

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/28/08

AUGUST 28, 2008

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 STRICKLAND, PATE, SAPP, HOLMAN AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, CLERK COOK, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 18, 2008 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ITEMS A AND B ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

B. STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT AGREEMENT
AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. ANNEXATION OF CITY OF CHIPLEY-ELAINE BRIGGS; NO ONE WAS PRESENT AT THIS TIME TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

B. LUCAS LAKE ROAD-CONRAD FUTCH AND MARVIN LASSITER; MARVIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HOW BAD THE ROAD CONDITIONS WERE ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD. COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD ADVISED HIM OF A SURVEY THE COUNTY HAD DONE AND CRITERIA THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TO PRIORITIZE THE PAVING OF ROADS. HE QUESTIONED THE RANKING OF THE LUCAS LAKE ROAD AND FELT IT SHOULD BE PRETTY HIGH UP ON THE LIST. HE ALSO REFERRED TO OTHER ROADS THAT HAD BEEN WORKED ON SUCH AS PEEL ROAD, ROLLING PINES ROAD AND DANIELS LAKE ROAD; HE DOESN'T KNOW OF ANYBODY THAT LIVES ON DANIELS LAKE ROAD.

HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD DO SOME REPAIRS TO LUCAS LAKE ROAD AND ADDRESSED HIM BEING AWARE THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES ARE NEGATIVE; HOWEVER, HE DOES SEE WORK GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.

HE REFERRED TO LUCAS LAKE ROAD BEING GRADED YESTERDAY; BUT, IF YOU DRIVE DOWN IT TODAY, IT SHAKES YOU TO DEATH BECAUSE THE GRADERS CAN'T GET THE HOLES OUT OF THE ROAD DUE TO THEM BEING SO DEEP.

CONRAD FUTCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ALSO ON THE NEED FOR MAINTENANCE ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD AND THE DAMAGE TO HIS VEHICLE THE ROAD CAUSES.

CONRAD ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD PAYS THE SAME MILLAGE AS ANYONE ELSE IN THE COUNTY. HE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY DOING WORK ON PEEL ROAD; IT HAS FIVE HOUSES ON IT AND LUCAS LAKE ROAD HAS OVER A HUNDRED HOUSES ON IT.

CONRAD POINTED OUT OTHER COUNTIES TAKE CARE OF THEIR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND HE DOESN'T SEE WHY THEY HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD EVERY MONTH AND ASK FOR MAINTENANCE ON THE ROAD.

RICHARD WINDHOLTZ ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM LIVING AT THE JUNCTION OF HICKS LAKE AND LUCAS LAKE. WHEN IT RAINS, IT IS A WASH OUT AND ALL THE WASH OUT IS GOING INTO THE LAKE. ENVIRONMENTALLY, IT IS JUST CRIPPLING THE LAKES AND FISHING THERE.

RICHARD ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD POSSIBLY DEAL WITH THE LUCAS LAKE ROAD IS BY SUBMITTING A FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT OR A SMALL COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD SUBMIT LUCAS LAKE ROAD AND SEE IF IT WOULD EVEN BE APPROVED.

CONRAD QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD PUT SOME MILLED ASPHALT ON LUCAS LAKE ROAD LIKE THEY DID ON DANIELS LAKE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED CONRAD THAT IS CONTROLLED BY FL-DOT AND THE AMOUNT OF ROCK THE COUNTY GETS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT IF THE SUBDIVISION CONTINUES ON DOWN LUCAS LAKE ROAD, MR. ARNONE WILL CONTINUE PAVING IT.

THE BOARD WAS QUESTIONED WHERE LUCAS LAKE ROAD WAS ON THE PRIORITY ROAD PAVING LIST. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THE COUNTY ENGINEER WOULD ADVISE THEM OF THE PRIORITIZATION OF LUCAS LAKE ROAD WHEN HE GIVES HIS REPORT.

ANGIE JAY, PREBLE-RISH, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TOWN OF WAUSAU SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PUBLIC SUPPLY WELL FOR THE TOWN. WAUSAU IS ASKING IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE PROPERTY FOR THE WELL ON THE EOC SITE. PREBLE-RISH HAD PUT TOGETHER A DRAWING SHOWING THE WELL ON THE EOC SITE AND WERE HOPING THE BOARD WOULD GIVE APPROVAL OF THE WELL SITE. THE GRANT WRITER HAS ALSO DRAFTED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WAUSAU AND THE COUNTY ON THE WELL SITE WHICH WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION.

ANGIE WENT OVER THE DRAWING FOR THE WELL SITE; IT IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE EOC TO CONFORM WITH ALL THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT AND FL-DEP. THE TOWN OF WAUSAU WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO DEED THEM A 50' BY 50' AREA AT THE EOC SITE.

ANGIE ADDRESSED THE NWFWMDC REQUIRES ANY TYPE OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL TO HAVE A 100' RADIUS CONTROL ZONE AROUND IT. THE TOWN ISN'T ASKING FOR THE COUNTY TO DONATE THIS FULL 100' AREA; BUT, WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND COUNTY THE TOWN WOULD HAVE CONTROL OF THE ACTIVITY WITHIN THAT 100' AREA.

FOR THE TOWN TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL, THEY WOULD NEED AN EXECUTED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND FOR THE COUNTY TO APPROVE THE WELL SITE LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULDN'T ANOTHER SITE THE TOWN COULD USE; IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD INITIATE CLUTTER WHERE IT IS PROPOSED TO BE. HE WOULD LIKE MORE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE COULD BE A ROAD, ETC. WITHIN THE 100' RADIUS FOR THE WELL ZONE. HE POINTED OUT, IF THE COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY, THEY ARE GOING TO NEED TO ACCESS IT.

ANGIE EXPLAINED WITHIN THE 100' CONTROL ZONE, WAUSAU WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO STAY ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY; IF THEY SITE THE WELL SOME- WHERE ELSE AND HALF THE 100' CONTROL ZONE IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY PROPERTY, THEY WOULD BE DEALING WITH INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS WHICH COULD IMPOSE SOME DIFFICULTIES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED HOW WAS THE COUNTY GOING TO GET TO THEIR PROPERTY WITHOUT CROSSING THE 100' RADIUS. ANGIE AGREED TO ASK CLIFF ON WHAT THE PLANS WERE FOR ROADWAYS.

ANGIE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING THAT CAME TO MIND THAT WOULD PREVENT A ROADWAY FROM GOING ON THE 100' CONTROL ZONE; IT IS MAINLY FOR ON SITE SEPTIC SYSTEMS, ON SITE FUEL STORAGE, ETC. SHE AGREED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER TO SEE IF A ROADWAY WOULD IMPACT THE 100' RADIUS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHY THE POSSUM PALACE AREA WAS NOT CONSIDERED FOR THE NEW PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL. ANGIE EXPLAINED THE

TOWN OF WAUSAU CURRENTLY HAS TWO EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WELLS; ONE IS LOCATED NEAR THE POSSUM PALACE AND ONE IS LOCATED AT THE EAST END OF TOWN BEHIND THE TOWN HALL. WAUSAU HAS BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE WELL BEHIND THE TOWN HALL WITH HIGH IRON CONCENTRATION; OTHER WELLS IN THAT AREA ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME PROBLEMS. IN ORDER FOR THEM TO INSTALL A NEW WELL, IT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE AWAY FROM THAT AREA. DUE TO THE LOCATION OF THE OTHER WELL SUPPLY BEING NEAR THE POSSUM PALACE, THEY CAN'T PUT WELLS RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER. THEY HAVE TO SEPARATE THEM DUE TO THE DRAWDOWN EFFECT OF THE AQUIFER. ANOTHER REASON IS, IF ONE OF THE WELLS WERE TO BE CONTAMINATED AND THEY WERE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, CHANCES ARE BOTH THE WELLS WOULD GET CONTAMINATED AND THE TOWN WOULD BE OUT OF A WATER SUPPLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON THE WELL SITE FOR THE TOWN OF WAUSAU AND ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH WHERE THE RETENTION PONDS ARE GOING TO BE LOCATED.

ANGIE AGREED TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE ROADWAY IN THE 100' CONTROL ZONE, THE LOCATION OF THE RETENTION PONDS AND POSSIBLY, SHE, THE TOWN AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT COULD HAVE A MEETING AND LOOK AT ALL OF THEIR OPTIONS ON THE EOC SITE.

JAY FELSBURG, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS, QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF THE CDBG GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC WATER WELL IN WAUSAU. ANGIE ADVISED THE GRANT WAS FOR \$600,000.

TED EVERETT, WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON PROJECT PIPE. A CONFERENCE CALL WAS HELD WITH THE ATTORNEY AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS FROM PROJECT PIPE AS WELL AS FL-DCA. A SITE VISIT IS SCHEDULED WITH FL-DCA AS WELL AS PROJECT PIPE ON SEPTEMBER 8TH ON THE 70 ACRES. THEY HAVE SET UP A CLOSING TENTATIVELY FOR SOMEWHERE IN THE NEXT MONTH TO MONTH AND A HALF ON THE 70 ACRES. HE PERSONALLY THANKED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR PATIENCE WITH PROJECT PIPE.

TED REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO CLOSE LARKIN ROAD ON OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH FOR THE ANNUAL HARD LABOR CREEK HARE SCRAMBLE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF TED'S REQUEST TO CLOSE LARKIN ROAD ON OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH.

HERBERT WHITE MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR HAVING GROWN MARIJUANA FOR HIS PERSONAL USE AND SAID HE WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN.

UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE:

1. DIANNE VITALLI ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE HAS DISCOVERED THERE IS AN UPDATE ON THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER. SHE HAS HEARD THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE APPROACHED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S OFFICE WITH AN OFFER TO PURCHASE LOTS AT SUNNY HILLS FOR \$10,000 EACH.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RESPONDED HE HAD PLANNED ON ASKING THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE THE SUNNY HILLS LOTS AGAIN. HE HAS HAD SOME DEVELOPERS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING; BUT, THEY HAVE TO ADVERTISE THE LOTS.

DIANNE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT TO ADVERTISE THE LOTS AGAIN. CHAIRMAN PATE ADVISED HER THE BOARD WOULD DISCUSS THIS LATER IN THE MEETING.

KAREN SCHOEN, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WHEN MEETING ON THEIR BUDGET. THEY ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY NOR FOLLOWING THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY.

SHE STATED THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS PUT IN PLACE TO ADVISE THE COUNTY AS TO HOW THE MSBU FUNDS WOULD BE COLLECTED AND WHAT THEY WOULD BE USED FOR. IN SETTING UP THE MSBU, THE COMMUNITY WAS SURVEYED

AND THE TOP TWO THINGS THEY WANTED ADDRESSED WERE ROADS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. IN THE NEW BUDGET, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. THERE ARE MONIES BEING ALLOCATED FOR THINGS THE COMMUNITY HAS NO DESIRE TO ALLOCATE THEM FOR. MSBU IS STUCK ON LOOKING FOR ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT AND, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, HAVE RECOMMENDED THE MSBU COMMITTEE BE DISBANED.

KAREN ADVISED THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT ANYMORE; BUT, AT EVERY MSBU MEETING IT KEEPS BEING BROUGHT UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THERE IS NO COORDINATOR SO THERE IS NO ONE PULLING THINGS TOGETHER.

WHEN THE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED, SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT. YET, THEY VOTED ON IT.

KAREN ADDRESSED IT APPEARED THE MSBU COMMITTEE HASN'T CONSIDERED THE 5% INCREASE ASSESSMENT THAT WILL COME IN NEXT YEAR. SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE ON HOW THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH GETTING THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH THEY ARE NOT.

VERNON ANDERSON, PRESIDENT OF THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RESPONDED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KAREN WAS TALKING ABOUT WITH OLD EQUIPMENT AND THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS APPROVED IN JUNE; ALL THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD FROM JUNE UNTIL THE 12TH OF AUGUST TO REVIEW THE BUDGET. ABOUT THE ONLY THING THAT CHANGED FROM THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS THE AMOUNT OF INCOME MSBU HAD, WHICH THAT NUMBER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY. THAT IS THE TOTAL BILLING THE COUNTY HAD AND THE BILLING DOES INCLUDE THAT 5% INCREASE; IT INCLUDED 5% LAST YEAR AND 5% THIS YEAR.

AS FAR AS THE MSBU NOT FUNDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, VERNON ADDRESSED THEY WERE PAYING FOR THE FIRE TRUCKS, UTILITIES AND INSURANCE. THE SEVEN MEMBER MSBU BOARD THE COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTED IN MAY 2007 HAS NEVER SPENT ONE DIME TO PUT THE MSBU ANY DEEPER IN DEBT. THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT PAY OFF DEBTS THAT WERE LEFT TO THEM BY OTHERS. HOPEFULLY, WHEN THEY GET THE \$94,000 LOAN PAID BACK TO THE COUNTY, MSBU CAN START MAKING SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

VERNON CONTINUED SAYING THEY ARE PAYING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCKS AND THE MSBU TRUCKS. SOME OF THE FIRE TRUCKS AND WORK TRUCKS AREN'T PAID OFF UNTIL 2011 AND 2013 AND ACCORDING TO DAVID CORBIN, THE WARRANTY IS GOING OUT ON THOSE TRUCKS THIS YEAR AND EQUIPMENT IS TEARING UP. THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE REPLACED; BUT, AS OF THIS YEAR, ALL MSBU HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO IS PAY OFF THOSE BILLS AND PUT THE TWO WORK CREWS BACK ON THEY HAD TO LAY OFF LAST YEAR. HE HAS ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF THE BOARD NEEDED TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE WHERE DAVID COULD START ADVERTISING FOR ANOTHER MSBU WORK CREW TO START AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1ST.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SUGGESTED MSBU CONSIDER WAITING ON HIRING THE SECOND CREW FOR MSBU UNTIL GRASS SEASON STARTS IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR. BY DOING THIS, IT WOULD HELP SOME WITH THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

VERNON ADDRESSED THE WAY THE GRASS HAS BEEN GROWING, THE ONE INMATE CREW THEY HAVE IS NOT KEEPING UP WITH IT NOW. EVEN THOUGH IT WILL SLACK UP SOME IN THE WINTER, THEY STILL HAVE TRASH TO PICK UP AND THEY DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE AN INMATE CREW AT ALL. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE ONE INMATE CREW LEADER MIGHT STAY OR MIGHT NOT STAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR MSBU TO HAVE A TRACTOR AND A BUSH HOG; THERE IS NO WAY THEY CAN KEEP UP WITH THE GRASS CUTTING WITH THE SKAGG MOWERS.

VERNON TOLD THE BOARD MSBU DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO GO OUT AND BUY THAT EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED HE HAD RATHER THE COUNTY PROVIDE MSBU TRACTORS AND MOWERS IF MSBU IS GOING TO FURNISH THE CREW AND THE COUNTY NOT HAVE TO FURNISH PEOPLE.

VERNON EXPLAINED THE NEED FOR MSBU TO HAVE TWO CREWS; IF THE PERSON THEY HAVE NOW LEAVES, THEY HAVE NOBODY TO PICK UP THE GARBAGE. DURING THE TIME MSBU JUST HAD ONE CREW, VERNON ADDRESSED HIM GETTING CONSTANT PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE BECAUSE THE GRASS WASN'T GETTING MOWED AND THE TRASH WASN'T GET PICKED UP.

JAY FELSBERG QUESTIONED THE ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING FOR SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY WERE FUNDED JUST LIKE THE OTHER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS; THERE IS A HALF MIL AND A FUNDING FORMULA AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS GET THEIR PORTION OF THE FUNDING FORMULA. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER STATING THEY WERE IN THE DEFICIT; HOWEVER, HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY COULD FUND THEM ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS FUNDING FROM MSBU AND THE COUNTY.

HERBERT ADDRESSED THE ONLY THING SUBMITTED IN THE MSBU BUDGET FOR 2008-2009 THAT MIGHT BE QUESTIONABLE IS THE HIRING OF AN ACCOUNTANT TO LOOK OVER THEIR FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES. HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT THIS REQUEST AND GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S OPINION AS TO WHETHER MSBU FUNDS CAN BE SPENT FOR THIS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHEN HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED IN 2000, HE WAS IN FAVOR OF CREATING THE MSBU AND FEELS IT HAS SERVED WELL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY HAVE PUT SUNNY HILLS ON THE MAP SOMEWHAT AND THERE WAS A DEBT INCURRED BECAUSE ASPHALT WAS BOUGHT AND ROADS WERE PAVED. THE BEST DEAL THE COUNTY COULD HAVE EVER HAD WAS THE DECISION WAS MADE TO GO AHEAD AND BORROW THE MONEY TO DO ALL THE ROAD PAVING BECAUSE THEY GOT MORE FOR THAT MONEY THEY WENT OUT AND BORROWED AND PLEDGED AGAINST THE FUTURE MSBU FUNDS DUE TO ASPHALT HAS NEVER BEEN CHEAPER.

HE FEELS THEY HAVE OUTLIVED THE TIME THAT THE MSBU COMMITTEE IS USEFUL DOWN THERE; THEY HAVE A BILL TO PAY AND CERTAIN THINGS THE MSBU WANTS TO FUND EACH YEAR. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR DISCUSSION TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND ALLOW THE COUNTY TO TAKE THE MONEY TO PAY THE BILLS THEY HAVE. FINCH SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE AT THE LAST MSBU MEETING TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND PAY THE BILLS THEY OWE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE COUNTY COULD STILL FUND THE TWO CREWS FOR MSBU OUT OF MSBU FUNDS; BUT, MAKE SURE THE MONEY IS SPENT ON WHAT IS OWED. BY DOING THAT, THE MSBU COMMITTEE WOULDN'T HAVE TO MEET ALL THE TIME BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THE BUDGET IS GOING TO BE EVERY YEAR; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY THE BILLS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED THE GARBAGE PICKUP AT MSBU. SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED MSBU IS PAYING FOR A DUMPSTER USED AT CLEANING UP THE PARKS, LAKES AND COUNTY EASEMENTS; IT COST APPROXIMATELY \$193 A MONTH.

SAL THEN ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER FINCH'S MOTION; IT WAS BROUGHT UP AS A STATEMENT AT THE MSBU MEETING AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BEFORE MS. KIRK COULD MAKE A MOTION TO HAVE THE MSBU DISSOLVED. MS. KIRK'S INTENTION WAS FOR ALL MONIES TO BE USED FOR THE MSBU DEBT SERVICE, ALL EQUIPMENT BE SOLD AND WHATEVER MONEY IS COLLECTED GO TOWARD DEBT SERVICE.

VERNON AGREED THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY WAS THE MSBU; MSBU WENT IN AND PAVED THOSE STREETS. HE FELT THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU IS TIRED OF THE FEUDING AND FIGHTING AND THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE; HOWEVER, HE FEELS IT WOULD BE A BAD MISTAKE TO DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD VERNON HIS MOTION WAS TO DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU COMMITTEE; NOT THE MSBU. THE COUNTY CAN'T DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU COLLECTIONS UNTIL THE DEBT IS PAID OFF. ONCE ALL THE DEBT IS CLEARED AND THEY WANT TO VOTE TO DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU ALTOGETHER, THEY COULD DO SO.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHO WOULD TAKE OVER AND OVERSEE INCOME AND OUTGO FOR MSBU AND WHO WOULD REGULATE WHAT GOES ON THAT IS REGULATED NOW. HOW MUCH WOULD THAT CHANGE AND WHO WOULD TAKE PLACE OF THE COMMITTEE IN DECIDING WHAT IS TO BE ORDERED OR NOT ORDERED, ETC. SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS AT EVERY MEETING. THEY DON'T NEED TO JUST DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND DO NOTHING; THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO IMPLEMENT AND REPLACE WHAT IS BEING DONE RIGHT NOW. THE BOARD WILL NEED TO PUT SOMEONE OVER MSBU IF THEY DO DECIDE AS A VOTE TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE.

KAREN ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE ONE MSBU COORDINATOR FOR MSBU RATHER THAN A COMMITTEE. SHE RECOMMENDED HAVING SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE SUNNY HILLS THAT WILL NOT GET INVOLVED WITH PROBLEMS AND WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED TO HAVE DONE. SHE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH'S STATEMENT, EVENTUALLY THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE LOTS BEING SOLD, MORE MONEY IS GOING TO BE COMING IN AND THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO NEED MORE THINGS. SHE ADDRESSED THIS SHOULD BE A PERSON THAT IS AVAILABLE TO OVERSEE THESE PROPERTIES AND THESE FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IN THE FUTURE AS SUNNY HILLS CONTINUES TO GROW, THERE IS GOING TO BE TEN TIMES AS MUCH ROADS TO BE KEPT UP. THE FUTURE OF SUNNY HILLS, HE THOUGHT, WAS THE DEVELOPERS WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE ROADS. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME BACK AND DO ALL THIS RESURFACING. ONCE ALL THE PAVING IS DONE AND PAID FOR, ALL THE ADDITIONAL ROADS WILL BE PUT IN BY DEVELOPERS; THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE A LOT BIGGER.

FINCH ALSO ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THIS PERSON TO COME AND UPDATE THE BOARD EACH MONTH ON WHAT THE MSBU'S NEEDS ARE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AMENDED HIS MOTION TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE PUTTING A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN CHARGE OF THE MSBU. COMMISSIONER SAPP AGREED TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHEN THEY WANTED THE DISBANNING OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE TO OCCUR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SPOKE ON WHY HE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE. HE REFERRED TO THERE BEING SO MUCH FIGHTING, HASSLE AND AGGRAVATION, ETC., DOWN THERE. HE TOLD THE PEOPLE THE BOARD WANTED TO DO AS MUCH FOR THEIR CITIZENS AS THEY CAN; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY ITSELF IS ON LIMITED FUNDS. EVERYBODY IS SCREAMING FOR MONEY NOW AND EVERYBODY IS GOING TO HAVE TO CUT BACK SOME. THE BOARD'S JOB IS TO SEE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE MSBU AREA; IF THE PEOPLE WILL WORK WITH THEM, THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE THIS WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THE BOARD GOING TO WORK TOWARD FINISHING THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER WITH CHAIRMAN PATE STATING "YES."

HOLMAN THOUGHT THEY NEEDED TO MAKE COMMENT TO HAVE OFFICER BESS START WORKING ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET IT FINISHED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE OCTOBER 1, 2008.

SAL ZURICA QUESTIONED HOW THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BEING PUT OVER THE MSBU WAS GOING TO BE PAID. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID BY COUNTY FUNDS WITH COMMISSIONER PATE SAYING IF IT IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, IT WILL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY.

SAL QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE MONIES OUT OF THE MSBU TO FINISH THE COMMUNITY CENTER. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE FUNDS TO FINISH THE COMMUNITY CENTER WERE COMING FROM THE MSBU FUNDS THAT WERE BUDGETED TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR MONIES MSBU OWED THEM.

SAL SUGGESTED THEY GET WITH DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS TO SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS GOING TO COST TO GET IT FINISHED.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, POLLY FOXWORTH MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR THE CRIME SHE COMMITTED IN HAVING POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL CHEMICALS.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORT:

A. WHITE DOUBLE POND PROJECT-DUE TO TREMENDOUS DEMAND FOR PLANS AND SPECS ON THE PROJECT, HE HAS CHANGED THE BID OPENING DATE FROM YESTERDAY AND SCHEDULED A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE NEXT TUESDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND THE BID OPENING WILL BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

B. LIST OF ROAD PROJECTS-CLIFF UPDATED LIST OF COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS AND INCLUDED ALL DEADLINES ON THEM:

1. ROLLING PINES ROAD-NEED TO REQUEST EXTENSION ON PROJECT. IF HAVE GOOD WEATHER AND STAY ON PROJECT, HE PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER; BUT, HIS GUESS IS A COMPLETION DATE OF JANUARY 2009.

2. CHAIN LAKE ROAD-PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY AT 9:00 A.M. WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA. GAIL HARRIS AND HER HUSBAND, WHO DONATED RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROJECT, WILL ATTEND PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE. THE COUNTY HAS 120 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONCRETE FLUMES AROUND THE BRIDGE, THE SOD AND THE GRASSING. CLIFF ADDRESSED HIM TRYING TO SAVE COST WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO GET THEM TO ABSORB AS MUCH OF THAT COST AS THEY CAN.

3. RIVER ROAD- DOWN TO THREE SIGNATURES ON RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROJECT. DEADLINE FOR RIVER ROAD AND CHAIN LAKE PROJECTS IS APRIL 26, 2009.

4. PINEY GROVE AND CORBIN ROAD-ALL WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

5. BAHOMA ROAD-DEADLINE FOR PROJECT IS DECEMBER 31, 2009; THEY HAVE STARTED WORKING ON DRAINAGE ANALYSIS.

6. BONNETT POND ROAD-DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2009; THEY ARE GETTING STARTED ON THIS PROJECT AS WELL.

7. EOC SITEWORK-GAC CONTRACTORS AWARDED THE SITEWORK; NEED CLARIFICATION FROM STACY WEBB TO SEE IF THEY HAVE TO WAIT ON THE BUILDING BEFORE CUTTING GAC LOOSE ON THE REST OF THE SITEWORK OR NOT. THE CONTRACTOR HAS AGREED TO HOLD THEIR BID FOR NINETY DAYS.

8. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD-DEADLINE FOR PROJECT IS DECEMBER 31, 2008. ALL THE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED; THEY ARE GOING TO PUT LININGS IN ALL THE CROSS DRAINS AND REPLACE INLETS WITH TYPE C INLETS. THEY ARE CORRECTING THE BLOWOUT THEY HAVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF DELTONA AND WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BY REPLACING ALL THOSE CULVERTS. SHOULD BE ABLE TO

MEET DEADLINE. HE WILL PROBABLY BE SUBMITTING CHANGE ORDER REQUESTS FOR CONTRACTOR TO DO ADDITIONAL EARTHWORK ON PROJECT. MONIES ARE AVAILABLE IN GRANT.

C. WELL ON EOC SITE-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LOCATION PICKED OUT FOR THE FUTURE WELL REALLY SAVED THE COUNTY THE THREE ACRES ON THE CORNER OF THE PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE SITE OF ANY SORT THE BOARD MAY CHOOSE. SEVERAL ISSUES WITH THE SITING OF THE WELL ON THE EOC SITE:

1. DIDN'T WANT TO BE DIRECTLY DOWNSTREAM WITH THEIR SEPTIC TANK BECAUSE THERE IS A 100' PROTECTION ZONE REQUIRED FOR THE WELL SITE.

2. THE 100' PROTECTION ZONE THEY HAVE NOW WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GET AROUND TO MAINTAIN THE POND; THE ROAD THAT GOES TO MAINTAIN THE POND WOULD FIT AND WOULD BE ALLOWED THE WAY IT IS LAID OUT RIGHT NOW. THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM GETTING TO THE BACK SECTION OF THE PROPERTY.

3. FL-DEP SUGGESTS THE COUNTY HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO THE WELL SITE AS IN YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH A GATE TO GET TO THE WELL. THE SECURITY EXPERTS HE MET WITH ON THE EOC RECOMMENDED ALSO THEY HAVE A GATE TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GETTING AROUND TO THE BACK SIDE OF THE EOC SO THE SAME GATE COULD SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE FOR THE WELL AND THE EOC SITE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE WITH PAVING THE ROAD GOING TO THE BACK OF THE EOC. CLIFF ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM PAVING THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THOUGHT THE TOWN OF WAUSAU HAD GIVEN THE COUNTY A DISCOUNT ON THE WATER IF THEY COULD PUT THE WELL BACK THERE. ROGER HAGAN SAID THAT HAS NOT BEEN PART OF THE TOWN'S DISCUSSION; BUT, HE WAS SURE THEY COULD WORK UP A MUTUAL EXCHANGE TO SUPPLY THE EOC SITE WITH WATER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WAUSAU TO PUT THE WELL ON THE SITE LOCATION PROPOSED.

D. FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH-SHOULD BE ON LIST OF COUNTY PROJECTS; BUT, IT IS NOT. CONTRACTOR IS BACKFILLING AROUND BOX CULVERTS THEY EXTENDED AND SHOULD BE THROUGH IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS WITH ENTIRE PROJECT IF WEATHER COOPERATES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, FOR THE RECORD, STATED THE MONEY SPENT ON THE BIKE PATH IS ALL THE MONEY COULD BE SPENT ON. THE COUNTY APPLIED FOR AN ENHANCEMENT GRANT TO DO THE BIKE PATH; THEY CAN'T PAVE ROADS WITH THAT MONEY. HE WAS ADDRESSING COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE QUESTIONING WHY THEY DIDN'T PAVE ROADS WITH THE MONEY USED ON THE BIKE PATH. FINCH SAID THE PROJECT LOOKS GOOD AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE USING IT ALREADY WITHOUT IT BEING FINISHED. YOU CAN USE THE BIKE PATH TO WALK, BIKE, ETC., WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT TRAFFIC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED SHELTON PEEL, J & M TESTING, QUESTIONING WHY THE COUNTY DIDN'T USE THEM FOR BORING TESTING ON SOME OF THE COUNTY PROJECTS.

CLIFF AGREED TO CONTACT J & M TESTING TO SEE WHAT THEIR ISSUE IS ON THE BORING TESTING. STACY WEBB ADVISED J & M WAS PROBABLY CITING THE STATUTE ON COMPETITIVE BIDDING. CLIFF ADDRESSED THEY HAVE BID OUT CDBG PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY; TRI-STATE WON THE LAST TIME IT WAS BID OUT AND ESSENTIALLY ALL THE TESTING IS DONE THROUGH PREBLE-RISH.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

A. LAWSUIT AT A.C. MOORE'S PLACE-LAWYER HAS CALLED AND WANTS TO HAVE MEETING AND AGREES OWNER CAN'T DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THE GATE IS SUPPOSE TO BE OPERATIONAL SO THE BOARD CAN TELL THE LOCAL PEOPLE,

WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIZENS, THEY CAN USE IT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HAVING THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISH THE USE OF DUNFORD LAKE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THERE IS A \$4 PER YEAR PERMIT FEE FOR USE OF THE LAKE AND PARK AND RECREATION WILL BE COLLECTING THIS FEE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE ATTORNEY HAD ALSO ADVISED HIM SOMEBODY HAD WENT IN AND TRIED TO EXTEND THE BOAT RAMP AT DUNFORD LAKE AND IT APPEARED THEY MESSED IT UP. HE HAS TALKED WITH DAVID CORBIN AND DAVID HAS ASSURED HIM NONE OF THE COUNTY PEOPLE DID DAMAGE TO THE RAMP.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE COUNTY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING AT THE BOAT RAMP AT DUNFORD LAKE; ALL THEY DO IS GO ANSWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE GATE NOT BEING OPEN AND IT BEING BARRICADED OFF.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REQUESTED DAVID GO AT DUNFORD LAKE TO SEE IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE BOAT RAMP. DAVID SAID HE HAS SEEN THE DAMAGE; BUT, IT IS NOT THE COUNTY. SOMEBODY HAS BACKED SOMETHING HEAVY OFF ON THE BOAT RAMP AND BROKE IT OFF.

B. MSBU ORDINANCE-HOLLEY ADDRESSED HE WAS GOING TO REVIEW MSBU ORDINANCE TO SEE IF ANYTHING ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACCOMPLISH THE BOARD'S ACTION TO BAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE. THE BOARD MAY HAVE TO AMEND THE MSBU ORDINANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

1. REQUEST FROM PANHANDLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE SYSTEM BOARD TO REAPPOINT BELVA SMITH FOR ANOTHER TWO YEAR TERM TO THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF REAPPOINTMENT OF BELVA SMITH TO PPLCS FOR TWO YEAR TERM.

2. REAPPOINTMENT OF KAREN MORRIS, JIM ACKERMAN, TODD ABBOTT AND PAUL DAY TO CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR THREE YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE DIDN'T VOTE AS HE THOUGHT MS. WALLER HAD SAID SHE HAD PROBLEMS WITH KAREN MORRIS ON CODE ENFORCEMENT. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE BEFORE HE VOTED ON THESE APPOINTMENTS. LINDA ADVISED SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH MS. MORRIS SERVING ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT; THAT WAS A STAFF ISSUE. SAPP AGREED TO THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

3. COUNTY OWNED PARCELS IN SUNNY HILLS-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON CONTACT HE HAS HAD FROM DEVELOPERS INTERESTED IN SOME PARCELS AND ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS HAS SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING ANYTHING THE COUNTY HAD AVAILABLE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF ALL COUNTY OWNED PARCELS BE PUT OUT TO BID. IF THE BOARD WANTS TO SET A MINIMUM BID, THEY NEED TO LET ATTORNEY HOLLEY KNOW AND HOLLEY WILL PREPARE THE ADVERTISEMENT. THE BOARD ALSO NEEDS TO CLARIFY IF THE COUNTY OR THE BUYER IS GOING TO CLEAR THE TITLE ON THESE PROPERTIES.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY JAY FELSBURG ON HOW MANY SUNNY HILLS PARCELS THERE WERE TO ADVERTISE, PETE ADVISED HE HAD COUNTED 354 PARCELS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TO SET A MINIMUM BID, ADVERTISE WHERE YOU CAN BID ON ANY AMOUNT OF LOTS YOU WANT AND WHETHER THE BUYER OR COUNTY SHOULD PAY TO CLEAR THE TITLES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO ADVERTISE THE LOTS AT A MINIMUM BID OF \$10,000 A LOT WITH PERSONS BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE ANY AMOUNT OF LOTS THEY WANT TO PURCHASE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THESE LOTS, HE STILL CONCURRED WITH A MOTION MADE PREVIOUSLY TO COMMIT SOME OF THESE MONIES TO FINISH THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER IF THEY DO GET THESE MONIES AND IF THIS MOTION PASSES. ALSO, IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPLEMENT SOME THINGS THAT MIGHT BE IN THE BUDGET AND GO AHEAD AND GIVE THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES A RAISE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE NEED TO DECIDE IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PAY FOR CLEARING THE TITLES OR THE PURCHASER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE CLEARING OF THE TITLES MIGHT BE A NEGOTIATION ITEM; HAVE IN THE MOTION THE PURCHASER PAY FOR THE CLEARING OF THE TITLES. SOMEONE MIGHT BID ON THE PROPERTIES AND MAKE A COUNTEROFFER AND THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT SOMETHING ELSE LATER. HE AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AGREED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASER PAY FOR THE CLEARING OF THE TITLES.

THE MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE 354 LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS AT A MINIMUM BID OF \$10,000 A LOT, PERSONS BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ANY AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL LOTS THEY WANT AND THE PURCHASER PAY FOR CLEARING THE TITLES ON THE LOTS PURCHASED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUDGET REPORT:

A. CURRENTLY IN THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM FOR AUDITING SERVICES; THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED IN DECEMBER 2005 AND EXPIRES IN DECEMBER 2008. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE FOR AUDITING SERVICES OR EXTEND CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM'S CONTRACT.

B. ADVERTISE FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, COMMISSIONER PATE, CLERK COOK, DEPUTY CLERK ODOM AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW MEETING WITH COUNTY AUDITOR, SARAH APPLEWHITE, TO REVIEW THE 2007 AUDIT REPORT. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, NOT ONLY FOR THE BOARD, BUT FOR THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY. THEY DISCUSSED TAKING THE GASB BUDGET AND THE FUNDS BUDGETED FOR GRIMSLEY AND ROOKS TO HELP PREPARE THE AUDIT EACH YEAR TO FUND THE CPA POSITION. THE GASB WOULD FALL UNDER THE CPA AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS EACH CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER NEEDS EVERY YEAR IN PREPARING THEIR AUDIT. HE ASKED THE BOARD ABOUT ADVERTISING FOR A CPA AND TRYING TO GET SOMETHING IN PLACE BY OCTOBER 1ST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD BY THE BOARD ON THE NEED TO HAVE SOMEBODY WITH A LOT OF CPA EXPERIENCE OR SOMEONE WITH AN ACCOUNTING BACKGROUND TO COMPLETE THE FINAL COMPLIANCE WITH GASB.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THERE SOME UNFORESEEN CHARGES BY CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM THE FIRST YEAR WHERE THEY BILLED THE COUNTY BY THE HOUR AND SAID IT WAS NOT PART OF THE AUDIT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAD BUDGETED A FLAT AMOUNT; HOWEVER, CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM COULD CHARGE THEM 1% OF THE TOTAL GRANTS THEY AUDITED, WHICH THEY DID. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM AND THEY DID REDUCE THEIR BILL SOME. THIS YEAR THEY WERE LOOKING AT NOT CHARGING WHAT THEY COULD; SARAH APPLEWHITE HAD AGREED TO REDUCE THEIR FEES IF THE COUNTY DECIDED TO HIRE A CPA.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO RETAIN CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A CPA, GET BIDS AND FINALIZE IT WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST.

C. SCHEDULE A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH OR SEPTEMBER 9TH. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD A BUDGET WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 5:00 P.M.

D. FINAL BUDGET HEARING-THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 5:05 P.M. FOR THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET.

E. VAB-THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD SCHEDULED THE VAB HEARINGS FOR OCTOBER 15, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.

5. REVISED REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET FROM THE STATE; THE REVENUES WERE DOWN. THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM HAD TO BE REDUCED FROM \$258,135 TO \$89,555 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO KEEP THE BUDGET BALANCED.

IN THE TRANSPORTATION FUND THE CONTINGENCY HAD TO BE REDUCED FROM \$70,442 TO A DEFICIT OF \$3,633. TO BALANCE THIS BUDGET, THE FUEL LINE ITEM WAS REDUCED BY THE DEFICIT AMOUNT.

6. MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER-RESCHEDULE MEETING DATE FOR THE 20TH OF NOVEMBER DUE TO THE REGULAR MEETING DATE FALLING ON THANKSGIVING. RESCHEDULE MEETING DATE TO THE 18TH OF DECEMBER DUE TO REGULAR MEETING DATE FALLING ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RESCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER TO NOVEMBER 20TH AND DECEMBER 18TH.

7. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS-PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR PLAN ON BEING OFF A HALF DAY ON WEDNESDAY AND BEING OFF ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. IF THE BOARD IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS, THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND SCHEDULE THESE HOLIDAYS AND HAVE THE SAME DAYS AS OTHERS IN THE COUNTY ANNEX.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO OBSERVE A HALF DAY ON WEDNESDAY AND BE OFF ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

8. INMATE MEDICAL BILL-A BILL FOR \$79,905.12 FOR INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSE WHICH CAN BE FILED WITH HUNTS INSURANCE FOR CATASTROPHIC LOSS TO RECOUP SOME OF THIS EXPENSE. APPROVAL WAS NEEDED TO PAY THE INMATE MEDICAL BILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PAYING THE \$79,905.12 INMATE MEDICAL BILL.

9. VAB ATTORNEY-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY ATTORNEY NO LONGER BEING ABLE TO REPRESENT THE VAB. THEY ADVERTISED FOR AN ATTORNEY FOR THE VAB, RECEIVED PROPOSALS AND THE VAB RECOMMENDED HIRING BRYANT, MILLER AND OLIVE WITH SUZANNE VAN WYCK BEING THEIR MAIN POINT OF CONTACT. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE VAB ATTORNEY CONTRACT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED THEY RECEIVED THREE BIDS AND BRYANT, MILLER AND OLIVE WAS ESSENTIALLY THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD MUCH TRAINING IN LAND USES OR THAT TYPE OF LAW.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE VAB ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH BRYANT, MILLER AND OLIVE.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORT:

A. VOUCHERS FOR JULY 2008 TALLING \$1,984,278.34. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO PAY THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JULY 2008 TALLING \$1,984,278.34.

B. RECAPITULATION OF 2007 TAX ROLL-

ERRORS	\$17,887.96
INSOLVENCIES	43,509.72
DISCOUNTS	549,732.20
TOTAL	611,129.88 RECAPITULATION

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RECAPITULATION OF THE 2007 TAX ROLLS TOTALLING \$611,129.88.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT PAVING LUCAS LAKE ROAD WHEN APPLYING FOR THE FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT FUNDING.

CLIFF ADVISED HE THOUGHT LUCAS LAKE ROAD PAVING WAS PRIORITIZED #3 ON THE COUNTY ROAD LIST.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN THANKED ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED; EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTY ANNEX AND ROGER HAGAN.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO ROGER FOR KEEPING EVERYBODY INFORMED WITH THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TALKED WITH ROGER BRIEFLY ABOUT SETTING THE CONTROL, LIKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, EMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE NEW EOC. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD LIKE TO MOVE DOWN IN THE NEW EOC DOING THE RADIO CONTROL, THE AMBULANCE WOULD AND HE THINKS THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WOULD. HE THOUGHT SHERIFF HADDOCK WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO MOVE TO THE NEW EOC IN WAUSAU. IF THEY COULD MOVE EVERYBODY TO THE NEW EOC IN WAUSAU, THERE WOULD BE SOMEBODY MANNING THE EOC STATION TWENTY FOUR/SEVEN. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD CONSIDER MOVING EVERYTHING TO EOC AND LETTING ROGER MAKE PLANS FOR THIS TO BE DONE. IF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DOESN'T WANT TO COME TO THE NEW EOC, HE CAN STILL OPERATE OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING A DISCUSSION THAT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE. THE SHERIFFS HAVE TRADITIONALLY CHOSEN NOT TO ENGAGE IN THAT DIALOGUE. HE DOESN'T THINK HE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN OR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. IT NEEDS TO BE A DISCUSSION BETWEEN PEERS; THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF. HE POINTED OUT HE WAS BEING VERY CAUTIOUS BECAUSE EVEN WITH THE BEST REPORTING FROM THE PRESS, ANYTHING CAN BE MISCONSTRUED.

ROGER FELT THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES FOR DISPATCH BEING CIVILIAN, WORKING UNDER A POLICY AND WORKING UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, ETC. HE OFFERED TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION, IF AND WHEN THE BOARD AND SHERIFF, WHOMEVER IT MAY BE IN THE FUTURE, WANTS TO ENTER INTO THAT DIALOGUE. HE OFFERED TO BRING SUPPORTING EVIDENCE THERE WILL BE ROOM IN THE EOC FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED AT THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE FROM THEIR COMMUNICATION CONTRACTOR ON THERE POSSIBLY BEING GRANT FUNDING TO ACCOMPLISH THE CONSOLIDATION OF THESE DEPARTMENTS IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMODATIONS, ETC. IF THEY NEED TO BRING THE 911 SIDE INTO IT, THE DISPATCH SIDE INTO IT, POSITIONING IS CERTAINLY NOT A MINIMUM THING; THE BOARD WOULD BE A BIG PLAYER IN THIS IF THEY DECIDE TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER PATE FELT WHEN IT COMES TO THE SAFETY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE GETTING IT STREAMLINED WITH EVERYBODY GETTING TO THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME DOING THE RIGHT JOB. IF IT TAKES MOVING THESE DEPARTMENTS TO THE NEW EOC, HE IS ALL FOR IT. HE POINTED OUT HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE DOING THINGS RIGHT THOUGH.

ROGER REFERRED TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEED FOR A HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AND A PLANNER. THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER COULD BE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AND COULD BE COUPLED WITH SOME CONSOLIDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT POPULATION. HE REFERRED TO THE DISPUTES BETWEEN A GRANT ON A LOAN THE COUNTY IS STILL PAYING OFF

AND THE EQUIPMENT NEVER WAS USED; DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS BUYING DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HAVE A COMMUNICATIONS PLANNER TO START INVENTORY, IDENTIFY NEEDS, UNJUSTIFIED NEEDS, ETC. AND IT SHOULD BE SOMEBODY THAT DOESN'T HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST AT HEART THAT HAS THE INTEREST OF THE WHOLE EMERGENCY SERVICES AT HEART.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID, EVEN IF HE IS NOT ON BOARD IN NOVEMBER, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS.

ROGER FELT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND NAMED WOULD ALL COME ON BOARD. HE HOPES IF THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN, IT HAPPENS SHORTLY AFTER THE ELECTIONS ARE SETTLED BECAUSE IF THEY GET IN CONSTRUCTION RIGHT OF WAY ON THE NEW EOC, THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE IT IS EARMARKED AND THERE IS A PRELIMINARY DRAWING THAT SHOWS THE SPACE AT THE NEW EOC FOR THE DIFFERENT EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS.

ROGER THEN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROJECTION AND PREDICTIONS OF TROPICAL STORM GUSTAV. IN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS THERE IS A 20% TO 30% CHANCE THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE IMPACTED BY TROPICAL STORM WINDS. THERE IS A HIGH PRESSURE RIDGE THAT IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP IN THE LOWER APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS AND IF IT TRACKS THE WAY IT APPEARS TO BE NOW, IT WILL COME IN THE NE SIDE OF THE STORM WHICH PUSHES IT FARTHER AWAY FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TOWARD THE WEST. THE PROJECTION PUTS IT SOMEWHERE IN THE WESTERN LOUISIANA; HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN BOBBLING FREQUENTLY. WHICHEVER WAY IT GOES, IT PUTS WASHINGTON COUNTY ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE STORM WHICH IS ALWAYS THE BAD SIDE OF THE STORM. THE FURTHER WEST IT GOES, THE COUNTY WOULD BE LOOKING AT LESS WINDS AND MORE WATER. THE PROJECTION RIGHT NOW IS AROUND FIVE INCHES OF RAIN WHICH IS PROBABLY SOMETHING THE COUNTY CAN HANDLE VERY WELL; ANY MORE RAIN THAN THAT IF IT COMES FAIRLY EARLY WOULD HURT SOME. THE COUNTY HAS GOOD RUNOFF AND HAVE HAD GOOD DRYING OUT WEATHER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND THIS IS PROJECTED TO GO ON THROUGH THE WEEKEND. THE STORM IS NOT PROJECTED TO MAKE LANDFALL UNTIL SOMETIME SUNDAY, MONDAY OR TUESDAY. THE RIVERS WANT BE A PROBLEM HE DIDN'T THINK; THE ROADS COULD BE A PROBLEM. HE ASKED THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC TO BE PATIENT WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON REPAIRS TO ROADS.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT SOME KIND OF BACKUP POWER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. HE POINTED OUT IF THEY WERE TO LOSE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ABILITY TO PUMP FUEL, THERE WOULD BE AN ISSUE WITH RESPONSE BEING GROUNDED.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HANNAH, WHICH IS IN THE ATLANTIC, IS NOT WELL ORGANIZED; BUT, IS EXPECTED TO BECOME A HURRICANE BY SUNDAY AND EVEN AS LATE AS TUESDAY. IT STILL IS WAY OFF THE EAST COAST AND IS NOT PERCEIVED TO BE A THREAT AT THIS TIME.

ROGER REQUESTED THE BOARD DO A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO POSSIBLE THREATENING WEATHER CONDITIONS FROM HURRICANE GUSTAV. HE READ THE RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THE CHANGES IN THIS RESOLUTION AND PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS THE BOARD HAS ADOPTED. THE CHANGES ALLOWS ROGER TO DETERMINE WHEN THE START DATE FOR THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD BE THROUGH STAYING IN CONTACT WITH THE STATE, STAYING IN CONTACT WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, DOING ALL THE THINGS IN THEIR CEMP, WITHOUT CALLING THE BOARD BACK INTO SESSION OR DOING ANYTHING ELSE THIS WEEKEND DUE TO IT BEING A HOLIDAY WEEKEND. HE ADDED CAVIET THAT HAD TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EM CONSTELLATION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS READ BY ROGER DECLARING A LOCAL

STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE GUSTAV.

COMMISSIONER PATE THANKED EVERYBODY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS CALLED IN THINGS DURING TROPICAL STORMS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION THE BOARD HAD ABOUT TAKING THE \$31,000 MSBU OWES THE COUNTY AND PUT IT TOWARD THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY BUILDING. SHE EXPLAINED A MOTION WAS NOT MADE AND DIDN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD'S INTENT WAS TO PUT THIS IN FORM OF A MOTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO TAKE THE MONIES IN THE MSBU BUDGET TO PAY THE COUNTY BACK AND PUT IT INTO THE NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING AT SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN PATE RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 6 P.M. FOR FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION PIPE HEARING. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 08/28/08

CHAIRMAN