

BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/31/08

JULY 31, 2008

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE JULY 24, 2008 MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, SAPP, FINCH, STRICKLAND AND HOLMAN PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AND OFFERED PRAYER. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP BEGINNING, ROBERTA WALKER MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR SELLING DRUGS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND GRANTS DEPARTMENT:

1. \$59,595 BUDGET AMENDMENT NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE THEIR BUDGET FOR SHORTFALLS IN SALARY DUE TO THE BOARD ADDING ANOTHER EMPLOYEE WITHOUT SUPPLYING THE FUNDING AND SHORTFALLS IN REVENUES DUE TO THE DECLINE IN BUILDING AND PERMIT SALES.

2. \$48,787 BUDGET AMENDMENT NEEDED FOR THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT DUE TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, IN A LOT OF CASES, BEING USED TO ENHANCE THE GRANT FUNDS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE GRANT PROJECT.

HE RECOMMENDED TRANSFERRING \$93,789 FROM INMATE MEDICAL AND \$16,361 FROM GASB TO COVER THE \$110,159 SHORTAGE FOR THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO COVER SHORTFALLS FOR THE BUILDING AND GRANTS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR REQUEST FOR HIM, ROGER AND EMORY TO MEET AND DISCUSS WHAT TO DO WITH THE GASB POSITION. THEY DID MEET AND ALSO HELD A MEETING WHEN DONNA ROGERS, ONE OF THE COUNTY AUDITORS, DAVID ROARK AND CAROL PARK WERE PRESENT. DONNA FELT THE PRIOR GASB PERSON, CECELIA WELD, HAD DONE A GOOD JOB IN DOING THE INVENTORY, APPRAISAL VALUES OF THE BUILDINGS, ETC. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HAVING A VALUE PLACED ON EACH ONE OF THE ROADS ON THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD LIST. ONCE THIS IS DONE, THEY WILL HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION COMPILED TO GIVE TO THE AUDITORS TO AUDIT.

ON THE ROAD PROFILER, DONNA FELT IT WAS AN OVERKILL FOR WHAT THE COUNTY NEEDED TO VALUE THOSE ROADS; THE EASIEST WAY FOR THE COUNTY TO GET THE VALUE ON THE ROADS IS TO LET THE COUNTY ENGINEER PUT A VALUE ON THEM. AFTER TALKING WITH CLIFF, HE AGREED TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL ON PUTTING A VALUE ON THE ROADS.

AFTER LOOKING AT CECELIA'S DATABASE FOR 2007-2008 AND IF CLIFF CAN GET THE VALUE OF THE ROADS TO DAVID ROARK, DAVID FEELS CONFIDENT HE CAN PUT IT ALL TOGETHER.

HE, ROGER AND EMORY ARE RECOMMENDING LEAVING DAVID ROARK WITH GASB UNTIL THE 2006-2007 AUDIT IS COMPLETE AND AT THE SAME TIME TRAIN CAROL PARK ON GASB. HOPEFULLY BY OCTOBER 1, THEY COULD HAVE EVERYTHING NEEDED

TO TURN OVER TO THEIR AUDITORS AND COULD MOVE CAROL PARK FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO GASB WITH HER BEING FUNDED FROM GASB.

PETE ADDRESSED ONCE ALL THE INFORMATION IS COMPILED FOR GASB TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE, DONNA DIDN'T FEEL GASB WOULD BE A FULL TIME POSITION. IF THE BOARD DOES APPROVE OF MOVING CAROL INTO THAT POSITION OCTOBER 1ST, IT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND DEVELOP A PURCHASING DEPARTMENT WITH CAROL BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AS WELL AS GASB.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ROGER, PETE AND EMORY. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR MORE THOUGHT TO BE PUT INTO THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE THE BOARD ACTS ON IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE NEEDING TO KNOW, FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES, IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO FUND A GASB POSITION AND AT WHAT LEVEL.

ON HAVING CLIFF DO THE VALUING OF THE ROADS, COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THAT FL-DOT HAS DIGITAL VIEWS OF ALL THE COUNTY ROADS AND IT WOULDN'T BE NECESSARY FOR CLIFF TO DRIVE ALL THE ROADS TO PUT A VALUE ON THEM. THE BOARD'S ONSENSUS WAS TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THEY COULD DISCUSS IT WITH CLIFF LATER ON IN THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THREE SCENARIOS ON SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THE BOARD APPROVED OF A MILLAGE RATE LOWER THAN 8.5 MILS, WOULD THIS INTERFERE WITH THE COUNTY BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS. PETE EXPLAINED IT USE TO BE ONE OF THE CRITERIA IF YOU HAD A MILLAGE RATE LESS THAN 8.0, YOU WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SCOP AND SCRAP GRANTS; HOWEVER, FL-DOT DID AWAY WITH THIS CRITERIA WHEN ALL THESE TAX REFORMS TOOK PLACE.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW READ THE BOARD'S THREE OPTIONS FOR SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE WITH ALL OF THEM HAVING A BALANCED BUDGET:

1. 8.0870 MILLAGE RATE - BUDGET IS BALANCED WITH \$219,607 CONTINGENCY; TOTAL BUDGET \$33,230,023. DOES NOT INCLUDE \$200,000 APPROPRIATION FROM LEGISLATURE FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I.
2. 8.3132 MILLAGE RATE - BUDGET IS BALANCED WITH A \$505,499 CONTINGENCY; TOTAL BUDGET \$33,448,082. DOES NOT INCLUDE \$200,000 APPROPRIATION FROM LEGISLATURE FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I.
3. 7.66 MILLAGE RATE - BUDGET BALANCED WITH \$65,807 CONTINGENCY; TOTAL BUDGET IS \$33,008,390. INCLUDES \$200,000 APPROPRIATION FROM THE LEGISLATURE FOR LOSS OF REVENUE DUE TO AMENDMENT I.

