

AUGUST 2, 2007

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS SAPP, STRICKLAND, HOLMAN, FINCH AND PATE PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

CAMILLE, GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IMPLEMENTATION OF A COUNTY WIDE FIRE AND EMS MSBU AT THE REQUEST OF ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

CAMILLE REPORTED THE COUNTY ALREADY HAD AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE FOR THE FIRE AND EMS MSBU WHICH AUTHORIZES THEM TO IMPLEMENT THE MSBU SINCE 1989. BECAUSE OF DATA AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUT A PLAN IN PLACE FOR THE CUNTY WIDE FIRE AND EMS MSBU FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET. SHE EXPLAINED THEY WOULD PROBABLY ONLY HAVE A COLLECTION RATE OF 75% THE FIRST YEAR DUE TO THE COUNTY HAVING TO COLLECT THE MONIES; HOWEVER, ANYONE THAT DIDN'T PAY THEIR ASSESSMENT, IT WOULD BE ADDED TO THEIR NEXT YEAR'S ASSESSMENT, ADDED TO THEIR TAX BILL AND BE COLLECTED THROUGH THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

SHE ADDRESSED THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE THIS YEAR SO IF ANY ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE ANY OF THE RULES IN SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY, ETC, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO BE GRANDFATHERED IN.

SHE SAID AS THE BOARD GOES THROUGH THEIR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS TODAY, THEY HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM A FUNDING MECHANISM THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO REPLENISH THE ONE MILL THEY PRESENTLY ALLOT FOR FIRE AND EMS OUT OF THEIR GENERAL FUND BUDGET THROUGH THIS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THIS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE AND EMS COULD BE PUT ON A SEPARATE BILL AND USED TO FUND THEIR BUDGET GOING FORWARD THIS YEAR AND THEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THEY WOULD REVISIT THE PROGRAM AND EITHER END IT OR NOT END IT, CHANGE THE RATE, ETC.

SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES WHO HAD IMPLEMENTED AN MSBU; MOST OF THEM HAD GONE FORWARD, A FEW OF THEM HADN'T.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THESE FUNDS COULD ONLY BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. CAMILLE SAID IT WAS NOT LIKE IMPACT FEES; MSBU ASSESSMENTS CAN BE USED FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL COST. HOWEVER, THEY WILL USE IT IN ADDITION TO THEIR IMPACT FEES. THEY WILL MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A CREDIT ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER SO IF SOMEONE PAYS AN IMPACT FEE, THEY DON'T PAY FOR THE SAME THING AGAIN IN THE ASSESSMENT AND THERE IS A WAY TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED HOW TO DETERMINE FORMULA WISE NO ONE WOULD BE PAYING TWICE. CAMILLE SAID WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS FUND OPERATING COSTS AT 100% AND ALL THE CAPITAL THAT IS NOT RELATED

TO NEW GROWTH.

CAMILLE SAID THE GOOD NEWS IS THE COUNTY IS GOING INTO A NEW BUDGET AND SEPARATE BILLS WOULD GO OUT FOR THE MSBU ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE AND EMS. ALL THE COSTS FOR GSG TO ASSIST WITH THE DATA GATHERING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MSBU ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE AND EMS COULD COME OUT OF THE MSBU ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED. HOWEVER, IF THEY DON'T GO FORWARD WITH THE ASSESSMENT, THIS WILL BE MONIES THE COUNTY HAS SPENT.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU. CAMILLE SAID THEY COULD; HOWEVER, IT COMPLICATES WHAT GSG WOULD HAVE TO DO. IN ORDER FOR THE CITIES

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONSENT BY ORDINANCE. TO LAY THAT IN THIS YEAR, MAY BE MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW, ALTHOUGH THEY CAN DO IT. THEY WOULD HAVE TO IMMEDIATELY GET WITH THE CITIES AND ASK IF THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, THE MONEY THEY GET FROM THIS PROGRAM THEY PAY THE CITIES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGH THE MILLAGE, THAT COULD STILL OCCUR. IT IS JUST WHETHER OR NOT THE CITIES WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND ACTUALLY HAVE THEIR CITY SERVICES PERKED.

EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE,

CAMILLE SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY CREATE A MASTER ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO DO OTHER THINGS IF THEY EVER DECIDED TO DO OTHER THINGS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED CAMILLE TO GO BACK OVER THE PART WHERE THE CITIES CAN PARTICIPATE. IF THE COUNTIES IMPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS, THE CITIES WOULD HAVE TO IMPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE TO COME IN ON THIS. HE SAID CURRENTLY THERE IS A MILL THE COUNTY USES TO FUND HALF A MILL TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND HALF A MILL FOR EMS. THE HALF MILL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS IS SPLIT UP BY A FORMULA AMONG ELEVEN OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. BY ACCEPTING THE MSBU IMPLEMENTATION, WOULD THE FORMULA BE DONE AWAY WITH. CAMILLE SAID THEY WOULD STILL WANT TO KEEP THE FORMULA IN PLACE FOR DISTRIBUTION; HOWEVER, THE FUNDING CAN BE REPLACED BY THE MSBU ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE IMPOSED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR SURE; BUT, COULD BE IMPOSED IN THE CITIES. ON THE FIRE SIDE, THE SERVICES THEY ARE PROVIDING TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, THAT WILL STILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THE PART THE COUNTIES GIVE THE CITIES FOR FIRE PROTECTION WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T NEED CONSENT. THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE CHARGING THE PEOPLE IN THE CITIES BECAUSE THE MONIES THE COUNTY GIVES THE CITIES IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AROUND THE CITIES.

CAMILLE SAID IT IS A GOOD THING FOR THE CITIES IF THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE SAME BOAT AS THE COUNTY IS IN AND RATHER THAN USING THEIR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FIRE PROTECTION, THEY MAY WANT TO JOIN THE MSBU ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND RELIEVE SOME OF THEIR TAX MONIES. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT JUST BE HARD TO GET IT DONE WITHIN THE SIX WEEKS THEY HAVE TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF PARCELS AND WHAT AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD BE GENERATED AND WHAT A PARCEL IS DETERMINED.

CAMILLE SAID BASICALLY GSG WILL TAKE WHATEVER BUDGET THE BOARD WANTS TO FUND AND DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY AT 100% OF THAT FUNDING. IF THE BOARD DECIDES THOSE RATES, WHEN GSG GETS TO THEM, AREN'T WHERE THEY WANT TO BE, THEY WILL ONLY FUND THE PERCENTAGE THEY DECIDE. THEY ARE GOING TO SET UP A METHODOLOGY AND INSTEAD OF BEING A PER PARCEL BASIS, CAP PARCEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER. BASED ON WHAT TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS THEY HAVE ON THE PARCEL, WHETHER THEY ARE A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT, COMMERCIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE, IT WILL BE KIND OF SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU SEE IN THE IMPACT FEES. SHE SAID THAT IS WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE HIRING GSG TO DO.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID ANOTHER ISSUE IS HOW THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS WILL WORK WITH THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU.

CAMILLE SAID THE ATTORNEY THOUGHT THE PART OF SUNNY HILLS, THEIR PARKS, FIRE, ETC. THAT IS BEING PAID FOR FROM THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU, THEY WOULD TAKE THE FIRE PART OUT OF THERE AND LET THOSE CALLS BE PART OF THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU. SHE SAID THEY PROBABLY HAVE AS MANY QUESTIONS AS THE BOARD DOES; HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD GIVES GSG A NOTICE TO PROCEED, THEY COULD BE BACK BEFORE THE BOARD IN A

WEEK AND SAY THESE ARE THE THINGS THEY KNOW FOR SURE. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T WANT TO GO DOWN THAT PATH AT ALL UNLESS THE BOARD WANTS THEM TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT SEEMS TO HIM THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF IDEA ON WHAT KIND OF MONEY THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT GENERATING. IF IT IS GOING TO BE A SMALL AMOUNT, HE WOULD

BE WILLING TO LOOK AT IT; HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE REFLECTED AS SOMEONE GOT ANOTHER BIG TAX INCREASE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE MSBU ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE AND EMS WOULD NEED TO GENERATE ENOUGH TO EQUAL ONE MILL SO THEY COULD REPLACE THE ONE MILL THEY ARE PAYING EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THEY WOULD NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ELIGIBLE PARCELS THERE WOULD BE AND FIND OUT HOW MUCH THAT WOULD BE.

CAMILLE EXPLAINED GSG COULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE EMS AND FIRE MSBU ASSESSMENT; THE BOARD COULD DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO GO FORWARD WITH IT OR NOT. IF THEY DECIDE TO GO FORWARD, THEY WOULD HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT THE ORDINANCE, IMPOSE THE RATES AND GSG WOULD SENT OUT THE BILLS.

CAMILLE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WALTON COUNTY WAS CHARGING PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE RATES AND THEY WERE GENERATING APPROXIMATELY \$700,000. THEY HAD BEEN CHARGING \$25 FOR EVERY RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD. SHE WOULD EXPECT THE COUNTY COULD BE AROUND THE \$25 RATE ALSO FOR FIRE. THIS MAY BE CLOSE TO WHAT THEY NEED; IT MAY BE A LITTLE MORE OR A LITTLE LESS. THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING FOR EMS. HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF AUGUST, THEY WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WITH THE \$25 FEE PER PARCEL, WAS CAMILLE SAYING THIS WOULD GENERATE \$700,000 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. CAMILLE REITERATED \$700,000 WAS WHAT THE FEE RAISED FOR

SOUTH WALTON COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS; SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S RATE WOULD BE. SHE JUST WANTED TO GIVE THAT EXAMPLE TO SAY THEY WERE NOT TALKING ABOUT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS; WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT IS WAY LESS THAN \$100 AND PROBABLY LESS THAN \$50 FOR RESIDENTIAL. COMMERCIAL WOULD BE ON PER SQUARE FOOT BASIS OF THE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WISHED IT WAS WHERE IT COULD BE ROLLED INTO THE TAX ROLLS THIS YEAR AND NOT TO HAVE TO SEND OUT ANOTHER TAX BILL. FOR CLARIFICATION, HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RATES FOR ACREAGE.

CAMILLE SAID THEY DIDN'T TOUCH LAND THIS YEAR; IF THEY DID LAND, IT WOULD BE ON A PER ACRE BASIS. LAND IS A LITTLE HARDER TO CHARGE AND THEY HAVE ONLY A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. IN THE YEAR TWO, AS THEY DO ALL THE BETTER DATA WITH THE LAND, THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT AN ASSESSMENT ON LAND. IF THEY DID AN ASSESSMENT ON LAND, IT WOULD BE ON A PER ACRE BASIS; SHE DOESN'T SEE GOING THERE THIS YEAR DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, HOUSEHOLDS. CAMILLE SAID HOUSEHOLDS; THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS HAS WHETHER IT HAS A DWELLING UNIT ON IT AND SAYS WHETHER IT IS RESIDENTIAL OR A MOBILE HOME, ETC. AND THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WOULD BE IMPOSED ON PER SQUARE FOOTAGE BASIS. GSG GETS ADOBING FILE FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER; WHEN THEY SEE THERE IS A BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY, THEY WOULD CHARGE THE MSBU ASSESSMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE THE PROPERTY OWNER

THAT ACTUALLY GETS CHARGED THE ASSESSMENT AND NOT THE PERSON RENTING. CAMILLE SAID THAT IS CORRECT; EVERYTHING THEY HAVE TO DO, BECAUSE THE BOARD WOULD WANT TO PUT IT ON THEIR TAX BILL NEXT YEAR, WOULD PUT THE BOARD IN A POSITION TO DO THAT SO THEY NEED TO SEND IT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER SO THEY WILL KNOW WHAT IS COMING. THERE WOULD BE NO IFATISM; THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE BOARD WOULD OR WOULD NOT ADOPT THE RATES. TODAY IS THE DAY FOR THE BOARD TO TELL GSG IF THEY WANT TO START THE FIRE AND EMS MSBU PROCESS. IN A WEEK OR TWO WEEKS, GSG WILL GIVE THEM A STATUS REPORT ON WHAT THEY KNOW AND DON'T KNOW WITH THE CITIES AND BY THE END OF AUGUST THEY WOULD HAVE RATES. THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER POINT, WHERE THE BOARD COULD SAY GO OR DON'T GO FORWARD. IF THEY SAY GO, GSG WOULD GO TO THE ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING; THE BOARD AGAIN COULD SAY GO OR DON'T GO FORWARD. THEY WOULD THEN SEND OUT THE NOTICES; THERE IS ABOUT THREE OR FOUR TIMES THE BOARD CAN SAY STOP OR GO FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF CAMILLE WAS SAYING IF HE OWNED PROPERTY THAT NOBODY LIVED ON, THEY WOULDN'T BE CHARGED. CAMILLE REITERATED PROBABLY NOT THIS YEAR. SHE SAID GSG HAD BEEN WITH WALTON COUNTY FOR TEN YEARS; THEY HAVE JUST REVISED THEIR PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GOING TO CHARGE LAND BECAUSE THE DATA WAS THERE TO SUPPORT THAT.

SHE REITERATED WHEN THEY DID THE IMPACT FEES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY CONCENTRATED ONLY ON THE IMPROVED PROPERTIES. SHE DOESN'T THINK THEY HAVE THE TIME TO EVEN LOOK AT THE LAND THIS

YEAR AND PROBABLY FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.

CAMILLE SAID THEY WANTED TO BE PRESENT THIS MORNING TO GIVE THE BOARD THE OPTION ON THE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS AS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH THEIR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. WHETHER THE BOARD DECIDES NOW OR LATER ON IN THE MEETING TO GO FORWARD WITH THE MSBU, THEY CAN LET HER KNOW. SHE REPORTED GSG WAS GOING TO DO A PHASE APPROACH; PHASE I WILL COST \$20,000 EACH FOR FIRE AND EMS TO PROVIDE RATES AND TO COMPLETE THE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD COST ANOTHER \$20,000 EACH.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD DISCUSS IT FURTHER IN THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AS TO CONTINUE FORWARD WITH THE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GO OVER THE BUDGET NOTES AND FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE BUDGET PRINTOUT; LOOK AT EACH BUDGET AND HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND THEN DO THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

HE ADDRESSED THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2007-2008 WAS \$12,706,184. THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE IS 7.66 MILLS; THE CURRENT YEAR GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS \$13,675,438, \$969,254 MORE THAN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007-2008. THE REASON THE 2007/2008 BUDGET IS LESS IS DUE TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET, REVENUE REDUCTION AND THE CASH CARRY FORWARD IS REDUCED.

IN THE GENERAL FUND REVENUES, STATE INMATE HOUSING IS FUNDED

AT \$300,000; THEN ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$150,000. THEY JUST HAD FOUND OUT SHERIFF HADDOCK WAS GOING TO BE HOUSING SOME OTHER COUNTY'S INMATES.

UNDER THE EXPENDITURES, THE HUMAN RESOURCE TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET WAS REDUCED BY 10.5% FROM THE 2006-2007 BUDGET; THEY HAD NO REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT AND THERE WERE REDUCTIONS IN SEVERAL LINE ITEMS. THEY DID HAVE AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL AS THEY PLAN ON GOING TO MORE TRAINING.

UNDER THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007-2008 WAS INCREASED BY 11.1% MAINLY DUE TO \$15,000 BEING FUNDED FOR LICENSING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT THE LICENSING WAS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID IF HE UNDERSTOOD IT RIGHT, MALCOLM IS TRYING TO GET EVERYBODY USING THE SAME OR COMPATIBLE SOFTWARE. HE HAS SOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS OR WARRANTIES THAT EXPIRE THIS YEAR AND IS TRYING TO GO TO SOME UPDATED SOFTWARE AND HAVE EVERYBODY ON THE SAME NETWORK AND USING THE SAME THING. IN ORDER TO DO THAT TO GET THE LICENSING FOR IT, HE WILL NEED EXTRA FUNDING NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO REVOLUTIONIZE SOME PROCESS AND HAVE THE INTENT OF EVERYBODY HAVING THE SAME SOFTWARE WITH THE IDEA OF MAKING THINGS BETTER. PETE REITERATED IT WAS TO MAKE THINGS MORE COMPATIBLE AND EVERYBODY ON THE SAME SYSTEM.

UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET, PETE SAID THE TOTAL BUDGET HAS

BEEN DECREASED BY 15.1%; IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDING FOR PROMOTIONAL FEES, THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OR FOR MSBU. THE FIRE FEES WERE REDUCED BY \$1,000 AND THE TRANSFER TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WAS REDUCED BY \$6,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT IT MEANT THAT MSBU HAD BEEN DELETED; WAS THAT ANYTHING THE COUNTY HAS FUNDED FOR THE MAINTENANCE INSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF MSBU HAS BEEN OMITTED. HE ASKED HOW THE MAINTENANCE WAS GOING TO BE HANDLED INSIDE THE MSBU; IS THE COUNTY GOING TO TOTALLY LEAVE THAT UP TO THE MSBU FOR THE GENERATION OF ALL THEIR MSBU FUNDS.

PETE SAID IF THEY CAN COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR A WAY TO DO IT; THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS THE COUNTY WOULD PROVIDE \$100,000 OF MATCH MONEY FROM THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AND THE MSBU WOULD MAINTAIN THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T PROVIDE THEM ANYTHING, THE COUNTY MAY BE BACK TO MAINTAINING THEIR RIGHT OF WAYS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE GUESSED THAT WAS WHAT HE WAS WANTING TO HEAR; THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HANDLE SUNNY HILLS EXACTLY LIKE THEY DO EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTY. IF THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING DONE, THE CREWS GO IN THERE AND HANDLE THE WORK INSIDE THERE LIKE THEY WOULD ANY OTHER COUNTY ROAD. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IS WHAT THEY HAD LOOKED AT.

PETE ADDRESSED THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET; THE CLERK'S BUDGET INCREASED DUE TO THE BOARD BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE AND A HALF POSITIONS IN RECORDING. WITH THE FEES BEING DOWN, THE CLERK ASKED

FOR ASSISTANCE AS ALLOWED BY FLORIDA STATUTES. SHE HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR ALL OF HER EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE EMPLOYEES IF THE RENEWAL RATES DON'T INCREASE DRASTICALLY. THE BOARD PRESENTLY PAYS 75% FOR ALL OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET, THE TRANSFER TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET INCREASED BY \$70,000 DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT THE STATE HAS MANDATED BY 2010.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DECIDED TO BUDGET THE AMOUNT NEEDED IN INCREMENTS SO IT WOULD BE FULLY FUNDED BY 2010 RATHER THAN TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE FULL AMOUNT AT ONE TIME.

PETE ADDRESSED THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. THE AUDITING FEES WERE INCREASED DUE TO THE COST INCURRED IN THE PRIOR YEAR. ONE PER CENT OF THE GRANT FUNDS IS CHARGED BY THE AUDITORS. THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET DECREASED BY .1%. THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BUDGET DECREASED BY 3.9%. THESE BUDGETS WILL NEED TO BE ADJUSTED ONCE THE ACTUAL SALARY FIGURES FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ARE PROVIDED.

LEGAL COUNSEL IS BUDGETED THE SAME AS IN THE 2006-2007 YEAR; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S RETAINER FEE AND OTHER LEGAL SERVICES WAS BUDGETED THE SAME.

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BUDGET INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT MAINLY DUE TO SALARY ADJUSTMENTS DONE DURING 2007.

UNDER INSURANCE SERVICES-WORKERS COMPENSATION AND UNALLOCATED INSURANCE INCREASED. LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE WAS BUDGETED AT THE SAME RATES AS THE CURRENT YEAR; HOWEVER, THEY HAVE A QUOTE FROM

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD WHERE THEY HAVE INCREASED THEIR RATES BY 51%. THEY HAVE ASKED THE LOCAL AGENT TO LOOK AT OTHER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND CARRIERS. HE HAS A CENSUS FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT. THEY MAY BE LOOKING AT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD WITH OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGE HOPEFULLY AT BETTER RATES.

THE GASB BUDGET IS INCREASED BY 22.1% MAINLY DUE TO A \$6,000 REQUEST FOR INSURANCE ON THE LASER ROAD PROFILER.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED THE REASONING BEHIND THE \$6,000. PETE SAID IT WAS A MAJOR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND IT IS SENSITIVE; IF IT GETS DAMAGED, CECELIA WANTS TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INSURANCE ON IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE WAS INSURANCE ON IT NOW BUT CECELIA WANTS ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.

PETE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY'S GENERAL LIABILITY. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WAS A WARRANTY ON THE EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN INSURANCE.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED WHETHER THEY NEEDED THIS WARRANTY OR NOT AND AGREED TO HIGHLIGHT THIS ITEM AND ADDRESS IT AGAIN.

UNDER GENERAL BUILDING, PETE ADVISED IT DECREASED BY 6.8%. THERE WAS A POSITION FOR AN INMATE SUPERVISOR THAT HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SOME TIME AND IT HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET. THERE WAS ALSO A REQUEST FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR CARPET; THEIR REQUEST WAS REDUCED TO \$5,000 AND ASKED MR. BRUNER IF HE COULD CARPET OR TILE ONE

PART OF IT NEXT YEAR. BRUNER HAS ALSO BUDGETED \$5,000 FOR A NEW AIRCONDITIONER AT THE AG CENTER.

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET IS THE SAME AS THE 2006-2007 BUDGET YEAR.

UNDER DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS BUDGET, THE CORRECTIONS AND DISPATCH BUDGETS ARE THE SAME AS THE 2006-2007 BUDGET YEAR; THE INMATE MEDICAL HAS DECREASED BY \$100,000 AND THE UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE INCREASED BY \$22,000.

SHERIFF HADDOCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM BEING AT A MEETING THIS PAST WEEK AND OVERHEARD A SHERIFF IN DIRE NEED OF HOUSING OF INMATES; HE OBLIGATED SO MANY BEDS AT THE JAIL TO THAT COUNTY. HE GAVE A VERY CONSERVATIVE FIGURE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET THE COUNTY'S HOPES UP AS THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE. HE OBLIGATED A POD AT THE JAIL WITH 24 BEDS; THAT WOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF 12 INMATES A MONTH AND THE COUNTY SHOULD RECEIVE AROUND \$150,000 A YEAR.

HADDOCK ADDRESSED THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HAS CUT THE INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES IN HALF. THE BOARD FINANCE OFFICE PROVIDES THEM WITH A MONTHLY REPORT, THEY REVIEW IT AND IT WAS RIDICULOUS THEY HAD BEEN PAYING \$300,000 IN INMATE MEDICAL. THEY CUT IT BY APPROXIMATELY 54% THIS PAST YEAR. THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND PLACES WHERE THEY CAN CUT. THEIR FEDERAL CONTRACT FOR INMATE HOUSING WAS PROBABLY RUNNING 12 TO 15 INMATES; THERE IS AN AVERAGE NOW OF 4 TO 5 INMATES. THEY BASICALLY PROJECTED \$500,000 FOR 2006-2007 FOR INMATE HOUSING; IF THEY HAD NOT DONE WHAT THEY DID FOR INMATE MEDICAL, THEY WOULD BE \$150,000 IN THE RED.

PETE WENT OVER THE AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICES BUDGET; IT IS FUNDED THE SAME AS THE 2006-2007 YEAR.

THE MEDICAL EXAMINER BUDGET WAS INCREASED DUE TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CONTRACT AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.

THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN THE SOLID WASTE CONTROL BUDGET FROM THE 2006-2007 BUDGET. CURRENTLY ORANGE HILL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION IS FUNDED AT \$0.

POLLUTION CONTROL WAS INCREASED BY \$204,000 DUE TO THE REMEDIATION AT MUDHILL LANDFILL AND EXPENSES AT CHIPLEY LANDFILL PER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER. THE COUNTY ENGINEER ALSO TOLD THE BUDGET COMMITTEE THAT NOTHING THE COUNTY HAS DONE IS INCORRECT AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE WRONG AS FAR AS THE WAY THEY CLOSED AND MONITORED THE LANDFILL. THIS IS THE PROGRESSION AND SOME WASTE THAT IS STILL BURIED THERE. FL-DEP IS REQUIRING THE COUNTY DO MORE AT MUDHILL LANDFILL AND MORE TESTING IS BEING DONE AT THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL. THEY FEEL THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL MAY BE HEADED IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS MUDHILL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE STILL TESTING IT AND THE GEOLOGIST THAT IS WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEERING FIRM HAS HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE \$204,000 WOULD BE A ONE TIME EXPENSE FOR THE MUDHILL LANDFILL. PETE ADVISED MOST OF THE \$204,000 SHOULD BE A ONE TIME EXPENSE TO BUILD AN IRRIGATION POND, A NETWORK OF PIPES. THE WELL IS GOING TO PUMP THE GROUND POND THROUGH THE

AERATION POND WHERE THEY AERATED IT AND IT SEPARATES THE IRON FROM THE WATER AND THEN IT GOES TO ANOTHER POND AND EVENTUALLY GOES BACK DOWN INTO THE STREAM AS CLEAR WATER. THIS YEAR THEY WILL BE BUILDING THE SYSTEM AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE UTILITIES AND INSPECTIONS ON IT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED OUT OF THE \$204,000 INCREASE, ONLY \$20,000 WAS SET ASIDE FOR THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL; HOWEVER, IF THE CHIPLEY LANDFILL TURNS IN TO BE THE SAME AS MUDHILL LANDFILL, THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT THE SAME EXPENSE FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHERE THE \$204,000 CAME FROM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WAS BUDGETED IN 2006-2007 AND WHAT CLIFF TOLD THE BUDGET COMMITTEE THEY WOULD NEED TO BUDGET.

UNDER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT, PETE REPORTED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUDGET WAS CUT BY 50% TO \$25,000. UNDER VETERANS SERVICE, THEIR BUDGET ONLY INCREASED BY .5% DUE TO INCREASE IN COMMUNICATIONS.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS FUNDED THE SAME AS 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR. UNDER THE WELFARE BUDGET, THE SALVATION ARMY, CHEMICAL ADDICTION RECOVERY, AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND EARLY LEARNING COALITION WERE NOT FUNDED AND THE R.S.V.P., COUNCIL ON AGING, AND TRI-COUNTY WERE FUNDED AT 50% OF THEIR FUNDING FOR 2006-2007.

THE MENTAL HELATH BUDGET WAS DECREASED BY \$18.9%. UNDER THE CULTURAL SERVICES BUDGET, THE LITERACY PROGRAM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS CUT BY 50%. THE PARK AND RECREATION BUDGET DECREASED BY

.1% AND CITY RECREATION IS FUNDED AT -0-.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN FUNDED ANYTHING FOR RECREATION. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO READDRESS THIS.

THE INMATE CREW SUPERVISORS INCREASED BY 2.4% DUE MAINLY TO INCREASES IN FUEL, OPERATING SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE. THE INMATE CLEANING CREW INCREASED BY 20.3% DUE MAINLY TO OPERATING SUPPLIES AND GAS. THE SOD FARM DECREASED BY 43.1% DUE MAINLY TO THE \$100,000 THAT WAS IN THAT BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND IT GOT SPLIT UP FOR THE BLUE HOUSE AND THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND WAS REDUCED TO \$30,000 FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF PETE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE BUILDING FUND BEING USED FOR PARK EXPENDITURES. PETE SAID IN TALKING WITH DAVID CORBIN ABOUT THE \$100,000, HE THOUGHT HE WOULD SPEND \$70,000 IN THE 2006-2007 YEAR AND CARRY FORWARD ONLY \$30,000. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE BOARD MAY NEED TO COME BACK TO THAT BUDGET.

THE STATE ATTORNEY BUDGET DECREASED BY 17.6%; THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BUDGET INCREASED BY 3.5% MAINLY DUE TO \$1600 IN EQUIPMENT PURCHASES; THE CIRCUIT JUDGE INCREASED BY 31.7% DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS AND RENTAL; THE COUNTY JUDGE INCREASED BY 38.7% DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS AND RENTAL.

UNDER THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, THEY ARE PRESENTLY AT A DEFICIT OF \$366,150.

THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TOTALS \$2,745,241, WHICH IS A DECREASE OF \$642,266 FROM THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE A FEW CUTS TO LINE ITEMS THAT INCLUDE:

- A. \$100,000 CUT TO THE ROAD MATERIALS
- B. \$0 IS BUDGETED FOR BRIDGE REPAIR
- C. \$0 IS BUDGETED FOR BEAVER CONTROL

THE BUDGET IS NOW AT A \$78,238 DEFICIT. THE ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR THE MIXER AND EXCAVATOR IS NOT INCLUDED, THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES IS AT (O) RIGHT NOW AND MONEY WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR THOSE, THERE IS NO MATCH FOR THE RIVER ROAD AND THE LEISURE LAKE BRIDGE PROJECTS. THEY WERE KIND OF LOOKING AT THESE AS ONE TIME EXPENSES OTHER THAN THE MIXER AND EXCAVATOR. POSSIBLY THESE EXPENSES COULD BE PAID OUT OF THE LAND SALES OR ONE TIME MONIES WHICH WOULD HELP GO A LONG WAYS TOWARD BALANCING THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT THE MAJOR SHORTFALL WAS IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO MAKE IT \$642,000 LESS. PETE ADVISED THE CASH CARRY FORWARD IS FUNDED AT -O- RIGHT NOW; IN THE 2006-2007 THERE WAS \$1.2 MILLION CASH CARRY FORWARD. ALSO SOME OF THEIR FUEL REVENUES ARE DOWN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THE FEMA PROJECTS THAT ARE CLOSING OUT ARE INCLUDED IN ANY OF THIS. PETE ADVISED THAT WAS CARRY FORWARD IN THE 2006-2007 YEAR.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED DEBBIE RILEY AT PUBLIC WORKS GAVE BOARD FINANCE AN ESTIMATE ON WHAT FEMA WOULD BRING IN LAST YEAR AND THAT IS IN THE 2006-2007 YEAR CASH CARRY FORWARD. SHE SAID THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED NOW; GENERAL HAS BEEN FUNDING THEIR BILLS.

PETE SAID THEY HAD BEEN WORKING ON GETTING THE FEMA PROJECTS CLOSED OUT. THEY CONTACTED SENATOR MILLER'S OFFICE AND SENATOR MARTINEZ AND HE HAS BEEN TOLD THEY WILL PULL THE COUNTY'S PROJECT WORK SHEETS AND MOVE THEM TO THE TOP BY THE FEMA REPRESENTATIVES. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL HAVE THE REIMBURSEMENT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THEY SIGNED OFF ON THE SMALL PROJECT NETTING AND THEY SHOULD HAVE EVERYTHING READY ON HURRICANE IVAN THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN ESTIMATE ON THAT FUNDING AND IT IS INCORPORATED IN THE BUDGET ALREADY; IT HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR AS TO WHAT THEY ANTICIPATE THEY ARE GOING TO GET. PETE SAID IT WAS ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE CURRENT 2006-2007 YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THEY HAD ANY FUNDING SOURCE THAT IS GOING TO HELP WITH THE BUDGET THEY ARE NOT ACCOUNTING FOR NOW; LOAN PAYOFFS OR RECEIVABLE. HE WAS ADVISED THE LOAN THAT WAS TO BE PAID OFF IN OCTOBER WAS USED TO HELP FUND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND; GENERAL FUND TOOK OVER A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY BY DOING TRANSPORTATION'S INSURANCE, ETC. JUST TO KEEP IT GOING LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED HOW MUCH WAS GOING INTO TRANSPORTATION FROM THE LOAN PAYOFF MONIES. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED \$769,000

WAS FUNDED IN TRANSPORTATION FROM THIS FUNDING SOURCE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT THE PAYMENT WAS ON THE LOAN THEY BORROWED AND PUT INTO THE HOSPITAL. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT WAS A GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE AND THE PAYMENTS WAS APPROXIMATELY \$560,000 THIS YEAR AND THEY BUDGETED \$600,000 PLUS. THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THE COUNTY WAS PAYING AND WHAT THEY ARE PAYING SINCE THE LOAN WAS REVISED FOR THE HOSPITAL WAS PUT IN A FUND TO ABSORB THOSE EXPENSES THEY HAVE TO PAY EVERY YEAR FOR COSTS INVOLVED WITH THE LOAN REVISION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE CONTRACT SAID IT WOULD BE TEN YEARS BEFORE THE HOSPITAL HAS TO START PAYING THE COUNTY BACK FOR THE LOAN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; THE ONLY THING THE HOSPITAL PAYS IS ANY INTEREST ON THEIR PORTION OF THE LOAN REVISION OVER FOUR PER CENT. SHE ADDRESSED SINCE THE COUNTY ENTERED INTO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT, IT REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST BEING PAID ON THE HOSPITAL PORTION OF THE LOAN REVISION.

COMMISSIONER PATE COMMENDED DEBBIE RILEY AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS FOR DOING WHAT THEY DID ON THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET; THERE ARE TWO OR THREE SCENARIOS THAT WERE PROVIDED THAT MAKE THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET BALANCED; HOWEVER, NONE OF THEM ARE FEASIBLE AND INVOLVE POSSIBLE LAYOFFS. HE SAID THEY STILL DON'T HAVE MONIES TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON THE EQUIPMENT THE COUNTY PURCHASED

THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID MAYBE THEY NEED TO GET RID OF SOME OF THAT EQUIPMENT THEY PURCHASED LAST YEAR. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THAT WAS EASILY SAID; BUT, THEY HAVE SO MANY PROJECTS AND QUESTIONED HOW THEY ARE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THEY RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE STATE ON TO BUILD THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO LOOK AT DENYING SOME OF THESE PROJECTS FOR A WHILE AS FAR AS THE FUNDING OF THEM. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T DO THEM, THE STATE WANT FUND THEM; BUT, THE COUNTY WON'T HAVE THE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE EITHER. IF THE COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THE PROJECTS, THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD SEND COMMISSIONER SAPP DOWN TO ROLLING PINES TO EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE. COMMISSIONER SAPP POINTED OUT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHOSE DISTRICT IT IS IN, IT IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS IF YOU HADN'T GOT THE MONEY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ON THE MITIGATION PROJECT, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO THERE. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE COUNTY WILL BE FURNISHING THE EQUIPMENT THERE TO DIG THE RETENTION POND, ETC. IN ADDITION TO THE \$200,000 PLUS. PETE SAID THERE WOULD BE SOME INHOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT PROJECT.

JIM TOWN QUESTIONED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, IF THEY GO TO THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS, WOULDN'T THAT OFFSET THE GENERAL FUND AND ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND DEFICIT.

PETE ADVISED IT WOULD HELP WITH THE GENERAL FUND DEFICIT; IT WOULD PUT A MILL BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND HELP OUT TREMENDOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID, PROVIDED THEY COULD GET ALL OF THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU FUNDING THIS YEAR. JIM SAID EVEN IF THEY GET 75%, THE NUMBERS CAMILLE GAVE THE BOARD WERE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT IF THEY HAVE READ THE COUNTY PROFILE. IT WORKS OUT TO ABOUT \$50 PER COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL TAX PARCEL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, WHICH WOULD PRODUCE ABOUT A \$1,000,000; IF 75% OF THIS IS COLLECTED, THAT WOULD BE \$750,000 IN REVENUE THAT WOULD BE FREED UP ON THE AD VALOREM SIDE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE GENERAL FUND HAD MAJOR CUTS IN IT JUST TO GET IT TO THE DEFICIT IT CURRENTLY HAS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED HOW MUCH THE HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE WENT UP LAST YEAR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED SHE THOUGHT IT HAD STARTED OUT AT \$1,000,000 PLUS LAST YEAR; A FEW AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICITS IN THE WORKERS COMPENSATION AND UNALLOCATED INSURANCES. IT IS FUNDED AT \$980,000 THIS YEAR; WHEN THE COUNTY AGREED TO FUND THE HEALTH INSURANCE AT 75% OF FAMILY COVERAGE, THAT FIGURE WENT UP TREMENDOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED IF HE REMEMBERED CORRECTLY, THE INLAND MARINE COST INCREASED QUITE A BIT LAST YEAR ALSO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ALL THE PROJECTIONS MADE LAST YEAR, THE ACTUAL INCOME HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY LESS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE PROJECTIONS WOULD BE ANY MORE ACCURATE THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY CITIES

PRESENT ON HOW THIS WOULD IMPACT THEIR RECREATION PROGRAM.

JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, SAID IF THE COUNTY'S FUNDING GETS CUT OUT, THEY ARE LOSING ONE PERSON IN THEIR PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE NO TOURNAMENTS THERE THIS YEAR, UMPIRING WOULD BE CUT TO ONE UMPIRE PER GAME AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE THEIR REGISTRATION FEE FROM \$25 TO \$75. IF THEY INCREASE THE REGISTRATION FEE, THEY WILL CUT OUT SOME KIDS BECAUSE SOME OF THEM CAN'T AFFORD IT. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ANY OTHER WAY AROUND IT AS THEY ARE LOSING REVENUE TOO THIS YEAR. THEY CAN'T BUDGET SHORTFALLS OUT OF THEIR BUDGETS SO THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BEAR THE BURDENS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED HOW MUCH THE UMPIRES MADE. JIM ADVISED SOME OF THE SENIOR UMPIRES GET PAID \$30 A GAME AND THE OTHERS GET \$25. WITH ALL THE TOURNAMENTS PUT ON LAST YEAR, THEY ONLY SPENT \$20,000 ON UMPIRE FEES. IF THE COUNTY CUTS THE CITY'S BUDGET, THEY WOULD HAVE TO CUT THIS DOWN ALSO. THEY WILL HAVE TO GET SOME VOLUNTEERS; BUT, THAT IS GOING TO BE HARD TO DO. YOU CAN'T HARDLY GET VOLUNTEERS TO DO IT AT ALL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHAT SEEMS SAD IS IN A SENSE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND VERNON HAS GOT \$400,000 GRANTS TO EXPAND THEIR RECREATION. IF THEY EXPAND IT AND CAN'T FUND IT, SOMETHING HAS GOT TO BE WORKED OUT. HE ADDRESSED THEM MAKING COMMITMENTS TO GET GRANTS TO PROVIDE BETTER RECREATION FACILITIES IN CHIPLEY AND VERNON; BUT, YET THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO LET THE KIDS COME OUT THERE AND PLAY. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS.

JIM SAID ONCE THEY GET GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEMS THEY

ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE AND THEY HAVE TO IMPROVE THEM; THEY CAN'T JUST LET THEM KEEP RUNNING DOWN. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY GOT A \$400,000 GRANT TO ADD TWO MORE BALLFIELDS; THAT IS JUST TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH THEY HAVE. THEY HAVE BALLFIELDS THAT ARE BUSY FOUR TIMES A WEEK; THEY DON'T PLAY ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. THEY HAVE TO PRACTICE ON THE SAME FIELD; ONE FIELD LAST YEAR THEY HAD EIGHT TEAMS PLAYING ON THE SAME FIELD AND PRACTICING ON THE SAME FIELD. IF YOU DON'T UPDATE, YOU GET SO FAR BEHIND YOU ARE KIND OF POURING GOOD MONEY INTO BAD TRYING TO KEEP IT UP.

JIM SAID THEY WERE IN THE SAME BOAT THE COUNTY IS IN. HE REFERRED TO IT HAVING BEEN SAID THE COUNTY POSSIBLY NOT BEING ABLE TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS TO DO THE ROAD PAVING WITH, THAT IS BAD. NOT COMING UP WITH A SMALL MATCH TO GO ON THEIR GRANTS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN OR EXPAND THEIR PARKS, IS THE SAME SITUATION. IT IS REALLY GOING TO HURT THE KIDS IF THE COUNTY CUTS THEIR FUNDING OUT.

RONNIE SAID THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BACK THE WHOLE SITUATION DOWN TO WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT CAUSED THE MEETING TODAY AND THE DEFICIT. IT IS NOT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; THEY HAVEN'T CREATED THE PROBLEM THEY HAVE HERE TODAY. BASED ON THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE, THEY ARE TRYING TO OVERCOME AND BUDGET WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN'T. IF NOT THERE, THEY CAN'T FUND IT. HE SAID HE GIVES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE A LOT OF APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO; BUT, HE HATES TO SEE RECREATION BEING CUT OUT. YET THEY ARE GETTING MONIES TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM; BUT, THEY CAN'T HELP THE KIDS GET OUT THERE

AND PLAY.

JIM SAID HE HAD LOOKED, TALKED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, CLERK AND OTHER PEOPLE; HE DON'T SEE LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS WHAT IS MAKING THIS COUNTY CUT BACK. THE ONLY THING HE CAN COME UP WITH THE COUNTY IS BEING CUT THIS YEAR IS \$323,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS HERE TODAY AND MAYBE THEY CAN EXPLAIN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WAS DUE TO LEGISLATIVE CHANGE, REDUCTIONS IN SOME REVENUE AND CASH CARRY FORWARD.

JIM SAID THE CASH CARRY FORWARD MIGHT BE THE KEY THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT; BUT, HE KNOWS IT IS NOT LEGISLATIVE CUTS ON AD VALOREM TAXES AND STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS, ETC.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ALSO HAVING THE INCREASE IN THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT AND THE LANDFILL REMEDIATION. SHE SAID THE CASH CARRY FORWARD AND THE ADDED EXPENSES IS WHAT HURT THEM.

PETE EXPLAINED WITH WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE DID, LAST YEAR THE BOARD HAD THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY UP TO TEN MILLS; THIS YEAR THEY DON'T HAVE THAT AUTHORITY AND IT IS PRETTY WELL SET AT 7.66 MILLS. THERE IS OVER 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR THEY WOULD HAVE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO USE; BUT, THIS YEAR THEY DON'T.

JIM SAID THE BOARD COULDN'T HAVE RAISED THEIR MILLAGE RATE FROM 8.5 MILS TO 10 MILLS; THEY WOULD GET STRUNG UP. PETE SAID THEY COULD HAVE LEVIED 8.5 MILLS.

JIM EXPLAINED THE CITIES ARE TAKING THE SAME CUTS PERCENTAGE

WISE. THE CASH CARRY FORWARD UNDOUBTEDLY IS THE BIG DEAL; CASH CARRY FORWARD IS NOT MANDATED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE CASH CARRY FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR, THEY WOULD BE IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THEY ARE NOW. JIM SAID HE EXPECTED SO; THE THINGS YOU DID WITH THE BUDGETS LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. JIM SAID HE IS ON THE BOARD NOW AND HAS TO TAKE THE THINGS THAT GO WITH IT.

JIM SAID THE CITIES ARE TAKING CUTS JUST LIKE THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S CASH CARRY FORWARD WAS NOT MANDATED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE CASH CARRY FORWARD, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN WORSE SHAPE NOW. THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT GOING UP ON SOME THINGS TODAY AND THE CITY MAY HAVE TO DO SOME OF THAT.

JIM SAID HE WAS SURE THE CITY WILL; WHEN THEY GET THE OPPORTUNITY THEY WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE COUNTY. SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS KNOW HE HAS BEEN TALKING TO THEM FOR TWO YEARS TO ENACT AN MSTU IN THE COUNTY. IT IS A GOOD IDEA AND IT WILL REFLECT SOME OF THE COUNTY'S SHORTFALLS. BUT, IF THEY ARE GOING TO ENACT AN MSTU AND IT IS GOING TO REPLACE THE SHORTFALL IN FUNDING, WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT THESE MAJOR CUTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS A MIRROR; THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING IN HAND AND DON'T KNOW HOW TO ESTIMATE IT.

JIM SAID IT WAS NOT A MIRROR; IT IS A PLAIN FACT THE COUNTY CAN DO IT AND PUT THE MSTU TAX AT WHATEVER THEY NEED TO DO TO OFFSET THE LOSS THEY HAVE. GSG HAS JUST TOLD THE BOARD THEY COULD DO THE MSTU AND HAVE IT IMPLEMENTED IN THE 2007-2008 BUDGET.

AT 75%, PATE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THAT WOULD FREE EVERYTHING UP. JIM SAID IF THE BOARD WAS THINKING ABOUT \$25 AND KNOW THEY ARE ONLY GOING TO COLLECT 75%, MAKE IT \$35 SO THEY CAN COLLECT 100%.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID CAMILLE HAD SAID THE COUNTY COULD COLLECT 75% THIS YEAR; BUT, THEY COULD RECOUP THE OTHER 25% NEXT YEAR WHEN THEY PUT IT ON THE TAX ROLL. JIM SAID IF THEY NEED TO DO THE FIRST YEAR, DO IT AT \$35 AND THEN BACK IT OFF TO \$25 NEXT YEAR. YOU CAN ALWAYS GO UP AND DOWN; YOU ARE NOT LOCKED IN ONCE YOU DO IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THE BOARD IS SERIOUSLY GOING TO CONSIDER THIS, HE THOUGHT IT SAID MSBU, THEY CERTAINLY NEED TO MAKE SOME KIND OF STATEMENT TO THESE PEOPLE, ASSUMING THAT COMES IN, THEY WILL REVISIT AND TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR RECREATION. HE AGAIN SAID HE WAS NOT TRYING TO OVERRIDE ANYTHING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES; HE WOULD BE RIGHT IN THE SAME PLACE AS THEY WERE. HE IS NOT TELLING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE THEY COULD HAVE DONE ANY BETTER JOB; HE THINKS THEY DID FINE. BUT, HE SAYS THE COUNTY HAS A SHERIFF WITH A BIG BUDGET AND HE KNOWS THE SHERIFF IS INTERESTED IN KIDS AND RECREATION. HE HATES TO THINK THE RECREATION PROGRAM IS CUT OFF. HE FEELS THEY HAVE A REALLY GOOD PROGRAM THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEY NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO TRY AND CONTINUE IT. HOWEVER, HE IS AWARE THEY CAN'T DO IT IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE

FUNDING. HE REITERATED THEY NEEDED TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENT TODAY, IF THEY DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MSBU, THEY WILL REVISIT THE BUDGET TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THEY CAN DO TO FUND RECREATION AS MUCH AS THEY CAN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THEY DIDN'T NEED TO CUT THE CITIES COMPLETELY OUT OF THEIR RECREATION MONIES IF THERE IS FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE WAS PROBABLY NOBODY PRESENT THAT HAS SPENT AS MUCH TIME IN CHIPLEY RECREATION AS HE HAS. HE STARTED CALLING BALLGAMES WHEN THEY WERE PLAYING FLAG FOOTBALL ON THE OLD FOOTBALL FIELD. HE ALSO WORKED ON THE FIRST LAYOUT OF A BALLFIELD AT PALS PARK. HE SAID DON'T LAY A GUILT TRIP ON HIM; IF THERE IS ANYWAY HE CAN HELP THEM, HE WILL. BUT, HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BUDGET, SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND A LOT OF WORK IN IT AND HAS A LOT OF FOLKS STILL INVOLVED IN IT. HE HATES IT; BUT, THEY HAVE TO FIND SOME MONEY SOMEWHERE. HE STATED NOBODY WAS REFUSING TO WORK WITH THE CITY. WE NEED HELP AND DON'T NEED ANYONE LAYING A GUILT TRIP ON THEM; EVERYBODY IS IN THE SAME BOAT. HE SAID IT IS A FACT, THE COUNTY JUST DON'T HAVE THE MONEY.

JIM SAID TO START WITH, NOBODY IS TRYING TO LAY A GUILT TRIP ON JOEL. EVERYBODY THAT HAS TALKED TO HIM ABOUT BUDGET OR ITS COMMITTEE HAS TOLD HIM UPFRONT, THE CITY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ANYWAY POSSIBLE. THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE CUTS; BUT, THEY CAN'T STAND BEING CUT COMPLETELY OUT. HE STATED THEY COULDN'T MAKE THAT WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS NOT TO CUT

THE RECREATIONAL FUNDING COMPLETELY OUT; CUT IT BY 50%. THE BUDGET WAS STILL IN A DEFICIT AND THEY HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT.

JIM SAID HE DIDN'T HEAR THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. PATE SAID JIM WAS WORKING OFF WHAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD NOW BECAUSE HE WASN'T PRIVY TO WHAT THE COMMITTEE WAS WORKING ON. JIM SAID WHEN ADDRESSING CITIES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, THEY WANT TO BE PRIVY TO THAT INFORMATION.

JIM SAID THE REVENUES JOEL IS TALKING ABOUT IS ON THE INTERNET AND IS WHAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY BUILDS THEIR BUDGET ON. THOSE FIGURES ARE PRETTY MUCH CORRECT. THEY COME FROM THE STATE AND ARE PRETTY ACCURATE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SOME OF THE PERCENTAGES ON GAS TAXES WERE DOWN LAST YEAR; THERE WERE VARIATIONS. JIM SAID THEY WERE MINOR CHANGES FROM THE ESTIMATES OF THE STATE; THAT IS WHAT EVERYONE HAS TO BUILD THEIR BUDGETS FROM AS THAT IS ALL THEY HAVE TO GO ON.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THEY ARE SO MINOR, GIVE THE BOARD AN ANSWER. JIM SAID HE DIDN'T DEAL WITH COUNTY BUDGET NOR SPEND COUNTY MONEY; HE DOESN'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THEM. JIM SAID FROM THE STATE REVENUE SHARING AND AD VALOREM TAXES, THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT A \$323,000 CUT. AS TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE COUNTY'S CASH CARRY FORWARD, ETC., HE DOESN'T KNOW BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WORK THEIR BUDGET. HE SAID THE STATE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY CUTTING BACK TO 3%; THEY ALLOWED FOR NEW GROWTH AND THEY WENT AT 2% LESS. HE SAID THAT IS THE SAME THING THE CITY IS LOOKING AT. WHAT THEY ARE GETTING CUT IN THE CITY PERCENTAGE WISE IS THE SAME THING THE COUNTY IS GETTING CUT IN THE COUNTY; THEY ARE JUST DEALING WITH

A LOT BIGGER FIGURES THAN THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED JIM IF THE CITY COULD HELP THE COUNTY WITH THE LANDFILLS. JIM ASKED IF THE COUNTY COULD HELP THE CITY WITH PAVING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THAT WAS MONEY THE COUNTY WASN'T PLANNING ON SPENDING THIS YEAR; THEY JUST GOT HIT WITH THE LANDFILL EXPENSES AT THEIR LAST BOARD MEETING.

JIM SAID THE CITIES DO HELP THE COUNTY THROUGH AD VALOREM TAXES; THAT IS WHERE THE COUNTY GETS THEIR MONEY FROM. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID WHEN HE PLAYED BALL, HIS PARENTS PAID FOR EVERYTHING; THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. THEY HAD TEAM SPONSORS FOR UNIFORMS. HE SAID THE UMPIRES IS WHAT HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND. IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE FOR THE KIDS; BUT, IT IS NOT. IT IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY. WHEN HE PLAYED BALL, THE UMPIRES DONE IT FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME. HE KNOWS THAT WAS FORTY YEARS AGO. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO FUND RECREATION, THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

JIM SAID FORTY YEARS AGO, IT IS A DIFFERENT WORLD TODAY. YOU CAN'T LIVE FORTY YEARS IN THE PAST. HE SAID PERSONALLY HE CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR HIS GRANDCHILDREN; BUT, THERE IS A LOT OF KIDS WHOSE PARENTS CAN'T AFFORD IT. IF THE CITY GOES UP TO \$75, JIM SAID HIS BUDGET FIGURES PROJECTS THEY WILL LOSE 50% OF THE KIDS; 50% CAN AFFORD IT BUT THE 50% THAT CAN'T AFFORD IT, IS THE ONES IT IS GOING TO HURT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WOULD BE NICE IF ALL THE UMPIRES WOULD VOLUNTEER TO CALL BALLGAMES; BUT, THEY CAN'T GET ENOUGH NOW PAYING THEM. NOT ONLY ARE THEY GOING TO LOSE KIDS; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE CALLING THE GAMES BECAUSE THEY TAKE A LOT OF ABUSE WHEN THEY ARE CALLING A GAME.

RAY GUSTASON, CITY OF CHIPLEY RECREATION, STATED THERE WAS NO GUILT TRIP TRYING TO BE PUT ON THE BOARD; EVERYBODY WANTS TO DO THINGS FOR KIDS. HE SAID A YEAR AGO, HE AND COMMISSIONER COPE TALKED AND COPE SAID THE SAME THING; THEY CAN'T FIND FUNDS AND THEY CAN'T FUND THE CITY. FINALLY COMMISSIONER COPE AND FINCH PUT THE FUNDING THROUGH. DURING THAT TIME, HE HAD TALKED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BOARD COULD FIND SOME WAY IF THEY WOULD JUST CUT OUT SOME BULL. HE TOLD COMMISSIONER PATE TO CUT OUT SOME BULL THEN.

JOHN PAUL COOK, JR. ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE CITY OF VERNON LAST YEAR RECEIVED \$27,000 FROM THE COUNTY WHICH HELPED WITH PART OF THE EXPENSES FOR RECREATION. HE SAID VERNON STILL HAD TO HAVE FUND RAISERS AND THEIR CONCESSIONS HELPED TO PAY FOR THEIR REFEREES. HE UNDERSTANDS THERE IS CUTS GOING ON; HE DOESN'T MIND CUTS; BUT, IF THE COUNTY CUTS THEM COMPLETELY OUT, IT IS GOING TO MAKE A MESS. HE SAID IF YOU TAKE THE CHILDREN, GIVE THEM THE RIGHT LEADERSHIP, THE RIGHT ORDER OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN THEY ARE IN SPORTS, IT KEEPS A LOT OF THEM OUT OF TROUBLE. THE \$27,000 THE COUNTY SPENT ON VERNON LAST YEAR, IF IT GOES COMPLETELY OUT THIS YEAR, HE HAS A SUGGESTION FOR THE \$27,000. THE SHERIFF HAS ALREADY MADE HIS BUDGET; BUT, HE WILL NEED THE EXTRA MONEY FOR THESE KIDS THAT

DON'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO BUT RUN AROUND AND GET IN TROUBLE. THAT WILL PUT A BIG LOAD ON THE SHERIFF AND THE SHERIFF WILL NEED THE MONEY.

COOK SAID THE COUNTY WASN'T LOOKING AT A WHOLE LOT; THEY GAVE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY A \$100,000 LAST YEAR FOR RECREATION AND VERNON GOT \$27,000. VERNON IS COVERING CARYVILLE, NEW HOPE, FIVE POINTS, HINSON CROSSROADS, PART OF WAUSAU, GREENHEAD; ANYBODY FROM HIGHWAY 79 NORTH AND WEST. VERNON'S PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED THIS PAST YEAR AND THEY DID RECEIVE TWO GRANTS TO PUT IN SOCCER FIELDS SO THEY CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THESE KIDS. THOSE THAT ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL OR BASEBALL; THEY WANT TO PLAY SOCCER. VERNON WANTS TO GIVE THEM THE BENEFIT OF CORRECT LEADERSHIP SO THAT IN LIFE THEY WILL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS WHENEVER IT BECOMES TIME AND THE SHERIFF DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM ON HIS END. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY REALLY NEEDED TO CONSIDER THESE KIDS. LETS FACE IT, THAT IS THE REASON THEY ARE ALL HERE TODAY; THEY ARE HERE TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE REFERRED TO HIM AND OTHERS PRESENT WERE GETTING OLDER BY THE DAY AND AREN'T GOING TO BE AROUND MANY MORE YEARS. THE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE AROUND FOR A LONG TIME AND THE WHOLE IDEA BEHIND EVERYTHING HE HAS LIVED FOR IN HIS LIFE, AND HE IS SURE EVERYONE ELSE HAS, IS TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. WHEN THE BOARD CUTS OUT RECREATIONAL FUNDING, THEY ARE TAKING A STEP BACKWARDS. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE RECREATIONAL FUNDING AGAIN BEFORE THEY MAKE A DECISION TO COMPLETELY CUT IT OUT.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, THE BUDGET WORKSHOP CONTINUED WITH THE BOARD READDRESSING ISSUES THEY HAD REQUESTED BE REVISTED. THEY ADDRESSED THE \$6,000 REQUEST FROM GASB FOR A ONE YEAR WARRANTY FOR THE LASER EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED DELETING THE \$6,000 AND NOT PURCHASE THE WARRANTY ON THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ROGER HAGAN WAS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT IF THREE OF THE LASERS WENT OUT, IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY \$18,000. HE QUESTIONED HOW MANY LASERS WERE THERE.

ROGER SAID IT WAS LIKE, IF YOU PUT YOUR LASER DOWN TODAY AND LIGHTENING STRUCK IT IN A MONTH FROM NOW, AND HIT IT AGAIN AND IN THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, HIT IT AGAIN. HE SAID IT MAY JUST BE ONE LASER. HE SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP. DUE TO THE TIMES THE COUNTY ARE IN, HE FELT THEY COULD BYPASS THAT FOR A YEAR.

ROGER SAID HIS COMMENT WAS NOT AN ENDORSEMENT FOR GETTING THE WARRANTY; IT WAS JUST TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM TAKING OUT THE \$6,000 WARRANTY AS LONG AS THEY ALL UNDERSTAND THERE IS A RISK. HE THOUGHT AT THIS TIME, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE SOME RISK.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE SALARY AND BENEFIT LINE ITEM IN GASB INCREASED DUE TO AN ADJUSTMENT DONE IN APRIL; THERE

WAS \$50 BUDGETED FOR POSTAGE WHICH WAS NEVER BUDGETED PREVIOUSLY. SHE SAID SOME LINE ITEMS DECREASED FROM LAST YEAR. GASB ALSO BUDGETED FOR GAS THIS YEAR AND \$1,000 FOR EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ABOUT THE TRAVEL IN THE GASB BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IT WAS \$1,000 FOR THE 2006-2007 YEAR. FINCH SAID A LOT OF TRIPS WERE MADE BY CECELIA ON CALIBRATING AND HE HAD TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO SAID THE COUNTY COULD GET BY WITHOUT HAVING TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED WHY THEY COULDN'T JUST SHUT DOWN THE TRUCK FOR GASB FOR A YEAR. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WOULDN'T SAVE THAT MUCH ON FUEL; THE SALARIES ARE WHERE THE BIGGEST COST OF GASB IS AND THEY ARE GOING TO NEED THAT RIGHT ON. HE SAID THEY COULD SAVE \$6,000 ON THE WARRANTY FOR THE EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AGREED TO CUT THE \$6,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED THE GASB PROGRAM, IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE A TWO YEAR PROGRAM. HE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY HAD DONE WITH THIS PROGRAM WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES.

PETE SAID THE AUDITORS ARE WORKING WITH CECELIA NOW AS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH THE AUDIT. THE BOARD WILL FIND OUT IF THE COUNTY IS IN COMPLIANCE WHEN THE AUDIT COMES OUT. IF THEY ARE NOT IN FULL COMPLIANCE, PETE SAID THEY SHOULD BE VERY CLOSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID UNTIL THEY COMPLY WITH THE STATE, THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING; BUT, THE BOARD HAS CERTAINLY WENT BEYOND

WITH THE TRUCK, ETC. WHAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT WAS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD COULD POSSIBLY SHUT DOWN THE PROFILER; BUT, NOT THE GASB OFFICE UNTIL THEY COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH EVERYTHING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE VEHICLE; NOT THE OFFICE ITSELF.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO DELETE THE \$6,000 WARRANTY ON THE PROFILER FOR GASB.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SOIL CONSERVATION BUDGET. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD GETS SOMETHING OUT OF THE PROGRAM; THE PROGRAM HAS FURNISHED THE COUNTY A LOT OF POSITIVE THINGS AND IT HAS BEEN A GOOD THING FOR THE COUNTY. HE QUESTIONED WHAT HAD BEEN FUNDED LAST YEAR AND COULDN'T THEY GIVE SOIL CONSERVATION \$5,000 OR SOME KIND OF TOKEN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE OFFICE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION HAS BEEN OCCUPYING AT THE AG CENTER HAS BEEN BEING PAID BY USDA; USDA HAS SAID THEY WILL NO LONGER PAY FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR SOIL CONSERVATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH ON SOIL CONSERVATION DOING A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO FUND ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT \$5,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 AND FURNISH THEM THE SAME OFFICE SPACE THEY ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED IN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO GO AHEAD AND START THE MSTU AS CAMILLE HAD SAID THERE WOULD BE TWO OR THREE TIMES THE BOARD WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY "STOP". HE SUGGESTED ALLOWING GSG TO PROCEED WITH THE MSTU AND LOOK AT FUNDING RECREATION FOR THE CITIES. HE STATED HE WAS OPPOSED TO CUTTING OUT RECREATION AND HAVING TO LAY OFF ANY EMPLOYEES. HE ASKED THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS WHAT THEIR FEELING ON THE MSTU WAS. TO CLARIFY THINGS, THE BOARD AGREED IT WAS AN MSBU AND NOT AN MSTU THE BOARD IS ADDRESSING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY GO INTO THE MSBU, THEY DON'T NEED TO GO INTO IT WITH FLUFF; THEY NEED TO GO INTO IT WITH SPECIFIC

THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE TO TARGET. HE DOESN'T WANT TO COMMIT EVERYTHING THEY PLAN ON GENERATING BY FUNDING EVERYTHING WITH A SHORTFALL. HOWEVER, THEY DO NEED TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENT TO THE SHORTFALL AND REALIZE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET MAY BE FIVE TIMES WORSE THAN THIS. HE SAID IT MAY NOT BE; BUT, IT COULD BE. HE AGREES THEY NEED TO COMMIT TO THE CITIES ON SOME OF THE RECREATIONAL FUNDING IF THEY GO FORWARD WITH THE MSBU. HE FEELS THAT IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO INVEST IN THE KIDS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MSBU FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC THINGS; BUT, YET KEEP A PERCENTAGE OF IT OPEN. HE SAID THEY MAY HAVE SO MANY SHORTFALLS THEY HAVE TO COMMIT ALL OF THE MSBU FUNDING.

JOHN COOK SAID HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL

OF VERNON; BUT, HE PERSONALLY WAS IN FAVOR OF GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE MSBU. IF THE CITIES IMPLEMENTED THEIR OWN MSBU, THEY WOULDN'T BE HAVING TO COME TO THE COUNTY AS MUCH BEGGING FOR MORE MONEY TO HELP WITH OPERATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THEY COULDN'T IMPLEMENT AN MSBU UNLESS THE COUNTY DOES BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SIT THERE AND START CHARGING THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE VERNON CITY LIMITS FOR AN MSBU AND NOT HAVE THOSE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS NOT PAYING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE MSBU BEING TALKED ABOUT WAS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS. WITH THE CITIES GETTING WHAT THEY WOULD GENERATE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE THAN THEY ARE GETTING UNDER THE GSG FUNDING FORMULA NOW, IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CITIES TO COME IN WITH THE MSBU PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY.

JOHN SAID BASED ON WHAT WAS INDICATED TO HIM BY CAMILLE, IF THE CITIES GO AHEAD AND GO INTO THE MSBU PROGRAM ALSO, THE ACTUAL MONIES THE CITIES PLACE ON MSBU WILL BE ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO THE CITIES. BUT THEN AGAIN, THE MORE MONIES THE CITIES ARE ABLE TO GENERATE OF THEIR OWN ACCOUNT, THAT WILL BE THAT MUCH LESS THEY WILL HAVE TO COME TO THE COUNTY AND ASK FOR. HE ASKED CAMILLE IF ALL THE MSBU FUNDING WOULD BE GOING TO THE COUNTY AND THEN SPLIT UP FROM THERE IF THE CITIES COME INTO THE MSBU. CAMILLE ADVISED HIM THE CITIES WOULD ACTUALLY RETAIN THEIRS WITHIN THE CITY. BY THAT RETENTION, IF THE CITIES ARE LOOKING AT WHAT MONIES THE COUNTY IS PLANNING ON GIVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM EACH PARTICULAR CITY, THE COUNTY CAN TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT WHAT THE CITIES ARE

GETTING FROM THE MSBU THAT IS GOING TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THAT. THIS WILL HELP CUT BACK SOME AND ACTUALLY HELP REDUCE THE COUNTY COST FOR MSBU CHARGES FOR THE NUMBER OF PARCELS LOCATED IN THE CITY ITSELF. IT WILL ALL WORK OUT ABOUT THE SAME IN THE END. IT WOULDN'T REALLY MAKE THE CITIES ANY MORE; BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT WOULDN'T CUT THE COUNTY ANYMORE EITHER.

SHERIFF HADDOCK QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAS A SHORT WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY ACCORDING TO WHAT CAMILLE HAS SAID. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID HE WAS NOT A FEE PERSON OR A TAX PERSON; HE BELIEVES WE NEED TAX REFORM. BUT, THE BOARD HAS TO BE PRUDENT IN COMMON SENSE. HE ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A TOUGH DECISION HERE TODAY ON WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHATS HAPPENING TODAY. HE POINTED OUT NEXT YEAR IT WAS GOING TO BE EVEN WORSE; THEY ARE GOING TO BE BACK LOOKING AT THE SAME THING. THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT \$1,000,000 TO \$1,200,000 MORE IN CUTS NEXT YEAR IF THE LAW PASSES IN JANUARY. HE REITERATED HE WAS NOT A FEE PERSON; BUT, IF IT HELPS THE KIDS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, EMS, HE WILL HAVE TO STAND AND ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO TAKE THE MSBU INTO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND AT LEAST ACT AS A BODY TO DO A FAST STUDY ON THE MSBU. HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT \$500,000 TO \$600,000 CUT NEXT YEAR IN HIS BUDGET; HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO TELL PEOPLE TO GO HOME.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IS WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS CAUSED; NOT WHAT THE BOARD HAS CAUSED OR HE HAS CAUSED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COLLECTED \$800,000 WITH THE MSBU NEXT YEAR, IS THAT GOING TO SUPPLEMENT THE SHORTFALL ON THE TRANSPORTATION AND GENERAL FUND BUDGETS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THEY COULD GET BY FOR THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THEY DON'T GO TO ADDING BACK ON AND INCREASING BUDGETS, IT WILL HELP THEM BALANCE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW, NOR ANYBODY KNOWS, WHAT NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO DO TO THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT ADDITIONAL THINGS MAY COME ON BOARD THEY ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS A LOT OF THINGS THEY ARE LOOKING AT THEY CAN'T REALLY SAY IT WILL BE GOOD OR BAD. BUT, HE DOES THINK THEY HAVE REVENUE SOURCES COMING IN THEY CAN'T REALLY ACCOUNT FOR RIGHT NOW.

ROGER SAID TO HELP THINK THROUGH THE PROCESS, WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED, \$498,000 WAS PROPOSED FOR FIRE AND \$498,000 WAS PROPOSED FOR EMS AND THEY ARE TRYING TO RECAPTURE THAT WITH THE MSBU. IF THE BOARD HAD A FULL MILL, THEY WOULD JUST RECAPTURE THAT. BUT, THEY HAVE ALREADY SET THE BUDGET LAST WEEK FOR EMS AND FIRE AT LAST YEAR'S FUNDING; SO, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CAPTURE A WHOLE MILL INTO THAT BUDGET. THE BOARD IS GOING TO ONLY GET \$750,000 FROM THE MSBU; TO GET TO THE \$896,000, THEY WOULD STILL STILL HAVE TO ADD \$146,000 JUST TO FUND LAST YEAR'S FIRE AND EMS BUDGET.

ROGER SAID HE THOUGHT CAMILLE HAD SAID THAT WOULD COME TO THE COUNTY AND BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS BY THE FUNDING

FORMULA. IF IT GOES TO THE CITIES, THE COUNTY WOULD STILL OWE THEM AS MUCH OUT OF THE UNINCORPORATED AS THEY EVER DID. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF THE CITIES COMING BACK AND GETTING MORE FROM THE COUNTY; THE CITIES COULD GET JUST AS MUCH FROM THE COUNTY AS THEY EVER GOT BECAUSE THEY STILL GOT THEIR SHARE OF THE FUNDING FORMULA OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE PART THE CITIES GET WOULDN'T GO AWAY; IT WOULD INCREASE.

JOHN SAID THE CITIES WOULD STILL BE LOOKING FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE COUNTY AS ROGER SAID. BUT, THE COST OF EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINING THAT IS REQUIRED HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY. WHAT THE COUNTY HAS COME UP WITH AND ALREADY ALLOTTED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THE EXTRA OVERAGE THE CITIES WILL NEED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN THE INCREASE IN PRICES AND THE TRAINING REQUIRED, THE CITIES WILL ACTUALLY THEN BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO MAKE UP THAT DIFFERENCE AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO BE COMING BACK TO THE COUNTY AND ASKING FOR MORE MONIES. IT WILL EVEN THINGS OUT.

JOHN ADDRESSED THE TRAINING MANDATES BY THE STATE FOR THE FIREMEN AND THE EXPENSE INVOLVED. THEY HAVE TO GET EVERYONE UP TO THE TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS OR THEY CAN'T GO INTO THE HOT ZONE OF ANY FIRE; WHEN YOU DO THIS, YOU HAVE A LOT OF TRUCK DRIVERS AND NO FIREMEN. BY GOING AHEAD AND ENACTING THE MSBU, EVEN THOUGH THE CITIES GET THEIR OWN AND IT STAYS IN THE CITY, THE AMOUNT OF MONIES THEY GIVE THE CITIES, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO ASK FOR THE SAME AMOUNT, BUT YET AT THE SAME TIME THE SHORTFALL THE CITIES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKEUP OUT OF THE CITIES BUDGET, IS GOING TO BE CUT BY THE FACT THEY WILL DO THE SAME THING. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY ARE TALKING

ABOUT RECREATION; VERNON ONLY GOT \$27,000 FOR RECREATION FROM THE COUNTY LAST YEAR AND THAT WASN'T ENOUGH. BUT, THE CITY DID WHAT THEY HAD TO DO TO BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR IT SO THEY MET THE NEEDS OF THE KIDS. THE MSBU FUNDS THE CITY WOULD GET WOULD ALLOW THEM TO TAKE MORE MONIES OUT OF THEIR GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ALLOW FOR RECREATION, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF HE WAS UNDERSTANDING IF THE COUNTY ENACTS THE MSBU, THEY WOULD STILL BE TAKING THAT ONE MILL SET ASIDE FOR FIRE AND EMS FROM THAT 7.66 MILLS. THE MSBU ADDITIONAL MILL OR
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ADDITIONAL FEES WOULD BE TAXED ON TOP OF THAT; THE CITY WOULD SAY THAT IS DOUBLE TAXATION FOR THE SAME SERVICE AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO GO TO ONE OR THE OTHER IT SEEMS LIKE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE THOUGHT WHAT WAS SAID BASICALLY BOILS DOWN TO THE MSBU FEES WOULD REPLACE THE MONIES THE COUNTY CURRENTLY FUNDS FIRE AND EMS. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT THAT WAY TOO; IT WOULD JUST BE A DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE IS ANY OTHER WAY TO BALANCE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET WITHOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSBU. WHAT ELSE CAN THE BOARD LOOK AT CUTTING IN THE BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT IS WHY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE BROUGHT IT BEFORE THE BOARD; SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE ANSWER. SHE EXPLAINED IT WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO; THEY DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THE CUTS BEFORE THEM. WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IS JUST SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN CUT; THE BOARD CAN PUT

EVERY BIT OF THE CUTS BACK INTO THE PROPOSED BUDGET BUT THE

COMMITTEE WILL NEED DIRECTION FROM THEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED GENERAL FUND BEING OUT OF BALANCE BY \$366,150. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO STILL WAITING ON RATES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND THEY ARE HOPING THEY WILL GET SOME MORE FAVORABLE RATES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE IS INCLINED TO SEE IF THE BOARD CAN'T BALANCE THE BUDGET THIS YEAR WITHOUT IMPLEMENTING ANOTHER TAX AND SPENDING ANOTHER \$80,000 TO GET IT IMPLEMENTED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM AT ALL DOING THIS; BUT, HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEND ANY EMPLOYEES HOME. HE SAID THAT IS AN OPTION THAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT AND HE IS NOT FOR THAT. IF THEY NEED TO PUT AN MSBU IN TO KEEP FROM HAVING TO SEND EMPLOYEES HOME AND NOT FUND RECREATION; THOSE KIND OF THINGS NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. HE THOUGHT IF THERE WAS A WAY TO DO IT, HE WOULD FIGURE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED A WAY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE WAS A \$1,000,000 COST WHERE IT IS AT NOW; IF THIS WAS REDUCED BY THE SAME AMOUNT AS CHIPLEY'S WAS WHEN THEY CHANGED TO UNITED HEALTH CARE AND THE COUNTY COULD GET THE SAME COMPANY TO DO THE SAME RATES, THAT WOULD SAVE AROUND \$200,000. HOWEVER, THAT IS A LONG WAY FROM \$366,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND THE BUDGET BEFORE THEM HAD A \$366,000 DEFICIT AND DIDN'T INCLUDE FUNDING FOR

RECREATION FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES, CHIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR SUNNY HILLS MSBU.

JIM MORRIS SAID THEY KEEP GOING BACK AND FORTH TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. IF THE BOARD DOESN'T IMPLEMENT THE MSBU NOW, POSSIBLY THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT IT DOWN THE ROAD. IF THEY DO IT NOW, MORE THAN LIKELY IT WILL BE GRANDFATHERED IN AND THE STATE WON'T COME BACK AND CUT IT OUT. HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD MISSES THIS WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY, THE STATE MORE OR LIKELY WON'T ALLOW THEM TO DO IT NEXT YEAR. THEY WILL TRY TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THE BOARD FROM RECOUPING THEIR TAXES.

JIM WANTED TO ADDRESS THE CHIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY GAVE THE DEPARTMENT \$200,000 LAST YEAR AND THE CITY IS BEGGING THE COUNTY NOT TO CUT THAT OUT THIS YEAR. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T FUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO SEND PEOPLE HOME AND THEY AREN'T GOING TO GET THE COVERAGE THEY COVER RIGHT NOW. IF THE BOARD GOES BACK AND LOOKS, WITH THOSE \$200,000 MONIES THE CITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO QUITE A BIT. THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE; JUST LIKE SHERIFF HADDOCK'S REPORTS, THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORTS SHOW DRUG DEALERS BEING ARRESTED EVERY WEEK. MOST OF THE DIFFERENCE IS DUE TO THE FUNDS THE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTED THE CHIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

JIM SAID HE AND CHIPLEY POLICE CHIEF CREWS HAVE TALKED AND EVEN WITH THE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY, THE NUMBERS THEY ARE HAVING RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE FALLING BEHIND A LITTLE BIT EVERY YEAR. THEY HAVE TWO PEOPLE IN THEIR OFFICE DOING THE WORK OF FIVE PEOPLE; IT IS CATCHING

UP WITH THEM MORE AND MORE EVERY YEAR AND IT IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE BECAUSE OF THE NUMBERS THEY ARE CREATING AND A BIG PORTION OF IT IS DRUG DEALERS. SHERIFF HADDOCK IS FACING THE SAME THING; HIS IS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER.

JIM ADDRESSED THE GROWTH OF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO GET WORSE AND WORSE AND ALONG WITH THAT GROWTH, THEIR PROBLEMS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE TOO. THE CITY NOR THE COUNTY CAN BACK OFF ANY. HE REALIZED THE BUDGET IS BAD; HOWEVER, THE MONIES THEY WERE FUNDED OUT OF LAST YEAR WAS THE SMALL COUNTY KICKER. THE COUNTY GOT A \$16,000 INCREASE IN THAT THIS YEAR. HE HATES TO SEE THE FUNDING THEY WERE FUNDED OUT OF INCREASE AND THE CITY GET COMPLETELY CUT

OUT. THE CITY COULD WORK WITH A MINOR REDUCTION IN FEES, ETC.; THEY WOULD JUST HAVE TO EAT IT. BUT, THEY CAN'T EAT THE \$200,000. THEY GAVE SALARY INCREASES WITH IT LAST YEAR AND SOME OTHER THINGS; THEY CAN'T GO BACK AND TAKE THE SALARY INCREASES AWAY. THE COUNTY CAN'T DO THAT EITHER. IF THE COUNTY COULD GO BACK AND START THE SALARIES AT WHAT THEY WERE A YEAR AGO, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE A BUDGET SHORTFALL NOW. THEY WOULD HAVE MONEY TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED TO WITH; BUT, THEY CAN'T GO BACK AND TAKE THE EMPLOYEES SALARIES AWAY. JIM SAID THE CITY WAS PLEADING WITH THE BOARD; DO NOT CUT THE MONIES OUT FOR THE CHIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. IF THEY DO, HE COULD GIVE THEM A SCENARIO RIGHT NOW OF WHAT THE CITY WILL HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD JIM HE HAD HEARD THE SITUATION OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND ASKED JIM WHERE IT WAS TO COME FROM. HE SAID HE WAS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

JIM SAID IF THE BOARD IMPLEMENTS THE MSBU, THEY WILL REPLACE MOST OF WHAT THEIR SHORTAGE IS. COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED JIM IF THE CITY WOULD JOIN IN THE MSBU. JIM ADVISED HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR THE COUNCIL; BUT, THAT WOULD BE HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THEM TO JOIN IN THE MSBU. IF THEY DO THE MSBU ALONG WITH THE COUNTY, THAT IS GOING TO GENERATE SOME FUNDS FOR THE CITY THAT WILL HELP COVER THE SHORTFALL THEY ARE HAVING TO CUT. HE SAID THAT IS THE SAME THING THE COUNTY IS DOING; THEY ARE TRYING TO COVER THE SHORTFALL THAT YOU ARE HAVING FROM STATE LEGISLATIVE CUTS. BACK WHEN HE HAD FIGURED THE MSBU, HE HAD FIGURED 44,000 PARCELS IN THE COUNTY; THERE MAY BE A LITTLE MORE NOW. HE WAS LOOKING AT \$50 A PARCEL; BUT, NOW THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO IT ON HOUSEHOLDS AND NOT VACANT LANDS. IF THEY DO THE MSBU IN THE CITY AT \$25, JIM SAID THAT WOULD PROBABLY ONLY GENERATE ABOUT A \$35,000 FIGURE FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT WHAT CAMILLE HAD SAID IS THEY WOULD TAKE WHAT THE COUNTY GENERATED OFF THE ONE MILL AND IT COULD FIGURE OUT \$25 PER HOUSEHOLD OR IT COULD BE \$35 PER HOUSEHOLD TO GENERATE THAT AMOUNT.

JIM SAID THE NEXT CUT THE CITY IS GOING TO GET FROM THE STATE THIS YEAR IS ABOUT \$65,000 IN TAX REVENUES. IF THEY IMPLEMENT THE MSBU, THEY COULD BRING BACK \$35,000 OF THAT HOPEFULLY. BUT, THEY WOULD STILL BE \$30,000 IN THE HOLE THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WITH WHAT JIM HAS SAID ABOUT THE CITY HAVING TO RAISE THEIR FEES FROM \$25 TO \$75 FOR KIDS WANTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM, IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T HELP

FUND THE PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE CHEAPER FOR ANYBODY TO PAY THE MSBU ASSESSMENT OF \$25 OR \$35 THAN IT WOULD BE TO PUT THEIR KID IN TO PLAY LITTLE LEAGUE.

JIM SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD WOULD CATCH A WHOLE LOT OF SLACK OFF THE MSBU. WHATEVER FIGURE THE MSBU ASSESSMENT WILL BE IS GOING TO BE A FAR CRY LESS THAN THE REDUCTION THEY ARE GETTING ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTY. THE AVERAGE IN THE COUNTY IF THEY ARE PAYING \$400 IN PROPERTY TAXES RIGHT NOW, AND THAT IS NOT THE HIGH SIDE, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE PAYING \$3,000, BUT NOT ALL OF IT IS GOING TO THE COUNTY, PART OF IT IS GOING FOR SCHOOL TAXES TO, THEY WILL PROBABLY SAVE \$200 OR \$300 IN AD VALOREM TAXES THIS COMING YEAR. A \$35 CHARGE IS JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO WHAT THEY ARE SAVING. HE SAID HIM PERSONALLY, AS A COUNTY TAXPAYER, THEY WON'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM HIM ABOUT IT; HE IS FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD SAID ABOUT BEING ABLE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET WITHOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MSBU. HE SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT YOU COULD GIVE HIM A PENCIL AND PIECE OF PAPER AND IN A FEW MINUTES SOMEBODY WON'T BE HAPPY; BUT, HE CAN BALANCE IT. HE SAID THAT IS NOT A GOOD THING. BUT, IF THEY PROPOSE THE MSBU, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SOME OF THE THINGS THEY STARTED AND SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THEY STARTED, IT IS LIKE EVERYBODY'S BUDGET EVERY WEEK, THEY CAN EAT OUT THIS WEEK BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOME EXTRA MONEY OR THEY CAN'T BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE EXTRA MONEY. IF THE BOARD CAN LOOK AT THE MSBU LIKE THEY ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE SOME PROGRAMS THEY HAVE GOT GOING AND EVERYBODY IS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR IT IF THEY IMPLEMENT IT. IF THEY

DON'T, MAYBE THEY NEED SOME DIRECTION FROM THE PUBLIC TO COME UP HERE WITH AN OUTCRY AND SAY "DON'T DO IT; WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE TAXES." THIS MAY NOT BE THE DAY TO PROPOSE IT TO THE PUBLIC TODAY OR ARE THEY GOING TO COME BACK MONDAY AND MAKE A DECISION; HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE FIXING TO DO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WAS JUST LAST WEEK A LOT OF AVENUES WERE PUT BEFORE THEM. THE BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE THE LIBRARIES A DAY AND A HALF IN CHIPLEY AND THREE DAYS IN VERNON AND WAUSAU A WEEK.

JIM SAID THE COUNTY HAS MOVED THE CITY OF VERNON BACK YEARS ON THE LIBRARY, THE SAME WITH THE CITY OF WAUSAU BUT NOT QUITE AS MANY. ON THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, WHEN THE BOARD LOOKS AT THE DAYS THEY CUT THE LIBRARY SERVICES ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY, THAT IS WHEN ALL THE KIDS ARE AVAILABLE TO GO TO THE LIBRARY. HE SAID THAT REALLY CUT OUT SOME QUALITY TIME PEOPLE SPEND IN THE LIBRARY. THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR. THEY CAN ALL CUT THE BUDGETS; BUT, PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO LIKE IT.

JIM SAID IF THE CITY DOESN'T GET FUNDED BY THE COUNTY FOR THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE SOME MAJOR CUTS. BUT, WHAT THEY CUT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO HAVE TO PICK UP BECAUSE THE SHERIFF IS MANDATED BY THE STATE TO FURNISH POLICE PROTECTION FOR ALL THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM HE HAS WITH THE MSBU, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW IT IS GOING TO AFFECT SUNNY HILLS THAT ALREADY HAS AN MSBU IN PLACE, IMPACT FEES AND HOW ALL THAT MONEY IS

INTERMINGLED; BUT, YET THE IMPACT FEE HAS TO BE SEPARATED TO A CERTAIN AREA. IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF PAPERWORK; HE WOULDN'T TAKE THAT JOB FOR NOTHING. IF THE BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH THE MSBU, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP THIS STUFF UNRAVELLED; IF THEY DON'T, THEY WILL GET FUNDS ON TOP OF FUNDS AND NOBODY IS GOING TO KNOW WHAT IS WHAT. HE THINKS THE MSBU IS SOMETHING THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND THE ONLY REASON IS BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THEY HAVE; IF THEY DON'T DO THE MSBU, THEY WILL LOSE SOME STUFF. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION AND THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE IMPANELLED TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THEY TALKED ABOUT THE MSBU IN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE; IT LOOKED LIKE A SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT COULD HELP OUT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS AND POSSIBLY ROLL SOME MONIES BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND. HE DOESN'T KNOW; BUT, HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THE MSBU IS GOING TO TOTALLY OUT THEM OF EVERYTHING THE COUNTY HAS TO DO AND TRY TO FUND EVERYBODY.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ON ALL THE RECREATION WAS TO CUT IT IN HALF; THEY COULDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO BALANCING AND THAT IS WHY IT WAS CUT COMPLETELY OUT.

JIM SAID WITH THE CITY OF VERNON, WAUSAU AND CHIPLEY, THE BOARD HAS TO DO WHAT THEY GOT TO DO AND THAT IS THE PLAIN FACT. IF THE BOARD DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, THEY DON'T HAVE NO MONEY AND THE CITIES WILL ALL HAVE TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT. BUT, THE CITIES WILL HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO WHEN IT COMES TIME. RIGHT NOW IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, THEIR NUMBER ONE PROBLEM IS DRUGS. IF YOU LOOK

IN THE COUNTY, THEIR NUMBER ONE PROBLEM IS DRUGS TOO. THEY CAN'T BACK OFF ON THAT; IT IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE EVERYDAY. HE SAID THEY WERE LOCKING THEM UP AS FAST AS THEY CAN GET TO THEM AND YOU

DON'T SHUT IT DOWN. YOU WON'T EVER SHUT IT DOWN; BUT, IF YOU DON'T CONTINUE THAT EFFORT EVERY DAY, PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO WANT TO LIVE HERE. HE SAID THE CHIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SERVING OR IN THE PROCESS OF SERVING 25 TO 26 WARRANTS; LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, THEY LOCKED UP 13 OF THEM AND THE REST ARE COMING THIS WEEK.

CLERK COOK SAID THE BOARD EITHER IMPLEMENTS THE MSBU NOW; THEY CAN'T DO IT NEXT YEAR AND NEXT YEAR THEY KNOW THEY WILL BE IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THEY ARE THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS DON'T KNOW; BUT, WHEN THEY GAVE THE CITY THE RECREATION MONEY, DIDN'T THEY SAY THEY COULD DO IT THIS YEAR BUT NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT NEXT YEAR.

JIM SAID THAT IS IN EVERY BUDGET; YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU CAN NOT AFFORD TO FUND IT. JIM SAID HE HAD BEEN COACHING FOR TWELVE YEARS AND HE HAS SEEN A LOT OF THINGS HAPPEN IN TWELVE YEARS. THROUGH THE CHIPLEY, VERNON AND WAUSAU RECREATION PROGRAMS, THE REAL KIDS CAN MOVE ON TO THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. LOOK AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

THEY HAVE NOW BECAUSE OF WHAT IS BEING DONE AT A YOUNG AGE. EVERY YEAR YOU SEE THE HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OUT THERE LOOKING AT THE BOYS THAT IS FIXING TO MOVE UP; BUT, IF YOU DON'T BUILD THAT PROGRAM,

IT IS CONSTANTLY GOING TO GO DOWN. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE IT. KIDS CAN'T SIT ON THE COUCH AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WHEN THEY MOVE INTO THE TENTH GRADE, BECOME AN ALL STAR OR ACE PLAYER

ON A HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM. IT TAKES YEARS TO DEVELOP THOSE KIDS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THERE WAS NOTHING ANY BETTER THAN GOING TO A BALLGAME AND WATCHING LITTLE KIDS PLAY TEEBALL; THAT IS THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD TO DO. JIM SAID YOU SEE A LOT OF PARENTS AT THE GAMES AND REITERATED YOU HAVE TO START THE KIDS PLAYING BALL AT FIVE YEARS OLD AND WORK THEM RIGHT ON THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, ETC.

JIM SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD DOESN'T HAVE A TAX PROBLEM; THEY INCREASED THEIR TAXES THIS YEAR. HE REFERRED TO JOHN COOK TALKING ABOUT THE SOCCER FIELDS VERNON IS GOING TO BUILD. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY BUILT A SOCCER FIELD TWO YEARS AGO THROUGH A GRANT; THEY HAD SEVENTEEN SOCCER TEAMS LAST YEAR IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. NOT ONLY DID THEY DO THAT, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CUT OUT THEIR SOCCER PROGRAM AND GUESS WHO LET THE KIDS PLAY. JIM SAID THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS HAVING TO PICK UP BECAUSE THE SCHOOL CUT OUT.

JIM REITERATED HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THE BOARD HAD A CHOICE ON THE MSBU TAX. ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CITY NEEDS SOME DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD. IF YOU ARE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU, THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO STAY FUNDED THE SAME. WHEN THE COUNTY FUNDED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CITY DID GIVE SALARY INCREASES; WHEN THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE CITY'S PROPOSAL LAST YEAR, THEY ACCEPTED IT FOR EVERY YEAR AND NOT FOR JUST ONE YEAR. THE PAPER HE GAVE THE COUNTY LAST YEAR STATED THEY WOULD HAVE A \$25,000 INCREASE PER YEAR UNTIL THEY GOT TO \$375,000 AND THEN IT LEVELLED OFF. THE COUNTY ACCEPTED THAT AND THE CITY BUILT BUDGETS BASED ON THAT. THEY CAN'T GO BACKWARDS; IF THEY DO, THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME MAJOR

PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MSBU.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO GO INTO IT AND THE MSBU BE MARKETED AS NOTHING THEY ARE WANTING TO ADD TO PEOPLE'S TAXES; BUT, IT IS A CASE OF PRESERVING SOME PROGRAMS AND CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROGRAMS IS RECREATION AND TRYING TO CONTINUE TO FUND THAT IN SOME MANNER. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT OUGHT TO BE PART OF IT THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO SPECIFICALLY EARMARK THINGS TO TRY TO CONTINUE WITH THAT THEY THOUGHT AS OF TODAY THEY COULDN'T DO. HE HOPES IN FINALIZING WHAT THEY ARE DOING, THEY CAN MARKET IT AND PROPOSE THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING FOR THE COUNTY AND TRYING TO HELP KEEP KIDS PLAYING BALL, ETC.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HE WOULD SUGGEST THEY NOT MARKET THE MSBU THAT WAY BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT MORE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT DOESN'T HAVE CHILDREN THAN DO HAVE. LETS MARKET IT AS AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TAX, WHICH IS WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE, TO PROVIDE GOOD FIRE PROTECTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE CAN AGREE AS HE DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS PLAYING EITHER; BUT, HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANY NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY.

ROGER SAID WE WANT IT TO PASS THOUGH AND IF IT GOES IN WITH ANY KIND OF NEGATIVE TAX THAT YOU ARE TAXING ME FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S

KIDS TO PLAY BALL, LET'S PASS IT AS A FIRE SERVICES TAX.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T DISAGREE WITH WHAT ROGER WAS SAYING; BUT, WHAT HE WANTS IT TO BE IS NOTHING THIS BOARD IS PUTTING ON TO GENERATE FUNDS TO DO SOMETHING ELSE. HE WANTS IT TO BE A TAX TO HELP PRESERVE PROGRAMS THEY ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MSBU.

ED WOOD, LITERACY BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, REMINDED THE BOARD THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF THE POPULATION IN THE COUNTY THAT CAN'T READ OR WRITE. THEY HAVE TWELVE TO FIFTEEN ALMOST FULL TIME VOLUNTEERS AND THREE STAFF; THE STAFF ARE PAID FOR BY FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS. ALL THE MONEY THAT GOES INTO THE LITERACY PROGRAM, A BUDGET OF \$50,000, GOES FOR READING SUPPLIES, MATH WORKBOOKS, ETC. THEY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION THE COUNTY IS IN AND EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE IN THE SAME BOAT; BUT, THE FUNDING DOES GO FOR MATERIALS AND IT IS A VOLUNTEER BASED PROGRAM. THEY HAVE OPERATIONS IN CARYVILLE, COUNTRY OAKS, VERNON, CHIPLEY, WAUSAU & GREENHEAD. IF THERE IS ANYWAY TO RESTORE SOME OF THAT MONEY, HE URGED THE BOARD TO TRY TO DO THAT. HE SAID THEY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION THE COUNTY IS IN; BUT, IT IS A SMALL CUT FOR THE BOARD AND A BIG CUT IN THE LITERACY BUDGET.

THE BOARD CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. PETE ADVISED THERE WAS A \$78,238 DEFICIT IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

ONE OF THE IDEAS THEY HAVE DISCUSSED IS THE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY RETIREMENT. DEBBIE RILEY HAS CHECKED ON SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE CLOSE TO RETIREMENT; THE THING THAT IS HOLDING THEM BACK IS BEING ABLE TO PAY FOR THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. SHE DID SOME CALCULATIONS WHERE THE COUNTY WOULD COVER THE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES UP TO AGE 65. IF THEY WENT AHEAD AND RETIRED NOW, THEY WOULD SAVE ENOUGH IN THEIR SALARIES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. THERE WOULD BE VACANCIES IN THOSE POSITIONS AND THEN THE SUPERVISORS WOULD HAVE TO MOVE SOME PEOPLE AROUND TO KEEP THE EQUIPMENT RUNNING.

THE OTHER THING IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET THEY ARE FACING IS THE PAYMENTS ON THE EXCAVATOR AND MIXER AND THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONEY THAT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET AND THE MATCH MONEY FOR THE TWO GRANTS. THERE IS ALSO A \$100,000 REDUCTION IN ROAD MATERIALS FOR THE 2007/2008 FISCAL YEAR AND THE BRIDGE REPAIR LINE ITEM IS AT ZERO.

DEBBIE RILEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING TWO EMPLOYEES THAT WERE ALREADY 62 SO THEY COULD BE ELIGIBLE TO DRAW SOCIAL SECURITY.

IN FIGURING THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO GO AHEAD AND RETIRE WOULD BE TO PAY THEM IN FULL FOR ANY LEAVE THEY MAY HAVE IN A LUMP SUM AND IT WILL IMPACT THE GENERAL FUND BECAUSE OF THE INSURANCE THEY WOULD KEEP THEM ON. ONE OF THEM WILL BE 65 IN JANUARY 2008; THERE WILL BE THREE MONTHS IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET FOR HIS INSURANCE. THE OTHER ONE WON'T BE 65 UNTIL 2009 SO THEY ARE LOOKING AT TWENTY TWO MONTHS. USING THE FIGURES THEY ARE LOOKING AT NOW, THAT IS ABOUT \$10,000 FOR THEIR INSURANCE FOR THOSE MONTHS.

THAT WAY, THEY WOULDN'T BE LOOKING AT DOING SOMETHING ON THAT YOU HIRE.

THEY HAVE CUT OUT EVERYTHING AND THIS IS ALSO BALANCING THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WITH THREE CURRENT VACANCIES; A BACKHOE POSITION, A LABORER AND ONE OF THE SPECIAL CREW POSITIONS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WITH THE TWO EMPLOYEES GOING ON EARLY RETIREMENT AND NOT FILLING THE CURRENT POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT NOW, WHICH WOULD BE FIVE VACANT POSITIONS, THEY WOULD HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET WITH ALL THE CUTS THAT HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED. HE SAID THAT WAS WITH NO MONIES CARRIED FORWARD TO RUN THE ROAD BUILDING CREW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS NOT DISAGREEING AND UNDERSTANDS WHAT DEBBIE IS SAYING AND THINKS IT IS A GOOD PLAN. HE SAID NOT FILLING POSITIONS, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD GET ANYTHING DONE. MAYBE THE POSITIONS THAT ARE MAKING \$15 AN HOUR, THEY CAN HIRE SOMEBODY IN AT \$10 AN HOUR.

DEBBIE SAID THESE TWO HAVE BEEN THERE A LONG TIME AND ARE AT THE HIGHER SALARY LEVEL. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A WARM BODY IN SOME POSITIONS AND PLACES OR THEY AREN'T GOING TO FUNCTION. HE SAID IT WOULD AMOUNT TO HAVING TO TELL DALLAS AND ROBERT TODO THE JOB AND RUN THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OFFERING THESE TWO EMPLOYEES THE OPTION OF EARLY RETIREMENT AS PRESENTED BY DEBBIE. HE SAID IF WE CAN SAVE MONEY, THAT IS THE FIRST THING THEY HAVE SAVED SO FAR.

HEATHER ASKED IF THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHERS AS WELL. SHE SAID THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED

THIS AT THEIR LAST MEETING AND SHE SENT OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE TO SOME OTHER COUNTIES ASKING IF THEY HAD COME UP WITH ANY KIND OF CREATIVE PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT PACKAGES, ETC. SHE ONLY HEARD BACK FROM ONE AND THEIR ANSWER WAS "NO". SHE THOUGHT THERE WERE FIVE EMPLOYEES AT 65 YEARS OLD AND OVER AND OTHERS THAT ARE IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES DEBBIE ADDRESSED.

PETE SAID HEATHER WAS ASKING IF THE BOARD MAKES THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION AVAILABLE TO THESE TWO, IF OTHERS CAME FORWARD THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM, THEY WOULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THINKS THEY ARE LOOKING AT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND HE SAYS "YES" THEY SHOULD CONSIDER EVERYBODY AND NOT JUST CONSIDER THESE TWO EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE. AGAIN IF THEY COME TO THIS POINT NEXT YEAR IN THE BUDGET AND THAT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA, THEN THE BOARD SETTING HERE NEXT YEAR WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THAT. HE SAID IN HIS MOTION HE WOULD INCLUDE THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION WOULD BE EXTENDED NOT ONLY FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TALKED ABOUT BUT OTHERS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO PUT IT IN THE MOTION A TIME FRAME LIKE TWENTY FOUR MONTHS TO RETIREMENT AGE. THE BOARD THOUGHT THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA. HEATHER SAID IT COULD BE WRITTEN INTO COUNTY POLICY EARLY RETIREMENT WOULD ONLY BE OFFERED IN TIMES OF A BUDGET CRISIS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY NEEDED TO PUT IT

IN POLICY; BUT, HE THOUGHT THEY OUGHT TO SAY THE EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE TO BE AT RETIREMENT AGE WITHIN TWENTY FOUR MONTHS. THAT WAY THE EMPLOYEES AT THE COUNTY ANNEX AND AT PUBLIC WORKS WOULD BE INCLUDED WHILE IT IS AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FIGURES AVAILABLE ON WHAT THIS WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION WOULD BALANCE THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET ON THE TWO EMPLOYEES DEBBIE HAD ADDRESSED.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE EMPLOYEES MAY SAY THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND THEN THE BOARD WOULD BE BACK TO SQUARE ONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REQUESTED DEBBIE AND HEATHER GET TOGETHER AND GIVE THE BOARD SOMETHING WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO IF THERE IS SOME EMPLOYEES AT THE COUNTY ANNEX THAT WOULD FALL INTO THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION, WHAT SAVINGS THERE WOULD BE TO THE COUNTY.

HEATHER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD'S ACTION INCLUDED FULL PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED EMPLOYEES GET ALL OF THEIR ANNUAL LEAVE WHEN THEY LEAVE EMPLOYMENT; BUT, NOT LUMP SUM SICK LEAVE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WOULD GET WHATEVER THE COUNTY'S POLICY WOULD SAY.

DEBBIE SAID ANYONE THAT IS CLOSE TO RETIRING IS GOING TO USE THEIR SICK LEAVE ANYWAY AND STAY ON PAYROLL. AS A MOTIVATING KIND

OF THING, THEY COULD PAY THE EMPLOYEES WHO OPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION FULL SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY COULD PAY THE EMPLOYEES THE NORMAL AMOUNT; AS TO PAYING ALL OF IT, THEY MAY HAVE TO GET A LEGAL OPINION ON THAT.

THE BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE IN THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO PAY THE EMPLOYEES WHO OPTED THE EARLY RETIREMENT THEIR FULL ACCRUED SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER MADE THE BOARD AWARE SHE DIDN'T THINK THE \$78,000 PLUS DEFICIT IN TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED THE PAYMENT OF ALL THE ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE FOR THE TWO EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS. SHE SAID THERE WOULD BE A LARGER DEFICIT IN TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE IT WASN'T FIGURED IN.

DEBBIE SAID THE SCENARIO WAS BASED ON THE EMPLOYEES RETIRING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1ST OF THIS YEAR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE IF THE PEOPLE HAD DECIDED TO RETIRE ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT THE COUNTY OFFERING THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT PAYING THESE EMPLOYEES FOR ALL THEIR SICK LEAVE. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY HAD AGREED TO PAY THE EARLY RETIREES ALL THEIR ACCRUED SICK LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WITH FRS RULES, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD COULD DO THIS WITHOUT GETTING A LEGAL OPINION ON EARLY RETIREMENT. HE SAID WHEN HE RETIRED, HE GOT 25% OF HIS SICK LEAVE. HE SAID HE WAS NOT OPPOSING PAYING THE EMPLOYEES ALL OF THEIR ACCRUED SICK LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE SCHOOL SYSTEM PAYS 100% OF AN EMPLOYEES SICK LEAVE AND THEY ARE ON FRS. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THEY DECIDED TO GO THAT ROUTE, THE EMPLOYEES WOULD PROBABLY TAKE OFF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON SICK LEAVE AND TAKE THE OTHER 25% AND GET IT ANYWAY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE BOARD HAD ALREADY AGREED TO INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR PREVIOUS MOTION ON THE EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE EXCAVATOR PAYMENT OF \$45,000 AND THE MIXER PAYMENT OF \$71,000 NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE FUNDS FROM THE GRANT AWARD COULD PAY FOR THE MIXER USED ON THE ROAD EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY OWNS THE MIXER. HE ASKED IF THE GRANT COULD PAY JUST FOR THE PAVING OF THE ROAD OR COULD IT BE USED FOR THE MIXING ON THE ROAD.

PETE SAID THE GRANT ONLY PAYS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION. THE COUNTY MATCH MONEY IS PAYING FOR THE ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, ETC.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE COST FOR MIXING THAT ROAD IS SO

MUCH PER MILE WHICH IS ALMOST ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE MIXER. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WAS HIS SPEECH ALL THE TIME; ON ROLLING PINES THEY WOULD SAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE MIXER. HE REFERRED TO HAVING PAID \$20,000 PLUS FOR A LITTLE PLACE ON LEISURE LAKES WHERE A GUY WORKED A DAY AND A HALF.

PETE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE IF THE GRANT MONEY COULD BE USED TOWARD THE MIXER PAYMENT. HE SAID ALL THE GRANTS ARE DIFFERENT ON WHAT THEY ALLOW AND DON'T ALLOW AND HE WOULD HAVE TO SEE IF THIS WOULD BE AN ALLOWABLE EXPENSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTION COST; THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO HIRE SOMEBODY TO DO THE MIXING OF THE ROAD. THE COUNTY WOULD JUST BE ADDING THEIR CONSTRUCTION COST TO THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID ANOTHER THING THAT WOULD WORK FROM A GRANT SCENARIO WOULD BE RENT THE CONTRACTOR THE MACHINE; THEY COULD PUT A COST TO THE RENTAL AND LET THEM BILL FOR IT. IT IS PART OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE BILLED BACK TO PAY FOR THAT PART OF THE COST FOR THE MIXER.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED HOW MUCH OF ROLLING PINES WAS THE BOARD RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING. AREN'T THEY GOING TO HAVE THEIR TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT, ETC. DOWN THERE ALL ALONG. HE QUESTIONED IF THAT WAS PART OF THE MATCHING FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE MATCHING FUNDS ARE ONLY FOR THE SURVEYING, ENGINEERING COST, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED BY DOING THE MATCHING FUNDS, DOES THIS ALLOW THE BOARD TO DO MORE OR COVER THE WHOLE THING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER PATE WAS ASKING IF THE BIDS FOR THESE PROJECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AWARDED AND WHAT WAS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY; DID THE CONTRACTOR BID BASED ON THE COUNTY DOING THE MIXING OF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED NFWFMD WROTE THE COUNTY A CHECK FOR APPROXIMATELY \$480,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION COST; THE COUNTY COULD BID THAT OUT OR DO THE WORK THEMSELVES AND THE COUNTY IS DOING IT THEMSELVES. THE COUNTY ADDED \$100,000 TO THE NFWFMD FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO COVER THE SURVEYING, ENGINEERING, ETC. COST BECAUSE NFWFMD WON'T LET YOU PAY FOR THOSE COST OUT OF THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY COULD ALLOW AROUND \$250,000 FOR THE USE OF EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER AND COVER THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT PAYMENTS. HE QUESTIONED AT WHAT POINT IN TIME WOULD THE COUNTY GET THAT CHECK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE MONEY WAS IN THE BANK; THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING AROUND FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO BE ABLE TO START THE JOB.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID CLIFF HAD ADVISED HIM ALL THE ISSUES WITH NFWFMD HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AS FAR AS FENCES, ETC. THEY ARE READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT.

PETE SAID THE NEXT ITEM IS THE FUTURE ROAD PAVING MONIES. THERE

WAS \$128,000 OF FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SPENT THEY WILL NEED TO TAKE FORWARD FOR NEXT YEAR; THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THERE RIGHT NOW. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED USING LAND SALES MONEY TO PUT BACK INTO THE DISTRICTS FUTURE ROAD PAVING AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT REPLACING IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THINGS WERE BORROWED OUT OF ROAD PAVING THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN PAID BACK. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THERE WAS NOTHING OUT OF ROAD PAVING THAT SHE COULD REMEMBER; BUT, THERE WAS TO BE REIMBURSEMENT FROM LAND SALES. SHE SAID THE JAIL RENOVATIONS WAS TO BE PAID BACK AND THEY HAVE DONE THIS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S ACTION AT ONE TIME WAS TO PUT ANY EXTRA MONIES FROM HOUSING INMATES ABOVE THE EXPENSES AT THE JAIL IN A SPECIAL FUND TO BE USED FOR ANY FUTURE RENOVATIONS THAT MAY BE NEEDED AT THE JAIL. SHE EXPLAINED WITH THE BUDGET BEFORE THEM, THAT IS NOT INCLUDED; THERE ARE NO EXTRA MONIES BEING PUT INTO A SPECIAL FUND FROM THE INMATE HOUSING REVENUES FOR FUTURE RENOVATIONS.

SHE EXPLAINED THERE WAS STILL A DEFICIT IN GENERAL FUND OF \$366,000 AND IF THEY INCLUDED PUTTING THESE FUNDS IN THE SPECIAL FUND FOR FUTURE RENOVATIONS OF THE JAIL, THERE WOULD BE A LARGER DEFICIT. ALL OF THE FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM INMATE HOUSING IS BEING USED TO BUDGET GENERAL FUND.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION TO DO

AWAY WITH THEIR PREVIOUS MOTION TO PUT EXTRA FUNDS FROM INMATE HOUSING REVENUES INTO A SPECIAL FUND FOR FUTURE RENOVATIONS OF THE JAIL. HE THEN ADVISED THE BOARD HE WAS TAKING MONIES OUT OF HIS BUDGET NOW KNOWING THE BOARD CAN'T REPLACE IT NOW. HE IS TAKING FUNDS OUT OF HIS BUDGET NOW TO DO SOME WORK ON THE JAIL WHICH IS THINGS THAT SHOULD COME OUT OF HIS BUDGET. HE REITERATED HE DID THIS KNOWING THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE THE FUNDING AND WOULDN'T HAVE IT NEXT YEAR OR THE YEAR AFTER. HE SAID THE THINGS HE WAS DOING IS CRITICAL TO THE JAIL'S DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS AND HE IS GOING TO GO AHEAD AND BUY IT AND PAY FOR IT OUT OF HIS BUDGET.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID TO CLARIFY THAT IT WAS FOR ITEMS THAT WAS DESTROYED BY ONE OF THE HURRICANES TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO; THEY CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THEIR MONEY. HE THINKS SOME OF THEIR MONIES THAT WERE SUPPOSE TO COME BACK TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT GOT PUT BACK INTO GENERAL REVENUE UNBEKNOWING AND THAT MONEY IS GONE. IT WAS TO REPLACE SOME EQUIPMENT AT THE JAIL.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE GUESSED THEY WERE CLOSE ENOUGH ON THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GET FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD ON IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO LEAVE THE MSBU UNFUNDED OR NOT. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO TO REPLACE THE MSBU COORDINATOR. THEY NEED TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE MSBU COMMITTEE OR EITHER FROM THIS BOARD A DIRECTION ON WHAT THEY CAN DO IN REPLACEMENT OF THE MSBU COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS ASSUMING MOST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS GOT AN E-MAIL FROM MR. ANDERSON LIKE HE DID; HE AGREES WITH EVERYTHING ANDERSON HAD SAID. HE ALSO AGREES THE COORDINATOR NEEDS TO BE SOMEBODY THAT HAS NO TIES WITH SUNNY HILLS; THEY DON'T LIVE DOWN THERE AND POSSIBLY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. HE THINKS SINCE TRAMPASS IS WORKING IN THAT AREA HE COULD POSSIBLY COORDINATE THINGS WITH THEM; HE IS NOT GOING TO BE MAKING BUDGETS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. TRAMPASS WOULDN'T BE HAVING TO MAKE EXTRA TRIPS DOWN THERE; HE IS GOING TO BE WORKING DOWN AROUND THE ROLLING PINES AREA. HE SAID IT COULD BE ANYBODY THAT COULD BE IN THAT AREA THERE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID TRAMPASS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE TIED UP IN DIFFERENT AREAS ON HIS OWN JOBS; IT PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE DAVID TO SUPERVISE THE TWO EMPLOYEES AT SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE SOMEBODY WHO IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. HE SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MR. ANDERSON AND THE NEW MSBU COMMITTEE. HE SAID THE BOARD PROBABLY NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE MSBU BUDGET AS WELL AS ANYONES; THEY HAVE THREE OR MORE WEEKS TO GO WITH A BARE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHEN THE BOARD PUT THE NEW MSBU COMMITTEE IN PLACE, ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THEY WERE TOLD WAS TO BRING BACK A JOB DESCRIPTION ON THE MSBU DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD. HE SAID THEY STILL DON'T HAVE THAT YET.

PETE SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY WAS WORKING ON THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COORDINATOR AND HOPED TO HAVE AN ADVERTISEMENT READY BY

MONDAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WITH GLEN INTERMINGLING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHAT THE DUTIES OF THE MSBU DIRECTOR IS.

IF THEY TOTALLY REMOVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT IS OUT OF IT. HE ASKED WHAT THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE MSBU DIRECTOR IS. HE SAID DAVID MIGHT COULD DO IT IN THE INTERIM UNTIL THEY FOUND SOMEBODY ELSE. HE FELT DAVID WOULD DO IT; BUT, THEY DON'T NEED TO THROW EVERYTHING ON HIM EITHER. AS FAR AS RUNNING THE MSBU CREWS, HE DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEM AT ALL. IF IN DEED THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PICK UP THE BILL FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR ON THOSE CREWS, IF THE CREWS NEED TO BE UTILIZED SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEY CAN DO THAT TOO. HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BUDGET SITUATION IS WITH MSBU AS FAR AS BEING ABLE TO PAY THE SALARIES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID DAVID TOLD HIM WHEN THE BOARD TALKED ABOUT THE MSBU TO CALL HIM AND HE WOULD COME ADDRESS THE BOARD ON IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID DAVID WAS GOING TO TRY AND HAVE SOME FIGURES WORKED UP TO SEE WHAT IT WAS GOING TO COST TO RUN MSBU THE REST OF THE YEAR. IF THE FUNDS WERE PUT BACK IN FROM THE PAYMENTS ON THE BUILDING, THEY WOULD HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO RUN MSBU THE REST OF THE YEAR. THE PAYMENTS ON THE BUILDING WAS A SHORTFALL IN THE BUDGET THAT WASN'T THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY COULD PUT THE BUILDING ON HOLD AND UTILIZE THOSE FUNDS TO PAY THE CREWS OUT WITH MSBU PAYING THE

COUNTY BACK ON THE BUILDING.

PETE SAID THEY HAVE PAID ABOUT \$60,000 TOWARD THE MSBU BUILDING OUT OF THE MSBU BUDGT. RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE PURCHASE ORDERS AND UTILITY BILLS THAT ARE ON HOLD AND NOT BEING PAID UNTIL THEY GET DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON THE MSBU BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS WORKING ON THE DUTIES OF THE MSBU COORDINATOR. HE ASKED IF THEY WERE BYPASSING THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY DOING THAT.

PETE SAID HE KNEW ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD REQUESTED THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR INPUT; BUT, HE JUST TOLD HIM YESTERDAY HE WAS WORKING ON A JOB DESCRIPTION AND AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MSBU COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED MR. ANDERSON IF THEY HAD PROVIDED ANY INPUT ON THE MSBU COORDINATOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY. MR. ANDERSON SAID THEY WERE TOLD TO SPEAK TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY INDIVIDUALLY TO GIVE HIM INPUT ON THE JOB DESCRIPTION; HOWEVER, HOLLEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD PETE TO MAKE SURE THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEES THE JOB DESCRIPTION BEFORE IT IS ADVERTISED.

GARY HARTMAN ADVISED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS USING AN EXISTING SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE MSBU COORDINATOR. GARY SAID MOST OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE FOUR OR FIVE JOBS AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AT ONE OF THE MSBU MEETINGS. HE ASKED THE

BOARD TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GO DOWN AND MEET WITH THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE RATHER THAN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAVING TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH HIM. HE SAID THEY ARE BUSY DURING THEIR NORMAL WORKING HOURS. HE SAID THE NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 21ST; THEY ARE HAVING A WORKSHOP AT 4:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL AND THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COORDINATOR AND THEN A REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWING THAT.

CHAIRMAN SAPP REQUESTED PETE ASK ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE COULD ATTEND THE MSBU MEETING ON THE 21ST AND HAVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION WITH HIM AND GO OVER IT WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LET THEM HAVE INPUT. IF IT NEEDS CHANGES, HOLLEY CAN REVISE IT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO APPOINT DAVID CORBIN OR JUST SAY DAVID IS GOING TO BE THE BOSS DOWN THERE OR ARE THEY JUST GOING TO LET HIM DO IT UNTIL THEY GET FURTHER DIRECTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR DAVID TO BE APPOINTED UNTIL THEY GET THE NEW COORDINATOR IN PLACE TO MANAGE THE CREWS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO APPOINT DAVID TO BE INTERIM COORDINATOR UNTIL THE COMMITTEE GETS THROUGH WITH THEIR PROCEDURES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED IF THE MOTION WAS TO APPOINT DAVID AS INTERIM MSBU COORDINATOR OR JUST TO MANAGE THE CREWS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WAS JUST TO MANAGE THE CREWS. SAPP SAID HIS INTENTIONS ARE NOT TO PLACE DAVID IN THE INTERIM COORDINATOR POSITION; BUT, TO MAKE SURE DAVID HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE MSBU CREWS ON THE JOB.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IF THE BOARD IS NOT INTENDING FOR DAVID TO BE THE INTERIM MSBU COORDINATOR, THE MOTION SHOULD BE TO APPOINT DAVID TO MANAGE THE MSBU CREWS. SHE SAID SHE JUST NEEDED CLARIFICATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE BY A MSBU COORDINATOR DURING THE TIME FROM NOW UNTIL; IF THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME PHYSICAL PERSON IN THAT POSITION OR DO THEY WANT TO GET THEIR DIRECTION FROM THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LET DAVID RUN THE CREWS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP WAS SAYING NEEDED TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WOULD BE PUTTING A LOT ON DAVID TO ASK HIM TO BE THE INTERIM COORDINATOR; THERE MAY NOT BE A LOT OF DECISIONS TO BE MADE BUT IT DOES PUT HIM IN A POSITION TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SUGGESTED LETTING THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN STEP UP TO BE INTERIM COORDINATOR. HE POINTED OUT GLEN WAS THE CHAIRMAN ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE AND THE CO-CHAIRMAN WOULD STEP UP TO BE THE CHAIRMAN. HE SAID WHY NOT LET THE CHAIRMAN OF

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR THE TIME BEING, OVERSEE THE MSBU AND LET DAVID OVERSEE THE TWO CREW MEMBERS AT SUNNY HILLS AS FAR AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION IS CONCERNED AND THE GRASS CUTTING AND THEN LET THE CO-CHAIRMAN MOVE UP AND BE THE OVERSEER OVER THE MSBU AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS THEY HAVE AND COME TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID CERTAINLY MR. ANDERSON WOULD WANT TO ADDRESS THIS TO SEE IF HE WOULD WANT TO VOLUNTEER AND DO THAT. HE POINTED OUT THE MSBU DIRECTOR HAS BEEN BEING PAID AND ASKED IF ANDERSON STEPS UP, WERE THEY GOING TO PAY HIM TO BE THE DIRECTOR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO MONEY TO PAY ANYONE. MR. ANDERSON SAID HE HAD NO DESIRE TO BE THE COORINATOR DOWN THERE; BUT, HE DON'T THINK THE COORDINATOR NEEDS TO BE SPENDING ANYTHING. THEY NEED TO PUT BRAKES ON; BUT, THEY DO NEED SOMEBODY TO RUN THOSE WORK CREWS. ACTUALLY, HIM PERSONALLY, DOESN'T SEE A NEED FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE DOING ANY BUSINESS OTHER THAN WORKING ON THEIR POLICY MANUAL AND THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE MSBU COORDINATOR. WHEN THEY GET THE JOB DESCRIPTION, HE ASSUMES THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL ADVERTISE. HE SAID HE DON'T MIND BEING THE NAME IF THEY NEED A NAME; THE ORDINANCE SAYS IF THE COORDINATOR IS NOT THERE, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN WOULD BE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AS FAR AS PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES. HE REITERATED THEY DIDN'T NEED TO BE SPENDING ANY MONEY OR SENDING ANY REQUEST TO THE COUNTY UNTIL THEY GET ALL THE KINKS AND THE BILLS PAID DOWN.

GARY REMINDED THE BOARD, AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET PROCESS, THEY HAVE APPROVED A 5% INCREASE OF THE ASSESSMENT DOWN THERE; BUT, IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCEDURE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AMENDED HIS PREVIOUS MOTION AND MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW DAVID TO MANAGE THE DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES THE MSBU CREWS ARE INVOLVED WITH. COMMISSIONER PATE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THEY NEED TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR FUNDING THE MSBU FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. HE SAID IT MAY TAKE A LINE ITEM TRANSFER FROM LAND SALES AS A LOAN TO REIMBURSE THE MSBU UNTIL MSBU CAN BUDGET MONEY TO PAY BACK WHAT GOT EXPENDITURED OUT ON THE BUILDING. IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO PUT THE BUILDING ON HOLD, THEY CAN CREATE THAT AS PART OF THE MOTION IF THEY WANT TO. HE SAID HE WAS NOT WANTING TO HAVE AN ENTITY DOWN THERE WITHOUT THE BILLS PAID. HE FELT PROVISIONS NEEDED TO BE MADE TO PUT A HOLD ON THE BUILDING AND PAY THE CURRENT BILLS THAT ARE OWED ON IT UNLESS IT IS IN A STATE IT IS GOING TO DETERIORATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT IS THE PROBLEM NOW; IT NEEDS TO BE COVERED UP OUT OF THE WATER AS EXPENSIVE A LUMBER AS IT IS. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO MARK ODOM AND ODOM SAID THE INITIAL BUILDING WAS ABOUT \$90,000 TO HAVE A DRIED IN BUILDING; THAT IS NOT FINISHED INSIDE. HE SAID THEY DO NEED TO COVER IT UP AND AS SOON AS THEY CAN NEXT BUDGET YEAR TRY AND FINISH IT UP.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE ANY MORE SPENDING IN THE SHAPE THE COUNTY IS IN UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY

NECESSARY. UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY, HE FELT THEY NEEDED TO HOLD THE SPENDING DOWN. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THE SHORTFALL ON THE BUILDING AND LOOK AT THEIR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE AT THE POINT WHERE THE INCREASE ON MSBU ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN DONE. PETE ADVISED THE MSBU BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED INCLUDED A 5% INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTED DAVID REPORT TO THE BOARD ON WHAT IT WILL COST TO FUND THE MSBU FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. DAVID SAID MSBU NEEDED FOUR TANKS OF FUEL TO GET THEM THROUGH UNTIL OCTOBER WHICH WILL COST \$5,200; THAT IS FOR EIGHT LAWN MOWERS AND TWO TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THAT IS NOT FOR THAT RED FIRETRUCK RIDING AROUND EVERYDAY EITHER.

DAVID SAID THE MSBU EMPLOYEES NEED TO CHANGE THE OIL ON THEIR VEHICLES; ONE IS DUE NOW AND ONE IS DUE NEXT MONTH. HE SAID THEY HAD BEEN USING OIL THAT COST \$7.99 A QUART. HE TOLD THEM THEY NEEDED TO GO WITH THE CHEAPER OIL. THEY WOULD NEED OIL FILTERS CHANGED ON THE EIGHT LAWNMOWNERS AND TWO TRUCKS. HE ASKED FOR \$500 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS. HE REPORTED ONE OF THE SALARIES WAS \$4,718.90, ONE WAS \$5,666.42 AND THE OIL CHANGE AND FOUR TANKS OF FUEL TOTAL \$16,663.46. HE ADDRESSED A BILL HE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF FOR REPAIRS ON THREE RADIATORS.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE THOUGHT THE BEST THING FOR THE

BOARD TO DO WOULD BE TAKE THOSE EXPENSES THAT MSBU HAS INCURRED ON THE BUILDING, THE \$60,000+ THAT HAS BEEN PAID OUT OF THE MSBU BUDGET TO MAKE THEM HAVE A DEFICIT, AND FUND THAT MUCH OUT OF LAND SALES AND LET MSBU PAY BACK THAT PART AND OPERATE MSBU LIKE THEY WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT THE \$60,000+ EXPENDITURES ON THE BUILDING. THAT WAY THE MSBU BUDGET WON'T SHOW A DEFICIT BECAUSE BY LAW YOU CAN'T HAVE A DEFICIT. IF THE MSBU BUILDING NEEDS COVERING, GO AHEAD AND ALLOW THE SAME \$100,000 OUT OF LAND SALES, TAKE THE \$60,000+ OUT THAT ALREADY HAS BEEN SPENT AND MSBU WOULD PAY BACK THE LAND SALES THE \$100,000 AND THE MSBU BUDGET WOULD THEN BE ON SCHEDULE HOPEFULLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. SHE SUGGESTED THEY NOT LET THE MSBU BUDGET STAY AS A DEFICIT; TAKE THE EXPENSES OUT FOR THE MSBU BUILDING UNDER LAND SALES, FUND THE \$100,000 AGAIN AND DEDUCT THE \$60,000+ WITH MSBU PAYING BACK THE LAND SALES THE \$100,000.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY WOULD BE CREATING ANOTHER LOAN ITEM FOR MSBU FOR \$100,000 WITH MSBU PAYING LAND SALES BACK. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WAS CHECKING TO SEE IF MSBU COULD USE THE MSBU FUNDS TO PAY BACK THE LAND SALES. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHY THEY COULDN'T BECAUSE COUNTY FUNDS WERE USED TO PAY BILLS FOR THE BUILDING; BUT, THAT IS A LEGAL QUESTION. SHE SAID THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY THE BILLS; IF NOT, IT IS RUINING THE COUNTY'S CREDIT AS THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BILLS.

SAL ZURICA SAID THERE WAS A NEW RADIATOR THAT WAS ORDERED FOR ONE OF THE SKAGGS AND GLEN IS SITTING ON IT. DAVID SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP TOLD DAVID MAYBE HE WOULD FIND IT SOMEWHERE

WHEN HE STARTS GATHERING STUFF UP.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WHAT DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAD SAID WAS PROBABLY THE BEST THING TO DO AND PUT THE ROOF ON THE BUILDING AND STOP IT THERE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF \$100,000 WOULD BE ENOUGH TO FINISH THE BUILDING. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THAT IS ALL THE BOARD HAD APPROVED TO GIVE MSBU ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF HE HAD UNDERSTOOD DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAY WHAT HAD BEEN PAID ON THE BUILDING NOW IS WHAT PUT MSBU IN THE DEFICIT IN THEIR OPERATING BUDGET FOR NOW. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO MAKE A LOAN TO MSBU FOR THE \$100,000, TAKE THE \$60,000+ FOR THE BUILDING EXPENDITURES OUT OF THE \$100,000 AND COVER THE BUILDING WITH MSBU REIMBURSING LAND SALES THE \$100,000 OUT OF THEIR 2007/2008 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP TOLD DAVID THE BOARD HAD MADE A MOTION FOR HIM TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE MSBU CREWS. HE SAID THERE SHOULD BE TWO SIGNATURES ON ANY INVOICES FOR MSBU AND THOUGHT THE SIGNATURES SHOULD BE DAVID AND PETE. HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD CLARIFY ANY ISSUES OR PROBLEMS WITH ANY KIND OF INVOICES THAT ARE MSBU RELATED. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AGREED TO THAT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IN THE PAST, HE HAS TOLD PETE TO

WATCH OUT FOR THE WAY MSBU WAS SPENDING THEIR MONEY AND HE ALWAYS SIGNED THE PURCHASE ORDERS. HE SAID PETE NEEDED TO PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE ATTENTION; IF SOMEBODY SAYS SOMETHING TO HIM, HE NEEDS TO LISTEN TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WITH PETE AND DAVID SIGNING OFF ON ALL THE INVOICES, THEY WILL HAVE A BETTER PROCESS GOING ON.

DAVID INFORMED THE BOARD HIS PURCHASE ORDER LIMIT IS \$2,000. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED PETE'S PURCHASE ORDER LIMIT WAS \$10,000. SHE ALSO ADVISED THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR DAVID AND PETE TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A BUDGET PRINTOUT IN FRONT OF THEM ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE ON A LINE ITEM AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MONEY BEFORE YOU SPEND IT. SHE SAID THAT IS A MUST AND SHE HAS TALKED WITH PETE ABOUT OTHER DEPARTMENTS TOO AS WELL AS THE BOARD'S DEPARTMENT. SHE SAID YOU CAN'T LEGALLY OVEREXPEND A FUND.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS ONE OF HIS HOPES AND DESIRES WHEN THEY GET THROUGH WITH THIS BUDGET THAT EVERYBODY HAS A PRINTOUT WHEN THEY SPEND THEIR BUDGET AND TRACK IT EVERY MONTH.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED BOARD FINANCE WOULD LIKE FOR PURCHASE ORDERS TO BE TURNED IN ON A WEEKLY BASIS; THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE AND CAN'T CONTROL WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO DAVID HAVING MADE A COMMENT THE FUEL HE IS ASKING FOR WAS FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND THE TWO TRUCKS RUNNING FOR MSBU. THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE RED EMERGENCY TRUCK THAT HAS BEEN COMING UP TO CHIPLEY EVERY DAY. HE QUESTIONED WHERE THAT FUEL FOR THAT TRUCK IS COMING FROM. IS IT COMING OUT OF THE FUEL DAVID IS GOING TO PURCHASE. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD NEEDS TO LIMIT THE TRUCK FOR WHAT IT IS INTENDED FOR AND IT STAY AT THE FIREHOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING; IT IS STAYING AT THE FIREHOUSE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANOTHER TRUCK AT THE SUNNY HILLS FIREHOUSE THAT COULD BE USED AS A FIRST RESPONDER OTHER THAN THE ONE TON TRUCK THAT HAS MORE STUFF ON IT AND ACTUALLY IS SUPPOSE TO BE A FIRST RESPONDER TRUCK.

HE ASKED IF THEY COULD TAKE BOARD ACTION TO MAKE THE ONE TON TRUCK THE FIRECHIEF'S RESPONDER TRUCK. HE SAID IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES ANYWAY UNLESS IT IS ON A CALL TO A MISSION. HE FEELS THE FIRECHIEF SHOULD DRIVE HIS VEHICLE TO THE FIRE STATION AND IF HE IS GOING TO SIT THERE ALL DAY OR GO SOMEWHERE, GO ON HIS OWN VEHICLE. IF HE IS RESPONDING TO A CALL, HE NEEDS TO TAKE THE FIRETRUCK AND GO. IF THERE IS NOT A CALL IN, HE DOESN'T FEEL THEY SHOULD BE JUST DRIVING AROUND COSTING EVERYBODY MONEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD HAS AN MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN PLACE; IF INDEED THIS TRUCK OR WHATEVER WAS BOUGHT WITH MSBU

FUNDS, WHY CAN'T THE BOARD TAKE DIRECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE. IF THE COMMITTEE WANTS THE FIREMAN TO DRIVE THEIR TRUCK AROUND, FINE. IF THEY DON'T, LET IT SET THERE; BUT, HE FEELS THEY NEED TO TAKE DIRECTION OR SOME KIND OF INPUT FROM THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO PUT THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN PLACE, USE THEM.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE KNOWS THE RED TRUCK WAS IN CHIPLEY AT THE DRUG STORE YESTERDAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE RED TRUCK IS A FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK OR AN MSBU TRUCK; WHERE DOES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GET THEIR GAS TO FUEL THEM. DO THEY GET IT FROM MSBU, PUBLIC WORKS OR GO TO A GAS STATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE A CREDIT CARD. FIVE POINTS GOES TO BONIFAY.

PETE ADVISED SUNNY HILLS HAS GOT SOME TANKS AND SANGAREE OIL DELIVERS FUEL TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IS THE RED TRUCK A FIRE TRUCK, FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK OR MSBU TRUCK. PETE SAID IT WAS BOUGHT WITH MSBU FUNDS WHICH IS ALLOWABLE UNDER THE MSBU ORDINANCE; FIRE PROTECTION IS ONE OF THE ALLOWABLE EXPENSES. THE MINUTES SAY THE TRUCK COULD BE OUTFITTED FOR FIRE AND RESCUE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF IT IS A FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK, THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SEPARATING OUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS FROM MSBU. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE FUEL IN THEIR BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY ARE SEPARATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE MSBU; BUT, AGAIN HE GETS BACK TO THE SAME ARGUMENT. THE MSBU COMMITTEE, IF THEY WANT TO FINANCE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S GAS AND BUY IT AND PUT IT IN HIS TRUCK, HE WILL GO UP THERE AND FILL IT UP. IF MSBU IS PAYING FOR THE FUEL, THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE DIRECTION FROM THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IF THE COUNTY IS PAYING FOR THE FUEL, THAT IS DIFFERENT. IF IT IS MSBU FUNDS AND THEY DON'T WANT THE FIRETRUCK TO USE IT, THE MSBU COMMITTEE NEEDS TO SAY THIS. IF THEY DO WANT THE FIRETRUCK TO USE IT, THAT IS WHAT THEY NEED TO SAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THEY ARE GOING TO SEPARATE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE MSBU, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHERE GLEN IS GETTING THE GAS FOR THE RED TRUCK FROM SO IT CAN BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IT HAS BEEN COMING FROM SUNNY HILLS; THAT TANK THAT THEY FILL UP THEIR EQUIPMENT WITH IS WHERE THE FUEL FOR THE RED TRUCK HAS BEEN COMING FROM.

SAL ZURICA ADVISED THE RED TRUCK GLEN DRIVES IS BEING FUELED UP AT THE STATION ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COURTHOUSE. HE HAS NOT BEEN FUELING UP OUT OF THE TANK AT SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE HAD SEEN IT FILL UP OUT OF THE TANK AT SUNNY HILLS AND THAT IS WHY HE SAID THAT.

SAL SAID HE DOES BELIEVE THE COUNTY PAID THE TRUCK OFF TOTALLY WHEN THE TRUCK WAS BOUGHT FOR \$39,500 WITH CAPITAL BANK. THE MSBU

HAS BEEN MAKING PAYMENTS BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR IT. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED MSBU HAS BEEN MAKING PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL BANK.

PETE TOLD SAL MSBU BORROWED MONEY FROM THE BANK AND MSBU IS PAYING CAPITAL CITY BANK FOR IT. SAL ASKED DIDN'T THE COUNTY LAY OUT THE \$39,500 FIRST. PETE SAID THE COUNTY APPROVED OF THE LOAN; BUT, THE BANK LAID OUT THE \$39,500 TO PAY FOR THE TRUCK AND NOW MSBU IS PAYING CAPITAL CITY.

SAL ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS TAKING THE MSBU ASSESSMENT MONEY TO PAY MONEY BACK FOR THE BUILDING OR ARE THEY JUST TAKING NEXT YEAR'S ASSESSMENT MONEY TO PAY WHATEVER BILLS ARE DUE.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THEY WERE TAKING THIS YEAR'S MONEY TO PAY FOR THE BILLS THAT ARE DUE; THE MONEY THAT WAS PAID FOR THE BUILDING OUT OF THE MSBU ASSESSMENT WILL NOW BE PAID OUT OF LAND SALES. THEY ARE GOING TO LOAN \$100,000 TO MSBU. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS SUPPOSE TO BE CHECKING TO SEE THE LEGALITY OF MSBU REIMBURSING LAND SALES THE \$100,000.

SAL SAID IN OTHER WORDS ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS LOOKING AT IS IT LEGAL TO TAKE MSBU ASSESSMENT MONEY TO PAY FOR A COUNTY BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEE IF IT WAS LEGAL FOR MSBU TO PAY THE LAND SALES BACK THE \$100,000 THAT WAS IN THERE. SAL SAID IS IT LEGAL TO TAKE THE ASSESSMENT MONEY TO PAY FOR A COUNTY BUILDING. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THAT

IS WHAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS LOOKING INTO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR THE BUILDING SO MONEY IS BEING TRANSFERRED IN THE LINE ITEMS SO MSBU IS NOT IN THE RED AND THEY CAN FINISH OUT THE YEAR. HOPEFULLY, THEY CAN REFUND THE MONEY BACK TO LAND SALES. IF NOT, THE COUNTY WILL JUST BE OUT THAT MONEY.

MR. ANDERSON SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD ANSWER COMMISSIONER HOLMAN'S QUESTION. AT THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD'S LAST MEETING, THEY ASKED THE FORMER COORDINATOR TO SEPARATE THE MSBU BUDGET FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. THEY WILL BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THE RED FIRETRUCK AND ALL THE FIRETRUCKS ARE IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007/2008 FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, ONLY THE MSBU ASSESSMENTS WILL BE BUDGETED IN MSBU. SHOULD THE COUNTY DECIDE TO BUDGET MSBU FUNDS FOR 2007/2008, IT WILL BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE TOO. NOTHING WILL BE IN MSBU BUT THE MSBU ASSESSMENTS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE QUESTION HE WOULD HAVE IS WHERE DOES THE RED TRUCK BELONG. DOES IT BELONG TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR MSBU; IT CAN'T BELONG TO BOTH AND IT HAS GOT TO BE SEPARATE.

GARY HART ADVISED THE FIRETRUCK BELONGS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO HIS UNDERSTANDING; BUT, THE MSBU GIVES FUNDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT IS WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING ALL THE TIME. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE COUNTY OR THE MSBU PAYS FOR IT, THE COUNTY GAVE MSBU A \$100,000 TO BUILD A BUILDING AND GAVE THEM MONEY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MSBU HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS THERE THAT IS BEING USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS BOUGHT WITH MSBU FUNDS. HE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS WRONG WITH THAT IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT TO USE THEIR MONEY FAR.

SAL SAID IF MSBU IS PAYING FOR THEIR RED TRUCK THEN IT IS AN MSBU TRUCK. IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY, HE KNOWS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING FUNDED THROUGH THE MSBU AND IF IT IS GOING TO BE A FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PAY FOR IT. IF YOU ARE SEPARATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM MSBU AND SEPARATING GENERAL FUND FROM EVERYTHING ELSE, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PAY FOR THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WILL; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO GET FUNDING FROM MSBU TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE GOING TO GET PAYMENTS FROM THE COUNTY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.

SAL SAID IF MSBU HAS THE MONEY TO FUND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, IF THEY DON'T, THEY CAN'T FUND IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, THEY NEED TO GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS.

SAL SAID MAYBE THAT IS WHAT THE COUNTY SHOULD DO; SHUT IT DOWN COMPLETELY. THAT WOULD BE THE EASIEST WAY AND THAT WILL RESOLVE EVERYTHING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AND SAL EXCHANGED WORDS. COMMISSIONER

FINCH SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WON'T OWN ANYTHING UNLESS SOMEBODY BUYS IT; THE COUNTY GIVES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MONEY AND MSBU GIVES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MONEY AND LEGALLY THEY CAN GIVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MONEY AND THEY CAN HAVE BOUGHT SOME EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THAT WAS JUST LIKE THE COUNTY BUYS EQUIPMENT TO DO A JOB; IT BELONGS TO THE COUNTY AND IT DOESN'T BELONG TO THE COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD ALLOTS THE MONEY TO BUY THE EQUIPMENT; BUT, THE COUNTY OWNS IT. MSBU PUTS SOME FUNDS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SAID HERE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE WANT A BETTER FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE WANT FIRE HYDRANTS, ETC. AND HERE IS MONEY TO ACHIEVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF FIRE PROTECTION. HE ASKED IF THAT WAS NOT TRUE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BOARD WANTS TO PARK A FIRETRUCK OUT BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO THE MSBU. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PUT IT; AT THE PARK?

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHO WAS GOING TO FURNISH THE TRUCK FOR THE NEXT COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID MAYBE THE BOARD COULD TAKE DIRECTION FROM THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THE TRUCK, THAT IS FINE. BUT, THE BOARD OUGHT TO GO BACK TO THE COMMITTEE OR DO AWAY WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE LIKED THE NEW MSBU COMMITTEE AND FEELS THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE LIKED THE COMMITTEE TOO; BUT, THE BOARD IS NOT LETTING THEM DO ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED TO THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE THEY SEND THE BOARD A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE RED TRUCK

AT THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ABSOLUTELY AND THAT WAS HIS WHOLE POINT FROM THE BEGINNING.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON LINDA WALLER HAVING TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THE SKYWATCH PROJECT. APPARENTLY, THE WHITES HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER AND LINDA IS ASKING FOR A CONSENSUS FROM THE BOARD FOR THE DEVELOPER TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE PROCESS WITH FL-DCA TO SEE IF FL-DCA IS GOING TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT. ONCE FL-DCA MAKES ITS COMMENTS AND RETURNS THEM TO THE BOARD, HE THINKS WHAT LINDA IS SAYING IS THE BOARD WILL MAKE A DECISION THEN ON WHETHER THE BOARD WILL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IT. LINDA WAS ASKING FOR CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD FOR THE DEVELOPER OF SKYWATCH TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE FL-DCA PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WITH THE WHITES BEING THE ONLY CONTESTANT ON THE SKYWATCH PROJECT, IF HE HAS APPROVED THAT, THEY CAN PROBABLY DO SOMETHING WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING. IF THE WHITES WERE AGAINST THE PROJECT, THEY PROBABLY NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING.

PETE ADDRESSED THE DEVELOPER WAS INVOLVED WITH MEDIATION PROCESSES; FL-DCA WAS INVOLVED ALONG WITH THE COUNTY AND THE WHITES. HE THINKS THEY HAVE COME TO SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT; BUT, NOW LINDA IS ASKING IF THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS IS FOR THE SKYWATCH PROJECT TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE FL-DCA PROCESS. FL-DCA IN THE PROCESS WILL MAKE COMMENTS BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE BOARD WILL

DECIDE, BASED ON THE FL-DCA COMMENTS, THE DIRECTION THEY WANT TO GO.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE SKYWATCH PROJECT GOING THROUGH THE FL-DCA PROCESS.

ROGER HAGAN SAID AT THEIR LAST MEETING, THE BOARD VOTED TO SET THE MILLAGE AMOUNT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AT THE CURRENT MILLAGE AMOUNT RATHER THAN THE MILL FOR THE 2007/2008 YEAR. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD GO AHEAD AND SET THE INDIVIDUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET'S AT LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT. IT WOULD SAVE THEM \$1500 BY NOT HAVING TO REWORK THE FUNDING FORMULA WITH GSG. HE SAID GSG HAS ALREADY SENT IN A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND IF THEY SEND IT BACK, ACTUALLY BY FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT'S AT LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WITHOUT AN INCREASE, SOME DEPARTMENTS COULD STAND TO DROP. HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD GOES AHEAD AND SETS THE AMOUNT THE SAME FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE, HE COULD GO AHEAD AND SEND IT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

ROGER POINTED OUT LAST YEAR WHEN THE BOARD TOOK THE \$12,000 AND OTHER FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND ROLLED IT TOGETHER AND ELIMINATED THAT SEPARATE BUDGET, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE SUPPOSE TO SUBMIT A BUDGET BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THEY WILL RECEIVE SO THE BOARD WILL KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH THE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAND AND CARRIED TO BUDGET THE INDIVIDUAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS THE

SAME AS THE 2006-2007 AMOUNT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED LINDA WALLER HAVING ADVISED HER SHE HAD A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH, WHICH WAS THE DATE THE BOARD SET FOR THEIR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2007-2008 BUDGET. SHE REQUESTED THE DATE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING BE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR 2007-2008 ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:30 P.M.

PETE SAID HE WOULD GET WITH CAMILLE OF GSG ON THE MSBU PROCESS AND TRY TO HAVE HER AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN