

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

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

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVING MET AGAIN. AT THE LAST BUDGET WORKSHOP, THERE WAS A DEFICIT IN THE GENERAL FUND OF OVER \$300,000. DUE TO THE MUDHILL LANDFILL PROJECT (ESTIMATED \$210,000) BEING A ONE TIME COST, THIS COST WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE TAX OVERBID FUND AND BROUGHT THE DEFICT DOWN TO \$164,401.

HE SAID THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD SOME IDEAS ON HOW THE BOARD COULD BALANCE THE BUDGET AND HOW TO PROCEED; NEXTEL RADIOS, COUNTY WIDE MSBU, POSSIBILITY OF LAND SALES TO PROJECT PIPE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED ON NEXTEL SERVICES THE BOARD CURRENTLY HAS, WHICH COST \$27,327.84 AND CONSISTS OF NUMEROUS PLANS. BY CUTTING THE NEXTEL

SERVICES TO TWO PLANS, IT WOULD COST \$20,315.88 AND THERE WOULD BE A SAVINGS OF \$7,011.96.

PATE RECOMMENDED CONSOLIDATING ALL PLANS WITH NEXTEL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THERE WERE SO MANY DIFFERENT PLANS NOW. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT EXPLAINED SOME OF THIS WAS DUE TO NEXTEL CHANGING THE PLAN THAT THEY OFFERED WHEN THEY TURNED ON THE NEW RADIOS; THEY CHANGED THEIR PLAN ACCORDING TO THE SPECIAL OF THE MONTH OR THE SPECIAL OF THE QUARTER QUITE A BIT OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WHEN THE COUNTY ADDED A NEW RADIO, THEY GOT A NEW PLAN.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED, AS FAR AS DETERMINING WHICH PHONES SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY, AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THE LABOR ATTORNEY ADVISED THIS SHOULD BE PUT ON HOLD BECAUSE OF UNION NEGOTIATIONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN TO PARK ALL COUNTY VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN HOME WITH FIVE BEING SET ASIDE. NOT ALL OF THE FIVE WOULD BE OPERATING; THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS WOULD BE ON A ROTATION BASIS WITH THE ONE ON CALL DRIVING THE VEHICLE HOME. AS FAR AS PARKING VEHICLES, AGAIN THE LABOR ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED HOLDING OFF UNTIL THE BARGAINING UNIT IS SETTLED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHAT WAS THE SAVINGS BASED ON, SO MUCH PER MILE OR SO MUCH FUEL, ETC. HEATHER ADVISED IT WAS BASED ON THE MILEAGE TO AND FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S HOME MULTIPLIED BY 44.5 CENTS PER MILE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP EXPLAINED THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE SAVING THE \$47,044.53 IN THEIR BUDGET; BASICALLY, THEY COULD REDUCE THE

BUDGET BY THE COST OF FUEL WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 TO \$12,000.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED ROBERT HARCUS DRIVING A COUNTY VEHICLE HOME COST THE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY \$1,185.00 BASED ON \$3.00 A GALLON FOR 395 GALLONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE PROPOSED A 50% CUT IN COMMISSIONERS TRAVEL. HE POINTED OUT THE BUDGET IS STILL OUT OF BALANCE OVER A \$100,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEGISLATURE LOOKING AT PUTTING APPROXIMATELY \$247,000 ADDITIONAL MEDICAID PAID OUT.

PETE SAID IT WAS MORE BURDEN ON THE COUNTIES WHEN IT COMES TO MEDICAID; MEDICAID IS PAID FOR NURSING HOME CARE AND THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE INCREASE TOTAL IS APPROXIMATELY \$116,000 FOR THE MEDICAID FOR NURSING HOME CARE AND \$72,000 FOR MEDICAID FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF THE LEGISLATURE PASSES WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO PREPARE FOR THESE INCREASES.

COMMISSIONER PATE INFORMED THE BOARD, OTHER THAN LAYOFFS AND DEPARTMENTS CUTTING ANOTHER 5% TO 10% FROM THEIR BUDGET PROPOSALS, HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD GET TO A BALANCED GENERAL FUND BUDGET. HE POINTED OUT MOST OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS PROPOSED BUDGETS ARE ALREADY LESS THAN WHAT THEY HAD BUDGETED LAST YEAR.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY GSG FOR THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS:

- A. FIRE-PARCELS WITH STRUCTURES ON IT; RATE PER DWELLING UNIT OF \$67. THIS WOULD GENERATE GROSS REVENUE OF \$591,063 WHICH WOULD ALMOST EQUAL THE HALF MIL THE COUNTY PUTS INTO THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS. AFTER MAKING ADJUSTMENTS FOR NOT

PUTTING AN ASSESSMENT ON CHURCHES OR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, IT BROUGHT THE ASSESSMENT DOWN TO \$529,000. WITH THE COUNTY DOING THE COLLECTIONS ON THEIR OWN FOR FY 2007-2008, GSG ESTIMATED A 25% SHORTFALL WHICH BRINGS IT DOWN TO \$396,812.

- B. FIRE-SECOND SCENARIO-ADOPTING 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE-\$34 PER UNIT AND GOING THROUGH THE SAME PREVIOUS PROCESS, IT IS ESTIMATED TO GENERATE \$196,862.

- C. EMS-ASSESSMENT PER DWELLING UNIT ASSESSED AT \$42 FOR A TOTAL OF \$681,702. THAT IS ACTUALLY MORE THAN THE COUNTY CURRENTLY BUDGETS FOR EMS. AFTER ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE, AND THE 25% ADJUSTMENT IS TAKEN OUT, IT WILL GENERATE \$387,187.

- D. EMS-ASSESSMENT PER DWELLING UNIT ASSESSED AT \$25 FOR A TOTAL OF \$235,803.

PETE ADVISED THESE ARE THE FIGURES THAT COULD BE BUDGETED IF THE BOARD SHOULD DECIDE TO GO FORWARD WITH THE MSBU. THEY COULD ALSO RETURN THIS AMOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE AMOUNT THEY CURRENTLY SET ASIDE FOR FIRE AND EMS.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED PEOPLE WANT MIND PAYING THE MSBU IF THEY GET BETTER SERVICE OUT OF IT; HOWEVER, IF THE BOARD IS JUST GOING TO REPLACE WHAT IS ALREADY OUT THERE, THEY WON'T GET ANY BETTER SERVICE BECAUSE OF THE WAY THINGS ARE SET UP. THEY WILL HAVE TO REVAMP AND DO EVERYTHING BEFORE; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SALE THE MSBU FOR FIRE AND EMS TO THE PEOPLE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T THINK THE PEOPLE WILL BUY INTO IT IF THEY JUST REPLACE WHAT IS ALREADY THERE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE COST FOR GSG DRAFTING THESE DOCUMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE PAID WHETHER THE COUNTY PROCEEDS FORWARD OR NOT WITH IMPLEMENTATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THE PEOPLE WON'T MIND PAYING ANOTHER TAX IF THEY GET BETTER SERVICE FOR IT. THE BOARD NEEDS TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR THE FIRE AND EMS MSBU FUNDS IN ORDER TO SALE IT TO THE PEOPLE.

PETE SAID THE COUNTY CURRENTLY BUDGETS \$498,244 EACH TO THE FIRE AND EMS BUDGETS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WOULD THEY BE PUTTING BACK THE MIL THEY CURRENTLY FUND THE FIRE AND EMS BUDGET OUT OF GENERAL FUND SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO IMPLEMENT THE MSBU. HE SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE THE NON-RESIDENTIAL PART OF THE FIRE AND EMS MSBU PLAN.

PETE SAID ON THE LOW SIDE, THE FIRE AND EMS MSBU WOULD PUT \$432,665 BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET LESS THE COST FOR GSG TO DRAFT THE DOCUMENTS. THIS WOULD BE IF THE FIRE ASSESSMENT WAS \$34 AND THE EMS ASSESSMENT WAS \$25.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY GO AND ASSESS EVERY LITTLE BUSINESS, EVEN IF THEY GO WITH THE LOWEST FIGURE, THEY MIGHT AS WELL MOVE OUT OF TOWN.

PETE ADDRESSED THE FIRE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE JUST FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS; THE EMS ASSESSMENT WOULD BE COUNTYWIDE. FINCH SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF LITTLE BUSINESSES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED TOO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED JIM MORRIS, CHIPLEY CITY MANAGER, IF THE BOARD FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MSBU, WOULD THE CITY FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IMPLEMENTING THE MSBU IN CHIPLEY. JIM ADVISED HE DIDN'T THINK SO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED PETE IF HE KNEW HOW IT WAS PROPOSED TO HANDLE SUNNY HILLS. PETE ADVISED THE PARCELS THAT HAVE STRUCTURES ON THEM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FIRE AND EMS ASSESSMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS WOULD GET A REDUCTION AS THERE IS ALREADY AN MSBU IN PLACE; THEY ARE SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALREADY.

PETE SAID SUNNY HILLS MSBU IS FOR OVER AND ABOVE WHAT THE COUNTY'S MSBU WOULD PROVIDE. THE COUNTY'S MSBU WOULD PROVIDE BASIC FIRE SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CRAZY ABOUT THE COUNTY WIDE MSBU; HOWEVER, HE IS WILLING TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO BALANCE THE BUDGET BECAUSE NEXT YEAR MAY BE NASTIER THAN THIS YEAR WITH LEGISLATIVE CUTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HIS OPINION IS TO IMPLEMENT WHATEVER THEY NEED TO DO TO BALANCE THE BUDGET MAYBE; HOWEVER, THEY DON'T NEED TO MAKE THE RATES GENERATE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN WHAT THEY NEED. THE RATES NEED TO BE ADJUSTED TO TAKE UP THE SHORTFALL IN THE BUDGET. NATURALLY WE ALL WON'T MORE MONEY IN THE BUDGET; BUT, THEY HAVE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT TO THAT WILL BE PAYING THESE ASSESSMENTS.

PETE QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE WANTING HIM TO REQUEST GSG FIGURE WHAT THE MSBU WILL GENERATE AND LET THEM WORK OUT WHAT THE RATE NEEDS TO BE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY COULD ASSESS \$25 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL

AND \$50 FOR THE NON-RESIDENTIAL AND NOT PER SQUARE FOOT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THEY COULD BALANCE THE BUDGET THIS YEAR OUT OF SOME CUTBACKS AND LAND SALES. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY HAD MORE LAND TO SALE TOO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID EVERYTHING THEY HAVE LEFT IN THE BUDGET IS REOCCURRING EXPENSES AND LAND SALES IS GOING TO RUN OUT. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY BETTER NEXT YEAR IF THE LEGISLATION ON THE BALLOT PASSES IN JANUARY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT ALL THEY COULD DO IS LOOK AT ONE YEAR AT A TIME; THEY CAN'T BASICALLY PREDICT THE FUTURE ON WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. IT IS THE LEGISLATURE AND NOT THE COUNTY DOING IT. HE FELT THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU IS A GOOD PLAN; BUT, WITH THE STRAIN ON EVERYBODY RIGHT NOW, HE DOESN'T KNOW. IT IS NOT AS EXPENSIVE AS IT LOOKS; BUT, IT IS GOING TO LOOK BAD ON EVERYBODY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT IS A GOOD PLAN IF THEY CAN CARRY IT ONE STEP FURTHER, REVAMP AND GET A GOOD PLAN TO GET BETTER FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WASN'T TRYING TO BE PESSIMISTIC; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SHOW SOMEONE THEY ARE GETTING BETTER SERVICE. IF THEY COULD GIVE ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TOP LINE EQUIPMENT, FINE AND DANDY; HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE JUST GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN WHAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PROVE TO ANYONE THEY ARE GOING TO GET BETTER SERVICE THIS YEAR THAN THEY DID LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS SOMEWHAT ON FINCH'S SIDE. HE

DOESN'T THINK THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BUY THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU UNLESS THEY SEE SOME IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE EXTRA TAX.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THERE ARE SOME FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY GO AND GET IN THEIR TRUCKS, THEY HOPE THEY WILL START BECAUSE THEY ARE SO OLD AND WORN OUT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID EXACTLY. BUT, IF YOU DON'T GIVE THEM SOMETHING BETTER TO WORK WITH, HOW CAN THEY EXPECT IT TO BE ANY BETTER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY REVISED NUMBERS ON THE MEDICAL INSURANCE YET.

TRAVIS PITTS WITH CLARK'S INSURANCE ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING THEY DON'T HAVE THE FINAL FIGURES; THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT ONE AGAINST THE OTHER AND TRYING TO GET THE RATES DOWN. THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP IT AT THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE; BUT, THEY MAY HAVE TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM A LITTLE BIT TO GET THE FIGURES THE BOARD IS GOING TO WANT. HOPEFULLY, THEY SHOULD PRETTY MUCH HAVE TO WIND IT UP BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT IF TRAVIS DON'T HAVE SOME NUMBERS. TRAVIS SAID THEY WERE WORKING TO FIND THE BEST RATES FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE BEST COVERAGE. HE SAID THE BOARD COULD PUT IN THEIR BUDGET WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD AND LET THEM WORK WITH THOSE NUMBERS. EVERY DAY GIVES THE BOARD BETTER CLAIMS. HE AND ALLAN ARE TRYING TO PLAY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AGAINST EACH OTHER AND REITERATED THEY MAY HAVE TO CHANGE THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM A LITTLE BIT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED COULD THEY IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LET THE BOARD KNOW DAY BY DAY WHERE THEY ARE AT WITH THE INSURANCE. THE BOARD HAS SORT OF BEEN IN THE DARK FOR A WHILE NOT

KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON.

TRAVIS SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT PRETTY STEADY. FINCH SAID THAT WAS GOOD; BUT, TRAVIS AND ALLAN HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE INSURANCE FROM THEIR OFFICE AND THE BOARD DOESN'T KNOW AND FELT LIKE THEY WERE IN THE DARK.

TRAVIS SAID THEY HAD COMMUNICATIONS WITH PETE. THEY WILL TRY TO HAVE THE NUMBERS READY BY THURSDAY. HE SAID PART OF THE DELAY HAS BEEN A LITTLE OF THEIR FAULT IN TRYING TO KEEP PRICES DOWN KNOWING IT IS A BIG EXPENSE TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD APPRECIATES HIM TRYING TO GET THE RATES AS LOW AS THEY CAN; BUT, THEY DON'T WON'T IT TO COME THURSDAY AND THEY ARE DOING THE SAME THING WHERE THEY HAVE A HUGE BILL TO PAY AND HAVE EXHAUSTED A MONTH'S TIME IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING. HE HOPES THE NUMBERS ARE POSITIVE.

TRAVIS SAID HE THINKS IT WILL BE. THEY NEVER KNOW WHAT THE CLAIMS ARE GOING TO BE EACH MONTH AND SO OFTEN ALL OF THIS IS CLAIMS DRIVEN.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FUNDED IN THE GENERAL FUND IS SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT RETIRING. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD TALKED ABOUT, RATHER THAN FILLING THAT POSITION, MOVE HIS ASSISTANT UP INTO THE POSITION AND MAYBE HAVE HIM WORKING WITH INMATES UNTIL THEIR BUDGET GOT IN BETTER SHAPE.

HEATHER, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE, ADVISED WITH BENEFITS AND EVERYTHING, THEY WOULD SAVE ABOUT \$50,000 IF THEY DIDN'T HIRE ANYONE TO FILL THE ASSISTANT'S POSITION AND MOVED THE ASSISTANT UP TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD'S POSITION.

HEATHER SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF THERE WOULD BE ANY INCENTIVES FOR HIM LIKE THERE IS GOING TO BE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO OPTED TO RETIRE EARLY. HE WILL OBVIOUSLY GET ALL OF HIS ANNUAL LEAVE; BUT, SHE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY INCENTIVE FOR HIS SICK LEAVE. RIGHT NOW, HE WOULD GET 25% OF HIS SICK LEAVE BECAUSE HE IS VESTED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT IF THEY MOVED BRUNER'S ASSISTANT UP TO HIS POSITION AND DIDN'T FILL THE ASSISTANT POSITION, THEY WOULD HAVE TO HIRE HIM SOME HELP. HEATHER SAID ON THE NEW SALARY CLASSIFICATION THEY CREATED, THEY HAVE AN INTERIM LABOR OR TRAINING TYPE POSITION FOR A LABORER WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN WHAT THE ASSISTANT IS CURRENTLY MAKING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT USES INMATE LABOR, THEY WOULD HAVE TO USE THE COUNTY JAIL INMATES AND NOT STATE INMATES.

ROGER REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING TAKEN SOME ACTION A MEETING OR TWO AGO GIVING ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 63 AND 65 WHO OPTED TO RETIRE EARLY AN INCENTIVE OF THE COUNTY PAYING THEIR MEDICAL INSURANCE UNTIL SUCH TIME THEY WERE MEDICARE ELIGIBLE. HE SAID THERE WAS ONE EMPLOYEE THAT IS WILLING TO RETIRE EARLY IF THE COUNTY WOULD PAY HIS MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR THE SAME TWENTY FOUR MONTH WINDOW AND THIS EMPLOYEE PICK UP THEIR OWN PERSONAL INSURANCE AT THAT POINT IN TIME. THE EMPLOYEE HAS AN ADVANCED MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MIGHT EVEN LET HIM BE ON MEDICAL DISABILITY BY THE TIME HE IS 62. YOU ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT TWENTY FOUR MONTHS WHETHER IT IS FROM 60 TO

62 OR 63 TO 65.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CALCULATIONS ON WHAT THAT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY IF THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE OF THIS. ROGER SAID THEY WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY MAY PUT SOMEBODY ELSE BACK IN THAT POSITION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BOARD HAS GOT TO START SETTING SOME RULES ON WHO ELSE THEY CAN PUT ON THIS; IF THEY BACK UP TO TRY AND HELP SOMEBODY ELSE OUT AND STATED HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANYBODY DROPPING BACK TO 60 TO 62.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY HAD EVER BEEN IN THE SITUATION LIKE THEY ARE TODAY EITHER. HE REFERRED TO PATE HAVING PROPOSED SOME THINGS ALREADY TODAY THAT IS NOT AGREEABLE TOTALLY. HE THINKS THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK AT ANY OPTIONS THEY CAN TO SAVE MONEY; IF IT MEANS CHANGING THE RULES SOME, THEY NEED TO CHANGE THEM. HE SAID THEY CERTAINLY NEED TO INVESTIGATE IF IT WILL SAVE MONEY AND GIVE PEOPLE INCENTIVES TO RETIRE EARLIER. IF IT BRINGS THE BUDGET BACK IN LINE, HE IS TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF IT. THEY CAN MOVE PEOPLE UP THAT IS WORKING AS A SUBORDINATE TO THAT POSITION NOW IF THEY CAN FILL IN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THEY COULD SAVE \$50,000 WITH BRUNER RETIRING AND SOMETHING SOMEWHERE ELSE, EVENTUALLY THEY WILL GET TO A BALANCED BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ABOUT BRUNER'S TIME. ARE THEY GOING TO JUST PAY BRUNER 25% OF HIS SICK LEAVE OR PAY MORE THAN THEY NORMALLY WOULD.

HEATHER SAID BRUNER WAS JUST ASKING WHAT HE COULD GET; HE WAS

NOT COMING TO HER WITH ANYTHING. IF HE WERE TO GET ALL OF HIS SICK LEAVE, IT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED IF THE SAME SCENARIO THEY USED ON THE OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES WORK FOR BRUNER. IF THEY KEEP THE SAME FORMAT AND TREAT HIM THE SAME WAY THEY DID THE OTHER TWO, EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE DIFFERENCE IN BRUNER IS THEY WOULDN'T BE PAYING ANY INSURANCE ON HIM AS HE IS ALREADY OVER 65 AND COULD BE ON MEDICARE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID BRUNER PROBABLY CAME TO WORK A LOT OF TIMES WHEN HE WAS SICK AND HAS JUST ACCUMULATED A LOT OF SICK LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED COULDN'T THE ADMINISTRATOR, THE COMMISSIONER ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND HEATHER NEGOTIATE WITH BRUNER AND WORK IT OUT. IF HE COULD GET A MOTION TO ALLOW THIS TO TAKE PLACE, IT WOULD REDUCE THE DEFICIT BY POSSIBLY \$50,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF HE WAS SAYING BRUNER WAS GOING TO BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY THAN THE ACTION THE BOARD TOOK PREVIOUSLY WITH TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES OR ARE THEY GOING TO BASICALLY GO BY WHAT THEY PREVIOUSLY DONE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BOARD DO THE SAME FOR BRUNER AS THEY PREVIOUSLY VOTED ON FOR TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES.

PETE SAID IF THEY PAY BRUNER FOR ALL OF HIS SICK LEAVE, HE FEELS THE BOARD WILL HAVE MORE EMPLOYEES COME FORWARD THAT ARE OVER 65

THAT WOULD WANT TO GO AHEAD AND RETIRE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED HOW MUCH SICK LEAVE BRUNER HAD. HEATHER SAID BRUNER HAD SICK LEAVE OVER 480 HOURS, NOT COUNTING HIS CRITICAL LEAVE, AND HIS ANNUAL LEAVE AS WELL.

ROGER SAID AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD WHO HAS WORKED ON THE COUNTY POLICIES FOR YEARS AND YEARS, WHEN YOU SAY SICK LEAVE, THE EMPLOYEES INCLUDE THE 480 HOURS THEY CARRY FORWARD AND EVERYTHING THEY HAVE IN THE SICK LEAVE BANK. CURRENTLY, IF YOU RETIRE, YOU GET 25% NOT TO EXCEED 480 HOURS; THE EMPLOYEES DON'T WANT JUST THE 480 HOURS, THEY WANT ALL OF IT.