SHE THEN WENT OVER THE CHANGES SINCE THE JULY 24TH MEETING:

A. TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTED HER BUDGET REQUEST. IT DECREASED BY \$23,808 FROM WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR THE FY 2007-2008.

B. THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET WAS REDUCED TO THE CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL; IT WAS CHANGED FROM \$55,000 TO \$43,000.

C. 911 HAD A REQUEST FOR \$30,000 VEHICLE FUNDED OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AND IT IS CURRENTLY NOT FUNDED.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO ADVISE OF ANY CHANGES THEY WANT MADE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS FAR AS THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN CUT OR ARE NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED. ALL OF THE CUTS, ETC. ARE IN THE BUDGET NOTES PROVIDED TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED PUTTING SOMETHING BACK IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SOIL CONSERVATION; IT WAS CUT TO "0" WITH OFFICE SPACE PROVIDED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM EMS FOR \$21,849.75 AND \$7,455 MATCHING FUNDS FOR TWO EMS GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THERE BEING THREE VACANT POSITIONS IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET THEY ARE NOT FILLING AND EQUIPMENT IS SITTING IDLE.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THERE WAS A REQUEST ALSO FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR \$100,000 WHICH THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO FUND. THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION SUBMITTED A REQUEST; BUT, IT WAS NOT FUNDED AS THEY HAD RECEIVED NO FUNDING IN THE PAST.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE BOARD THEY HAD A BALANCED BUDGET WITH THE 7.66 MILLAGE RATE; BUT, IT IS A VERY, VERY THIN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT WAS FUNDED WITH DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISING THEY WERE NOT FUNDED THIS YEAR NOR OR THEY CURRENTLY PROPOSED TO BE FUNDED IN THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET YEAR.

JIM MORRIS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, REQUESTED, IF THE COUNTY CHANGES THEIR MILLAGE RATE FROM THE CURRENT 7.66 MILLS AND HAS A GOOD CONTINGENCY, PLEASE RECONSIDER AND HELP THE CITY SOME WITH THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING TO CUT TWO POSITIONS BECAUSE OF NO FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY LAST YEAR; WHEN YOU START CUTTING POSITIONS, YOU START CUTTING SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED AN ISSUE ON MUDHILL LANDFILL. A PROPERTY OWNER WEST OF THE LANDFILL ADVISED SAPP HE WANTED SOMETHING DONE WITH HIS CONCERNS OF GROUND CONTAMINATION ON HIS PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE OLD MUDHILL LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER SAPP TOLD THE BOARD THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD PROBABLY SELL HIS PROPERTY BECAUSE THE OWNER HAD SAID HE HAD AN OFFER OF \$5,500 AN ACRE TWO YEARS AGO AND WISHED HE HAD TAKEN IT. SAPP FELT THE PROPERTY WOULD MAKE A PRETTY GOOD LANDFILL SITE EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD HATE TO SEE ONE RIGHT BY THE ROAD. PREPARATIONS NEED TO BE MADE IN THE BUDGET SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH THIS GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION ISSUE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THERE BEING \$210,000 PLACED IN THE BUDGET LAST YEAR AND WILL CARRY FORTH IN THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET FOR PROPOSED LANDFILL MITIGATION PURPOSES. EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY WEST OF THE OLD LANDFILL, PATE FELT SINCE FL-DEP HAS GOTTEN INVOLVED AND HAS A DESIGN FOR THE WELLS TO BE PLACED THERE, THEY PROBABLY WILL MAKE THE COUNTY DO THE CLEAN UP ANY- WAY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP AGREED THIS MAY SATISFY FL-DEP; BUT, IT DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL SATISFY THE LANDOWNER THAT MAY WANT "X" NUMBER OF DOLLARS BECAUSE THE COUNTY CONTAMINATED HIS LAND.

HE REFERRED TO DISCUSSION THE BOARD HAD ON PURCHASING ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES LAST YEAR; BUT, THERE WERE NO FUNDS TO DO SO. HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY GOTTEN SOME INVOLVEMENT AND PROBLEMS CREEPING IN ON THE PROPERTY WEST OF THE OLD MUDHILL LANDFILL, IT MIGHT BE IDEAL TO TRY AND PURCHASE IT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER PURCHASING THE PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MEDIATION PLAN FOR CORRECTING THE PROBLEMS WITH THE OLD MUDHILL LANDFILL. COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED THIS BE DISCUSSED WITH CLIFF WHEN HE DISCUSSES THE ONGOING COUNTY PROJECTS THIS AFTERNOON.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO APPROVE OF THE 8.0870 MILLAGE RATE AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2008-2009 BUDGET. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET WITH COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSING THE BUDGET NOTES PROVIDED. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET INCLUDING \$6.00 A GALLON FOR FUEL DUE TO THE RISING FUEL PRICES. THE BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE THREE POSITIONS BEING FUNDED AS

SALARIED POSITIONS. HE READ THE REDUCTION SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS AND DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED HE WAS CONCERNED WITH ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS ON THE MOWING OF THE SHOULDERS BEING LIMITED TO TWICE A YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THE REDUCTION SUGGESTION ON DRIVEWAYS AND REFERRED TO THE BOARD ALREADY HAVING A POLICY ON DRIVEWAYS NOT BEING PAVED MORE THAN 50'. HE REFERRED TO THE REDUCTION SUGGESTION SAYING TO CEASE THE MAINTENANCE OF ANY AND ALL DRIVEWAYS BEYOND THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ANY PAVED OR UNPAVED ROAD AND QUESTIONED IF THE 50' THE BOARD HAS ALREADY AGREED ON COVERS MOST OF THIS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED HE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHERE THE 50' WAS. DALLAS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE 50' BEING 50' BEYOND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; ON A DIRT ROAD, THEY GO 50' FROM THE EDGE OF IT IF THEY HAVE RIGHT OF WAY ON IT. ON A HIGHWAY, THEY GO 50' BEYOND THE RIGHT- OF-WAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE REDUCTION SUGGESTION OF STOPPING THE HAULING OF FILL DIRT OR SPOIL DIRT. HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM GIVING PEOPLE THIS DIRT IF THE COUNTY IS HAULING AND DOING MAINTENANCE IN THAT AREA.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW UPDATED THE BOARD ON ALL OF THESE REDUCTION SUGGESTIONS NOT BEING SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET; THEY ARE SUGGESTIONS THAT, SHOULD THEY FOLLOW THROUGH WITH, WOULD REDUCE THEIR BUDGET EVEN MORE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO ONE OF THE REDUCTION SUGGESTIONS ON THE FUELING UP OF THE DUMP TRUCKS BEING DONE IN THE MORNING SO IN THE EVENT SOMEONE ATTEMPTED TO STEAL THE FUEL OUT OF THE TRUCKS AT NIGHT, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE A FULL TANK IN THEM. HE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE STEALING GAS OR FUEL AT PUBLIC WORKS.

DALLAS ADDRESSED THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW PROBLEMS; BUT, THEY HAVE BEEN PUTTING DIFFERENT LOCKS ON THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE MECHANISM OF KEEPING UP WITH THE GAS AN EMPLOYEE GETS. DALLAS ADDRESSED EMPLOYEES HAVE A PERSONAL KEY AND AN EQUIPMENT KEY FOR THEIR VEHICLE THAT IS CHARGED OUT TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THE REDUCTION SUGGESTION TO STOP ALL HAULING TO SCHOOLS, CITIES, AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UNLESS THEY PAY THE FUEL COST. HE FELT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA; BUT, DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HELPING SOME OF THE CITIES; HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HAS A DUMP TRUCK AND THEY CAN HAUL THE DIRT FROM THE PIT THEMSELVES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR ALL THE BOARD TO PLAY BY THE SAME RULES AND HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT HAPPENS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE BOARD NOT RECEIVING THE COST PER SQUARE YARD OF SOD VERSUS THE MULCHING. IF THEY FIGURED UP THE FUEL COST DIFFERENCE, MACHINERY COST IN CUTTING SOD AND THE UPKEEP OF IT VERSUS THE COST PER YARD OF BLOWING HYDROSEED OUT IN THE AREAS IT WILL WORK, HE FELT IT WOULD BE LESS THAN 2 TO 1 COST AT LEAST IF IT WOULD WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO IT BEING HARD TO GET A FIGURE ON THE COST INVOLVED WHEN THE COUNTY DOES THE WORK VERSUS THE CONTRACTOR'S COST DUE TO THE COUNTY SOMETIMES DOING TWICE AS MUCH AS WHAT WAS ON THE PLANS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID, WITH THE LIMITED WORKFORCE THEY HAVE, IF THERE IS A MECHANISM TO SPRAY THE HYDROSEEDING ON ROLLING PINES, IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BUILD ROADS, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE HYRDOSEEDING SERIOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WAS REFERRING TO FUEL CONSUMPTION; HYDROSEEDING WOULD CUT THE TRANSPORTATION COST AND FUEL AND LABOR COST OF ROLLING AND CUTTING SOD. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THEM RUNNING OUT OF SOD.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE SAVINGS WITH HYDROSEEDING TO CUT THE COST IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING THE HYDROSEEDING OR ARE THEY GOING TO MAKE A DECISION ON BUYING THE SET UP FOR HYDROSEEDING OR JUST DISCUSS IT AGAIN IN A FEW MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER PATE FELT THEY PROBABLY COULD GET BY WITH CONTRACTING IT OUT RIGHT NOW CHEAPER THAN THEY CAN GO AND BUY THE MATERIALS AND TRAIN EVERYBODY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYBODY THAT KNOWS HOW TO DO THE HYDROSEEDING. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED THE BOARD TRAMPASS RUSSELL CAN OPERATE THE HYDROSEEDING.

COMMISSIONER SAPP RECOMMENDED BUDGETING THE HYDROSEEDING SETUP IN THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET REDUCTION SUGGESTIONS MORE OR DIRECT PUBLIC WORKS TO DO CERTAIN REDUCTIONS OR DIRECT THEM TO DO WHAT THEY THINK THEY CAN DO. IF PUBLIC WORKS CAN DO THESE SUGGESTIONS, HE IS WILLING TO TRY IT FOR SIX MONTHS AND LET THEM REPORT ON HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING SAVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH MENTIONED, WITH THE MILLAGE RATE SET, THE BUDGET WOULD HAVE A \$219,607 CONTINGENCY PLUS THE \$200,000 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION. HE ADDRESSED THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING TO THE BOARD FOR THESE MONIES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING ALREADY TAKEN ACTION IF THEY GET THE \$200,000 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING, THEY WOULD TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE EMPLOYEES.

IN ADDRESSING THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AND IF THE BOARD WANTS THE HYDROSEEDING IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2008-2009, DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE BUDGET PROPOSED, WITH THREE POSITIONS OUT, HAS A \$65,807 CONTINGENCY. THE BOARD WOULD EXPEND ANYTHING THEY ARE WANTING PUT INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED THE \$70,000 NEEDED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO PURCHASE THE MANDATED EQUIPMENT BY 2010. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED THE BOARD THE TOTAL NEEDED IS \$210,000. THERE IS \$70,000 IN THE CURRENT BUDGET IN LANDSALES FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND AN ADDITIONAL \$70,000 OUT OF LANDSALES IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET. THERE WILL NEED TO BE ANOTHER \$70,000 BUDGETED IN FY 2009-2010.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO SET THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2008-2009 FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 AT 5:05 P.M.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED THE BOARD INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED FOR THEIR REVIEW ON CELL PHONE USAGE AND VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN HOME.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY INCREASING THEIR RATES FROM \$.03 PER ACRE TO \$.07 PER ACRE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ANDY ANDREASON GETTING WITH GIL CARTER, PROPERTY APPRAISER, ON THE AG ACREAGE IN THE COUNTY. ANDY FELT THE ACREAGE THE FORESTRY PROVIDED WAS TOO HIGH. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT CHECKED WITH ANDY TO SEE THE OUTCOME ON THE AG ACREAGE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE HIRING FREEZE. LINDA NORTON, LIBRARIAN, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING, IF THEY ARE GOING TO CONSIDER UNFREEZING POSITIONS AT ROAD AND BRIDGE, THEY CONSIDER UNFREEZING THE LIBRARY'S BRANCH MANAGER POSITION. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE LIBRARIES TO GO BACK TO

THE TWO BRANCHES THEY CUT BACK TO TEN HOURS AND THEY CAN REOPEN THEM BACK UP THE WAY THEY USE TO BE TWO YEARS AGO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE VERNON LIBRARY OPEN MORE HOURS. LINDA SAID IF THEY COULD GET THE BRANCH MANAGER POSITION IN CHIPLEY, THEY COULD GO BACK TO WHAT THEY HAD BEFORE; THAT WOULD ADD 20 HOURS BACK TO VERNON AND 10 BACK TO WAUSAU.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO RECESS UNTIL 4:00 P.M. AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD DISCUSS THE COUNTY PROJECTS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, THE WORKSHOP ON THE COUNTY PROJECTS BEGAN. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE HAVING MET WITH LARRY KELLY AT FL-DOT AND DISCUSSED THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS THEY HAVE WITH THEM THAT ARE ONGOING:

1. WASHINGTON BLVD-COMplete EXCEPT FOR DRAINAGE TO BE FIXED
2. CORBIN ROAD-RESURFACING COMPLETE; STILL STRIPING, ETC. TO DO
3. PINEY GROVE-LEVELLING COAT IS BEING PUT DOWN

THERE ARE FIVE MORE PROJECTS THAT ARE TO GET UNDERWAY SOON:

1. HWY 279 FROM GREENHEAD TO THE SCHOOLS IN VERNON
2. THREE MILES ON HIGHWAY 279 NEAR CARYVILLE
3. OLD BONIFAY ROAD WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT AT THEIR

LAST MEETING

4. BAHOMA ROAD-COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT
5. BONNETT POND ROAD-COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT

HE AND MR. PATE TALKED WITH RENAE JENKINS AND MR. KELLY ON TRACKING PROJECTS. THEY OFFERED TO HAVE SOME OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES GO TO FL-DOT, SHOW THEM THEIR SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMS AND TRAIN THEM ON HOW TO USE IT SO THEY COULD SCHEDULE AND TRACK ALL OF THEIR PROJECTS THE SAME AS FL-DOT. STACY WEBB, COUNTY GRANTS PERSON, IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FL-DOT'S TRACKING PROGRAM.

IN TALKING WITH CLIFF, HE ALSO HAS SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO TRACK PROGRAMS AND CORRECT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE.

CLIFF PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR 2007-2009 AND EXPLAINED IT WAS MICROSOFT PROJECTS; IF STACY HAD THIS PROGRAM, THEY COULD JUST EMAIL THE SCHEDULE BACK AND FORTH. AS FAR AS COORDINATING THINGS, CLIFF THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL WHEN HE GIVES THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON ALL THEIR PROJECTS, HAVE STACY DO THE SAME KIND OF THING HE DOES EXCEPT GO THROUGH THE SUMMARY OF PROJECT DEADLINES ON ALL THE GRANT PROJECTS.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROJECT SCHEDULE HE PROVIDED ADVISING THE THINGS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE RED COLOR IS INHOUSE PROJECTS AND THE THINGS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE IS THE CONTRACT PROJECTS. HE EXPLAINED STACY HAS THE GRANT DEADLINE FOR ALL OF THESE PROJECTS.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE MICROSOFT PROJECTS, CLIFF EXPLAINED THERE WAS MORE IN THE SPREADSHEET THAN WHAT THE BOARD IS PRESENTLY LOOKING AT. NOTES COULD BE INCLUDED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF EACH OF THE PROJECTS ON THE SUMMARY OF WHERE EACH OF THEM ARE AND EACH ONE OF THE ITEMS COULD BE BROKEN OUT INTO INDIVIDUAL SHEETS THAT WOULD SAY THE TIME FRAME FOR CLEARING, BASE PREPARATION, ETC.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO STAY ON TOP OF THESE PROJECTS; IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EVERYONE TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH THE SAME SOFTWARE ON TRACKING THESE PROJECTS. CLIFF FELT THE MONTHLY UPDATES WOULD BE HELPFUL FROM HIM AND STACY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A PROJECT FL-DOT CLOSED OUT ON THE COUNTY BEFORE ALL THE GRANT FUNDING WAS UTILIZED DUE TO AN EXTENSION HAVING BEEN GIVEN TO THE COUNTY; WHEN THE EXTENSION EXPIRED, THE FUNDING WAS GONE.

PATE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS TO HIM, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB IN TRACKING THESE PROJECTS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED FL-DOT SAYING THEY WERE LOOKING AT, WHEN THEY GO TO AWARD A PROJECT, WHETHER THEY SHOULD AWARD IT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY, CAN THEY HANDLE ANOTHER PROJECT.

CLIFF SAID HE FELT FL-DOT IS GOING TO HELP THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THEIR FUNDING PER LANE MILE. THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN FL-DOT HAS NOT BEEN FUNDING ENOUGH FOR THE GRANT PROJECTS AND THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO DO A LOT OF THE WORK TO GET THE PROJECT COMPLETED. THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO DO THE EARTHWORK, SODDING, GRASSING, DRAINAGE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED, ONCE A GRANT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR AND ACCEPTED, FROM THAT POINT ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE COUNTY DOESN'T GO OVER WHATEVER MONIES ARE ALLOTTED FOR THE PROJECT. STACY SAID ULTIMATELY SHE IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHEN THE CLOCK STARTED ON THE PROJECT; WHEN THEY GOT THE AWARD NOTICE OR NOTICE TO PROCEED. STACY SAID SHE FELT THE CLOCK SHOULD START UPON THE LAST SIGNATURE ON THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO THE COUNTY HAVING GONE OVER ON TWO OR THREE OF THEIR PROJECTS AND NOW THEY HAVE LOST OUT ON THIS PARTICULAR GRANT. IT SOUNDS LIKE EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN THESE GRANT PROJECTS NEED TO DO THEIR JOBS.

CLIFF ADDRESSED IN THE PAST, WHEN THEY JUST HAD CONTRACTORS DO THE WORK, THE ACCOUNTING WAS REAL SIMPLE BECAUSE ALL THEY WERE DEALING WITH WAS JUST PAY REQUESTS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE COUNTY GOT INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECTS AND PURCHASING MATERIALS OUT OF THE GRANT FOR THE PROJECTS, IT GETS TO BE CONTRACT COSTS AND COUNTY COSTS AND THESE TWO THINGS HAVE TO BE MATCHED UP AT ALL TIMES TO KNOW IF YOU ARE OVER BUDGET, UNDER BUDGET, ETC. HE SAID HE KNEW WHAT THE CONTRACT COSTS ARE; BUT, UNTIL BOARD FINANCE PUT THEIR INFORMATION TOGETHER FROM PUBLIC WORKS, WHAT THE ACTUAL COST WERE THE COUNTY WAS BILLING AGAINST THE GRANT, IT MADE IT SUBSTANTIALLY MORE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY WERE AT ON THE DOLLARS. THEY NEED TO HAVE A QUICK WAY TO GET COUNTY EXPENDITURES IDENTIFIED SO THEY COULD ADD THAT TO THE CONTRACT COST.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON SHOULDER WORK WITH COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSING, IN THE COUNTY PUTTING SOD DOWN, THEY WERE ALMOST AT THE CONTRACTORS FIGURE WITH IT BEING LAID. PATE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S COST AS OPPOSED TO CONTRACTING IT OUT.

CLIFF SAID ON ALMOST ALL THE CONTRACTS THE COUNTY HAS HAD, THE CONTRACT COST FOR SOD RAN ABOUT \$2 A SQUARE YARD. HE DOESN'T KNOW A GOOD WAY TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE COUNTY'S COST IS TO PUT THE SOD DOWN.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SHOULDER WORK THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING WITH THE SHOULDER SPREADERS, ETC. HAS BEEN REAL GOOD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ROLLING PINES. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DEADLINE FOR THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT WAS NOVEMBER 27, 2008 AND IT WON'T BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME. HE PROJECTS BY MID AUGUST TO THE END OF AUGUST, THEY WILL BE READY TO PAVE ANOTHER MILE ON THE PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HYDROSEEDING AND WOULD IT BE COST EFFECTIVE TO USE IT DUE TO THE LIMITATION THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE IN SOD. CLIFF ADVISED IF THE COUNTY HAS THEIR OWN HYDROSEEDING MACHINE, IT IS PRETTY COST EFFECTIVE; IF NOT, IT IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE. HE SAID HE WAS NOT A BIG HYDROSEED FAN MOSTLY BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERIENCE WITH IT; HE LIKES THE SEED AND MULCH WITH THE COULTEPACKER THAT DRILLS THE SEED INTO THE SOIL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO THERE BEING A LOT OF AREAS THEY CAN'T GET TO WITH A COULTEPACKER. CLIFF SAID HE HAS A LOT OF PROJECTS THEY DO

THE HYDROSEEDING DURING CONSTRUCTION RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL THEY ARE THROUGH WITH IT. HE REITERATED IF YOU OWN YOUR OWN MACHINE, HYDROSEEDING WOULD BE COST EFFECTIVE.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE DISADVANTAGE TO HYDROSEEDING IS IT IS PRETTY SITE SPECIFIC; IF YOU HAVE A SITE THAT HAS PRETTY GOOD HYBRID SOILS, TOP SOIL TYPE STUFF, YOU CAN'T BEAT HYDROSEEDING. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE A PLACE WITH PURE SAND THAT HAS NO NUTRIENTS IN THE SOIL, NOTHING FOR HYDROSEEDING TO HOLD ONTO, SODDING IS THE KEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE EMPLOYEES THE BOARD COMMITTED TO SENDING TO ROLLING PINES IS BEING SENT THERE. DALLAS ADVISED THEY WERE; HE AND ROBERT ASK TRAMPASS IF HE DOESN'T NEED THE EMPLOYEES SENT, HE SEND THEM BACK TO PUBLIC WORKS.

CLIFF SAID ALL HE KNEW THEY COULD DO ON ROLLING PINES IS TO KEEP ON DOING LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING.

CLIFF ADDRESSED SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS:

1. CHAIN LAKES - HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD SIGNED THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT AND NOTICE OF AWARD; THEY ARE WAITING ON THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE BONDS AND THEN HE CAN ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROCEED.

THE COUNTY HAS TO DO THE SOD, SEED AND MULCH, CONCRETE FLUMES AND REMOVE THE EXISTING CULVERTS AND HEADWALLS WHEN THE NEW BRIDGE IS BUILT. THE COUNTY HAS TO HAVE INMATE LABOR TO HAVE THE SILT REMOVED FROM PINE LOG CREEK.

2. RIVER ROAD-THE RIGHT OF WAY IS STAKED AND THEY NEED TO START CLEARING RIGHT OF WAY; HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL ALL THE RIGHT OF WAY IS ACQUIRED BEFORE STARTING THE CLEARING.

3. CHAIN LAKE ROAD-DEADLINE IS APRIL 26, 2009; THEY SHOULD BE FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AHEAD OF THE DEADLINE ON THIS PROJECT.

4. RIVER ROAD-DEADLINE IS APRIL 26, 2009

5. PINEY GROVE-DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2009; BOX CULVERTS ARE ALL DONE, LEVELLING IS BEING PUT DOWN NOW AND THEY ARE TRYING TO GET A SHOULDER SPREADER LINED UP FOR WEEK AFTER NEXT.

6. CORBIN ROAD-DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2008

7. BONNETT POND AND BAHOMA ROAD PROJECTS-DECEMBER 31, 2009

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S CREW HAVING JUST ABOUT BUILT THREE TO FOUR MILES ON CLAYTON ROAD IN ONE YEAR IN REGULAR MAINTENANCE HOURS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE CREW IS BUILDING GRADE AT ROLLING PINES; THERE IS ALL KINDS OF THINGS YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN COMPARING CLAYTON ROAD AND ROLLING PINES.

CLIFF CONTINUED GOING OVER THE PROJECTS SCHEDULE:

8. PINE OAK ROAD-A LITTLE DITCH OFF OF QUAIL HOLLOW

9. QUAIL HOLLOW-SIMILAR TO PIONEER, ALFORD, CLAYTON, CREEK ROAD; IT NEEDS EDGE STRIPING BADLY TO MAKE ROAD SAFER 10. EOC SITEWORK HAS BEEN BID OUT TO GAC CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF GRANT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND STACY WEBB ADDRESSED THE RANKINGS SHOW WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGH ON THE LIST. THEY DIDN'T GET THE FULL \$750,000; HOWEVER, THEY GOT \$400,000 PLUS. AS SOON AS THEY CAN GET THE CONTRACTS AND NOTICE TO PROCEED, THE CONTRACTOR CAN BEGIN THE SITE WORK.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GRANT FOR THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING, TALLAHASSEE HAS THE PLANS THEY HAVE TO APPROVE AND ALSO FEMA HAS TO APPROVE THEM.

CLIFF ADDRESSED ALL THE PERMITS BEING IN HAND FOR THE NEW EOC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THE BURN PERMITS FOR THE FIRE TOWER PIT AND THE BLOWER NOT BEING BROUGHT UP IN THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE MEDIATION PLAN FOR MUDHILL COULD BE BID OUT AND POSSIBLY COME IN UNDER THE AMOUNT BUDGETED.

CLIFF SAID THEY HAVE THE PLANS AND SPECS READY TO ADVERTISE. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO BID THE MEDIATION PLAN FOR THE MUDHILL LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH, SINCE STACY HAD SAID THEY COULD HAVE A GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW EOC, REQUESTED THEY HOLD THE GROUND- BREAKING ON AUGUST 15, 2008. STACY ADDRESSED ROGER HAVING A LITTLE CONCERN ON HAVING THE GROUNDBREAKING UNTIL THEY GET THE LETTER OF APPROVAL ON THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF THE NEW EOC SHOULD, FOR SOME REASON, THE FEMA MONEY NOT BE THERE. SHE STATED THE FEMA MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED, SHE DOESN'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH HOLDING A GROUNDBREAKING AND TALLAHASSEE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO HAVE THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW EOC IN WAUSAU FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 15TH.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE RIVER ROAD PROJECT. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON EVERYBODY AGREEING TO SIGN EASEMENTS GIVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER SWITCHING AROUND ON THE INMATE CREWS; EVERYONE WOULD STILL GET THEIR TWO WEEKS AND HE STILL GETS HIS ONE. HOWEVER, HE WILL GET BOTH CREWS AT THE SAME TIME SO HE CAN GET A LOT OF WORK DONE. EACH COMMISSIONER WILL STILL GET THE SAME TIME; THERE WILL BE JUST A LITTLE ADJUSTMENT NEEDED.

DALLAS SAID THEY ARE DOING THIS NOW AND IT IS WORKING FINE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING ALL THE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS ON CLAYTON ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 79 TO THE END OF PAVEMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED TO PAVE CLAYTON ROAD AS IT IS ALMOST READY FOR PAVING; THE PROBLEM WAS FUNDING TO PAVE IT WITH. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID EVERYONE IS ASKING ABOUT THE PAVING OF THE ROAD. HE TELLS THEM THE COUNTY WILL APPLY FOR A GRANT TO TRY TO GET IT PAVED.

CLIFF READDRESSSED THE EOC. THERE IS A \$1.5 MILLION MAXIMUM PRICE FROM PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION. THE COUNTY WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PETER BROWN FOR THE EOC. PHASE I WOULD COST THE COUNTY BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$20,000 FOR PETER BROWN TO GO THROUGH THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL THE SUBCONTRACTORS. IF PETER BROWN WENT THROUGH THE SELECTION PROCESS WITH ALL THE SUBCONTRACTORS AND WEREN'T ABLE TO GET IT WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR THE EOC, THE COUNTY WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION \$20,000. IF PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION IS ABLE TO GET THE EOC WITHIN BUDGET, THE COUNTY SIGNS PHASE II AND CONTRACT WITH PETER BROWN CONSTRUCTION TO BUILD IT.

WHEN ASKED WHAT THE OTHER OPTIONS WERE, CLIFF ADVISED TO PUT THE EOC PROJECT OUT TO BID. HE ADDRESSED IT ALREADY BEING OVER- BUDGET NOW BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE \$1.5 MILLION TO BUILD THE BUILDING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT EXPLAINED WHEN THE COUNTY FIRST GOT THE NEW EOC GRANT, HE AND ROGER TALKED WITH THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR AND WAS ADVISED IF THE COUNTY HAD A CONTINUOUS SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AN ENGINEER, THEY COULD TURN IT OVER TO THEIR ENGINEER AND THEN THE ENGINEER COULD WORK WITH A KIND OF SUBCONTRACTOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ON THE PROJECT. THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE TIME FRAME IN TRYING TO DO THE EOC A LITTLE FASTER WITHOUT ADVERTISING.

CLIFF AGREED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH THE COUNTY. HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO BID IT OUT AND LET PREBLE RISH OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EOC. ANYBODY THE COUNTY HIRED WOULD HAVE A PROJECT

SUPERINTENDENT THAT WOULD HAVE BASICALLY A TRAILER SET UP ON THE SITE TAKING CARE OF EVERYDAY ISSUES AND HE WOULD HAVE AN INSPECTOR GO BY TWO TO THREE DAYS A WEEK TO CHECK ON THINGS.

CLIFF REITERATED HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO BID IT OUT SO THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A PERFORMANCE BOND TO GUARANTEE 100% COMPLETION OF THE WORK.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED ONCE MONEY COMES IN AND THE GRANT IS SECURED TO APPROVE FOR CLIFF TO BID OUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EOC WITH CLIFF OVERSEEING AS HE PRESENTED. CLIFF ADVISED THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER WILL HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THE STRUCTURE, THE MECHANICAL ENGINEER WILL HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THE MECHANICAL AND THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WILL HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THE ELECTRICAL.

STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON PROJECT PIPE. THEY HAVE THE GRANT FOR THE RAILROAD SPUR SECURED, THE WATER AND SEWER GRANT SECURED AND ARE APPLYING FOR A CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD GOING INTO THE PLANT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THE COUNTY COULD APPLY FOR A CDBG ROAD GRANT AS WELL AS THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT. STACY ADVISED THEY COULD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIS UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD HAS APPROVED FOR THE NEXT CDBG GRANT TO BE FOR HOUSING. THEY CAN'T HAVE A HOUSING AND A ROAD GRANT.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHAT HOUSING WOULD THE COUNTY BE DOING FOR \$750,000, STACY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO REMODEL HOMES. WITH THE HOUSING CDBG, THEY COULD USE SHIP FUNDS AS A MATCH AND THEY CAN'T DO THIS WITH ROAD PAVING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON KAREN SCHOEN HAVING TOLD HIM SHIP MONIES AND CDBG FUNDS COULD BE USED TO FINISH THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER IF THEY USED IT FOR A STORM SHELTER FOR THAT COMMUNITY.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING A DISASTER RECOVERY LINE ITEM IN THE SHIP PROGRAM; BUT, TO TRY AND PUT IN FOR ANOTHER SHELTER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, SHE IS NOT SURE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SURPLUS OF SHELTERS RIGHT NOW.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR STACY TO FIND OUT IF SHIP MONIES AND CDBG MONIES COULD BE USED TO FINISH THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY BUILDING IF IT WERE USED AS A STORM SHELTER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET THE FRDAP GRANT FOR THE WHITE DOUBLE POND PROJECT GOING. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GRANT TO REDO THE RAMP, THE OVERLOOK, THE SEAWALL, ETC.

CLIFF AGREED TO ADVERTISE THIS PROJECT AND TRY TO HAVE THE BIDS BACK BEFORE THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING.

CLIFF ADDRESSED HIGHWAY CR279 WAS NOT ON THE LIST PROVIDED. THIS IS A SCRAP PROJECT TO RESURFACE EXISTING PAVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED THE SUBMITTALS FOR THE NEW SCRAP AND SCOP PROJECTS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE PROJECTS WERE SUBMITTED; BUT, THEY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING AS FAR AS APPROVAL FOR FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO WHEN THE BOARD DID THE GRANT FOR QUAIL HOLLOW, THE VERY CLOSE RANKING ROAD THEY WERE TRYING TO PUSH FOR AT THE TIME WAS GAINER ROAD. HE EXPLAINED IT WAS A BAD ROAD WITH LOW INCOME AND WOULD QUALIFY FOR CDBG FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AGREED GAINER ROAD WAS A BAD ROAD; BUT, ON THE NEW RANKINGS, BUCKHORN RANKED NUMBER 1. HOWEVER, WITH THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT, ETC. GOING ON, BUCKHORN IS GOING TO PRETTY WELL WORK OUT.

HE WOULD AGREE WITH APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR GAINER ROAD FROM FALLING WATERS TO PIONEER ROAD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ASKED IF CLIFF WOULD HELP WITH GASB ON THE VALUES ON THE ROADS AND BRIDGES. CLIFF AGREED TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL TO DO THE VALUES AND UPDATED THE BOARD ON IT HAVING TO BE ESTABLISHED WHEN THE ROADS WERE PAVED AND A BRIDGE INVENTORY WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADVISED CLIFF FL-DOT HAS ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED ON THE BRIDGES. CLIFF SAID DAVID ROARK HAS A GPS OF THE ROAD INFORMATION THAT SHOWS SOME OF THE BRIDGE LENGTHS; HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T HAVE WHAT IS TIMBER AND WHAT IS CONCRETE. FL-DOT HAS ALL BRIDGES THAT ARE 20' OR LARGER AND THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE PROBABLY GOING TO BE UNDER THE 20'. HE SAID IT WAS REALLY A MATTER OF HOW ACCURATE THE BOARD WANTS TO BE WITH THEIR REPORTING ON THE GASB INFORMATION.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE GASB REQUIREMENTS ASK TO ESTABLISH THE VALUE OF THE ROAD AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEPRECIATE THAT COST TO THE PRESENT VALUE. BASICALLY, YOU HAVE TO ESTABLISH WHAT THE CURRENT VALUE IS OF THE EXISTING PAVED ROADS AND THE BRIDGES AND USE THAT FOR THE ACCOUNTING TO GASB.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THERE WASN'T AN APPLICATION FOR GRANTS TO HELP ON BRIDGES BEFORE A DISASTER TAKES PLACE.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND THEY SENT IN A LETTER OF INTENT OF THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS, REPAIRS, ETC. HOWEVER, AS SHE WAS GOING THROUGH THE PAPERWORK, IT CLEARLY STATED THE FUNDING COULDN'T BE USED FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OR REPAIRS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID MOSTLY THE GRANT WAS FOR DRAINAGE TYPE WORK TO BE DONE. THEY SUBMITTED A LETTER OF INTENT AND PLAN ON GETTING WITH CLIFF TO LOOK AT SOME MORE SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO SUBMIT WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION.

STACY ADDRESSED SHE SUBMITTED THE LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE GRANT FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE ISSUES AND A PLAN FOR COUNTY WIDE DRAINAGE RELIEF. A BENEFIT COST ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED AND SHE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO THAT. SHE WILL HAVE TO GET WITH CLIFF TO ASSIST WITH OBTAINING THE INFORMATION TO SHOW THE BENEFIT IS GOING TO OUTWAY THE COST.

ON THE GASB, CLIFF ADDRESSED THE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT SOME OF THE OTHER FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES ARE DOING ON THE VALUING OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR STACY TO OBTAIN MICROSOFT PROJECTS IF THE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AND IF IT WILL KEEP THE COUNTY FROM LOSING ANY GRANT FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE DISCUSSION ON THE GASB POSITION. IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO NAME NAMES AS TO WHO IS GOING WHERE, THEY NEED TO SAY THEY WILL KEEP THE GASB POSITION AND FUND IT IN THE PROPOSED FY 2008-2009 YEAR. THE BOARD CONSENTED TO FUNDING THE GASB POSITION IN THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BROUGHT SOME DOGS TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING A MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS AND TALKED TO DEBBIE RILEY, DALLAS CARTER AND ROBERT HARCUS. PRIOR TO THAT HE, PETE AND DALLAS MET WITH SHERIFF HADDOCK WITH THE SHERIFF AGREEING TO TALK TO HIS DEPUTIES AND GET BACK WITH THEM AS TO WHO WENT TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. SHERIFF HADDOCK HAS

NOT GOTTEN BACK WITH HIM. THE SHERIFF WANTED TO TALK TO HIS DEPUTIES ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND WHY IT HAPPENED.

AT THE PUBLIC WORKS MEETING, IT WAS EVERYBODY'S UNDERSTANDING IT WAS A NON CHALANT COMMITMENT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULD COME WITH THE DOGS. DALLAS IS SAYING HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM COMING UNTIL AFTER IT WAS OVER WITH AND THE OTHERS ARE SAYING THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

FINCH SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO IS THE BLAME; BUT, IT HAPPENED AND THERE ARE SOME NAMES ON THE REPORT. DALLAS SAID HIS NAME SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN ON THE REPORT AND HE WANTS IT OFF OF THE REPORT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T SAY WHAT THE REPORT SAID HE SAID.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON WHAT CAPTAIN BARNES HAD SAID ABOUT THE DOGS BEING CERTIFIED BY THE JUDGE AND THE DOG CAN GO ANYWHERE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; IF THEY ALERT ON SOMETHING, THE DEPUTIES CAN SEARCH IT. ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY, TIM WARNER ADVISED DEPUTIES HAD TO HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BE THERE TO BEGIN WITH. THERE WAS KIND OF A DISAGREEMENT THERE.

HERBERT SAID HE REQUESTED ATTORNEY WARNER GO TO PUBLIC WORKS AND TALK TO THE MEN. WARNER DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE IF A COMPLAINT WAS FILED HE WOULD REPRESENT THE BOARD. WARNER DIDN'T WANT TO TALK WITH THE SHERIFF OR CAPTAIN BARNES EITHER; BUT, HE DID AGREE TO TALK WITH THE SHERIFF'S ATTORNEY. HERBERT SAID HE HASN'T TALKED WITH THE SHERIFF ANYMORE ABOUT THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND PETE MEETING WITH THE SHERIFF, CAPTAIN BARNES AND CAPTAIN STRICKLAND. THEY ASSURED HIM AND PETE THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON; BUT, ASSURED IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE NOTICE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS AND THE BOARD SHOULDN'T BRUSH IT ASIDE. SOMEBODY NEEDS TO ADDRESS GETTING DALLAS'S NAME OFF THE REPORT IF IT WAS NOT JUSTIFIED TO BE ON IT. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 07/31/08