

BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/24/08

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

CAPTAIN JAMES BARNES PROCLAIMED THE METING WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND IT CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 15, JANUARY 24 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2008 MEETINGS.

ROBERTA WALKER MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY TO THE BOARD FOR THE CRIME SHE COMMITTED WITH SELLING DRUGS.

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

A. AGREEMENT FOR FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) DANIEL'S LAKE RECREATION FACILITY (EQUESTRIAN FACILITY) (\$135,610.84 GRANT WITH NO COUNTY MATCH)

B. 2008 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE BASE GRANT MODIFICATION FOR \$11,196 TO SUPPLEMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

RICK CRAIG, VICE-PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION IN CHARGE OF PHASE 8 EXPANSION PROJECT, PROVIDED A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT:

1. GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION; 5000 MILE PIPELINE SYSTEM THAT TRANSPORTS GAS FROM THE SUPPLY AREAS THROUGHOUT THE GULF COAST TO THE FLORIDA MARKET. THEY HAVE 280 DELIVERY POINTS ALONG THE GAS LINE, INCLUDING THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND OTHERS IN THIS AREA. THEY ALSO HAVE 32 INDUSTRIAL DELIVERY POINTS AND 58 ELECTRIC GENERATIONS. THEIR CONTRACT CAPACITY FOR THE PIPELINE IS 1.95 BCF WINTER CAPACITY AND 2.2 BILLION CUBIC FEET PER DAY SUMMER TIME CAPACITY. THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS IS TO TRANSPORT GAS; NOT TO BUY AND SELL THE GAS.

2. FLORIDA GAS MARKET-85% FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION

3. WITHIN LAST YEAR APPROXIMATELY 4000 MEGAWATTS OF COAL POWER GENERATIONS WERE CANCELLED IN TALLAHASSEE BASICALLY; AS A RESULT THE ELECTRIC GENERATION INDUSTRY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL FUEL TO FUEL EXPANSION OF THE ELECTRIC GENERATION IN THE STATE. THEY HAVE TURNED TO NATURAL GAS.

4. AS A RESULT, FLORIDA GAS SYSTEM IS LOOKING AT EXPANDING ITS CURRENT SYSTEM INTO THE STATE WITH THE PHASE 8 EXPANSION PROJECT. IT STARTS IN ALABAMA AND WILL TRANSPORT THE GAS INTO CENTRAL AND SOUTH FLORIDA AND ACROSS THE PANHANDLE. THE ACTUAL PIPELINE ITSELF WILL GO ALL ACROSS THE PANDHANDLE, DOWN ACROSS THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE STATE AND INTO SOUTH FLORIDA.

5. FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION HAS PRECEDENT AGREEMENTS FOR ABOUT 800 MILLION A DAY OF ADDITIONAL CAPACITY CURRENTLY IN PLACE. THE ANCHOR SHIPPER IS FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT. THEY ALSO HAVE CONTRACTS IN PLACE WITH SEMINOLE ELECTRIC AND THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE. THEY HAVE SOME OTHER PRECEDENT AGREEMENTS IN PLACE; BUT, THEY AREN'T ABLE TO DISCLOSE THOSE AT THIS TIME AT THE REQUEST OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

6. THE PROPOSED PHASE VIII PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ABOUT A BILLION CUBIC FEET A DAY INTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA OF ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS.

7. THE PROPOSED PHASE VIII PROJECT CONSISTS OF 568 MILES OF NEW PIPELINE, 439 MILES OF THAT WILL LOOP EXISTING PIPELINES AND THERE WILL BE 129 MILES OF PIPELINE THAT WILL BE IN NEW RIGHT OF WAY THAT ACTUALLY RUNS FROM ARCADIA ACROSS THE STATE TO A PLANT IN CENTRAL FLORIDA. THEY WILL BE ADDING ABOUT 203,600 HORSEPOWER COMPRESSION AT THEIR COMPRESSOR STATIONS THAT ALLOW THEM TO MOVE THE GAS FROM THE SUPPLY AREA TO THE MARKET. THAT HORSEPOWER WILL BE ADDED AT 8 COMPRESSOR STATIONS WITH THE CLOSEST TO CHIPLEY BEING IN CARYVILLE AND QUINCY.

8. ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE VIII PROJECT IS ABOUT \$2.1 BILLION.

9. SHOWED A MAP OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, THE PIPELINE LOOPS THEY WILL BE INSTALLING AND THE NEW LINE THAT WILL RUN ACROSS THE STATE FROM ARCADIA TO MARTIN

10. TIME LINE FOR PROJECT; IN EARLY STAGES OF PROJECT NOW AND THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL MARCH OR APRIL OF 2010 WITH THE COMPLETION BEING IN 2011.

11. EXPLAINED STEPS FLORIDA GAS HAS TO GO THROUGH FOR A PROJECT SUCH AS PHASE VIII EXPANSION.

12. THEY ARE GOING THROUGH THE FERC PREFILING PROCESS NOW; ANYTIME THEY BUILD A PIPELINE IT IS GOVERNED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COUNCIL. FERC WILL BE THE ONES TO GRANT FLORIDA GAS APPROVAL OR NOT APPROVAL TO BUILD THE PHASE VIII PROJECT. THE FERC PROJECT STARTED IN MARCH 2008. FERC ISSUED A DOCKET #; IT IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE AS PF08-14-000. THEY HELD OPEN HOUSES ALONG THE PIPELINE TO START INFORMING PEOPLE ABOUT THE PROJECT. THEY FIRST HELD PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS IN JUNE. AT THESE MEETINGS, THEY INVITE ALL THE LAND OWNERS THAT ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE FOR THE PIPELINE.

FLORIDA GAS PLANS TO FILE THEIR APPLICATION FOR THEIR CERTIFICATE IN THE FALL OF THIS YEAR; AFTER THEY FILE THIS, FERC WILL ISSUE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED SOMETIME IN 2009. FERC WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS IN THE STATE. IF FERC APPROVES THE PROJECT, FLORIDA GAS EXPECTS TO RECEIVE IT IN THE FALL OF 2009 AND COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION IN EARLY 2010 WITH THE COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR 2011.

13. HOW THIS AFFECTS WASHINGTON COUNTY; FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 26.9 MILES OF 36" DIAMETER PIPELINE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. NEARLY ALL THE PROPOSED FACILITIES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO EXISTING FGT PIPELINE.

14. FGT SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND SAFETY-PIPELINE SAFETY OVERSIGHT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.

15. PIPELINE MONITORING-PIPELINES ARE MONITORED TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK; THEY HAVE A GAS CONTROL CENTER IN HOUSTON THAT MONITORS EVERY SEGMENT OF THE PIPELINE ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.

16. ROUTING PROCESS CONSIDERATION:

- A. DO PRELIMINARY ROUTE SURVEY
- B. LOOK AT LINEAR CONFLICTS
- C. TRY TO AVOID CROSSING EXISTING PIPELINES; THEY DO CROSS THEM OUT OF NECESSITY WHEN THEY HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS
- D. AFTER PRELIMINARY ROUTE SURVEY IS COMPLETED, THEY START A DETAILED CIVIL SURVEY OF THE ROUTE AND A CONSTRUCTION FOOTPRINT FOR THE PROJECT; THEY ARE IN THIS PROCESS NOW. THE SPECIFIC ROUTE IS NOT ESTABLISHED.
- E. WHEN THEY FILE A FERC APPLICATION, WHICH THEY WILL PROBABLY FILE IN OCTOBER, THE ALIGNMENT SHEETS THAT SHOWS THE SPECIFIC ROUTE THEY WILL RECOMMEND TO FERC FOR THE

PIPELINE WILL BE INCLUDED.

F. FERC HAS TO APPROVE PROJECT

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PIPELINE PROJECTS, RICK ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION WAS IN THE PHAMPLET HE PROVIDED THE BOARD:

- A. TOLL FREE HOTLINE IN TAMPA
- B. MAILING ADDRESS
- C. WEB SITE

RICK THEN OPENED IT UP FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH ON THE BOARD'S INVOLVE- MENT ON APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE PIPELINE, RICK EXPLAINED FLORIDA GAS WORKS WITH THE COUNTY ON COUNTY PERMITS WHERE THEY WILL BE CROSSING COUNTY ROADS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC APPROVAL FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION WOULD COME TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED EMINENT DOMAIN. RICK SAID FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION EXERCISES EMINENT DOMAIN AS A LAST RESORT. FERC DETERMINES WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY OF EMINENT DOMAIN. IF FERC APPROVES THEIR CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPANSION PROJECT, IN MOST CASES THEY GRANT THE RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AS A PART OF THE PROJECT. ONCE THEY FINALIZE THE ROUTE, THEY WILL KNOW WHICH SIDE THEY WILL DRILL THE PIPELINE ON AND WILL START NEGOTIATING AND TALKING WITH LAND OWNERS ABOUT REASONABLE SETTLEMENTS AT FAIR MARKET VALUES OF THEIR PROPERTIES. ONLY IN THE VERY EXTREME CASES WILL THEY TAKE IT TO EMINENT DOMAIN. HOWEVER, THEY WILL IF THEY HAVE TO; BUT, THAT IS A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE FOR THE TOTAL EASEMENT THEY ACQUIRE.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH IF THERE WERE ANY STRUCTURES IN THE ALIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT AS FAR AS GOING THROUGH EXISTING STRUCTURES, HOUSES, ETC, RICK ADVISED THEY WOULDN'T GO THROUGH EXISTING STRUCTURES. THEY ARE GOING TO FIND A WAY TO GO AROUND EXISTING STRUCTURES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF FLORIDA TRANSMISSION HAD CONTACTED ANY CITIZENS OR LANDOWNERS IN THE BUCKHORN AREA ABOUT THE PROPOSED PIPELINE AND ARE THEY TRYING TO WORK WITH THEM.

RICK SAID THEY WERE TRYING TO WORK WITH ALL THE LANDOWNERS IN TERMS OF THEIR ROUTING AND WHERE THEY HAVE CONFLICTS; THEIR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO TRY TO CREATE A WIN WIN FOR EVERYONE. HOWEVER, HE CAN'T SPECIFICALLY TALK ABOUT BUCKHORN AS HE DOESN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT IS ON THE MAP.

HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF FLORIDA GAS WANTED TO COME ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PIPELINE AND THERE WERE LANDOWNERS WHO FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER ON THEM TO GO ON THE NORTH SIDE, WOULD FLORIDA GAS WORK WITH THE LANDOWNERS.

RICK AGREED THAT FLORIDA GAS WOULD CONSIDER THIS AND WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT MAKE THAT REQUEST. HOWEVER THE ISSUES THEY RUN INTO IS:

- 1. IT FORCES THEM TO CROSS THE EXISTING PIPELINE TWICE
- 2. WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS CAUSE OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS

IT IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICAL TO LOOP BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE PIPELINE ON EVERY PROPERTY; NORMALLY, IF THEY CROSS THE PIPELINE FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH, THEY WANT TO STAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE AS FAR AS THEY CAN BEFORE THEY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE NORTH. USUALLY THAT IS DRIVEN BY SOMETHING THAT FORCES THEM TO GO BACK TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PIPELINE. IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THEY HAVE TO CONSIDER THE LANDOWNER IMPACT ON THE SOUTH SIDE THEY CROSSED OVER AND NOW WHO DOESN'T WANT THEM ON THIS SIDE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS THEY HELD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. RICK ADVISED FLORIDA GAS HAS HAD ONE PUBLIC MEETING AND THERE ARE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS AS THEY WORK THROUGH THE PROJECT. THEY HAVE HELD ONE IN CRESTVIEW AND QUINCY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPLAINED CRESTVIEW AND QUINCY IS A LONG WAY TO DRIVE TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE GAS PRICES TODAY. HE SUGGESTED WITH SOMETHING AS MAJOR AS THE PIPELINE, FLORIDA GAS SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEETING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED THE LIFE SPAN OF THE PIPE BEING INSTALLED, HOW LONG ARE THEY GOING TO BE IN SERVICE AND HOW LONG BEFORE THEY HAVE TO BE CHANGED OUT. HE ALSO QUESTIONED IF FLORIDA GAS COULDN'T CONSIDER PUTTING IN A LARGER PIPE THAN NECESSARY SO THE NEXT TIME THEY NEED ANOTHER ROUTE THROUGH THE COUNTY, REMOVE THE SMALLER PIPES AND NOT DISTURB ANY MORE PROPERTY.

RICK INFORMED THE LIFE SPAN OF THE PIPE IS INFINITE. FERC ONLY ALLOWS FGT TO GAIN A RATE AND SET A RATE FOR CUSTOMERS BASED ON THE CAPACITY NEEDED; GENERALLY THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A PIPELINE BASED ON WHAT THE CUSTOMERS NEEDS ARE AND NOT MAKING IT BIGGER BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T SELL THE CAPACITY, YOU HAVE SPENT THE MONEY AND FERC WON'T ALLOW YOU TO RECOVER THAT. THEY HAVE BUILT THIS PIPELINE WITH SOME ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AND HAVE ROOM FOR SOME ADDITIONAL LOOPING; BUT, PUTTING A 42" PIPE IN VERSUS A 36" IN ALSO HAS ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION FOOTPRINTS THAT HAS ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAT FERC WANTS YOU TO AVOID. THIS IS REALLY DRIVEN FOR THE MOST PART BY THEIR REGULATORY AGENCIES. THE VOLUMES THEY WILL PUT THROUGH IN THE EXISTING PIPELINE, BASED ON THEIR CUSTOMERS PROJECTIONS, SHOULD BE ADEQUATE THROUGH 2017-2018. BEYOND THAT, THE CUSTOMERS CAN'T PREDICT WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE GOING TO BE.

NAN THOMPSON, 319 RED DEER ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE GAS PIPELINE COMMITTEE BEING FORMED, WHICH THE BOARD GRANTED AT THEIR LAST MEETING. SHE DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED PIPELINE:

A. ROUTE IS STILL UNKNOWN; UNCLEAR AS TO WHEN THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN.

B. POSSIBILITY OF HER LOSING TWO HOMES; ALL FLORIDA GAS HAS OFFERED IS TO PUT HER FAMILY IN A HOTEL WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS GOING ON

C. IN GOING TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE COUNTY, PEOPLE ARE STILL UNAWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

D. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE 2ND LARGEST HIT COUNTY WITH MILES OF PIPELINE AND LAND NEEDED AND THE COUNTY WAS NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL SHE BROUGHT IT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION

E. IF APPROVED BY FERC, FLORIDA GAS HAS RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND WILL EXERCISE THIS AS OPTION AS A LAST RESORT

F. THE AMOUNT OF RIGHT OF WAY WIDTH NEEDED IS STILL UNKNOWN

G. ON CLEAN UP AND RESTORATION, THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO FOLLOW FERC REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, IF YOU READ PROTESTS FROM THE FERC SITE, A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF THEM ARE JUST THAT; A MESS LEFT BEHIND, FENCES NOT REPLACED, ETC.

H. IMPACT ON GROUND WATER, WELL AND WATER QUALITY

I. LIMITATION OF FUTURE LAND USE

J. PIPELINE AFFECTS ON PROPERTY VALUES

K. SAFETY

NAN, REPRESENTING THE PIPELINE COMMITTEE, REQUESTED THE COUNTY COMMISSION REQUEST A FULL OPEN EVENING MEETING WITH FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION ON THE PROPOSED PHASE VIII PIPELINE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO REQUEST FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. ON THE PHASE VIII PIPELINE PROJECT WITH A DATE TO BE SCHEDULED LATER.

THE PIPELINE COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO FILE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST FGT UNTIL THE PUBLIC MEETING WITH FGT IS HELD AND PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY NOTIFIED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE IS NOT A COURT IN THIS COUNTY THAT IS GOING TO ISSUE THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING.

NAN ADVISED THE PIPELINE COMMITTEE WILL BE FILING PETITIONS TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO GET THE FGT PROJECT STOPPED UNTIL THE PUBLIC MEETING IS HELD.

NAN REFERRED TO HER AND OTHERS REQUESTING AT THE LAST MEETING IN JUNE FOR EVERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER OR THE BOARD AS A WHOLE DO AN EFILE WITH FERC AND ASKED WHY THERE WAS NOTHING SUBMITTED.

PETE ADVISED NAN WAS SUPPOSE TO EMAIL HIM WITH SOME INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING THE EFILE. NAN RESPONDED PETE HAD CALLED HER AND ASKED HER WHAT TO START WITH AND HOW TO ADDRESS IT AND SHE ADVISED HIM WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

PETE REITERATED AFTER THE JUNE MEETING, NAN WAS GOING TO EMAIL HIM INFORMATION ON WHERE TO SEND THE EFILE. NAN SAID THE BOARD HAD THIS INFORMATION AND THEY ALL HAD BEEN SHOWN HOW TO FILE.

NAN ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING ON THE PIPELINE HELD AT THE AG CENTER IN JUNE. THERE WAS NO EFILING TO FERC DONE, EXCEPT FOR LINDA WALLER REQUESTING THE COUNTY REMAIN ON THE MAILING LIST. THEY AS VOTING RESIDENTS FEEL THE BOARD DROPPED THE BALL AND LEFT THE COUNTY OUT TO DRY.

NAN APOLOGIZED FOR THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM BETWEEN HER AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ON THE EFILING; BUT, SHE SPOKE TO MOST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID AFTER THE MEETING ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WAS TOLD TO WRITE A LETTER TO THAT AFFECT AND HE WAS WAITING ON THE INFORMATION FROM NAN. HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS CORRECT FOR NAN TO SAY THE BOARD DIDN'T TRY BASED ON THERE BEING A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HER AND PETE.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN PATE PRESENTED A FACSIMILE CHECK FOR \$135,610.84 FOR THE EQUESTRIAN GRANT AT DANIELS LAKE TO DAVID CORBIN.

DAVID THANKED THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

TED EVERETT, WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING HAND DELIVERED THE LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM PROJECT PIPE TO STACY WEBB. SHE RECEIVED THE TWO YEAR BUSINESS PLAN FROM THE CHIPLEY FACILITY AND THE PRESIDENT AND OWNER OF THE COMPANY IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THEM ON MONDAY AT THE GOVERNORS OFFICE TO PRESENT HIS FINANCIALS TO FL-DCA FOR THE CDBG GRANT.

RICK MARCUM, REPRESENTING OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ACTIVITIES WITH OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA AND THE COUNTIES OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN CATALYST PROJECT. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AGREE TO THE SECOND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ENTERPRISE FLORIDA CATALYST PROJECT. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A CD PREPARED BY OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA FOR THE RURAL ISSUES WORKING GROUP; THERE WAS A POWER POINT WITH VIDEOS FROM EACH OF THE AGENCY HEADS AND ALSO THE OTTED REPORT ON THE RACEC. HE ADDRESSED THE BENEFITS THE COUNTY RECEIVES FROM BEING A MEMBER OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN AND OPPORTUNITY

FLORIDA. HE ASKED THE BOARD CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE STATE AS THE STATE WANTS THE RURAL COUNTIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN REGIONAL GROUPS AND SIGN IN FOR THIS. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO FINANCIAL LIABILITY OR EXPOSURE FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED HOW THE ECONOMY DOWNTURN IS GOING TO AFFECT THE GRANTS THAT COME UNDER THE RACEC COUNTIES.

RICK ADDRESSED THEY WILL BE SEEING THE GRANTS BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE, FEWER AND THE TIME BETWEEN THE NOTICES OF THE GRANTS BE LONGER; HOWEVER, AS A RACEC COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL GET POINTS FOR EVERY GRANT REQUEST THEY PUT IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SECOND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CATALYST PROJECT.

JIM HARRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY CONSIDER SWAP- PING LAND THEY OWN ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 279 FOR PROPERTY HE OWNS EAST OF THE EMT FACILITY. THE LAND SWAP WOULD GIVE HIM MORE ROAD FRONTAGE AND POSSIBLY THE COUNTY A MORE SERVICEABLE USE FOR THE EMT FACILITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR COMMISSIONER SAPP TO MEET WITH MR. HARRIS ON THE LAND SWAP AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH-HE GOT APPROVAL FROM FL-DOT TO INSTALL TWO FLASHING SOLAR POWER LIGHTS AT THE I-10 OVERPASS, TWO AT THE CROSSWALK ON STATEPARK ROAD AND TWO AT THE STATE PARK FALLING WATERS INTERSECTION. THE COST FOR THE SIX LIGHTS WITH THE POLES AND ANCHOR ASSEMBLYS IS \$14,940 PLUS SHIPPING. MONIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GRANT TO COVER THIS COST.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED, DUE TO HAVING THE MONIES IN THE GRANT, TO ALLOW CLIFF TO HAVE THE SOLAR LIGHTS INSTALLED ALONG THE FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH.

2. FALLING WATER BIKE PATH-CONTRACTOR WANTED OVER \$100 PER FOOT TO DO HANDRAILS ON THE EDGE OF THREE HEADWALLS. ICM QUOTED \$25 A FOOT AND THIS MONEY IS ALSO IN THE BIKE PATH GRANT. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THE HANDRAILS FROM ICM FOR \$2,472.50.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE CLIFF TO PURCHASE THE HANDRAILS FOR THE BIKE PATH PROJECT FOR \$2472.50.

3. EOC SITEWORK BIDS TO DO EVERYTHING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE PAVING, CONDUITS TO BRING UTILITIES TO THE BUILDING, STRIPING, BASE AND ALL THE EARTHWORK. IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POND THAT IS IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. THE TWO BIDDERS WERE:

1. GAC CONTRACTING-\$281,800
2. TRIANGLE CONSTRUCTION-\$350,225.10

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SEPARATE GRANT THE COUNTY APPLIED FOR THE NEW EOC THEY EXPECT TO HEAR BACK FROM SOON. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO AWARD THE BID TO GAC CONTRACTORS CONTINGENT ON THE GRANT TAKING CARE OF ALL THE FUNDING AND CONTINGENT ON GAC HOLDING THEIR BID PRICE.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SITE LIGHTING NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE BID; THE SECURITY EXPERTS ON THEIR GRANT REVIEW SAID THEY SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE SITE LIGHTING. THEY INCLUDED THE COST OF THE SITE LIGHTING

IN THE GRANT APPLICATION; THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL MONEY BEYOND WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO HERE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE EOC SITEWORK BID TO GAC CONTINGENT ON GRANT APPROVAL AND CONTINGENT ON GAC HOLDING THEIR BID PRICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO HOLD A WORKSHOP TO SEE WHAT IS NEEDED TO STAY ON TOP OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE INVOLVED WITH AS FAR AS WHERE THEY ARE WITH THE PROJECT, GRANT DEADLINES AND TIMEFRAME LEFT TO COMPLETE PROJECTS. HE ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS THEY MAY GET IN A SITUATION WHERE THE COUNTY WILL LOSE MONIES BECAUSE THEY ARE DRAGGING THEIR FEET IF THEY DON'T HOLD A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND STACY HAVING MET AND PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF ALL THE GRANTS, THE GRANT DEADLINES, ETC. AND THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS UNREAL. HE AGREED A WORKSHOP WAS NEEDED TO DETERMINE WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO GET THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

4. CHAIN LAKE ROAD-CLIFF PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PROPOSAL FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO COMPLETE EVERYTHING EXCEPT SODDING, SEED AND MULCH, DITCH BLOCKS, REMOVAL OF EXISTING CULVERTS AND HEADWALLS AND THE CONCRETE FLUMES THAT WOULD GO DOWN FROM THE BRIDGE TO THE CREEK BOTTOM. THE QUOTE WAS \$331,247.31.

CLIFF REPORTED THE CHAIN LAKE ROAD GRANT WAS \$262,000, \$50,000 IN KIND WHICH PUTS THEM AT \$312,000; THE \$331,247.31 WOULD LEAVE THE BOARD OVERBUDGET BY \$19,247.31. HE REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SUGGESTED TABLING THE BID AWARD UNTIL THEY HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THE GRANT PROJECTS. DUE TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CHAIN LAKE PROJECT AND THE RIVER ROAD PROJECT BEING APRIL 26, 2009, LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY, COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH AWARDED THE CHAIN LAKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA.

5. ROLLING PINES-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GRANT EXPIRATION BEING NOVEMBER 27, 2008 AND THEY WILL NEED TO REQUEST ANOTHER EXTENSION. ALSO, THE SECOND MILE SHOULD BE READY TO PAVE SOMETIME IN AUGUST.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET DAVID SCHEDULED TO DO SODDING ON THE PROJECT TO HELP WITH THE EROSION CONTROL.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING 25 ACRES THEY CAN GUARANTEE TO CUT. JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, HAS AGREED TO LET THEM RECUT IT; BUT, HE DOESN'T WANT IT CUT BUT ABOUT AN INCH THICK ON THE SPRAYFIELD PART.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE SHORTAGE OF SOD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE 25 ACRES OF SOD WOULD COVER THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT, HYDROSEEDING AND USING THE SOD AVAILABLE TO COVER THE ONE MILE THAT IS READY ON ROLLING PINES PROJECT.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON CLIFF REQUESTING HE GET UP THE COST OF 400' OF DITCH PAVING 6.5', 400' LONG; THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$3500 IN MATERIALS USING INMATE LABOR.

CLIFF EXPLAINED THERE WAS ONLY ONE PLACE THEY HAVE CONCRETE DITCHES INVOLVED ON THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT AND UNLESS THEY DO SOMETHING MAJOR, THEY WILL HAVE EROSION PROBLEMS FROM NOW ON.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED SODDING THIS TO SEE HOW AFFECTIVE THAT IS BEFORE SPENDING MONEY ON THE CONCRETE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED ABOUT DOING A MILLED ASPHALT DITCH ON THE PROJECT. CLIFF SAID HE HADN'T HAD GOOD SUCCESS WITH USING THE MILLED ASPHALT DITCH AS IT GETS UNDERMINED REAL EASY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO COMMIT THE SOD AVAILABLE TO THE MILE THAT IS READY ON THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON A CONTRACTOR OFFERING TO LOAN THE COUNTY A SPRAY MULCHER MACHINE IF THE COUNTY WILL FURNISH THE MATERIALS. CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED DAVID TO FIND OUT THE COST OF THE MATERIALS FOR THE SPRAY MULCHER MACHINE.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO COMMIT THE SOD THAT IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE MILE THAT IS READY ON ROLLING PINES ROAD.

6. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PAVING BEING COMPLETED AND THE THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING IS DOWN. HE ADDRESSED DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND ADVISED THERE WAS A BLOWOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF DELTONA AND WASHINGTON BOULEVARD. HE HAS REQUESTED ANDERSON COLUMBIA PUT TOGETHER A PRICE TO REPLACE ALL THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURES ON THE WHOLE ROAD AND PUT SLIP LINERS THROUGH THE EXISTING METAL PIPES. HIS GUESTIMATE IS THE COST WILL BE AROUND \$200,000 TO REPLACE ALL THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURES. DUE TO THE DEADLINE OF THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD GRANT BEING DECEMBER 2008 AND THE MONIES BEING IN THE GRANT, HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO DO UP TO \$200,000 WORTH OF ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED, BASED ON THE FACT THE MONEY IS IN THE GRANT, TO APPROVE OF CLIFF'S REQUEST TO DO UP TO \$200,000 ADDITIONAL WORK ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD.

7. CORBIN ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON CORBIN ROAD COMING ALONG PRETTY GOOD. THE GAME PLAN IS TO TRY AND HAVE CORBIN ROAD DONE AND THE LEVELLING DONE ON PINEY GROVE BY NEXT THURSDAY. THE WEEK AFTER, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SHOULDER SPREADER COME AND TAKE CARE OF THE EARTH WORK ON PINEY GROVE.

8. CORBIN ROAD DRIVEWAYS AND APRONS-CLIFF EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THE SCENARIO ON THE CORBIN ROAD DRIVEWAYS AND APRONS ON THE EXISTING RECYCLED ASPHALT RESIDENTIAL DRIVES AND ON THE EXISTING PAVED DRIVES. EVERYBODY ON THE ROAD IS GETTING A 2' PAVED APRON WHEN THEY DO THE CAP; THE ONLY OTHER PAVING BEING DONE OUT THERE IS THE COUNTY ROAD INTERSECTIONS. THE OTHER ONES PAVED FURTHER THAN THE 2' PAVED APRON ARE THE ONES STICKING UP SUBSTANTIALLY THEY HAD TO COME THROUGH AND CUT DOWN IN ORDER TO TIE THEM BACK AT A GRADE THAT WOULDN'T LEAVE THEM A DROP OFF.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE MONEY REMAINING ON THE CORBIN ROAD PROJECT. CLIFF ADVISED THEY HAVEN'T USED ALL THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL PAVING; HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF ASPHALT THEY HAVE LINED UP FOR THE PROJECT WILL CONSUME THE MONEY BY THE END OF THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED PEOPLE BEING UPSET ON CORBIN ROAD BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE HAVE 5' TO 6' APRONS AND THEY HAVE ONLY 2'.

CLIFF REITERATED THE PLAN FROM DAY ONE WAS TO PUT A 2' APRON ON EVERY RESIDENTIAL DRIVE SO THEY CAN AVOID THE SITUATION THEY HAD ON PIONEER ROAD, CREEK ROAD, ALFORD AND CLAYTON. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS NO WAY HE COULD GO IN THERE AND SAWCUT BACK 2' ON AN EXISTING PAVED DRIVE THAT WAS STICKING UP THAT FAR AND TIE IT BACK IN AT 2'.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN POINTED OUT THERE WERE NO SPECIAL FAVORS FOR ANYONE. MOST OF THE DRIVEWAYS ON CORBIN ROAD HAVE BETTER DRIVEWAYS THAN MOST PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED PEOPLE HAVING CALLED HIM ABOUT THE DRIVEWAY SITUATION ON CORBIN ROAD TOO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID, IF YOU JUST VISIBLY LOOK AT IT, IT IS HARD TO MAKE A PERSON UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC BEHIND THE DIFFERENT SIZES OF DRIVEWAYS ON CORBIN ROAD.

CLIFF SAID MAYBE THEY COULD STRETCH THEIR DOLLARS ON THE PAVEMENT THEY HAVE AND TRY TO GET A FEW LOADS OF RECYCLED ASPHALT TO DRESS THEM UP. HE HAS TALKED TO DALLAS ALREADY ABOUT THE NEED TO TIE BACK IN TO WHAT HAS BEEN PAVED; THE RECYCLED NEEDS TO BE ROLLED BACK TO WHAT HAS BEEN PAVED SO THERE IS A SMOOTH TRANSITION ALL THE WAY THROUGH. IF THERE IS ANY MONIES LEFT OVER WITH THE PROJECT, CLIFF AGREED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET SOME RECYCLED ON THE DRIVES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF APPROVAL HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON BONNET POND ROAD AND BAHOMA ROAD. CHAIRMAN PATE INFORMED SAPP THIS WOULD BE BROUGHT UP LATER.

CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED CLIFF TO GET THE BOARD A LIST OF THE GRANTS AND THE EXPIRATION DEADLINES.

CHRIS BRONSON WITH PREBLE RISH ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON LUCAS LAKE DRIVE. CHRIS UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND CLIFF HAVING MET DAVID AND COMMISSIONER SAPP ON LUCAS LAKE DRIVE ON A DRAINAGE ISSUE. DAVID HAS THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE ASPHALT THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER SAPP UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BOAT RAMP BEGINNING TO DETERIOATE UNDERNEATH THE EDGE WHERE WATER WAS COMING DOWN LUCAS LAKE DRIVE ON THE RIGHT SIDE GOING TOWARD THE LAKE, GOING AROUND THE END OF THE CONCRETE PADS AND OFF THE EDGE OF IT AND UNDERMINING THE CONCRETE. HE, CLIFF, CHRIS AND DAVID DECIDED IT WOULD TAKE SOME CURBING ON THE EDGE OF THE BOAT RAMP TO STOP THE WATER FROM RUNNING OFF THE EDGE OF IT TO KEEP IT ON THE CONCRETE UNTIL IT GOT TO THE WATER ITSELF. DAVID HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE BOATRAMP ITSELF TO FIX THAT BACK. SAPP SUGGESTED TO DAVID THE LONG TERM SOLUTION TO IT WOULD BE TO MILL ASPHALT THE ROAD BACK TO THE INTERSECTION.

THE MILLED ASPHALT WOULD HELP CREATE A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LAKE TO KEEP THE ROAD FROM CONTINUING TO ERODE AND GETTING INTO THE WATER.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COST TO CORRECT THE DRAINAGE ISSUE WOULD COME FROM FBIP MONIES.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED DAVID GET A COST ON DOING THE PROJECT SO THEY WILL KNOW IF THEY HAVE THE MONEY OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REMINDED DAVID HE HAD COMMITTED TO HIM ON USING SOME OF THOSE FBIP MONIES FOR CRYSTAL LAKE.

PAUL GOULDING, TDC CHAIRMAN, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING A TOUGH TIME COMING UP WITH A QUORUM AT THEIR MEETINGS AND THEY HAVE ELIMINATED SOME OF THE ISSUES RELATED TO NO QUORUM. THEIR PROCESS WAS TO AWARD A GRANT FOR ADVERTISING HELP FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND AS THE BILLS CAME IN, THEY HAD TO VOTE ON EVERYONE OF THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT WHICH MEANT THEY HAD TO HAVE A MEETING AND A QUORUM IN ORDER TO PAY THE BILLS. THEY HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RESOLVED THIS BY DECIDING IF THEY HAVE APPROVED FUNDING FOR AN EVENT WHEN THE BILLS COME IN, THEY GO AHEAD AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE COUNTY.

TYPICALLY, IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE SUGGESTED A BUDGET 10% LESS THAN WHAT THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S BEDTAX WERE. THEY ARE FACED WITH SOME CHALLENGES THIS YEAR WITH THE GAS PRICES IMPACTING THE PROPOSED BED TAX THIS YEAR. THEY ARE LOOKING AT A 20% TO 25% DECREASE IN THEIR BUDGET VERSUS LAST YEAR'S COLLECTIONS JUST TO BE SAFE. THEY DO HAVE GOOD CASH RESERVES AND AGREED TO GET THE BOARD A CURRENT FISCAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

THE TDC HAS DECIDED TO JOIN THE PANAMA CITY BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BY DOING THIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PUT THEIR BROCHURES IN THE VISITORS CENTER IN PANAMA CITY BEACH. HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL HELP THE BED TAX COLLECTIONS AND TOURISM IN GENERAL.

PAUL ADDRESSED THE TDC TRYING TO PUT MECHANISMS INTO PLACE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR SPECIAL EVENTS TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE TDC IF THEY ARE GOING TO REQUEST THE SAME THING THEY DID FOR THE LAST TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS. ONCE THE GRANT IS AWARDED, THE TDC WILL BE ABLE TO PAY THE BILLS.

THE TDC IS DEVELOPING LONG TERM MARKETING PLANS, BOTH STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL AS IT PERTAINS TO LONG TERM AND LONG RANGE GEOGRAPHICALLY ADVERTISING.

THE TDC HAS WORKED OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER AND SUBCONTRACTING SOME OF THE LABOR BY ONE OF THE CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES THERE, PAULA JERNIGAN. THEY ARE CURRENTLY PAYING \$200 A MONTH TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF HOURS.

PAUL EXPLAINED, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO CONSISTENTLY GET A QUORUM, THEY CAN'T VOTE, APPROVE OF NEW REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING, IT COMPLICATES THE WHOLE PROCESS AND SLOWS THINGS DOWN. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD, BY ATTENDANCE, TO REPLACE ONE OF THE MEMBERS THAT IS TECHNICALLY ON THE TDC BUT HAS NOT ATTENDED IN QUITE SOME TIME, D. K. BHAKTA WITH COMFORT INNS AND SUITES. THEY WANT REPRESENTATION FROM THE BED TAX COMMUNITY; THAT IS TOUGH TO DO BECAUSE MOST OF THE MOTELS ARE EITHER PROPRIETORS AND IT IS TOUGH FOR THEM TO BREAK AWAY AND THERE IS NEVER A GOOD DAY FOR A MEETING FOR EVERYBODY. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO REPLACE MR. BHAKTA WITH TED EVERETT ON THE TDC. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE BOARD POSSIBLY APPROVE AN ALTERNATE WHO WOULD ATTEND IN COMMISSIONER FINCH'S ABSENCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION OR GET A NINTH MEMBER AT LARGE FROM THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THE TDC IS EXCITED ABOUT AND ARE WORKING ON BUT AGAIN THEY NEED TO HAVE A QUORUM TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOME OF THOSE.

PAUL ADDRESSED THE POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH HIM PERSONALLY AS BEING A MEMBER OF TDC. HE OPERATES THE GOULDING AGENCY, WHICH IS A MARKETING AND ADVERTISING AGENCY; THEY DO BUSINESS WITH MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES AS WELL AS MANY IN THE COUNTY AND IN PANAMA CITY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY DOING BUSINESS WITH THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL, POSSUM FESTIVAL AND USING SOME OF THOSE MONIES THAT ARE PART OF THOSE GRANTS. AS A CHAIRMAN OF THE TDC, HE DOESN'T VOTE ANYWAY; BUT, CERTAINLY HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF MAKING MOTIONS. GOULDING AGENCY IS VERY AGRESSIVELY GOING AFTER MORE AND MORE OF THAT BUSINESS AND HE WANTS AS MUCH OF THAT TDC MONEY TO GO INTO HIS COMPANY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY PERCEPTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. HE DOESN'T VOTE ON ANY OF THOSE ITEMS; IF IT MEANT STEPPING DOWN FROM THE TDC BOARD, HE WOULD DO SO. HE WANTED TO DISCLOSE THIS POSSIBLE CONFLICT TO THE COMMISSIONERS AS THE TDC BOARD IS AWARE OF THIS SITUATION AND THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHECKS ISSUED TO HIS COMPANY.

PART OF TDC'S EFFORT AND THE EFFORTS OF HIS COMPANY IS TO TRY AND EDUCATE THESE SPECIAL EVENTS THEY NEED TO SPEND MORE MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY. THEIR MISSION STATEMENT SUGGESTS ANY GRANTS THAT ARE AWARDED FOR ADVERTISING FOR THE SPECIAL EVENTS BE USED TO ATTRACT NEW PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY.

PAUL REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE REPLACING D. K. BHAKTA WITH TED EVERITT AS A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER TDC HAS TRIED TO REPLACE THE HOTEL OWNER WITH ANOTHER HOTEL OWNER ON THE BOARD. PAUL ADDRESSED THE TDC HAD FORMED A SMALL SUBCOMMITTEE TO TRY AND GET SOMEONE WHO IS A BED TAX COLLECTOR ON THE BOARD AND ARE TRYING TO GET MORE BED TAX COLLECTORS ON THE TDC COUNCIL. HE SUGGESTED, IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE, THEY COULD APPOINT TED AS A TEMPORARY MEMBER SO THE TDC COULD CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AND REPLACE HIM WHEN THEY CAN LOCATE THAT BED TAX COLLECTOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO ALLOW GOULDING AGENCY TO ADVERTISE AND ALLOW TED TO REPLACE D. K. BHAKTA AS A TEMPORARY MEMBER OF THE TDC UNTIL HE CAN BE REPLACED WITH A BED TAX COLLECTOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE DIDN'T MIND HAVING ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO BE AN ALTERNATE ON THE TDC WHEN HE CAN'T ATTEND.

PAUL SAID IF NO ONE ON THE BOARD WANTED TO SERVE ON THE TDC, THEY COULD GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND GET A 9TH MEMBER.

CHAIRMAN PATE AGREED TO BE THE ALTERNATE ON THE TDC SHOULD COMMISSIONER FINCH NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO UTILIZE PAUL IN PROMOTING WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE COMMISSION; HE IS WELL SPOKEN AND A GREAT ASSET THE BOARD COULD UTILIZE MORE. HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO PAUL FOR BEING INVOLVED WITH THE TDC AND VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME IN THE COMMUNITY.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON COMMISSIONER FINCH'S MOTION TO ALLOW GOULDING AGENCY TO ADVERTISE. IT WAS CLARIFIED THE MOTION'S INTENT WAS TO SAY THERE WAS NO CONFLICT WITH GOULDING SERVING ON THE TDC AND HIS AGENCY DOING ADVERTISING FOR THE TDC.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, DEBRA HORAVATH, 3388 DIDLEY ROAD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSED PHASE VIII FGT PIPELINE PROJECT:

1. WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE END
2. AFFECT IT IS GOING TO HAVE ON HER PROPERTY AND THE NATURAL SPRINGS ON HER PROPERTY

3. FGT HASN'T DONE A GOOD JOB PRESENTING INFORMATION TO THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED PIPELINE PROJECT

EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO AN INJUNCTION AGAINST FGT, SHE RECOMMENDED THEY ASK FERC NOT TO ALLOW FGT TO PROCEED UNTIL THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE BOARD ARE ANSWERED. SHE EXPLAINED SHE WAS NOT AGAINST GROWTH; BUT, SHE WANTED RESPONSIBLE GROWTH.

COMMISSIONER PATE INFORMED DEBRA THE BOARD WAS GOING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH FGT AND HE HOPES TO MODERATE IT. PEOPLE WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS TO FGT AND RECEIVE AN ANSWER.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THEIR PREVIOUSLY HAVING APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO DO A PRELIMINARY STUDY ON A COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE WITH HE AND FLOYD AYCOCK CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE HAS GOTTEN SOME INFORMATION, HISTORY FROM VARIOUS COUNTIES AND SOME DETAILED PLANS. THE COMMITTEE HAS UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF A COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE UNIT. THEY ARE RECOMMENDING TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER STUDY OF A COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE. IF THE BOARD APPROVES, THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MANUAL. THE MOTION THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO MAKE IS, DUE TO THE FRAGMENTED AND OFTEN UNCOORDINATED FIRE SERVICE DELIVERY, THE COUNTY LOOK AT A COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE UNIT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO HOLD JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE DIFFERENT CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY ON THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE UNIT SO THEY WILL BE INVOLVED AND INFORMED.

ANOTHER ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND MAKING SURE EVERYBODY IS FOLLOWING THE SAME GUIDELINES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, IN CONCEPT, FEELS THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE UNIT IS A GOOD PLAN AND GOOD WAY TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE AND AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO GROW, THE BOARD NEEDS TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD AND LET EVERYONE KNOW THE BOARD IS BEHIND THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE UNIT CONCEPT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICE UNIT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND INFORMED THE BOARD MR. KING WAS PRESENT EARLIER IN THE MEETING TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR WHAT THE COUNTY DID ON VICTORY ROAD GOING INTO THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BRIEFED THE BOARD ON HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE MEETING WITH JIM MORRIS, CITY OF CHIPLEY, ON THE CITY'S REQUEST TO ANNEX THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK INTO THE CITY. COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE AGREEING TO WRITE A LETTER APPROVING FOR THE CITY TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY. HOWEVER, JIM ADVISED THEM OF AN ORDINANCE THE CITY HAD WHERE ANY PROPERTY THAT WAS CONTIGUOUS WITH THE CITY LIMITS THEY RUN WATER AND SEWER ON TO THAT PROPERTY, IT IS AUTOMATICALLY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY.

PETE EXPLAINED HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH FL-DEP DIVISION OF LANDS, WHO OWNS THE PROPERTY AT THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK EXCEPT FOR THE 98 ACRES CHIPLEY PURCHASED. IN TALKING WITH THE DIVISION OF LANDS, THEY ARE REQUESTING MORE INFORMATION BEFORE COMMENTING ON THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY. HE IS GOING TO EMAIL THE INFORMATION TO THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND THEY WILL MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL ALLOW THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING A MORTGAGE ON THE PROPERTY; HOWEVER, IN THE MORTGAGE AGREEMENT, IF THE COUNTY SELLS ANY OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY, THEY HAVE TO RETURN \$1444 PER ACRE TO THE STATE. UNTIL THE COUNTY PAYS THE STATE THE \$1444 PER ACRE, THE STATE STILL OWNS IT.

JIM MORRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING, IF THAT IS THE SITUATION, THE COUNTY IS FIXING TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO PROJECT PIPE, SEND THE STATE A CHECK AND PAY THE PROPERTY OFF.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER, AND PUT IT IN THE RECORD, ONCE THE COUNTY OWNS THE LAND, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY.

JIM ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD DO THIS; BUT, PROBABLY IF SOMEONE COMES IN AND WANTS THE PROPERTY, THE COUNTY WILL SELL THEM THE PROPERTY AND THE COUNTY WOULD NEVER OWN IT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON BUSINESSES COMING TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NOT WANTING TO BE DOUBLE TAXED. JIM SAID THE CITY WILL GO OUT OF THE WAY TO WORK WITH BUSINESSES TO GET THEM INTO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK; BUT, THERE HAS GOT TO BE SOMETHING THERE THAT IS GOOD FOR THE CITY. IF THE CITY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE ANYTHING ON WATER AND SEWER AND NOT GOING TO GET ANY TAXES, JIM QUESTIONED WHY WOULD THEY WANT ANYBODY HERE. HE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO FORFEIT ALL THEIR TAXES ON THIS PROPERTY. HE ADDRESSED THERE WERE MEETINGS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD AND ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE ORDINANCE THE CITY HAD ON THE ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY INTO THE CITY.

JIM EXPLAINED THESE RULES HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR YEARS; IF THESE PEOPLE ARE JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT THE ANNEXATION SITUATION, THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG. HE REFERRED TO HAVING TALKED ABOUT ANNEXING THIS PROPERTY INTO THE CITY MANY TIMES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THE BOARD IS TO THE POINT OF CAPTURING THIS PROJECT, HE DON'T WANT THE CITY TO START THROWING STUFF IN THAT WOULD KILL THE PROJECT. WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO WORK AROUND THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AS IT WILL HELP THE CITY AND THE COUNTY.

JIM AGREED THE CITY WOULD SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE THE PROBLEM. HE REFERRED TO HAVING TOLD TED TWO YEARS AGO IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY FOR PROJECT PIPE TO PUT IN THEIR OWN WELL. HOWEVER, IF PROJECT PIPE WILL USE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GRAY WATER, THE CITY MAY COULD SWAP OUT WITH THE COMPANY ON SOME IMPACT FEES, ETC. HE ADDRESSED IF PROJECT PIPE OR OTHER BUSINESSES COMING TO THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK HAVE THEIR OWN SEWER SYSTEM, DON'T USE ANY GRAY WATER TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING, DON'T USE ANY DRINKING WATER TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING AND DON'T PAY ANY TAXES, HOW IS THAT GOING TO HELP THE CITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD WENT OVERBOARD AT ONE TIME AND TOLD THE CITY THEY WOULD SELL THEM LAND TO USE FOR THEIR SPRAYFIELD TO ACCOMODATE THEM. HE WANTS THE CITY TO REMEMBER THEY OWE THE COUNTY FOR HELPING THEM OUT WITH THE SPRAYFIELD. HE WANTS TO SEE PROJECT PIPE PUT IN.

JIM REITERATED THE CITY DIDN'T HAVE PROBLEMS NEGOTIATING; BUT, THEY ARE NOT JUST GOING TO GIVE UP THE FARM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE CITY WOULD BENEFIT IN THE LONG RUN; BUT, SOME OF THE BENEFITS MAY NOT BE AS APPARENT TO START WITH. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE SOME TAX ABATEMENTS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE TO BE ABLE TO RECOUP SOME MONEY FOR THIS COMPANY. IT IS SUCH A VIABLE THING TO HAVE THESE JOBS FROM PROJECT PIPE. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WILL EVER SEE A PIPE COMPANY; BUT, HE HOPES THEY DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET IT HERE. HE SAID HE KNEW THE BOARD COULD DEPEND ON THE CITY TO WORK WITH THEM.

TOMMY MCDONALD, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE CITY HAVING WORKED WITH THE COUNTY. HE REFERRED TO THE CITY GIVING \$25,000 TOWARD THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE JUST LIKE THE COUNTY. WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE CITY, IT WAS SAID IT WAS GOING TO BRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASE THEIR TAX BASE. PROJECT PIPE HAS SAID THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE AND THAT IS PART OF THE REASON THEY ARE COMING HERE. HE REITERATED THE CITY DOES WORK WITH THE COUNTY; BUT, FELT THE CITY NEEDS TO BENEFIT AS WELL FROM THE BUSINESSES COMING IN.

CHAIRMAN PATE AGREED TO STEP ASIDE IF HE IS THE PROBLEM; BUT, ALL HE WANTS IS THE BEST FOR THE COUNTY WHATEVER IT IS.

TOMMY SAID, FROM HIS PROSPECTIVE, DOESN'T GET THAT IMPRESSION. THE CITY WAS EXPECTING THIS TO BE A NO BRAINER BECAUSE THE CITY HAS HAD THIS ORDINANCE ON THE BOOKS FOR YEARS IF YOU ARE CONTIGUOUS WITH THE CITY, YOU HAVE TO ANNEX IN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED WHY DO THEY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE ANY INFRASTRUCTURE IS BUILT AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. IF THE LAW IS IN PLACE, IT IS A QUIT TITLE ISSUE; LET THE BUSINESSES GET THEIR BUSINESS GOING AND THE CITY CAN SHOW THEM THE RULE AND ANNEX THEM IN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WOULD HATE TO THINK IF PROJECT PIPE FINDS OUT THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO

WANT TO COME TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE CITY AND COUNTY HAS TO CONSIDER THE LONG HAUL AND WHAT THEY WANT TO BENEFIT OUT OF IT. WITH THE BROKEN SITUATION BOTH OF THEIR BUDGETS ARE IN, THEY DON'T WANT TO RUN PROJECT PIPE OFF BECAUSE OF SOME ORDINANCE, ETC.

JIM POINTED OUT IF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS BROKEN LIKE THE CITY'S, THEY CAN'T FIX IT IF THEY GIVE AWAY EVERYTHING THEY HAVE. ALL THE CITY HAS TO SELL IS WATER AND SEWER AND THE TAX BASE. IF THEY GIVE UP ALL THAT, THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AND CAN'T SURVIVE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED HIM BEING IN AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP AND FINCH. HE DOESN'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THESE PROJECTS COMING INTO THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, IF THEY COME IN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ADMINISTRATOR, JIM MORRIS, MAYOR LINDA CAIN AND TED EVERETT TO GET TOGETHER, WORK THE ANNEXATION ISSUE OUT AND LET THE BOARD KNOW THEIR DECISION AND GO FROM THERE.

JIM SAID WHATEVER THE BOARD WANTED TO DO IS FINE; BUT, WHEN IT COMES TIME THESE PROJECTS WANTS WATER AND SEWER AT THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AND THEY HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE ANNEXATION, DON'T BLAME THE CITY IF THERE IS A WAIT ON THEM GETTING THE SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT IF PROJECT PIPE DOESN'T WANT THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE. JIM ADDRESSED HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE STATE WOULD ALLOW THIS OR NOT; THE STATE WILL TELL YOU IF YOU HAVE WATER AND SEWER AVAILABLE, HOOK TO IT. THE STATE IS SURELY NOT PROMOTING PUTTING IN SEPTIC TANKS WHEN THERE IS SEWER AVAILABLE FOR YOU.

JIM SAID HE WAS AWARE THEY WERE GOING TO SEE THINGS IN THE FUTURE THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE; THEY WILL HAVE TO CHANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS, ETC. BUT, UNTIL THEY SEE THAT, THE CITY IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE THINGS UNTIL SOMEBODY SHOWS THEM WHAT CAN BE DONE. WHEN YOU DO THAT, OTHER THINGS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN. YOU, CAN'T JUST KEEP DIMINISHING YOUR INCOME AND EVERYTHING ELSE GOING UP.

COMMISSIONER FINCH CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REPORT:

A. TWO COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENTS; ONE FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON BONNETT POND ROAD FROM MUDHILL ROAD TO ROCHE ROAD AND ONE FOR THE BAHOMA ROAD FROM CR273 TO THE JACKSON COUNTY LINE. THE BOARD NEEDS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTIONS ON THESE GRANT AGREEMENTS WHEN PREPARED AS HE DIDN'T HAVE THEM READY TODAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE TWO COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENTS WHEN PREPARED.

B. RESOLUTION ON SCOP, CR 166 OLD BONIFAY ROAD FROM 1.153 MILES ALLIGATOR CREEK BRIDGE TO STATE ROAD 77.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION ON THE SCOP GRANT FOR OLD BONIFAY ROAD.

C. AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND CITY OF VERNON AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CUT THE HAY OFF THE SPRAY FIELD VERNON HAS ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF VERNON ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO CUT THE HAY OFF THE SPRAY FIELD ON HOLMES VALLEY ROAD.

D. THE OWNER WAS SERVED WITH A LAWSUIT ON THE GATE BLOCKING ACCESS TO THE DUNFORD LAKE A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO AND THE BOARD SHOULD BE HEARING SOMETHING SHORTLY.

E. PROVIDED THE BOARD COPIES OF NOISE ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW; WILL ADDRESS THEM WHEN THE BOARD IS READY.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. REQUEST FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL FOR BOARD TO APPOINT RACHEL WEBB AND REBECCA SAPP TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF RACHEL WEBB AND REBECCA SAPP TO SERVE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL.

B. APPOINTMENT OF VAB MEMBERS-REQUIRED TO HAVE TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SERVE ON THE VAB AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD THAT OWNS HOMESTEAD PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY; ONE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD IS TO SERVE ON THE VAB AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD WHO OWNS A BUSINESS THAT OCCUPIES COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DUE TO THESE PERSONS AGREEING TO SERVE ON THE VAB, THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER PATE, COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND JIM TOWN SERVE ON THE VAB. THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL APPOINT THEIR REPRESENTATION TO SERVE ON THE VAB.

C. ADVERTISEMENT FOR ATTORNEY FOR VAB FOR BOARD TO APPROVE DUE TO COUNTY ATTORNEY NO LONGER BEING ABLE TO SERVE AS VAB ATTORNEY. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A VAB ATORNEY. IN THE ADVERTISEMENT IT WILL NEED TO REQUEST THE ATTORNEY RATES AND THE BOARD WILL NEGOTIATE.

D. REQUEST FROM DAVID CORBIN AND RECYCLING CENTER FOR A REPLACEMENT TRAILER. THEY HAVE QUOTES ON LIVE BOTTOM TRASH HAULING COVERED TRAILERS THAT MEET FL-DOT SPECIFICATIONS; ONE QUOTE FOR \$21,000 AND ONE FOR \$19,900. DAVID RECOMMENDED PURCHASING THE TRAILER FOR \$21,000 DUE TO IT BEING IN BETTER CONDITION AND THE MONIES ARE IN THE RECYCLING BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE TRAILER FOR \$21,000 FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER.

E. COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR AT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, RODNEY WHITFIELD, HAS REQUESTED APPROVAL TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT FROM THEIR INVENTORY TO THE VO-TECH'S INVENTORY AND SOME EQUIPMENT THEY WANT TO SURPLUS:

1. TWO PRINTERS, TWO MONITORS AND FAX MACHINE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO VO-TECH TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM

2. 1993 LAB CHEMICAL ANALYZER AND A LAB CLINITEK URINE ANALYZER TO BE SURPLUSSED AND DISPOSED OF

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE VO-TECH SCHOOL AND THE EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUSSED AND DISPOSED OF.

F. REQUEST FROM DAVID CORBIN AND LINDA NORTON TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ON AUGUST 8TH FROM 9 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. FOR A STAFF MEETING AND TRAINING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ON AUGUST 8TH.

G. SET THE HEARING DATE FOR THE TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING, SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND WHEN SETTING TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE, KEEP IN MIND WHEN IT GOES OUT ON THE TRIM NOTICE IT CAN BE DECREASED BUT NOT

INCREASED. APPROVE THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET AS IT IS DUE IN TALLAHASSEE BY AUGUST 15TH; THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET AS IT WAS REDUCED BY 7.1%. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET FOR FY 2008-2009.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THREE SCENARIOS ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET:

1. MAJORITY VOTE IS NEEDED TO SET THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE ALLOWED AT 8.0849; THIS WOULD GENERATE \$8,204,137 IN AD VALOREM TAX PROCEEDS WHICH IS A 3% DECREASE IN THE ROLL BACK RATE OF 8.3113. THE PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD BE BALANCED WITH \$219,607 CONTINGENCY. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE \$200,000 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATE FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I.

2. GO WITH ROLL BACK OF 8.3113 WHICH WILL REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE OF THE BOARD. IT WILL GENERATE \$8,433,876 AD VALOREM TAX PROCEEDS. THE PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD BE BALANCED WITH \$437,860 IN CONTINGENCY AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE \$200,000 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I.

3. REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD USING THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE OF 7.66. IT WILL GENERATE \$7,772,971 AD VALOREM TAX PROCEEDS. IT WOULD BE 7.84% DECREASE IN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 8.3113. IT WOULD BALANCE THE BUDGET WITH THE \$200,000 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I WITH A 0 CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP, CONSIDERING THE FACT THEY CAN'T INCREASE THE MILLAGE RATE BUT CAN DECREASE IT AND THEY HAVEN'T THOROUGHLY GONE THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS, FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO REVISIT THE AREAS THEY HAD TO CUT LAST YEAR, SUCH AS THE LIBRARIES, BEFORE THEY AGREE ON A TOTAL BALANCED BUDGET TODAY. HE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2/3 MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE OF 8.3113 TO GIVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT SHOULD THEY NEED IT. HE ADDRESSED THEY COULD TRIM FROM THAT AS THEY CAN EVEN THOUGH THAT GIVES THEM AN OVERAGE OF A BALANCED BUDGET.

SAPP REITERATED THEY HAD TO WIND UP LAST YEAR CUTTING DIFFERENT SERVICES TO MAKE THE BUDGET BALANCE; HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE IN THAT POSITION THIS YEAR. WHEN THEY GET THROUGH LOOKING AT THIS BUDGET, POSSIBLY LOOK AT IMPLEMENTING A TAX TO SUFFICE THE BUDGET. THE BOARD NEEDS TO SET A PRELIMINARY MILLAGE RATE AT 8.3113 STATUS AND ADJUST IT DOWN AS THEY CAN. THEY DON'T NEED TO RULE IT OUT UNTIL THEY GO OVER THE BUDGET THOROUGHLY TO MAKE A WISE CHOICE ON WHETHER THEY NEED TO DECREASE OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD FREEZING THREE POSITIONS LAST YEAR AND THEY WON'T BE FUNDED THIS YEAR IN ROAD AND BRIDGE. THEY ARE SERIOUSLY LOOKING AT SOME LAYOFFS. THE SHERIFF REDUCED HIS BUDGET, THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE WAS CUT DOWN AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CAME UP WITH TWO PLANS TO SAVE MONEY. THERE IS A BALANCED BUDGET; BUT, THEY ARE NOT HAPPY WITH IT.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED THE BOARD IF THEY SET THEIR WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK, THEY WOULD HAVE TIME TO LOOK OVER WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN AND MAKE A DECISION ON THE MILLAGE RATE AT THAT TIME.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND TO APPROVE A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.3113.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHARLES WORTHINGTON, WHO LIVES ON HOLMES CREEK AT SHELL LANDING, ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A COMPLAINT ABOUT A PERSON THAT HAS MOVED A TRAILOR IN DOWN THERE WITH NO WHEELS, ROOM ATTACHED, NO SEWER, WATER, ELECTRICITY, ETC. AND HAS A 8' HIGH SOLID FENCE AROUND IT GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE CREEK. CHARLES FELT IT WAS A FLOOD PROBLEM AND HAS BROUGHT THIS TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION; BUT, THEY DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS A PRIORITY. HE WANTED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IS TO CONTACT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO CHECK ON CHARLES'S COMPLAINT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA: DEMONSTRATING THE CONCERN OF THE COUNTY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE TEEN COURT DIRECTOR, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, BY ESTABLISHING A METHOD BY WHICH THE YOUTH OF OUR COUNTY MAY AVOID CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS.

CAPTAIN JAMES BARNES UPDATED THE BOARD ON HOW THE ORDINANCE WAS INITIATED AND ITS PURPOSE. THE PROGRAM IS TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN AT AN EARLY AGE PRIOR TO THEM GETTING A CRIMINAL HISTORY AND PROVIDE THEM SOME EDUCATION AND TRY TO DETOUR THEM FROM GOING DOWN THE WRONG WAY AND GETTING A CRIMINAL HISTORY. ANOTHER PART OF THE PROGRAM IS TO GET PARENTS INVOLVED. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS SO EVERYBODY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PROGRAM. IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY TEETH TO REQUIRE THE PARENTS INVOLVEMENT, THE ORDINANCE IS NEEDED. FLORIDA STATUTE 984.02 GIVES THE COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS JUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO DETOUR THE CHILDREN FROM GETTING THEMSELVES INTO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A METHOD BY WHICH THE YOUTH OF OUR COUNTY MAY AVOID CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS.

CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT FOR EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR) - ALAN GRAY, WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL: ALAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN ORDINANCE BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE ADOPTION OF THE EAR. THE EAR HAS GONE THROUGH THE STATE DOT, DEP, AND FL-DCA; FL-DCA ISSUES AN ORC REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE ORC REPORT, THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGES SO THEY MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO FLORIDA STATUTES. IN THAT PROCESS WHILE WAITING FOR THE ORC TO BE PREPARED, THE COUNTY HAS INCLUDED SOME COMMENTS THROUGH THE VISION MEETINGS. LINDA WALLER HAS REQUESTED HE SAY THEY FEEL CONFIDENT THE PREPARATIONS THEY HAVE MADE FOR THE EAR WILL MEET THE STATE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS AND FL-STATUTES. THEY HAVE MET ALL FIVE DEFICIENCIES WITH ADDITIONAL WORK THAT WAS PUT INTO THE EAR REPORT.

HE ADDRESSED ITEMS THAT HAD BEEN ADDED INTO THE EAR AND EXPLAINED THE EAR HAD BEEN THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES OF CARYVILLE, EBRO, VERNON AND WAUSAU AND ALL HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL OF THE EAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, JULY 31ST AT 1:00 P.M.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JUNE 2008 TOTALLING \$2,037,228.88. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO PAY THE VOUCHERS FOR JUNE 2008.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW THE NOISE ORDINANCES PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY, DISCUSS THEM AT A LATER DATE AND TAKE SOME TYPE OF ACTION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON FIVE POINTS RECREATION CENTER HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THEIR SEPTIC TANK. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF USING GRANT FUNDS FOR FIVE POINTS RECREATION CENTER FOR A NEW SEPTIC TANK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE DRAIN LINES CAVING IN AND BACKING UP INTO THE HINSON CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER. DAVID HAS ESTIMATED IT WOULD COST \$2500 TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM AND THEY NEED TO FIND A WAY TO PAY FOR REPAIR OF THE DRAIN LINES. HE AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS AT THE WORKSHOP ON THE 31ST.

CHAIRMAN PATE RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL JULY 31ST AT 1:00 P.M. FOR A WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS BUDGET ISSUES FIRST AND THEN ADDRESS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET A HANDLE ON ALL THE COUNTY PROJECTS.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 07/24/08