ROGER SAID THE REASON AN EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF SICK TIME IS MAYBE THEY WORKED WHEN THEY MAYBE SHOULDN'T HAVE OR MAYBE THEY JUST ENJOYED GOOD HEALTH. AS MANAGERS, THEY THINK SICK LEAVE IS AN INSURANCE POLICY AND REFERRED TO EMPLOYEES WHO HAD BEEN OUT DUE TO SURGERY THAT WERE OUT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME AND STILL RECEIVED A CHECK; THAT IS A TRUE USE OF SICK LEAVE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO IS SICK OFTEN AND USE IT UP EVERY TWO WEEKS. IF YOU HAVE AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF SICK LEAVE, THAT EMPLOYEE IS SHOWING UP TO WORK. WHETHER IT IS A PERK OR NOT, THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THAT. IF THEY WANT TO SAY IF AN EMPLOYEE DON'T USE THEIR SICK LEAVE, THEY CAN GET IT AT THE END OF THE ROAD; THAT WILL BE A POLICY DECISION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SICK LEAVE CRITICAL BANK. ROGER EXPLAINED THE COUNTY POLICY SAYS AN EMPLOYEE CAN CARRY FORWARD 480 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE; IF SOMEONE HAS 480 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE AND CONTINUES TO EARN THE FOUR HOURS EVERY TWO WEEKS, ALL OVER THE 480 HOURS IS ROLLED OVER TO A CRITICAL LEAVE BANK. HE

SAID THIS WAS A POLICY DECISION BY THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED HOW THE STATE HANDLED THEIR SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE WHEN HE WORKED WITH THE FL-DOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED HE GOT A PERCENTAGE OF HIS SICK LEAVE WHEN HE RETIRED FROM FL-DOT; HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE TOOK SICK LEAVE OFF A DAY OR TWO A WEEK, AND IT WAS A YEAR BEFORE THEY RETIRED. HE ADDRESSED THEY REALLY WOULDN'T EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND YOU COULDN'T EVEN PLAN FOR THEIR USE. HE SAID THE BOARD DON'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE THIS POLICY AND TELL THEM THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET PAID FOR ALL THEIR SICK LEAVE AND THE EMPLOYEE SAYS "FINE" AND THEY WILL GET IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. HE SAID THIS WOULD TOTALLY SCREW UP THEIR WORK WEEK AND YOU CAN'T PLAN FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BOARD MAY NEED TO FIGURE UP A BUY UP PACKAGE; IT IS BASICALLY THE SAME THING. HOWEVER, IF YOU GET INTO THE ROLLOVERS AND CARRY OVERS, ETC, THAT WILL BE A REAL ISSUE.

HEATHER EXPLAINED THE INSURANCE BENEFIT FOR TWO YEARS IS SORT OF LIKE A BUY OUT PACKAGE; THERE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE A LOT OF LEAVE AND WHEN YOU MULTIPLY THAT TIMES THEIR HOURLY RATE, THEY ARE LOOKING AT QUITE A BIT MORE THAN IF THEY AGREE TO PAY THEIR INSURANCE FOR TWO YEARS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE PAYING OF A PERSON'S INSURANCE UP TO TWO YEARS IF THEY AGREE TO EARLY RETIREMENT IS A GOOD IDEA IF IT WOULD WORK OUT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD NEEDS SOME HARD FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO POSSIBLY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EARLY

RETIREMENT AND HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO DO AN INSURANCE INCENTIVE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS HERE THE BOARD MAY BE OVERLOOKING THAT WOULD HELP THE EMPLOYEES PLUS HELP THE COUNTY WITH THEIR BUDGET TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THERE IS ONE OTHER EMPLOYEE TALKING ABOUT RETIRING AT ROAD AND BRIDGE. HE ASKED DALLAS TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS TALKING ABOUT DOING. DALLAS SAID THE EMPLOYEE WAS GOING TO STAY OUT A FEW DAYS ALONG AND GET HIS SICK LEAVE TIME ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. WITH THE EMPLOYEE'S KNEES LIKE THEY ARE, HE COULD GO TO THE DOCTOR RIGHT NOW AND BE OFF PROBABLY ALL OF IT. HOWEVER, THE EMPLOYEE HAD RATHER WORK UNTIL HE RETIRES BEFORE GETTING HIS KNEE REPLACEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW MANY HOURS OF LEAVE DID THIS EMPLOYEE HAVE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADVISED HE BELIEVED THE EMPLOYEE HAD 231 HOURS OF ANNUAL LEAVE, 235 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE AND 100 HOURS OF CRITICAL LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD HEARD CRITICAL LEAVE THREE OR FOUR TIMES AND QUESTIONED WHAT IT WAS. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IT WAS THE EXCESS SICK LEAVE TIME AN EMPLOYEE ACCUMULATES WHICH GOES INTO A CRITICAL LEAVE BANK. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT IS ALL OVER 480 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE AN EMPLOYEE HAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ACTUALLY THE EMPLOYEE IS JUST BUILDING THEMSELVES A LITTLE INSURANCE POLICY ON THE SIDE. FL-DOT JUST KEPT THEIR SICK LEAVE UNDER ONE PLACE; WHEN HE RETIRED HE HAD ABOUT 1600 HOURS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WORKING WITH THIS EMPLOYEE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE OR WORKING SOMETHING

OUT WITH LLOYD BRUNER.

DALLAS EXPLAINED THE EMPLOYEE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE IS ON THE DROP PROGRAM AND IS NOT GOING TO RETIRE EARLY. IN JANUARY, HE WILL HAVE HIS YEARS IN AND WILL COME OFF THE DROP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED PETE IF HE HAD ANY IDEA OF HOW MANY EMPLOYEES MAY BE INTERESTED IN RETIRING EARLY.

DEBBIE RILEY SAID THERE WERE SEVERAL EMPLOYEES AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WHO ARE CLOSE TO 65; BUT, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN RETIRING EARLY BECAUSE THEY WORK TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION ROGER TALKED ABOUT AND ASKED PETE TO GIVE THE BOARD SOME MONEY FIGURES ON WHAT IT WOULD COST.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY COULD GET SOME FIGURES ON THIS PARTICULAR PERSON; BUT, THAT WILL OPEN UP A CAN OF WORMS AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE EARLY RETIREMENT PACKAGE IS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT WILL BE 65 WITHIN TWO YEARS, HE FEELS IT IS SOMETHING THE BOARD CAN HELP THEM FAIRLY WITH EVERYBODY. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T FEEL THEY NEED TO START NEGOTIATING WITH EVERY PERSON THAT WANTS TO RETIRE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THIS BEING A STRANGE YEAR AND A DIFFERENT YEAR; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO USE DIFFERENT TACTICS. HE SAID HE IS NOT SAYING THEY WILL DO IT; BUT, IF TWO OR THREE MORE MAY FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY, THAT MAY BE THE SAVINGS AND THEY NEED TO LOOK AT ALL OPTIONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY ACTION ON IT, HE

FELT THEY NEEDED SOME MORE DISCUSSION ON IT WITH FINCH SAYING HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF THERE WERE A COUPLE MORE EMPLOYEES WHO WANTED TO LOOK AT RETIRING, IT WOULD COVER THE MOST OF WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED. HOWEVER, THE MONIES LEFT OVER AT THE BUILDING DOWN AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND THE SOD FARM, THIS MAY COULD BE USED TO HELP BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN RECOMMENDED PETE, COMMISSIONER PATE AND HEATHER GET SOMETHING TOGETHER ON THE EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; IF THE BOARD CAN DO IT, DO IT AND BE DONE WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHAT CONCERNS HIM ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT IS MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE AT PUBLIC WORKS. THE BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE OUT THERE DOING WORK THEMSELVES IF THE WORKFORCE IS DECREASED. PATE QUESTIONED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES AT THE COUNTY ANNEX MAY BE INTERESTED IN EARLY RETIREMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID EVERYBODY NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THE EARLY RETIREMENT WOULD BE FOR A SITUATION THAT MAY NOT BE HERE NEXT YEAR; THE BOARD MAY BE IN TOTALLY BETTER SHAPE NEXT YEAR OR THEY MAY BE WORSE OFF. HE SAID THIS EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TWO MONTHS OR NEXT YEAR; IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO CONSIDER IT, THEY NEED TO CONSIDER IT NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID NONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS MAY NOT BE ON THE BOARD NEXT YEAR; IT COULD VERY WELL HAPPEN.

DIANNE VITALLI ASKED ABOUT THE BOARD SETTING A MANDATORY

RETIREMENT AGE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. THE BOARD SAID THEY DIDN'T THINK THEY COULD SET A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OR FORCE ANYONE TO RETIRE.

CHAIRMAN SAPP CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING AND ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO ADDRESS ITEM C ON THE TRANSPORTATION FUND. PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVING WORKED THROUGH SEVERAL DIFFERENT SCENARIOS THAT DEBBIE HAD PREPARED FOR PUBLIC WORKS. THEY FINALLY GOT TO A BALANCED BUDGET OF \$2,313,232.54; THE SHOP BUDGET TOTALLED \$442,008.46. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAD TO DO TO GET TO THE BALANCED TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WAS TO LOOK AT THE PROJECTED IMPACT FEE MONIES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF \$256,608. OUT OF THIS AMOUNT, THEY WOULD FUND THE TWO POSITIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW, REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE IMPACT FEE STUDY AND SET ASIDE THE REMAINDER TO ASSIST WITH FUTURE ROAD PAVING.

ANOTHER THING INCLUDED IN BALANCING THE BUDGET WAS TAKING OUT THE TWO EMPLOYEES WHO WERE INTERESTED IN TAKING EARLY RETIREMENT, \$15,000 BUDGETED FOR DISTRICT ROAD MATERIALS AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BUDGETED AT \$14,488.

PETE SAID THEY WERE HOPING TO PAY FOR THE EXCAVATOR AND MIXER OUT OF THE ROLLING PINES GRANT FUNDS. THERE IS GOING TO BE EXTRA MONIES IN THE GRANT; BUT, IT IS GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR HEADWALLS, PIPES, RIPRAP, ETC. NOW THE EXCAVATOR AND MIXER PAYMENTS WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF YOU COULD ACTUALLY USE THE

IMPACT FEE FUNDS TO PAY SALARIES FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT CREW EMPLOYEES. PETE SAID HE WILL DOUBLE CHECK THIS; BUT, HE WANTS TO SAY GSG SAID THEY COULD USE THE IMPACT FEES FOR EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT AS LONG AS THEY WERE WORKING ON ROADS ON RESURFACING ON THE PAVING MATRIX.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS AWARE GSG HAD SAID THEY COULD USE THE IMPACT FEES TO PAY BACK THE COST FOR THE IMPACT FEE STUDY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD TAKE MONIES GENERATED IN ROLLING PINES AND PAVE A STREET IN NORTHERN CHIPLEY WITH IT. PETE AGREED YOU COULDN'T DO THAT.

PETE REITERATED AS LONG AS THE ROADS ARE ON THE MATRIX THAT IS IN THE PLAN OR IT IS A SPECIAL PROJECT, HE IS THINKING YOU COULD FUND THE SPECIAL PROJECT CREW.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE MSBU FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SAID IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED TO SPLIT IT INTO CERTAIN SECTIONS AND THE MONEY GENERATED WENT INTO THOSE SECTIONS. HE REFERRED TO IT BEING LIKE THE MSBU IN SUNNY HILLS; THOSE FUNDS HAVE TO BE SPENT IN SUNNY HILLS.

PETE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF THE DISCUSSION TO SPLIT THE COUNTY UP INTO FOUR QUADRONS AND IF THE MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN THE NE PART OF THE COUNTY, IT WOULD GO TOWARD A ROAD IN THE NE PART, ETC. HE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD EVER TOOK ACTION ON THAT. HE SAID THAT WOULD PREVENT ALL THE ONES IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA AS THEY ARE PAYING THEIR MSBU FOR THESE EXPENSES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY NEED TO SPLIT THE COUNTY UP INTO

FOUR QUADRONS AND STATED SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR TRACKING ALL OF THE IMPACT FEES TO MAKE SURE IT IS APPROPRIATED ACCURATELY.

PETE SAID THEY WOULD ACTUALLY START COLLECTING IMPACT FEES ON NOVEMBER 5TH. HE IS SETTING UP AN IMPLEMENTATION MEETING WITH GSG ON THE IMPACT FEES WITH BOARD FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT BEING PRESENT.

PETE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO DO ABOUT THE POSSIBLE INCREASE TO THE COUNTY FOR MEDICAID EXPENSES IN NURSING HOMES.

PETE ADDRESSED THE 5% INCREASE IN THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU FOR 2008. HE SAID HE THOUGHT FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS THE MSBU WAS PUT INTO PLACE, THERE WAS NO INCREASE; HOWEVER, AFTER THAT, EVERY YEAR THEY CAN INCREASE IT BY 5%. THE MSBU TAX ROLL THEY ARE WORKING ON NOW INCLUDES A 5% INCREASE; BUT, THEY HAVEN'T HAD BOARD ACTION ON THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE 5% INCREASE IN THE MSBU ASSESSMENTS.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HOPING TO HAVE THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL READY TODAY TO HAVE IT CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD. MALCOLM GAINNEY, COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE ASSESSMENT OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE STILL HAS SOME PARCELS HE IS UNSURE OF. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE ESTIMATING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL WILL GENERATE BETWEEN \$380,000 AND \$415,000; BUT, THERE IS ABOUT 1200 PARCELS MALCOLM STILL NEEDS TO VERIFY. HE IS CHECKING TO SEE WHEN THE PAVING WAS PUT DOWN IN SUNNY HILLS; IF IT WAS PUT DOWN PRIOR TO

DECEMBER 31, 2006, IT NEEDS TO GO ON THE MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL. HOWEVER, IF IT WAS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007, IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL. MALCOLM IS TRYING TO VERIFY THIS ON THOSE 1200 PARCELS AND IS WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHEN THE EXACT DATE WAS WHEN THE ROADS WERE PAVED. THEY NEED TO GET THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. THEY WERE HOPING THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE OF THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING THE MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL CONTINGENT ON VERIFYING THOSE 1200 PARCELS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE \$415,000 INCLUDED THE 1200 PARCELS AND IF THE 1200 PARCELS WERE BACKED OUT, THE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE AT LEAST \$380,000. PETE SAID THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF THAT WAS WITH OR WITHOUT THE 5%. PETE ADVISED THOSE FIGURES INCLUDED THE 5% INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CHAIRMAN SAPP SIGNING THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL CONTINGENT ON VERIFICATION OF THOSE 1200 PARCELS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE 5% INCREASE WOULD BE \$1.15 ADDED TO THE \$25 MSBU ASSESSMENT. MALCOLM SAID IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT BECAUSE IT IS A 5% INCREASE OVER THE .6 EQUALLED AS TO MORE THAN WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR.

PETE SAID AT MSBU'S LAST COMMITTEE MEETING, IT WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN TO HAVE THE SUNNY HILLS FUNDS AND INVENTORY AUDITED. THEY WANTED IT BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING THE BOARD PAY FOR

ANOTHER AUDIT OF THE MSBU. COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHO WOULD PAY FOR THE AUDIT IF THE BOARD DIDN'T.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS A BAD IDEA TO DO IT; BUT, NOT A GENERAL PROCEDURES AUDIT. IT NEEDS TO BE A THOROUGH AUDIT AND INVENTORY COUNT. HE SAID THERE WERE A LOT OF RUMORS GOING AROUND AND HE FEELS THE RIGHT KIND OF AUDIT WOULD BRING A LOT OF ISSUES TO A CLOSE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO PAY FOR THE MSBU AUDIT AS LONG AS IT IS NOT A GENERAL AUDIT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHAT WAS THE AUDIT GOING TO COST. PETE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FIGURES; THEY PAID \$5,000 TO GSG FOR THE AUDIT THEY DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE OUTCOME OF THE AUDIT DONE BY GSG. PETE ADVISED GSG FOUND NOTHING CRIMINAL OR FRAUDULENT; THEY FOUND THERE WERE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT NEEDED TIGHTENING UP ON.

PETE SAID HE TALKED WITH SARA APPLEWHITE WITH CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM, COUNTY AUDITORS, AND SHE REVIEWED WHAT GSG HAD DONE ON THE MSBU AUDIT. SARA THOUGHT GSG WAS VERY THOROUGH IN WHAT THEY DID; THEY LOOKED AT A LOT OF THE ACCOUNTS, FIGURES, ETC. AND FELT THEY DID A PRETTY EXTENSIVE AUDIT AND PUT A LOT OF INVESTIGATION INTO IT. SHE AGREED WITH GSG'S FINDINGS. PETE POINTED OUT MSBU WAS INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL AUDIT.

COMMISSONER SAPP SAID HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IF THE MSBU COMMITTEE WANTS ANOTHER AUDIT, THEN MSBU NEEDS TO SUPPORT IT AND PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES OUT OF THE MSBU FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY PROBABLY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY FOR IT RIGHT NOW. HE SAID IF IT IS SOMETHING THE BOARD WANTED TO DO, THEY COULD PUT IT ON MSBU'S BILL. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE AUDIT WILL DO OTHER THAN MAYBE PUT RUMORS TO REST. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN THROUGH THAT ALREADY AND THAT DIDN'T PUT IT TO REST. THE ONES THAT DIDN'T LIKE THE FINDINGS, DISAGREED WITH IT AND THE ONES THAT LIKED IT AGREED WITH IT AND THAT IS PROBABLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF ANOTHER AUDIT IS DONE.

CLERK LINDA COOK SAID RIGHT NOW THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY EITHER; THIS IS NOT AN OPTION RIGHT NOW. SHE SAID THEY ARE STILL HUNTING MONIES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID BY DOING ANOTHER AUDIT, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT \$100,000 WENT TO. CLERK COOK SAID IT DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE; IT WAS MISSPENT IN ANOTHER SPOT. THE MONEY IS THERE; THERE IS NO MONEY GONE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP POLLED THE BOARD ON THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO PAY FOR AN AUDIT OF MSBU. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE AND STRICKLAND VOTING YES AND COMMISSIONER SAPP, FINCH AND HOLMAN VOTING NO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE AUDIT MAY BE SOMETHING THE BOARD WANTS TO LOOK AT LATER; BUT, RIGHT NOW THEIR MAIN CONCERN IS TO TRY AND BALANCE THE BUDGET. THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO MAYBE THEY COULD LIKE TO DO LATER.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS TRYING TO HELP THE MSBU; THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO UNLESS THEY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED AS LONG AS THERE IS TWO OPPOSING SIDES, IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS. HE THINKS IT IS GOING TO TAKE TIME FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND HE DOESN'T THINK AN AUDIT WILL DO IT. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DOING AN AUDIT; BUT, THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IN ALL THE MONTHS THAT HAS WENT BY, THE BOARD HAS SAID LETS GO BY WHAT THE NEW MSBU ADVISORY BOARD WANTS TO DO. NOW THE NEW BOARD IS WANTING AN AUDIT AND THE COUNTY COMMISSION BOARD IS NOT GOING TO GIVE IT TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP AND FINCH BOTH AGREED THEY WERE NOT AGAINST THE MSBU AUDIT IF MSBU CAN PAY FOR IT. HE IS AGAINST IT BECAUSE THEY ARE ASKING THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR IT AND THE COUNTY IS HAVING DIFFICULTY BALANCING THEIR OWN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS MSBU CAN'T EVEN PAY THEIR BILLS DOWN THERE NOW. CLERK COOK AND COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY CAN'T EITHER.

DIANNE VITALLI ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON MSBU HAVING RECEIVED \$160,000 FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND FOR 2006-2007. SHE IS AWARE THE BOARD IS CUTTING THEIR BUDGET IN EVERY WAY THEY CAN; BUT, REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER CUTTING MSBU BY 50% AND NOT COMPLETELY CUT IT OUT. SHE SAID SUNNY HILLS WAS LOOKING AT LOSING LIGHTING ON THEIR STREETS.

MS. VITALLI SAID, IN REGARDS TO THE NEW MSBU THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING, SHE IS HAPPY TO SEE THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT QUADRONS SO THAT MONEY WHICH IS COLLECTED IS SPENT IN THE EFFECTIVE AREA IT IS COLLECTED FROM. SHE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT SUNNY HILLS GET PAID PART OF THAT MSBU.

TED EVERETT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PROJECT PIPE. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING SOME SIZABLE GRANTS. THEY HAD A MEETING WITH MS. LOIS FROM THE EDA REGIONAL OFFICE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. MS. LOIS ADVISED THEM DOING THE EDA GRANT WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY LETTING WFRPC DO IT. THE EDA SORT OF BIRTH THESE PLANNING COUNCILS; THEY GIVE THEM MONEY EVERY YEAR TO DO SUPPORT.

TED ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED WITH BRUCE STITT OF WFRPC; IF THE COUNTY WERE TO ALLOW WFRPC TO DO THE EDA GRANT, THEY WOULD DO THE PRE-APPLICATION AT NO CHARGE. THEY DO HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE COST THAT CAN'T BE COVERED WITH THE EDA GRANT. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DEFER ANY ADMINISTRATION FEES UNTIL AFTER THE OPTION CONTRACT WITH PROJECT PIPE WAS TURNED INTO A SALES CONTRACT. THE BILLING CYCLE WOULDN'T START UNTIL THE GRANT WAS OBTAINED; IF THE GRANT IS NOT OBTAINED, THERE IS NO FEE. HE CAN'T GIVE THE BOARD AN EXACT DATE OF WHEN THE OPTION FOR PROJECT PIPE WILL BECOME A SALES CONTRACT; IT IS GOING TO BE A LENGTHY PROCESS. BEFORE THEY CAN DO THE APPLICATION TO EDA, THEY HAVE TO DO A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY. HE HAS TALKED WITH CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AND HE CAN SUBCONTRACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OUT WHICH WILL THEN NOT CAUSE THEM TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH A BID PROCESS, WHICH WOULD TAKE MORE TIME. HE IS A COUNTY ENGINEER AND

UNDER A RETAINER AND WILL WORK WITH HIS SUBCONTRACTOR TO DEFER THOSE PAYMENTS AS WELL.

TED SAID THEY NEED TO START THESE PROCESSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE COMPANY IS SEEKING TO BREAK GROUND IN FEBRUARY; HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THE COUNTY WILL BE READY TO BREAK GROUND IN FEBRUARY. HOWEVER, THE LONGER THEY DELAY IN THIS, THE MORE IT IS GOING TO PUSH OFF THE ISSUE. HE SAID THEY STILL HAVE WETLAND MITIGATION TO GO THROUGH. HE UNDERSTANDS THERE IS GOING TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND TWENTY TO THIRTY ACRES FOR EVERY ONE ACRE. HE WILL BE WORKING WITH GIL CARTER AND THE REST OF THE BOARD AND STAFF TO SEE WHERE THE REST OF THOSE ACRES WILL COME FROM. HE AND COMMISSIONER SAPP HAVE DISCUSSED THE MITIGATION AND FEELS THERE MAY BE SOME LAND IN THE CARYVILLE AREA THEY CAN MITIGATE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO PUT IT IN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT. IF THERE IS SOME PRIVATE LAND OWNERS WHO WANT TO DONATE SOME WETLANDS TO PUT IN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, TED ADVISED THAT WOULD WORK AS WELL.

TED SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD TELLING THEM THEY NEED TO SPEND MONEY; HOWEVER, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO MAKE MONEY. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO DO THE WORK FOR THEM ARE WILLING TO HOLD THEIR BILLING CYCLE UNTIL AFTER THE OPTION CONTRACT IS CONVERTED TO A SALES CONTRACT WITH PROJECT PIPE. THE WFRPC ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND THE COST TO DO THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY WILL COME OUT OF THE \$350,000 GROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE RECEIVING WHEN SALING PROJECT PIPE THE APPROXIMATE SEVENTY ACRES OF LAND. BEFORE HE CAN GO AND TELL CLIFF TO MOVE FORWARD, TED SAID HE NEEDED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY. CLIFF ADVISED IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 TO DO A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF A PRIVATE LANDOWNER WERE TO PUT THEIR PROPERTY INTO A CONSERVATION EASEMENT, IS THAT PROPERTY STILL TAXABLE. TED SAID THE LANDOWNER WOULD DONATE THE LAND TO THE COUNTY AND GET SOME SORT OF TAX ABATEMENT SOMEWHERE ELSE IF THE COUNTY WANTED TO DO THAT; THE COUNTY WOULD OWN THAT LAND AND THEY COULD PUT IT INTO A CONSERVATION EASEMENT. IF THE LANDOWNER WANTED TO CONTINUE TO OWN THE LAND, BUT PUT THE CONSERVATION ON THE LAND IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY, THEY WOULD FOREGO PAYING ANY MORE TAXES ON THAT LAND SINCE BASICALLY THEY HAVE GIVEN THE COUNTY THE BENEFIT OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THAT CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE LANDOWNER WOULD STILL OWN THE LAND; BUT, IT WOULD JUST BE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT THEY WOULD GIVE TO THE COUNTY. TED ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; BUT, THE LANDOWNER WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO CERTAIN THINGS ON IT AND REFERRED TO DEVELOPMENT NOT OCCURRING ON THAT LAND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID AGAIN IT IS WETLANDS. TED SAID THEY WOULD BE TRADING ACRES FOR ACRES FOR WETLAND MITIGATION. FINCH SAID IF THE LANDOWNER WAS GOING TO CONTINUE OWNING THE LAND AND IT IS WETLANDS, IT IS NO GOOD TO THE LANDOWNER AND THEY ARE PAYING TAXES ON IT TO SOME DEGREE.

TED SAID ONCE YOU PUT IT IN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT, IT IS DEEDED TO THE STATE AS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND IT CAN'T BE USED FOR ANYTHING ELSE BUT WHAT THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ALLOWS. THE LANDOWNER COULD STILL GROW TREES ON THE LAND; BUT, THEY CAN'T

DESTROY OR DEVELOP THOSE WETLANDS. HE SAID THE WETLANDS WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE MITIGATED AND FL-DEP WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED AND PROBABLY THE CORP OF ENGINEERS AS WELL.

TED REITERATED THE BOARD NEEDED TO APPROVE OF DOING THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AND AUTHORIZE CLIFF TO NOTIFY HIS SUBCONTRACTOR TO DO THE ENVIORNMENTAL STUDY AND NEGOTIATE SO ALL THE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE SALES CONTRACT FROM PROJECT PIPE IS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD WITH A SALES CHECK SO IT WON'T BE COMING OUT OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. TED SAID, IN OTHER WORDS, LET THE PROPERTY THE COUNTY IS SELLING TO PROJECT PIPE, PAY FOR THE EXPENSES AND THE PEOPLE WILLING TO DO THIS WORK IS WILLING TO WAIT UNTIL THEY DO THIS.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING BEEN WORKING ON THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SINCE HULAN CARTER STARTED OFFICE, AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS HE KNOWS OF. THE COUNTY IS JUST ABOUT TO MAKE IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE SO HE WANTS TO TRY AND HELP THEM HOWEVER HE CAN. HE SAID JEFF BROWN DOES ALL OF HIS ENVIRONMENTAL WORK AND WOULD BE DOING THE PHASE I STUDY. HE HAS SPOKEN TO JEFF ABOUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHERE HE WOULD PAY JEFF IMMEDIATELY AND THEN HE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE COUNTY GETS SOME MONEY TO GET PAID. WHEN THE COUNTY GETS LAND SALES, ETC. AND GETS THEIR BUDGET STRAIGHTENED OUT, THEY COULD PAY HIM AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED FOR CLIFF TO DO THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY.

DAVID CORBIN, PARK FACILITIES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR REQUEST FOR HIM TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD SAVE IF THEY WENT UP ON THE RENTALS OF THE COUNTY PARK FACILITIES. HE HAD A COUPLE OF OPTIONS

FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER. HE STARTED WITH THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY AND REPORTED IT WAS RENTED 98 TIMES TO DATE; 52 WAS PAID RENTALS AND 40 WAS WAIVED RENTALS. PETE ADDRESSED THE WAIVERS WERE FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FL-DOT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD.

DAVID POINTED OUT IF THE BOARD WENT UP \$25 ON THE RENTAL FEE AT BLUE LAKE, IT WOULD GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 MORE A YEAR; IF THEY WENT UP \$50 ON THEIR RENTAL FEE, IT WOULD GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 A YEAR. DAVID SAID HE FEELS THEY COULD DO WITHOUT SOME OF THE WAIVING. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING A BID OUT WITH MR. HAROLD REGISTER FOR \$1440 A QUARTER TO MAINTAIN ALL THE RESTROOMS AND WATER SYSTEMS AT THE PARK FACILITIES; THEY HAVE TO BE CHLORINATED AND CHECKED. FLORIDA DEP COMES BY EVERY THREE MONTHS TO SEE HOW MUCH WATER IS USED, IF THEY HAVE A FLOW METER ON ALL THEIR WELLS AND CAN TELL HOW MANY GALLONS GOES TO WHOEVER. HE SAID BLUE POND'S BILL IS A LITTLE BIT HIGHER BECAUSE THE COUNTY WORKED OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY TO USE SOME WATER FOR WATERING THEIR FLOWERS. THERE IS ALSO A LITTLE PROBLEM AT THE ORANGE HILL FACILITY DUE TO C. W. ROBERTS USING SOME OF THEIR WATER FOR A PROJECT AND HE IS TRYING TO GET REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE WATER THEY USED. DAVID REITERATED THEY ARE MANDATED TO PAY DEPOSITS WITH MR. HAROLD REGISTER TO MONITOR THESE FACILITIES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IF ALL THESE OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FUNDED THE MONIES TO RENT THE BUILDING FOR THEIR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THEN THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A WAY TO PAY FOR THEM.

DAVID SAID METRIC IS WANTING TO RENT THE BLUE LAKE BUILDING FOR A WHOLE WEEK AT A TIME; IF YOU HAVE GOT BLUE POND RENTED ONE TIME DURING THAT WEEK MAYBE TO SOMEBODY FREE, THAT KNOCKS METRIC OUT SO

THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER BUILDING. HE SAID HE BELIEVES IN WAIVING THE FEES FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; BUT, THE COUNTY IS HAVING TO TIGHTEN UP AND THEY ARE HAVING TO CUT SERVICES SOMEWHERE. HE ASKED THE BOARD WHAT THEY WERE WILLING TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY NEED TO BE LOOKING AT SCHEDULING THE FACILITIES WHEN THEY GET THE MONIES; HE DOESN'T KNOW OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT COULDN'T SHIFT THEIRS AROUND WHETHER THEY GOT IT RENTED THAT WEEK OR NOT.

DAVID SAID BLUE POND HELPS PAY ITS WAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAS A PROBLEM CHARGING ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY FOR USING THE FACILITIES EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY NEEDS THE MONEY. THAT IS LIKE CHARGING TO COME TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS ALMOST. HE DOES THINK THEY NEED TO GO UP ON THE RENTAL CHARGE AT THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; THEY HAVE TO MEET EXPENSES. MAYBE FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, IF DAVID COULD GET UP THE POWER COST, AND LET THEM BREAK EVEN RATHER THAN CHARGING THEM A REGULAR FEE. HE EXPLAINED THAT DAVID HAD MENTIONED TO HIM SOME CLUBS HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO USE THE COUNTY BUILDINGS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT; BUT, IT DOESN'T NEED TO KNOCK OUT A WEEK LONG RENTAL. IF THERE IS A CLUB THAT IS USING THE FACILITY FOR TWO HOURS ONE DAY AND METRIC WANTS TO RENT IT FOR A WHOLE WEEK, THAT BLOWS THE RENTAL OF THAT FACILITY. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLUB TO MEET SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR THAT WEEK, ETC. HE THOUGHT THE BOARD OUGHT TO GIVE DAVID OR PETE THE AUTHORITY TO TRY AND SHIFT THIS AROUND AND TRY AND GET THE RENTAL MONEY WHEN THEY CAN.

DAVID SAID IT ALL COMES DOWN TO LIKE THE COUNTY ANNEX; THE BOARD

IS NOT GOING TO CHARGE SOMEBODY TO USE IT AS IT BELONGS TO THE TAX BASE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BLUE POND FACILITY DOES TO.

DAVID SAID IF THE BOARD RAISES THE RENTAL FEE BY \$50 PLUS THE TAXES, HE IS AFRAID NOBODY WILL RENT IT. BUT, IF IT IS NOT RENTED, THE LIGHT BILL WON'T BE AS BAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID ACTUALLY THE BLUE LAKE FACILITY DIDN'T COST THE TAXPAYERS ANY MONEY; BUT, IT BELONGS TO THE TAXPAYERS NOW.

DAVID SAID HE WENT IN FRONT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE; THE BILLS DON'T STOP COMING. HE READDRESSSED CLIFF WORKING WITH C.W. ROBERTS ON THE LIGHT BILL FOR THE ORANGE HILL FACILITY, WHICH WILL BE A LITTLE HELP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF BASICALLY THE FEES GENERATED FROM THE RENTALS IS NOT COVERING THE POWER BILLS AND GENERAL OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES. SHOULD THE BOARD GO UP \$50 ON THE RENTALS, BASED ON PAST RENTALS, WOULD THAT COVER THE POWER BILLS, ETC.

PETE SAID AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD, HE HAD BROUGHT UP A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$10,000 TO BE MOVED INTO THE FACILITIES BUDGET TO COVER WHAT WAS NEEDED TO GET THEM THROUGH THIS YEAR. THEY HAVEN'T DONE THIS YET; BUT, THEY PROBABLY WILL NEED TO GENERATE UP TO \$10,000 AND HE DOESN'T THINK EVEN INCREASING THE RENTAL FEES BY \$50 WOULD GENERATE THAT AMOUNT.

DAVID SAID A \$50 INCREASE IN THE RENTAL FEES WOULD BRING IN APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 BASED ON THE RENTALS THEY HAD LAST YEAR.

PETE REPORTED THE REVENUES FROM THE RENTALS ARE AT ABOUT

\$8,000 WITH \$30,000 FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET.

JANE NORRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY PAID \$75 FOR RENTAL OF THE UNION HALL FOR THEIR FAMILY REUNION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED DAVID IF HE COULD GO UP ON HIS HAY SALES TO HELP WITH THE BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED GOING UP ON THE HAY SALES. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY WOULD BE TAKING SOD MONEY AND PUTTING IT INTO RENTAL MONIES. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID WHATEVER MAKES THE BUDGET WORK.

DAVID SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE DONE IF THEY HADN'T HAD THE SOD FIELD. HE SAID HE DOES KNOW TOO; THEY WOULDN'T BE PUTTING ANY SOD DOWN. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID LIKE THEY HAVE DONE ALL THESE YEARS.

PETE SAID THEY ARE PROJECTING THEY WILL NEED \$45,450 FROM THE GENERAL FUND NEXT YEAR TO OPERATE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET; AN INCREASE OF AROUND \$15,000.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IN ROUND FIGURES, IT APPEARS IT TAKES \$50,000 TO TAKE CARE OF THE ELECTRICITY, WATER, POWER, MAINTENANCE, ETC. OF THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. PETE ADVISED THE TOTAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET IS PROPOSED AT \$55,650.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST GOING UP TO \$3.00 A BALE FOR HAY AND \$30 ON A ROLL; THAT WOULD HELP SOME. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THEY COULD MAKE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE HAY COST WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THEY CAN UTILIZE IT TO ASSIST WITH THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES EXPENSES.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF ALL OF THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SOD FARM WERE ALL BUDGETED TOGETHER, DAVID ADVISED THEY WERE TWO SEPARATE BUDGETS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SOONER OR LATER IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO STAY IN THE SOD BUSINESS, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SOMEWHERE WHERE THEY CAN START GROWING SOD AND HAVE IT GROWING BEFORE THEY SALE THEIR LAST PIECE OF PROPERTY AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE.

DAVID ADVISED IT WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS WHEN THEY SEED AN AREA, FERTILIZE IT AND WATER IT BEFORE THEY CAN CUT SOD. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID RIGHT NOW THEY ARE USING A LOT OF SOD FROM THE SOD FARM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE COUNTY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE UTILIZING THE PROPERTY THE CITY IS PURCHASING FROM THE COUNTY AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE FOR THEIR SPRAY FIELD TO GROW SOD. FINCH ASKED JIM MORRIS WITH THE CITY IF THAT WAS RIGHT; JIM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WAS RIGHT.

DAVID SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONATION BOXES PUT BACK AT THE BOAT RAMPS; THERE WAS SOME MONEY COLLECTED WHEN THEY HAD THE DONATION BOXES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS MAKING ANY MONEY ON THE CAMPING PERMITS.

DAVID SAID IT WAS FOR A LITTLE WHILE UNTIL THE DEPUTIES WROTE A COUPLE OF TICKETS; ONE TICKET GOT THROWN OUT AND ANOTHER ONE WAS PAID. HE THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE AROUND \$600 ON CAMPING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF PERMITS WERE STILL BEING SOLD. DAVID ADVISED IF SOMEONE COMES IN FOR A PERMIT, THEY SELL IT. DAVID SAID

PEOPLE ARE USE TO EVERYTHING BEING FREE; THEY HAVE TO GET USE TO
PAYING FOR THESE SERVICES WITHOUT GETTING MAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER WOULD BE
ABLE TO MAKE SOME MONIES TO HELP THE COUNTY OR IS IT GOING TO HAVE TO
ALL GO BACK INTO THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY OPERATIONS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO KNOW IF IT WILL
MAKE ANY MONEY UNTIL THEY GET SOME USER HISTORY ON THE EQUESTRIAN
FACILITY. THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, THEY WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT CAN
BE MADE THERE, ETC. HE FEELS PRETTY CONFIDENT THEY CAN MAKE ENOUGH
MONEY AT THE FACILITY TO COVER ITS OWN EXPENSES. THE SPONSORSHIPS
THEY ARE SELLING ON IT OR WILL BE SELLING ON IT WILL BE ABOVE AND
BEYOND THE OPERATIONAL FEES HE THINKS. THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE
SPONSORSHIP FEES TO SUFFICE A PERSON TO STAY AT THE FACILITY AND
MANAGE THE OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITY, TAKE MONEY IN, ETC. THEY WOULD
LIKE TO PUT SOMEBODY ON THE GROUNDS FULL TIME OUT OF THE SPONSORSHIPS
THAT ARE SOLD SO IT IS SELF-SUPPORTING. HE REITERATED YOU HAVE TO
BUILD THIS INFORMATION ON HISTORY AND AS PEOPLE GET ACCUSTOMED TO
THE FACILITY BEING THERE, THEY WILL PLAN MORE EVENTS THERE YEAR BY
YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT
THE GRANT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE
HAD MET WITH CLIFF AND DAVID TO DISCUSS WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST
THING TO DO ABOUT A GRANT FOR THE FACILITY. THEY THOUGHT THE BEST
THING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS SUBMIT FOR A SMALL GRANT AND POSSIBLY
PAVE A ROAD TO THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FROM DANIELS LAKE ROAD, HAVE A
PARKING AREA AND MAYBE ONE ROW OF STALLS.

CLIFF SAID HE HAD AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000 TO DO WHAT SAPP HAD ADDRESSED AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY WERE TRYING TO GET A SMALL GRANT SO THERE WOULD BE NO MATCH. UP TO A \$60,000 GRANT, THERE WAS NO MATCH, \$100,000 GRANT WAS A SMALL MATCH, \$150,000 WAS MORE MATCH AND FOR \$200,000, THERE WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS MATCH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD GET CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY HAD ALREADY SPENT AT THE FACILITY SITE AND USE THAT AS A MATCH. IF THEY APPLY FOR A \$200,000 GRANT TO DO SOME THINGS AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY, COULD THEY SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE \$400,000 AT THE SITE AND TAKE CREDIT FOR THAT.

DAVID SAID WHAT YOU RUN INTO, SINCE YOU ALREADY HAVE DONE THINGS AT THE SITE, IT WOULD BE SUPPORT FACILITIES AND THE COUNTY IS GARNERED WHAT THEY CAN ASK FOR. FINCH REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS HAVING DONE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF WORK AT THE SITE. DAVID SAID THEY SHOULD GET CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY COULD USE IT AS A MATCH FOR GRANT FUNDS BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE SEEN WHERE THE CITY OF VERNON AND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS GETTING A \$200,000 GRANT, HE FEELS THE EQUESTRIAN SITE IS AN IDEAL PLACE.

DAVID SAID ANY GRANT OVER \$150,000, THERE IS A PERCENTILE THAT COMES IN; YOU HAVE TO BE UNDER A CERTAIN MILLAGE AND HAVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND ALL THAT WORKS HAND AND HAND. WITH A \$150,000 GRANT, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A 25% MATCH AND WITH A \$200,000 GRANT, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A 50% MATCH, WHICH MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT CAN

GO TOWARD THE MATCH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY MATCHING ALL THE GRANTS THEY GOT WITH THESE PARKS WITH INKIND MATCHING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID EVEN THE SUBMITTAL OF THE SMALL GRANT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT DOING WOULD REQUIRE INKIND MATCHING; IF YOU BUILD A ROAD, THERE IS STILL A LOT OF ROAD PREPARATION TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE COUNTY HAS MATCHED SO MUCH STUFF, THEY HAVE JUST ABOUT MATCHED OUT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD HAS A MAJOR COMMITMENT AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND THEY NEED TO FIX THE FACILITY WHERE IT CAN BE UTILIZED, ESPECIALLY THE STALLS, ETC.

STACY WEBB, GRANTS PERSON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE \$100,000 GRANT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FOR ROAD PAVING, PARKING AREA AND STALLS. STACY STATED IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO APPLY THROUGH THE FRDAP GRANT PROGRAM BECAUSE THE STALLS AND PAVING WOULD BE SUPPORT FOR THE ARENA. BECAUSE THE ARENA IS ALREADY CONSTRUCTED, FRDAP WON'T FUND IT.

STACY SAID SOME OPTIONS ARE TO APPLY FOR A \$200,000 GRANT, PUT IN FOR A VERY NICE, LARGE PLAYGROUND AND USE THE BULK OF THE MONEY AND THEY CAN THEN PUT STALLS OR BLACKTOP IN TO SUPPORT THE PLAYGROUND. SHE ADDRESSED THE STALLS NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORTING THE PLAYGROUNDS; BUT, THEY CAN'T JUST COME IN AND DO STALLS AND BLACKTOP. THEY HAVE TO ACTUALLY FOCUS ON A MUCH LARGER PROJECT AND USE THOSE AS SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD COMMISSIONER SAPP IF THEY COULD APPLY

FOR \$200,000 OR WHATEVER THEY CAN APPLY FOR, IF THAT MEANS PUTTING A TOP ON IT, THEY CAN GET \$200,000 OR THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING, THEY WILL CERTAINLY USE THE MONEY WHERE IT CAN BE UTILIZED. STACY SAID THE TOP ON THE FACILITY WOULD BE A SUPPORTING ELEMENT AS THE ARENA IS ALREADY THERE.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANOTHER OPTION. THEY COULD PUT A MULTI USE WALKING TRAIL WITH EXERCISE STATIONS. DAVID SAID THEY COULD HAVE A RIDING TRAIL WITH STACY SAYING ALL OF THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO DETERMINE IF THEY WANT A RIDING TRAIL OR WALKING TRAIL. SHE SAID WITH A WALKING TRAIL, YOU CAN PUT A LOT MORE MONEY INTO IT; IF YOU DO A RIDING TRAIL, YOU WANT IT MORE NATURAL ANYWAY. THE REASON SHE IS SAYING THAT IS, AGAIN IF THEY PUT \$100,000 INTO THE TRAIL, THEY COULD AGAIN COME BACK WITH THE STALLS AND BLACKTOP FOR SUPPORT ELEMENTS. SHE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THAT BECAUSE WITH INMATE LABOR THAT IS CONSTANTLY USED ON THE PARKS SAVING THE COUNTY A TON OF MONEY AND IF AT THE FINAL CLOSING, SHE SUBMITTED THIS PAPERWORK TO TALLAHASSEE, AND WHEN THEY WERE GOING THROUGH IT AND THEY SEEN THE MAJORITY OF THE EXPENSES WERE SPENT ON LUMBER, ETC. FOR THE STALLS AS OPPOSED TO THE TRAIL, THEY WOULD GET INTO TROUBLE. SHE SAID THE INMATE LABOR MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME INTO PLAY; THEY HAVE TO SHOW WHERE A LOT OF MONEY WAS SPENT ON THE TRAIL. STACY SAID TALLAHASSEE ENCOURAGES THE WALKING TRAIL AND TOLD THE BOARD THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE HAS A MEETING AT 4:00 THIS THURSDAY. SHE WILL BRING ALL OF THIS UP AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION AT THAT POINT AND THEN BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

DAVID EXPLAINED THE GRANTS STACY WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS ONLY FRDAP GRANTS AND THERE IS OTHER GRANTS OUT THERE FOR THE TOP, ETC. THEY

HAVE TO RESEARCH AND FIND THE CYCLE DATES, ETC.

STACY SAID ALSO THERE WAS NORMALLY A MATCH INVOLVED WITH THOSE TYPE GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IDEAL TO ASK FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAILS THERE ALONG WITH SOME HORSE TRAILS. STACY SAID WHEN LOOKING AT A MUCH BIGGER PICTURE, YOU COULD TIE IN DANIELS LAKE, THE PARK AND THERE IS SOME GREAT IDEAS ON THE HERITAGE VILLAGE NOW THAT THE WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 79 AND 77 IS COMING ABOUT, FL-DOT MIGHT BE WANTING TO MOVE SOME BUILDINGS AND THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED. TO TIE ALL OF THAT IN AS ONE RECREATIONAL AREA WITH TRAILS WOULD BE GREAT. STACY SAID THEY COULD ALSO APPLY FOR SOME MONEY FROM THE GREENWAY TRAILS PROGRAM TO TRY TO CONNECT DIFFERENT TRAILS DOWN TO BAY COUNTY. SHE SAID IT WOULD BE AN AWESOME AREA AND DRAW A LOT OF FOLKS. IF THEY COULD EXTEND THE AREA DOWN AT DANIELS PARK FOR AN RV PARK, THEY WOULD HAVE A TERRIFIC RECREATIONAL COMPLEX.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PUT IN SOME KIND OF PERIMETER FENCE TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM GETTING EAGER; SOMETHING COMING IN ON THE TRAILS WITHOUT THE WILDERNESS WALKING VERSUS THE WALKING TRAIL. STACY SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW AS SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE EVER DONE THIS ON ANY OF THE OTHER PARKS OTHER THAN JUST A PERIMETER FENCE AROUND THE PARK ITSELF.

SAPP SAID IF SOMEONE WERE TO BE WALKING AND GET LOST OR STRAY ANIMALS COME IN, THERE COULD BE A PROBLEM WITH PEDESTRIAN WALKING. IF YOU ARE IN THE WILDERNESS WALKING AND THERE ARE HOUSES AROUND IT AND THEY HAVE A STRAY DOG OR BAD DOG, SOMEBODY WALKING THROUGH THERE, THE DOGS WILL GO TOWARD THEM.

DAVID SAID THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY NEEDS TO BE FENCED ANYWAY BECAUSE A HORSE COULD GET LOOSE, UNTIGHTEN THE TRAILER, SNATCH BACK, BREAK LOOSE; IF YOU HAVE THEM IN THE PERIMETER, THEY CAN'T GET AWAY.

STACY SAID THEY COULD POSSIBLY LOOK AT THE PERIMETER FENCE AS A SUPPORT ELEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HIS BIGGEST PROBLEM IS IF THEY APPLY FOR A FRDAP GRANT, IT IS DUE THE END OF THIS MONTH AND THE BOARD IS JUST BRAINSTORMING RIGHT NOW. HE DON'T THINK THEY CAN GET IT READY EVEN IF THEY FILL OUT THE GRANT. THEY HAVE TO BE MORE PROACTIVE AND DO IT. SOMEBODY HAS GOT TO DECIDE THEY WANT THE GRANT APPLIED FOR. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE TO WIND UP AT A COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO DECIDE ON THE GRANTS. HE THINKS STACY OUGHT TO BE COMING TO THE BOARD INFORMING THEM OF GRANTS AVAILABLE THEY NEED TO APPLY FOR. HE SAID HE FELT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY WOULD BE GOING WITHOUT A GRANT THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED STACY COULDN'T THEY GET IT SUBMITTED IN TIME. AS FAR AS THE PAPERWORK SHE DOES ON HER END, STACY SAID SHE THOUGHT IT COULD BE SUBMITTED ON TIME. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE UP TO CLIFF; IT WILL PUT HIM IN A BIND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM CALLING STACY THE OTHER DAY TO SEE WHERE THEY WERE AT IN APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. STACY ADVISED THEY HADN'T APPLIED FOR ONE.

STACY SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON WHICH TYPE OF GRANT TO APPLY FOR. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF A GRANT IS THERE AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTY TO GET IT, WHY WOULDN'T SHE JUST

APPLY. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE STACY HAD PLENTY TO DO; BUT, WHATEVER THE BOARD NEEDS TO DO TO ENHANCE HER DEPARTMENT, CHANGE, ETC., HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE LITTLE COUNTIES CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT GRANT FUNDING. HE AGREED THEY CERTAINLY DON'T NEED TO GRANT THEMSELVES INTO A POSITION THEY CAN'T AFFORD THEM AS THEY HAVE DONE SOME WITH THE PARKS.

FINCH SAID HE THINKS THE HORSE ARENA HAS POSSIBILITIES AND COULD BRING THE COUNTY OUT OF A HOLE IN SOME PLACES. THEY CERTAINLY NEED TO GET ON BOARD AND GET THINGS APPLIED FOR THAT MIGHT HELP THEM.

CLIFF ADVISED HE WOULD BE AT THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY TO SEE WHAT THEY MAY WANT TO DO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF STACY HAD SAID THE GRANT WOULD ACTUALLY PAY FOR AN RV PARK. STACY SAID "NO"; SHE WAS JUST USING THE RV PARK AS AN EXAMPLE OF EXPANDING THE COMPLEX.

FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY; THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKING ABOUT AN RV PARK.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF UPKEEP AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT GO INTO AN RV PARK. HE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIND MONIES TO FUND THESE THINGS.

FINCH SAID THE RV PARK WILL BE SELF SUPPORTING AND THE HORSE ARENA WILL BE SELF SUPPORTING. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAVING AN IDEA ABOUT SOMETHING FOR FOUR WHEELERS TO MAKE MONEY.

PATE SAID WHEN THE COUNTY DOES THESE PARKS, THEY NEED TO MAKE THEM WHERE THEY ARE NOT LABOR INTENSIVE AND A BIG EXPENSE ON THE COUNTY. THEY NEED TO BE PLANNING WHERE WHEN THEY BUILD A PARK, IT

WILL BE EASY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED AND REITERATED THEY SHOULDN'T BE UP HERE BRAINSTORMING AND TALKING ABOUT APPLYING FOR A GRANT AND DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY WANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP FELT THE RV PARK WOULD BE A PLUS FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AROUND THERE; IT WOULD HELP BUILD A BETTER COMPLEX IN ONE AREA. PEOPLE COULD COME INTO THE COMPLEX TO DO WALKING, EQUESTRIAN, FISHING, HERITAGE VILLAGE, ETC.

STACY SAID, WITH THE BOARD'S PERMISSION, WHEN THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETS ON THURSDAY, WHETHER THE DECISION IS TO PUT IN WALKING TRAILS, DO A PLAYGROUND, ETC. CAN THEY PROCEED AS THERE IS A \$200,000 GRANT APPLICATION WITH NO MATCH.

DAVID SAID IN OTHER WORDS, WOULD THEY HAVE THE BLESSING OF THE BOARD NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND GO AHEAD AND APPLY FOR THE GRANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP PASSED THE GAVEL AND MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO APPLY FOR A \$200,000 FRDAP GRANT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY SITE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE OPPOSED.

DAVID ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO RAISE HAY PRICES TO \$3 A BALE AND \$30 A ROLL. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY PROBABLY CAN'T RAISE THE PRICE OF MULCH HAY BECAUSE THEY JUST CAN SALE IT AT \$2.00.

DAVID ADDRESSED BY INCREASING THE RENTAL RATES FOR THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY \$50 WOULD BRING IN AN EXTRA \$4900 IF RENTED THE SAME AMOUNT NEXT YEAR. THE RENTAL FEE WOULD BE \$160.50,

TAX INCLUDED, IF THE BOARD INCREASED THE RATE BY \$50 AND THE CLEANING DEPOSIT WOULD REMAIN AT \$53.50.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO INCREASE THE RENTAL FEES FOR THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO \$150 PLUS THE TAX FOR A TOTAL OF \$160.50 WITH THE CLEANING FEE BEING \$53.50.

DAVID ADDRESSED HINSON CROSS ROADS PAID THEIR OWN UTILITY BILLS; ORANGE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THE ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY BILL THEY HAVE TO PAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ORANGE HILL FACILITY IN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS; THERE IS ABOUT THREE ENTITIES THAT USE THE SERVICES AT ORANGE HILL AND THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE BILL FOR ALL OF THEM. THERE IS A FIRE DEPARTMENT, VOTING PRECINCT AND A COMMUNITY CENTER.

DAVID ASKED IF THEY COULD PUT IN THE MOTION IF THEY INCREASE THE HAY PRICES, IT COULD GO IN THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OR WILL IT HAVE TO GO TO THE SOD FARM.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IT COULD GO TO THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS THERE IS NOTHING PRESENTLY BUDGETED FOR THE HAY REVENUES; THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BUDGET SUBMITTED FOR REVENUE FROM THE HAY SALES. IF DAVID WANTS TO BRING IN A BUDGET FOR REVENUES FROM HAY SALES, IT CAN BE PUT IN THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET.

DAVID STATED HE COULDN'T PROJECT A BUDGET BECAUSE HE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL BRING IN. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID A BUDGET WAS

A PROJECTED ESTIMATE ON WHAT HE THOUGHT THE HAY SALES WOULD BRING IN. COMMISSIONER SAPP SUGGESTED PUTTING IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS HE SOLD LAST YEAR LESS 20%.

DAVID INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE MONEY THE SOD FARM HAS SAVED THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY COULD BUDGET 20% LESS THAN WHAT THEY TOOK IN LAST YEAR FOR SOD AND PUT IT UNDER THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AGREED TO ASSIST DAVID WITH THE ESTIMATE FOR HAY SALES FOR 2007-2008.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF HAY TO \$3 PER BALE, \$30 PER ROLL WITH MULCH HAY REMAINING AT \$2.00 A BALE.

DAVID INVITED THE BOARD TO THE GRAND OPENING OF THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY ON SEPTEMBER 29TH. HE SAID THERE WAS A PROFESSIONAL TRAINER THAT HAS DONATED HIS SERVICES, JACKPOT BARREL RACING FOR YOUTH AT 4:00 P.M. AND PRO-STOCK IS AT 7:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER SAPP ADVISED THEY WOULD START EXHIBITIONS AT 4:00 P.M. WITH COMPETITION STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO DO A \$10,000 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THEY PROBABLY NEED TO RESCHEDULE A MEETING AND RECESS THIS MEETING UNTIL THEY GET FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL INSURANCE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED, IF THINGS WERE TO GET BETTER IN THEIR

BUDGET PROCESS AS THEY GO THROUGH INTO NEXT YEAR, COULD THEY AT LEAST GIVE SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIKE SUNNY HILLS, CHIPLEY AND THE RECREATIONAL FUNDS THEY ARE CUTTING, A HOPE THEY CAN COME BACK IF THERE IS SOMETHING THEY COULD SHARE WITH THEM AND THEIR BUDGET STILL BE ON TRACK AND TALK ABOUT IT AGAIN OR REVISIT IT. IF THERE IS MONIES THAT COME AVAILABLE, THE BOARD NEEDS TO SHARE IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WAS AWARE THE BOARD MAY NOT CAN DO IT THIS YEAR BUT MS. PELLETIER IN COUNTRY OAKS AND OTHERS IN CARYVILLE AND CHIPLEY THAT DO WORK WITH THE LITERACY PROGRAM NEED HELP FROM THE BOARD. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT CAN'T READ AND THE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS DO A LOT OF GOOD WORK IN THE COUNTY TO HELP PEOPLE LEARN TO READ. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LITERACY PROGAM GET FUNDED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING SEVERAL PEOPLE THEY TOTALLY CUT OUT THEY NEED TO GIVE A HOPE THEY CAN LOOK AT IT AGAIN IN A FEW MONTHS AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY BETTER THEY CAN DO AND ANYTHING THEY CAN SHARE. HE STATED IT HAS BEEN A TOUGH YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID EVEN IF IT DOESN'T WORK OUT IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, IF THEY CAN DO SOMETHING FOR THESE AGENCIES THEY HAD TO CUT OUT AND GIVE THEM SOME RELIEF IF SOMETHING COMES ABOUT THE BOARD WAS NOT EXPECTING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED LITERACY WAS CUT 50%; THEY ARE PRESENTLY FUNDED AT \$5,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THINGS CHANGE, THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE BOARD DOING ANYTHING; BUT, THE BOARD NEEDS TO REMEMBER IF

THE BOARD GOES AND GIVES AWAY A BARN, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO STORE SOME COWS FOR LATER ON BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO US NOW. HE SAID THE COUNTY WAS CRUISING ALONG PRETTY GOOD AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY ARE NOT DOING SO GOOD AT THE END. HE IS NOT AGAINST GIVING ANYBODY ANYTHING AND HE DOESN'T THINK THERE IS A PERSON OUT THERE IF THEY HAVE STOPPED AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT THINKS THE BOARD IS DOING ANYTHING MALICIOUS TO THEM. THE BOARD IS IN A SITUATION THAT IS OUT OF THEIR HANDS AND THEY WILL HELP THEM IF THEY CAN. IF THEY GET MORE MONEY, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS OF DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS NOT 100% THAT WHAT COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IS WHAT EVERYBODY THINKS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THEY DON'T, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION AND THAT IS THEIR PROBLEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED GSG TO CONTINUE WITH THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU. THEY SENT A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COUNTY OWED GSG ANYTHING YET WITH DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISING THEY DID; GSG MADE THAT CLEAR UPFRONT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FELT THE BOARD OUGHT TO PAY GSG WHAT THEY OWED THEM AND BACK OFF OF THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU. COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW MUCH THE COUNTY OWED GSG NOW. PETE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW AS GSG HAD GIVEN A LUMP SUM FOR THE TOTAL PROJECT; THEY WILL HAVE TO BREAK IT DOWN AND SET IT IN PHASES ALONG THE WAY FOR THE BOARD TO SAY STOP AND THEN GO FORWARD WITH IT LATER ON.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD'S ACTION WOULD BE TO ASK GSG TO HOLD UP ON ANY FURTHER PROGRESS AND GIVE THEM THE CURRENT COST AT WHERE THEY ARE AT. THE BOARD MAY RE-INSTATE IT AT A LATER DATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ASK GSG TO HOLD UP ON THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU, PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THEIR UP TO DATE COST AND THE BOARD MAY RE-INSTATE IT AT A LATER DATE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES WITH CALHOUN, HOLMES, JACKSON, GULF AND BAY COUNTY. WASHINGTON COUNTY'S PERCENTAGE FOR 2007-2008 IS 7.5%, \$54,982.50; THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTYWIDE MSBU OR WHEREVER THEY MAY GO IN THE FUTURE TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD AGAIN THAT SOMETIMES THEY NEED TO LOOK AT SOME POLICIES AND CODES. HE TOLD THEM THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH SOME LETTERS THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED RECENTLY AND SOME STATUTES AND CODES HE HAS PROVIDED THEM WITH. EVEN THOUGH FIRE IS NOT SOMETHING HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NECESSARILY, IT IS KIND OF UNDER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S UMBRELLA AS FAR AS SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUDGET, ETC. WITH THE GROWTH IN THE COUNTY, HE ENCOURAGED THEM

TO HAVE SOME WORKSHOPS, ETC., AND HAVE WCFA BRING THEM SOME INFORMATION. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO LOOK AT SOME DIRECTION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

EMORY PITTS, BUILDING OFFICIAL, ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTION ON THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES THE ATTORNEY HAD DRAFTED. HE STATED THE RESOLUTION AND WHAT WAS DISCUSSED ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL EXCEPT THE FEES WERE SUPPOSE TO BE 70% OF THE APPENDIX A. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN WITH CHANGES TO 70% OF APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT SO THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND GET IT IN AFFECT TO HELP WITH THEIR SHORTCOMINGS IN THEIR BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR AND START PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHEN THE RESOLUTION WOULD COME INTO AFFECT. EMORY ADVISED AS SOON AS THE RESOLUTION IS SIGNED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE FOR DISCUSSION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED WITH A CHANGE TO 70% OF APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED EMORY IF THEY WOULD STILL NEED THE INCREASE IN FEES AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME SINCE THE HOUSING INDUSTRY IS KIND OF DOWN SIZED.

EMORY ADVISED THEY DID, AS THEY ARE SHORT OF BUDGET THIS YEAR AND OVER \$100,000 SHORT NEXT YEAR AT WHAT THEY PROJECTED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD COLLECTED \$186,945 YEAR TO DATE AND SPENT \$241,880; BUT, THEY HAD A CASH CARRY FORWARD. THEIR ACTUAL BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR WAS \$266,000 AND THEY HAVE SPENT \$241,880.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE STILL ENOUGH HOUSES BEING BUILT THAT EVERYBODY IS STAYING BUSY. HE SAID SALARIES WILL BE PAID WHETHER THEY ARE INSPECTING OR NOT.

EMORY STATED HE DIDN'T THINK THEY HAD SEEN AS BIG OF DECREASE IN CONSTRUCTION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AS SOME OF THE OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES HAVE SEEN. A LOT OF WHAT WAS BEING DONE IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES WAS SPECULATION OF BUILDING AND WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS PROPERTY OWNERS BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES. HE SAID COMMERCIAL COMES AND GOES AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REALLY HASN'T SEEN A BOOM IN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION YET ANYWAY. HE SAID HE REALLY DIDN'T THINK CONSTRUCTION IS OFF ALL THAT MUCH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF WHAT THEY PERMIT IS FOR HOMEOWNERS BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IT LOOKED LIKE THE ONLY INCREASES NEXT YEAR FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IS FOR EQUIPMENT; \$27,500 FOR EQUIPMENT AND \$12,000 FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES. SHE SAID THAT IS THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S PROJECTED BUDGET WITH THE INCREASE OF FEES IMPLEMENTED. THEY WILL HAVE A \$2,946 CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE AGE OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLES. EMORY SAID THE TRUCK THEY WERE GOING TO REPLACE IS A 2004 WHICH HAS AN ESTIMATED 110,000 MILES. HE SAID THEY COULD POSSIBLY GET ONE MORE YEAR OUT OF THE TRUCK.

EMORY SAID THAT STILL WOULDN'T CHANGE THE FACT THEY WILL BE NEARLY \$100,000 SHORT ON BUDGET. SAPP SAID IF HE HAD SOME LEFT OVER FROM THE FEE INCREASES, HAVE IT APPLY TOWARD A TRUCK THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSING.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ASKED IF SAPP WAS SAYING NOT TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET YEAR. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE AND EMORY HAD DISCUSSED THE TRUCK AND HE SUGGESTED AT THAT TIME FOR HIM TO WAIT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR ON THE TRUCK. THE BOARD AGREED.

CHAIRMAN SAPP RECESSED THE WORKSHOP UNTIL 1:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 7TH.

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN