

BOARD MINUTES FOR 06/28/07

JUNE 28, 2007

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

LT. QUALLS PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER AND CHAIRMAN SAPP LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22 AND APRIL 24, 2007.

THE BOARD PRESENTED N. B. PETTIS A RETIREMENT PLAQUE IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE DURING THE YEARS HE WORKED FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS.

CONSENT AGENDA-DEPUTY CLERK CARTER STATED THE CORRECT INVOICE AMOUNT ON THE CHIPLEY DRUGS INVOICE WAS \$18,880.44 ON ITEM C OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE CORRECTION TO THE INVOICE TOTAL ON ITEM C:

- A. ADOPTION OF NIMS COMPLIANT, STATE APPROVED COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP) FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
- B. 2007-2008 EMS COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION
- C. CHIPLEY DRUGS INC. INVOICE FOR \$18,880.44 FOR INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSE
- D. LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA'S HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. RURAL WORK PROGRAM LIAISON-SHARRON BURNETT, WFRPC TRANSPORTATION PLANNER-BURNETT EXPLAINED SHE WAS PRESENT TO COORDINATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE FL-DOT SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THEIR INPUT TO THE FL-DOT REGARDING THE COUNTY'S NEXT FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM. THE LIAISON'S ROLE WAS INITIATED BY THE FL-DOT TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT IN AREAS THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY TPO. HER PRIMARY GOAL TODAY IS TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD OR TO ARRANGE TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY SO SHE CAN PROCESS THEM AND FORWARD THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT. SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD A HANDOUT ON THE RURAL WORK PROGRAM LIASON:

1. FUNCTION OF LIAISON-TO RECEIVE THE INPUT AND COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTIES AND COMMUNICATE IT BACK TO FL-DOT. SHARE WITH THE COUNTIES WHATEVER INFORMATION THE FL-DOT SHARES WITH HER.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MS. BURNETT

3. PAGES FROM 2008-2012 WORK PROGRAM; DID NOT SHOW A LOT OF CHANGES. ON PAGE 522, ITEM 2, FUNDS WERE MOVED OUT FOR CONSTRUCTION FROM THE 2007-2008 PROGRAM TO THE 2008-2012 PROGRAM. THE PREVIOUS WORK PROGRAM LISTED \$46,000,000 FOR 2010; IT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 2011 AT \$65,772,000.

4. THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT AT SR 77 AT NADIA AVENUE/WENDY'S INTERSECTION ON PAGE 522 IS NEW AND ALL THE PROJECTS ON PAGE 523 ARE NEW AND WERE NOT ON THE PREVIOUS REPORT:

A. CR 280 CORBIN ROAD FROM CR 273 ORANGE HILL TO JACKSON COUNTY LINE WIDEN/RESURFACE EXIST LANES

B. WASHINGTON BLVD FROM ELKCAM BOULEVARD TO HARTFORD BOULEVARD RESURFACING

C. CR 278A BONNETT POND FROM ROCHE ROAD CONNECTOR TO MUD HILL ROAD NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION

5. PAGE 524, BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS AND RESURFACING PROJECTS NOT ON THE PREVIOUS WORK PROGRAM:

1. RIVER ROAD OVER GUM CREEK BRIDGE NO. 614134
2. DUNCAN COMMUNITY ROAD OVER FLAT CREEK BRIDGE NO. 614134
3. BAHOMA ROAD FROM SR 273 TO JACKSON COUNTY LINE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

BURNETT REITERATED THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO ARRANGE FOR HER TO RECEIVE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY SO SHE CAN FORWARD THEM ON TO FL-DOT. SHE ADVISED SHE NEEDED THIS INPUT BY AUGUST 17TH SO SHE WILL HAVE TIME TO PROCESS THEM AND GET THEM TO FL-DOT.

WHEN SHE MET WITH FL-DOT ABOUT THE WORK PROGRAM, BURNETT SAID THEY ASKED HER TO REALLY ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO FORWARD ANY COMMENTS, CONCERNS OR NEEDS THEY MAY HAVE TO THEM. THEY WILL TRY TO LOCATE OR EXHAUSTIVELY SEEK FUNDING FOR THE PROJECTS.

FL-DOT HAS ASKED HER TO SHARE BOTH THE SCOP AND THE COUNTY INCENTIVE PROGRAM HAVE EXPERIENCED BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND THEY WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE FUNDING SITUATIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS AT THE TIME THEY REQUEST THE COUNTY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BRIDGES ON OLD BONIFAY ROAD ARE STILL UNDER THE PLANS OF CONSTRUCTION OR HAVE THEY BEEN DROPPED OFF THE LIST; ONE OF THE BRIDGES WAS GATOR CREEK BRIDGE. BURNETT AGREED TO FOLLOW UP ON COMMISSIONER PATE'S QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE SAW NOTHING IN THE WORK PROGRAM THROUGH 2012 THAT ADDRESSES HIGHWAY FOURLANING OF HIGHWAY 77 AND QUESTIONED IF IT WASN'T INCLUDED. BURNETT AGREED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, FOR THE RECORD, SAID HE WAS GLAD STATE ROAD 79 WAS BEING ADDRESSED IN THE PROGRAM; BUT, HE HAS ALWAYS WONDERED WHY ALL THE FUNDS WERE SHIFTED FROM 77 TO 79 WHEN THE TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY 77 IS MUCH HIGHER. HE REQUESTED BURNETT FIND OUT WHAT FL-DOT'S THOUGHTS ARE AS TO WHY ALL THE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PUT ON HIGHWAY 79 AND NONE PUT ON HIGHWAY 77.

J. R. FOXWORTH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON CAMPING AND JET SKIS. HE LIVES ABOUT A QUARTER MILE FROM HOLMES CREEK AT STRICKLAND LANDING. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INCIDENT WITH JET SKIS WHEN HE TOOK HIS SON FISHING IN THE CREEK ON JUNE 3RD. THEY WERE OVERRUN BY JET SKIS, HIS SON BECAME FRIGHTENED, STOOD UP TO TRY AND GET TO HIM AND THE BOAT WAS ROCKING BECAUSE OF THE JET SKIS AND KNOCKED HIM DOWN INSIDE THE BOAT. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE DANGER INVOLVED WITH THE JET SKIS AND QUESTIONED WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS. HE ASKED WHY ORDINANCE 97-12 ADOPTED IN AUGUST OF 1997 HAD NOT BEEN ENFORCED. IF IT IS NOT BEING ENFORCED, HOW CAN THE STATE OVERPOWER THE COUNTY ORDINANCE; IF THAT BE THE CASE, THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE LAWS, ORDINANCES, ETC. THAT GOVERN WASHINGTON COUNTY. FOXWORTH SAID THEY MAY AS WELL TURN IT ALL OVER TO THE STATE AND LET THEM GOVERN EVERYTHING. HE SAID ORDINANCE 97-12 WAS TO KEEP THE JET SKIS OFF OF HOLMES CREEK. HE ADDRESSED THE REASON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN IN A CANOE PADDLING FROM THE BRIDGE TO STRICKLAND LANDING WHEN THREE JET SKIS DECIDED THEY WOULD CAPSIZE THE CANOE WITH THE THREE CHILDREN IN IT. THEY WERE GIVEN A TICKET FOR WRECKLESS ENDANGERMENT.

MR. STRICKLAND ADDRESSED ANOTHER INCIDENT WITH JET SKIS WHERE MS. KATHY JACKSON HAD TO GIVE A JET SKI A TICKET FOR WRECKLESS ENDANGERMENT BECAUSE THE SKI CAME SO CLOSE TO HER AND HER PARTNER AND WET THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN THE BOAT. HE SAID IF THEY WOULD DO THAT TO A GAME WARDEN, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR ANYBODY.

HE HAS CHECKED IN PANAMA CITY AND DOTHAN WHERE THEY SELL THE JET SKIS; ONE OF THEM IS A YAMAHA AND ONE IS A SEADO. THE SMALLER ONE OF EACH HAS A 100 HP MOTOR IN IT AND WILL RUN 50 MPH WITH ONE PERSON, WITH TWO PEOPLE IT SLOWS IT DOWN FIVE MILES PER HOUR. THE OTHER MACHINE THEY EACH HAVE FOR SALE IS NEARLY 10' LONG AND HAS 215 HP AND WILL DO 85 MPH WITH ONE PERSON ON IT; WITH FOUR PEOPLE ON IT, IT WILL STILL DO 70 MPH. FOXWORTH SAID THEY DIDN'T NEED THIS ON HOLMES CREEK; AS LOW AS THE WATER IS AND AS CROOKED AS THE CREEK IS, SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET HURT.

HE SAID BAY COUNTY HAS PASSED AN ORDINANCE WHERE NOTHING LARGER THAN 10 HP CAN GO UP ECONFINA OR BEAR CREEK; BOTH OF THESE EMPTY INTO DEER POINT LAKE. THERE IS A SIGN FURNISHED BY THE GAME AND FRESHWATER FISH COMMISSION THE COUNTY CAN GET TO PUT AT EACH LANDING AND AT THE MOUTH OF THE CREEK.

FOXWORTH SAID THERE IS ALSO A GRANT PROGRAM THE COUNTY CAN OBTAIN TO WORK ON BOAT LANDINGS, DOCKS, ETC. HE ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AT STRICKLAND LANDING. THEY ADVISED HIM THEY HAD JUST TALKED WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD BE DONE; YOU COULDN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE BOATS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT WASN'T TRUE; YOU CAN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT. THEY WOULD HAVE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES ALL WATERCRAFT. FOXWORTH ASKED THE BOARD TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE WHICH PROHIBITS ANYTHING OVER 60 HP MOTOR BE ALLOWED IN HOLMES CREEK. BY DOING THIS, FOXWORTH SAID THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE JET SKIS FROM BEING IN THE CREEK. HE ADDRESSED THERE MAY BE STATIC FROM ONE PERSON AT THE CREEK BECAUSE HE KEPT THE CAMPING OUT AT STRICKLAND LANDING; THIS PERSON HAS A BOAT THAT IS 21' LONG AND HAS A 150 HP MOTOR AND HE BELIEVES IN RUNNING IT WIDE OPEN. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING OR THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR CREEK. THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR HOLMES CREEK FOUGHT IT WITH LARRY CARTER UP UNTIL LAST YEAR TO KEEP THE CANOES OUT OF HOMES CREEK AND THE WATERCRAFT OUT OF THE SPRINGS. LARRY IS NO LONGER HERE; BUT, THE CITIZENS FOR THE HOLMES CREEK IS STILL HERE AND IT CAN BE REACTIVATED WITH JUST A FEW PHONE CALLS AND THEY CAN GO TO FIGHTING IT. IF TALLAHASSEE IS GOING TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTY RULING THEIR OWN COUNTY, THEY NEED TO DO SOMETHING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE STATE LAW HAS ALWAYS REGULATED PUBLIC WATERWAYS. IN HIS OPINION, IN ORDER TO PASS THE MUSTER OF NOT DISCRIMINATING, THEY WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS SPEED RATHER THAN HORSEPOWER.

FOXWORTH SAID HORSEPOWER REGULATES THE SPEED. HOLLEY EXPLAINED THAT WOULD STILL BE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONAL WATERCRAFT IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE HORSEPOWER IN THE RANGE BEING TALKED ABOUT. HE FELT THEY WOULD BE BETTER SERVED AS FAR AS COMPLYING WITH STATE LAW BY REGULATING THE SPEED.

FOXWORTH ASKED HOW WAS THE BOARD GOING TO REGULATE THE SPEED UNLESS THEY PUT SOMEONE DOWN THERE OR A WATERCRAFT DOWN THERE THAT HAS A WAY OF CHECKING THE SPEED. HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT; THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL ENFORCE IT WILL BE THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT.

FOXWORTH SAID GAME AND FISH COMMISSION SAID THEY WOULDN'T ENFORCE THIS BECAUSE THEY WORK FOR THE STATE; IF IT IS A COUNTY ORDINANCE, THEY CAN'T ENFORCE IT UNLESS THEY ACTUALLY SEE A WATERCRAFT ACTUALLY ENDANGERING SOMEBODY'S LIFE. HE SAID HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER OFF THE JET SKIS DUE TO THE NUMBER OF JET SKIS THAT WAS OUT THERE THAT DAY. THERE IS A CLUB THAT HAS GOTTEN TOGETHER THAT HAS A PROTEST AND ARE SHOWING THE PEOPLE ON THE CREEK, THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT TO WITH THEIR JET SKIS. ONE OF THE MEMBERS TOLD HIM HE WOULD RIDE HIS JET SKI ANYWHERE HE WANTED TO AT ANY SPEED HE WANTED TO.

HOLLEY SAID THE BOARD CLEARLY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE SPEED IN HOLMES CREEK; BUT, THE ENFORCEMENT IS AN ISSUE THEY HAVE TO THINK ABOUT.

FOXWORTH ASKED THE NEWSPAPER REPORTER TO PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER FOR EVERY FISHERMAN TO GET HIM A DISPOSABLE CAMERA, A PAD AND A PENCIL AND EVERYTIME A JET SKI COMES ROARING BY, TAKE THEIR PICTURE AND GET THEIR REGISTRATION NUMBER IF THEY CAN. IF THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED, THEY CAN BE CHARGED WITH WRECKLESS ENDANGERMENT.

CHAIRMAN SAPP SAID HE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD WANTS TO ACT ON BEING ABLE TO REDUCE OR STOP THE DANGER UP AND DOWN HOLMES CREEK. HE ADDRESSED THE CANOES BEING ONE THING; BUT, IT WAS THE NUISANCE WITH THEM AND NOT THE SPEED. APPARENTLY, THERE ARE NOW OTHER THINGS PROBABLY WORSE THAN THE NUISANCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP REQUESTED FOXWORTH GIVE THE BOARD A CHANCE TO CHECK INTO THIS MATTER TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO.

FOXWORTH SAID THE JET SKIS, WITH THE WAKE THEY THROW AND AS LOW AS THE WATER IS, ARE UNDERMINING THE TREES ALONG SIDE HOLMES CREEK; THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW THERE WILL BE A CREEK FULL OF TREES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID ANY HIGH HORSE POWER MOTOR WILL DO THIS; THERE IS MORE PROBLEMS THAN JUST THE JET SKIS. HE AGREED THE JET SKIIS ARE A LOT OF DANGER TO THE SWIMMERS.

FOXWORTH THEN ADDRESSED HIM NOT BEING ABLE TO GET WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T MET IN A LONG TIME DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH MEMBERS TO MEET. HE WANTS TO SEE SOMETHING DONE FOR THE PUBLIC AND THE DISABLED PUBLIC TO BE SPECIFIC. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DOCK BUILT AT STRICKLAND LANDING TO GO OUT INTO THE CREEK AND DOWN TO WHERE A MAN IN A WHEELCHAIR CAN GO FISHING. HE ALSO REQUESTED A DOCK BE BUILT AT HINSON CROSS-ROADS ON THE RIVER; ALL THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW IS A PLACE AT PATES POND AND IT IS SO HOT, THEY CAN'T STAY OUT THERE AN HOUR. IT ALSO COSTS PERSONS \$2 A DAY TO GO FISHING BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE TO PARK WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SUGGESTED THE BOARD GET WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, DAVID CORBIN, TO SEE WHAT HE CAN DO ABOUT PUTTING IN A RAMP OVER THERE.

FOXWORTH REITERATED HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RAMP FIXED AT STRICKLAND LANDING AND A DOCK THERE. HE HAS TALKED TO DAVID AND LYNN COPE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2006 AND DAVID TOLD HIM THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT. FOXWORTH SAID HE TOLD HIM TO APPLY FOR THE PERMIT AND THE GRANT NOW AND THEY COULD USE IT NEXT SUMMER WHEN THE WATER IS LOW; BUT, IT WASN'T DONE. HE REITERATED HE COULDN'T GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE HE COULDN'T GET TO THEM. HE HAS OFFERED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS; RIGHT NOW THEY ARE SHORT A PERSON AND THEY CAN'T HAVE A MEETING BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A FORUM. HE SAID THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THE PEOPLE HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE BOARD IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE, HEATHER FINCH, REPORTED ON RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY:

1. SECTION 3.03G UNDER PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT-SYSTEM OF KEEPING RECORD OF TRAINING ON HARASSMENT HELD EACH YEAR-SHE UNDERLINED AREAS SHE HAD ADDED AND STRUCK THROUGH THE AREAS THAT WERE IN THERE ORIGINALLY. SHE SUBMITTED THE CHANGES TO FACT TO LET THEM SEE SINCE THEY ASSIST IN THAT TRAINING; THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO PUT A TRAINING LOG IN EACH FILE AND UPDATE IT WITH THE COMPLETION OF EACH RECORD OF TRAINING. THIS FILE WILL BE KEPT IN THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE.

2. SECTION 4.04-APPLICATION AND VACANCY PROCEDURES-EMPLOYMENT POLICIES- THIS IS A WAY TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE HUMAN RESOURCES ROLE AND THE EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES. IT WILL DEFINE THE PROCESS OF ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AND POSTING VACANCIES.

THIS SECTION ADDS THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT BE NOTIFIED OF VACANCIES SO THEY CAN ASSURE IT GETS POSTED WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE TIME LIMIT. IT ALSO ADDRESSES INTERNAL APPLICATIONS, THE WAY APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED. ALSO, SHE HAS REQUESTED A LETTER OF INTEREST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATIONS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT APPLY INSTEAD OF THEM HAVING TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL POSITION. UNDER J, THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR WILL MAKE ALL JOB OFFERS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD.

3. 4.05-PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS-OUTLINES HUMAN RESOURCE ROLE IN THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS, APPLICATION REJECTIONS, ETC. APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE HR DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF A PERSON WOULD BE NOTIFIED THEIR APPLICATION IS NO LONGER ON FILE OR IS IT UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO KNOW THIS. HEATHER ADVISED IT WAS ON THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICATION WILL EXPIRE IN SIX MONTHS; THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE UP TO THE APPLICANT TO KEEP UP WITH THIS.

4. SECTION 7.01-SICK LEAVE-THIS CLARIFIES SOME OF THE RULES ON SICK LEAVE. D. SICK LEAVE WILL NOT BE GRANTED IN ADVANCE, UNLESS THE ABSENCE IS FOR A PLANNED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OR CONSECUTIVE DAY ABSENCE. H. NO SICK LEAVE SHALL ACCRUE WHILE AN EMPLOYEE IS ON FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR WOULD BE THE ONE TO GRANT THE SICK LEAVE. HEATHER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

5. SECTION 12.10-MEAL PERIODS- MEAL PERIODS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN A MANNER TO BEST SERVE THE PUBLIC. THIRTY (30) MINUTES IS THE NORMAL TIME ALLOTTED FOR MEAL PERIODS AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS TIME WORKED EXCEPT FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO POSITIONS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED TO PERFORM JOB DUTIES DURING MEAL PERIODS.

12.12-OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME-PARAGRAPH ADDED TO REMIND EMPLOYEES OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME SHALL BE AVOIDED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE BY ADJUSTING EMPLOYEE SCHEDULES WITHIN THE SAME WORKWEEK AND BY MAINTAINING EFFICIENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT. NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE IS PERMITTED TO WORK OVERTIME OR EARN COMPENSATORY TIME EXCEPT WITH ADVANCE APPROVAL OF SUCH WORK BY THE COUNTY ADMINI- STRATOR OR HIS/HER SUPERVISOR. DEPATMENT SUPERVISORS MAY APPROVE THE EARNING OF COMPENSATORY IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID ON COMP TIME AND OVERTIME, EXCEPT FOR DALLAS AND ROBERT AT PUBLIC WORKS, HE SEES NO REASON WHY ANYONE AT THE ANNEX OR ANYONE ELSE SHOULD EVEN BE GETTING COMP TIME OR OVERTIME. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB SUFFICIENTLY ON 40 HOURS; SOME OF THEM THAT ARE TURNING IN COMP TIME, HE DOESN'T SEE WHERE IT IS AN EMERGENCY FOR THEM TO EVEN BE TURNING IT IN.

