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BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/24/08

JANUARY 24, 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 FINCH, PATE, STRICKLAND, HOLMAN AND SAPP PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF HADDOCK PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER AND CHAIRMAN PATE LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2007 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND AMERICAN RED CROSS TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES AS SHELTERS FOR DISASTER VICTIMS.

B. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. SAMUEL WARD TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

C. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A GRANT FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COURTHOUSE

AGENDA AUDIENCE:

1. CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE-BONNIE VATTER-VATTER STATED HER NAME AND ADDRESS OF 3911 CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE, LOT 38, BLOCK 4 IN THE SEMINOLE PLANTATION. SHE ADDRESSED A PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE USING THE PROPERTY ADJOINING HER PROPERTY ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD, WHICH BELONGS TO CHARLES AND EDNA RILEY, TO ACCESS THE BEACH IN FRONT OF HER PROPERTY. SHE EXPLAINED PEOPLE WERE THROWING BEER CANS ON THE PROPERTY; RIGHT NOW THERE IS GARBAGE ON IT, A BARB WIRE FENCE, CHAIN LINK FENCE, ETC. SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT THE COUNTY OWNED THIS PROPERTY, AN EASEMENT BETWEEN BLOCK 4, LOT 38 AND BLOCK 5, LOT 1.

FINCH SAID IF IT WAS THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY, THEY NEED IT. VATTER STATED THE COUNTY NEEDED TO CLEAN IT UP THEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF WHAT VATTER WAS SPEAKING OF WAS A PRIVATE LANDING. VATTER ADVISED IT WASN'T AS FAR AS SHE KNOWS; SHE CAN'T FIND A RECORD OF ANYBODY OWNING IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING THREE OR FOUR PLACES YEARS AGO THAT WERE DEDICATED AS ACCESS TO THE LAKE. VATTER SAID IF IT WAS DEDICATED AS AN ACCESS TO THE LAKE, THERE SHOULD BE A ROADWAY OR SOMETHING; IT IS NOTHING BUT WOODS AND IT IS PRETTY NASTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASSURED VATTER IF IT BELONGS TO THE COUNTY, THEY WOULD CLEAN IT UP. HE SAID THAT MAY BE A WAY TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THE DRAINAGE ISSUES THERE.

2. EMORY PITTS, BUILDING OFFICIAL, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY CONFIRM THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE ASHLEY BROWN WITH JAMES WHITE DUE TO BROWN NOT ATTENDING ANY OF THEIR MEETINGS. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES WHITE TO REPLACE ASHLEY BROWN ON THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD.

3. CODE ENFORCEMENT-JIM ACKERMAN, CHAIRMAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A COMMITMENT FROM THEM TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE SUPPORT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR IS FOR THE BOARD, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO SUPPORT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR NEEDS TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS THE COUNTY COMMISSION SET FOR THEM.

ACKERMAN ADDRESSED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEMBERS AND AN ALTERNATE AND WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 10, 1110, 1103, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF CODE ENFORCEMENT CREATED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, COUNTY ORDINANCES PROVIDED BY SECTION 162.01 TO 162.15 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES. THEIR MISSION IS TO UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THE CODE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, ENVIRONMENT, AND PROPERTY VALUES OF RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ACKERMAN SAID THEY HAVE AN ANIMAL ORDINANCE, ALCOHOL ORDINANCE, LITTER ORDINANCE, ABANDONED CAR ORDINANCE, 911 NUMBERING SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ABANDONED HOUSE ORDINANCE, INTERLOCUTORY DEGREE WITH WAUSAU FOR LITTER, PARKS AND RECREATION AND HAZARDOUS.

HE SAID THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED EARLIER WITH A LIST OF CODES AND ORDINANCES AND A LIST OF COMPLAINTS. CODE ENFORCEMENT WAS STARTED IN 2000 BY THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDINANCE; THEY HAVE A TOTAL OF 281 COMPLAINTS TO DATE AND HAVE CLOSED 162 OF THEM. THERE ARE 112 THAT ARE OPENED; THESE ARE CASES THEY HAVE WORKED ON THAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE WORKING FOR THEM. THEY HAVE TURNED SOME OF THE CASES OVER TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; THEY ARE NOT GETTING TOO MUCH SATISFACTION FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE TURNED SOME OVER TO THE PRIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR AND SOME OVER TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THEY STAND ON THESE CASES; SOME OF THEM MAY BE CLOSED. MOST OF THE CASES THAT ARE OPEN THAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS CAME FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. THAT IS WHERE THE BOARD GETS THEIR INFORMATION FROM. THE LAST THREE YEARS LINDA WALLER HAS BEEN SO SWAMPED IN HER OFFICE THEY HAVEN'T HAD A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OTHER THAN HER UNTIL SIX MONTHS AGO THAT REALLY STARTED TO DO CODE ENFORCEMENT. THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE A BACKLOG OF CASES. IT TOOK SOME STRAIN THOSE THREE YEARS AND HE ASSURED THE BOARD LINDA HAD BEEN CURSED, BATTERED, BEATEN, RIDICULED, ETC. THAT DOESN'T NEED TO HAPPEN.

HE REFERRED TO A LETTER HE HAD SENT TO THE BOARD IN 2005 ASKING FOR A SPLIT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT FROM PLANNING AND ZONING TO RELIEVE LINDA. HE WAS HOPING THEY COULD SPLIT THE TWO AND HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GO TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR. HE FELT A LOT OF THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE AND IT IS GOING TO COME THE INSPECTOR'S WAY. THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE LINDA AND LET HER DO HER JOB IN A MORE EFFICIENT MANNER.

ACKERMAN REITERATED THEIR BOARD CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEMBERS AND AN ALTERNATE; AFTER MR. HENDERSON DIED, THEY APPOINTED MR. CHADWELL TO HIS POSITION IN 2005 AND TO DATE THEY HAVE NEVER HAD AN ALTERNATE. HE SENT A LETTER TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKING FOR AN ALTERNATE AND EVEN SENT HIM A COPY OF ONE OF THE ADS IN PANAMA CITY. HE REITERATED HE WAS ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AND FOR SOMEONE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT COMES TO THEM.

ACKERMAN THEN TALKED ABOUT LIENS. SOME OF THE CASES THAT ARE CLOSED ARE LIENS AND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. HE SHARED WITH THE BOARD INFORMATION ABOUT LIENS. HE ADDRESSED ONE LIEN IN PARTICULAR ALL THE BOARD KNOWS ABOUT EXCEPT FOR TWO COMMISSIONERS. HE WANTED TO TELL THE BOARD WHAT HE MEANS BY HAVING ACCOUNTABILITY. HE ADDRESSED THE CASE ON THE CAT LADY THAT HAD ALL THE CATS. HE GAVE A HISTORY ON THIS CASE:

THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN SEPTEMBER 2007; CERTIFIED LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE LADY BUT WERE RETURNED. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LINDA WALLER, GAVE HER SIXTY DAYS TO CLEAN IT UP. ON OCTOBER 4TH, THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WAS CONTACTED AND LINDA GAVE THEM ANOTHER THIRTY DAYS. THE BOARD SENT THEM A LETTER AND IT WAS RETURNED TO THEM UNSIGNED. THE BOARD HAD TO PUT A VIOLATION ON A LIEN THAT IF THEY DIDN'T CLEAN IT UP WITHIN TEN DAYS, THEY WERE GOING TO PUT A \$250 A DAY LIEN ON THE PROPERTY. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD HAS THAT AUTHORITY TO DO THAT. THE CODE BOARD ALSO SAID THEY HAD SIXTY DAYS IN ORDER TO CLEAN UP ALL THE PROPERTY AND IT WAS NEVER DONE; THAT LIEN IS STILL GOING ON. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DID A RESOLUTION AND ASKED FOR THE COST FOR CLEANING UP THE PROPERTY; HE HAD THE MAN HOURS, THE DUMPING FEE, THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED, ETC. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST AND THE CLEANUP COST WAS \$11,000 DUE THE COUNTY; IF THE COUNTY REQUIRED, THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD COULD FORECLOSE. THEY NEVER DONE IT. THE LIENS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD HAS ON THE PROPERTY IS REAL CLOSE TO \$200,000 AND THAT IS A RECORDED LIEN.

ACKERMAN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD NEEDED THEIR \$11,000 OR NOT OR IF THE BOARD WANTS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD TO FORECLOSE AND GET THE PROPERTY AND SELL IT. HE ASKED WHAT IS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD DOING AUTHORIZING IT AND NOTHING EVER HAPPENS TO IT. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY HAS THAT KIND OF MONEY TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY AND PUT LIENS ON IT AND DON'T DO ANYTHING WITH IT, THAT IS THEIR PREROGATIVE. IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE HIS. HE REITERATED THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF LIENS OUT THERE; SOME OF THEM YOU CAN'T FORECLOSE ON BECAUSE THEY ARE HOMESTEADED. HE ADDRESSED SOME LIENS THEY HAVE ARE PROBABLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE PROPERTY VALUE IS IF THEY SOLD IT TODAY. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO GO WITH LIENS OR SOME OTHER METHOD.

ACKERMAN PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN ARTICLE FROM FOSTER FOLLIES ON GROWTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ABOUT CODE ENFORCEMENT IN 2005. HE REFERRED TO AN "X" COUNTY COMMISSIONER SAYING IT WAS GETTING JUNKIER. HE SAID THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB AND DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO IT.

ACKERMAN CONTINUED SAYING THERE WAS GOING TO BE GROWTH. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE CARE OF A LOT OF WHAT IS OUT THERE; BUT, YOU CAN ALSO DRIVE AROUND AND SEE SOME NICE HOMES BEING BUILT THAT ARE NOT IN DEVELOPMENTS AND THEY ARE ASKING FOR PROTECTION.

ACKERMAN WENT INTO ORDINANCES AND COMMITTEES. LAST YEAR THE BOARD FORMED A NEW COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT ORDINANCES AND RIGHTFULLY SO. THE ORDINANCES HE SPOKE OF EARLIER HAS A LOT TO BE DESIRED. THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THEY DIDN'T ADEQUATELY HANDLE WHAT THEY NEEDED TO BE DOING. LINDA DID A SUPERB JOB ON WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE; IT IS MORE THAN ONE ORDINANCE AS IT COMBINED A LOT TOGETHER AND HAS MADE IT A LOT EASIER. THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE LOOKED AT THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE IN EFFECT NOW; IT IS NOT ADEQUATE AND THE COMMITTEE DID ANOTHER ORDINANCE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING HAS LOOKED AT ALMOST EVERY ORDINANCE AND APPROVED THEM. THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND THAT MEETING WAS THE MOST PATHETIC EVENING HE HAS HAD SINCE HE HAS COME BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

HE SAID THERE ARE A LITTLE LESS THAN 15,000 VOTERS; THREE PEOPLE OPPOSED THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE AND THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND. HE ASKED IF THEY REALLY NEED ANOTHER COMMITTEE TO DO ORDINANCES. HE SAID THAT WAS UP TO THE BOARD.

DAVID CORBIN HAS TOLD HIM HE HAS A CITATION METHOD IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE HE CAN'T ENFORCE. DAVID SAID HE HAD TOLD ACKERMAN THERE WAS A PIT BULL ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY THE COUNTY DOESN'T WRITE CITATIONS ON; THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DOES. A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS CALLED AND AN OFFICER IS CALLED OUT. HE DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER TO WRITE A CITATION.

ACKERMAN SAID IN THE ORDINANCE IT SAYS DAVID WILL WRITE A CITATION, HAVE A CITATION BOOK, ETC. DAVID SAID "NO" WITH ACKERMAN SAYING IT IS IN THE CODE. ACKERMAN SAID HE WANTED TO BRING THIS UP BECAUSE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY IS OUTLAWING ALL PIT BULLS AND IF THEY ARE NOT IN THE CITY, THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN THE COUNTY. HE SUGGESTED IF THE PIT BULLS ARE GOING TO BE IN THE COUNTY, THEY HAVE THEM REGISTERED SO THEY WILL KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. IF YOU SEND A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OUT THERE OR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OUT THERE AND THAT DOG BITES THEM, THEY DON'T KNOW THE DOG IS THERE.

ACKERMAN EXPLAINED THEY TRIED TO DO THE CITATION; BUT, IT NEVER ACTUALLY CAME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T THINK FROM THE ATTITUDE FROM THE OTHER BOARD, THEY WOULD EVER GET IT PASSED.

HE ASKED FOR A WORKSHOP TO BE HELD WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND THE COMMISSION. IF IT IS INTERESTING TO THE COMMISSION TO HAVE ORDINANCES, TO HAVE A LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE THEY WORK UNDER, HE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT THEY WILL HAVE A WORKSHOP AND ADDRESS THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE OR IF THERE IS SOME THINGS IN THERE THEY DON'T LIKE, TELL THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND IF IT IS SOMETHING THEY FEEL STRONG ENOUGH, THEY MAY ARGUE WITH IT. IF THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE CITATION METHOD THEY DON'T LIKE, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT IT. THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THEIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT UP TO DATE. THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. THERE ARE THIRTY THREE PAGES OF SIGN CODES IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND 43 PAGES OF BUFFERING AND 5 PAGES PERTAINING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT. HE REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR A COMMITMENT TO HAVE A WORKSHOP BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF MARCH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED JIM WHO ASKED HIM TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. JIM SAID IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHO ASK HIM. FINCH REFERRED TO JIM HAVING SAID THEY ASKED HIM TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

JIM TOLD THE BOARD IF THEY ARE GOING TO HOLD A WORKSHOP, DO IT. IF NOT, DON'T PUT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD THROUGH AN EXERCISE, DON'T HAVE A CODE ENFORCEMENT RISK THEIR TIME AND THEIR LIFE OUT THERE TO ENFORCE THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE. THAT IS ALL THEY ARE DOING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COMMISSION PASSED THE JUNK CAR ORDINANCE. JIM SAID "NO".

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE COMMISSION DIDN'T DO AWAY WITH THE OLD JUNK CAR ORDINANCE; BUT, DIDN'T PASS THE AMENDED ORDINANCE. JIM SAID THE OLD JUNK CAR ORDINANCE IS STILL IN AFFECT; BUT, THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AMENDED IT TO INCLUDE SO MUCH INTO IT TO KEEP FROM HAVING ORDINANCE AFTER ORDINANCE AFTER ORDINANCE. IF

DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HAVE FIFTY ORDINANCES WHEN ONE CAN DO IT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE AND THE AMENDED ONE, THEY WOULD SEE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN IT. IF YOU ARE GETTING FIFTY OR SIXTY COMPLAINTS A YEAR, SOMETHING IS HAPPENING. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT THEY WANT TO DO THIS; NOW, THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO IT. HE SAID THE COMMISSION, IF THEY DON'T DO IT, THEY ARE FORCING PEOPLE TO TAKE CIVIL ACTION TO ENFORCE THE COUNTY'S OWN ORDINANCE AND THAT IS FOOLISH. HE SAID HE HAS WENT THROUGH THIS AND YOU CAN WIN IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO FIGHT IT. BUT, THEN THEY COULD ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUE THE COUNTY FOR NOT ENFORCING THEIR OWN ORDINANCE. HE AGAIN REITERATED HIS REQUEST TO HAVE A WORKSHOP, LOOK AND WHAT IS NEEDED, HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT AND SET THE PROCEDURES AND ORDINANCE IN PLACE.

ACKERMAN ASKED COMMISSIONER FINCH IF THEY HAD 112 CASES THAT NEEDED TO BE SOLVED, THERE ARE 112 PEOPLE WITH A PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T REALIZE THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN PURSUING CODE ENFORCEMENT RECENTLY. HE ASKED IF THEY ARE STILL ACTIVELY PURSUING CODE ENFORCEMENT.

LINDA WALLER STATED THEY RESPOND TO EVERY COMPLAINT THEY GET.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLAINT ON FINCH CIRCLE RECENTLY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WAS ONE CLOSE TO HOLMAN HE WAS AWARE OF TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO EITHER SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OR DO AWAY WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THEIR POLICIES ON CODE ENFORCEMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THAT WAS THE REASON HE ASKED JIM TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND EXPRESS THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE'S CONCERNS. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO MAKE UP THEIR MIND WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO, HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT AND LAY THIS ISSUE TO REST.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION TO HAVE A WORKSHOP TO TALK ABOUT EITHER DOING CODE ENFORCEMENT OR NOT DOING IT. THERE WAS NO SECOND.

HOLMAN SAID THEY NEED TO DO AWAY WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT THEN. LINDA SAID SHE WAS NOT SURE THE COMMISSIONERS COULD DO AWAY WITH IT LEGALLY.

HOLMAN TOLD LINDA SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO OUT ANYMORE AND ENFORCE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED THAT WAS NOT HOLMAN'S DECISION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE PAPER ISSUE IS THE ONE HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT; THE JUNK CARS DON'T BOTHER HIM. IF YOU HAVE OLD VEHICLES IN YOUR YARD; IT IS OWN YOUR PROPERTY, THAT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL. BUT, THE PAPER, ETC. IS HIS CONCERN.

ACKERMAN ADDRESSED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ON THE ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY, THERE WERE THREE COMPLAINTS MADE AND THEY WERE MADE TWO YEARS AGO. ON EACH SIDE OF A TREE, ONE WAS HAVING A HOME FOR SALE; MAX WELLS PULLED IT OFF THE MARKET. THEY HAD CARS, FURNITURE, REFRIGERATORS AND WERE BURNING TRASH OUT OF A FIFTY GALLON DRUM. ON THE OTHER END, THERE WAS A HOUSE STILL FOR SALE; IT IS ALL CLEANED OUT. CODE ENFORCEMENT DOES WORK. BUT, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE THINGS THAT DON'T WORK. THE HOUSE SITTING THERE THAT HAS BEEN ON THE MARKET FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS, IT WILL BE VERY HARD FOR SOME- BODY TO COME IN AND BUY IT WITH ALL THE WRECKED CARS RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO IT BECAUSE THE VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTY IS NOT FAIR BECAUSE THE BOARD DOESN'T WANT TO FULFILL THEIR ORDINANCES.

ACKERMAN REITERATED HE WAS ASKED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, HE HAS PRESENTED IT TO THE BOARD AND IF IT IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT, THEY DON'T NEED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND HAVE SEVEN PEOPLE RULING ON SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

GEORGE CLAYTON OWENS, AS A LANDOWNER AND JUNK OWNER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING. HE AND OTHERS IN THE COUNTY ARE TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING AND ARE PAYING AD VALOREM TAXES THAT PAYS THEIR SALARY AND WANTED THEM TO KNOW HE APPRECIATED WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

AUBREY DAVIS, ROCKHILL CHURCH ROAD, STATED HE HAD LIVED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR TWENTY YEARS. HE ADDRESSED GOD BLESSING US WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES. FOR THE LACK OF THE BOARD'S ACTION, THEIR COWARDNESS AND IRRESPONSIBILITY ARE LETTING IT BECOME THE JOKE OF THE PANHANDLE. IF A COUPLE OF THEIR BUDDIES CAN COME BEFORE THEM AND INTIMIDATE THEM OR BUY THEM OFF, ETC. TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THE BACKBONE TO ENFORCE THE EXISTING ORDINANCES. MS. WALLER HAS ON HER STAFF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING FOR. HE ASKED THE BOARD WHY THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE BACKBONE TO LET HER DO HER JOB. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTY AND IT IS BEING MESSED UP BECAUSE THE BOARD WON'T DO THEIR JOB. HE IS

AGAINST LETTING THIS COUNTY CONTINUE TO GO TO THE DOGS. THEY HAVE SOME GOOD PEOPLE AND SOME GOOD DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALLY COMING HERE AND THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT A COUPLE OF THEIR BUDDIES AND NOT AT THE BEST INTEREST OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

4. SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED AT THEIR LAST MEETING ON THE TAXES SUNNY HILLS RESIDENTS PAID AND ASKED ABOUT SOME ROAD REPAVING IN SUNNY HILLS. THE RESPONSE HE HAD GOTTEN WAS IT WAS GAS TAX REVENUE THAT PAID FOR REPAVING ROADS.

ZURICA HAD CALLED COMMISSIONER PATE ABOUT GETTING GRANTS AND WAS TOLD HE NEEDED TO CALL HIS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONER FINCH. HE CALLED FINCH AND ASKED HIM TO GET GRANTS FOR REPAVING OF THE ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS. HE ASKED THE BOARD FOR A COMMITMENT TO TRY AND GET GRANTS TO PAVE SOME OF THE ROADS IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED SAL THEY HAVE JUST AWARDED A BID FOR THE REPAVING OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN SUNNY HILLS WHICH WAS FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT. THEY HAD WORKED ON GETTING THIS PROJECT FUNDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE BID CAME IN LOW ENOUGH THEY ARE GOING TO REPAIR ALL THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURES WITHIN THAT PROJECT.

SAL THANKED THE BOARD FOR THIS. HE ADDRESSED THE ROADS WHERE RESIDENTS LIVE ARE REALLY TERRIBLE AND REQUESTED THE BOARD HAVE THEIR COUNTY ENGINEER GO AND LOOK AT SOME OF THEM AND APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO HAVE THEM RESURFACED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD SAL THE BOARD WOULD KEEP ADDING THESE ROADS TO THEIR LIST AND HE IS GOING TO MAKE SURE SUNNY HILLS GETS THEIR FAIR SHAKE.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE BREAK.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, JOE TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SCHOOL BOARD BEING IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR 97 ACRES WITH NFWFMD. THIS PROJECT HAS PROBABLY BEEN OFF AND ON FOR ABOUT EIGHT TO TEN YEARS. PART OF THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IS THE COMPLEXITY AS IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME A TRANSFER WILL BE DONE LIKE THAT BACK TO THE SCHOOL BOARD. THERE ARE SOME CERTAIN LEGAL ISSUES NFWFMD HAS TO DEAL WITH. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THEY WANT TO DO UNDER THE NEW GROWTH GUIDELINES IN THE NEW SENATE BILL 360 IS THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS TO APPROVE, AGREE OR ESTABLISH WHERE A SCHOOL SITE WOULD BE. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS BEFORE THE NFWFMD, AND THEY ARE HOPING WITH THE PACE THEY ARE GOING THEY CAN CLOSE ON THE PROPERTY IN JUNE, CAN GO MUCH FURTHER IS THEY WANTED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD THEY HAD SEEN THE SITE, REVIEWED THE SITE AND IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM FOR A SCHOOL LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE HAS SEEN THE SITE AND ADDRESSED IMPROVEMENTS THE COUNTY HAD MADE TO THE PROPERTY. HE OFFERED A MOTION TO APPROVE OF WORKING WITH NFWFMD IN SECURING THIS PROPERTY AS A SCHOOL SITE.

JOE ADDRESSED THE REASON THE SCHOOL BOARD IS INTERESTED IN THIS 97 ACRES IS BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ADJACENT TO SOMEWHAT HIGHWAY 77 AND IT IS A LARGE PIECE OF PROPERTY.

ONE OF NFWFMD'S CONCERNS IS THE PROPERTY THE SCHOOL BOARD IS LOOKING AT ACTUALLY FRONTS THAT ACCESS INTO THEIR PROPERTY; THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL END UP GIVING NFWFMD A DEEDED ACCESS BACK TO IT. THERE ARE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AS IT IS PUBLIC USE NOW; WHEN THE SCHOOL BOARD MOVES THERE, CERTAIN CHANGES WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AND THE NFWFMD WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEARINGS BECAUSE IT IS A CHANGE OF USE ON THE LAND. HE SAID THIS IS OUTSIDE THE NORMAL PLANNING PROCESS; CURRENTLY, THE LAND IS ZONED CONSERVATION AND THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THE ACTUAL, FORMAL CHANGE OF THE LAND USE. HE HAS TALKED WITH LINDA WALLER AND AS THEY START THAT PROCESS, THEY CAN ALSO HAVE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ISSUES HE WOULD SEE. THE NFWFMD HAS PRETTY MUCH SELECTED WHAT THEY THINK IS REASONABLE; ALL OF THAT PROPERTY IS HIGH AND DRY AND THEY WILL TRY TO GET IT AS FLAT AS POSSIBLE.

JOE SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD, WHEREVER THEY GO OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE CITY OF VERNON, WASTEWATER IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE. UNDER THE CONCURRENCY PLANNING, THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES OF THE PLAN AND THEN THE ISSUES OF MITIGATION COME ABOUT. CURRENTLY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THEIR FIVE TO TEN YEAR PLAN AS FAR AS WHEN THEY WILL START CONSTRUCTION, TWO OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT IS GOING TO DRIVE THAT IS, IF THE LEGISLATION DOESN'T CHANGE THE CLASS SIZING INTERPRETATION THEY HAVE NOW, IN 2009-10, THEY WON'T MAKE THEIR CLASS SIZE. THE SECOND THING IS THERE IS A LOT OF GROWTH GOING ON DOWN THERE; WITH THE AIRPORT GOING IN AND THE GROWTH NUMBERS START COMING OUT, THEY WILL TAKE FROM THE ZONE THAT IS GOING INTO VERNON. WHEN THE SCHOOL BOARD IS GETTING READY FOR CONCURRENCY WHICH IS COMING IN MARCH 2008, FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS ANYTHING AS FAR AS GROWTH, THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO GO. HE REITERATED THE WATER AND WASTE WATER WILL BE THE TWO BIGGEST ISSUES THEY

WILL HAVE TO FACE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED COMMISSIONER FINCH'S MOTION TO PURSUE THE 97 ACRE SITE WITH NWFWM D FOR A NEW SCHOOL LOCATION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VERNON ANDERSON, MSBU COMMITTEE ADVISOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING THREE OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE'S TERMS THAT EXPIRE MAY 16TH. HE REALIZES THEY ALREADY HAVE SOME APPLICATIONS; BUT, HE JUST WANTED TO NOTIFY THE BOARD IN CASE THEY WANTED TO ADVERTISE FOR MORE APPLICATIONS. HE WAS TOLD BY ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS HE WOULD NOT SERVE ANOTHER TERM ON THE COMMITTEE. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS WANT TO BE REAPPOINTED. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE DOESN'T MEET AGAIN UNTIL APRIL 16TH AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THEN WHERE THE BOARD WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO ADVERTISE. AFTER THIS, THE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE EVERY TWO YEARS.

THE OTHER ITEM HE ADDRESSED WAS MSBU BEING STRAPPED FOR MONEY. THEY GOT ABOUT \$353,000 THIS YEAR; \$170,000 OF THIS GOES TOWARD THE DEBT TO THE BANK OF AMERICA FOR REPAVING. AFTER PAYING OFF THEIR OTHER DEBT, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY LEFT.

THEY SUBMITTED THEIR ORIGINAL BUDGET BY SEPTEMBER 15TH; BUT, THEIR INCOME WAS PROJECTED ON THE ESTIMATE OF ASSESSMENTS MSBU WOULD COLLECT. PETE, THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT AND MAYBE THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT MADE THEIR ASSESSMENTS GO UP AFTER MSBU HAD SUBMITTED THEIR PRELIMINARY BUDGET. THEY HAD A BETTER NUMBER THEN AND HAVE REVISED THEIR BUDGET AGAIN. THEY WERE TOLD AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THEY MIGHT COULD EXPECT \$20,000 CARRY FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR; THAT DIDN'T COME IN. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A \$10,000 DEFICIT MSBU HAD TO SUFFER. THEY HAD TO REVISE THEIR BUDGET AGAIN AND EVERY TIME THEY MEET, IT IS CUTTING THEM DOWN TO THE BONE. THE DEBTS, INSURANCE, ETC. HAVE TO BE PAID. THE ONLY OPTION THEY HAD WAS TO TAKE OUT ONE OF THEIR WORK CREWS AS THEY COULDN'T AFFORD TWO CREWS. WHEN COMMISSIONER FINCH HAD OFFERED TO TAKE ONE OF THE INMATE CREW SUPERVISORS MSBU HAD, IT GAVE MSBU A BALANCED BUDGET WITH A SMALL CONTINGENCY.

IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T APPROVE OF FINCH TAKING THIS ONE WORK CREW, MSBU DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO TAKE THAT ONE WORK CREW OFF. ANDERSON SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE THE ONE TO GO AND TELL THE EMPLOYEE HE HAS TO LAY THEM OFF; BUT, MSBU DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY THIS YEAR AND IT DOESN'T LOOK ANY BETTER NEXT YEAR.

THE OTHER BUSINESS HE HAD WAS, ON AUGUST 1ST, THE BOARD ASKED THE MSBU COMMITTEE FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE RED TRUCK. ON AUGUST 21ST, THE MSBU COMMITTEE MET AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE THE TRUCK BACK BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T AFFORD IT BECAUSE THEY WERE STRAPPED. THE COUNTY COULD EITHER TAKE IT AND SELL IT OR PUT IT IN ANOTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT. THAT HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS NOW AND HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO ACT OR NOT ACT ON THAT RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS VOTED ON IN THE MSBU MEETING MINUTES. ANDERSON ADVISED IT WAS. FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IF THIS WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION BY THE MSBU COMMITTEE.

ANDERSON ADVISED THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TONY RAY, SECONDED BY KEVIN LANGSWORTHY AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER FINCH READ THE MOTION MADE BY THE MSBU COMMITTEE: THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TONY RAY THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD RECOMMEND THE COUNTY ASSUME THE DEBT OF THE TRUCK AND SELL IT, SECONDED BY KEVIN LANGSWORTHY AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO ALONG WITH WHAT ANDERSON SAID ABOUT THE COUNTY TAKING OVER ONE OF THE INMATE CREWS; THEY WANT BE USED JUST IN SUNNY HILLS BUT IN OTHER AREAS AS NEEDED TOO. HE WANTS TO COMMIT TO HAVING SOMEBODY IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH A CREW; IT MAY NOT BE THAT CREW. IT MAY BE WHATEVER CREW THAT IS MOST NECESSARY DOWN THERE FOR THAT TYPE OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THE TIME. IF THEY NEED TO, SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, ELIMINATE A CREW, ELIMINATE A POSITION IF SOMEBODY LEAVES, THEY CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AT THAT TIME FOR THIS CREW TO MAKE UP THAT POSITION. RIGHT NOW THEY JUST NEED TO ASSUME THAT CREW AND CONTINUE WITH THE OPERATION IN SUNNY HILLS AS IT EXISTS NOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH PUT THIS IN FORM OF A MOTION AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE INMATE CREW HE HAS NOW HE IS ASSUMING IS SUPPOSE TO BE GOING FOR ANOTHER JOB FOR THE COUNTY. THAT WILL LEAVE ONE SHORT. HE ASKED COULD THE ONE IN SUNNY HILLS BE MOVED TO FILL THAT JOB INSTEAD OF HIRING SOMEBODY ELSE OR SINCE COMMISSIONER PATE HAS A LOT OF STUFF IN HIS DISTRICT, PUT TENNESSEE OVER SETTING UP THE BUILDINGS BECAUSE HE USED TO HANDLE INMATES. HE COULD USE THE CREW IN SUNNY HILLS DOING HIS MAINTENANCE. THAT WAY, HE WOULD HAVE TWO IN MAINTENANCE AND ONE SETTING UP.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY COULD PROBABLY SPLIT SOME OF THE WORK AT THE COUNTY ANNEX. IT WOULD SEEM LIKE TO HIM IF THE COUNTY TAKES THE MSBU CREW, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE USED IN A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT PLACES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH NOTED EVERYBODY IS AWARE OF THAT; BUT, THE BOARD ALSO KNOWS MSBU IS CARRYING A BIG LOAD. IT IS A BIG AREA IN SUNNY HILLS; A LOT OF STREETS AND A LOT OF AREA THAT NEEDS TO BE KEPT CLEAN, ETC. HE DOESN'T THINK JUST ONE CREW CAN HANDLE IT AT ONE TIME; THEY WILL USE THE CREW AS THEY NEED TO. IF THEY NEED TO FURNISH ANOTHER ONE, THE BOARD WILL CERTAINLY DO THAT. BUT, THERE ARE MANY TIMES ONE CREW CAN HANDLE IT ALL. HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD LOANING THEIR CREWS AROUND ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE OVER ONE OF THE MSBU INMATE CREWS STARTING A WEEK FROM MONDAY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO FUND ONE OF THE MSBU INMATE CREWS.

ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE RED TRUCK, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO TAKE THE RED TRUCK BACK. COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION FOR SOME UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE RED TRUCK IF THEY TAKE IT BACK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAD TALKED TO RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, AND RANDALL SAID THEY WOULD TAKE IT AND MAKE ANOTHER RESPONSE VEHICLE OUT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF EMS HAD THE MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID "YES" AS RANDALL HAD SAID HE THOUGHT THE PAYMENT WAS \$9,000 A YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHEN THE BOARD HAD DISCUSSED THE RED TRUCK PREVIOUSLY, THEY HAD GIVEN GLEN UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE YEAR TO COME UP WITH SOME FINANCING AND IT HASN'T HAPPENED. NOW THEY ARE AT ALMOST THE END OF JANUARY. HE SAID IF NOBODY ELSE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS, THE BOARD SHOULD HEAR FROM GLEN ABOUT THE FINANCING.

GLEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING AFTER THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE OVER THE TRUCKS, THEY ACCEPTED THAT. HE SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM GOING TO THE BANK. THE PROBLEM THEY DO HAVE IS, WITHOUT A BUDGET IN PLACE, THEY CAN'T GO TO THE BANK. THE LAST BUDGET THE BOARD HAD BEFORE THEM, THERE WAS \$28,000 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT OF MSBU AND \$33,700 OUT OF THE COUNTY. IF THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS THAT ARE APPROVED, THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN WORK WITH. HE HAS TO HAVE A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD THAT SAYS THESE ARE THE NUMBERS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE A BUDGET COMING OUT OF THE MSBU FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL. IF THE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT FROM THE LAST BUDGET, WHICH ARE THE SAME AS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, THAT IS THE NUMBERS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKS WITH, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS NO PROBLEM HANDLING IT FROM THAT POINT. ALL THEY NEED IS SOMETHING FROM THE BOARD'S END THEY CAN TAKE TO THE BANK.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED PETE IF HE HAD A COPY OF THE MSBU BUDGET. PETE EXPLAINED NOT BEFORE HIM; BUT, THERE IS \$25,000 IN THE MSBU BUDGET TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS ON THE RED TRUCK AND THE TWO FIRE TRUCKS AND THEN THERE IS INSURANCE THAT IS ALSO BUDGETED IN THE MSBU BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD THOUGHT MSBU PULLED THE RED TRUCK OUT OF THEIR BUDGET.

VERNON ANDERSON SAID THE MSBU DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO FUND THE RED TRUCK BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAD TO PAY THE INSURANCE ON IT. HE STATED THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SIX MONTHS. THE BANK HAD TO BE PAID AND MSBU HAD TO PUT THE MONEY IN THERE BECAUSE THEY WERE OBLIGATED; NOT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO. THAT IS ONE THING THAT CUT MSBU SHORT AND THEY PUT IT IN THE MSBU BUDGET BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS GOING TO PAY THAT INSURANCE AND SOMEBODY IS GOING TO PAY THAT BANK. THE MSBU COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER BUT TO TAKE THE RED TRUCK OUT OF THE MSBU AS THAT WAS THEIR VOTE. THEY DID SUBMIT A BUDGET; AN APPROVED BUDGET. THEY HAVE TO DO JUST LIKE THE COUNTY DOES; MONTHLY, HE THINKS THE COUNTY HAS TO REVISE THEIR BUDGET BASED ON THEIR INCOMING AND ONGOING EXPENSES. THEY HAD A BUDGET.

GLEN SAID WHAT HE WOULD NEED SINCE THOSE NUMBERS ARE IN THE BUDGET; THAT IS WHAT IS HARD FOR HIM TO DEAL WITH IS THE NUMBERS ARE IN THE BUDGET AND THE BOARD SAYS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES A DECISION ON THE TRUCKS. THAT IS FINE. THEY WILL GET THREE OPTIONS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON WHAT THEY KEEP AND DON'T KEEP DOWN THERE. THE BOARD MADE A DECISION IT SHOULD BE A DECISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED IF HIS BUDGET IS \$61,000 LIKE IT SAYS IN THE BUDGET OR IS IT NOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED PETE. PETE ASKED GLEN IF HE WAS ASKING IF THERE WAS \$61,000 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. GLEN SAID THAT IS THE \$28,000 FROM MSBU AND \$33,700 FROM THE COUNTY FIRE ALLOTMENT.

PETE SAID THE \$28,000 IS STILL SHOWING IN THE MSBU BUDGET; IF THE TRUCKS GET TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEN THE MSBU BOARD WOULD NEED TO TRANSFER THE \$28,000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND IT HASN'T BEEN DONE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING MSBU HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING THAT BECAUSE THEY NEED TO BE HANDLING IT THE WAY IT HAS BEEN BEING DONE.

GLEN SAID THAT IS WHAT HE IS SAYING; IT IS VERY HARD TO MAKE A DECISION WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A FINAL NUMBER TO WORK WITH. FROM HIS UNDERSTANDING OF READING THE LAST BUDGET THE COMMITTEE APPROVED AND FROM THE PRELIMINARY, EXCEPT FROM THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. BUT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT STAYS AT \$61,000 OF WHICH \$28,000 WOULD BE COMMITTED TO TRUCKS AND INSURANCE. IF THEY DON'T DECIDE TO TAKE \$28,000 FOR THE TRUCKS AND INSURANCE AND THEY PUT IT INTO OPERATING COST, THE FINAL NUMBER IS STILL \$61,000.

LOU TRACY, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEIR HAVING A BUDGET IN PLACE THEY HAVE WORKED WITH ON THESE TRUCKS SINCE AUGUST. THE BOARD HAS A SUNNY HILLS MSBU ADVISORY BOARD THAT HAS JUST SUBMITTED A BUDGET AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THAT INCLUDES THE RED FIRETRUCK THEY DON'T LIKE FOR SOME REASON. HE THINKS MAYBE THEY NEED TO REALIZE AND THINK PERHAPS WHAT THAT INVOLVEMENT OF GETTING RID OF THAT RED TRUCK DOES. THAT LITTLE RED TRUCK IS A FIRST RESPONSE TRUCK FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RESIDENTS IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DISTRICT. WHEN YOU HAVE A HEART ATTACK OR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, YOU CAN CALL THE AMBULANCE. CHAIRMAN PATE HAD TO USE HIS GAVEL TO HAVE ORDER IN THE MEETING. HE TOLD THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE THEY WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ORDER.

LOU CONTINUED SAYING THEY COULD CALL THE AMBULANCE IN CHIPLEY AND PERHAPS GET A 25 OR 30 MINUTE RESPONSE TIME OR THEY CAN LET THE CERTIFIED EMT'S, PARAMEDICS COME TO THEIR HOUSE WITHIN 3 TO 5 MINUTES IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTER IMMEDIATE FIRST AID UNTIL HELP ARRIVES. THAT IS ONE THING THAT LITTLE RED TRUCK DOES. IT IS A FIRST RESPONSE UNIT AND IT WILL BRING YOUR MEDICAL HELP TO YOUR HOME. MAYBE THEY COULD HAVE SOME PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS WHO DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF SERVICE; HE DOESN'T KNOW. BUT, FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY AND HIS NEIGHBORS, IF HE IS HAVING A HEART ATTACK, GET THERE THE SOONER THE BETTER AND ADMINISTER THE HELP YOU CAN TO KEEP HIM ALIVE UNTIL THE AMBULANCE GETS THERE. THE BOARD HAS APPROVED THIS BUDGET AND THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THIS BUDGET AND MR. ANDERSON HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MSBU COMMITTEE THROUGH NUMEROUS EMAILS IN THE LAST WEEK AND A HALF.

HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THEY JUST HAD THEIR FINAL MEETING. HE THOUGHT THEY WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AN ADVISORY BOARD, THAT HAS THE SAME SUNSHINE REGULATIONS, ETC. THE BOARD FALLS UNDER. THEY DON'T EMAIL ONE ANOTHER FIVE TO SIX TIMES ON DIFFERENT THINGS THEY ARE GOING TO VOTE ON IN THE FUTURE; THE BOARD CAN'T DO IT AND THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAN'T DO IT EITHER. BUT, THIS IS HAPPENING. IN THE LAST EMAIL, VERNON SAID IT IS NOT BEING USED FOR LEGITIMATE AND JUSTIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS.

LOU ASKED HOW DID VERNON KNOW THIS; IS HE A MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR DOES HE HAVE A POLITICAL INTEREST OR DOES HE HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE OF FIRE SERVICE OR EMERGENCY RESCUE AT ALL. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT THIS; THIS IS A TRUCK THAT WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE IN 3 TO 5 MINUTES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN AMBULANCE FROM CHIPLEY OR VERNON, HOPEFUL THEY WANT NEED IT. MOST OF THE TIME THESE GUYS WILL GO OUT AND ADMINISTER A LITTLE BIT OF OXYGEN, ETC. AND PEOPLE ARE FINE. BUT, THE RED TRUCK IS THE FIRST RESPONSE VEHICLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEY AGREED WITH THE MSBU EIGHT YEARS AGO. THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS HAD A PRIORITY LIST OF WHAT THEY WANTED FOR SERVICES IN SUNNY HILLS. NUMBER ONE WAS ROADS, NUMBER TWO WAS FIRE PROTECTION AND THAT IS IN THE RECORD. ANYBODY THAT VOTED FOR THE MSBU KNOWS THAT FIRE PROTECTION WAS NUMBER TWO ON THAT LIST; IT WASN'T FIFTH, SIXTH OR SEVENTH.

YOU CAN COVER ALL THE CULVERTS IN SUNNY HILLS YOU WANT TO; SEND HIM AN AMBULANCE TO HIS HOUSE WHEN HE NEEDS AN AMBULANCE AND A FIRE TRUCK TO HIS HOUSE WHEN HIS HOUSE IS ON FIRE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT ALL OF THE BOARD REALIZES THAT. LOU SAID ONE OF HIS BIGGEST CONCERNS IS THEY HAVE A BRAND NEW MSBU BOARD AND HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE EVER BEEN INSTRUCTED IN THE SUNSHINE PROCEDURES OR NOT. THEY ARE AS LIABLE AS THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR BEING AND DISCUSSING THINGS OUTSIDE OF THEIR MEETING WHERE THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED TO. ALL HE IS SAYING IS FOR THE BOARD TO ENCOURAGE THE MSBU COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THEIR GUIDELINES; IT IS IN THE STATE STATUTE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WAS SO NOTED AND WANTED TO GET BACK TO THE MSBU BUDGET. THE MSBU HAD THE \$28,000 IN THE BUDGET FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

BECAUSE IT HAD TO BE PAID AND THIS FIVE OR SIX MONTHS, THEY DON'T CARE. THAT IS NOT GOING TO WASH; IF THE MSBU COMMITTEE DON'T WANT THAT MONEY IN THERE OR IF THEY WANT TO GIVE IT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. PATE ASKED GLEN IF HE THOUGHT THE \$28,000 WAS IN THERE TO PAY FOR THE FIRETRUCKS. GLEN SAID "YES".

PATE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO FINANCE THE TRUCKS. GLEN SAID HE JUST NEEDS A NUMBER. PATE SAID GLEN HAD ALREADY TOLD THE BOARD THE NUMBER WAS \$61,000. GLEN SAID HE NEEDED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE THAT APPROVAL OF \$61,000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE ONLY THING THE BOARD CAN APPROVE IS THE \$33,700 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING FROM THE COUNTY. GLEN SAID "NO; THE BOARD APPROVES OF THE MSBU BUDGET TOO. IF THAT IS WHAT YOU APPROVED, HE JUST NEEDS A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD THEY HAVE APPROVED \$61,000 FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT OF WHICH IF THEY HAVE TO GUARANTEE VEHICLES, THEY HAVE TO SET THAT ASIDE FOR VEHICLES DEPENDING ON WHICH VEHICLES THEY KEEP.

GLEN SAID THEY DIDN'T NEED THIS TEN DAYS AGO WHEN THEY THROUGH ALL OF THIS OFF ON THE COMMITTEE WITH PEOPLE WHO HAD EXPERIENCE AT IT AND KNOW WHAT TO DO BECAUSE IT IS TOUGH DECISIONS. HE HAS TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS DOWN THERE AS TO WHICH ONE HE KEEPS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE RESENTED THEM BEATING UP ON THE NEW MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE OTHER COMMITTEE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE DOING TO GREAT ANYHOW BECAUSE THEY GOT IN A BIG MESS THEN. HE SAID LETS QUIT BEATING UP ON EACH OTHER AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS WHOLE THING.

PATE ASKED VERNON HOW MUCH MONEY WAS GOING TO THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM MSBU. VERNON SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY PERSONAL ATTACKS ON ANYBODY; HE EMAILS THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS FAR AS EMAILING THEM AN AGENDA, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS AS THEY HAVE TO JUMP ALL OVER THE COUNTY TO HOLD THEIR MEETINGS AND THAT IS THE WAY THEY COMMUNICATE.

VERNON SAID THE TOTAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES IS \$25,401.88. THAT IS THE FIRE CHIEF'S TRUCK AT \$9,000, THE BRUSH TRUCK IS \$8,000, THE TANKER \$8,000 AND THE INSURANCE ON THE FIRE TRUCKS IS \$3,100. BUT, GLEN HAD COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS AND WANTED THIRTY DAYS TO FINANCE THE TRUCKS AND HAVE THEM BELONG TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THOSE TRUCKS ARE TITLED TO THE COUNTY. THE COMMISSIONERS GAVE GLEN THIRTY DAYS AND GLEN CAME BACK AND SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME AND HE DIDN'T MENTION THE BUDGET AND BLAMING IT ON THE MSBU BUDGET IS NOT GOING TO HELP HIM. THEN GLEN WANTED UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR; NOW, IT IS AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND THE MSBU IS STILL PAYING.

GLEN SAID THE PAYMENT IS COMING OUT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ALLOTMENT THE COUNTY IS GIVING THEM. ALL HE NEEDS IS DOES THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT GET \$61,000 BECAUSE IF THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH, THEY WILL MAKE THEIR DECISION BASED ON THE \$61,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF ONLY \$9,000 OF THE \$25,401.88 IS FOR THE TRUCKS. VERNON SAID THE FULL \$9,000 IS FOR THE RED TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT GETTING. HE DOESN'T CARE IF MSBU PUT THE \$28,000 IN THERE AND CAME BACK AND ALL LIKE THIS BECAUSE THIS WHOLE THING WITH THE TRUCK HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SIX MONTHS OR WHATEVER DECISION WAS MADE ON THE TRUCK COULD CHANGE THAT FIGURE.

VERNON GAVE THE YEARLY FIGURES THAT WILL BE DUE THIS YEAR ON THE FIRE TRUCKS AND THE INSURANCE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT \$3,000 PLUS. COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WAS WHAT VERNON WAS SAYING IS THE MSBU IS WILLING TO PUT ALMOST \$17,000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, NOTHING FOR THE RED TRUCK.

VERNON SAID THAT IS WHAT THE MSBU COMMITTEE VOTED ON UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ALL OF THIS DIDN'T GET CLEARED UP THE OTHER NIGHT AT THE MSBU MEETING.

VERNON SAID IT WAS ALREADY CLEARED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID DURING THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING, THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT THE \$9,000 COMING OUT.

VERNON SAID WHEN HE WALKED UP HERE, THE BOARD INSTRUCTED HIM TO BE THE CARRIER. THAT WAS PASSED BACK IN AUGUST AND IT WENT ON AND ON AND ON. GLEN WAS SUPPOSE TO TAKE CARE OF IT AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND HE DIDN'T DO IT. HE IS JUST BRINGING THE MAIL BACK TO THE BOARD AGAIN THAT IT HASN'T BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND THAT IS WHAT THEIR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY AND THEY JUST WANT TO ACT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

PATE SAID HE WANTED TO GET THE TOTAL FIGURE THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT IS GOING TO BE \$33,000 PLUS

WHATEVER THE MSBU IS GOING TO TRANSFER TO THEM.

VERNON SAID THE TOTAL FIRE TRUCK INSURANCE IS \$3100. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WOULD BE ABOUT \$20,000 THE MSBU WOULD BE GIVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WOULD BE \$19,459.56 ADDED TO THE \$33,700. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID THAT TOTAL WILL BE \$53,159.56.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE COULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED BECAUSE GLEN HAD TWO DEADLINES TO GET THE FINANCING. GLEN SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A MEETING; LAST NOVEMBER, THEY WERE IN THE DARK AS MSBU DIDN'T HAVE THEIR FINAL BUDGET AND THEY GOT BAD NUMBERS FROM THE COUNTY AND BASICALLY THEY HAVE MADE THEIR AMENDMENTS ON THE BUDGET. ON JANUARY 10TH, THEY CAME TO THE MEETING AND THAT WAS THE BUDGET THAT WAS PUT BEFORE THEM, THIS IS THE NUMBER YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH AND NOW THEY HAVE JUST CHANGED THAT NUMBER. AND NOW THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT NUMBER TO WORK WITH. HE REITERATED HE JUST NEEDED A FINAL NUMBER THAT THE BOARD SAYS THIS IS WHAT THE COUNTY AND THE MSBU FUNDS IS SUPPLYING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FROM THERE, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHAT THEY KEEP AND WHAT THEY GET RID OF.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IN ALL FAIRNESS AT THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT, THEY DID SAY THEY HAD AN APPROVED BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE KNOWS THE RED TRUCK HAS BEEN IN THERE ALL ALONG; BUT, ALSO THE QUESTION OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THE TRUCK HAS BEEN IN THERE ALL ALONG SO THE \$9,000 FOR THE TRUCK PLUS THE INSURANCE ON IT IS NOT CHANGING IT.

GLEN SAID THE BOARD CHANGED THAT SCENARIO AGAIN AT THE COUNTY LEVEL WHERE THEY SAID THE DECISION WOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHICH TRUCK IT KEEPS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE AGREED WITH WHAT VERNON HAD SAID; BUT, IF HE HAD BEEN ON THE COMMITTEE THE OTHER NIGHT HE WOULD HAVE SAID YOU ALL REMEMBER WE ARE GOING TO TAKE OUT \$9,000 FOR THE RED TRUCK. BUT, IT WAS NOT TALKED ABOUT AT THE MSBU MEETING. HE IS NOT SAYING THEY INTENDED IT TO BE IN THERE; BUT, IT WASN'T MENTIONED.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON BACK WHEN THIS ALL STARTED, GLEN'S RECOMMENDATION WAS, BACK IN AUGUST, HE WOULD HAVE A LOAN IN TWO WEEKS. HE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD THE FOLLOWING MONTH AND SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH A BANKER IN TALLAHASSEE TO HAVE A LOAN. THAT WAS BEFORE THE BUDGET WAS DONE, ETC.; TO THIS DAY, HE STILL DON'T HAVE A LOAN. THE MSBU BOARD RECOMMENDED TO GET THAT TRUCK AWAY FROM GLEN. THE \$33,700 FROM THE COUNTY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BILLS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE \$29,000; WHAT IS HE GOING TO RUN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH.

SAL REFERRED TO WHAT LOU TRACY SAID ABOUT AN EMT BEING IN HIS HOUSE IN THREE MINUTES. HE ASKED GLEN IF HE WAS TRAINED AS AN EMT. GLEN SAID "NO". SAL SAID THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION; GLEN CAN'T RESPOND TO A HEART ATTACK. GLEN SAID THEY DO HAVE ANOTHER FIRETRUCK. SAL SAID THE RED TRUCK IS NOT BEING USED AS THAT STATES. THAT MAN WOULD GO OUT WITH THE BRUSHTRUCK. HE ASKED WHERE THE RED TRUCK WAS AT ABOUT 9:30 A.M. OR 10:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING YESTERDAY; IT WAS OUT AT MR. FINCH'S BUSINESS. IT IS NOT BEING USED PROPERLY. IT IS ALWAYS OUT OF THE COMMUNITY. THAT TRUCK HAS TO GO. THE COUNTY IS GETTING ENOUGH FROM SUNNY HILLS RESIDENTS; THEY ARE GETTING FROM THE HILT AND THEY ARE TIRED OF IT. THAT TRUCK IS BEING USED PERSONALLY AND NOT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS.

GLEN SAID THERE HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS THE RED TRUCK HASN'T BEEN USED FOR ANY PURPOSE EXCEPT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND IT HAD 7,000 MILES PUT ON IT IN SIX MONTHS. DUTIES THAT HE HAS AS A CHIEF DO REQUIRE HIM TO BE IN CHIPLEY OCCASIONALLY; HE DOES NOT COME UP HERE VERY OFTEN. THE TRUCK IS USED APPROPRIATELY AND THEY HAVE SOP'S TO REGULATE IT AND HE HAS BOARD MEMBERS THAT ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE IS JUST SAYING, AT THIS POINT, THE BOARD IS MAKING A DECISION ON SOMETHING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE MAKING. IF THEY CAN'T RUN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH ALL THESE VEHICLES WITH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY, THEY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WILL GET RID OF WHEN THEY MAKE THAT DECISION. HE REITERATED HE NEEDED THAT FINAL NUMBER AND HE IS SUPPOSE TO KNOW THAT FINAL NUMBER; BUT, UNTIL THEY SPIT OUT A FINAL NUMBER JUST NOW, HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT. HE SAID IT IS HARD TO GO TO THE BANK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID BETWEEN HE AND GLEN, WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GLEN GOT BACK BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, ABOUT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN RIDING HERD ON EVERYBODY OUT THERE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS.

GLEN SAID HE LET THE PROCESS WORK; THE PROCESS WAS THAT WAS THEIR INPUT TO THE COMMITTEE; HE APPRECIATES THE EFFORT THE BOARD PUT INTO IT AND HE RESPECTS THEIR

DECISION. BUT, THEY HAVE TO RESPECT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S DECISIONS AS FAR AS THIS IS THE MONEY ALLOTMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL TELL THEM WHAT SERVICE THEY CAN PROVIDE WITH THAT MONEY AND HOW THEY WILL PROVIDE IT AND WHAT VEHICLES THEY CAN PROVIDE IT IN.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY FUNDED BY THE COUNTY, WHO PAID FOR THOSE TRUCKS. HE ASKED IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS PAID FOR THEM OUT OF THEIR FIRE ALLOTMENT. PETE SAID HE KNOWS GREENHEAD HAS BOUGHT A NEW TRUCK AND IT IS PAID FOR OUT OF THEIR ALLOTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IN HIS VOTE HE IS GOING TO RESPECT THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND HE HAS SAID ALL THE TIME, IF THE BOARD APPOINTS A COMMITTEE HE WANTS TO RESPECT WHAT THEY BRING THEM. HE THINKS GLEN IS PROVIDING A GREAT SERVICE. FOR \$9,000, HE WOULD QUESTION IF WHETHER THAT IS A GOOD DECISION BY THE MSBU COMMITTEE; BUT, HE IS NOT GOING TO QUESTION IT THAT HE IS GOING TO VOTE AGAINST THE DECISION THE COMMITTEE MADE. IF THEY BRING HIM A DECISION, HE WILL RESPECT IT; HE APPOINTS THE COMMITTEE AND HE IS GOING TO RESPECT THEIR DECISIONS. HE THINKS IT IS A BAD DECISION AND HE THINKS THE TRUCK OUGHT TO STAY AND LET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DECIDE AS TO HOW THEY WANT TO MANAGE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH WHAT FUNDS THEY GET. IF THEY CAN MANAGE IT WITH \$52,000 OR WHATEVER THAT FIGURE WAS, THEN, HAVE A DOZEN TRUCKS IF THEY CAN DO THAT. HE IS NOT SAYING THEY CAN; BUT, HE IS SAYING IF THEY WANT TO DO THAT. HE WOULD HATE TO THINK THE DECISION THE BOARD MADE TODAY IN GOING ALONG WITH WHAT THE MSBU HAS ASKED THEM THE RECOMMENDATION, IF THEY COMPLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION, HE WOULD HATE TO THINK IF THE TRUCK IS MOVED, SOMEBODY SUFFERED FROM IT. THAT MAY HAPPEN; IT COULD. HE SAID HE REMEMBERED VERNON SAYING HE WISHED THEY HAD A BETTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

VERNON SAID ABSOLUTELY. A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE TO DRIVE A CADILLAC; BUT, SOME OF US HAVE TO DRIVE A CHEVROLET. FINCH SAID HIS OLD TRUCK HAS 160,000 MILES ON IT AND HE IS DRIVING IT EVERYDAY AND PROUD OF IT.

VERNON SAID AS HE POINTED OUT IN THE LETTER, THE NOTE IS DUE MARCH 31ST ON THE \$2.1 MILLION DOLLARS AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT INTEREST IS GOING TO DO.

JOHN MICHALSKI ASKED GLEN HOW MANY TRAINED EMT'S HE HAD ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF. GLEN ADVISED HE HAD TWO. HE ASKED IF ONE OF THEM WAS WORKING WITH PELLETIER. GLEN SAID NO. JOHN THEN ASKED IF ONE WAS WORKING WITH ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT. GLEN SAID NO.

JOHN ASKED IF THE TWO TRAINED EMT'S WERE ON CALL STEADY SO IF A CALL COMES IN, THEY COULD BE AT SOMEBODY'S HOUSE IN FIVE MINUTES. GLEN SAID "NO". JOHN SAID SO YOU HAVE TWO TRAINED EMT'S THAT CAN'T BE AT SOMEBODY'S HOUSE IN FIVE MINUTES AND GLEN IS NOT AN EMT. IF GLEN COMES AND HANDLES A PERSON, THERE IS A CHANCE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A SUIT ON THEM IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG.

JOHN ADDRESSED FOSTER FOLLIES HAD AN ARTICLE ON A MEETING OF ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY AND ONE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IS THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH MONEY. THEY WERE GETTING ALONG GOOD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE THOUGHT THE FIRE ASSOCIATION WAS SAYING THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE COUNTY FUNDS ARE BEING DIVIDED UP AMONG THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THINKS IT IS TIME TO VOTE. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF EMS TAKES THE TRUCK AND THE BOARD LETS RANDALL USE IT, IS THERE ANYWAY GLEN COULD COME BACK WITH THE MONEY IF HE COULD GET FINANCING AND GET THE TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE MADE A MOTION FOR EMS TO TAKE THE TRUCK AND TAKE OVER THE PAYMENTS ON IT. COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD SECONDED THE MOTION.

SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE ASKED IF EMS TAKING THE TRUCK ALSO MEANS TAKING THE INSURANCE, ETC. AND WOULD IT AFFECT THE INSURANCE RATING. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE PERSON ASKED IF MAKING A CHANGE IS GOING TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADVISED IF IT WAS A PUMPER OR AN ENGINE, IT WOULD; BUT, SINCE IT IS A TRUCK, IT WOULDN'T.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WOULD TAKE THE TRUCK IMMEDIATELY. GLEN TOLD THE BOARD THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD SOME OF THEIR OWN STUFF IN THE TRUCK THEY HAVE TO UNLOAD OUT OF IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY SHOULD AT LEAST LET GLEN TAKE THE TRUCK AND UNLOAD IT; THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR GLEN TO DELIVER THE TRUCK TOMORROW.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. FINCH SAID HE WAS GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION BECAUSE IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION; BUT, HE THINKS IT IS BAD BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE.

GLEN SAID HE NEEDS THE COMMITTEE TO SAY WHAT THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AMOUNT IS. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED IT WOULD BE WHATEVER AMOUNT WAS STATED PREVIOUSLY; \$53,159.56.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, W. D. KING, PASTOR OF A CHURCH OFF OF VICTORY ROAD, HAD LEFT PICTURES OF BAD ROAD CONDITIONS. KING HAS PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE ROAD WITH AN EXISTING POND WHICH THE COUNTY COULD RUN WATER TO, WHICH COULD HELP THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD. KING FEELS THE ROAD CONDITION DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM ATTENDING HIS CHURCH. HOPEFULLY, ONCE THEY CAN GET SOME MILLED ASPHALT ON THE ROAD, THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR COULD LOOK AT THE ROAD CONDITION AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON RUNNING THE WATER TO THE EXISTING POND.

KAREN SCHOEN, REPRESENTING THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE \$27 MSBU ASSESSMENTS THE RESIDENTS ARE HAVING TO PAY THAT ARE SUPPOSE TO ENCOMPASS IMPROVEMENTS OF ROADWAYS AND FIRE PROTECTION. UP UNTIL THIS YEAR, THE ROAD WORK WAS BEING COVERED BY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY WITH SUNNY HILLS TAKING OVER BEAUTIFICATION OF THE ROADS AND THE COUNTY HAD BEEN PAYING \$160,000. THE BOARD HAS NOW AGREED TO TAKE ONE OF THE INMATE CREWS. SHE QUESTIONED THE COUNTY FUNDING THAT WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE MSBU BUDGET THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED IF THE COUNTY CAN'T GET THE MONIES, THEY CAN'T GIVE IT.

KAREN ADDRESSED AS A HOMEOWNER, THEY ARE PAYING A \$27 ASSESS- MENT FOR SOMETHING THE COUNTY WAS SUPPOSE TO BE PAYING FOR; BUT, THEY DIDN'T FUND THE MSBU THESE MONIES THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SUNNY HILLS WILL GET THE SAME SERVICE ON THEIR ROADS EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COUNTY IS GETTING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE MSBU ASSESSMENT IS PAYING FOR THE INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE ROAD RESURFACING DONE IN THE MSBU AREA.

SCHOEN REFERRED TO THE BALLOON PAYMENT ON THE BANK OF AMERICA LOAN AND ASKED WHY SOMEONE ISN'T LOOKING INTO THIS ALREADY.

PATE INFORMED SCHOEN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEETING AND ONE OF THE THINGS THEY WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT IS THE REFINANCING OR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE NOTES MSBU HAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHEN THE BANK OF AMERICA LOAN IS DUE. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BALLOON PAYMENT IS DUE MARCH 1, 2008 WITH FINCH SAYING A DECISION IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE NOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WAS ALREADY GETTING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON THE REFINANCING OF THAT LOAN. SCHOEN ASKED IF THE DEBT HAS BEEN REDUCED, WILL THE RESIDENTS IN SUNNY HILLS GET THEIR MONEY BACK AS PART OF THEIR ASSESSMENT. THEY ARE BEING CHARGED FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED HER THE RESIDENTS WERE PAYING BACK WHAT THEY ALREADY GOT IN THE ROADS DOWN THERE. SCHOEN SAID SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT; BUT, IF THEY WILL REDUCE THAT PAYMENT, THAT COMES BACK TO THEIR ASSESSMENT. PATE REITERATED MSBU WAS PAYING OFF THAT DEBT FOR THE ROAD RESURFACING WITH THE ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE BALLOON PAYMENT WILL BE DUE MARCH 1ST AND THE INFORMATION SHE GOT FROM THE SAME PLACE THAT DID THE FINANCING PREVIOUSLY, THE PAYMENT WILL NOT BE REDUCED.

SCHOEN SAID SOMETHING SOMEWHERE IN ALL THESE PAPERS ON ALL THIS DOES NOT SEEM FAIR IN EQUITY. SOMETHING, SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE NEEDS TO BE REVISITED SO IT CAN BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE. TO HER, THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL COUNTY WITH A WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL SUBDIVISION THAT SEEMS TO BE GETTING THE SHORT END OF EVERYTHING AND THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FROM SUNNY HILLS.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON DEBRIS MANAGEMENT. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN THIS YEAR. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THEY WERE DISCUSSING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND TASK AUTHORIZATIONS; THE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS LEFT OFF BECAUSE THE MONEY WAS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH GRANTS THEY WERE PAYING FOR SOME OF THEIR OTHER PLANNING PROCESSES WITH. HE HAS A PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN. CURRENTLY WASHINGTON COUNTY'S PLAN IS FOR STATE ROADS; BASIC- ALLY WHAT THEY WILL DO WILL BE A CUT AND PUSH. THEY WILL OPEN THE ROADS UP SO FEMA, STATE, ETC. COULD GET IN AND HELP WITH THE COUNTY'S RECOVERY. COUNTY ROADS WILL BE THE COUNTY'S AND THEIRS IS BASICALLY A CUT AND PUSH AND THEN AFTER SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS ARE RECOVERED, THEY COME BACK AND MANAGE DEBRIS. WASHINGTON COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS A PRE-NEEDS CONTRACT IN PLACE WITH GRUBBS THAT IF THE DISASTER WOULD BE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH AND DEBRIS AMOUNTS WOULD

BE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH, THE COUNTY COULD IMPLEMENT THE CONTRACT AND GRUBBS WOULD COME IN AND DO THE DEBRIS FOR THE COUNTY ON THE NON-STATE ROADS. CURRENTLY IF THE COUNTY WERE TO BE DECLARED A RESIDENTIAL DISASTER, THEIR COST SHARE WOULD BE 75/25. THE 75% WOULD BE THE FEDERAL SHARED AND 25% WOULD BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE COUNTY. OVERTIME IS ALLOWED; BUT, REGULAR TIME IS NOT ALLOWED FOR RECOVERY AND NO REVENUE IS ALLOWED FROM THE GOVERNMENT IF THE COUNTY GENERATES RECYCABLES, THAT REVENUE HAS TO BE RETURNED. AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY LANDFALL IN DISASTERS, THERE IS NO TRACK RECORD; BUT, PUBLIC LAW 109-295, THE HOMELAND SECURITIES APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2007 CREATED WHAT WAS CALLED THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM. WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT BY DEVELOPING A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WILL REDUCE THE 75/25 TO 80/20, ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PAY REGULAR TIME AS WELL AS OVERTIME AND ALLOW THE COUNTY TO GENERATE REVENUES FROM ANYTHING THAT IS RECYCABLE AFTER A DISASTER.

HE ADDRESSED THEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP A PLAN AND SEND OUT A RFP AND HAVE TWO PRE-CERTIFIED CONTRACTORS THEY COULD GO TO FOR A CONTRACT. THEY CURRENTLY HAVE GRUBBS, A DEBRIS BID THAT WOULD BE QUALIFIED AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO ADD ONE TO THAT.

HE SAID DSI, WHO IS DOING THE COUNTY'S CEMP, COOP, DISASTER HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE AND THEIR WEB BASE FOR CEMP HAS MADE A PROPOSAL FOR \$11,000 TO DO THAT. THIS IS PRIMARILY A PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM; BUT, BECAUSE THIS YEAR WHEN THEY HAD THEIR FINAL BUDGETS AND HAD AN ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD, HE CAN FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET FROM NON-GRANT SOURCES, PAY FOR ABOUT \$6,000 OF THIS COST. HE NEEDED THE BOARD TO COME UP WITH \$5,000. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD SHARE THE COST AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN FOR THE WORK ITEM NO. 5 FOR A DEBRIS PLAN FOR \$11,000 FOR DSI, WHO IS ALREADY THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTOR FOR PLANNING. HE REITERATED IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY \$5,000 TO GET THIS IN PLACE. ROGER SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE TO DO THIS; BUT, THE OLD RULES STAY IN AFFECT; THE 75/25, ONLY OVERTIME IS ELIGIBLE AS FAR AS SALARIES AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET TO KEEP ANY REVENUES FROM RECYCABLES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO APPROVE OF SHARING THE COST FOR A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH DSI WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PAYING \$6,000 AND THE COUNTY PAYING \$5,000 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WORK ITEM NO. 5 FOR A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHERE THE FUNDING WAS TO COME FROM AND IT WAS NOTED, SHOULD THE COUNTY HAVE A DISASTER, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH A LOT MORE THAN \$5,000.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON LINDA WALLER HAVING SAID SHE HAS SOME UNEARMARKED PLANNING MONEY THAT COULD BE USED FOR THE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN. IF SHE HAS \$5,000 WORTH OF UNOBLIGATED MONIES, ROGER SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE BOARD APPROVE OF USING THAT MONIES.

LINDA ADVISED THE MONIES SHE HAD WAS GRANT FUNDS WHERE THE COUNTY ACTUALLY DONE THE WORK AND FL-DCA REIMBURSED THEM FOR THEIR INKIND LABOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND ADDED THE COUNTY'S \$5,000 SHARE WOULD COME FROM UNOBLIGATED PLANNING GRANT MONIES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROGER, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, UPDATED THE BOARD ON WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSTING A REGIONAL MEETING ON MARCH 3RD AT 9:00 WHICH WILL BE A HALF DAY WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY FEMA TO COVER FEMA, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, CLOSE OUTS, MITIGATION, NEW INNOVATED PROGRAMS OF THE FLORIDA LONG TERM GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO GREATLY BENEFIT CITIES AND COUNTIES.

ROGER SAID IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO CONTINUE ASKING FOR RECOVERY MONIES, FEMA DOLLARS, GRANT MONIES, ETC., THEY ASK YOU MEET AND CERTAINLY REPRESENT OUR HOME COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED ROGER TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE FUNDING FOR THE NEW EOC IN WAUSAU. ROGER ADDRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING, WHEN THE PLANS ARE COMPLETED, THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT THEM TO TALLAHASSEE. TALLAHASSEE HAS TO REVIEW THE PLANS, ETC. THE MONEY IS FUNDED BY THREE SOURCES; HMGP GRANT, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND LOCAL FUNDS. THE LOCAL FUNDS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT ARE IN PLACE. HMGP FUNDS ARE CONTINGENT ON THE RESPONSE BACK WITH THE COMPLETED PLANS; THE MONEY IS THERE. AS FAR AS THEM SAYING THE COUNTY HAS THE HMGP FUNDS, HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT YET.

PETE AGREED MONIES ARE SET ASIDE FOR THE NEW EOC; BUT, HMGP IS WAITING ON THE PLANS BEFORE THEY ARE COMMITTING.

TED EVERETT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEWIS BEAR PLANT COMING ALONG NICELY. THE WINN DIXIE BUILDING HAS SOLD TO TRACTOR AND SUPPLY; THEY WILL BE EMPLOYING 125 PEOPLE AND WILL BE USING 25,000 FEET OF THE 47,300 FOOT BUILDING.

ON PROJECT PIPE, TED ADDRESSED THEY HAVE JUST ABOUT GOTTEN EVERYTHING TO THE STATE; THEY HAVE JUST A FEW SCRAPS OF PIECES OF PAPER TO GO THERE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PROJECT PIPE'S ATTORNEY WORKING OUT THE FINAL SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PROJECT. HE SAID THE COUNTY CAN'T TRANSFER A DEED UNTIL THEY GET APPROVAL FROM THE STATE ON THE FUNDS. ALL TOTAL THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GRANTS. THEY RECEIVED A REVISED ESTIMATE ON THE GRANT FOR THE RAILROAD SPUR OF \$1.9.

TED THANKED CLIFF FOR ALL THE WORK HE HAS DONE AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR PATIENCE ON PROJECT PIPE. HE ADDRESSED A NEW PROJECT THE CHAMBER IS WORKING ON; BUT, COULDN'T GO INTO ANY GREAT DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER:

A. NEW EOC-ALL PLANS ARE COMPLETED; THEY EXPECT TO GET THE STRUCTURAL PLANS FROM TALLAHASSEE BY MONDAY AND NEXT WEEK THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEND OFF A FULL SET OF PLANS WITH EVERYTHING TOGETHER TO FEMA FOR THE HMGP FUNDS. ALL PERMITS ARE IN PLACE.

B. CHAIN LAKE ROAD-FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT TO TAKE CULVERTS OUT AND REPLACING THEM WITH A CONCRETE BRIDGE AND BUILDING ABOUT HALF TO 3/4 MILE OF NEW ROAD. THEY NEED TO GET A DEED SIGNED FOR RIGHT OF WAY GAIL HARRIS IS GOING TO DONATE TO THE COUNTY. HIS SURVEYORS ARE PREPARING A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY ALL THE WAY THROUGH HARRIS'S PROPERTY. IT WILL TAKE BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DRAWING UP THE DEED FOR HARRIS'S SIGNATURE. HE HAS TO GET THIS IN PLACE BEFORE HE CAN GET ANYTHING MOVING WITH THE POWER COMPANY. THE PHONE COMPANY AND POWER COMPANY IS DOING THEIR OWN ENGINEERING; BUT, THERE IS SOME QUESTION RIGHT NOW AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE POWER COMPANY WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR UNDERGROUND POWER THEY HAVE GOING DOWN THE ROAD NOW. APPARENTLY, THEY DO HAVE AN EASEMENT FOR IT. HE IS GOING TO TRY TO GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO WRITE THIS NEW EASEMENT SO THEY CAN PUT THEIR POWER IN THE NEW 60' RIGHT OF WAY WHEN THEY GO TO REPLANT THE OLD RIGHT OF WAY AND REVEGETATE IT TO PREVENT EROSION, ETC., THEY WANT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT UTILITIES RUNNING THROUGH THERE SEPARATELY. THEY HAVE THEIR ARMY CORP PERMITS; BUT, ARE STILL WAITING ON FL-DEP PERMITS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP A DEED FOR RIGHT OF WAY GAIL HARRIS HAS AGREED TO DONATE TO THE COUNTY FOR THE CHAIN LAKE ROAD PROJECT.

C. RIVER ROAD-THE COMMUNITY MEETING WENT REAL WELL ON THE RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT. THE RIGHT OF WAYS WERE STAKED OUT BEFORE THE MEETING WAS HELD AND THEN THEY WENT DOOR TO DOOR AFTER THE MEETING. THE RIGHT OF WAY ISSUE SHOULD GO PRETTY QUICK. HIS SURVEYOR PUT TOGETHER A LEGAL FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY ON RIVER ROAD. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY GET AN AGREEMENT DRAWN UP SO THEY CAN GET SOMETHING TOGETHER TO MAIL OUT TO THE PEOPLE THAT WERE AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DRAW UP THE DEEDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE RIVER ROAD PROJECT.

D. INDUSTRIAL PARK-THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON THE INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY SPRAY FIELD. HE HAD TOMMY MEADE PUT TOGETHER A MAP SHOWING ALL THE LEGALS THEY HAVE WRITTEN. HE HAD HIS SURVEYOR PUT TOGETHER A LEGAL FOR THE APPROXIMATE 100 ACRES THAT IS GOING TO BE TURNED INTO A SPRAYFIELD. HE HAS ONE BOUNDARY ISSUE HE NEEDS TO TRY AND GET RESOLVED BETWEEN HIS SURVEYOR AND THE CITY. ONCE HE GETS THAT WORKED OUT, THEY WILL HAVE SOMETHING COMPLETED. HE IS GOING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH HIS SURVEYOR, JIM MORRIS AND TOMMY MEADE TO GET THE BOUNDARY ISSUE RESOLVED. THERE IS SOMETHING WHERE THE ROULHAC PROPERTY IS, THE COUNTY IS GIVING A PORTION OF THE ROULHAC PROPERTY TO THE CITY; THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN WHAT TOMMY MEADE SAYS THEY HAVE AND WHAT HIS SURVEYOR SHOWS THEY HAVE WHICH HAS TO BE WORKED OUT.

E. FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH-A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING ON THE FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH WILL BE HELD MONDAY AT 3:00 P.M. TO TRY AND GET JONES CONSTRUCTION MOVING ON THAT PROJECT. THEY HAVE A 210 DAY TIME FRAME ON THE PROJECT.

F. GAP POND PARKING LOT-THE GRANT ON THIS PROJECT EXPIRES SOMETIMES IN MARCH. HE TALKED WITH C. W. ROBERTS ABOUT PAVING THE PARKING LOT AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO THINK THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEM AT ALL WITH GETTING IT DONE PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.

IF THEY GET WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE GRANT EXPIRING, HE WILL GET WITH STACY WEBB AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION ON THE GRANT DEADLINE. THE RESTROOMS ARE BUILT AND THERE IS A HANDICAP RAMP THEY NEED TO BUILD ONTO THE DOCK THEY BUILT. THEY NEED TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AND GET IT STRIPED FOR HANDICAP ACCESS TO THE RESTROOMS AND THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED.

G. COUNTY ROAD 278 & 276-SCRAP PROJECTS-ROBERT HARCUS IS TRYING TO FINISH UP DRIVEWAYS ON PIONEER ROAD. HE NEEDS ABOUT ANOTHER 18 TO 20 LOADS OF RECYCLED ASPHALT TO FINISH ALL THE DRIVEWAYS THERE. RIGHT NOW THERE IS ABOUT \$145,000 REMAINING FUNDS. THE IDEA IS TO USE WHATEVER MONEY IS LEFT OVER TO DO AS MUCH THERMO STRIPING AS THEY CAN ON THE PROJECTS. HE ASKED FOR DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO HAUL MORE RECYCLED ASPHALT TO FINISH THE DRIVEWAYS ON PIONEER ROAD AND WHATEVER IS LEFT, TRY AND FINISH STRIPING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID ROBERT IS AT PIONEER AND BONNETT POND; THEY JUST NEED TO GO FROM BONNETT POND TO WAUSAU WITH THE DRIVEWAYS.

CLIFF SAID HE COULD TAKE CARE OF GETTING MORE MILLED ASPHALT; BUT, ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND THEIR STRIPING MONIES IS DWINDLING. WHEN THEY GET THE FINAL NUMBER ON THE BALANCE OF FUNDS REMAINING, HE WILL MEET WITH GUETTLER TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO AS FAR AS GETTING AS FAR AS THEY CAN ON THE STRIPING.

H. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD-SCRAP PROJECT FUNDED BY FL-DOT-SEVEN BIDDERS ON PROJECT. THE GRANT FROM FL-DOT WAS TO GO FROM DELTONA BOULEVARD TO THE END OF PAVEMENT ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD. AFTER THEY DID HIS CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE FOR WHAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD COST, HE FELT LIKE THEY COULD EXTEND IT ANOTHER MILE TO THE WEST AND GO FROM DELTONA BOULEVARD TO ELKCAM. HE PUT AN ADDENDUM OUT AND EXTENDED THE PROJECT ANOTHER ADDITIONAL MILE. IF THE BOARD AWARDS THE PROJECT TODAY, IT NEEDS TO BE CONTINGENT ON FL-DOT APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL MILE.

BIDS RECEIVED:

1. C. W. ROBERTS-\$824,850
2. GULF ASPHALT- \$782,077.20
3. JONES CONSTRUCTION-\$1,001,278.25
4. ANDERSON COLUMBIA-\$666,974
5. APAC-\$904,944
6. TINDEL ENTERPRISES-\$716,596
7. BAXTERS ASPHALT-\$888,075

CLIFF ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT PAVING DRIVEWAYS; ALTERNATE BID ITEMS 1 AND 2 IS ACTUALLY TWO BID ITEMS. ALTERNATE BID ITEM 1 WAS FOR 6" LIMEROCK BASE ON ALL THE EXISTING GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND ALSO 6" LIMEROCK BASE ON SYFRETT ROAD, WHICH IS THE LAST COUNTY ROAD AT THE FAR END OF THE PROJECT, TO PUT DOWN 6" LIMEROCK AND PAVE TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE. HIS RECOMMENDATION IS FOR THE BOARD TO AWARD THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD PROJECT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA FOR \$666,947.14 PLUS THE COST OF \$26,830 FOR THE ALTERNATES CONTINGENT ON FL-DOT APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE PROJECT OUT TO ELKCAM BOULEVARD. THE BID WILL TAKE CARE OF PAVING THE DRIVEWAYS TO THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE, ALL THE THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING, SODDING, EARTHWORK, ETC.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED CLIFF IF HE THOUGHT THE CONTRACTOR WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE DRAINAGE. CLIFF SAID THERE WAS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THEY WILL; THEY HAVE ABOUT \$300,000 PLUS LEFT OVER IN THE GRANT DUE TO NOT HAVING TO WIDEN THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF KNAUER'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA BASED ON THE FIGURES PROVIDED BY CLIFF AND CONTINGENT ON FL-DOT APPROVING OF THE EXTENSION OF ONE MILE ON THE PROJECT TO ELKCAM.

CLIFF PROVIDED A FILM PRESENTATION ON THE ELKCAM BOULEVARD EXTENSION FEASIBILITY STUDY FUNDED BY THE TRIP PROGRAM THROUGH FL-DOT. HE WALKED THROUGH THE OUTLINE OF THE PROJECTS THAT SHOWS ALL THE ITEMS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR REPORT AND WALKED THROUGH SOME PICTURES THEY HAVE TAKEN AS THOUGH THEY WERE DRIVING THROUGH THE PROJECT FROM HIGHWAY 77 ALL THE WAY TO HIGHWAY 231. THIS WOULD GIVE THE BOARD AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY THINK THE PREFERRED ALTERNATE IS GOING TO END UP BEING.

THE PROJECT OUTLINE INCLUDES SOME FIGURES, TABLES, FEASIBILITY REPORT, CONCEPT MASTER PLANS, OVERVIEW OF THE EXISTING CONDITIONS FOR LAND USES, ROUTES, TRAFFIC, A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

SOME OF THE DIFFERENT TOPICS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE REPORT WILL BE

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. ALL OF THESE PLAY INTO THE FEASIBILITY FOR THE THREE ROUTES THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. UNDER THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, YOU HAVE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, PARK AND RECREATION AREAS, LAND USE, CULTURAL RESOURCES AND OUT IN THIS AREA THERE ARE SOME ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS THAT ARE ON RECORD OF CONCERN THEY WILL BE EXPLORING AS WELL. ALSO, THEY WILL BE EXPLORING HISTORICAL ISSUES AS WELL.

UNDER THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS WETLANDS. CLIFF ADDRESSED THERE BEING LOTS AND LOTS OF WETLANDS BETWEEN HIGHWAY 77 AND 231; IMPACTS TO THOSE WETLANDS IS A BIG IMPACT ON HOW THEY WEIGH EACH OF THE THREE OPTIONS THEY ARE LOOKING AT. OTHER THINGS UNDER THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS FLOOD PLAIN, WATER QUALITY, OUTSTANDING FLORIDA WATER BODIES. ECONFINA RIVER RUNS RIGHT THROUGH THIS PROJECT WHICH IS A VERY ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREA THEY WILL HAVE TO COORDINATE WITH THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY ON. WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, THE SOILS, AIR QUALITY, NOISE, ETC.

THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS EXISTING LAND USES, IS GOING TO INCLUDE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAPS FOR BAY, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES BECAUSE THE PROJECT COMES AROUND TO ALL THREE COUNTIES.

RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS, WHICH WILL BE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL LAND USES, IMPACTS TO NOISE SENSITIVE RECEIVERS, WHICH WILL MOSTLY BE WILDLIFE, THE RIGHT OF WAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS, PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES AND THEN THEY GET INTO THE CORRIDOR ISSUES OF BREAKING DOWN THE ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS FOR EACH ONE OF THE OPTIONS THEY WILL BE PRESENTING IN THEIR REPORT.

CLIFF EXPLAINED THERE WERE SOME CHALLENGING SEGMENTS TO EACH OF THE THREE ROUTES HE IS GOING TO DISCUSS. THE PROJECT COST, PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY COST, MITIGATION COST FOR IMPACTS TO RIGHT OF WAY, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF FARMLAND IN THIS AREA AND THE IMPACT ON FARMLAND FROM THE CORRIDOR WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REPORT BEFORE IT IS FINALIZED AND SENT TO FL-DOT.

HE ADDRESSED BOSSO, DENZAU & IMHOF, INC. IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FIRM WORKING ON THE ELKCAM CORRIDOR; THEY ARE DOING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EACH ONE OF THE ROUTES AND THEY ARE ALSO FLAGGING A LOT OF THE WETLAND CROSSINGS ON EACH ONE OF THE ROUTES SO THEY COULD HAVE IT ON THEIR BASE MAPS.

HE ADDRESSED ANOTHER PART OF THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE TRAVEL EFFICIENCY. IF YOU ARE IN THE BUCKHORN AREA AND INTERESTED IN A HURRICANE EVACUATION, IT IS A BIG ISSUE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE YOU BASICALLY EITHER GO DOWN BACK ROADS TO FIND YOUR WAY OUT TO HIGHWAY 231 OR YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WAY UP TO ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY TO GET OUT TO I-10. THEY FEEL THE HURRICANE EVACUATION TIMES WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED WITH A PAVED ROUTE ALL THE WAY OUT TO HIGHWAY 231 FOR THE BUCKHORN AREA. OF COURSE THERE IS A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA THAT WOULD HELP HURRICANE EVACUATION.

THEY HAD TO PUT TOGETHER AN ANALYSIS OF THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS FROM REDUCED TRAVEL TIME AND PUT A DOLLAR VALUE ON THE REDUCED TRAVEL TIME AS WELL.

WITH ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY, ANYTIME A PROJECT LIKE THE ELKCAM PROJECT COMES THROUGH A THREE COUNTY CORRIDOR, THERE ARE GOING TO BE ECONOMIC BENEFITS. THE EASE OF MOVING GOODS THROUGH THE THREE COUNTY AREA IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER IS IMPORTANT. HE THINKS THERE WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO BAY, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

THERE WILL BE AN EVALUATION MATRIX; A MOST PROBABLE CORRIDOR, WHICH THEY KIND OF HAVE IN THE BACK OF THEIR MIND NOW WHAT IT IS GOING TO END UP BEING.

THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN-CLIFF ADVISED HE STILL HAS TO WORK ON LINING UP COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTATIONS TO JACKSON AND BAY COUNTIES. THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THESE SCHEDULED ALREADY. THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A NEWSLETTER AND A CORRIDOR WORKSHOP.

HE ADDRESSED ONE AREA IN THE PROJECT THAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT SEGMENT IN THE ENTIRE PROJECT. HE REFERRED TO COUNTY LINE ROAD. WITH HIS FIRST PRESENTATION THEY DISCUSSED THE RAILROAD CROSSING DOWN TOWARD HIGHWAY 231. THAT IS BY FAR THE MOST DIFFICULT PORTION OF THE PROJECT. HE SHOWED THEM THIS AREA AND EXPLAINED THEY WERE LOOKING AT RAISING THE GRADE OF THE ROADWAYS 15' TO 20' TO TIE IN AT THE RAILROAD'S ELEVATION INSTEAD OF GOING UNDERNEATH IT THE WAY THE ROAD DOES RIGHT NOW. THIS WOULD DO A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS FOR THEM INCLUDING PROVIDING MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC WHILE THIS WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION; THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE EXISTING TRAFFIC GO UNDER THE RAILROAD AND USE IT FOR TRANSPORTATION WHILE THE REST OF THE BOULEVARD WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

HE SHOWED PICTURES AND EXPLAINED WHAT THE TYPICAL CROSS SECTION THEY WERE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW; TWO 12' TRAVEL LANES ONE EACH SIDE WITH A 40' MEDIUM. HE SHOWED A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WHEN THEY GET DOWN TOWARD THE RAILROAD TRACKS; CUT 15' TO 18' OFF THE EXISTING BANKS TO BUILD THE TWO TRAVEL LANES SO THEY TIE INTO THE EXISTING RAILROAD ELEVATIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THEY WOULD HAVE A TOUGH TIME TO SELL THE RAILROAD TO LET THEM CROSS THAT TRACK. HE SAID THEY DON'T WANT TO DESIGN SOMETHING THEY KNOW IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

CLIFF SAID THEY HAD ACTUALLY SET UP A MEETING WITH CSX RAILROAD AND THEY ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO GET OUT THERE ON SITE. THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE CSX TO THE SITE AND WALK THROUGH IT WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT IS BEING DONE AND WHAT THE PLANS ARE. ONE OF THE ISSUES HE WOULD LIKE TO USE IN THE COUNTY'S FAVOR WHEN THEY DO MEET WITH THEM IS THE AGE OF THE EXISTING RAILROAD CROSSING; IT HAS BEEN THERE FOR YEARS.

FINCH SAID IT MIGHT BE THEY MAY WANT TO WORK THESE MEETINGS WITH BAY AND JACKSON COUNTY AND GET THEIR BUY IN ON THE PROJECT TO HAVE THAT TO HELP SUPPORT WHAT CLIFF ADDRESSED WITH THE RAILROAD.

CLIFF SAID CSX IS NOT GOING TO SHUT DOWN RAILROAD SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY TO GO AND BUILD THEIR ROAD. THEY HAVE MEETINGS LINED UP WITH CSX, GULF POWER AND FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION. CLIFF SAID THE PROJECT WOULD CROSS OVER FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION'S GAS LINES IN THREE DIFFERENT PLACES ON THE ALIGNMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF CSX BOUGHT ST. ANDREWS OUT AND ASKED IF CLIFF WAS TALKING ABOUT HEADING UP TOWARD HIGHWAY 231. FINCH SAID IT WAS PARALLEL TO 231. PATE SAID THAT USED TO BE ST. ANDREWS. CLIFF ADVISED IT WAS A CSX ROUTE.

CLIFF SAID THEY HAVE ACTUALLY GONE IN AND DONE A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR ABOUT 2000' ON EACH SIDE OF THE RAILROAD CROSSING SO THEY COULD GET SOME GOOD NUMBERS TOGETHER ON THEIR EARTHWORK ESTIMATES.

CLIFF STATED THIS WAS JUST A FEASIBILITY STUDY; NORMALLY THE STEPS WOULD BE A FEASIBILITY STUDY. IF IT TURNS OUT THE PROJECT IS FEASIBLE, YOU WOULD GO TO A PD&E STUDY. THE PD&E STUDY WOULD BE THE FINAL CORRIDOR ROUTE.

CLIFF BEGAN SHOWING PICTURES. THEY STARTED AT HIGHWAY 77 AT THE SUNNY HILLS ENTRANCE. HE SHOWED THE EXISTING FOUR LANE ON ELKCAM HEADED EAST AND WHERE THE FOUR LANE ENDS AND GOES TO TWO EXISTING TWO LANES ON ELKCAM. THE END OF THE EXISTING TWO LANE ON ELKCAM IS A LITTLE OVER FOUR MILES; THE IDEA AS FAR AS THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION GOES IS TO TIE INTO THIS AND EXTEND THE EXISTING TWO LANE ALL THE WAY OUT TO HIGHWAY 231 THROUGH ONE OF THE ROUTES THEY ARE WORKING ON NOW. HE SHOWED WHERE ELKCAM INTERSECTS WITH ORANGE HILL AND THE EXTENT OF THE PORTION OF ORANGE HILL THEY WERE GOING TO USE BECAUSE WHEN THEY GET A PORTION OF THE WAY DOWN ORANGE HILL, THEY ARE GOING TO BE VEERING TO THE EAST INSTEAD OF CONTINUING NORTH ON ORANGE HILL. HE SHOWED THEM WHERE BUCKHORN BOULEVARD CUTS OFF FROM QUAIL HOLLOW AND HEADS EAST; THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES WHERE THE EXISTING CLAY ROAD IS 25' TO 30' WIDE. THE MAJORITY OF THE ROUTE HAS VERY LITTLE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA MAYBE OTHER THAN GOPHER TORTOISES. THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF WETLANDS ON THE BUCKHORN SECTION OF THE PROJECT; SO, ENVIRONMENTALLY, THE BUCKHORN PORTION OF THE PROJECT WAS CERTAINLY A GOOD PREFERRED ROUTE.

HE SKIPPED DOWN TO COUNTY LINE ROAD. WHEN BUCKHORN TIES INTO COUNTY LINE ROAD, YOU ARE AT THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE OF THE FLORIDA LANDINGS PROPERTY. COUNTY LINE ROAD RUNS ON THE BORDER OF JACKSON COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE. WHEN YOU GET ON COUNTY LINE ROAD, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SECTIONS WHERE BAY COUNTY HAS PUT DOWN A SUBSTANTIAL LAYER OF LIMEROCK TRYING TO CONTROL RUNOFF DOWN SOME OF THE STEEP HILLS. THIS IS HEADED EAST ON COUNTY LINE ROAD. HE SHOWED A PICTURE WHERE THE RAILROAD TRACKS GOES OVER THE TOP OF THE EXISTING ROADWAY. THAT IS WHERE THERE ARE SOME PRETTY STEEP BANKS ON BOTH SIDES. HE REITERATED THE BANKS ARE ABOUT 30' TO 35' HIGHER THAN THE EXISTING ROADWAY ON BOTH SIDES. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PLACES IT IS PROBABLY 50' HIGHER. HE SHOWED THE BOARD WHERE THEY WERE LOOKING AT RAISING THE GRADE OF THE EXISTING ROAD SO THEY WILL ACTUALLY TIE IN TO THE RAILROAD ELEVATION; THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC UNDER THE RAILROAD WHILE THE REST OF THE BOULEVARD WAS BEING BUILT. INSTEAD OF GOING UNDER THE RAILROAD, THEY WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE A RAILROAD CROSSING FOR THE NEW BOULEVARD. THERE WOULD BE NO IMPACT TO CSX; THEY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC ON THE ROADWAY AND THEY ARE THINKING IT WOULD STILL WORK OUT PRETTY GOOD.

HE SHOWED THE BRIDGE AT THE CREEK CROSSING; BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE CREEK CROSSING, YOU ARE FAIRLY CLOSE TO HIGHWAY 231. THEY HAVE SET UP AN E-MAIL SERVICE

FOR THIS PROJECT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO TRY AND GET AS MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT AS THEY CAN. THEY HAVE TO TURN IN ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO FL-DOT AS PART OF THEIR PROJECT. THEY HAVE A SITE SET UP CALLED ELKCAMEXTENSION@PREBLE-RISH.COM. HE ENCOURAGED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD COMMENTS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES TO GO AHEAD AND SUBMIT AN E-MAIL. CLIFF ASSURED THE BOARD THEY WOULD MAKE SURE ANYTHING SUBMITTED TO THEIR WEBSITE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FL-DOT.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF CLIFF'S PRESENTATION WAS AVAILABLE ON LINE, CLIFF ADVISED IT WAS NOT ON LINE RIGHT NOW; BUT, THEY COULD PROBABLY SET IT UP TO BE ON LINE WITHOUT A BIG DEAL AND WOULD DEFINITELY BE SOMETHING THEY WOULD LOOK INTO.

CLIFF ADDRESSED HANDOUTS THEY HAD PROVIDED ON THE PROJECT AND INVITED EVERYONE TO TAKE SOME. IF THE PROJECT GOES THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS, AFTER THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IS DONE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FL-DOT AND ACCEPTED BY FL-DOT AND FL-DOT WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IF THEY CAN GO STRAIGHT TO SOME RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION AND RIGHT OF WAY FUNDING OR IF THEY HAVE TO GO TO A PD&E STUDY. IF CONSTRUCTION ON THE PROJECT STARTED IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, HE WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED CLIFF HAVING DONE A GREAT JOB PUTTING THIS PROJECT TOGETHER AND REFERRED TO HIM HAVING RIDDEN THROUGH THE PROJECT WITH CLIFF FROM THE BEGINNING ALL THE WAY TO HIGHWAY 231. HE SAID YOU HAVE TO SELL SOMETHING TO GET FUNDING FROM FL-DOT; THEY WORKED HARD GETTING THE MONEY FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. HE SAID HE AND TED EVERITT WERE ON THE TRIP COMMITTEE AND THEY PUT THIS PROJECT IN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND HAD NO IDEA THEY WOULD GET SELECTED. GULF COUNTY, BAY COUNTY AND HOLMES COUNTY, ANOTHER GROUP THEY WERE WORKING WITH, WENT ALONG WITH SUBMITTING THE ELKCAM PROJECT AND FL-DOT FUNDED THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. HE HAD HIS DOUBTS IT COULD BE BUILT UNTIL HE RODE THROUGH IT. CLIFF HAS LAID OUT A ROUTE WHERE ELKCAM GOING TO HIGHWAY 231 TO HIGHWAY 77 AND OPENS UP ALL THOSE PLACES OUT THERE, ORANGE HILL AND BUCKHORN. COMMISSIONER FINCH FELT IT WAS A GREAT PROJECT AND IT WOULD ADD SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY TO HAVE THE ROUTE THROUGH TO 231 COME OUT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE REQUESTED HE ATTEND THE OTHER COMMISSION MEETINGS WHEN CLIFF MAKES HIS PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT TO THEM. HE WANTS TO SELL IT TO JACKSON AND BAY COUNTY WHAT THE PROJECT IS AND WHAT THE POSSIBILITY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEM ARE IF THEY GET THIS. IT WILL BE A ROUTE THAT COULD BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUTE, ESPECIALLY ON HIGHWAY 231 AND 77 TOO; IT COULD BE COMMERCIAL FOR A GOOD WAYS THROUGH THERE.

CLIFF SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP WITH THE HURRICANE EVACUATION TIMES IN A LOT OF THE AREAS BACK THERE RIGHT NOW; IT IS VERY DIFFICULT ESPECIALLY IF YOU CONSIDER BAD WEATHER AND THE ROADS THAT ARE BACK THERE NOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO IS TRY TO SUGGEST BUYING THE RIGHT OF WAY IF THE PROJECT MOVES FORWARD FOR THE FOUR LANING; FIGURE ON CONSTRUCTING TWO LANES TO BEGIN WITH. WITH THE FLORIDA LANDING PROPERTIES BACK THERE, THEY MAY HAVE SOME HELP WITH THEM AND SOME OF THE OTHER COMPANIES THAT ARE BUILDING.

CLIFF THEN WENT THROUGH THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROJECT SO THE BOARD COULD GET A GOOD LOOK AT WHAT THE PROPOSED ROUTES ARE RIGHT NOW. HE STARTED ON HIGHWAY 77, SHOWED THE EXISTING FOUR LANE ON THE BOULEVARD NOW, WHERE IT TURNS INTO TWO LANE AND THEN AT ABOUT 4.2 OR 4.3 MILES, IT TURNS INTO DIRT. HE HAD ALL THE WETLANDS OUT-LINED IN YELLOW. HE THEN SHOWED THE VERY END OF ELKCAM WHERE THERE IS A POWER LINE EASEMENT RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH. WHEN YOU GET TO THE POWER LINE EASEMENT, THE POWER LINES THEMSELVES ARE IN BAY COUNTY AND THE ROAD, SINGER ROAD, THAT RUNS DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO IT IS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE SHOWED THE POWER LINE EASEMENT AND SAID THE PURPLE ON THE ROUTE IS NFWFMD PROPERTY AND THEN EACH ONE OF THE OPTIONS SORT OF SPLIT OFF FROM ELKCAM JUST ABOUT WHERE IT HITS THE BAY COUNTY LINE. OPTION A, WHICH HE HAD SHOWED THE PICTURES EARLIER, SPLITS OFF AND FOLLOWS ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY TO THE INTER-SECTION OF ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND BUCKHORN AND HE SHOWED WHERE THE ALIGNMENT WOULD START VEERING TO THE EAST COMING TO THE NORTH OF THE NFWFMD PROPERTY AND TYING INTO BUCKHORN BOULEVARD.

OPTION E, THE SOUTHERN ROUTE RUNS TO THE SOUTH, WEAVES THROUGH THE NFWFMD PROPERTY AND WOULD CROSS THE ECONFINA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 3,000 FEET OF BRIDGES.

THE NORTH ALIGNMENT RUNS DOWN BUCKHORN BOULEVARD AND CROSSES THE GAS LINE EASEMENT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT TIMES AND CROSSES IT A THIRD TIME ON COUNTY LINE ROAD. THE ALIGNMENT THEY THINK IS GOING TO BE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IS GOING TO BE OPTION A. OPTION B WOULD REQUIRE A SUBSTANTIAL BRIDGE AND GOES THROUGH NFWFMD PROPERTY AND THE LAST OPTION TAKES THEM DOWN TO THE SOUTH.

ROGER NORRIS ASKED IF THEY HAD A DESIGNED SPEED FOR THE ROUTE. CLIFF SAID THE DESIGNED SPEED THEY ARE SHOOTING FOR IS 55 MPH; THERE MAY BE SOME VERTICAL STOP AND SITE ISSUES WHEN THEY GET ON COUNTY LINE ROAD THAT MAY REQUIRE THEM TO DROP DOWN TO 45 MPH. THEY ARE NOT FOR SURE YET; BUT, THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE EVERYTHING 55 MPH.

CLIFF, FOR A REFERENCE, SHOWED THE FLORIDA LANDINGS PROPERTY, WHICH IS ABOUT 2000 ACRES. A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE PROJECT, ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF OF THE PROJECT, WOULD ACTUALLY GO THROUGH THE FLORIDA LANDINGS PROPERTY. FROM THERE IT GOES OUT TO THE EAST.

CLIFF ADVISED IT WAS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS; THEY DON'T HAVE THEIR FINAL REPORT TOGETHER. HIS TRAFFIC GUYS SAY THEIR REPORT SHOULD BE DONE BY THE END OF APRIL AND HIS ENVIRONMENTAL GUYS ARE SAYING THEIR ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE DONE SOME TIME IN APRIL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK WITH NFWMD BECAUSE SOME OF THE DRAINAGE CROSSINGS ON COUNTY LINE ROAD IS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE HILLS; THERE IS SOME MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE EXISTING COUNTY LINE ROAD. IT WOULD SEEM NFWMD WOULD WANT TO HELP CORRECT SOME OF THAT.

WHEN ED PELLETIER BROUGHT IT TO CLIFF'S ATTENTION HE HAD NOT ADDRESSED ONE OF THE ROUTES CORRECTLY, CLIFF ADDRESSED WHERE QUAIL HOLLOW CUTS THROUGH. HE SHOWED ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AND IF YOU TOOK IT ALL THE WAY UP TO THE NORTH END, IT HITS QUAIL HOLLOW. QUAIL HOLLOW COMES AROUND AND SPLITS OFF FROM BUCKHORN AND SHOWED THE BEGINNING OF BUCKHORN.

CLIFF STATED HE THOUGHT THE ELKCAM PROJECT WOULD BE A REAL BENEFIT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AS WELL AS JACKSON COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A BID AWARD FOR ATTACHMENTS FOR THE BACKHOE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING PURCHASED A BACKHOE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO OFF THE STATE BID AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. THIS YEAR THE GRANT FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER INCREASED QUITE A BIT AND JAMES PETERSON IS ABLE TO PURCHASE SOME ATTACHMENTS TO ADD TO THE BACKHOE:

HYDRAULIC COUPLER	\$3,025.63
BUCKET	\$6,309.81
ANGLE BROOM	\$9,256.60
AUXILARY HYDRAULIC TO OPERATE THE BROOM	\$3,846.31
TOTAL	\$23,038.35

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PURCHASING THE ATTACHMENTS FOR THE BACKHOE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER WITH THE FUNDING TO COME FROM THE RECYCLING GRANT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

A. A LETTER FROM LARRY PARKER OF THE TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY-AT THEIR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING, THEY RECOMMENDED TWO WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE TRI- COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY; KENNETH GAINER AND TY PEEL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND APPOINT KENNETH GAINER AND TY PEEL TO THE AUTHORITY.

B. COMMISSIONER PATE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION ON BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET:

1. JOEL PATE
2. LINDA COOK
3. PETER HERBERT
4. DIANNE CARTER
5. DEBBIE RILEY
6. LINDA NORTON
7. EMORY PITTS

THEY ARE TRYING TO CHANGE OUT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE SO EVENTUALLY THEY WILL GET EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD TO AT LEAST GO THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS ONE TIME. THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE ADDED LINDA NORTON AND EMORY PITTS TO TAKE THE OTHER TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS PLACE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER PATE.

C. FOR INFORMATION-THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE A FEW WEEKS AGO THE STATE BOARD ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS AN INVESTMENT FUND THE COUNTY HAS FUNDS INVESTED IN, IS RUN

BY THE STATE AND THERE ARE A LOT OF COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT INVEST IN SBA TO GET A BETTER INTEREST RATE. IT IS A HUGE FUND AND HAS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IT. BUT, THERE WERE SOME KIND OF PROBLEMS WITH IT A FEW WEEKS AGO AND SEVERAL OF THE LARGE CITIES AND COUNTIES STARTED TAKING MONIES OUT OF THE SBA FUNDS. THE GOVERNOR STEPPED IN AND FROZE EVERYTHING AND EVENTUALLY THEY APPOINTED A NEW FUND MANAGER. THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPLIT INTO FUND A AND FUND B. MOST OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S FUNDS IS IN A FUND THEY HAVE ACCESS TO AND CAN WITHDRAW AT ANY TIME; HOWEVER, \$85,000 WAS SET ASIDE AND THE COUNTY IS NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH IT RIGHT NOW.

CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE NOT REAL COMFORTABLE WITH THAT SITUATION SO THEY TOOK THE REMAINING FUNDS THAT BELONGED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND INVESTED IT LOCALLY WITH CD'S. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE SBA WOULD FREEZE ALL THE FUNDS AND THE COUNTY WOULDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO ANY OF THEIR FUNDS. THEY ASKED HE MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE DECISION THEY MADE. AS THEY GET MORE INFORMATION AND THE SBA ACCOUNTS GET FREED UP, THEY WILL PUT THE MONEY BACK INTO SBA.

D. REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS FOR EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS TO DONATE SOME OF THEIR SICK LEAVE TIME TO A NEW HIRE WHO IS STILL ON PROBATION BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SURGERY AND BE OUT OF WORK FOR A WHILE. PETE EXPLAINED HE COULD APPROVE OF THE DONATION OF SICK LEAVE; BUT, TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYEE TO USE ANNUAL LEAVE DURING HIS PROBATION PERIOD, HE WOULD NEED BOARD APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYEE TO USE ANNUAL LEAVE DURING HIS PROBATION PERIOD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT SETTING A PRECEDENCE, CHANGING THEIR RULES, ETC. IT IS SORT OF A TECHNICALITY WITH WHERE THEY ARE AT WITH THE EMPLOYEE NOT BEING ABLE TO USE HIS ANNUAL LEAVE. THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THIS IS NOT CHANGING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES; IT IS JUST ADDRESSING THIS ONE SITUATION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE POLICY NOW ALLOWS FOR HIM TO APPROVE OF THE DONATION OF SICK LEAVE; BUT, THE ANNUAL LEAVE PART OF IT HE CAN'T.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS FOR ED JERNIGAN TO BE MOVED UP TO HEAD MECHANIC POSITION AT THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOP. PETE EXPLAINED THE SHOP FOREMAN HAD RETIRED AND THEY JUST HAD MECHANICS THAT WERE ALL KIND OF EQUAL. THE HEAD MECHANIC POSITION IS NOT IN THE COUNTY'S CLASSIFICATION AND PAY SCALE. IF THE BOARD IS IN AGREEMENT WITH MOVING ED JERNIGAN TO A HEAD MECHANIC POSITION, THEY CAN CREATE THE POSITION AND SALARY, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID JERNIGAN WAS DOING THE JOB AND DOING A REAL GOOD JOB AT IT. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD PROMOTE JERNIGAN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT APPEARED THERE WERE SOME EXPENSES JERNIGAN HAS CUT DOWN ON IN THE SHOP SINCE HE TOOK OVER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE POSITION THAT LEFT WAS A SHOP FOREMAN POSITION.

PETE ADVISED KEN RAMSEY WAS SHOP FOREMAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHY THE BOARD DIDN'T PUT JERNIGAN IN THE SHOP FOREMAN POSITION. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WAS PROBABLY A DIFFERENT SALARY FOR THE SHOP FOREMAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THEM HAVING A SALARY WHEN KEN WAS THERE. PETE REFERRED TO KEN TAKING EARLY RETIREMENT; THE INCENTIVE TO RETIRE EARLY IN ORDER TO SAVE THAT SALARY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT THE POSITION WOULD BE SOMETHING IN BETWEEN WHAT ROBERT AND DALLAS AND THE SHOP FOREMAN WAS. PETE EXPLAINED THE SHOP FOREMAN WAS AT THE LEVEL OF DALLAS AND ROBERT AND THEY ARE NOT SAYING BRING JERNIGAN ALL THE WAY UP THAT HIGH; BUT, BRING HIM UP ABOVE THE OTHER MECHANICS.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THAT PARTS FOR THE SHOP IS NOT NEAR AS EXPENSIVE AS IT WAS. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED DIDN'T ROAD AND BRIDGE COME UP WITH A LITTLE EXTRA SALARY FOR THE HEAD MECHANIC POSITION. PETE SAID IN THEIR LETTER, ROAD AND BRIDGE HAD SAID IN THE LETTER THERE WERE SOME EXTRA FUNDS FOR THE POSITION. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PROMOTING JERNIGAN TO THE HEAD MECHANIC POSITION PLUS THE LITTLE BIT OF RAISE THEY FIGURED IN FOR THAT.

F. PETE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING WANTED TO REVIEW SOME OF THE MATERIAL IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATION POLICY MANUAL AND AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HOLD ANOTHER WORKSHOP TO LOOK AT IT AGAIN. HE ASKED IF THEY WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO PUT COPIES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS AND POLICY IN THEIR BOXES AND SET THE WORKSHOP AT THEIR FEBRUARY MEETING. THE BOARD AGREED TO SET THE WORKSHOP AT THEIR FEBRUARY

MEETING.

G. LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING ADVERTISED 53 LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS FOR SALE. A PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED BUT IT CAME IN LATE AFTER THE DEADLINE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED IF THE BOARD DOES ANYTHING, THEY NEED TO APPROVE TO READVERTISE THOSE 53 LOTS SO THE PEOPLE WHO SUBMITTED THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO BID ON THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO RE-ADVERTISE THE 53 LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS.

H. MSBU LOAN-FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BALLOON PAYMENT ON THE MSBU LOAN COMING UP MARCH 1, 2008. BOARD FINANCE HAS DONE RESEARCH ON REFINANCING. WHEN THE LOAN WAS FIRST TAKEN, AFTER FIVE YEARS, THEY WOULD LOOK AT IT AGAIN TO SEE IF THEY WANTED TO BORROW MORE MONEY AND EXTEND THE LOAN OUT FOR A LONGER TERM AND RESURFACE SOME MORE ROADS. HE SAID RIGHT NOW HE DOESN'T THINK THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THAT AND THEY JUST NEED TO LOOK AT REFINANCING THE LOAN. HE ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK CARTER HAVING CHECKED WITH BANK OF AMERICA AND THEY TENTATIVELY CAN LEAVE THE LOAN AT THE SAME INTEREST RATE AND PAYMENTS; IT IS AT A VARIABLE RATE NOW. THEY COULD LOOK INTO A FIXED RATE ON THE LOAN; AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS ONLY .18 PERCENT DIFFERENCE IN THE FIXED RATE AND THE BALLOON PAYMENT RATE. IT WOULD INCREASE THE PAYMENT BY \$2,000 A MONTH FOR THE FIXED RATE. THEY WILL NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON THE LOAN PROBABLY AT THEIR FEBRUARY MEETING AND THEY SHOULD HAVE ALL THE FINAL FIGURES READY BY THEN.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REQUESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO TAKE ACTION TO CHECK ON OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR REFINANCING THE MSBU LOAN. SHE ADDRESSED BANK OF AMERICA HAD QUOTED 3.57% INTEREST RATE IF THE COUNTY ACCEPTED THE BALLOON PAYMENT IN FIVE YEARS AND 3.75 FIXED RATE FOR THE 16 YEAR MATURITY DATE. SHE TOLD THE BOARD BANK OF AMERICA MADE A NOTATION THEY WERE NOT COMMITTING TO ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO TIE IN THE MSBU LOAN AT A FIXED RATE FOR THE 16 YEAR NOTE AT THE LOWEST RATE POSSIBLE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. PETE RECOMMENDED CHANGING THE JUNE BOARD MEETING TO JUNE 19TH DUE TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATES CONFLICTING WITH THEIR REGULAR MEETING DATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PETE'S RECOMMENDATION AND CHANGE THE JUNE BOARD MEETING TO JUNE 19TH.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 2007 TOTALLING \$1,614,105.16. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR DECEMBER 2007.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON DAVID CORBIN'S BROTHER OFFERING TO LET THE COUNTY CUT THE HAY OFF OF HIS FIELD FOR FREE. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO PREPARE AN INGRESS/EGRESS AGREEMENT FOR DAVID'S BROTHER TO SIGN TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO GO ON HIS PROPERTY TO CUT THE HAY FOR FREE TO USE FOR MULCHING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD A POLICY ON FLEX TIME. HE ADDRESSED DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES CONTINUE MENTIONING ABOUT SOME EMPLOYEES USING FLEX TIME.

PETE ADDRESSED THEY HAD BEEN DOING RESEARCH ON FLEX TIME AND LOOKING AT DEFINITIONS. THEY HAVE SET WORK HOURS; UNLESS THEY REQUEST TO LEAVE EARLY OR COME IN LATE, THEY NEED TO WORK THE SET HOURS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD PETE HE NEEDED TO RE-EMPHASIZE THAT FACT THEY DON'T HAVE FLEX HOURS AND ANY CHANGE HAS TO BE APPROVED BY PETE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE TIME CHANGE WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY PETE AHEAD OF TIME AND NOT AFTER THE FACT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON CLAYTON ROAD SODDING BEING COMPLETED AND THEY ARE NOW WORKING ON ALFORD ROAD. THEY SHOULD HAVE ALFORD ROAD COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR TO FIVE DAYS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE STATE BUYING PROPERTY UP AND DOWN HIGHWAY 79. HE REQUESTED, FROM THE STATE LINE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BAY COUNTY UP TO THE HOLMES COUNTY LINE WHERE THE STATE IS BUYING THE EASEMENTS AND LAND, IF SOMEHOW THEY CAN SHOW WHERE THE STATE HAS BOUGHT THEM OUT, HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIVE THE IMPACT FEE BECAUSE IT IS KIND OF LIKE A HARDSHIP KICKING THEM OUT OF THEIR HOMES. ALTHOUGH THE STATE IS PAYING THEM GOOD MONEY, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BOARD WAIVE THE IMPACT FEE.

LINDA WALLER ADDRESSED THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE MAKES PROVISIONS FOR

HARDSHIPS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED A LADY COMING IN THIS LAST TUESDAY AND THEY CHARGED HER AN IMPACT FEE. LINDA SAID THE LADY DIDN'T INDICATE A HARDSHIP; IT DEPENDS ON WHERE SHE LIVES AS SHE HAS NOT BEEN BOUGHT OUT YET. SHE DIDN'T RECALL THE LADY PUTTING ON HER APPLICATION SHE WAS GOING TO BE DISPLACED AND THAT IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS YOU HAVE TO SHOW.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS TO HAVE THE LADY COME AND SPEAK WITH LINDA ON THIS MATTER.

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

A. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT ADDRESSED BY LINDA WALLER; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA STATUTES, THE COMP PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT. THE ELEMENT IS DESIGNED TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AND THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF SUCH FACILITIES. THIS ELEMENT INCLUDES THE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THE BOARD WILL BE CONSIDERING TODAY. THE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDES PUBLIC FUNDING PROJECTS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ADOPTED LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS ARE ACHIEVED AND/OR MAINTAINED. THE PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS MUST HAVE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY AND THIS MEANS THAT SPECIFIC REVENUES NEED TO BE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE OR WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM COMMITTED FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS. THE POST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING OFFICE WAS INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD IT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. THIS IS THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING. UPON APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE, THE ADOPTED ORDINANCE AND SCHEDULE WILL BE FORWARD TO THE FL-DCA AND WILL UPON COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW BECOME PART OF THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE PARK THAT WAS SET UP JUST INSIDE THE FRONT OF SUNNY HILLS WAS INCLUDED UNDER RECREATION FOR THE COUNTY. LINDA ADDRESSED THE COVERED SHELTER/PUBLIC EVENTS UNDER SUNNY HILLS NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE. FINCH SAID THAT IS THE ONE HE WANTED MOVED UNDER COUNTY RECREATION AND REQUESTED IT BE MOVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTINGENT ON THE COVERED SHELTER/PUBLIC EVENTS BEING MOVED UNDER RECREATION FOR THE COUNTY.

B. A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A BARROW PIT ON BLUE SPRINGS ROAD-LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON HUGH SIKES BEING THE OWNER DOING BUSINESS WITH BLUE SPRINGS ACRES. THIS WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 8TH AND THEY RECOMMENDED THE PLANNING OFFICE FORWARD IT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR DISAPPROVAL. SHE THEN RECOMMENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.

CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED ANYONE SPEAKING ON THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO KEEP THEIR COMMENTS AS BRIEF AS THEY CAN.

DEXTER GORTEMAYER OF GORTEMAYER ENGINEERING, REPRESENTED BLUE SPRINGS ACRES REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A SAND MINE OPERATION JUST NORTH OF STATE ROAD 20 OFF OF BLUE SPRINGS ROAD. THE PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 159 ACRES. BACK IN NOVEMBER, THEY ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED WITH A 111 ACRE PIT SITE WITH 60' BUFFERS AROUND THE CORE OF THE PROPERTY. AFTER HEARING SOME OF THE ISSUES AT THE DECEMBER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, THEY WENT BACK AND REVISED THEIR PLAN. CURRENTLY THEY HAVE INCREASED THE LANDSCAPE BUFFERS, THE NATURAL BUFFERS FOR THE PROPERTY. TO THE NORTH ALONG JONES HEAD BRANCH, THEY WILL HAVE A 400' BUFFER, TO THE SOUTH THEY WILL HAVE A 200' EXISTING VEGETATIVE BUFFER, ALONG BLUE SPRINGS ROAD, THEY WILL HAVE A 150' BUFFER AND TO THE EAST THEY WILL HAVE A 200' BUFFER. TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE PROPERTY, THERE IS EXISTING ACCESS EASEMENTS AND THESE BUFFERS DO NOT INCLUDE THOSE EASEMENTS. TO THE NORTH, THERE IS A 40' ACCESS EASEMENT AND THEY HAVE COME IN FROM THAT 40' AND PROVIDED A 400' BUFFER MAINLY BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE JONES HEAD BRANCH.

THE OWNER CLEARLY WANTS TO USE THIS JUST FOR SAND EXCAVATION; THERE WILL BE NO PROCESSING ON SITE, NO DEBRIS OR TRASH BROUGHT ONTO THE SITE. TO THE NORTH, THEY WILL ACTUALLY CREATE A 10' WIDE BERM THAT WILL PROVIDE STORM WATER RETENTION FROM RUNOFF TO PREVENT ANY STORMWATER RUNOFF ON THE SITE, TO RUN OFF THE SITE OR INTO JONES HEAD BRANCH. THEY HAVE PROVIDED A STORM WATER MODEL FOR SEASONAL HIGH ELEVATION TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO RUNOFF FROM THE SITE. ONE OF THE OTHER MAJOR REVISIONS THEY MADE FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO ONLY GO 15' DOWN. THEIR SOIL TESTS FROM THEIR GEOTECH ENGINEER DETERMINED THE GROUND WATER TABLE TO BE 16' TO 19'

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DOWN; INSTEAD OF GOING 30' TO 40' DOWN, THEY BROUGHT THE BOTTOM OF THE SAND EXCAVATION UP SO THEY WOULDN'T ENCOUNTER THE GROUND WATER TABLE. THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE PIT OR THE SAND MINE WILL BE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., SATURDAY 7:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON, THE SITE WILL BE SECURED BY A 6' FENCE AND WILL BE LOCKED WHEN HOURS OF OPERATION ARE CLOSED. THE DUST WILL BE CONTROLLED BY WATER TRUCKS AND ALSO A VEGETATIVE BUFFER, WHICH WILL ALSO ACT AS A SOUND BARRIER. HE FEELS THE VEGETATIVE BUFFER IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO THE PROJECT TO MEET THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS. HE ADDRESSED ON BACK OF THE PLANS PROVIDED WAS PICTURES SHOWING HOW FAR THEY COULD SEE BACK INTO THE PROPERTY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LEAVING THE VEGETATIVE BUFFERS THERE.

ONE OF THE THINGS HIS CLIENT WILL AGREE TO DO IS TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TO BLUE SPRINGS ROAD ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS FROM STATE ROAD 20 UP TO THE ENTRY POINT. THIS WILL HELP THE COUNTY BY KEEPING THIS ROAD MAINTAINED; IT WILL HELP INCREASE MAINTENANCE TO THE ROAD DUE TO THE INCREASE USE OF THE ROAD BY THE TRUCKS.

HE SAID THEY DID A TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ON STATE ROAD 20 TO DETERMINE NO RIGHT OR LEFT TURN LANES ARE REQUIRED. THEY HAVE FILED WITH THE FDC. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED WASHINGTON COUNTY DRIVEWAY PERMITS AND 911 ADDRESS. THE ONLY CURRENT OUTSTANDING PERMIT IS WITH NFWFMD, WHICH THEY DID RUN INTO SOME ISSUES. THEY MET WITH NFWFMD IN OCTOBER AND AGAIN IN NOVEMBER, SUBMITTED THE FORMS THEY REQUESTED AND THEY ACTUALLY PROVIDED BLUE SPRING ACRES AN EXEMPTION. NFWFMD THEN COME BACK AND SAID THAT WAS NOT THE CORRECT PERMIT AND THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS NOW OF WORKING THIS OUT WITH THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THEY HAVE GONE AND SET DOWN WITH NFWFMD AND SHOWED THEM WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED A LETTER SENT TO HIM ON JANUARY 14TH FROM BAY COUNTY. AT ONE TIME BAY COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE ANY REAL PROBLEMS WITH THE PROJECT AND THEN HE READ THE LETTER FROM BAY COUNTY:

BAY COUNTY HAS BEEN CLOSELY MONITORING THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPOSAL. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE NFWFMD STAFF, WE NOW URGE WASHINGTON COUNTY TO DENY THIS REQUEST. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL FOR WATER QUALITY IMPACT FROM THE PROPOSED EXTRACTION WHICH WOULD BE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO BLUE SPRINGS AND THE HEAD WATERS OF ECONFINA CREEK. AS YOU KNOW ECONFINA PROVIDES 60% OF THE WATER GOING INTO OUR DEER POINT RESERVOIR, OUR SOUL SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER FOR BAY COUNTY. ANY POTENTIAL THREAT TO DEER POINT IS A SERIOUS CONCERN TO BAY COUNTY. IN CONCLUSION BAY COUNTY URGES THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO DENY BLUE SPRING ACRES ON THEIR REQUEST UNTIL AT LEAST SUCH TIME THAT CONCLUSIVE HYDROLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS CAN BE PRODUCED THAT DEMONSTRATE NO NEGATIVE IMPACTS. SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN JERRY L. GIRVIN.

DEXTER SAID HE WAS UNAWARE THAT LETTER EXISTED. AS FAR AS THEIR RESPONSE TO ANY TYPE OF WATER QUALITY ISSUES, THEY BROUGHT THE SAND UP ABOVE THE GROUND WATER TABLE. A RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WOULD GENERATE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAN SAND EXTRACTION. IF THEY WERE WASHING OR USING ANY KIND OF FILTER ON THE PROPERTY, THOSE WOULD BE CONCERNS THAT WOULD CREATE WATER QUALITY ISSUES. AS FAR AS THE ISSUES WOULD BE IMPROPER MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT, HIS CLIENT WOULD USE GOOD EQUIPMENT AND HIS EQUIPMENT WOULD WORK. HE SAID EQUIPMENT IS PRETTY EXPENSIVE SO YOU WANT TO TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IT CORRECTLY. IF THEY CAME IN WITH A SUBDIVISION, SEPTIC TANKS, ETC., YARDS AND FERTILIZER WOULD CERTAINLY CREATE A LOT MORE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS THAN EXTRACTING SAND.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO THE DRAWING WHERE IT SHOWED THE PROPOSED AREA AND THE GROUND WATER LEVEL AND ASKED WHY THERE WERE TWO SOLID LINES CLOSE AND THEN THE BOTTOM ONE IS THE FUTURE LAKE LEVEL. GORTEMAYER SAID HIS CLIENT WOULD LIKE, AS PART OF THE RECLAMATION PLAN, FOR THIS TO BE AN ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT SEEMS THEY WOULD BE DIGGING IT DEEPER. GORTEMAYER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT. THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK AND REQUEST APPROVAL AT SOME POINT FOR THAT. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, ALL THEY ARE ASKING TO GO IS 15' DOWN.

DAVID NASH, 5440 BLUE SPRINGS ROAD, YOUNGSTOWN, FL, 32466, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HIS PROPERTY WAS ESSENTIALLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIS NEIGHBORS HOUSES. HE PRESENTED A PETITION THEY HAD ALL SIGNED IN THE AREA. HE HAD DOWNLOADED SOME PICTURES AS WELL.

NASH SAID THE FAMILIES ARE ON AN UNIMPROVED DIRT ROAD AND ALL HAVE KIDS, RIDE MOTORCYCLES AND IT IS A PRETTY QUIET AREA. THEY HAVE THREE DANGEROUS PLACES ON THE ROAD:

1. SCHOOL BUS-KIDS ARE PICKED UP WHEN IT IS DARK IN THE MORNINGS SOMETIMES AND DROPPED OFF LATE; THERE IS A SLIGHT S CURVE IN THE BEND AND HE KNOWS FOR A FACT, TWO

VEHICLES CAN'T GET BETWEEN THE TWO TELEPHONE POLES. TWO 18 WHEEL TRUCKERS JACKKNIFED THERE FIVE YEARS AGO. THEY HAD ATTEMPTED TO WIDEN THE ROAD IN THIS AREA; BUT, THERE IS A TELEPHONE POLE RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF IT AND IT SLOPES OFF ON THE SIDE SO TWO TRUCKS CAN'T PASS EACH OTHER. ONE OF HIS NEIGHBORS, TROY, DRIVES A DUMP TRUCK AND KNOWS WHAT KIND OF NOISE IT MAKES, ETC. THEIR PLAN IS TO GO THROUGH AND GO DOWN TO 15'; IF THEY GO DOWN THEY HAVE TO FARM OUT A LITTLE FOR EACH 3' GOING DOWN AND AGAIN THE WATER TABLE IS 16' TO 19'. EVENTUALLY WHEN THEY GO TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO NEED A HOUSE PER TEN ACRES; WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO FILL THIS TEN ACRES WITH. YOU CAN'T BUILD ON THE WATER.

ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL ISSUE, HE AND HIS NEIGHBOR WENT TO EAST AND WEST LOCATIONS OF THE PROPERTY MARKERS TO LOOK AT WHAT THEY HAD AS FAR AS THE LAY OF THE LAND. THE LAND STARTS HIGH, 140', 135', 125' ABOVE SEA LEVEL; THE LOW AREAS DOWN TO 75' ABOVE SEA LEVEL. JONESHEAD SPRING AND THE POND IS AT 40' ABOVE SEA LEVEL; THEREFORE, IT DRAINS TO DEER POINT. IF HE GOES DOWN TO A FOOT ABOVE THE WATER TABLE, EVENTUALLY, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE EROSION COMING THROUGH HERE, EATING THROUGH THE WATER TABLE, LEACHING WATER AND BASICALLY CREATING A MOSQUITO POND. THEY DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH INSECTS, ETC. UP THERE TO SPEAK OF; BUT, THIS IS GOING TO BE STANDING, NON-MOVING WATER. HE SHOWED WHERE ALL THE WATER IS MOVING WATER AND IT GOES AWAY AND KEEPS THE SAFETY HAZARD DOWN NOW.

HE REFERRED TO HIS NEIGHBOR, DON'S PLACE, BEING A STONE THROW AWAY, AND HE IS GOING TO BE REALLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE NOISE FROM THE PROPOSED MINE SITE. IF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION IS APPROVED, MR. SIKES MAKES HIS MILLIONS; THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SEE ANY OF IT. THE NEGATIVES ARE THEIR ROADS ARE GOING TO BE TORN UP, PROBABLE ASTROLOGICAL CATASTROPHE TO SPEAK OF, NOISE, DUST, TRAFFIC HAZARDS FOR THE KIDS THAT USE THE ROAD AND PLAY IN THE ROAD. HE EXPLAINED THEY HAVE GOLF CART, BICYCLES, THREE WHEELERS AND TWO WHEELERS. THEY ARE LOOKING AT LOSS OF THE PROPERTY VALUE FOR THEMSELVES AND POSSIBLE TAX REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY IN THE FUTURE IF THE PROPERTY WAS DEVELOPED AS THEIR STANDARD IS, ONE HOUSE PER TEN ACRES, AND THE LOSS OF HABITAT FOR THE LOCAL AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

HE CONTINUED SAYING THE SAND IS THEIR FILTER; THEY HAVE GOOD CLEAN WATER AND DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT. HE SAID THEY WERE OPPOSED TO THEIR WATER BEING USED TO KEEP THE DUST DOWN ON THE ROAD; THAT IS WASTEFUL AND THEY ARE IN A DROUGHT NOW AND DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCE OF WATER. BY CONSTRUCTION OF ANY KIND OF MEANS UP THERE ENDANGERS THAT, HIS PROPERTY IS USELESS AND HE HAS WORKED HIS LIFE FOR NOTHING. HE EXPRESSED THE NEIGHBORS APPRECIATION FOR ALLOWING THEM TO SPEAK AND ASKED THE BOARD DENY THE REQUEST.

FRAN HAMMONDS PRESENTED PACKETS TO THE BOARD SO THEY COULD SEE ON THE FRONT JUST HOW HUGE A SITE THIS IS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPERTY AROUND IT AND TO THE SYSTEMS IT IS GOING TO AFFECT. IN THE PROJECT SUMMARY SOUTHERN EARTH/SOUTHERN SCIENCE, THEY CLAIM THE SITE IS LOCATED IN A MODERATE TO LOW AQUIFER RECHARGE AREA. ON THE INSIDE OF THE PACKET, SHE IS INCLUDING THE FIRST LETTER WATER MANAGEMENT SENT TO THE BOARD AND REFERRED TO IT SAYING THE NFWFMD EXPECTS THIS AREA SUPPLIES 59% TO 80% OF THE WATER FLOW INTO DEER POINT LAKE AND IT IS THE LARGEST MOST SIGNIFICANT WATER SURFACE SUPPLY IN THE DISTRICT AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT WATER AQUIFER RECHARGE.

SIKES PRESENTED A RECLAMATION PLAN AND IN HIS ORIGINAL RECLAMATION PLAN, THERE WAS NO DEVELOPMENT POST MINING PRESENTED TO NFWFMD. THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED ON SOMETHING HE TOUCHED ON, THE SELF CERTIFIED COMMENTS OF THE STORM WATER RUNOFF EXEMPTION AND WELL PERMIT WERE GRANTED FOR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE TRAILOR TO BE USED AS AN OFFICE. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ENTIRE 59 ACRE SITE; IT DOES NOT HAVE A STORM WATER RUNOFF PERMIT FOR THE MINING AREA ITSELF. THAT IS WHAT DEXTER WAS SAYING THEY ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT.

SHE ADDRESSED THIS AREA ABUTTING NFWFMD LAND AND IS LESS THAN 100' FROM JONES HEAD CREEK HEADWATERS AND BLUE SPRINGS POND. AS OF DECEMBER 28TH, THEY HAVE NOT SEEN THE REQUIRED ERP MINING PERMIT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT; HE HASN'T APPLIED FOR IT. THIS HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE MINING BEGINS.

SHE REMINDED THE BOARD WHAT HAPPENED IN SOUTHERN WASHINGTON COUNTY WHEN HURRICANE OPAL RAVAGED THE AREA IN 1999; IT BLEW OUT HER DAM, BLUE SPRINGS ROAD, THE DAM BEHIND BLUE SPRINGS ITSELF THAT CONNECTED TO ECONFINA. THERE ARE STILL TREES DOWN AT THE ECONFINA CREEK AREA.

THIS AREA HAS BEEN STUDIED BY RICHARD W. HICKS FROM FDEP IN NORTHWEST DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE AND THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY IS THE MOST VULNERABLE BECAUSE THERE IS LESS CLAY ON TOP OF THE LIMESTONE.

SHE CONTINUED SAYING THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE AND THE BOARD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NINETEEN FAMILIES IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED AND OTHER RESIDENTS TO PREVENT THIS SAND MINE FROM ADVERSELY IMPACTING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, WELFARE AND SAFETY AND PROPERTY VALUES. THEY SHOULDN'T SACRIFICE THE RIGHTS OF THE RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS HERE IN FAVOR OF A BIG COMMERCIAL PROJECT. SHE STATED THE OWNER DOESN'T LIVE OR RESIDE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE ADDRESSED SCHOOL BUSES STOPPING ON THIS ROAD, HORSEBACK RIDERS, CHILDREN BICYCLING AND HIKERS. A HUNDRED TRUCKLOADS A DAY IS A MAJOR SAFETY ISSUE; A BARED WIRE 6' FENCE IS NOT GOING TO KEEP ANYBODY OUT.

THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND FLORIDA FOREVER COALITION STATES THIS LAND IS WORTH \$29,300 PER ACRE TODAY AS IT IS. SHE QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD IT BE WORTH AFTER THE SAND PIT COMES IN. THE 159 ACRE SAND PIT IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE DIRT ROAD FROM A WALKING TRAIL MAINTAINED BY NWFWM. IT IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM WHERE SIKES IS GOING TO PUT HIS OFFICE AND GATE TO ENTER. IT IS 1/2 MILE OR LESS FROM A CONGRESSIONALLY DESIGNATED NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL; ONE OF ONLY EIGHT IN THE ENTIRE NATION IN WHICH THE STATE SPENT \$2,000,000 TO OBTAIN 320 SQUARE ACRES FROM ST. JOE. IF THE MINE GOES IN, IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER FOR THIS AREA.

SHE REFERRED TO THE OWNER HAVING SAID THERE WEREN'T ANY ENDANGERED ANIMALS THERE; THEY HAVE A BALD EAGLE NEST IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY HAVE GOT ONE THAT JUST STARTED IN BAY COUNTY THAT STEMMED FROM THE ONE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY HAVE GOPHER TORTOISES IN THIS AREA AND SHE HAS A LIST OF ENDANGERED PLANT SPECIES IN THIS AREA.

SHE ADDRESSED BAY COUNTY HAVING SECURED A \$1.5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO REPLACE THE MOCCASIN CREEK BRIDGE ON NORTH BLUE SPRINGS ROAD. BAY COUNTY HAS 80 CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS SITES WITHIN THE CONFINES OF BAY COUNTY ITSELF AND HAS PROPOSED A MORATORIUM ON FUTURE SITES. THEY HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN REVIEWING A PROPOSAL TO FILL THIS SITE ONCE THE MINING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETE. THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EXCLUDES SOUTHERN WASHINGTON COUNTY BECOMING BAY COUNTY'S JUNK SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

AS STATED THE DEVELOPER IS NOT GOING TO MAINTAIN THE ENTIRE BLUE SPRINGS ROAD; THAT IS STILL WASHINGTON COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. THEY ARE JUST GOING TO MAINTAIN 200' AND THAT IS NO BENEFIT AT ALL. SHE SAID 1,000,000 CUBIN YARDS OF SAND IS ESTIMATED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THIS PIT; THAT WAS MORE THAN WAS USED FOR 17 MILES REFURBISH- MENT OF PANAMA CITY BEACH. SHE POINTED OUT THIS WAS NOT A PERSONAL ISSUE; BUT, MR. SIKES TRACT RECORD IS NOT GOOD. HE HAS MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS FROM FL-DEP; HE HAS BEEN FINED FOR HIS PREVIOUS SAND PIT AND SHE DOESN'T ANTICIPATE ANYTHING DIFFERENT IF THIS ONE GOES DOWN.

RANDALL BAKER, OWNER OF PROPERTY ON BLUE SPRINGS ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE PROPOSED SITE PROPERTY IS ABOUT 50' FROM THE END OF HIS DRIVEWAY. HE HAS HEARD A LOT OF TALK FROM THE ENGINEER AND DEVELOPER ON HOW THEY HAVE DONE THIS; BUT, HAVE NOT ONCE HEARD THE ENGINEER, THE DEVELOPER OR EVEN COUNTY PERSONNEL STATE THEY HAVE MET 100% OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY CODE. HE SAYS THIS BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS READ. THEY CAN'T MEET THE CODE AND HE CAN PLAINLY EXPLAIN THAT BY REFERRING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. THE CODE STATES THE EXACT IMPACTS OF THE WELL WATER, EFFECTS ON THE WATER SHED, AND EFFECTS OF THE AIR QUALITY SHOULD BE KNOWN. HE SAID THEY DON'T KNOW THIS FOR SURE; THEY KNOW NOTHING. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CODE ARE TO SECURE SAFELY FROM BLOWING DUST, GEOLOGICAL HAZARD, VEHICLE TRAFFIC, NOISE, POLLUTANTS AND OTHER DANGERS TO HEALTH. CAN WE DO THIS FOR SURE; NO, THEY CAN'T. THE CODE STATES WE ARE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM EXPOSURE TO UNSAFE OR UNPALATABLE DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES AND FROM OTHER RISKS THAT SHOULD PROTECT THE COUNTY'S COMPLEX AND VARIED ENVIRONMENT. CAN WE DO THIS FOR SURE; NO, THEY CAN'T. THE CODE WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT AS EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AND AND BUILT FEATURES OF THE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING WATER RESOURCES, WETLANDS, PLANTS OR ANIMAL COMMUNITIES. CAN WE ACCOMPLISH THIS WITH THIS PROJECT; NO, WE CAN'T. IN THE CODE, THE DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT ANY BUILDING ACTIVITY OR MINING OPERATION, THE MAKING OF ANY MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE USE OR APPEARANCE OF THE LAND OR STRUCTURE.

IT FURTHER STATES IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPER TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS SERVICING ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THEY DIDN'T. THE DEVELOPER STATES HE WILL MAINTAIN THE EXISTING ROAD ONLY AND NOT BUILD A NEW ONE; DOES THIS MEET CODE. NO IT DOES NOT. THE CODE STATES WE ARE TO ENCOURAGE LAND USE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING TO THE ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, LAND

USE PLANNING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, URBAN AND CIVIC DESIGN. HOW CAN THIS DESIGN FIT NEXT TO A RESIDENTIAL AREA ON TOP OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AQUIFER AREA AND MEET THE CODE. IT CAN'T. THE CODE STATES THAT WE ARE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN LAND, ROADS, PARKWAYS, TRAILS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER BUILDINGS BY CONTROLLING THE APPEARANCE AND INTENSITY OF ACTIVITY OF PRIVATE LANDS NEARBY. THE NFWMD HAS PURCHASED LAND AROUND THE PROPOSED AREA OF DEVELOPMENT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC WATER AND LAND RESOURCES. HOW CAN THIS DEVELOPMENT HELP NFWMD HELP THE RESIDENTS IN PROTECTION; IT DOES NOT. THE CODE STATES THAT WE ARE TO CONTROL AND ABATE UNSIGHTLY USE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS. CAN THIS BE DONE WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT; NO, IT CAN'T. THE CODE STATES WE SHOULD ENHANCE AND PROTECT THE VISUAL AND FUNCTIONAL ASPECT OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AND BUILT FEATURES; CAN THAT BE DONE WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. NO, IT CAN'T. THE CODE STATES THE PURPOSE IS TO ESTABLISH THOSE RESOURCES THAT MUST BE PROTECTED FROM HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS MUST BE DESIGNED TO FIT WITHIN THE AREAS THAT MAY BE DEVELOPED. DOES THIS FIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA. NO, IT DOES NOT. THE CODE STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE AQUIFER PROTECTION STANDARD IS TO SAFEGUARD THE PRINCIPLE SOURCE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USE BY ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCURATE AND DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF GOOD QUALITY OF WATER. THOSE STANDARDS PROTECT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE GROUND WATER SUPPLY, CONTROLS THE DEVELOPMENT IN AND ADJACENT TO DESIGNATED WELLHEADS, AND PROTECTS THE WATER SUPPLY FROM POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION. CAN THIS DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPER DO THIS. NO, THEY CAN'T. THE CODE STATES THERE IS A BURDEN OF PROOF FOR THE DEVELOPER UNDER MINING AND MINERAL ABSTRACTION USE. THE DEVELOPER AND APPLICANT MUST DOCUMENT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD NOT CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES, SURFACE WATER, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES OR SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN OR ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. HAS THE DEVELOPER DONE THIS AS THE CODE STATES. NO, HE HAS NOT. THE CODE STATES THIS COMMISSION'S PURPOSE IS TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH, LIFE, PROPERTY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS BY THE USE OF THIS APPROVED CODE. THE DEVELOPER'S ASSOCIATES AND HIRED RESEARCH COMPANIES DO NOT REPRESENT THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA. YOU CAN EASILY PAY FOR, PAINT ANY AND ALL RESEARCH INFORMATION, AND HE IS NOT TRYING TO ATTACK ANYBODY BUT IS JUST MAKING A STATEMENT. IT IS THEREFORE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WITH THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ITS LONG TERM IMPACT ON AREAS, THEY SHOULD INSURE THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT BY UTILIZATION OF STATE AGENCIES SUCH AS NFWMD TO DO IMPACT STUDIES, NOT PRIVATE FUNDS. LETS MAKE THIS REAL SIMPLE, UNLIKE THE FIRST PROJECT SUMMARY AND APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE DEVELOPER, ENGINEERS, HIS HIRED FIRM, SOUTHERN EARTH SCIENCES. IT STATES THE GROUND WATER TABLE IS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 16' AND 17'; THE REPORT STATES THE SOIL IS SANDY. THIS STATEMENT ALONE IS A CONCERN WITH THE MERE FACT IT TRANSLATES TO A REPORT. IT DOES NOT TAKE AN ENGINEER TO FIGURE OUT AN ADDITIONAL 159 ACRES AT APPROXIMATELY 150' DEEP OR EVEN LESS IS BELOW THE WATER TABLE OR EVEN ABOVE THE WATER TABLE IS A SANDY SOIL FORCE. THIS WATER TABLE FEEDS THE WATER SHED; THE WATER SHED FEEDS ECONFINA CREEK, WHICH IN TURN FEEDS DEER POINT LAKE. THIS NOT ONLY AFFECTS WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS; BUT, DIRECTLY IMPACTS BAY COUNTY'S PRIMARY WATER SOURCES. IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT 100 LEAKING DUMP TRUCKS DRIVING IN AND OUT EVERY DAY, OUT OF A MINING OPERATION, ONE WITH ALL THE LEAKY, OILY, EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT. THIS EQUIPMENT OPERATES IN FORCE SOIL BELOW THE COMMON WATER TABLE TEN YEARS AND DEVELOPMENT WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE ITS "0" IMPACT. M.C. IS ABOVE IT; HIS OWN REPORT SAYS IT IS SANDY SOIL.

RANDALL SAID HE HAS HEARD A LOT OF WORDS BY THE COUNTY PERSONNEL, AND HE ISN'T GOING TO OFFEND ANYBODY, AND THE DEVELOPER AND ENGINEERS WHEN THEY SAY THEY THINK AND THEY BELIEVE; BUT, NOT ONCE HAS HE HEARD WE KNOW. IT SCARES HIM TO HAVE A LOT OF EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS HERE WHO ARE AFRAID TO SAY THERE WILL BE "0" IMPACT ON ANYONE OR THE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING. IF THE COMMISSION HAS ANY PROPER APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT, HE STRONGLY OBJECTS TO IT. IT IS HIS BELIEF THE DEVELOPER SHOULD HAVE AT THE MINIMUM PROVIDED THE ITEMS AND PLAN BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY CODE AS OUTLINED. IN CLOSING HE SAID THE FATE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY VALUES OF THE RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE AROUND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREA REST IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE ON THE COMMISSION WHO THEY HAVE ALLOWED TO MAKE GOOD SOUND DECISIONS FOR ALL OF US. PLEASE CONSIDER ALL THE FACTORS AS IF THESE WERE YOUR OWN FAMILIES YOU WERE MAKING A DECISION FOR.

JOHN CORDEL ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING HIS BAY COUNTY ADDRESS IS 960 HIGHWAY 20, YOUNGSTOWN. HE THEN CHANGED THAT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HIS MAILING ADDRESS IS 7637, HIGHWAY 20, YOUNGSTOWN. HE IS SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF AND THE BURCHFIELDS;

THEY LIVE SIDE BY SIDE JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THEY HAVE SPENT THEIR LIFE SAVINGS AND THEIR RETIREMENT AND ADDRESSED THE ISSUE WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON A PREVIOUS SAND PIT ISSUE EAST OF THEM OR ROUGHLY A MILE FROM THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT; THE BOARD TURNED THAT ONE DOWN. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THEY WOULD TURN THIS ONE DOWN. THEIR LIFE SAVINGS AND EVERYTHING IS IN THEIR PROPERTY. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO DEGRADE THEIR PROPERTY VALUE AND THEIR WHOLE WAY OF LIFE OUT THERE WILL SUFFER. HE SAID THEY ARE MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA. THEY KEEP TRYING TO SAND MINE, OR STRIP MINE, THIS AREA; WE CAN'T AFFORD THIS AS THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE COUNTRY. THE SAME THING IT SAYS IN SOME OF THE REGULATIONS; ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BORDERED WITHIN A 100' OF THE PROPERTY. IT IS GOING TO AFFECT PEOPLE IN BAY COUNTY'S SIDE PROPERTY VALUES UP AND DOWN THE ROAD FOR MILES. IT IS NOT JUST PEOPLE THAT SURROUND THIS PROPERTY OR TOUCH THIS PROPERTY. IT GETS TO THE POINT OF RIDICULOUS WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT MAJOR MINING OPERATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE THIS. HE WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A WAY TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS TO NOTIFY EVERYBODY. PROBABLY 90% OF THE PEOPLE HERE RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION AT ALL. UNLESS YOU TOUCH THIS PROPERTY, LINDA IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY YOU. THAT IS WRONG; LINDA NEEDS TO NOTIFY EVERYBODY UP AND DOWN THE ROAD IF IT IS A MAJOR MINING OPERATION. IF YOU WAS DIGGING A FISH POND, THAT IS A DIFFERENT STORY AS IT IS ONLY A FEW FEET DEEP. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A MAJOR THING THAT WILL AFFECT THEIR WELL WATER, ETC. FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

JOHN ADDRESSED THE BOARD WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BRING DOWN TAXES IF IT DEGRADES THE PROPERTY VALUES AND HE DOESN'T SEE WHERE THIS MINING OPERATION IS GOING TO BENEFIT THE COUNTY ONE IOTA AT ALL. THIS IS REALLY AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. HE REFERRED TO THE SWEARINGEN SAND PIT DOWN THE ROAD; THERE ARE DUMP TRUCKS COMING IN AND OUT OF THERE EVERY WEEK. HE SAID THE PEOPLE HAVE CALLED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE; SWEARINGEN HAS A GATE UP SO HE GUESSED TECHNICALLY LINDA CAN'T WALK IN ON HIS PROPERTY. HE REITERATED THERE WAS STILL ACTION GOING ON THERE. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THIS PERSON IS GOING ON; EAST OF THEM, THEY WERE ALL OVER THE ROAD TODAY WITH DUMP TRUCKS COMING IN ALL MORNING. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON THERE; BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE IF YOU GATE IT, IT WILL JUST GO ON ANYWAY. HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT SOMEHOW TO BAN THIS KIND OF SAND MINE ANYWHERE ALONG HIGHWAY 20 UP AND DOWN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE AND SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL BECAUSE THIS AREA IS BECOMING MORE RESIDENTIAL. THERE ARE NEW HOMES, NEW TRAILERS, NEW PROPERTIES COMING IN ALL THE TIME. THERE ARE DEVELOPMENTS THAT BORDER SOME OF THESE SAND MINES THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE BOOKS FOR YEARS THAT PEOPLE HAVE INVESTED MONEY IN THEIR PROPERTIES TO TRY AND BUILD A DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSED THE PEOPLE'S APPRECIATION IF THE BOARD WOULD DENY THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE SAND MINE.

JANE SOBERG ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE WAS HERE TODAY FOR HER PROPERTY AND THE ECONOMIC VALUE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. SHE HAS A CHILD AND DOES NOT WANT THE SAND MINE. SHE BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY FOR QUIET ENJOYMENT. SHE BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY AS HER PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PLANNED ON HAVING A WHOLE FAMILY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE DOESN'T SEE HOW PEOPLE CAN TAKE THEIR QUIET ENJOYMENT AWAY AND TAKE AWAY THEIR HEALTH LEAVING SAND AND DUST. THE PEOPLE BOUGHT THEIR PROPERTY FOR THE QUIETNESS AROUND THEM AND THE CLEAN WATER AND IT IS NOT FAIR FOR SOMEBODY TO MOVE IN AFTER THEY HAVE MOVED HERE AND TAKE THAT AWAY FROM THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION THE BOARD RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND THEIR JOB IS TO REVIEW EVEN MORE THOROUGH THAN THE BOARD ABOUT THESE PROPOSALS, MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE REQUEST, ALONG WITH WHAT THE PLANNING COUNCIL HAS RECOMMENDED, FOR THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A BORROW PIT ON BLUE SPRINGS ROAD. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION.

DEXTER WANTED TO CLARIFY THIS IS NOT A C & D LANDFILL; THIS IS A SAND MINE FOR EXTRACTION. THERE IS NO FILL IN ON THIS PROPERTY. THE WHOLE CONCEPT IS TO DIG THIS PROPERTY OUT; THE 6 TO 1 SIDE SLOPES ARE FLATTER SIDE SLOPES FOR THE EVENTUAL DESIGN OF A LAKE FOR A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AT SOME POINT IN TIME THEY WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED DEXTER WHY THE DEVELOPER KEEPS BUYING LAND RIGHT BESIDE THESE SUBDIVISIONS IF THEY WANT A SAND PIT. DEXTER SAID HE COULDN'T ANSWER THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY MORE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE BORROW PIT ON BLUE SPRINGS ROAD. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID FOR THE RECORD, HE JUST PASSED DOWN ALL THE WRITTEN MATERIAL THAT WAS IN THEIR PACKAGE AND SAID HE WOULD GIVE A COPY OF THE BAY COUNTY

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LETTER FOR THE RECORD.

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

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CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 01/24/08