCKS ARE AT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP, LIASON OF PUBLIC WORKS, AGREED TO FIND OUT WHERE THE TWO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS ARE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED SAPP DECIDE WHERE TO PUT THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE THOUGHT ANIMAL CONTROL SHOULD AT LEAST GET ONE OF THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WERE EMPLOYEES WHO OPERATE EQUIPMENT WHO COULD USE SOME OF THE SURPLUS TRUCKS RATHER THAN RIDING WHAT THEY HAVE TO GET TO THEIR EQUIPMENT. HE REITERATED THE BOARD NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NOT TWO OR THREE VEHICLES SETTING AROUND NOT BEING USED EITHER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED WHEN THE COUNTY WAS WORKING AT LEISURE LAKES, THEY MOVED SOME TREES THAT WAS ON AUDREY WOMACK'S PROPERTY AND TOLD HER THEY WOULD FENCE THE PLACE WHERE THEY PUSHED THE TREES DOWN.

HE SAID HE HAD GOTTEN DAVID CORBIN TO GET A PRICE ON WHAT THE COST OF THE FENCE WOULD BE; IF THEY PUT UP A WEB WIRE FENCE, IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$1200 FOR THE LENGTH ACROSS HER PROPERTY. HE ADDRESSED MS. WOMACK WANTING A VINYL FENCE AND HE ADVISED HER THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE HER WHATEVER THE COST OF A WEB WIRE FENCE AGAINST THE VINYL FENCE OR THEY WOULD PUT HER UP A WEB WIRE FENCE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO CLOSE THAT TRANSACTION; EITHER GIVE WOMACK THE COST OF THE WEB WIRE FENCE (\$1,200) TO GO TOWARD A VINYL FENCE OR HAVE THE INMATES PUT UP A WEB WIRE FENCE. HE AGREED TO TAKE THIS OUT OF HIS MONIES.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER FINCH'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORTED THAT GLEN ZANETIC HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH A LIST OF ROADS THE BOARD NEEDED TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON IN SUNNY HILLS TO 45 MPH. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF CHANGING THE SPEED LIMITS TO 45 MPH ON THE LIST OF ROADS PROVIDED BY GLEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CHANGING THE SPEED LIMITS ON THE LIST OF ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS PROVIDED BY GLEN ZANETIC TO 45MPH. COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED TO GET THE BOARD MEMBERS A LIST OF THE OUTLYING ROADS COMING INTO SUNNY HILLS HE IS REQUESTING THE SPEED LIMIT BE CHANGED TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE SUNNY HILLS GARDEN CLUB WANTING TO PLANT SOME FLOWERS IN THE MEDIUM BEHIND THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT SUNNY HILLS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEM PLANTING THE FLOWERS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T EITHER; BUT, ANYTHING THAT GOES DOWN THERE NEEDS TO COME THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS. HE SAID EITHER MSBU OR THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD NEEDS TO BE IN CONJUNCTION AND GIVE THE COMMISSIONERS SOMETHING OFFICIAL ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GARDEN CLUB PLANTING FLOWERS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED HE AND DAVID CORBIN WAS TALKING WITH THE GARDEN CLUB AND THEY ASKED ABOUT PLANTING THE FLOWERS. HE HAD ASKED GLEN ZANETIC AND GLEN HAD SAID THEY COULDN'T PLANT ANYTHING IN THE MEDIUM BECAUSE UTILITIES ARE UNDERGROUND. WHEN THEY CALLED THE UTILITY COMPANY, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY WERE ADVISED AS LONG AS THEY WERE NOT DIGGING WITH A BACKHOE AND JUST USING A SHOVEL PLANTING A SMALL BUSH, THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID AS LONG AS THE GARDEN CLUB GETS APPROVAL FROM THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED, AS LONG AS THE GARDEN CLUB COORDINATES IT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OR THE MSBU BOARD, THEY CAN PLANT ALL THEY WANT TO. HE SAID GLEN HAS TO MOW THE MEDIUM.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THE GARDEN CLUB WAS WANTING TO PUT THREE CREPE MYRTLE BUSHES PER EACH MEDIUM STARTING AT SUNNY HILLS BOULEVARD RIGHT TO THE END AND THEN DO THE SAME THING ON ELCAM. HE SAID IT WAS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE; BUT, THEY WERE LOOKING TO DO EACH MEDIUM DOWN THE CENTER AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. HE SAID THE GARDEN CLUB WOULD DO ALL THE WORK AND TAKE CARE OF THE PLANTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THE GARDEN CLUB NEEDS TO SUBMIT IT THROUGH THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OR THE MSBU BOARD; IT SOUNDS FINE TO HIM. HE QUESTIONED IF SAL WAS IN THE GARDEN CLUB.

SAL ADVISED HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GARDEN CLUB.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE OF THE GARDEN CLUB PLANTING THE CREPE MYRTLES IN THE MEDIUMS ON DELTONA BOULEVARD AND ON ELCAM AS LONG AS THEY COORDINATE IT THROUGH THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND MSBU.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED SAL ZURICA BEING A MEMBER OF THE SUNNY HILLS CRIME WATCH PATROL AND WAS WANTING TO GET ON THE MSBU BOARD.

SAL ADVISED THE BOARD CRIMEWATCH HAD A MEETING ON DECEMBER 10TH AND HE WAS NOMINATED TO REPRESENT THE CRIMEWATCH ON THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHERE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CAME FROM WITH SAL REITERATING IT CAME FROM THE CRIMEWATCH ITSELF. FINCH ASKED IF THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. HARRY SHUBERT ADVISED THEY DIDN'T AND QUESTIONED WHY SHOULD THEY. SHUBERT SAID THERE WERE 46 PEOPLE AT THE DECEMBER 10TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID SURELY FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD, THE MSBU COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE INPUT. HE SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE IS A STANDING BOARD AND SAL ZURICA'S APPOINTMENT DIDN'T GO THROUGH AN MSBU COMMITTEE.

SHUBERT SAID IT DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MSBU COMMITTEE BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ABOUT SAL'S APPOINTMENT TO THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD.

SAL ADVISED CRIMEWATCH HAS THEIR OWN APPOINTMENT TO THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS THEIR OWN APPOINTMENT AND IT HAS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT COME THROUGH THE MSBU COMMITTEE OR THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION WHOEVER THEY APPOINT. HE SAID THEY ARE THE ONES THAT GOVERN THE MSBU.

SHUBERT SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE NOR THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION DOESN'T GOVERN THEM; THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH CRIME WATCH. HE SAID CRIME WATCH HAS ONE MEMBER THAT IS ELECTED THAT GOES ON TO THE MSBU BOARD; IT HAS BEEN GOING THAT WAY ALL ALONG.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAS NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE. SHUBERT SAID THAT WAS BECAUSE ONE RETIRED OR IS NO LONGER ON THE MSBU BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHO WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CRIMEWATCH COMMITTEE. SHUBERT SAID HE WAS CHAIRMAN, THEY HAD FOUR OTHER PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE, THEY TOOK NOMINATIONS AND SAL WAS NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING FROM THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING. SHUBERT SAID CRIMEWATCH NEVER GETS ANYTHING FROM THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD BE APPOINTED TO THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD WHEN THEY HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH THE MSBU COMMITTEE.

SAL SAID THE CRIMEWATCH AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE APPOINTED BY THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS; THEY ARE PART OF THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, JANET JONES, ADVISED THE BOARD IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING THERE IS AN MSBU ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF ANY APPOINTMENTS.

SAL REITERATED IT WAS PART OF THE MSBU REGULATIONS THAT CRIME- WATCH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TO BE INCLUDED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COM- MISSIONER HOLMAN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF SAL ZURICA TO THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT SAYS THIS IS OFFICIAL OTHER THAN SOME NAMES THAT SAYS MSBU COMMITTEE. HE SAID THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FROM THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SAYING THIS IS THE ADVISORY BOARD, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ETC. HE ASKED WHY WOULD THE BOARD WANT TO VOTE ON SOMETHING WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE THEY DO, IT IS BROUGHT THROUGH THE MSBU COMMITTEE OR THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

GLEN ZANETIC SAID THEY HAVE LIVED WITHOUT A CRIMEWATCH MEMBER ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE CLOSE TO A YEAR NOW; HOWEVER, THE MSBU ORDINANCE DOES ALLOW FOR THE CRIMEWATCH BOARD TO CHOOSE SOMEONE TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIT ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THEY WENT THROUGH THE MEETINGS AND HAD MINUTES; THEY BROUGHT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOMINATION TO THE BOARD TWO MONTHS AGO NOW. HE SAID THEY HAD ALSO BROUGHT TO THE BOARD ABOUT TEN MONTHS AGO WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO TRY AND SEPARATE THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND MSBU COMMITTEE TOTALLY AND BRING A NEW WAY FOR THE BOARD TO SELECT THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT SIT ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF 2007. HE SAID IT WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION ON THE CRIMEWATCH PATROL'S NOMINATION; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO SUGGEST SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO THE BOARD IN ABOUT ANOTHER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF CRIMEWATCH'S NOMINATION COULD BE HANDLED TODAY AS TODAY'S POLICY. GLEN ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; IF CRIMEWATCH FOLLOWED THEIR PROCEDURES, IT IS UP TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ANYBODY BROUGHT BEFORE THEM.

GLEN SAID HE WAS JUST ADVISING THE BOARD A MONTH FROM NOW THE COMMITTEE COULD CHANGE AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHERE DOES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, CRIME WATCH OR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE IN SUNNY HILLS GET THEIR AUTHORITY TO EXIST AND GET MEMBERS ON.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY EXPLAINED THE MSBU ORDINANCE STATED THESE ENTITIES COULD NOMINATE SOMEONE TO SIT ON THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED HIS QUESTION WHERE DOES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CRIMEWATCH GET THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO ORGANIZE AND GET THEIR MEMBERS.

GLEN ADVISED THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A CORPORATION, THEY HAVE CORPORATE OFFICERS, A NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND BASICALLY HOLD ELECTIONS.

GLEN ADDRESSED THE MSBU COMMITTEE, WHEN IT WAS FIRST SET UP, WAS HOPING CRIMEWATCH WOULD BE FUNDED OUT OF MSBU; UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO COURT CASES, THEY CAN'T BE. ACTUALLY, THE MSBU CAN'T PUT ANY MONIES INTO ANY KIND OF SECURITY OPERATION; THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY IS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY AND IF THEY TAKE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR SECURITY, THAT IS CONSIDERED PROTECTION OF LIFE.

GLEN SAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS CAN BE FUNDED BECAUSE THAT IS CONSIDERED PROTECTION OF PROPERTY.

MR. SHUBERT STATED CRIMEWATCH WAS ALSO INCORPORATED AND HAS THEIR OWN CORPORATION; THEY MAY EVEN GET ANOTHER CAR. HE SAID THEY WERE OUT AT NIGHT VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES; THE PEOPLE THAT SIGNED THEIR NAMES ALL LIVE AND ARE ON CRIMEWATCH AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE WANTING A MEMBER ON THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER TOLD MR. SHUBERT SHE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS WANTING COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WHERE CRIMEWATCH APPROVED THEIR NOMINATION OF SAL ZURICA TO SIT ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE. MR. SHUBERT ADVISED THEY DID HAVE MINUTES AND HE WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE MINUTES ON SAL'S NOMINATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED MR. SHUBERT HOW CRIMEWATCH GOT FUNDING TO OPERATE. MR. SHUBERT SAID VOLUNTARILY; A LOT OF PEOPLE GAVE THEM MONEY TO GET A CAR.

SAL ADVISED THE FUNDING WAS COMING FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE EXPENSE ON THE CRIMEWATCH CAR; SOMETIMES THEY GET HATS AND SHIRTS OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUYS THE CAR FOR CRIMEWATCH. SAL ADVISED THAT WAS NOT CORRECT; THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DID BUT THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HAS A CAR THEY WILL BE CHANGING NEXT MONTH AND CRIMEWATCH WILL BE GETTING ANOTHER CAR TO USE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE OF THE NOMINATION OF SAL ZURICA TO THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS CRIMEWATCH REPRESENTATIVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED MILTON STRICKLAND HAVING APPROACHED HIM ABOUT THE ACRE PLUS OF PROPERTY HE OWNS BEHIND THE COUNTY ANNEX; HE IS OFFERING IT TO THE COUNTY FOR \$100,000 EVEN THOUGH IT IS APPRAISED AT \$110,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THINKS THE COUNTY NEEDS THE LAND; HOWEVER, THE COMPARABLES ARE OUT ON HIGHWAY 77 IN HIGH DOLLAR FIGURES. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY COULD GET PROPERTY ANY CHEAPER OR NOT.

WANDA OWENS, REALTOR, ADVISED STRICKLAND'S PROPERTY WAS NOT APPRAISED AT \$120,000; THAT IS WHAT HE HAD IT LISTED AT. SHE SAID STRICKLAND WAS OFFERING IT TO THE COUNTY FOR \$100,000 AND ADVISED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO MAKE AN OFFER, SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PRESENT IT TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD WAS PLANNING ON MOVING ALL OF LLOYD BRUNER'S OPERATION TO THE NEW SITE AND ALL BEING USED BY BRUNER NOW WON'T BE USED ANYMORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID STRICKLAND HAD APPROACHED HIM ABOUT PRESENTING HIS OFFER TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THERE IS NOT THAT MUCH LAND AROUND THE ANNEX AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO EXPAND, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MORE ROOM. HE ADDRESSED HE WAS NOT ADVOCATING BUYING STRICKLAND'S PROPERTY AT THIS TIME AT THE PRICE HE IS OFFERING. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY COULD GET THE FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED MR. BRUNER'S OPERATIONS WILL BE MOVED FROM THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO MR. STRICKLAND'S PROPERTY AND ALL OF THAT WILL BE VACANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE EMS WOULD BE MOVING ALSO. HE REITERATED WHAT COMMISSIONER PATE HAD SAID ABOUT NOT KNOWING WHERE THE FUNDING WOULD COME FROM.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE BOARD HAD A THIRTY DAY WINDOW ON STRICKLAND'S OFFER AND IT IS WHATEVER THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD IS.

DUE TO NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON MILTON STRICKLAND'S OFFER, CHAIRMAN SAPP ADVISED IT WAS AUTOMATICALLY TABLED.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM STARTING TO TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT OBTAINING RIGHT OF WAY FOR BAHOMA ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 273 TO NEW PROSPECT ROAD. HE SAID DALLAS CARTER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, HAD DONE SOME WORK ON AN OUTFALL DITCH AND HAD TALKED TO A PROPERTY OWNER EAST OF THERE THAT GOES UP TO ODOM ROAD AND THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THE COUNTY COULD PICK UP A MINIMUM OF 40' OF RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH HIS PROPERTY. HE SAID OBTAINING THE RIGHT OF WAY WOULD BE A DONATION FOR PUTTING UP A BARB WIRE FENCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON PUBLIC WORKS SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY'S COST FOR INSTALLATION OF PIPE. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING IMPLEMENTED A PRICE FOR INSTALLATION OF A CULVERT PIPE A FEW YEARS AGO OF \$300 PLUS A \$25 PERMIT FEE. HE SAID THE BOARD SHOULD BE LOOKING AT RENEWING THESE PRICES BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T SPECIFY DIFFERENT SIZES; THERE ARE A RANDOM OF DIFFERENT SIZES OF PIPE TO WORK ON. HE SAID WHEN YOU PUT IN AN 18" PIPE, IT IS A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF WORK; BUT, WHEN YOU PUT IN A 60" PIPE, THERE IS A LOT MORE MANPOWER, MORE WORK INVOLVED, MORE DIRT, ETC. HE SAID THE BOARD REALLY NEEDS TO REVISIT THE COST FACTOR ON WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO CHARGE TO PUT IN THE VARIOUS SIZES OF PIPE. HE SAID PUBLIC WORKS HAD PROVIDED A BREAKDOWN ON THE VARIOUS SIZES OF PIPE AND AGREED TO GIVE THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS A COPY TO REVIEW AND THEY WOULD VISIT THIS ISSUE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

ED PELLETIER, WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION, INVITED THE BOARD TO THEIR ANNUAL FIRE ASSOCIATION BANQUET ON JANUARY 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHIPLEY FIRE STATION.

CHAIRMAN SAPP RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 5:00 P.M. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS AND PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING AS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENT HOMEOWNERS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WERE INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIORS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL \$25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; THE EXEMPTION WOULD BE GRANTED ALL AT ONE TIME. HE ADVISED THEY NEEDED TO GET INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE PROPOSED EXEMPTION ORDINANCE. JAY, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND HE HAD TOLD HIM TO CHECK WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER ON HOW MUCH THIS WOULD AFFECT THE COUNTY'S AD VALOREM TAXES. HE SAID HE WAS CURIOUS OF WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO ADOPT THE \$25,000 ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION WAS DONE BY A STATE WIDE REFERENDUM AND THE BOARD'S OPTION IS TO GRANT THE EXEMPTION IN STAGES OR ALL AT ONE TIME.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE GRANTING THE ADDITIONAL \$25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A LARGE SCALE CHANGE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAPS FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FILED BY BOBBY AND KAREN JOHNSON.

TRAVIS HOWELL, ALDAY HOWELL ENGINEERING, REPRESENTING BOBBY AND KAREN JOHNSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED LARGE SCALE CHANGE TO 14.72 ACRES ON BRICKYARD ROAD; APPROXIMATELY 9.25 ACRES ARE TO BE CHANGED FROM LOW DENSITY TO LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. HE ADDRESSED SINCE THE PROPERTY HAS WATER AND SEWER, THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SMALLER LOTS AND THAT IS WHY THEY WANT THE PROPOSED CHANGE SO THEY ARE NOT STUCK WITH JUST ONE ACRE LOTS. HE ADVISED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAD APPROVED THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

TRAVIS UPDATED THE BOARD ON A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A NUMBER OF LOTS THAT WILL HAVE A LOT WIDTH OF 70' VERSUS THE 100' REQUIRED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE STAFF AGREED AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGREED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO ASK FOR THE VARIANCE SO BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME THEY SUBMIT FOR THE PRELIMINARY PLAT, THEY WON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE APPROVED. HE SAID THEY COULD GO AHEAD AND DESIGN WITH THAT IN MIND. HE SAID THE REASON THEY ARE ASKING FOR THE VARIANCE IS BECAUSE IT HAS WATER AND SEWER AND THERE WON'T BE SEPTIC TANKS AND WELLS ON THE PROPERTY. HE SAID THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT 100' LOT WIDTH WAS PUT IN PLACE YEARS AGO; SINCE THERE IS NO

WELLS OR SEPTIC TANKS GOING TO BE PUT ON THE LOTS, THE LOTS CAN BE A LOT NARROWER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED THE FIRE PROTECTION AND ADDRESSED CONCERNS WITH NOT BEING MUCH ROOM BETWEEN THE HOUSES WITH THE SMALLER LOTS. TRAVIS SAID IF THERE ARE FIRE HYDRANTS, THAT DOESN'T MATTER; IF THEY DO HAVE A 50' WIDTH REQUIREMENT AND THEY ARE OUT IN THE COUNTRY AND DON'T HAVE THE FIRE HYDRANTS, HE THINKS THAT IS THE BENEFIT OF HAVING WATER MAINS DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD WITH THE FIRE HYDRANTS TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE SUBDIVISION.

LINDA WALLER ADVISED THE BOARD THE SETBACK ON THE SIZE IS 10' REGARDLESS OF WHAT LOT YOU BUILD ON; IT IS 10' FROM BOTH SIDES AND THE BACK.

TRAVIS SAID HE WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE COUNTY ORDINANCE TODAY AND NOTICED THE COUNTY ALLOWS A 40' LOT WIDTH ON WATER FRONT REGARDLESS IF IT IS ON A CURVED ROAD OR STRAIGHT ROAD. HE SAID HE FOUND THAT REAL INTERESTING; THEY REQUIRE A 100' IF IT IS NOT ON THE WATER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THERE WERE SOME 40' LOTS WAY BACK 100 YEARS AGO; THINGS DO CHANGE.

TRAVIS SAID IF THE PROPERTY STAYS LOW DENSITY AND THEY HAD TO BUILD ONE ACRE LOTS, PEOPLE COULD STILL BUILD THEM 20' APART BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY A 10' SETBACK REQUIRED ON EACH SIDE.

TRAVIS THEN ADDRESSED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY ON PROVIDING WATER AND SEWER TO THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED THE CAPACITY FOR SEWER. TRAVIS ADVISED THEY HAD ALREADY PREPARED THE CALCULATIONS FOR CAPACITY FOR THE WATER AND SEWER. HE NOTED THE CITY REQUIRED THEM TO DO THE CALCULATIONS BEFORE THEY WROTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE IS GETTING REAL CONCERNED ABOUT THE SEWER CAPACITY FOR SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE COMING IN; HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE LAND USE CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO APPROVE THE LARGE SCALE CHANGE TO FUTURE LAND USE MAPS FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW/MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FILED BY BOBBY AND KAREN JOHNSON.

ED PELLETIER ASKED WHAT SIZE OF WATER MAIN WILL BE IN THE SUBDIVISION. TRAVIS ADVISED THERE WOULD BE A 8" WATER MAIN THAT WILL BE BROUGHT ON DOWN BRICKYARD AND THEN ON TO THE PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC; THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

LINDA WALLER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THESE BEING HER AND RANDY PARKER'S ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE THEY HAVE COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS; THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO UPDATE THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. SHE SAID THEY HAD EXPANDED ON SOME DEFINITIONS AND MADE A COUPLE OF CHANGES. SHE SAID THERE WAS ONE THING THAT WAS DISCUSSED THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ALSO MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO LEAVE IN THE LETTER OF CREDIT.

LINDA SAID THEY WERE GOING TO REMOVE THE LETTER OF CREDIT AT ONE TIME AND SHE ASKED RANDY PARKER WHY WAS IT CONSIDERED TO REMOVE THE LETTER OF CREDIT. RANDY ADVISED HER THERE WAS A COMMISSIONER AT ONE TIME THAT SUGGESTED THE LETTER OF CREDIT BE REMOVED. LINDA REITERATED THAT CLIFF HAS RECOMMENDED THE LETTER OF CREDIT BE LEFT IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

LINDA SAID THEY USED THE LETTER OF CREDIT WITH CHARLES BRASINGTON.

SHE SAID THERE WERE A COUPLE OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN THE INFORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE CODE; UNDER THE ACREAGE FOR A PUD, IT SAYS ONE ACRE INSTEAD OF TEN ACRES, TWO ACRES INSTEAD OF TWENTY ACRES, ETC. SHE ADVISED THE PLANNING OFFICE WOULD CORRECT THESE TYPO ERRORS AS THEY RUN ACROSS THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE; THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 12/21/06