HEATHER ADVISED ROBERT AND DALLAS ARE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES AND THEY DON'T EARN COMP TIME OR OVERTIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH READDRESSSED SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE; IF HE WERE AN EMPLOYEE AND HE WANTED TO TAKE SICK LEAVE OR ANNUAL LEAVE, IS THERE A LEAVE SLIP WHICH IS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE AND HEATHER HAD DISCUSSED TALKING ABOUT A LEAVE SLIP FOR ANNUAL LEAVE; BUT, EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN LETTING HIM KNOW BY E-MAIL, MEMO, ETC. AND HE MARKS IT ON HIS CALENDAR. ON SICK LEAVE, MOST OF THE TIME, THE EMPLOYEE WILL CALL THAT MORNING AND LET THE SUPERVISOR KNOW THEY ARE SICK THAT DAY OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WOULD SEEM THERE WOULD BE A STANDARD FORM FOR EMPLOYEES; IF THEY WERE OUT SICK, WHEN THEY RETURNED TO WORK THEY WOULD FILL OUT THE FORM SO SOMETHING WOULD BE ON RECORD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED PUBLIC WORKS DOES HAVE A FORM. HEATHER SAYS SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT TO CREATE ONE; BUT, IT WOULD BE ON EVERYONE'S COMPUTER. HOWEVER, THEY ARE TRYING TO GET IT WHERE IT WOULD BE ABLE TO BE ACCESSED FROM HOME WITH AN EMPLOYEE LINK TO THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE. THE EMPLOYEE WOULD JUST FILL IT OUT AND IT WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR WITH APPROVAL ON IT WHERE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE CAN BE PUT IN THERE AND IT WILL ALSO BE COPIED TO HUMAN RESOURCES SO THE DOCUMENT CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE COUNTY ANNEX AND PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD BE USING THE SAME LEAVE SLIP. ON THE OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME, IT SEEMS LIKE IF YOU WORK SOMEBODY ON FRIDAY AT PUBLIC WORKS, THEY HAVE TO PAY THEM OVERTIME. THE EMPLOYEE'S TIME SHEET GOES IN ON THURSDAY; YET, THEIR ACTUAL 40 HOURS GOES TO THE NEXT MONDAY OR FRIDAY. THEY COULD WORK ON FRIDAY AND LET THEM OFF ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY AND SHIFT THEIR TIME. THIS TAKES TOTAL MANAGEMENT. BY SHIFTING THEIR TIME, IT MAY SAVE THE COUNTY FROM SOME OF THE OVERTIME.

HEATHER SAID ON THE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES, SHE IS WORKING ON SOME- THING TO BENEFIT THEM; THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE EMPLOYEES WHO SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT BUT ARE NOT BASED ON FAIR LABOR STANDARDS. DUE TO THE PETITION FILED BY THE ACME LABOR ORGANIZATION, ALL OF THESE POLICIES, SHE ACTUALLY HAD QUITE A FEW MORE TO PRESENT TODAY, BUT, SHE HAD TO TAKE THOSE OUT BECAUSE THEY COULD BE

MISINTERPRETED AS FAIR LABOR PRACTICES. THE PORTION OF PROVIDING BENEFIT FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES FOR PUTTING IN EXCESSIVE HOURS HAD TO BE PULLED FOR NOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD GOES FORWARD WITH THE LEAVE SLIP ON THE COMPUTER, WILL THAT BE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COUNTY ANNEX.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID WITH PUBLIC WORKS, DEBBIE RILEY ALWAYS TOOK AND WROTE IT DOWN FOR THE EMPLOYEES IF THEY CALLED IN SICK. THE SAME WAY WITH VACATION TIME; IF EMPLOYEES WANTED TO TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF, THEY HAD TO FILL OUT A FORM AND TURN IT IN. ON OVERTIME PAY, HE ADDRESSED HAVING TO CALL A SUPERVISOR OUT A WEEK AGO. YOU CAN NEVER GET THE SUPERVISOR ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE COUNTY. THE ONE FOR THE EAST SIDE WAS IN PANAMA CITY EATING OUT WITH HIS WIFE AND CAME IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER. EVERYTIME YOU NEED HIM, HE IS ALWAYS THERE AND PEOPLE LIKE THAT IS PEOPLE YOU NEED TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED WOULDNT'T BOTH THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS SUPPOSE TO BE AVAILABLE TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK IF NEEDED. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THAT WAS WHAT THE POLICY SAYS; BUT, IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN STATED IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING TO TIGHTEN UP.

HEATHER SAID IN TRYING TO CREATE SOMETHING FOR THE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES TO BENEFIT THEM, HER FEAR WAS IF IT WAS A PAY OF SOME SORT, WHICH IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE, IT COULD BE A \$1.00. THERE IS NO SUCH STANDARD FOR AN EXEMPT EMPLOYEE; YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY AN EXEMPT EMPLOYEE OVERTIME. HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD CHOSE TO, THEY COULD GIVE THEM THE SAME HOURLY RATE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF YOU DO THAT, IT CUTS BACK INTO THEIR BUDGET. HEATHER SAID THAT IS WHAT SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT IF THE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES ARE OFFERED SOMETHING, THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T EVER BE CONTACTED ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. SHE IS TRYING TO WORK THE WORDING A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY TO WHERE IT WILL BE UP TO THE BOARD WHETHER THEY WANT THEM TO BE PAID OR ACCRUAL OF COMP TIME WHICH HAS TO BE USED IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, ETC.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT ON ALL THESE AMENDED PERSONNEL ISSUES UNTIL THE LABOR ORGANIZATION ISSUES ARE SETTLED. HEATHER SAID SHE WAS ADVISED BY THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL, THE ISSUES SHE IS ADDRESSING TODAY IS MORE CLEARLY DEFINING A LAW THAT ALREADY EXISTS. SEVERAL OF THESE ISSUES WERE MORE IN DEPTH; BUT, SHE TOOK THEM OUT AFTER THE LABOR COUNSEL REVIEWED THEM AND LOOKED AT IT AND THOUGHT THEY MIGHT OUGHT TO BE TAKEN OUT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD ACTING ON THE ISSUES HEATHER HAS ADDRESSED IF SHE HAS TALKED WITH THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL AND THE COUNSEL AGREED WITH THE ISSUES ADDRESSED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HETHOUGHT SOME OF THE DISCUSSION IS BECOMING MORE INVOLVED THAN JUST WHAT IS ON HEATHER'S LIST. THE BOARD NEEDS TO HOLD OFF ON OTHER DISCUSSION OTHER THAN WHAT IS ON HEATHER'S LIST.

HEATHER CONTINUED ON 12.12 (F)-SHE ADDED SOME WORDING THAT COMPLIES WITH FLSA. SHE ADDED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF AN EMPLOYEE ACCRUES OVER 240 HOURS COMP TIME BECAUSE OF EXTRA WORK SO IT WOULD BE IN POLICY.

LETTER I-CALL-BACK OVERTIME WORK-POLICY CURRENTLY USED BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT IS WRITTEN. CALL BACK OVERTIME WORK IS IRREGULAR OR OCCASIONAL OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED BY AN EMPLOYEE ON A DAY WHEN NO WORK IS SCHEDULED. WHEN AN EMPLOYEE HAS TO RETURN BACK; THEY ARE GUARANTEED TWO HOURS MINIMUM.

HEATHER SAID IF THERE IS A COMP TIME PROGRAM SET UP WHERE AN EMPLOYEE CAN EARN COMP TIME, INSTEAD OF BEING PAID OUTRIGHT RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT, ONCE THEY ACCRUE OVER 240 HOURS, WHICH IS THE COUNTY'S CAP, THEY HAVE TO BE PAID.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO READDRESS A MOTION THEY MADE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ABOUT THERE BEING NO FURTHER OVERTIME PAID IF THIS POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED COMPENSATORY TIME AND LEAVE; THE COUNTY SHOULD REQUIRE COMPENSATORY TIME BE TAKEN OFF FIRST RATHER THAN AN EMPLOYEE'S REGULAR LEAVE TIME. AT FL-DOT, YOU WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE OFF THE COMPENSATORY TIME BEFORE USING OTHER LEAVE. HEATHER SAID THIS MAY BE A GOOD IDEA; BUT, PROBABLY DOESN'T NEED TO BE DISCUSSED NOW.

4. SECTION 14-SALARY SCHEDULE-14.03 WORDING CHANGED TO REFLECT THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MARCH 22ND THE LONGEVITY INCREASES SET FOR 1.5% AT THREE YEAR INTERVALS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AT A WORKSHOP WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE HAD MORE TIME.

HEATHER SAID THEY HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY IN THEIR DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS; IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER TO GO THROUGH THEIR ENTIRE PERSONNEL POLICY SECTION BY SECTION AND MAKING SURE WHAT IS IN THERE STILL WORKS. SHE DID GO THROUGH SOME OF IT; BUT, RIGHT NOW, THEY CAN'T CHANGE MUCH MORE UNTIL THE LABOR ISSUES ARE SETTLED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID MANY TIMES THE BOARD HAS BEEN THROUGH SOME OF THIS, MADE CHANGES AND THEN A BOARD MEMBER WOULD GET WISDOM BETWEEN THAT TIME AND THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, AND THEY WOULD VOTE IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. THE REASON A LOT OF THE COUNTY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE GOT IRREGULARITIES ABOUT THEM IS PERSONAL IDEAS FOR DIFFERENT COMMISSIONERS AND THAT IS ALRIGHT. HE DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING IN HEATHER'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY THAT WOULD CAUSE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS. KEEPING IN MIND, IF IT DOES, ALL IT TAKES IS A BOARD MEETING TO MAKE ANOTHER CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE OVERTIME, COMPENSATORY TIME AND SALARY SCHEDULE MAY NEED TO BE HELD OFF ON UNTIL THE LABOR ISSUES ARE SETTLED BECAUSE THE CHANGES MAY NOT BE DEFINING THE ISSUES BETTER; IT MAY BE AN ACTUAL CHANGE.

HEATHER REITERATED THE WHOLE DOCUMENT SHE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LABOR COUNSEL, THEY WENT THROUGH IT SECTION BY SECTION AND TOOK OUT THE THINGS SHE WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE OUT FOR THAT PURPOSE SO THEY DON'T UPSET THE STATUS QUO. THE CHANGES SHE PRESENTED ARE JUST MORE CLEARLY DEFINING WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON ALL ALONG. AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT CHANGING OR ALTERING EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS, THE COUNSEL SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH THE AMENDMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO READ AND LOOK AT THE AMENDMENTS MORE BEFORE AGREEING WITH THE CHANGES. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO TABLE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY UNTIL THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY THEM MORE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY ARE GOING TO TABLE IT, THEY SHOULD HAVE A MEETING TO SPECIFICALLY GO OVER IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND STRICKLAND RESCINDED THEIR MOTION AND SECOND TO TABLE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE PERSONNEL POLICY PRESENTED BY HUMAN RESOURCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO HAVE A WORKSHOP BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE MAY BE SOME OTHER THINGS THEY MAY NEED A WORKSHOP ON THAT WOULD NEED TO BE INCLUDED. HE ASKED IF IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO ASK WHEN THEY WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE UNIONIZATION.

HEATHER SAID THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED A SUPPLEMENT PROPOSED OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO BE NOTIFIED, MANAGERIAL STAFF, THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR EXCLUSION IN THE BARGAINING UNIT. SHE SPOKE WITH THE ATTORNEY YESTERDAY AND HE SAID HE IS GOING TO BE CONTACTING REPRESENTATIVES AND THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE UNION TO REQUEST IF HE WANTS TO ACCEPT THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL. IF HE DOESN'T ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL, THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE JULY. THEY COULD DECIDE THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE POSITION THE COUNTY GAVE IN THE PROPOSAL ON THE PROPOSED BARGAINING UNIT AND BOTH PARTIES WILL HAVE TO AGREE WITH THAT. IT COULD BE AS LITTLE AS A MONTH AND AS MUCH AS SIX MONTHS BEFORE IT GETS RESOLVED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED MOVING THE WORKSHOP UP UNTIL SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER INSTEAD OF HAVING IT NEXT MONTH UNLESS THERE IS A CRUCIAL ISSUE SAYING THEY NEED TO GET IT DONE THIS MONTH.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES WAS BROUGHT UP AT A DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING ON THE WAY APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED ISN'T PAR TO POLICY. SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION ON THE AMENDED SECTION 4.04 ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY, SECTION 4.04 ON APPLICATION AND VACANCY PROCEDURES AND PUT THE REST OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OFF UNTIL A WORKSHOP IS HELD TO ADDRESS THEM THE THIRD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

JOHN COOK, REPRESENTING THE VERNON CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF VERNON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS DOING A GOOD JOB WITH WHAT THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH; BUT, THEY HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNICA- TION PROBLEMS AND A LOT OF TIME RESPONSE PROBLEMS. ONE OF THE REASONS IS DUE TO THE LOCATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP OF THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY. A LOT OF TIMES THE DISPATCHES ARE MADE; THEY HAVE SUCH A SLOW RESPONSE TIME FOR VERNON, EBRO, WAUSAU AND CARYVILLE BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME THE PATROLMAN ARE HERE IN CHIPLEY. HE SAID CHIPLEY HAS THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DO A FINE JOB. UNFORTUNATELY, VERNON, EBRO, CARYVILLE AND WAUSAU DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS OR MEANS TO SUPPORT HAVING THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH MEANS THEY NEED A MORE CENTRALIZED LOCATION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN ANSWER THE DISPATCH CALLS IN A TIMELY MANNER. ONE OF THE THINGS VERNON IS PROPOSING IS THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THINGS PREPARED FOR THEIR NEW CITY HALL, WHICH WILL BE THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL. THEY ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO SET UP AN ANNEX AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE OFFICERS MORE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY SO THEY CAN HAVE BETTER SERVICE PROVIDED TO EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY. THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST THAT HAS MORE OR LESS WENT UNCLOSED:

1. THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE STANDING UP IN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ADMIT TO MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS; IT HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. THIS WAS A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM THE CITY OF VERNON ITSELF THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHEN THEY CALLED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE SITUATION OF THE CASE IS, THEY WERE TOLD IT HAD BEEN CLOSED AND THEY NEVER HEAR ANY INFORMATION OF WHAT THE REAL OUTCOME IS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED COOK IF THE CITY HAD TALKED TO SHERIFF HADDOCK ABOUT THESE ISSUES. COOK SAID THEY HAD TALKED TO THE SHERIFF AND CHIEF DEPUTIES; THEY GET A RESPONSE, TO PUT IT PLAIN AND SIMPLE, THEY GET THEIR EARS TICKLED AND HEAR WHAT THEY THINK WE WANT TO HEAR AND THAT IS THE END OF IT. HE SAID BY NO MEANS WAS HE GETTING DOWN ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE HE DOES APPRECIATE THEM. HE KNOWS MANY TIMES IT IS AN UNTHANKFUL JOB. HE IS NOT SPEAKING AS ONE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN IN THAT POSITION BECAUSE HE HAS AND KNOWS HOW UNTHANKFUL IT CAN BE. IT IS A TOUGH JOB, ESPECIALLY WITH SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING AS FAR AS COMMUNICATIONS, THE LENGTH OF DRIVING TIME THEY ARE HAVING TO MAKE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE ON ONE END OF THE COUNTY AND THERE IS NOTHING CENTRALLY LOCATED FOR THEM TO BE DISPATCHED OUT OF. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, VERNON HAS HAD THE SEWER PLANT BROKEN INTO AND BURGLARIZED, ACTUAL WIRE STOLEN THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING IN SO THEY COULD SEPARATE THINGS OUT AND GET THE NEW CITY HALL OPEN WHICH WAS VALUED AT ABOUT \$5,000. THEY HAD ABOUT TWO DAYS LEFT TO HAVE THE NEW CITY HALL FINISHED; NOW, THEY ARE GOING TO BE PUSHING THE WIRE REAL CLOSE AND REFERRED TO THEM HAVING A PAGEANT FOR FIRE CRACKER DAY THIS WEEKEND AND HOPE THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ELECTRICITY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE PAGEANT. HE SAID THAT PAGEANT IS WHAT SUPPORTS THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR FIRECRACKER DAY IN VERNON.

FORTUNATELY, THEY HAD A VERY RESOURCEFUL COUNCIL MEMBER. AFTER THE REPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE STOLEN WIRE, SHE TURNED AROUND AND TALKED TO A FEW PEOPLE AND ACTUALLY FOUND THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD STOLEN THE WIRE STANDING IN HIS YARD FOLDING WIRE UP AND PUTTING IT IN THE BACK OF HIS TRUCK. HE SAID THEY ARE HAVING TO DO THEIR OWN CASE SOLVING HERE. ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS IS THEY SIGN PAPERWORK EVERY YEAR FOR THE COUNTY TO GET GRANTS TO HELP WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEY DON'T MIND DOING THAT. BUT, AS ANYBODY ELSE, THEY WANT TO GET WHAT THEY PAY FOR. VERNON RECEIVES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM TRAFFIC FINES AND OTHER FINES THAT ARE LEVIED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF VERNON; BUT, HE IS ASHAMED TO SAY, SINCE OCTOBER 1ST, THEY HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$100.01 IN REVENUE FROM TRAFFIC FINES AND OTHER VIOLATIONS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF VERNON. HE KNOWS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TRAFFIC CONTROL; BUT, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF VERNON, IT IS NOT HAPPENING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE THAT IS A COUNTY COMMISSION ISSUE; THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER WHAT THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DOES AND QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF IT WASN'T UP TO THE SHERIFF TO REGULATE AND CONTROL HIS OFFICE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEY COULD MEET WITH THE SHERIFF AND TALK TO HIM ABOUT THE ISSUES MR. COOK IS ADDRESSING.

COOK SAID THEY WERE ASKING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HELP THEM WITH THIS. AS A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, HE HAS HIS VOTE AND IT COUNTS IN VERNON; BUT, IT DOESN'T REALLY COUNT A WHOLE LOT IN THE COUNTY. FOR MANY YEARS, NOT ONLY VERNON, THE OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER IN RELATIONSHIP TO WHERE THE COUNTY SEAT IS LOCATED. GEOGRAPHICALLY, VERNON IS STILL IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY AND THEY GO BY THE MOTTO THEY ARE THE CENTER OF THE UNSPOILED PANHANDLE, MOST ESPECIALLY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND THEY WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT COUNTY. THEY HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE CITY OF VERNON AND THEY APPRECIATE IT. THEY HAVE HAD OTHERS THEY HAD PROBLEMS GETTING RESPONSES FROM. HE AGREES THIS MAY BE SOMETHING THEY MAY NEED TO TAKE UP WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; BUT, THERE IS NO COM- PARISON TO HIS PULL WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PULL BECAUSE THEY DO ADMINSTRATE THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND THE THINGS HE IS GIVEN AS FAR AS MONIES GO. HE SAID THE BOARD IS THE NEXT IN LINE AS FAR AS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE SEEING CARYVILLE, EBRO, WAUSAU AND VERNON GETS WHAT THEY PAY FOR. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE CITIES SIGNING THOSE GRANT FORMS, THOSE FUNDS WOULD NOT BE IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET TO APPLY TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE IS ASKING THE COMMISSIONERS TO GIVE THE CITY OF VERNON THE LEVERAGE THEY NEED TO GET AN ANNEX PLACED IN VERNON. HE REITERATED THEY WERE MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN ANY WAY; THEY HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM AND WILL DO ANYTHING THEY WANT TO DO TO GET IT WORKED OUT SO THEY CAN NOT ONLY HELP THE CITY OF VERNON, BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES THEY HAVE HAD RECENTLY AND THEFTS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL, BUT THE OTHER CITIES AS WELL. HE REFERRED TO PROBABLY THREE TO FOUR TIMES A WEEK, EITHER HIMSELF OR COUNCILMAN BREWER HAS BEEN IN THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE OF VANDALISM AND PEOPLE BREAKING IN AND DESTROYING THE PLACE. NOW WITH THE PRICE OF COPPER, FOLKS ARE STEALING EVERY PIECE OF IT THEY CAN GET. HE SAID ANYTHING THE BOARD CAN DO TO HELP THE CITY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR IT.

COOK REITERATED THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING CARE OF THE SCHOOL AND GETTING IT READY TO MOVE IN AS A CITY HALL. THEY HAVE ONE PROJECT THEY WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A WAIVER FROM THE COMMISSION ON AND ITS THE PERMIT FEES FOR THE PLUMBING REMODELLING IN THE FRONT HALLWAY OF THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL. HE SAID HE KNOWS THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WAIVE THOSE FEES IF THEY SO DESIRE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF IT HAD BEEN MENTIONED TO THE SHERIFF THE CITY OF VERNON HAS A PLACE HE COULD HAVE AN ANNEX AND DID THE SHERIFF GIVE THEM A RESPONSE.

MS. BREWER, VERNON CITY COUNCILMEMBER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE HAD WENT TO SHERIFF HADDOCK AND OFFERED HIM AN OFFICE AND TOLD HIM THE CITY WOULD DO ANYTHING THEY COULD; ALL THE WORK TO GET THE OFFICE UP AND GOING TO GET HELP FOR THEIR AREA OF THE COUNTY. SHE SAID IT WAS NOT JUST FOR VERNON; BUT, FOR EVERYBODY IN THAT AREA OF THE COUNTY. THE FIRST TIME SHE WENT TO SHERIFF HADDOCK, HE WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE SHERIFF ANNEX IN VERNON; THE NEXT TIME SHE TALKED TO HIM IT WAS FUNDS AND THE NEXT TIME HE WAS EXCITED ABOUT IT AGAIN. IT HAS BEEN A WISHY WASHY THING; THAT IS WHY THEY ARE BEFORE THE BOARD. ONE DAY HE IS TELLING HER, YES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WANTS TO DO THIS AND WANTS TO GO FOR IT AND THE NEXT DAY, ITS UNCERTAINTY. THEY ARE JUST WANTING TO GET HELP FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HELP US SEE THIS THROUGH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE SHERIFF EXPLAINING WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD TODAY AND IF THERE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH DOING WHAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED, MAYBE HE COULD COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR THE COMMISSION PLUS THE VERNON COUNCIL AND TELL THEM WHAT IT IS. IF THERE IS SOME KIND OF WORK THEY COULD DO TOGETHER TO BRING IT ABOUT, CERTAINLY VERNON AND THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY IS THE PLACE EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING, AND FIXING TO HAPPEN EVEN MORESO, AND HE KNOWS THAT FOR A FACT. THEY CERTAINLY DON'T NEED ALL THE PATROLMAN IN THE CHIPLEY AREA, AND HE IS NOT SAYING THEY ARE, BUT THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE IMPLYING. HE OFFERED A MOTION A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE SHERIFF REQUESTING HE COME DISCUSS VERNON'S PROPOSAL FOR THE SHERIFF ANNEX IN VERNON AND INVITE THE VERNON CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS TO SAY. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAND AND CARRIED TO WAIVE THE PLUMBING FEES FOR THE CITY OF VERNON AS THEY RECONSTRUCT THE PLUMBING IN THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE VERNON CITY HALL.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED LAST YEAR WHEN THE COUNTY GAVE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY \$200,000 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT GAVE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY THAT KIND OF MONEY FOR POLICE PROTECTION. VERNON CITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING AND ASK FOR SOMETHING. HE THINKS VERNON AND WAUSAU IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS CHIPLEY.

COOK SAID THEY HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES GOING ON JUST LIKE THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THEY ARE LEARNING. HE EXPRESSED THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS COMING TO THE VERNON AREA BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HELP THEM EVENTUALLY GET TO THE POINT ONE DAY WHEN THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES AND FUNDS AVAILABLE SO THEY CAN SEEK THESE ENDEAVORS SUCH AS A POLICE DEPARTMENT, ETC. THIS WOULD TAKE A LOAD OFF NOT ONLY THE COUNTY; BUT, ALSO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR THE OTHER CITIES THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THIS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIME.

TED EVERETT, FOLLOWING UPON VERNON, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR APPOINTING HIM TO BE ON THE TRIP COMMITTEE. HE SERVES WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH FOR FL-DOT. THIS IS THE COMMITTEE THAT BASICALLY PUTS PROJECTS ON FL-DOT'S LIST AND THEY START MOVING THEM THROUGH. HE ADDRESSED IT BEING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN THEY WENT TO VERNON AND TALKED ABOUT A POTENTIAL CRA; BASICALLY VERNON HAS A CHANCE TO RE-INVENT THEMSELVES BEFORE THE FOUR-LANING OF HIGHWAY 79. IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AT THAT MEETING WHAT THE BOARD IS DOING WITH THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY, WHERE VERNON IS AND THEY ALREADY HAVE TRAILS THROUGH BAY COUNTY. IT MAY BE A GOOD THING TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR LOOKING AT A P & E FOR A TRAIL FROM VERNON TO THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND TIE IT INTO THE TRAILS INTO BAY COUNTY. HE EXPLAINED FLORIDA IS DEDICATING A LOT OF MONEY IN RESOURCES FOR MULTI-USE TRAILS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY OF THESE TRAILS IN SOUTH FLORIDA AND THROUGH CENTRAL FLORIDA, THEY ARE STILL LACKING ON THESE IN THE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA OR FLORIDA'S GREAT NORTHWEST. IN TALKING WITH THE TRIP COMMITTEE, THEY ADVISED THE FIRST THING HE WOULD NEED TO DO IS GET A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY STATING THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE TRAILS TO BE LOOKED AT AND PUT ON THE BOOKS OF

FL-DOT. HE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ENGAGE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE TRIP COMMITTEE ASKING THEY LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL. HE FELT THE MULTI-USE TRAIL WOULD BE DOING A LOT OF GOOD WITH THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT TRIP HAD TO DO WITH HIGHWAYS. TED ADVISED IT DOES; HOWEVER, THEY ALSO DO IT FOR MULTI-USE TRAILS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY CAN ACTUALLY, IN THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, ADD RIGHT OF WAY NECESSARY TO DEVELOP A MULTI-USE TRAIL.

WHEN ASKED TO DEFINE A MULTI-USE TRAIL, TED SAID IT WOULD BE BIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WOULD BE A NON-MOTORIZED USE TRAIL.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THIS WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ROAD PAVING GRANT MONIES THE COUNTY RECEIVES. TED ADVISED THIS WAS ACTUALLY TO JUST GET THE REQUEST TO THE TRIP COMMITTEE; IT COULD GET KILLED AFTER SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR. HOWEVER, THE TRIP COMMITTEE WON'T EVEN CONSIDER THE MULTI-USE TRAIL WITHOUT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY. IF IT DOES PROGRESS FORWARD, HE AND COMMISSIONER FINCH WILL BE UPDATING THE BOARD ON THIS.

LINDA WALLER REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE ACTION ON THIS REQUEST. ONE OF THE THINGS IN THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE COMP PLAN IS TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATE METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION SUCH AS WALKING TRAILS, BIKE PATHS, ETC. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THEY ARE GOING TO INCLUDE IN THE EAR. IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER WHEN IT COMES COMP PLAN TIME IF THE BOARD VOTED ON THIS REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE TRIP COMMITTEE FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL.

TED UPDATED THE BOARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HURRICANE DRILL THE COUNTY PERFORMED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THE CHAMBER PARTICIPATED IN, ON THERE BEING SOME ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH JACKSON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES, HAD A MEETING OF THE LOCAL BANKS AND BANK OFFICIALS IN JACKSON COUNTY, MARY HELEN BLAKESLY FROM THE OFFICE OF TRADE, TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO DISCUSS BRIDGE LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. THE LOCAL BANKS DO NOT GIVE OUT THE MONIES; THE STATE DOES. HOWEVER, THE LOCAL BANKS HAVE TO GET THE INFORMATION COLLECTED, IT IS THEN SENT TO THE STATE, THE STATE MAKES LOANS FROM \$1,000 TO \$25,000 AND YOU HAVE ANYWHERE FROM 180 DAYS TO 360 DAYS TO PAY IT BACK. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS WORKING TO GET WAYS AND INFORMATION OUT TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES SO WHEN THEY HAVE A DISASTER THEY WILL BE UP AND RUNNING AND THIS HELPS GET THE COUNTY BACK ON ITS FEET QUICKER.

TED UPDATED THE BOARD ON A RESOLUTION THE BOARD NEEDED TO APPROVE PERTAINING TO PROJECT PIPE. HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM AND THE RESOLUTION WAS TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF THE AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR PROJECT PIPE.

TED EXPLAINED FOR THE COUNTY TO GET THE MONIES FROM THE STATE, IF THEY WERE NOT A RACEC COUNTY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO MATCH THE STATE DOLLAR PER DOLLAR. THIS IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY'S WAIVER SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE MATCHING DOLLARS. IT ALSO MEANS THEY WILL GO FROM A SALARY FIGURE OF WHAT THE REST OF THE STATE GOES WITH TO A LITTLE BIT LESS BECAUSE WHAT THEY HAVE FOUND IN MOST OF THEIR STUDIES IS MOST OF THE RACEC COUNTIES, THE SALARY FIGURES ARE SORT OF SKEWED TO SOME DEGREE BECAUSE PROPORTIONATE TO THE POPULATION, YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAN YOU WOULD IN LARGER COUNTIES. THEY EFFECTIVELY TOOK GOVERNMENT WAGES OUT OF THEIR EQUATION TO COME UP WITH THE REAL RATE THESE BUSINESSES HAVE TO MEET. PROJECT PIPE WILL STILL HAVE AS AN AVERAGE SALARY OF \$16.01; THEY HAVE SAID THIS WILL BE THEIR BASIC STARTING SALARY FOR A LABORER.

HE ASKED THE BOARD TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT AND WHEN SIGNED, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT HAS FULFILLED ALL ITS OBLIGATION TO THE PROJECT. THE STATE HAS ALL THE APPLICATIONS AND ALL THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE BEEN GATHERING FROM PROJECT PIPE; ALL THEY WILL BE WAITING ON AT THAT TIME, WILL BE THE HARD COST NUMBERS FROM CSX TO PLUG INTO THE LAST FORM FOR STATE APPROVAL. FROM THE STATE'S STANDPOINT, TED SAID EVERYTHING LOOKS VERY GOOD.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM RESOLUTION.

TED SAID THE ORIGINAL HAS THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND AGREED TO RELEASE IT TO THE PRESS AND MADE THEM AWARE THEY ARE STILL OPERATING UNDER CONFIDENTIALITY.

TED UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANOTHER SPANISH COMPANY OWNED BY THE CHINESE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN COMING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT WORKS WITH SOLAR POWER STORING SOLAR ENERGY. THIS WILL BE 344 JOBS WITH A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$34,000,000. HE RECEIVED WORD HE HAD 4.5 DAYS TO GET READY FOR A SITE VISIT.

FLORIDAS GREAT NORTHWEST, WHEN THEY CAME TO THE PRESENTATION ON THIS COMPANY, THEY CAME WITH A \$500,000 TRAINING GRANT TO THE TABLE FOR THIS PROJECT. THAT CAME OUT OF THE WIRE INITIATIVE, WHICH WAS ONE OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S THIRTEEN REGIONS THAT HE ADDRESSED IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS IN WHICH WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS ONE. OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, WORKFORCE AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS ALSO AT THE TABLE AT THE PRESENTATION ON THIS COMPANY; HE MERGED ALL THE PRESENTATIONS INTO A PACKAGE, TRANSFERRED THEM TO DVD AND TOOK THE CHAMBER'S FORMULA THEY HAD RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH THE BOARD AND PUT IT IN THE PACKAGE. HE ALSO HAD TO DO A LOT OF RESEARCH ON PROTOCOL; THERE IS A REASON FOR PROTOCOL WITH THIS COMPANY. THE COMPANY LOOKED AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AND ABOUT 4.5 HOURS WAS SPENT WITH THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES. THE CHAMBER WAS TOLD, BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD BEAT OUT THE COMPETITION ON THE COMPANY AND THE COMPANY WAS MORE FAVORABLE IN COMING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY CALLED HIM A COUPLE WEEKS AFTER THE PRESENTATION MEETING AND ADVISED THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE SOUTH BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT FROM EUROPE AND SOUTHEAST ASIA THEY WANTED MORE DIRECT COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO THAT REGION. TED WENT TO RANDY CURTIS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND GOT HIS SCHEMATICS AND WORK ON THE AIRPORT AND SENT IT TO CORAL GABLES TO SHOW THE COMPANY THERE WERE PLANS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE THREE TO FIVE YEARS BY THE TIME THE AIRPORT WAS BUILT BEFORE THEY WOULD HAVE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS COMING IN FROM EUROPE AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT WAS A NO BRAINER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY; HE HAD TO GO SOUTH. THIS WOULD BE A PHASE I PROJECT AND POSSIBLY IF THE PROJECT DID WELL THERE, HE WOULD PROBABLY DO A PHASE II AND CONSIDER COMING BACK TO A RURAL AREA.

EVEN THOUGH THE COMPANY IS NOT LOCATING HERE NOW, HE WANTED TO TELL THE BOARD ABOUT THIS. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CHAMBER DOES AND DON'T THINK THEY DO MUCH. THE PRESENTATION FOR THIS COMPANY WAS DONE IN ABOUT 2.5 WORKING DAYS AND WAS DONE WELL. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON A COUPLE OF OTHER PROJECTS THE CHAMBER HAS BEEN A PART OF IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS INCLUDING THE WINN DIXIE BUILDING, WHICH IS ON TRACK FOR CLOSING IN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS. THIS PROJECT WILL CREATE 150 JOBS AND LEAD TO AN EXPANSION BUSINESS.

THE CHAMBER HAS THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH ALL PRINCIPALS OF ANOTHER COMPANY WITHIN THE NEXT 14 DAYS; THIS ALSO WILL BE A HIGH TECH, HIGH WAGE PAYING OPPORTUNITY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AS WELL AS HOLMES COUNTY.

HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING HELPED THE CHAMBER OUT TREMENDOUSLY THIS YEAR WITH EXTRA FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF LEADS THEY CAN'T GO AFTER AND SOME THEY RESPOND TO WHICH DON'T WORK OUT FOR SOME REASON OR ANOTHER. HE POINTED OUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS A LOT LIKE REAL ESTATE; IF YOU TAKE TEN LISTINGS, YOU MAY SALE ONE. YOU HAVE TO KEEP PURSUING. HE REPORTED ON SOME BUSINESS VENTURES THE CHAMBER HAD CHASED; BUT, THEY DIDN'T

WORK OUT. HE WANTED THE BOARD TO BE AWARE THE CHAMBER IS WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, WAUSAU, VERNON, EBRO AND CHIPLEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH COMMENTED ON THE CHAMBER HANDOUT, REFERRED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN IT AND QUESTIONED WHY WOULDN'T COMMISSIONER SAPP INCLUDED AS HE WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOARD.

TED ADDRESSED THIS EVENT BEING REFERRED TO WAS THE FIRST BIG SITE VISIT GLOBALLY AND THEY ASKED HIM TO BE IN CHARGE OF IT AND THAT WAS HOW HE WAS TOLD TO PUT IT TOGETHER. COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHO WAS "THEY". TED RESPONDED THE PEOPLE IN THE HANDOUT; AL WINSTROM, RICK MARCUM, GARY CLARK WHO HAS HAD MORE EXPERIENCE IN DOING SITE VISITS THAN HE HAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF HE WAS GOING TO MARKET SOMETHING, HE WOULD FIND OUT WHO OWNED THE LAND; MR. SAPP OWNS THE LAND AS FAR AS THE BOARD IS CONCERNED AND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF THE BOOKLET. TED AGREED BUT ASSURED FINCH THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY KNEW COMMISSIONER SAPP SPOKE FOR THE COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MARGARET RILEY, TOWN CLERK FOR WAUSAU, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY TO ENCLOSE THE POSSUM PALACE POSSIBLY WITH SOME ROLL UP DOORS AT ONE END. SHE SAID THE HEATING AND AIRCONDITIONING OF THAT BUILDING IS GOING TO BE HORRENDOUS. SHE ASKED, IF THE TOWN COULD GET SOME FIGURES TOGETHER ON ENCLOSING THE POSSUM PALACE, IF THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER ASSISTING THE TOWN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH FELT LIKE THE POSSUM FESTIVAL IN WAUSAU HELD AT THE POSSUM PALACE IS THE BIGGEST DRAW AROUND THE COUNTY AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE PLACE TO BE DURING THE TIME THE EVENT IS HELD WHICH IS IN AUGUST. HE OFFERED A MOTION FOR WAUSAU TO BRING SOME COST ESTIMATES BACK ON THE COST FOR ENCLOSING THE POSSUM PALACE AND THE BOARD SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ASSIST. HE ADDRESSED THE POSSUM FESTIVAL DOESN'T IMPACT JUST WAUSAU; BUT, THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND IS A MAJOR EVENT THAT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR. THE BOARD NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE IT AS BEING WASHINGTON COUNTY AND NOT JUST THE TOWN OF WAUSAU.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THE TOWN WOULD ALLOW HIM TO, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO WORK WITH THEM ON GETTING FIGURES. HE ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE OKAY WITH THE BOARD; THE BOARD CONSENTED FOR STRICKLAND TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF WAUSAU. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DAVID CORBIN, PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, REPORT:

A. EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE PREPARED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE. THEY CALLED OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE THESE TYPE FACILITIES AND TRIED TO COVER EVERY LIABILITY ISSUE. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GIVE THE COUNTY SOMETHING TO GET STARTED TO GET THE LIGHT BILL PAID. ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AGREED TO START OUT WITH A CHEAPER RENTAL FEE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE "NO SMOKING" RULE AT THE ARENA AND QUESTIONED HOW WAS THIS NOT GOING TO BE PERMITTED AT THE MULTI COUNTY ARENA. HE POINTED OUT MOST OF THE COWBOYS ARE GOING TO SMOKE. HE SAID IF THIS WAS INSIDE, HE COULD UNDERSTAND IT.

DAVID SAID THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CAN BE TWEEKED. FINCH ADDRESSED HE HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH KIDS SMOKING AT THE SHED AT WILDER PARK; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT.

DAVID SAID ALL COUNTY FACILITIES ARE SUPPOSE TO BE SMOKE FREE AND HE IS AWARE THIS IS VIOLATED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID AT THE COUNTY ANNEX, YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE ON THE GROUNDS. HE QUESTIONED WHERE THE COMMITTEE WAS TALKING ABOUT "NO SMOKING" AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID MOST OF THE TIME IT IS ANNOUNCED THERE IS NO SMOKING IN THE STANDS WHERE THERE ARE BLEACHERS, ETC. BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE SETTING BELOW YOU THAT ARE SMOKING AND IT BLOWS BACK UP ON YOU. HE SAID THIS COULD BE CONTROLLED BY JUST ANNOUNCING THERE IS "NO SMOKING".

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE ALRIGHT. HOWEVER, ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THEY NEED TO GO FURTHER THAN JUST SAYING "NO SMOKING" ON THE MULTI PURPOSE ARENA. HE SUGGESTED DEFINING A SMOKING AREA.

HE REITERATED THIS WASN'T GOING TO BOTHER HIM BECAUSE HE DOESN'T SMOKE. DAVID SAID THIS COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS; IT IS AN OPEN ATMOSPHERE AT THE ARENA FOR THE TIME BEING. HE SAID THEY SORT OF PIGGYBACKED OFF OF JACKSON COUNTY'S RULES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED HADN'T THE BOARD AGREED FOR THE FUNDS GENERATED THROUGH THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT; BUT, IT WILL ALSO GO BACK INTO THE FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE BOARD HAD AGREED AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO OPEN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR MONIES GENERATED AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY TO BE USED FOR ITS OPERATING EXPENSES.

DAVID SAID THEY TRIED TO DO THIS LIKE THEY DID THE COMMUNITY CENTER; THE MONIES RAISED AT EACH OF THE FACILITIES ARE EARMARKED TO BE SPENT ON THAT FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF DAVID WAS SAYING THERE WAS NO MONEY SPENT ON ANYTHING THAT IS GENERATED AT THESE FACILITIES EXCEPT THAT GOES BACK TO THAT FACILITY; ANYTHING GENERATED AT BLUE LAKE GOES BACK TO BLUE LAKE. DAVID SAID "YES".

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THAT WAS INCORRECT. EVERYTHING GENERATED AT ALL THE COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE PUT INTO A SEPARATE FUND TO HELP FUND ALL THE FACILITIES EXPENSES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY WAS GOING TO GET THE MONIES GENERATED BY THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY OR IS IT GOING INTO THAT SAME PILE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE BOARD VOTED TO OPEN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND IT WILL BE KEPT SEPARATE.

DAVID SAID THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE HAS ONLY HAD TWO MEETINGS AND THEY HAVE COME UP WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS; THE BOARD CAN REVIEW THEM, TABLE THEM OR WHATEVER. HOWEVER, THEY NEED SOMETHING TO GO BY SO IF SOMEBODY COMES ALONG AND STARTS RENTING IT, THERE HAVE TO BE RULES AND A CONTRACT BEFORE THEY COME IN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THERE BEING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, ETC. IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE SAME RULES JACKSON COUNTY USES. HE SAID THEY MADE ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL CHANGES; BUT, IT WAS NOTHING ON THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF EACH INDIVIDUAL RIDER OR THE SPONSOR OF AN EVENT WOULD HAVE TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID ANYONE PARTICIPATING IN AN EVENT WOULD HAVE TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM. THE ONE THAT IS PUTTING ON THE EVENT WILL HAVE INSURANCE AND THEY WOULD HAVE FORMS FILLED OUT THAT EVERY CONTESTANT WOULD HAVE TO SIGN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED WHAT LIMITS OF COVERAGE ARE BEING REQUIRED. COMMISSIONER SAPP AND DAVID SAID THEY DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING STATED IN JACKSON COUNTY AS FAR AS THE LIMITS OF COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY STILL HAS INSURANCE OVER THE ARENA. IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE EVENT EXCEPT GO IN, WALK DOWN AND BREAK HIS LEG, IS THAT GOING TO BE COVERED BY THE SPONSOR OF THE EVENT TOO OR IS THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S LIABILITY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WOULDN'T BE COVERED BY THE PERSON PUTTING ON THE EVENT UNLESS YOU ARE A PARTICIPANT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY'S BLANKET LIABILITY INSURANCE WOULD TAKE CARE OF ANYBODY ELSE EXCEPT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENTS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; THE PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE INSURANCE. EACH PERFORMER WOULD NEED TO SIGN A DIFFERENT FORM TO HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE IS SOMETHING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE HORSE ARENA. DAVID SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ARENA OPENED UP BY OCTOBER RODEO WEEKEND WITH A COUPLE OF EVENTS; THEY ARE CHECKING ON BRINGING

SOME PEOPLE IN NOW. HE STATED THEY WERE NOT THROUGH AT THE ARENA YET. HE SAID THEY WERE WANTING TO KICK THE EVENTS AT THE ARENA OFF ON SEPTEMBER 29TH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE THE SAME AS JACKSON COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM OR HASN'T HAD A PROBLEM AND HAVE BEEN OPERATING A LONG TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE GATE AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY IS LOCKED IF THERE ARE NO EVENTS GOING ON. DAVID SAID THE GATE IS NOT BEING LOCKED NOW BECAUSE THE FENCE IS NOT PUT UP ALL THE WAY ACROSS YET; THERE IS STILL DIRT WORK THEY HAVE TO DO AND MOVE THEIR OFFICE TRAILER IN.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE INTENT IS TO LOCK IT UP WHEN IT IS NOT IN USE. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY WILL BE ON SITE TO MONITOR THE FACILITIES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED STARTING THE EVENTS OFF THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE RODEO WEEKEND IN BONIFAY. THIS WILL BRING A LOT OF ATTRACTIVE RODEO CONTESTANTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEY WILL HAVE A TWO WEEK LONG RIDE AS FAR AS FROM BAINBRIDGE GEORGIA, COMES THROUGH AND ACROSS HIGHWAY 20 UP THROUGH GREENHEAD AND UP THROUGH THAT WAY STOPS AT THE WOLF PRESERVE AND COMES ON TO BONIFAY. THAT TWO WEEKS OF RIDING THEY WANT TO INCORPORATE WHERE THEY COULD STOP BY, SPEND THE NIGHT, CAMP OUT WHEN THEY STOP ALL ALONG THE WAY THOSE TWO WEEKS; RATHER THAN TRYING TO PULL ALL THIS TOGETHER IN ONE BIG WEEKEND OF EVENTS, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KICK IT OFF WITH A GRAND OPENING ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND SCHEDULE DIFFERENT EVENTS PRIOR TO THE BONIFAY RODEO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY WOULD HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEW IT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS O'KAY.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM BEING ASKED TO HOLD WILDER PARK PAVILLION ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. STACY WEBB CALLED FRDAP AND IT IS LEGAL TO RENT IT JUST LIKE THE OTHER PARKS. HOWEVER, HE CAN'T HOLD THE PARK WITHOUT A RENTAL CONTRACT BEING DONE. IS THE BOARD INTERESTED IN RENTING THE WILDER PARK PAVILLION OR DO THEY WANT TO KEEP IT ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY HAVE A PARK THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYBODY ON LIKE A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS; HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED OR KNOW OF SOMETHING THAT IS COMING UP, POSSIBLY ALLOW THE PERSON TO PAY A FEE AND GET IT RESERVED FOR THEIR PARTICULAR USE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD CHARGE AS MUCH AS THEY DO FOR A HEATED AND COOLED FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO RENT THE WILDER PARK PAVILLION FOR \$50 A DAY, CHARGE THE TAX AND A \$25 CLEAN UP FEE WITH THE CLEAN UP FEE TO BE RETURNED IF THE PAVILLION IS LEFT IN THE SAME CONDITION AS WHEN RENTED. COMMISSIONER PATE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLIFF BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

A. BURNING AT COUNTY PITS-CLIFF ADDRESSED THIS GETTING TO BE A BIGGER AND BIGGER ISSUE MOSTLY BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS DOING A LOT OF ROAD PROJECTS, CLEARING RIGHT OF WAY, CLEARING OUT DEBRIS FOR THE DIFFERENT PARKS, ETC. AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO PUT ALL OF THAT. HE WENT OVER BRIEFLY WHAT THE RULES ARE WITH BURNING DEBRIS:

1. IF BUILDING A ROAD AND CLEARING RIGHT OF WAY AND YOU PILE IT UP IN RIGHT OF WAY AND BURN IT ON THE ROAD, NO PERMITS ARE REQUIRED, NO AIR CURTAIN REQUIRED. THERE IS NOTHING REQUIRED EXCEPT WHAT THEY NORMALLY DO WITH THE FORESTRY TO GET A BURN PERMIT.

2. IF THE COUNTY DECIDES TO TAKE THAT SAME MATERIAL AND HAUL IT TO THEIR COUNTY PIT AND BURN IT THERE, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A TRENCH BURNER OR CURTAIN WALL BURNER. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LAND CLEARING DEBRI PERMIT FROM FL-DEP UNLESS YOU STORE THE ASHES AT THE LANDFILL.

HE EXPLAINED THE CURTAIN WALL BURNER WAS BASICALLY A BIG METAL BOX YOU PUT ALL YOUR TREE LIMB; IT HAS A BIG BLOWER ON IT THAT CIRCULATES AIR IN THE BOX TO KEEP THE TEMPERATURE UP REALLY HIGH. ESSENTIALLY IT BLOWS AIR ACROSS THE TOP OF IT SO EVERYTHING BELOW IT BURNS AND THE SMOKE KEEPS CIRCULATING IN THERE UNTIL IT BURNS DOWN. THE CURTAIN WALL BURNERS ARE PRETTY EXPENSIVE; THE TRENCH BURNERS ARE A LITTLE EASIER TO DEAL WITH. ESSENTIALLY ALL YOU DO IS DIG A TRENCH; MOST OF THE BURNERS REQUIRE A TRENCH THAT IS ABOUT 10' WIDE OR 12' WIDE, 10' DEEP AND 30' TO 50' LONG DEPENDING ON THE BURNER. HE SAID BASICALLY YOU DIG A TRENCH WITH A BACKHOE, DUMP ALL THE TREE LIMBS IN THE TRENCH AND THEN THE TRENCH BURNER BACKS UP TO THE EDGE OF THE TRENCH, BLOWS AIR INTO AND DOES THE SAME THING AS THE CURTAIN WALL BURNER.

CLIFF REPORTED THE PRICE OF THE TRENCH BURNER AND THE NUMBER OF TONS PER HOUR THEY ARE ABLE TO BURN. THE CURTAIN WALL BURNERS WILL COST ANYWHERE FROM \$75,000 TO \$175,000. THE TRENCH BURNER THAT WILL DO FIVE TO EIGHT TONS AN HOUR WILL COST \$39,141, ONE TO FOUR TONS AN HOUR WILL COST \$31,159. HE SAID THE THING TO REMEMBER IS A NORMAL DUMP TRUCK HOLDS ABOUT EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY TONS OF DEBRIS; ONE TRUCKLOAD WITH THE FIVE TO EIGHT TON WOULD TAKE THREE HOURS TO BURN AND THE ONE TO FOUR TON TRENCH BURNER WOULD TAKE FIVE TO SEVEN HOURS TO BURN ONE TRUCKLOAD OF LIMBS AND DEBRI. HE ADDRESSED THE SCALE OF HOW MUCH THEY ARE PLANNING ON BURNING IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE COST OF THE TRENCH BURNER YOU BUY. HE ADVISED THIS WAS JUST FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND HE DIDN'T NEED ANY ACTION FROM THE BOARD; HE WANTED TO GIVE THEM THE OPTIONS OF WHAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO BURN SOME OF THE DEBRI THAT IS AT THEIR LANDFILLS RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY STILL WOULD HAVE TO CLEAN OUT THE ASH AND HAUL IT OFF. CLIFF ADDRESSED CHRIS HAD FOUND OUT, WHEN RESEARCHING SOME OF THIS, A LOT OF THE COMPANIES SELL THE ASH TO THE NURSERIES BECAUSE IT MAKES GOOD FERTILIZER. HE SAID THAT MAY BE ANOTHER OPTION FOR THE BOARD TO OFFER IT FREE TO LANDOWNERS, NURSERIES TO COME PICK IT UP. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME PICK IT UP BEFORE IT CAN BE CALLED A STOCKPILE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE KNOWS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BECAUSE GETTING IN TROUBLE WITH FL-DEP ALL THE TIME IS GETTING OLD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE OTHER OPTION WOULD BE TO GRIND THE MATERIALS; BUT, IT WOULD TAKE MORE MONEY TO GRIND IT THAN TO BURN IT. CLIFF ADVISED A TUB GRINDER WOULD COST ABOUT \$350,000 OR A SMALLER SHREDDER WHICH TENDS TO BREAK DOWN A LOT. THE SHREDDER IS NOT REALLY DESIGNED FOR STUMPS, ETC.

B. COUNTY WIDE STRIPING CONTRACT-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING READY TO GO OUT FOR BID. HE HAS IT SET UP FOR TEMPORARY PAINT, THERMO, STOCK BARS & MESSAGES, REMOVAL OF STRIPING. HE HAS IT SET UP ALSO IF THE COUNTY NEEDS PAINT OR THERMO, THE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE THE 30 DAY NOTICE FROM WHEN THEY HAVE TO BE OUT THERE WORKING. HE HAS ANOTHER SECTION WHERE THE COUNTY CAN GIVE A ONE OR TWO DAY NOTICE BECAUSE OF A PAVING PROJECT GOING ON; IF IT IS TEMPORARY PAINT, THE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE TO BE RIGHT BEHIND THE PAVERS. ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS THE ADVERTISING DATES AND HE WILL TRY TO GET IT SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

C. BIDS ON CORBIN ROAD AND PINEY GROVE ROAD-

A. BAXTERS ASPHALT- \$2,118,297.50

B. C. W. ROBERTS- \$1,874,120.00

C. ANDERSON COLUMBIA \$1,635,887.45

THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECTS ARE \$1,352,700; A DIFFERENCE OF \$283,000 OVER WHAT IS IN THE GRANT. ESSENTIALLY WHEN IT WAS BID OUT, CLIFF ADVISED THEY HAD THE EARTHWORK SET UP SO THE CONTRACTOR WOULD BE ABLE TO LOAD THEIR OWN TRUCKS AND HAUL IT FROM THE COUNTY PITS THINKING THEY COULD SAVE A LOT OF MONEY THAT WAY. HOWEVER, IN LOOKING AT THE BIDS, ESSENTIALLY THE CONTRACTOR SAID THEY DIDN'T CARE IF THE COUNTY WAS GIVING THEM THE BARROW PIT MATERIAL OR NOT. IN ANDERSON COLUMBIA'S BID, IT WAS \$7.00 A YARD TO PICK IT UP AT THE COUNTY'S PIT

AND HAUL IT TO THE SITE. ESSENTIALLY, OFFERING THE DIRT FOR FREE DIDN'T DO THE COUNTY ANY GOOD.

THE EARTHWORK FOR THE TWO JOBS COMBINED WAS \$98,000; 10,500 CUBIC YARDS ON CORBIN ROAD AND 3,500 CUBIC YARDS ON PINEY GROVE. FOR TEMPORARY STRIPING AND PERMANENT THERMO ON BOTH JOBS, IT WAS \$117,700; THE SODDING FOR BOTH JOBS WAS \$43,659 AND THE SEED AND MULCH WAS ABOUT \$14,000.

CLIFF SAID ESSENTIALLY THE COUNTY IS BACK IN THE SAME BOAT THEY HAVE BEEN WITH OTHER PROJECTS, WHICH IS THEY CAN AFFORD THE WIDENING, LEVELLING AND THE CAP. THE LOW BIDDER'S ASPHALT PRICE WAS \$71, WHICH IS ABOUT \$13 A TON CHEAPER THAN THE LAST JOB THEY BID FOR PIONEER, CREEK ROAD, ALFORD HIGHWAY AND CLAYTON. THE PRICE IS DOWN \$9 A TON; BUT, THEY ARE STILL OVER BUDGET. IF THE COUNTY DEDUCTS THE EARTHWORK, STRIPING, SODDING AND SEED AND MULCH, THEY WILL BE OVER BUDGET BY \$10,341. HE FEELS HE CAN MAKE THIS UP BY REDUCING THE ASPHALT QUANTITY IN THE LEVELLING COAT AS THEY GO THROUGH THE JOBS.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THERE BEING \$230,000 DIFFERENCE IN THE LOW BIDDER AND THE NEXT TO THE LOW BIDDER; PART OF THAT WAS ANDERSON COLUMBIA HAD A CREW ON HIGHWAY 231 AND ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS RUN DOWN HIGHWAY 231 TO CORBIN AND THEY ARE WORKING.

CLIFF SAID THE EARTHWORK ON THESE TWO PROJECTS ARE NOT ALL THAT BAD. THE MAJORITY OF THE SHOULDERS ON CORBIN ROAD ARE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE; THERE ARE ABOUT THREE STRETCHES THAT ARE IN THE WORST SHAPE ON CORBIN ROAD. HE SAID PINEY GROVE WASN'T THAT BAD EITHER.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD CLIFF THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE CRACKS IN THE BOX CULVERT AT THE END OF PINEY GROVE AND QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS PUT IN THE BID. CLIFF ADVISED IT WAS NOT PUT IN THE BID. THE WAY IT IS BID RIGHT NOW, PINEY GROVE WAS LEVELLING AND RESURFACING AND CORBIN ROAD WAS WIDENING, LEVELLING AND RESURFACING.

ON THE CRACKS IN THE BOX CULVERT, CLIFF SAID HE HAD LOOKED AT THE CRACKS AND THE QUESTION IS PREDICTION; THE TOP OF THE CULVERT DOESN'T LOOK THAT BAD BUT WHERE THE CRACKS ARE DOES. HE SAID IT IS A MATTER OF PREDICTING WHETHER THAT IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE ASPHALT ON THE PROJECTS. CLIFF ADVISED THEY PAY FOR THE ASPHALT BY THE TON. ON CORBIN ROAD, HE HAS IT LINED UP FOR 75 POUNDS OF LEVELLING AND 150 POUNDS OF CAP; THIS IS 2.25" OF ASPHALT. ONE OF THE REASONS HE HAS IT LINED UP LIKE THAT IS IT IS GOING TO BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THE BOARD FINDS FUNDING TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE ROAD AGAIN AND THE 75 POUNDS IS REALLY JUST AN AVERAGE. HE HAS SOME AREAS THAT NEED AT LEAST 100 POUNDS AND SOME OTHER AREAS HE KNOWS HE CAN GET BY WITH ABOUT 50 POUNDS. AS CRACKED UP AS CORBIN ROAD IS RIGHT NOW, IF YOU SPREAD THREE QUARTERS OF AN INCH OVER THE WHOLE THING, THERE WON'T BE MUCH ASPHALT BY THE TIME YOU FILL IN THE HOLES. THAT IS WHY HE HAS A LITTLE LESS THAN AN INCH AND A HALF LINED UP FOR THE CAP. ESSENTIALLY, THE 75 POUNDS IS GOING TO LEVEL OUT THE ROAD, FILL IN ALL THE HOLES, THE INCH AND A HALF WILL COME BACK AND GET THEM ABOUT 1.4" WHEN THEY ARE DONE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF CLIFF HADN'T MENTIONED HE WAS GOING TO GET A CORING MACHINE. CLIFF ADVISED HIS COMPANY WAS BUYING ONE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN EMPHASIZED ON THE RESURFACING PROJECTS, CLIFF NEEDS TO TEST BEHIND EVER WHO IS CONTRACTED TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS GETTING WHAT THEY ARE PAYING FOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY ARE GOING TO GET WHAT THEY PAY FOR. HE SAID THAT IS WHAT THE WHOLE POINT IS; THEY MAY NOT BE GETTING 2"; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO GET A TON OF ASPHALT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY HAS GOTTEN SOME PRETTY BAD PAVING JOBS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE THICKNESS IN AREAS WHERE IT IS NEEDED. HE FEELS LIKE THERE IS A GUY THAT WORKS WITH THE COUNTY NOW THAT WILL BE ON TOP OF A LOT OF THINGS AND HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE HE CAN SAY THEY HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD JOB.

CLIFF SAID, WHEN THE CONTRACTOR IS PAVING, THE THINGS HIS COMPANY CHECKS WHILE THEY ARE PAVING IS STABILITY TESTS ARE RUN AT THE PLANT TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS GETTING STABILITY ON THE ROADS. MANY TIMES THEY HAVE PULLED CORES AND RAN DENSITIES. HOWEVER, THE ISSUE IS DOES THE COUNTY HAVE SOMEBODY THERE CHECKING THE SPREAD RATE THE WHOLE TIME ITS PAVING. IN ALL THE JOBS HE HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY, HE HAS A MAN THERE CHECKING THE SPREAD RATE THE WHOLE TIME IT WAS BEING PAVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS A MAN OUT THERE; BUT, HE HASN'T SEEN ANYBODY CHECKING ANYTHING. CLIFF SAID HE KNEW COMMISSIONER FINCH'S ISSUE MIGHT BE LEISURE LAKES ROAD. CLIFF SAID IT HAS BEEN CORED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE NEVER SEEN ANY CORING. HE SAID HE KNOWS IF THEY GO AND CORE THAT AREA, IT IS NOT GOING TO SHOW 2" OF ASPHALT. HE SAID HE WANTED THE SEE CLIFF'S INSPECTOR OUT THERE DOING SOMETHING BESIDES RIDING AROUND IN THE TRUCK; THAT IS ALL HE HAS SEEN HIM DOING COLLECTING ASPHALT TICKETS.

CLIFF SAID THE INSPECTOR CALCULATES THE VOLUME OF ASPHALT GOING DOWN SO THEY CAN KNOW WHAT THE SPREAD RATE IS GOING OUT; THAT IS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE PROJECT. THAT IS HOW YOU KNOW WHEN YOU GET TO THE END OF THE JOB, THEY HAVEN'T SPENT \$50,000 MORE THAN WHAT THE COUNTY HAS ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED WITH EVERYTHING CLIFF WAS SAYING; BUT, HE WANTS THE ROAD TO LOOK RIGHT WHEN IT DRIES AND THAT HADN'T BEEN THE CASE EVERYTIME. CLIFF SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE PROUD OF A ROAD TOO WHEN HE GETS DONE WITH IT. A LOT OF THIS HAS TO BE DONE WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE ROAD TOO. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE AND CLIFF HAS HAD DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT TOO AND THAT IS ALWAYS AN EASY THING TO SAY. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THAT IS THE ANSWER TO ALL OF IT EITHER.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD BE WATCHING THEM LIKE A HAWK AND THEY WILL CORE IT LIKE SWISS CHEESE. FINCH SAID HE WASN'T TRYING TO BE A SMART ALEC; BUT, THE COUNTY DOES SPEND SOME MONEY AND WANTS TO EXPECT TO GET A GOOD JOB.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO SEWELL FARM ROAD; IF THEY HADN'T CORED IT, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE 1.5" OF ASPHALT THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO. IN ONE SPOT, HE SAID THEY WANTED TO BLAME IT ON THE BASE AND HE KNOWS THAT BASE WAS HARD AS A ROCK AND IT WASN'T THE BASE THAT WAS THE PROBLEM. IN SOME PLACES, THE CONTRACTOR TRIED TO STRETCH IT AND THAT IS WHERE THE BREAKING COMES IN. HE WANTS CLIFF TO STAY ON TOP OF THESE COMPANIES WHEN THEY DO THE JOB; HE WANTS THE JOB DONE RIGHT.

CLIFF SAID THE CORING WILL BE AT THE TOP OF HIS PRIORITY LIST. HE TOLD THE BOARD TO TELL HIM WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO ON THE BIDS ON THE CORBIN AND PINEY GROVE ROAD PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA WITH THE COUNTY DOING THE EARTHWORK ON THE PROJECT; CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WIDENING, LEVELLING AND CAPPING THE ROAD PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF CLIFF IS GOING TO START ON ROLLING PINES SOON AND WHEN WAS CORBIN AND PINEY GROVE ROAD PROJECTS GOING TO HAPPEN. HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT EVERYTHING PULLED OFF OF ROLLING PINES AND THEM START WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THERE WAS A ROAD BUILDING CREW ON ROLLING PINES. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A ROAD BUILDING CREW ON THE OTHER PROJECTS TOO.

CLIFF SAID THEY HAD .2 MILE TO BUILD ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY, ROLLING PINES ROAD, SHOULDERS, PAINT AND SODDING ON CREEK ROAD, PIONEER AND ALFORD HIGHWAY AND CLAYTON.

HE QUESTIONED WAS IT GOING TO GET WHERE THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO TURN DOWN A GRANT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET THE WORK DONE. COM- MISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WANT THEM; BUT, THEY CAN'T AFFORD THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WITH WHAT THE CUTS THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT MAKING WITH THE SCRAP AND SCOP GRANTS, THE COUNTY WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT. CLIFF SAID THE ONLY THING THE COUNTY CAN DO WITH THOSE GRANTS AND GET THEM WITHIN

BUDGET IS PUT A VERY THIN COAT OF LEVELLING AND A VERY THIN CAP ON THEM; THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY WIDENING.

INSTEAD OF PUTTING A THIN LAYER OF LEVELLING AND A THIN CAP ON THE ROADS, THEY ARE SETTING THE COUNTY ROADS UP TO BE GOOD FOR EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED CORRECTING THE SAFETY FEATURES OF THE ROAD TOO WITH IT BEING WIDENING. CLIFF ADDRESSED CORBIN ROAD BEING WIDENED FROM 19' TO 24'. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER CORBIN HAVING PATCHES DONE ON CORBIN ROAD; THEY DUG IT ALL OUT, BROUGHT IN THE LIMEROCK AND HIRED BAXTERS TO PUT PATCHES OVER THE PATCHES. THEY ARE STARTING OFF WITH PATCHES OVER PATCHES ON CORBIN ROAD AND TO GO IN AND PUT A THIN LAYER OF ASPHALT OVER THE TOP OF IT NOW WOULD JUST BE A WASTE OF TIME. HE WILL TRY TO GIVE THE COUNTY THE MOST BANG FOR THEIR BUCK; BUT, THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH THE COUNTY CREWS CAN DO.

D. SECURITY GRANT FOR COURTHOUSE-MANDATORY PREBID ON JUNE 25 AND THE BIDS COME IN ON JULY 12TH. SECURITY COMPANIES ARE GOING TO BE MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK COOK, THEY WILL RANK THEM AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR AWARD.

CLIFF SAID HE HAD A RAMP DESIGN FOR THE ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE FOR A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMP INTO THE COURTHOUSE. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS ONE THING THEY FELT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE SECURITY SYSTEM WORK.

CLIFF SAID THE GRANT WAS NOT GOING TO PAY FOR THE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMP. THE ONLY ACCESS THAT IS GOING TO BE WIDE ENOUGH TO FIT THE NEW XRAY MACHINE IS THE FRONT ENTRANCE; THE FRONT ENTRANCE HAS NO HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY RIGHT NOW. THE BACK ENTRANCE WHERE THERE IS A RAMP AT NOW IS TOO NARROW TO FIT THE XRAY MACHINE THE WAY IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID IF CLIFF COULD GET HIM A COPY OF THE RAMP PLANS, HE FEELS MR. BRUNER COULD PROBABLY BUILD A RAMP IF HE HAS THE MATERIALS.

E. PAVED ROAD MATRIX-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM RECEIVING THE RATING SCORES ON ALL THE PAVED ROADS FROM CECELIA TODAY. BY THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, HE WILL TRY TO GET THE COUNTY'S PAVED ROAD MATRIX DONE. HE GAVE THE BOARD THE DIRT ROAD MATRIX. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD A LONG TIME AGO ON THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A PAVING PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. THE MATRIX OPTION WAS THE OPTION THE BOARD CHOSE AFTER HE PRESENTED THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS TO THEM.

ESSENTIALLY THIS METHOD OF ESTABLISHING A RANKING FOR ALL THEIR DIRT ROADS WAS BASED ON INPUT FROM THE SHERIFF, SCHOOL BOARD, PUBLIC WORKS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT. ALL OF THESE AGENCIES RANKED ALL THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS THEY CURRENTLY HAVE LISTED. THE IDEA WAS TO HAVE ALL THESE AGENCIES AND GROUPS RANK THEM, TAKE AN AVERAGE OF THEIR RANKS AND APPLY OTHER FACTORS TO IT THAT WOULD ADJUST THE SCORE. THE OTHER FACTORS APPLIED TO IT WERE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE LOCAL STREETS OR COLLECTORS, IF PROJECT RELIEVES TRAFFIC CONGESTION OR IS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE, THE NUMBER OF HOMES PER MILE IT SERVICES, IF MAJOR REPETITIVE DAMAGE MITIGATION WAS SERVED BY FEMA AND THE ANNUAL COST PER MILE FOR MAINTENANCE FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

CLIFF SAID THE ONE ITEM NOT APPLIED TO THE SCORES TODAY IS RIGHT-OF-WAY. THEY WANTED TO HAVE IT SET UP WHERE THAN WAS AN ADDITIONAL BOOSTER SET UP FOR ROADS THAT HAD RIGHT OF WAY OR THE BOARD COULD GET RIGHT OF WAY DONATED. UNFORTUNATELY, TO FIGURE OUT EVERY ROAD IN THE COUNTY THAT CURRENTLY HAS RIGHT OF WAY IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING. THE MAJORITY OF THE ROADS IN THE COUNTY NOW, THE BOARD HAS PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS ON; BUT, THEY DON'T GO BEYOND THE EDGES OF WHAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY MAINTAINS. THE BOARD PROBABLY HAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 25' TO 30' ON JUST ABOUT ALL THEIR DIRT ROADS RIGHT NOW. IN AN EFFORT TO TRY AND ESTABLISH WHAT THE RIGHT OF WAYS ARE THROUGH THE WHOLE COUNTY, THEY WILL HAVE TO RESEARCH EVERY PLAT THAT WAS EVER RECORDED IN THE COURTHOUSE AND DO A 95361, WHICH IS A SURVEY OF PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS ON ALL THE ROADS THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW. IN TALKING WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT EARLIER TODAY, THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT, IF THEY LEFT IT THE WAY IT IS WITHOUT A FACTOR FOR RIGHT OF WAY, WHEN THE BOARD HAS THEIR LIST TOGETHER AND THEY WERE WORKING ON ONE AND COULDN'T GET RIGHT OF

WAY, THEY COULD MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE ON THE LIST THAT DOES HAVE RIGHT OF WAY. THE DETERMINATION OF WHICH ROADS DO OR DO NOT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY COULD BE DONE FOR THE FIRST FEW ONES ON THE LIST FOR THAT YEAR. ASIDE FROM PUTTING IN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LEG WORK TO DETERMINE WHAT THE RIGHT OF WAY IS AND IF IT IS ADEQUATE FOR EVERY ROAD IN THE COUNTY WOULD BE A HUGE UNDERTAKING. ACCORDING TO THE LIST, BUCKHORN BOULEVARD ENDED UP BEING THE FIRST ONE.

CLIFF SAID THE DOCUMENT IS A WORKING DOCUMENT. HE CAN PRESENT THE BOARD A LIST IN ANY ORDER THEY MAY WANT. IF THEY WANT TO KNOW IN ORDER, THE RANKING OF ALL THE ROADS IN THE COUNTY AND HOUSES PER MILE, WHICH ROAD HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF HOUSES PER MILE AND A LIST PRESENTED THAT WAY, HE COULD PRESENT IT TO THEM. IF THEY WANT TO KNOW WHICH ROADS COST THE MOST PER MILE TO MAINTAIN, HE CAN ORGANIZE IT IN ORDER THAT WAY. THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT INFORMATION IN THE MATRIX HE CAN ARRANGE AND GIVE TO THE BOARD IN ANY FORMAT THEY MAY WANT AND IN THE LONG RUN WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. HE THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS TO COME UP WITH A LIST EVERYBODY COULD AGREE ON AND SET UP A PAVING PROGRAM THAT COULD BE BUDGETED FOR EACH YEAR TO WORK TOWARDS TAKING THE LIST OF THE HIGHEST RANKED ROADS AND WORKING THROUGH THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ALL THE INFORMATION WILL ASSIST THE COUNTY WHEN THEY HAVE TO HAVE MATCHING FUNDS TO COME UP WITH A MORE REALISTIC BUDGET IN THEIR BUDGETING PROCESS. HE ADDRESSED POSSIBLY MOVING CLAYTON ROAD UP ON THE LIST BECAUSE THE RIGHT OF WAY HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.

CLIFF SAID ROLLING PINES AND QUAIL HOLLOW COULD BE TAKEN OFF THE PAVING MATRIX AND OTHER ROADS MOVED UP ON THE LIST BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY BEING DONE. EVERY DIVISION THAT SCORED BUCKHORN BOULEVARD SCORED IT A TEN; IT ALSO HAS REPETITIVE MAJOR DAMAGE SO FEMA HAS PUT MONEY OUT THERE BEFORE AND IS ALSO A COLLECTOR ROAD.

F. ASBESTOS SURVEY ON OLD COUNTY JAIL-CLIFF REPORTED HE HOPED TO GET THE PROPOSALS IN NEXT WEEK ON THE ASBESTOS SURVEY.

G. FL-DEP HAS OFFERED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DO A PROGRAM AT BLUE LAKE. INSTEAD OF THE FORTY ACRE MITIGATION PROPERTY THE BOARD HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT GIVING FL-DEP PART OF, THEY HAVE OFFERED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DO A PROJECT AT BLUE LAKE THAT MIGHT PUT UP SOME EDUCATIONAL KIOSKS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOAT RAMP OR TO THE DITCH THAT COMES IN FROM ACROSS HIGHWAY 77 TO ELIMINATE EROSION AND PREVENT SEDIMENTATION INTO THE LAKE. FL-DEP IS ASKING HIM FOR A MITIGATION PROPOSAL TO DO THOSE KINDS OF IMPROVEMENTS. HE NEEDS TO GET WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS THEY WANT TO HAVE IN THEIR MITIGATION PROPOSAL. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO ACCEPT THIS FOR THE IMPACTS ON FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH INSTEAD OF THE MITIGATION LAND. MS. JOY GIDDENS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL WITH FL-DOT; SHE IS HELPING WORK THROUGH THAT ROUTE INSTEAD OF JUST GIVING FL-DEP LAND.

H. CYPRESS CROSSING SUBDIVISION-CLIFF SAID HE HAD DONE A FINAL INSPECTION ON CYPRESS CROSSING SUBDIVISION; THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE PUNCH LIST ITEMS AND IT IS A PRETTY NICE SUBDIVISION. THEY ARE WANTING TO START THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD FOR ACCEPTANCE.

LINDA WALLER SAID CYPRESS CROSSING HAS ASKED IF THE COUNTY COULD RETURN THEIR BONDS. CLIFF ADVISED THEY COULD.

GLEN ZANETIC, MSBU COORDINATOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAVING APPROVED AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF THE ORDERING OF THE NEW PUMPER FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM PIERCE WHICH SAID THE BOARD WAS GOING TO GO THROUGH THEIR BUDGET PROCESS, ETC. AND SHOULD SOMETHING COME UP WITHIN SIXTY DAYS THE BOARD DOESN'T WANT IT, PIERCE WILL BE ABLE TO SELL IT. GLEN SAID IT WAS A WELL PICKED OUT MACHINE PIERCE CAN GET RID OF EASY.

GLEN ASKED THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS WITH THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PUMPER. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE BOARD OF AN E-MAIL HE RECEIVED SAYING THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD REQUESTED ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS, TONY RAY, TO LOOK

AT THE PUMPER REQUEST FURTHER AND THEY WOULD CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

GLEN SAID TONY RAY HAS TALKED TO OTHER PEOPLE; THEY MET THIS MORNING AND TALKED ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY HE WENT THROUGH IN THE SELECTION OF THIS PIECE OF APPARATUS. TONY WILL TALK TO A COUPLE OF MORE PEOPLE AND IT WILL ACTUALLY BE DISCUSSED MORE AT THE NEXT MSBU MEETING. HOWEVER, TO RESERVE THE PUMPER, HE HAD UNTIL THE 19TH, THEIR LAST MEETING BASICALLY; THE PRICE HAS GONE UP \$6,000. HE REITERATED THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE WAS TO GO AHEAD THROUGH THE NEXT PROCESS WHICH IS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WHICH LOCKS DOWN THE PRICE NOW FOR WHAT PIERCE HAS OFFERED; MSBU WILL CONTINUE WITH THEIR BUDGET PROCESS AND THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO GO THROUGH THEIR BUDGET PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF BOTH THE OLD MSBU COMMITTEE AND THE NEW MSBU COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER. GLEN ADVISED THEY HAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL LAST NIGHT WHICH SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED HIS E-MAIL ADVISED THE MSBU APPROVED IT AND THEN LATER DECIDED TO LET TONY RAY LOOK INTO THE PUMPER PURCHASE FURTHER. HE SAID IT WAS CONFUSING AS TO WHETHER THE MSBU COMMITTEE APPROVED IT OR NOT.

GARY HART, MSBU MEMBER, ADVISED THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE DID PASS APPROVAL OF ISSUING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PUMPER. A SECOND MOTION WAS FOR TONY RAY TO MEET WITH GLEN AND WHOMEVER ELSE HE THOUGHT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THE BIDDING PROCESS WAS DONE PROPER AND THE MSBU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THEIR APPROVAL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IF IT WAS FELT IT WASN'T DONE PROPERLY. HE REITERATED THE MSBU COMMITTEE DID AUTHORIZE GLEN TO PLACE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE MACHINE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS IN THE PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES, AFTER THE NEW COMMITTEE CAME IN, BASED ON THEIR RECOMMENDATION, IF IT WAS POSITIVE, THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD ALSO VOTE TO ALLOW THE PUMPER. HE SAID PREVIOUSLY THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW BOARD IS IN PLACE.

SAL ZURICA ADVISED HE HAD A COPY OF THE MSBU MINUTES AND IT SAYS THE DECISION IS UP TO TONY RAY. HE SAID SOME OF THE WORDING HAS BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE MINUTES BECAUSE TONY RAY WAS ALSO SUPPOSE TO BE LOOKING INTO A LESS COSTLIER FIRETRUCK. TONY WAS GOING TO SEE IF SUNNY HILLS COULD GO WITH A TRUCK LIKE WAUSAU VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$150,000, COME BACK TO THE NEXT MSBU MEETING AND GIVE HIS REPORT AND THE REST OF THE MSBU BOARD MEMBERS DECIDE AT THAT TIME. HE SAID HE FELT IT SHOULD BE DONE THAT WAY; IF THEY ARE GOING TO GO FOR LESSER MONEY, LETS WAIT.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH IF HE WAS AT THE MSBU MEETING, SAL SAID HE WAS AND OPPOSED TO THE PURCHASE OF THAT EXPENSIVE OF TRUCK. HE ADDRESSED THEM LOOKING AT ALMOST A HALF MILLION DOLLARS; IF THEY COULD GO FOR ONE AT \$150,000 AND PAY IT OFF IN FIVE YEARS, IN FIVE YEARS IF THE BUILDING COMES BACK WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE AN INFLUX OF PEOPLE, THEN THEY CAN GO FOR ANOTHER NICE TRUCK FOR \$150,000.

HART AGREED WITH SAL THAT PART OF THE DISCUSSION WAS THAT TONY RAY WAS SUPPOSE TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE NOT BUYING A CADILLAC INSTEAD OF A CHEVROLET.

GLEN SAID THAT IS WHY THE MSBU RESERVED A RIGHT TO RESCIND AND THEY HAD PIERCE AGREE TO THAT SO THEY WOULD LOCK DOWN THEIR PRICES. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE MACHINE WAS ORIGINALLY \$297,020 AND IT IS NOW \$302,771 NOW.

JIM TOWN HAD THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MSBU MEETING AND ONE OF THE AGENDAED ITEMS IS THE REPORT FROM TONY RAY OUTLINING THE RESULTS OF HIS REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION TO TABLE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE FIRE APPARATUS FOR SUNNY HILLS UNTIL THEY GET A 100% CLARIFICATION ON IT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION.

SAPP ADDRESSED THERE BEING CONFUSING ISSUES ON THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE TRUCK AND HE WAS GLAD THEY WERE BROUGHT OUT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD IS DOING JUST OPPOSITE OF WHAT WAS SAID. HE ASKED WHY IS EVERYBODY REFUSING TO LET MSBU PURCHASE THE TRUCK WITH THEIR OWN MONEY. WHY CAN'T THE BOARD LET THEM GO AHEAD WITH THE PURCHASE ORDER AND THEN IF THEY WANT TO RESCIND IT, THEY CAN DO SO. WHY PUT IT OFF ANOTHER MONTH; IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. THOSE PEOPLE ARE GENERATING THEIR OWN FUNDS AND WENT THROUGH A PROCESS. THE BOARD TOLD THEM SOME WHILE BACK, AS SOON AS THEY FORMED A COMMITTEE, THEY WOULD LET THEM RUN THINGS; THEN BYGOD, THEY COME BACK AGAIN AND NOW THE BOARD SAYS NO AGAIN. HE SAID THIS DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO HIM AND HE WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION. IF YOU GIVE YOUR WORD ON SOMETHING, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE BOARD WOULD VISIT THE MSBU TRUCK AGAIN NEXT MONTH AND MAYBE THEY WILL HAVE CLARIFICATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WON'T; HE DOESN'T SEE HOW THEY COULD. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WAS CONFUSING WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING THERE WAS NOTHING CONFUSING ABOUT IT; THE COMMISSION HAS BOARD MEMBERS THAT DON'T KEEP THEIR WORD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REPORT:

A. PARK AND RECREATION ORDINANCE-HE HAD AMENDED THE ORDINANCE AND CHANGED SOME THINGS IN IT; HE CHANGED THE PROVISION ABOUT ALCOHOL TO INCLUDE POSSESSION; THE WORD POSSESSION WAS NOT IN IT AND HE HAS ATTACHED EXHIBIT A TO THE ORDINANCE WHICH ADDS THE LIST OF PARKS THAT ARE NOW OPEN FOR CAMPING. THE FEE WAS CHANGED TO BE PAID AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE MISDEMEANOR AND TRAFFIC TICKET OFFICE AT THE COURTHOUSE. THEY WILL COLLECT IT WITHOUT A COLLECTION FEE; \$100 WILL GO INTO THE PARK AND RECREATION BUDGET AND \$12.50 WILL GO INTO THE BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE PARK AND RECREATION ORDINANCE.

B. WIND SPEED ORDINANCE-ON 11-16-07, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE WIND SPEED ORDINANCE AND IT WAS TABLED. THE BOARD IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT AND MOST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS THOUGHT THEY HAD VOTED ON ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE WITH WIND SPEEDS BEING 130 MPH SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 20 AND 120 MPH NORTH OF HIGHWAY 20.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT IS WHAT THE ORDINANCE READS; HOWEVER, THE MINUTES DO NOT REFLECT IT EVER BEING ADOPTED. COMMISSIONER PATE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY BOTH SAID THEY THOUGHT THE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE. HOLLEY BROUGHT THE ORDINANCE BACK ON NOVEMBER 16TH, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT IT AND IT DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE WIND SPEED ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

C. CRYSTAL VILLAGE-ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, AND THE SURVEYOR THAT HAS BEEN DOING SOME SURVEYING AT CRYSTAL VILLAGE HAVING MET THIS PAST WEEK. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD A REPORT ON WHAT THE FINDINGS ARE. HE READ THE REPORT:

1. THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE AREA SHOWS ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY LAID OUT IN IT
2. SOME OF THESE ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY LAID OUT IN THE PLAT WERE POTENTIALLY RELOCATED BY STAN PORTER WHEN HE WAS WORKING OUT THERE; HIS ROADS DON'T COINCIDE WITH THE ROADS THAT THE PLAT SHOWED AS FAR AS THE LOCATION

3. THERE IS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE ROADS WERE EVER CONSTRUCTED TO COUNTY STANDARDS, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE MAIN ROAD LEADING IN FROM HIGHWAY 77.

4. THERE IS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTY EVER ACCEPTED THE ROADS AS COUNTY ROADS.

5. THE ROADS, AS NOW USED, ARE NOT ALL LOCATED ON THE RIGHTS- OF-WAYS SHOWN ON THE PLAT

6. THE ROADS, AS THEY PRESENTLY EXIST, IN MANY INSTANCES, ENCROACH ON DEEDED PARCELS OF LAND AND IN A LOT OF CASES ARE ON PEOPLES LOT OR PARCEL

7. SOME STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND DRIVEWAYS, ARE ENCROACHING ON THE ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY AS SHOWN IN THE PLAT

8. AT LEAST ONE PROPERTY OWNER HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE ROAD, AS IT PRESENTLY EXIST, ENCROACHING ON HIS DEEDED PROPERTY

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED, IN HIS OPINION, THE COUNTY DOES HAVE LIABILITY FOR ENCROACHMENT BECAUSE THESE ROADS THEY ARE MAINTAINING RIGHT NOW HAVE NOT BEEN VESTED IN THE COUNTY; THEY HAVEN'T MAINTAINED THEM LONG ENOUGH TO BE VESTED. BY STATUTE, A ROAD THE COUNTY CONSTRUCTS THEMSELVES AND MAINTAINS FOR FOUR YEARS CONTINUOUSLY THEREAFTER ARE VESTED IN THE COUNTY. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T CONSTRUCT THE ROAD INITIALLY, SEVEN YEARS OF MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED.

HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY CAN, IN MANY INSTANCES, RELOCATE ROADS IN WHOLE OR IN PART BACK TO THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON THE PLAT, RECOGNIZING THERE ARE SOME STRUTURES THAT ENCROACH THERE. HE SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF NARROWING THE ROAD WHERE THE ENCROACHMENT IS OR NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR SOME RIGHT-OF-WAY.

HOLLEY'S RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO:

1. FULLY ADVISE THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE SITUATION
2. THEN PROCEED TO RELOCATE THE ROADS, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT

3. WHERE ENCROACHMENTS EXIST, HE RECOMMENDED NARROWING THE ROADS OR NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY TO KEEP IT THE NECESSARY WIDTH

4. IN THE EVENT THEY CAN GET IT BACK ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS SHOWN IN THE PLAT, HE WOULD RECOMMEND THEY GO AHEAD AND ACCEPT THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS THEY ONLY HAVE A SMALL SECTION SURVEYED; THEY DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA ABOUT THE REST OF THE ROADS. HE SAID THE ONLY WAY TO RESOLVE IT WOULD BE TO HAVE THE WHOLE THING SURVEYED OUT WHICH WOULD BE QUITE EXPENSIVE. HE EXPLAINED HE HOPES EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS AFTER TODAY, THAT HAS BEEN THE REASON ABOUT SOME OF THE BOARD'S RELUCTANCE ABOUT DOING ALL THE MAINTENANCE DOWN AT CRYSTAL VILLAGE. HE SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THE MAINTENANCE AND HAVE APPARENTLY ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S RIGHT-OF-WAYS. NOW THAT THEY ARE OUT THERE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING, WHAT THEY ARE GRADING IS TOTALLY OFF THE ALIGNMENT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE ONLY SAW TWO OR THREE ENCROACHMENTS ON THE PART THEY HAVE DONE; BUT, THERE IS ONE STRUCTURE ENCROACHMENT AND A COUPLE OF DRIVEWAY ENCROACHMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID RIGHT NOW THEY ACTUALLY HAVE PEOPLE WHERE THE ROAD TOTALLY GETS OFF THE ALIGNMENT OF WHERE THEY ARE GRADING. ONE PERSON IS LOSING A LOT OF PROPERTY AND ONE IS GAINING A LOT; IF THEY SHIFT THE ROAD OVER TO WHERE THEY ARE ACTUALLY GRADING, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GAIN A LOT AND SOMEBODY IS GOING TO LOSE A LOT IF THEY RECOGNIZE THE AREA THEY GRADE AS THE ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE THINKS THE BOARD WOULD HAVE A MUCH BETTER ARGUMENT MOVING THE ROAD BACK ON THE RIGHT OF WAY BECAUSE WHEN THE PLAT WAS FILED, THOSE RIGHTS-OF-WAYS WERE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY HASN'T ACCEPTED THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE HAD ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, REALIZING THEY ARE TOTALLY OFF THEIR PLATTED RIGHT- OF-WAY, CAN THEY STILL GRADE WHAT THEY HAD BEEN GRADING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE THOUGHT THEY COULD; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME OBJECTIONS TO IT PROBABLY, ESPECIALLY WITH ONE PERSON. THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAD RATHER HAVE A WAY TO GET IN THERE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT IN THE RIGHT PLACE, THAN NOT HAVING ANY WAY AT ALL. HE SAID THEY WOULDN'T BE

INCREASING THEIR LIABILITY ABOVE WHAT IT ALREADY IS BY CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN THEM UNTIL THEY CAN GET IT WORKED OUT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY WOULD NEED ANOTHER \$200,000 OR \$300,000 TO SURVEY ALL OF IT AND THEN THEY STILL WOULD HAVE TO FIX THE ROADS BACK IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE TO MOVE STRUCTURES IN SOME PLACES OR REALIGN THE ROAD. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW ANYONE COULD GO AND GET MONEY FROM A BANK TO BUILD A HOUSE AND HAVE A SURVEY THAT BAD OFF. WHEN YOU GET A MORTGAGE TO BUILD A HOUSE, YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO HAVE IT SURVEYED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHAT PORTION OF CRYSTAL VILLAGE HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND WHAT PORTION IS LEFT TO BE SURVEYED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED WOODY MARION ROAD HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND PROBABLY LESS THAN 10% OF ALL THE ROADS IN THERE HAVE BEEN SURVEYED. OF ALL THE ROADS IN THERE, THE COUNTY ONLY HAS THE THREE ROADS THAT GOES AROUND THE AIRSTRIP THEY HAVE ACCEPTED MAINTENANCE ON; SPRING POND, WOODY MARION AND TIGER TRAIL. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER ROADS IN THERE PEOPLE WANT THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN; BUT, ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS TOLD THEM LEGALLY THEY CAN GO IN THERE AND WORK ON THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WITHOUT A SURVEY IF THEY ARE WORKING IN THE RIGHT PLACE WHEN THEY GO OUT AND DO WORK THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE ROADS THE COUNTY HAS ACCEPTED MAINTENANCE ON ARE LOCATED IN THE RIGHT PLACE WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED PEOPLE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD EVERY MONTH WANTING THEM TO DO WORK DOWN THERE; THEY HAVE A BAD SITUATION AND THAT IS THE REASON THE COUNTY IS IN THERE WORKING LIKE THEY ARE. HE SAID NOW THEY ARE IN THERE WORKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE THINKS THE STATEMENT HE MADE EARLIER IS THE BOARD CAN MAINTAIN THEM IF THE ROADS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY DIDN'T SAY THAT WHEN HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY COULD MAINTAIN THE ROADS AND THEY JUST ASSUMED THE ROADS WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHAT THE COST TO THE COUNTY WAS TO SURVEY WOODY MARION ROAD. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID IT PROBABLY COST OVER \$18,000.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE ISSUE TODAY; THEY NEED TO JUST MOVE ALONG DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS.

CLERK COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST SHE SUBMITTED TWO WEEKS AGO FOR THE BOARD TO ADMEND HER BUDGET. SHE ASKED IF ALL THE COMMISSIONERS HAD LOOKED AT HER REQUEST AND DID THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CLERK'S REQUEST TO AMEND HER BUDGET FOR FY 2006-2007.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED TOTTALLING \$1,719,333.46 FOR MAY 2007. COMMISSION- ER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO PAY THE VOUCHERS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BID AWARD FOR THE CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN VERNON TO RUN THE WATER LINES OUT TO THE PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 279. HE EXPLAINED THE CONSULTANT HAS ADVERTISED FOR BIDS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES. HE, STACY AND CLIFF REVIUED THE BIDS; BUT, DECIDED THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO THOROUGHLY GO THROUGH THEM, SCORE THEM, RANK THEM AND DO IT PROPERLY. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD APPOINT HIM, STACY AND CLIFF ALONG WITH ONE COMMISSIONER TO A COMMITTEE; THEY WANT TO SET UP PRESENTATIONS WITH THE COMPANIES WHO BID AND LET THEM EXPLAIN TO THEM MORE THOROUGHLY WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. THEY WOULD THEN SCORE THEM, RANK THEM AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF VERNON HAD ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT THE COUNTY HAD PREPARED. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF IT IF THEY HAD. HE THOUGHT MR. CLARK WAS GOING TO BE HERE TODAY.

HOLLEY SAID VERNON'S ATTORNEY HAD SAID THE AGREEMENT LOOKED ALRIGHT TO HIM; BUT, HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY HAD RECEIVED THE AGREEMENT BACK.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO WAIT UNTIL THE COUNTY HAS THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THEY GO FORWARD WITH THE BIDS. HOWEVER, TODAY THE BOARD COULD APPOINT THE COMMITTEE SO THEY COULD SCHEDULE THE PRESENTATIONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD BE GIVING THE COMMITTEE THE AUTHORITY TO GO AHEAD AND AWARD THE BIDS TOO WHEN THEY GET THROUGH. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE COMMITTEE WOULD JUST RANK THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW, SCORE AND RANK THE BIDS FOR THE CONSULTANT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VERNON CDBG ECONOMIC GRANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, STACY WEBB, CLIFF KNAUER AND COMMISSIONER PATE TO THE VERNON CDBG ECONOMIC GRANT COMMITTEE FOR BID REVIEW ON CONSULTANT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO SET ON THE COMMITTEE AND REPORTED HE USE TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE FIRMS ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM UNLESS HE BENEFITTED FROM SOMETHING HE DID TEN YEARS AGO.

STACY WEBB ADVISED VARNUM AND ASSOCIATES HAD SUBMITTED A BID. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THIS MAY BE A CONFLICT DUE TO HIS SON WORKING WITH VARNUM AND ASSOCIATES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP APPOINTED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO SERVE ON THE BID COMMITTEE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE AG CENTER. THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY IS LEASING OFFICE SPACE FROM THE COUNTY AND PART OF THEIR PROGRAM IS MOVING OUT WHICH WILL FREE UP 986 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE. THEY SENT A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE REDUCING THE LEASE FROM \$30,719 A YEAR TO \$22,338 A YEAR. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY. COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE WITH FARM SERVICE AGENCY WITH THE REDUCTION IN OFFICE SPACE.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM AND COMMISSIONER PATE MEETING WITH ANDY ANDREASON AND MIKE NIHILL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OFFICES ANDY WOULD LIKE TO USE FOR THE AG CENTER WHICH WOULD BE 162 SQUARE FEET. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WOULD LIKE TO RENT 824 SQUARE FEET OF THE OFFICE SPACE FOR \$7,004 A YEAR; THEY HAVE REQUESTED SIXTY DAYS TO GET OUT OF THEIR CURRENT LEASE. THE OFFICE SPACE WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE AUGUST 1ST; HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE IN UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR 824 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE AG CENTER FOR \$7004 ANNUALLY.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A LIST OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; TWO PRINTERS, SIX COMPUTERS, NINE MONITORS AND SOME MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. HE REQUESTED APPROVAL TO SURPLUS THE EQUIPMENT WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSING OF THE PROGRAM DATA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SURPLUSING THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE RENEWAL OF THE PRIMARY CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CHALLENGE GRANT FOR \$103,000 USED TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR LOW INCOME AND INDIGENT PATIENTS. COM- MISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN SAPP TO SIGN THE PRIMARY CARE CHALLENGE GRANT.

HERBERT ADDRESSED A LETTER FROM DON WALTERS, ORANGE HILL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION, ON STABILIZATION OF COUNTY ROADS. WALTERS IS WANTING TO DO THE LOW WATER CROSSINGS ON:

1. KENT ROAD AT HARD LABOR CREEK
2. FIRE TOWER ROAD AT REEDY CREEK
3. OLD MILL ROAD AT HARD LABOR CREEK
4. ARMSTRONG MILL ROAD AT HOLMES CREEK
5. NORTH JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD AT HOLMES CREEK
6. SOUTH JACKSON COMMUNITY ROAD AT HOLMES CREEK
7. DUNCAN COMMUNITY ROAD AT BROCK MILL BRANCH

WALTERS IS REQUESTING A LETTER FROM THE BOARD STATING HE HAS PERMISSION TO WORK ON COUNTY ROADS. HE NEEDS TO HAVE SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING PLANS DRAWN UP AND BEFORE HE SPENDS ANY MONEY, HE WANTS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO WORK ON THESE ROADS. HE ASKED WALTERS ABOUT MILLED ASPHALT; WALTERS IS PLANNING ON PURCHASING MILLED ASPHALT. HE ALSO ASKED WALTERS IF THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE ANY EQUIPMENT, HELP HAUL IT, ETC. WALTERS ADVISED HIM HE WOULDN'T PLANNING ON USING ANY COUNTY EQUIPMENT FOR ANY OF THESE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO WRITE A LETTER GIVING ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION PERMISSION TO DO THE LOW WATER CROSSINGS ON THE ROADS SUBMITTED BY WALTERS.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LIBRARY SUBMITTING A REQUEST ON CLOSINGS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY WEEK:

1. CLOSE WAUSAU LIBRARY JULY 3, 5 & 6
2. CLOSE VERNON LIBRARY JULY 3, 5 & 6

THEY HAVE ONE PERSON WORKING AT EACH OF THESE LIBRARIES AND HE THINKS THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO USE SOME OF THEIR VACATION TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE LIBRARY CLOSINGS.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOME DISCUSSION WITH ONE OR TWO OF THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT CLOSING PUBLIC WORKS DURING THE 4TH OF JULY WEEK. HE GUESSED THERE WAS SOME THINKING THEY MAY BENEFIT BY CLOSING PUBLIC WORKS THAT WEEK AND SAVE ON FUEL. WHEN THE LAST COUPLE OF TIMES THIS HAS COME UP, THE BOARD HAS SAID THEY WEREN'T GOING TO FORCE ANYBODY TO USE THEIR LEAVE TIME. HE ASKED THE BOARD HOW THEY WANTED TO HANDLE IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE SOMEONE LEAVE TIME AND THEN TELL THEM THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO USE IT A SPECIFIC TIME. ALSO, THERE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO DON'T HAVE LEAVE TIME WHO WOULD BE WITHOUT PAY COMING IN SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE TO CLOSE PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE WEEK. HE SAID HE WAS TOTALLY AGAINST THE CLOSURE; IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO TAKE OFF, THAT IS FINE. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING SOMEONE COULD DO IF THEY WANTED TO WORK WHETHER THEY HAVE A SUPERVISOR THERE OR NOT. THEY CAN ALWAYS GO AND PICK UP STUFF OR CLEAN OUT CULVERTS. HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS YOU COULD SAVE MONEY CLOSING EVER WEEK IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO USE THE FUEL; BUT, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. HE FELT THEY SHOULD LET THE EMPLOYEES CHOOSE THEIR OWN TIME WHEN THEY TAKE THEIR LEAVE TIME OFF.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF CLOSING PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE WEEK OF THE 4TH EITHER. THE BOARD IS ELECTED AND THE EMPLOYEES ARE HIRED TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. HE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH ANYONE TAKING OFF; BUT, THERE ARE PEOPLE ON PROBATION THAT CAN'T TAKE OFF AND PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT WANT TO TAKE OFF. HE SAID THE COUNTY IS THE CLOSINGEST DOWN PLACE HE HAS EVER SEEN. HE SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO CLOSING PUBLIC WORKS ALSO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED ROBERT HARCUS CALLED BEFORE LUNCH STATING THERE WAS ONLY ELEVEN EMPLOYEES PLANNING ON TAKING THE WHOLE WEEK OFF AND EIGHTEEN PLANNING ON TAKING THAT THURSDAY OFF. HE SAID THERE WOULD STILL BE PEOPLE THERE TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO KEEP PUBLIC WORKS OPEN DURING THE WEEK OF THE 4TH OF JULY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM BEING REQUESTED TO BRING UP DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR PAYROLL CHECKS. CURRENTLY, THE PAYROLL OFFICE DOES DIRECT DEPOSIT TO FL-DOT AND TYNDAL CREDIT UNION AND THIS IS NOT THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS. IN TALKING WITH JENNIFER AT PAYROLL, SEVERAL YEARS AGO THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT DIRECT DEPOSIT, A SURVEY WAS SENT OUT TO EMPLOYEES AND WHEN THEY CAME BACK, THEY HAD BANKS EVERYWHERE FROM PENSACOLA, NEW ORLEANS, JACKSONVILLE, ETC. IT WAS DETERMINED AT THAT TIME, THEY WEREN'T GOING TO DO DIRECT DEPOSITS EXCEPT THROUGH THE CREDIT UNIONS AND IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY SINCE THEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WITH ELECTRONICS BEING THE WAY IT IS TODAY, WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU FILL OUT A DEPOSIT SLIP AND SEND IT TO THE BANK; WHY NOT SEND A TRANSFER LIKE OTHER BUSINESSES DO.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID PROBABLY WHAT THEY NEED TO DO IS GET BETTER EDUCATED. HE HAS TALKED WITH CLERK COOK BEFORE THE MEETING ABOUT GETTING WITH THE BANKS AND SEE HOW THE ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS COULD BE SET UP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT IS PRETTY COMMON PRACTICE. CLERK COOK SAID NOBODY HAS EVER APPROACHED THE ISSUE; SO, IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF IT WAS LOGICAL, COULD THEY MOVE IN THE DIRECTION TO HAVE SOMEONE COME AND TALK ABOUT THE DIRECT DEPOSIT. CLERK COOK ADVISED THAT WOULD BE FINE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE BREAK PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AT 5:00 P.M.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTROL OF LITTER AND REFUSE WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

LINDA WALLER SAID THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO DISPOSE OF LITTER; RESALE THE PRODUCT TO BE USED BY SOMEONE ELSE, RECYCLE IT THROUGH THE RECYCLING CENTER, DISPOSE OF IT THROUGH WASTE MANAGEMENT OR DISCARD IT AT WILL. IT IS USUALLY THE LATTER THAT CREATES THE PROBLEM. THE CURRENT LITTER LAW THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY CRITICIZED IN THE PAST AND WITH THAT IN MIND THEY RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT AND OFFER THE NEW ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT THE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE OLD LITTER ORDINANCE AND THE NEW ONE. LINDA ADDRESSED THE CHANGES:

1. THE TALK ABOUT TARPING LOADS AND LOADS GOING DOWN THE ROAD WERE ELIMINATED; THAT IS STATE ORDINANCE AND IS READILY ENFORCED.
2. ILLEGAL DUMPING OF GARBAGE ON PROPERTY PROCEDURE WAS INCLUDED. THIS WAS STATE LAW AND IS NOW INCORPORATED IN COUNTY ORDINANCE.
3. BURNING PROCEDURE FOR GARBAGE WAS INCLUDED; THEY TOOK THE STATE LAW AND BROUGHT IT INTO THE COUNTY LAW.
4. PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL OF DEAD CARCASSES OF ANIMALS WITH THE BURYING PROCESS WHICH IS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW ANYBODY WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE BURNING PROCEDURE. LINDA SAID THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE, THE COUNTY ORDINANCE WILL BE ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE AND WHEN PEOPLE CALL TO ASK WHAT TO DO TO BURN LITTER, THEY TELL THEM TO CALL FOR A BURN PERMIT WITH FLORIDA FORESTRY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE TO THE PEOPLE WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE BURNED. LINDA SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. SHE REFERRED TO THEM HAVING A GARBAGE HANDOUT WHICH IS ON THE WEB SITE THAT GIVES VERY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING A CONTRACT TO PICK UP PEOPLE'S GARBAGE. HE SAID THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO REGULATE SOMETHING AND IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM THROWING OUT OLD APPLIANCES WHO HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT. HE SAID IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS FOR PEOPLE TO THROW OLD APPLIANCES OUT; BUT, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE COMMENDED LINDA FOR GOING BACK AND DOING CLARIFICATION ON THE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO QUESTIONS HE HAD LAST TIME. HE WANTED TO COMMEND

HER ALSO FOR PUTTING THE PENALTIES IN THE ORDINANCE. HE REFERRED TO TRASH IN GATOR CREEK THEY HAVE TO CLEAN OUT REGULARLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THIS ORDINANCE WOULDN'T SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT MAY NOT; BUT, IF SOMEONE IS CAUGHT DUMPING TRASH IN THE CREEK, THEY CAN BE FINED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF YOU CAN CATCH THEM, THEY COULD ALREADY BE CHARGED A FINE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE LITTER ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER PATE SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC INPUT OR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON AN ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF POSTS, FENCES, OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS, ON OR WITHIN THREE FEET OF ANY COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF ANY SUCH OBSTRUCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE COUNTY'S COSTS AGAINST THE PERSON OR PERSON'S PLACING THE OBSTRUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED THE BOARD HAD ADVERTISED IT AND HE HAS MADE SOME MINOR CHANGES IN IT WHICH THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DO WITH- OUT READVERTISING IT. HE WAS ASKED TO MAKE AN EXEMPTION FOR MAIL- BOXES; THE PLACEMENT OF A MAIL BOX, WHICH IS PROPERLY PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DULY ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS ORDINANCE. THE OTHER CHANGE WAS FROM THREE FEET TO TWO FEET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED NEWSPAPER RECEPTACLES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. IF THEY WANT TO EXEMPT NEWSPAPER RECEPTACLES, HE CAN CHANGE THIS BEFORE THE ORDINANCE IS SIGNED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE ORDINANCE SAYING WITHIN 3' OF COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND IN MOST PLACES THEY DON'T HAVE ANY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WOULD BE THE MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS AWARE OF WHAT THE ORDINANCE WAS SAYING; BUT, IT IS NOT REALLY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHT EXCEPT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN GRADING TO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WAS TWO FEET INSTEAD OF THREE FEET OF ANY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER SAPP PASSED HIS GAVEL AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE REASON FOR THE ORDINANCE IS SO MANY TIMES THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH FENCE POSTS, ETC. PUT OUT CONTRARY TO THE TRAFFIC FLOW; NOT NECESSARILY TRYING TO GAIN PROPERTY. IN MANY CASES IN THE PAST, THE COUNTY HAS GONE TO COURT ON SUCH THINGS. AN AMENDMENT COULD BE PUT IN PLACE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE ISSUES AND TO HAVE A LEGAL PROCEDURE TO ELIMINATE THOSE THINGS FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS OR A WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM WITHOUT IT IMPOUNDING THE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS BADLY. WHENEVER THERE IS A PROBLEM, THE SUPERVISORS ARE ALWAYS IN THE CENTER OF IT. THEY CAN JUST PASS THIS ON TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE COUNTY HAVING TO DO MORE THAN MAINTAIN A COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. HE THINKS THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK AT THIS ORDINANCE FROM THAT STANDPOINT. HE AGREED THIS MAY NOT FIX THE PROBLEM; BUT, HOPEFULLY IT WILL AND THEY NEED TO START SOMEWHERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED ON GRADED ROADS WHERE THEY HAVE HIGHER MAINTENANCE IS THE ONES THAT WILL BE MOST OFFENDED; THEY WILL START OUT THREE FEET AND IF YOU DON'T WATCH IT, IT WILL BE RIGHT UP THERE NEXT TO THE POLE. THEY NEED TO BE AWARE THEY MAY START OUT THREE FEET OFF THE GRADED ROAD; BUT, WHEN ITS COME DOWN THERE AND THEY HAVE MOVED OVER ON IT, IT IS NOT THE PROPERTY OWNERS FAULT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED ON JOSH ROAD, THEY HAD A CITIZEN PUT UP A FENCE RIGHT THERE, INCLUDING THE PIPE AND HEADWALL FENCED IN; HE DONE IT ALL BEING TOWARD THE PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER. HOWEVER, IT HAS AFFECTED HIS MAINTENANCE IN THAT AREA BECAUSE HE IS CLAIMING NOW WHERE THE DITCH IS AT, HIS

POST ARE FALLING IN. THIS ORDINANCE WILL ELIMINATE THAT TYPE OF PROBLEM AND THEY CAN BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR MAINTENANCE IN THESE AREAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE WORDING "COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY" BECAUSE HE IS PAYING TAXES ON THE COUNTY ROAD IN FRONT OF HIM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY IS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ORDINANCE. HE EXPLAINED IT WAS WHERE THE COUNTY HAS A DIRT ROAD AND THEY DO THE MAINTENANCE, IT WILL STOP PEOPLE FROM COMING UP PUTTING A FENCE DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, ETC.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT WAS A SAFETY HAZARD ALSO IF THEY PUT UP A FENCE POST WITHIN TWO FEET OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD.

AFTER READING THE SECTION IN THE ORDINANCE DEFINING COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY, COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS ALRIGHT WITH IT.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE EXEMPTION OF MAILBOXES AND NEWSPAPER RECEPTACLES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TO PROVIDE THE ORDINANCE WITH THESE INCLUSIONS TO DEPUTY CLERK CARTER.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE TO ELIMINATE THE COMMERCIAL USE AND ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL USE-FRED AND AMELIA BUCHANAN.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:

A. 7.3 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND ABUTTING THE INTERSTATE

B. CURRENTLY IT IS GENERAL COMMERCIAL. MR. BUCHANAN WOULD LIKE TO DO AWAY WITH GENERAL COMMERCIAL FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND CHANGE IT TO AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE

LINDA SAID THEY CERTAINLY DON'T OBJECT TO THAT BECAUSE THIS LOWERS THE IMPACT TO THE LAND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHERE THIS SITE WAS LOCATED. LINDA SAID IT WAS UP AGAINST THE INTERSTATE ADJACENT TO MOCKINGBIRD AND LOCKE LANES. SHE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NEVER A REASON IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE WHY THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO APPROVE THIS LAND USE CHANGE; IT LESSENS THE IMPACT TO THE LAND.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE LAND USE CHANGE. LINDA ADVISED THEY DID.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO APPROVE THE SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO AGRICULTURE/SILVICULTURE TO ELIMINATE THE COMMERCIAL USE AND ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL USE PETITIONED BY FRED AND AMELIA BUCHANAN.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR ON THE BOARD HAD ANY FUTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, SAID HEARING WAS HELD ON A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TWO DUPLEX UNITS PETITIONED BY ROGER AND JENNY WILLIAMS.

LINDA ADVISED MR. WILLIAMS WAS NOT HERE. SHE FEELS HE IS GOING TO ABANDON THIS PROJECT; HE HASN'T CALLED HER AND TOLD HER SUCH BUT HIS LACK OF PRESENCE TONIGHT WOULD BE AN INDICATION THIS MIGHT BE HIS INTENT. WILLIAMS SENT OUT A NOTICE TO HIS NEIGHBORS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT WOULD BE AT 1:00 P.M. THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORS OBJECTED TO THE FACT THE CORRECT TIME WAS NOT ON THE SHEET EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE INFORMED AT THE PLAN-NING COMMISSION OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING. THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORS WERE ALSO INFORMED THIS WEEK, WHEN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOUND OUT OF THE MISTAKE ON THE FORM, IN FORM OF A LETTER. IT IS UP TO THE BOARD WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO CONTINUE WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING. USUALLY AT THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE PETITIONER IS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT APPEARED THE PETITIONER WAS LOOKING AT A THREE UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN HE PUT SOMETHING IN THAT MAY POSSIBLY BE A FOUR UNIT ON THIS PARCEL. HE QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULDN'T CHANGE THE GUIDELINES OF THE 3.57 UNITS PER ACRE.

LINDA SAID IN THE LAND USE AREA THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY IN, THE PETITIONER IS ALLOWED ONE UNIT PER ACRE. THE PETITIONER WANTED TO DO A SMALL SCALE CHANGE TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY WHICH WOULD GIVE HIM 3.57 UNITS PER ACRE AND WHAT HE CALLED A DENSITY BONUS TO ROUND IT OFF TO 4 UNITS PER ACRE.

MAX LANEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING EVERYTHING HE IS SAYING CAN BE READ IN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND THEY ARE GOING TO HEAR IT AGAIN. HE SAID MS. ARLOR JACKSON WAS NOT PRESENT; SHE IS IN THE HOSPITAL. HOWEVER, SHE IS IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE.

MAX SAID THERE ARE NO NEIGHBORS WANTING THIS LAND USE CHANGE TO BE APPROVED. THIS IS GOING TO BE A LANDOWNER WITH RENTAL PROPERTY WHO IS NOT GOING TO EVEN LIVE IN THIS COUNTY SO HE WILL BE AN ABSENTEE. HE DOESN'T HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE COUNTY AS SUCH EXCEPT OTHER THAN THIS ONE ACRE OF LAND. HE HAS LAND WITHIN THE CITY HE HAS DEVELOPED WITH SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING. THIS IS A ONE ACRE SITE AND A GOOD SITE FOR A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU COME INTO CHIPLEY. THAT SIDE OF TOWN NEEDS BUILDING UP AND NOT BUILDING DOWN. THE NEIGHBORS FEEL IT WILL TAKE TWO SEPTIC TANKS TO RUN THIS, PLUS THEY WILL HAVE TO PUT A COMMERCIAL GRADE WELL FOR FOUR HOUSES. IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA; IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD. MR. WILLIAMS IS PROBABLY NOT PRESENT BECAUSE HE SAW SUCH OPPOSITION AT THE PLANNING COUNCIL.

ROBERT EARL WILLIAMS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO LIVE ON LANEY DRIVE. WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 1970, JERRY LANEY SOLD HIM TWENTY ACRES WITH THE STIPULATION THAT HE COULDN'T PAY HIM UNTIL THEY GOT THE COUNTY TO AGREE TO PUT IN A ROAD. THEY CUT A ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 AND TIED IT INTO SECOND STREET. JERRY LANEY GAVE THEM 20' ALL THE WAY ACROSS THEIR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THEM TO GET A ROAD AND ALL THE RESIDENTS ON LANEY ROAD WERE SINGLE RESIDENTS. MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN THERE A GOOD MANY YEARS. JUST AROUND THE CORNER IS THE CHIPLEY CITY LIMITS. IT WAS MENTIONED BY THE DEVELOPER THERE WAS A NEED FOR LOW RENTAL HOUSING; THERE MAY BE BUT THERE ISN'T A NEED IN THAT AREA BECAUSE THEY HAVE TWO PRETTY GOOD SIZE TRAILOR PARKS. HE DOESN'T THINK THE LOT IS LARGE ENOUGH THE WAY IT IS SHAPED TO TAKE CARE OF BUT ONE SEPTIC TANK AND HE DOESN'T THINK WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THEY HAVE ROOM FOR TWO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION. LINDA ADVISED THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT BE DENIED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO DENY THE SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF TWO DUPLEX UNITS PETITIONED BY ROGER AND JENNY WILLIAMS.

CHAIRMAN SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE OR THE BOARD. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LINDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF LAKE POINTE SUBDIVISION. SHE HAS LOOKED AT THE SUBDIVISION AND IT IS A VERY LOVELY PLACE AND A NICE SUBDIVISION.

TREY COOK SAID HE MET WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND MR. HENRY ON THE SURVEY; THEY WENT THROUGH ALL THE PROCEDURES AND IT WAS BUILT BY THE PRELIMINARY PLAT THAT WAS APPROVED. THE FORMALITY TONIGHT WOULD BE TO GET A SIGNATURE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THEY WILL GET IT RECORDED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE. THE ONLY THING THEY HAVE NOT FINISHED IN THE SUBDIVISION IS THE LIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN INSTALLED; THEY SENT THE WRONG POLES AND THIS IS WHAT HE IS WAITING ON TO INSTALL THE LIGHTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE FINAL PLAT OF LAKEPOINTE SUBDIVISION.

STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN HAVING MET YESTERDAY ON A PARTICULAR SITUATION REGARDING DR. NAOMI MELVIN. LAST FALL SHE CAME IN FRONT OF THE BOARD AND MADE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE IPHER, WHICH IS A COMPUTER CHIP THAT WHEN SUBMITTED INTO A COMPUTER ON AN AMBULANCE, IT DISPLAYS THE ENTIRE HEALTH RECORD OF THE PATIENT. IN NOVEMBER 2006 WHEN SHE PRESENTED THIS INFORMATION, THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT HELPING HER WITH THE GRANT. IN THE MINUTES, IT REFERRED TO STACY HELPING HER EXPLORE FOR A GRANT; HOWEVER, STACY SAID SHE AND MS. MELVIN WERE WORKING TOGETHER ON SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION. SHE SUBMITTED A LETTER OF INTENT IN JANUARY AND THE APPLICATION WAS SUPPOSE TO BE SUBMITTED IN FEBRUARY. SHE ADDRESSED HER AND DR. MELVIN DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS IN THAT POINT AND SHE FORGOT TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION. DR. MELVIN IS INTERESTED IN TRYING TO RESUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION.

STACY QUESTIONED, SINCE NOVEMBER SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED AS FAR AS WHAT SHE CAN AND CAN'T DO, SHE NEEDS CLARIFICATION FROM THE BOARD. IN FEBRUARY 2007, THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT SHE WAS TRYING TO DO IN VERNON. SHE ASKED IF SHE COULD HELP DR. MELVIN WITH SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR IPHER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED HOW MUCH TIME WOULD IT TAKE. STACY ADVISED DR. MELVIN HAS A LOT OF THE INFORMATION AND IT IS JUST A MATTER OF PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER. AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL GRANT SHE WAS GOING TO SUBMIT EARLIER THIS YEAR, IT HASN'T COME AROUND AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR FUNDING. SHE IS IN THE PROCESS NOW OF LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE. IF IT DOESN'T FALL RIGHT INTO WHAT DR. MELVIN IS LOOKING AT DOING, SHE MAY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT FUNDING PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T SEE WHERE STACY'S JOB HAS CHANGED AT ALL; SHE IS TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY. DR. MELVIN HAS A GOOD PROJECT; BUT, HE SAID THAT WOULD BE LIKE HER HELPING CREATE A SMALL GRANT FOR A SUBDIVISION. IT IS A PRIVATE COMPANY AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD CAN BE INVOLVED IN IT UNLESS THEY JUST TRY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HIS POINT WAS THE PREVIOUS BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR STACY TO ASSIST DR. MELVIN AND IT WASN'T FOLLOWED THROUGH LIKE IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE. HE WAS ASKING FOR STACY TO FOLLOW UP WITH ANOTHER GRANT THAT IS AVAILABLE AND HONOR THE REQUEST OF DR. MELVIN THAT WAS PUT ON THE BACK BURNER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS AGREEABLE WITH STACY; BUT, THE BETTER THING TO DO WHAT THE BOARD IS SAYING IS STACY, IF SHE WANTS TO HELP DR. MELVIN ON HER OWN TIME, FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

STACY SAID SHE HAD RATHER NOT DO THIS ON HER OWN TIME; BUT, IF THAT WOULD BE WHAT IT TAKES IN ORDER TO GET THE GRANT SUBMITTED, SHE WOULD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID WHAT DR. MELVIN IS WANTING TO DO WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE AMBULANCE CREW HE PRESUMED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHO WAS GOING TO GET THE ULTIMATE GRANT AWARD FINANCIALLY. STACY ADVISED IT WOULD BE DR. MELVIN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF IT WAS GOING TO BE WHERE DR. MELVIN CAN PROVIDE SOME OF THE IPHERS A LOT CHEAPER THAN WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN IF A GRANT IS FUNDED. STACY SAID IT IS ACTUALLY NEW TECHNOLOGY AND SHE DOESN'T FEEL WITH THE GRANT MONEY SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET IT ANY CHEAPER THAN SHE NORMALLY WOULD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THE GRANT PAYS FOR. STACY ADVISED THE GRANT PAYS FOR THE ACTUAL COMPUTER CHIP. SHE IS NOT SURE ABOUT THE PEOPLE SHE WOULD TARGET; BUT, SHE IS SURE IT WOULD BE THE ELDERLY THAT WOULD NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE TO A HOSPITAL. INSIDE THE AMBULANCE, THERE WOULD BE SOME KIND OF COMPUTER DEVICE THAT THIS CHIP COULD BE INSERTED INTO. SHE IS ASSUMING THE CHIP CAN BE PUT ON BRACELETS, ETC.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID DR. MELVIN WAS GOING TO TRY AND SELL THESE COMPUTER CHIPS EVERYWHERE, NOT JUST WASHINGTON COUNTY. STACY SAID DR. MELVIN WAS STARTING WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THE GRANT IS GOING TO HELP BENEFIT EVEN THE ELDERLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THAT IS PART OF THE BOARD'S SERVICE AS A COUNTY. IF IT IS GOING TO REDUCE THE COST OR PROVIDE BENEFITS TO THE ELDERLY FROM THE

GRANT AS FAR AS MAKING IT AFFORDABLE TO THEM, HE WOULD BE FOR IT AS IT WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE GRANT WILL MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS. STACY SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE HOW SHE WAS GOING TO PRESENT THE COMPUTER CHIPS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IT WOULD HELP BENEFIT THOSE THAT ARE NOT MEDICALLY ABLE TO GET AROUND OR BENEFIT THE ELDERLY. IT WOULD NOT BE BUYING A MERCEDES; IT WILL BE SOMETHING THEY CAN AFFORD. IF THEY HAVE INSURANCE, THE INSURANCE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP PURCHASE THE COMPUTER CHIP TO AND IT WILL ALSO HELP THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED, SINCE THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SOME FUTURE TIME TO RESUBMIT FOR THE GRANT, THEY HAVE DR. MELVIN COME BACK AND TALK TO THE BOARD AGAIN ABOUT HOW THE COMPUTER CHIPS ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTED AND WHAT BENEFIT THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE FOR ASSISTING WITH THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM NOT BEING ON THE BOARD WHEN THIS HAPPENED; BUT, REQUESTED THIS BE A LESSON WHEN THEY JUMP IN TO HELP INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES THAT COME IN AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE. THEY NEED TO BE REAL CAREFUL THEY DON'T GET CAUGHT INTO SOMETHING THAT MAY COME BACK AND BITE THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING; BUT, THE PREVIOUS BOARD'S ACTION WAS NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH.

CHAIRMAN SAPP REQUESTED STACY HAVE DR. NAOMI COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIZENS AS FAR AS MAKING IT AFFORDABLE TO THEM BY THE COUNTY FURNISHING THE GRANT. IS THE COUNTY RECEIVING A BENEFIT BY STACY WORKING ON THE GRANT FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANDY ANDREASON, AG AGENT, HAVING JUST BROUGHT BY A DROUGHT RESOLUTION ASKING THE GOVERNOR AND THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO DECLARE A DROUGHT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ANDY ANDREASON PRESENTED A MEMO HE HAD PULLED TOGETHER TODAY. HE HAS HAD NUMEROUS CALLS FROM FARMERS, BUSINESS PEOPLE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNED ABOUT THE DROUGHT DECLARATION. HE HAS DONE RESEARCH ON RAINFALL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH IT. ONE THING THAT HAS STIMULATED HIM IN GETTING THE DECLARATION TOGETHER ; IS THEY HAVE HAD NUMEROUS FARMERS THIS YEAR THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PLANT. PART OF THE REASON IS THE GROUND IS SO HARD, THEY CAN'T EVEN TILL IT. HE REFERRED TO TALKING TO ONE FARMER YESTERDAY WHO HAS PLANTED APPROXIMATELY 2/3 ACRES HE NORMALLY PLANTS AND HAS ABOUT 500 ACRES OR SO OF RENTED LAND HE HAS PAID CLOSE TO \$29,000 RENT ON THAT HE CAN'T EVEN PUT A SEED IN THE GROUND. THIS PERSON DOESN'T QUALIFY FOR ANY CROP INSURANCE AND HE HAS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SEED ON A PALLET AT THE FARM AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH IT WITH EQUIPMENT PAYMENTS COMING, ETC. NOT ONLY IS THE LACK OF RAIN IMPACTING HIM; BUT, ALL OF THE FARMERS AND THE ALLIED INDUSTRIES THOSE FARMERS DEPEND ON WHETHER IT BE FUEL COMPANIES, SEED AND FERTILIZER COMPANIES, EQUIPMENT, GENERAL REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, ETC. EVERYBODY IS AT A STANDSTILL BECAUSE NOTHING IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. IT IS AFFECTING THE ENTIRE ECONOMY AND NOT JUST THE FEW PEOPLE THAT ARE TILLING THE DIRT. HE IS CONCERNED THERE AND READ THE MEMO HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD:

AS YOU KNOW, THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS ARE TAKING A TOLL ON WASHINGTON COUNTY. IN THE YEAR 2006, OUR RAINFALL WAS OVER 16" BELOW AVERAGE (APPROXIMATELY 30% BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR). SO FAR THIS YEAR CONDITIONS ARE EVEN WORSE COMPOUNDING EXISTING DROUGHT CONDITIONS. IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2007 WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 10.6" RAIN, ONLY 45% OF OUR NORMAL AVERAGE RAINFALL FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE TAKING A TOLL ON OUR FARMERS AND BUSINESS- MEN ALIKE SINCE A RURAL COMMUNITY LIKE OURS RECEIVES A LARGE PORTION OF ITS REVENUE BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY FROM AGRICULTURE. WE HAVE MANY FARMERS THAT HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH RAIN TO EVEN PREPARE THE LAND TO PLANT A CROP. CAN YOU IMAGINE SPENDING \$28-\$30,000 FOR LAND RENT AND CAN'T EVEN PLANT. CORN CROPS ARE FAILING, PEANUTS

AND COTTON ARE STRUGGLING, HAY IS SHORT AND MANY OF OUR CATTLEMEN ARE HAVING TO SELL PART OR ALL THEIR HERDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO GRASS OR HAY LEFT FOR THEIR ANIMALS.

THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND TO THE ECONOMY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THE BUSINESSES THAT SERVICE AGRICULTURE.

THEREFORE I ASK YOU TO REQUEST GOVERNOR CHRIST AND COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE CHARLES BRONSON THAT THEY DECLARE WASHINGTON COUNTY A DISASTER AREA MAKING OUR COUNTY ELIGIBLE FOR ANY POSSIBLE AID THAT MAY COME TO THE SOUTHEAST AS A RESULT OF THIS DROUGHT.

ANDY SAID THE DROUGHT IS NOT JUST AN ISSUE HERE; IT IS NORTH ALABAMA, ALL THE STATE OF ALABAMA, PART OF MISSISSIPPI, MOST OF GEORGIA, NORTH FLORIDA AND SOUTH FLORIDA TOO. HE FEELS THERE IS GOING TO BE A DISASTER DECLARATION TO COME AND IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T AT LEAST LET THE POWERS TO BE KNOW THEY ARE IMPACTED BY IT, THEY MAY BE OMITTED FROM IT. THERE MAY BE SOME LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE BORROWED ALL THIS MONEY TO OPERATE AND WON'T HAVE INCOME TO MAKE A PAYMENT. THEY COULD GET A RESTRUCTURED LOAN AT A REASONABLY LOW INTEREST AND MAYBE STAY IN BUSINESS. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE DECLARE A DROUGHT DISASTER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ANDREASON'S REQUEST AND ADOPT A DROUGHT RESOLUTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE AND THE BOARD COMMENDED ANDY FOR WINNING A NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR EXTENSION SERVICES.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE 23RD OF AUGUST AND FACT IS HAVING A CONFERENCE ON RISK MANAGEMENT WHICH WILL CONFLICT WITH THAT DATE. SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS ARE WANTING TO MOVE THE BOARD MEETING TO THE 16TH OF AUGUST SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. HE REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO MOVE THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING UP A WEEK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO MOVE THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING UP A WEEK AND HOLD IT ON AUGUST 16TH.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GAVE A BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. THE LEGISLATURE HAS APPROVED FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET YEAR THE COUNTY CAN KEEP THEIR AD VALOREM REVENUES THE SAME AS 06-07; THEY THEN HAVE TO CUT 3% FROM THOSE REVENUES. THEY CAN ADD THE NEW CONSTRUCTION BACK IN. IN MEETING WITH GIL CARTER, PROPERTY APPRAISER, WHEN YOU CUT THE 3%, YOU ARE LOOKING AT CUTTING AROUND \$250,000; WHEN YOU ADD BACK IN YOUR NEW CONSTRUCTION, YOU ARE LOOKING AT ADDING BACK IN AROUND \$150,000. A ROUGH ESTIMATE ON WHAT THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO CUT THEIR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR IS AROUND \$100,000.

B. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS LOOKED AT SOME AREAS THE BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO FUND. SOME ARE IN AREAS IT WILL BE TOUGH TO CUT.

C. ALL THE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY DEPART- MENTS AND NEXT WEEK, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL START GOING THROUGH THEIR BUDGETS WITH THEM. THEY WILL BE SCHEDULING WORKSHOPS AND WORK TOWARD BALANCING TRANSPORTATION AND GENERAL FUNDS.

D. FOR NEXT YEAR, THE LEGISLATURE HAS SAID, ON THE JANUARY 29, 2008 BALLOT, IT WILL BE WHERE THE PEOPLE CAN VOTE TO INCREASE THEIR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. IF THAT IS APPROVED, IT WILL TAKE 60% OF THE VOTERS TO VOTE FOR ITS APPROVAL. IT WILL BE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 2008 AND BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, THE COUNTY WILL BE LOOKING AT MORE SIGNIFICANT CUTS TO THE BUDGET. IN WORKING WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, IN ROUGH ESTIMATES, HE FEELS IT WILL BE A 15% REDUCTION FOR NEXT YEAR. GIL HAS A CONFERENCE WITH ALL THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK, THEY WILL PROBABLY KNOW MORE. NEXT YEAR, IF THE VOTERS APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CUTS, THE BOARD WOULD BE LOOKING AT A DECREASE OF AROUND \$1,000,000.

E. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT EVERYTHING THEY CAN DO NOW THAT WILL HELP NEXT YEAR ANTICIPATING THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PASSING.

F. AS THEY WORK THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS, GOING THROUGH THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS, PROBABLY IN JULY AND AUGUST THEY WILL BE SCHEDULING BUDGET WORKSHOPS WITH THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW DID THE LEGISLATURE COME UP WITH 3% FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND JACKSON COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE TO CUT ANYTHING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE LEGISLATURE LOOKED AT COUNTIES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS; IF YOUR EVALUATIONS GREW AND YOU CUT BACK IN MILLAGE AS IT GREW, THEY WERE MORE FAVORABLE. IF THE EVALUATIONS GREW AND THE COUNTY DIDN'T CUT BACK THEIR MILLAGE, THEY WOULD BE CUT 7% TO 9%. AS A COUNTY'S VALUE GREW AND THEY DECREASED THEIR MILLAGE, SOME COUNTIES DECREASED IT ENOUGH WHERE THEY LEFT IT AT 0%. SOME OF THE COUNTIES WERE DECREASED 3%, 5%, 7% AND 9%.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED GASOLINE TAXES AND OTHER TAX ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN REDUCED FOR 2007-2008. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SOME OF THE REVENUE ESTIMATES THEY BUDGETED FOR THE 2006-2007 ARE NOT COMING IN AS PROJECTED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND SAID HE WASN'T AWARE OF IT UNTIL A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. EVERY YEAR WHEN THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CARRIER AUDITS THE COUNTY'S WORKERS COMP ACCOUNT, THEY NORMALLY CHARGE MORE DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, SALARIES, ETC. BUT, THEY ALSO LOOK AT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY AND IF THEY RECEIVE A 1099 FORM TO THE IRS, THE WORKERS COMP CARRIER CHARGES THE COUNTY FOR WORKERS COMP INSURANCE ON THEM. PEOPLE LIKE GLEN ZANETIC WHO IS CONTRACTED BY MSBU, CHARLES MILES WHO DOES THE BEAVER CONTROL, BACK WHEN LLOYD POWELL WAS CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN PAYING WORKERS COMPENSATION ON THEM. HE WANTED TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION. HE SAID SOME OF THE RESEARCH THEY HAVE DONE, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED WHENEVER THE COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH SOMEBODY LIKE THAT, THEY REQUIRE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE WORKERS COMPENSATION UPFRONT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID SOMEBODY LIKE GLEN ZANETIC WHO MAKES A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY COULD FILE HIS OWN BUSINESS AS CORPORATION MANAGER AND EXEMPT HIMSELF AS THE OFFICER. IF THEY COULD ESTABLISH THAT WITH THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CARRIER, THAT WOULDN'T CHARGE FOR HIM. IT WOULD COST ZANETIC MONEY TO DO THAT; BUT, HE COULD FILE FOR AN EXEMPTION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED SOMETHING PROBABLY SHOULD BE WRITTEN INTO THE MSBU COORDINATOR'S AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY THEY PROVIDE THEIR OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT COME UP ABOUT THE FIREMEN THAT WERE BEING PAID. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE COUNTY WAS BILLED WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR FIREMEN THAT WERE PAID; ANYBODY THAT RECEIVED A 1099 FORM, WORKERS COMPENSATION WAS PAID ON THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO WHEN LEROY GOODMAN WAS WORKING PART TIME AND HE WANTED TO WORK SOME MORE; BUT, THE REQUIREMENT WAS HE HAD TO PROVIDE HIS OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION. THE BOARD NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CONSISTENT FROM HERE ON OUT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THE COUNTY WOULD WANT TO HIRE SOMEONE THEY HAD A CONTRACT WITH THAT WOULD PROVIDE THEIR OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION. SHE CHARGED THESE WORKERS COMPENSATION COSTS TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCURRED THEM AND THEY HADN'T BUDGETED FOR IT; THAT IS PROBABLY WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS PAYING ON THE REST OF THE FIREMEN IN THE COUNTY OR JUST THOSE FOUR AT SUNNY HILLS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED ALL THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN IN THE COUNTY ARE COVERED UNDER THE COUNTY'S WORKERS COMPENSATION EXCEPT FOR MUNICIPALITIES; HOWEVER, THEY DON'T DRAW ANY WAGES EXCEPT SOME IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF MSBU PAID FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ON THOSE PAID FIREMEN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID SHE CHARGED GLEN ZANETIC'S AND THE SUNNY HILL'S FIREMEN THAT WERE PAID TO THE MSBU BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ACTUALLY GLEN AND THE SUNNY HILLS FIREMEN THAT RECEIVED PAY DIDN'T COST THE COUNTY; IT COME OUT OF THE MSBU FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE FOR ANY CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID BY THE SAME TOKEN, MSBU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL HAS HAD TWO RESIGNATIONS, AMANDA BROADFOOT AND CHERYL WINTHROW. ACCORDING TO THE BYLAWS, THE ARTS COUNCIL IS TO SUBMIT THREE NAMES TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMISSIONERS ARE TO APPOINT THEM FROM THE LIST. THEY HAVE INCREASED THE LIST TO FOUR BECAUSE THERE IS TWO VACANCIES. IF THE BOARD DOES NOT WISH TO APPOINT ANYONE FROM THIS LIST, THE ARTS COUNCIL WILL PRESENT MORE NAMES FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THE FOUR NAMES TO CONSIDER:

1. RICHARD DAVENPORT-BAND DIRECTOR AT CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL; HE IS INTERESTED IN THE ARTS AND IS STARTING AN ARTS ACADEMY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.
2. VIVIAN MCDONALD-LONG TIME RESIDENT OF CHIPLEY, A SUPPORTER OF THE BONIFAY ARTS SKILL AND IS A PAINTER
3. KATHRYN NELSON-LONG TIME RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE IN THE ARTS WITH MECHANICALS AND CRAFTS. SHE HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF THE ARTS
4. LINDA NORTON-WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF KATHRYN NELSON AND VIVIAN MCDONALD TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO INVESTIGATE IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE NOT MEETING DUE TO NOT HAVING A FORUM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHO WAS PRESENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE; AUBREY DAVIS, TOBY HODGES, LINDA WALLER, DAVID CORBIN AND GLEN ZANETIC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHO CALLS THE MEETINGS. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED DAVID CORBIN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE CALLS THE MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS IS SOMETHING FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER; IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DONE NOW. HE JUST WANTED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION. COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INCIDENT ON OLD BONIFAY ROAD. THE COUNTY HIGHWAY WAS BLOCKED WITH A SIGN "ROAD CLOSED AHEAD". HE DIDN'T SEE ANY SIGNING THAT SAID "DETOUR AHEAD" OR WHERE THE DETOUR WAS AT. WITH THE STATE, IF YOU BLOCK A ROAD, YOU HAVE TO DO A MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PLAN AND IT SHOWS HOW TO DETOUR AROUND AND THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING THE SAME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WAS A COUNTY ROAD AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT IS WITHIN THE CITY OR NOT. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS DOING THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE CITY CREWS WERE OUT THERE WORKING IN THE SAME AREA THE CONTRACTOR WAS; THE CONTRACTOR KIND OF TRIED TO LAY IT TO THEM. THE CITY'S GUY WENT OUT AND TOLD HIS CREW TO GET OUT OF THERE. THE COUNTY PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SHUT THE CONTRACTOR DOWN UNTIL THEY GOT THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC. IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A POLICY ON THIS, THEY NEED IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT W