

BOARD MINUTES FOR 06/19/08

JUNE 19, 2008

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, HOLMAN, STRICKLAND, FINCH AND SAPP PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FY 2007-2008 BUDGET AND THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP BEGINNING, ROGER HAGAN AND STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON \$14.5 MILLION HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR EOC CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION STIPULATIONS ON IT. ROGER FIRST THOUGHT THEY MAY GET SOME MONIES FOR RENOVATION OF A PORTION OF THE OLD VERNON HIGH SCHOOL TO MAKE IT AN ALTERNATE EOC; ONE OF THE THINGS WASHINGTON COUNTY IS DEFICIENT IN. AFTER RE-READING THE GRANT, IT SAID IT WAS FOR PRIMARY EOC. HE ADDRESSED WASHINGTON COUNTY IS WAITING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FOR A NEW EOC NOW. IN THE COURSE OF THAT, IN MEETINGS WITH HERBERT, DICK BROWN, THE COUNTY ENGINEER, ETC., THERE MAY BE SOME ITEMS THAT HAVE TO BE LEFT OUT IN ORDER TO COME WITHIN THE CURRENT BUDGET.

HAGAN ADDRESSED WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$1 MILLION AND THE EOC TEAM MET YESTERDAY AND FOR \$800,000, THEY FEEL THEY CAN PUT BACK IN THOSE THINGS THAT HAD TO BE LEFT OUT. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE TO DO IS A 75/25 MATCH. THE BOARD HAS APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 LEFT OUT OF THE \$650,000 LOCAL MATCH MONIES THEY HAD FOR THE EOC PROJECT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO DESIGNATE OR COMMIT A PORTION OF THAT \$500,000 TOWARD THE COUNTY'S MATCH TOWARD THE NEW HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE COUNTY FROM USING MONIES ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO USE; IT WILL JUST LET THEM BALANCE THE SCALE. ALSO, ROGER ASKED THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, TO BID THE SITE WORK, ETC. SO THEY CAN GET THE COST ESTIMATES BACK TO SUBMIT AS PART OF THE GRANT BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM BEING CONFUSED. THE BOARD COMMITTED MATCH MONEY TO THE FIRST EOC GRANT AND ASKED HOW THEY CAN USE THE SAME MONEY FOR ANOTHER MATCH.

ROGER EXPLAINED THE \$650,000 FOR THE NEW EOC WAS NOT MATCH; IT WAS TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THE BUDGET WAS AND WHAT THEY GOT WITH THE FIRST GRANT. THE FIRST GRANT WAS LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION PLUS EMPG MONIES. THE BOARD SET UP \$650,000 TWO BUDGETS AGO TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE AT THAT POINT IN TIME THEY HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR THE EMPG. NOW THIS MONEY CAN BE USED FOR MATCH MONEY AND THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE TO FIND NEW MONEY TO MATCH THE NEW GRANT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW ROGER TALKED THE BOARD INTO PUTTING UP \$600,000 PLUS IF IT WEREN'T FOR MATCHING PURPOSES. HE THOUGHT ALL THE TIME THEY WERE MATCHING THE NEW EOC GRANT.

ROGER SAID THE BOARD IS MATCHING BUT THEY WERE NOT REQUIRED TO; THEY ARE COMPLIMENTING THE GRANT MONEY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BOARD SCORES MORE POINTS ON THE GRANT APPLICATION IF THEY PUT UP LOCAL FUNDS TOWARD THE GRANT; IT GAVE

THE BOARD A BETTER CHANCE TO GET THE GRANT IS WHY THEY PUT UP LOCAL FUNDS.

ROGER SAID THE MONIES THE COUNTY PUT UP FOR THE PREVIOUS EOC GRANT WAS NOT TO GET THE GRANT MONEY; THIS TIME THEY HAVE TO PUT UP A 25% MATCH TO GET THE GRANT FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REITERATED HE DIDN'T TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THIS YET. ROGER SAID THE BOARD CAN USE THE SAME MONEY TWICE IS WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO. FINCH SAID HE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT AND HE IS CERTAINLY NOT POINTING FINGERS AT ANYBODY; BUT, THIS WHOLE PROCESS IT SEEMS TO HIM HAS BEEN DRUG OUT. HE HASN'T SEEN MUCH FOR WHAT MONEY THEY HAVE SPENT YET AND HE HOPES THEY SEE SOMETHING SOON. HE REALIZED THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE DESIGN, ETC.

ROGER EXPLAINED IT WAS TALLAHASSEE AND ATLANTA THAT HAS BEEN HOLDING THE GRANT UP. ALL THE MONEY THE COUNTY HAS SPENT HAS BEEN FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND. THEY HAVE HAD SOME ENGINEERING COST, ETC., AND THEY MAY ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN PAID FOR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF ROGER FORESAW THE COUNTY BREAKING GROUND ON THE NEW EOC BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

STACY EXPLAINED THE PROCESS AND THIS MAY HELP EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND THE DELAYS. THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT PHASES FOR THE NEW EOC PROJECT; THERE WERE ALSO TWO TYPES OF FUNDINGS, STATE AND FEDERAL MONIES. PHASE I OF THE NEW EOC WAS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN, WHICH THEY ARE JUST ABOUT FINISHED WITH THIS PHASE. THAT WOULD INVOLVE PLANS AND SPECS; THEY HAVE TO BE DESIGNED AND SENT UP TO TALLAHASSEE. MR. DANNY KILCOLLINS CURRENTLY HAVE THESE IN HIS POSSESSION AND THE COUNTY HASN'T HEARD WHETHER THESE PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. THE PERMITS HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED. ONCE DANNY KILCOLLINS APPROVES THOSE PLANS, TALLAHASSEE WILL CLOSE OUT PHASE ONE AND THEY WILL BEGIN PHASE II. PHASE II IS THE BULK OF THE FUNDING; THAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION MONEY AND THE FEMA MONEY. ONCE TALLAHASSEE CLOSES OUT PHASE ONE, THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT THE REQUEST TO FEMA TO ALLOW PHASE II FOR THE COUNTY TO OPEN UP. THAT IS GOING TO BE A DELAY. THEY ARE JUST IN NO RUSH TO DO ANYTHING. THE MONEY IS THERE; THE COUNTY IS DEFINITELY GOING TO GET IT. THE COUNTY CAN BREAK GROUND; BUT, THEY HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL. IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO GO OUT THERE AND HAVE A CEREMONIAL TYPE THING AND TURN OVER SOME DIRT AND DEDICATE IT, THAT IS PERFECTLY FINE. SHE GOT THAT OKAYED FROM TALLAHASSEE AND IS EXPECTING AN E-MAIL REGARDING THAT. SHE AGREED THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DELAYS; BUT, THEY ARE TOTALLY OUT OF THE COUNTY'S HANDS WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH TWO DIFFERENT POTS OF MONEY. SHE SAID IN TAKING ALL OF THIS INTO CONSIDERATION, ONCE THE FEMA MONEY KICKS IN AND THEY ARE TRYING TO COORDINATE IT WITH THIS NEW BATCH OF MONEY, TIMING IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL. IT WILL COME TOGETHER; IT IS JUST DIFFERENT POTS OF MONEY DICTATING THE SPEED OF IT.

ROGER REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH SAYING HE WAS NOT POINTING THE FINGER AT ANYBODY AND CERTAINLY NOBODY IS. HE ADDRESSED THEY HAD FIRST THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE THE PLANS IN NOVEMBER. CLIFF WAS NOT ABLE TO GET THE PLANS TO THEM UNTIL FEBRUARY. ROGER SAID EOC HAD PREPARED FOR THE GROUNDBREAKING SOMEWHERE AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND THEN WAS TOLD NOT TO BREAK GROUND IN EVERY EMAIL AND PHONE CALL UNTIL THEY GOT THE APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF EVERYTHING WAS APPROVED; BUT, JUST DELAYED. ROGER SAID THAT WAS CORRECT AND EVERYTHING IS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THEM; IT IS IN TALLAHASSEE AND FEMA. HE REITERATED HIS AND STACY'S REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO DESIGNATE UP TO \$250,000 OF THE \$500,000

PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR A COUNTY MATCH FOR THE NEW HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT UP TO \$1,000,000. THEY ARE LOOKING AT PROBABLY \$750,000 TO \$800,000 AS A PRELIMINARY BUDGET; BUT, THEY CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$1,000,000. HE ADDRESSED CLIFF FELT LIKE, AND HE AGREES, THE COUNTY WOULD MORE LIKELY BE FUNDED IF THEY APPLY FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN THE \$1,000,000. IF THEY ASK FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN THE MAX, THEY ARE MORE THAN LIKELY TO BE FUNDED BECAUSE IT WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS A MORE REALISTIC BUDGET THAN JUST ASKING FOR EVERYTHING THEY CAN GET.

STACY REPORTED WITH THE NEW GRANT APPLICATION THEY WERE LOOKING AT YESTERDAY, A LOT OF REQUIREMENTS IS GOING TO BE PLANNING AND DESIGN. THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS THAT IN PLACE. SHE PERSONALLY FEELS IN SUBMITTING THIS GRANT APPLICATION, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE AHEAD OF SOME OF THE OTHER APPLICANTS THAT ARE GOING TO APPLY. IF THERE IS ONLY \$14.5 MILLION AVAILABLE AND THE MAXIMUM EVERYBODY CAN APPLY FOR IS \$1 MILLION, THAT MONEY IS NOT GOING TO LAST. SHE REITERATED SHE FELT LIKE THE COUNTY HAD AN EDGE BASED ON THE PLANNING AND SPECS THEY ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID, AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THIS MONEY WOULD BE USED FOR SITE PREPARATION SO THE COUNTY WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO IT INHOUSE. STACY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AT SITE WORK, SECURITY ISSUES AND EQUIPMENT TO HELP INSIDE THE EOC.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS IS IF WE CAN GET THIS MONEY, ACTUALLY, AT THE END OF THE DAY THE MONEY THE COUNTY HAS COMMITTED MAY STILL BE IN THEIR BUDGET; BE UNCOMMITTED AND PUT BACK IN. IF THEY GET THE \$1,000,000 OR \$800,000, IT WILL OFFSET THE \$500,000 BEING PUT IN UP FRONT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WOULD THE BOARD END UP WITH AN EXTRA \$600,000 WHEN THEY GET THE NEW EOC BUILT. ROGER SAID THAT WAS NOT AN UNREAL POSSIBILITY ASSUMING THEY GET THE SECOND GRANT. IT MAY BE THE COUNTY'S MONEY THEY HAVE HAD SITTING THERE ALL THIS TIME MAY COME BACK INTO THEIR BUDGET. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHERE THE \$650,000 TOWARD THE NEW EOC CAME FROM. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED IT WAS OBLIGATED FROM LAND SALES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO USE UP TO \$250,000 OF THE REMAINING \$500,000 ORIGINALLY OBLIGATED FOR THE NEW EOC AS A MATCH FOR THE NEW HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 07-08 BUDGET WAS HELD. CHAIRMAN PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON DAVID CORBIN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH FUEL, PUBLIC WORKS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH FUEL AND SALARIES AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IS APPROACHING SOME PROBLEMS WITH THEIR BUDGET. ALL OF THIS IS NOT ANYBODY'S FAULT; IT IS JUST THE SITUATION THAT CAME ALONG. HE REITERATED IT WAS MOSTLY THE FUEL LINE ITEMS. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD BUDGETING ON IMPACT FEES LAST YEAR, THE ECONOMY WENT DOWN AND THEY DIDN'T COLLECT THE FEES THEY ESTIMATED TO RECEIVE. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD KEEP IN MIND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO HELP OUT THE DEPARTMENTS HAVING DIFFICULTIES.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING TODAY WAS TO GIVE THE BUDGET PACKETS TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND UPDATE THEM ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS. HE REPORTED ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVING MET SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. THEY HAVE MET WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER. HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE WENT TO THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION MEETING IN TALLAHASSEE AND BUDGETING WAS DISCUSSED A LOT. THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO PRESENT SOME THINGS THEY SEE IN THIS YEARS BUDGET THE BOARD NEEDS TO KEEP AN EYE ON OR WILL NEED TO

ADDRESS REAL SOON. THEY ALSO WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF SOME THINGS THEY SEE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. TODAY THEY JUST WANTED TO GET THE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD EARLY BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE A ROUGH BUDGET YEAR. IT IS NOT UNIQUE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. WHEN HE AND PATE WERE IN TALLAHASSEE, AMENDMENT I HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON A LOT OF COUNTIES. THE STATE REVENUE SHARING IS DOWN, FUEL PRICES ARE UP AND EVERYBODY IS FEELING THE IMPACT OF IT. THE COMMITTEE IS GOING TO NEED A LOT OF GUIDANCE AND INPUT FROM THE BOARD ON HOW TO GET BOTH THE GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION BUDGET BALANCED FOR FY 2008-2009.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEBBIE RILEY OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE FY 2007-2008 YEAR PROJECTED A COST OVER-RUN OF \$76,488.27 FOR FUEL IF NO FUEL PRICES INCREASE FROM NOW UNTIL THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. THE SALARIES AND WAGES WOULD HAVE A DEFICIT OF \$13,188.34 AND A BENEFIT DEFICIT OF \$1857.09.

PATE REITERATED DAVID HAVING A PROBLEM IN HIS BUDGETS WITH FUEL ALSO. HE ADDRESSED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAVING A SALARY PROBLEM WITH PART OF THIS BEING DUE TO THE ECONOMY CAUSING A LOSS OF REVENUE AND PART OF IT WAS DUE TO THE BOARD TRANSFERRING A POSITION TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WITHOUT FUNDING.

HERBERT ADDRESSED DISCUSSION WAS HELD AT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON WHETHER TO KEEP THE GASB POSITION AS A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE. ON THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT, THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FROM THE CDBG QUAIL HOLLOW GRANT AS REVENUE; THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES WERE ACTUALLY USED ON PAVING OF THE QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD. THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT WILL BE SHORT ON FUNDS THIS YEAR ALSO.

HE REITERATED THE DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FUEL AT PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL AS PARK AND RECREATION BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. THAT IS ALL CAUSED BY THE RISE IN FUEL PRICES.

PETE REPORTED ON THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT THE BOARD ENTERED INTO PREVIOUSLY ON THE \$9.5 MILLION LOAN WHERE THEY CONSOLIDATED ALL THEIR DEBT. THE BOARD HAD A VARIABLE INTEREST RATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN ENTERED INTO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT FOR A FIXED RATE OF 7% FOR SEVEN YEARS. THEY BUDGETED \$3,500 TO COVER THE INTEREST RATE SWAP IN CASE THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR PAYMENTS; HOWEVER, TO DATE THEY HAVE ACTUALLY SPENT OVER \$50,000. BACK WHEN THE LOANS WERE CONSOLIDATED, THEY WERE TAKEN OUT FOR A LONGER TERM; THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS ACTUALLY DECREASED. THE BOARD AT THAT TIME APPROVED FOR THE AMOUNT OF DECREASE IN THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO BE PUT INTO AN ACCOUNT IN CASE THE INTEREST RATE EVER WENT UP. THERE ARE SOME FUNDS AVAILABLE AND HE AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW FELT LIKE THEY SHOULD USE THESE FUNDS TO COVER THIS YEAR'S AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET TO PAY THE OVERAGE IN THE INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT. THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHAT THE INTEREST RATE SWAP WILL BE NEXT YEAR; THEY POSSIBLY COULD BE TO THE GOOD ON IT. IT JUST DEPENDS ON HOW THE ECONOMY GOES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO FUND THE GASB POSITION. HE REFERRED TO HIM ASKING A WHILE BACK IF THEY NEEDED THE POSITION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THEY NEED SOMEBODY IN THE GASB POSITION TO KEEP THE COUNTY IN COMPLIANCE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THE GASB TRUCK WAS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD QUESTIONED THE NEED OF THE GASB TRUCK HIMSELF; THAT IS SOMETHING THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE. THEY ARE HAVING SOMEBODY TRAINED NOW; BUT, IT HASN'T BEEN USED SINCE A LITTLE

LATER THAN THIS LAST YEAR WHEN CECELIA FINISHED UP HER PROFILING OF THE ROADS. HE SAID THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A TRUCK FOR GASB; BUT, GASB IS A FEDERAL LAW BECAUSE ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE HAVING TO COMPLY WITH IT. THE GASB FILES ARE OVER IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP OR ANYTHING ELSE UNTIL RIGHT RECENTLY. WHEN THE BOARD TALKED ABOUT DAVID ROARK DOING THE GASB, THEY SENT HIM OVER THERE TO PICK UP THE RECORDS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THAT ROGER HAGAN HAS HAD A COUPLE OF MEETINGS WITH DAVID ROARK AND IS TRYING TO GET DAVID UP TO SPEED ON THE GASB; IT HAS JUST BEEN A SLOW GO. CECELIA WELD IS SUPPOSE TO COME BACK AND DO SOME TRAINING WITH DAVID ON THE GASB.

PETE SAID THE QUESTION ON THE GASB TRUCK, AS PART OF GASB THE COUNTY HAS TO A ROAD ASSESSMENT. IF THEY DON'T DO IT INHOUSE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONTRACT WITH AN ENGINEERING FIRM AND ARE PROBABLY LOOKING AT HIGH DOLLARS THERE. THEY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY ANOTHER COUNTY THAT WANTED TO LEASE THE TRUCK OR HAVE US COME TO THEIR COUNTY TO DO THEIR ROAD ASSESSMENT FOR A FEE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WHO WAS GOING TO BE PUT IN THAT POSITION PERMANENTLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY HAD TALKED TO ONE PERSON TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN IT; IT WAS AN EMPLOYEE ON STAFF THAT IS WILLING TO BE MOVED. AS FAR AS THE TRUCK, HE DIDN'T ASK THE EMPLOYEE ABOUT THAT. HE FELT, BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON THE GASB TRUCK, THEY NEED TO CALL FIRMS THAT DO THE ROAD ASSESSMENTS TO SEE THE COST INVOLVED. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING A \$73,000 FULLY EQUIPPED VEHICLE JUST SITTING THERE. HE IS NOT SURE THEY NEED THE VEHICLE SITTING THERE AND QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD TAKE AS LONG TO TRAIN THIS EMPLOYEE ON THE ROAD ASSESSMENT AS IT DID THE PREVIOUS GASB EMPLOYEE. IF SO, THEY WILL HAVE A YEAR'S TRAINING BEFORE THEY EVER ACTUALLY USE IT. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A HARD DECISION BEFORE THIS PROCESS IS OVER WITH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED WHO THE STATE USED TO DO THEIR ROAD ASSESSMENTS AND COULDN'T THE BOARD GET THEM TO DO THE COUNTY ROADS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE STATE HAS THEIR OWN CREWS TO DO THE ROAD ASSESSMENTS AND THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY THEY WOULD DO THE COUNTY ROADS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT HE DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH ANYBODY ABOUT TRYING TO TAKE THE GASB POSITION.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THEY HAD JUST ASKED THE EMPLOYEE IF THAT TRANSFER TO THE GASB POSITION WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THEM. THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO GET RID OF SOME SALARY OR SOME MORE SALARY PUT IN THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD MADE A DECISION DAVID ROARK WAS GOING TO BE OVER GASB. HE QUESTIONED WHY ARE THEY SWAPPING OVER AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BOARD HAD MADE A DECISION; BUT, DAVID HASN'T DONE ANYTHING BUT JUST PICK UP THE GASB INFORMATION RIGHT RECENTLY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR DAVID; BUT, THE BOARD DIRECTED THAT TO HAPPEN.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD WHEN THE BOARD ASKED DAVID ROARK TO DO GASB, THEY ALSO PUT HIM UNDER ROGER. THE WHOLE TRANSITION OF PUTTING GASB UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR CONSISTED OF ONE MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH AND HERBERT FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES WHEN THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS THE DIVISION CHIEF AND THEY PLACED GASB UNDER HIM.

HAGAN EXPLAINED DAVID COULDN'T BE BLAMED FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING; THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT GASB STANDS FOR. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IF THEY MOVE DAVID INTO SOMETHING ELSE, AREN'T THEY JUST STARTING AT SQUARE ONE AGAIN.

ROGER SAID THEY ARE STILL AT SQUARE ONE IF GASB STAYS WITH DAVID. ROGER SAID HE HATES THESE MEETINGS BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS THE BOARD'S ROLES MORE THAN THEY THINK HE DOES; BUT, THEY HAVE EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD THE COUNTY DEALS WITH COMING TO YOU IN A MATTER OF A MEETING A MONTH OR A COUPLE OF MEETINGS A MONTH, ETC. THEY DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND REALLY WORK ANY ONE PROJECT THROUGH WHETHER IT IS PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES, PARK AND RECREATION, ROAD DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT, ETC. GASB IS ALMOST A PROPERTY OFFICER, INVENTORY OFFICER TYPE PERSON AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT. HE THINKS CECELIA PROBABLY DID A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN HE REALIZED. SHE PROBABLY HAS SOME PRETTY GOOD RECORDS AND FILES; BUT, NOBODY REALLY KNOWS HOW SHE GOT THEM AND WHAT THEY ARE. SHE CONTACTED THE CLERK'S OFFICE MANY, MANY TIMES, THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR EQUIPMENT, FUNDS, ETC. IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO DO GASB, THEY SUBMITTED A BUDGET FOR IT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. THE PROBLEM THEY HAVE WITH THE BOARD DECIDING IT IS GOING TO BE DAVID ROARK THAT DOES IT UNILATERALLY WITHOUT CONSULTING DEPARTMENT HEADS, ETC., IS THAT DAVID IS BEING PAID FROM FUNDS THAT ARE AUDITED INDEPENDENTLY AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR WHAT HE IS DOING. THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND DO SOME BUDGETING THINGS TO MAKE SURE MONIES ARE SEPARATED, DUTIES ARE SEPARATED, ETC. IT IS NOT THAT IT CAN'T BE DONE; BUT, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE SOMEBODY TO DO THAT AND WHETHER YOU HOUSE THEM WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. CECELIA, MUCH TO HER CREDIT, BASICALLY CAME IN AND BUILT THE GASB DEPARTMENT.

ROGER REFERRED TO TWO MONTHS LATER AFTER CECELIA LEFT, THEY SAY DAVID HASN'T DONE ANYTHING. IT WAS JUST LAST WEEK OR TEN DAYS AGO, HE GOT THE RECORDS; DAVID DIDN'T SEPARATE THAT STUFF AND ROGER DIDN'T SEPARATE THE STUFF. SOMEONE ELSE DECIDED TO PUT SOME OF THE RECORDS IN THE CLERKS OFFICE, SOME IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, ETC. TO DAVID'S CREDIT, ROGER SAID THEY NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND WHICHEVER ONE OF THEM KNOWS WHAT GASB IS AND WHAT IT DOES, NEEDS TO TELL THEM AND THEN THEY WILL GO OUT AND START DOING IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T MEAN TO REFLECT DAVID IS NOT DOING ANYTHING; IT JUST HASN'T BEEN DONE FOR ONE REASON OR THE OTHER. PATE STATED NOBODY WAS TRYING TO PUSH ANYTHING DOWN ANYBODY'S THROAT, ETC. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR QUESTIONS, SPOTTING THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE THEY HAVE TO SOLVE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. HE IS OPEN FOR ANYTHING. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS GOT TO HAVE SOME HELP; THEY ARE NOT IN GOOD AS SHAPE AS THEY WERE LAST YEAR.

ROGER SAID HE DOES UNDERSTAND; BUT, BEING SENSITIVE TO WHAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT, HE WOULD HATE FOR THIS MEETING TO TAKE PLACE THIS MORNING AND HE FOUND OUT THE BOARD HAD DECIDED SOMEBODY IN HIS OFFICE WAS GOING TO START DOING SOMETHING ELSE WHEN THEY HADN'T TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY REALLY NEED AMONG THE BOARD AND ITS STAFF IS COMMUNICATION. ANYBODY THAT IS INVOLVED WITH ANY KIND OF TRANSITION OF PERSONNEL, MOVE THEM WHERE YOU WANT TO; BUT, EVERYTIME THE BOARD DOES SOMETHING THEY ARE IMPACTING WHATEVER THAT PERSON MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE DONE.

ROGER SAID HE UNDERSTANDS WHERE EMORY PITTS IS WITH HAVING MORE PEOPLE. IF THE COUNTY WAS HAVING THE PERMITS THEY WERE HAVING EIGHTEEN

MONTHS AGO, PITTS MAY NOT HAVE THAT PERSON AVAILABLE TO BE TRANSITIONED OVER TO GASB. A LOT OF TIME THEY SEE SOMETHING THAT WILL WORK FOR 30 TO 90 DAYS OR EVEN ONE BUDGET YEAR; THEY PROBABLY NEED TO MOVE THAT THING OUT. HE IS NOT SURE SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE BECAUSE HER OFFICE IS THE PERMANENT PUBLIC RECORDS MAY BE THE PLACE FOR GASB TO GO. IT MAY NOT EVEN OUGHT TO BE A BOARD POSITION NECESSARILY. IT WOULD BE BOARD IN THE SAME TERM AS MS. GLASGOW AND BOARD FINANCE STAFF IS DOING THE WORK; BUT, THAT POSITION MIGHT OUGHT TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS A CLERK'S POSITION AND THE FUNDING JUST GO THERE. IF THEY WANT TO USE THE ROAD PROFILER, THEN HE THINKS DAVID IS THE RIGHT PERSON OR MAYBE SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC WORKS. HE SAID THE BOARD HAS A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND THEY MIGHT COULD DO WORK IN OTHER COUNTIES AND IT BE A REVENUE SOURCE; BUT, WHILE THEY HAVE IT, IF THEY HAVE TO COME BACK EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS TO DO PROFILING AGAIN, THEY MAY HAVE A \$76,000 PIECE OF EQUIPEMENT BUT IF IT IS COSTING \$30,000 EVERY TWO TO THREE YEARS, THEY WILL PRETTY SOON HAVE \$90,000 OR \$100,000 AND PRETTY SOON WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING. IT IS LIKE PAYING RENT. THERE IS A LOT OF SLOW THINKING THAT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIMES TO REACH A DIRECTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED ROGER TO KEEP IN MIND THIS IS THE FIRST WORKSHOP ON THIS; THEY ARE THROWING OUT THEIR PROBLEMS. THAT IS SOME OF THE THINGS THEY ARE FACING.

CLERK COOK TOLD THE BOARD SHE HAD NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER TAKING THE GASB; BUT, SHE IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MONEY TO FUND IT. THERE IS NOT ONE OF HER FOUR EMPLOYEES IN BOARD FINANCE THAT HAS TIME TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT LOOKED TO HIM LIKE IT WOULD HELP EMORY'S BUDGET IF THEY RELIEVED HIM OF SOME EMPLOYMENT. ALSO, TAKING THAT CAPABLE PERSON OUT OF THERE AND PUTTING THEM AT GASB AND LET HER CONTINUE TO BUILD ON WHAT CECELIA HAS ALREADY BUILT THERE. THEY ALREADY HAVE THE OFFICE SET UP. LET THE PERSON GET INVOLVED AND CONTINUE WITH GASB; THERE IS A LOT MORE INVOLVED THAN JUST ROAD WORK. THEY HAVE INSURANCE THEY HAVE TO MONITOR AND KEEP UP WITH AND IT IS ABOUT THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. SOMEBODY NEEDS TO BE GETTING SOME BIDS, ETC. ON INSURANCE, ETC. THAT PERSON WILL HAVE QUITE A BIT TO DO AND IT IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DELEGATE TO TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND WINDING UP WITH NO ONE PERSON TO TURN TO WHEN SOMETHING IS NOT DONE. HE HAD RATHER SEE THE BOARD HAVE A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE THINGS IN THAT OFFICE THAT IS GOING TO BRING IT TO THE BOARD AND SAY THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE AND THIS IS WHAT WE NEED, ETC.

AS FAR AS THE GASB VEHICLE, COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID IT IS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR. IF THE COUNTY SOLD IT, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T GET MUCH OUT OF IT. IT IS MORE OF AN ASSET TO THE COUNTY THAN IT IS TO TRY AND SELL IT AND PAY IT OUT OF POCKET TO GET SOMEBODY TO DO THE ROAD ASSESSMENTS EVERY YEAR. THIS COST WILL GO UP EVERY YEAR AS EVERYTHING ELSE. HE FELT THEY SHOULD KEEP THE VEHICLE AS IT IS AND TRAIN SOME- BODY TO RUN IT FOR THEM. IF THEY CAN DO OUTSIDE WORK TO OFFSET THE COST OF THAT EMPLOYMENT, THAT IS GOOD.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE THOUGHT THEY OUGHT TO MOVE SOMEBODY OUT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PUT THEM IN THE PLACE OF CECELIA'S JOB AND KEEP THAT JOB BUDGETED WITH THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER PATE SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GET WITH ROGER, EMORY AND DAVID TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN WORK OUT, WITH TRAINING DAVID, HOW THEY ARE GOING TO HANDLE THE GASB.

PETE SAID THE QUESTION HAD BEEN ASKED ABOUT HOW MUCH IT COST TO FUND GASB; THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IS \$42,852 AND THE REQUEST FOR NEXT YEAR IS \$42,900.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THE NEED TO GET THE TRAINING STARTED FOR THE GASB PERSON WHETHER IT IS DAVID ROARK OR CAROL PARK PRETTY QUICK BECAUSE HE IS NOT TOO SURE THEY DON'T HAVE ANOTHER ROUND OF PROFILING THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED DAVID MAY BE HERE TEN MORE YEARS; BUT, THEN HE MIGHT RETIRE IN A COUPLE OF YEARS TOO. CAROL WILL PROBABLY BE HERE SEVERAL YEARS. IF THEY CAN TRAIN ONE PERSON FOR TEN YEARS, IT IS BETTER THAN TRAINING A PERSON FOR TWO YEARS. HE SAID DAVID WAS PROBABLY GOING TO RETIRE ONE DAY. THE BOARD EXPLAINED TO COMMISSIONER SAPP THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT DAVID ROARK AND NOT DAVID CORBIN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD SHOULD BE PICKING PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD RECOGNIZE EMORY HAS A PROBLEM AND WHATEVER THE BUDGET OR PERSON, ETC. HE WANTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE INTO A POOL SO TO SPEAK, THERE IS OTHER PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE GASB POSITION. THE BOARD CAN SHIFT A LOT OF THINGS AROUND THAT MIGHT ACCOMPLISH WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A POSITION OPEN AND YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, YOU DON'T NECESSARILY MOVE THAT POSITION HERE TO SOLVE A PROBLEM. MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT THE GASB PROGRAM AND THEY MAY WANT TO SHIFT SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. HE IS NOT SAYING WHO OUGHT TO BE THERE; BUT, THEY OUGHT NOT TO BE JUST LIMITED TO EMORY IS GETTING RID OF SOMEBODY AND NEEDS TO GET RID OF SOMEBODY FOR BUDGET PROBLEMS AND THERE IS A POSITION OPEN AND JUST MOVE THEM IN THERE. HE FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO LOOK MORE BROAD THAN JUST A QUICK FIX. GIVE SOME OTHER OPTIONS; IF THERE IS SOME OTHER AREA HE MIGHT WANT TO MOVE SOMEBODY IN OR OUT, MAYBE THE BOARD NEEDS TO CONSIDER IT MORE BROADLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED WITH FINCH; BUT, HIS JOB IS TO BALANCE THE BUDGET BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE A TOUGHER TIME DOING IT THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR PETE, ROGER AND EMORY TO WORK ON THE GASB POSITION, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION COMMISSIONER FINCH'S COMMENTS, BRING IT BACK TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THEY WILL DISCUSS IT AT ANOTHER WORKSHOP.

ON GRANTS ADMINISTRATION, COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WITH THE GRANTS THE COUNTY HAS IN PROCESS NOW TO BE APPROVED, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO SOLVE WEBB'S BUDGET PROBLEMS OR WILL IT HAVE TO BE A COMBINATION.

STACY ADVISED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A COMBINATION OF FUNDS. THERE IS MINIMAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY GRANT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CDBG OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED STACY TO TAKE THOSE GRANTS THAT HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, SET THOSE FEES ASIDE TO FUND THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WILL HAVE TO BE FUNDED OUT OF GENERAL FUND.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED STACY IF THE BOARD DIDN'T HIRE STACY'S ASSISTANT BASED ON THE FACT IT WAS FUNDED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR A GRANT THAT MAYBE THEY NEVER DID GET THE GRANT, ETC. HE ASKED WHATEVER BECAME OF THAT.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GRANT COMMISSIONER FINCH WAS REFERRING TO FOR TOMEKA'S HIRING WAS A HOME AGAIN GRANT. IT WAS A VERY NEW GRANT IN TALLAHASSEE AND THERE WERE A LOT OF STRINGS ATTACHED TO IT. IT ENDED UP NOT BEING A VERY POLITICALLY FAVORABLE PROGRAM AT ALL. THEY

WERE REALLY NEVER ABLE TO GET IT OFF THE GROUND. SHE EXPLAINED WHY. IT WAS A REHAB GRANT; THE COUNTY COULD PUT UP TO \$20,000 IN EACH HOME. HOWEVER, IT IS A LOAN; BUT, IT WOULD NOT BE DUE UNTIL THE PASSING OF THE OCCUPANT IN THE HOME. THE HOMEOWNERS, THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, WHO WERE IN DESPERATE NEED OF SOME REHAB WORK HAD TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IF THEY PASSED, THEIR CHILDREN WERE GOING TO HAVE TO ABSORB THE DEBT. NOBODY WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE GRANT. TALLAHASSEE DEOBLIGATED, ABOUT SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AGO, THE REST OF THEIR REMAINING FUNDS TO GO ELSEWHERE BECAUSE IT WAS SO UNPOPULAR. SHE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH AN ENTIRE CLOSING PROCESS, INVOLVE AN ATTORNEY BECAUSE IT WAS A LOAN. SHE HAD TO ASK PEOPLE THAT WERE LOOKING AT TRYING TO PARTICIPATE OR TRYING TO GET SOME WORK DONE, WHAT KIND OF INSURANCE THEY HAD UPON THEIR PASSING. WOULD THEIR INSURANCE COVER THIS DEBT; YOU NEED TO KNOW UP FRONT, IF IT DOESN'T, YOUR FAMILY OR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ABSORB THIS DEBT. THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM AFTER LOOKING AT THE GRANT, NOT DOING IT. HE WAS JUST SAYING HE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE BASIS FOR HIRING TOMEKA. HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY STILL GETS THE ADMINISTRATION FEES ON THE SHIP PROGRAM.

STACY ADVISED THE COUNTY GETS \$28,000 A YEAR ADMINISTRATION FEES OFF THE SHIP PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE SALARY DEFICIT THEY ARE IN WITH THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT IS ON BOTH STACY AND HER ASSISTANT BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ADMINISTRATION FEES TO COVER IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK STACY'S SALARY WAS GOING TO BE PAID OUT OF THE GRANT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID STACY'S SALARY WAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GRANT BUDGET.

STACY AGREED SHE WAS HIRED WHEN SHE WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD WITH THE UNDERSTANDING HER DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SELF SUFFICIENT AND IT HAS NOT WORKED OUT THAT WAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WAS ALMOST A GIVEN WHEN STACY WAS HIRED ON, SHE BROUGHT HER SALARY WITH HER. STACY SAID SHE BROUGHT HER SALARY WITH HER, HER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED FOR STACY TO IDENTIFY WHAT GRANTS HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, SET THOSE ASIDE IN HER BUDGET AND GET A BUDGET ON THE REST OF IT.

DISCUSSION ON NEXT FISCAL YEAR 08-09 BUDGET-CHAIRMAN PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. ON THE AD VALOREM TAXES, IN SPEAKING WITH PROPERTY APPRAISER CARTER, EVERYTIME THEY GET NEW INFORMATION TORUN IT, IT LOOKS LIKE AMENDMENT ONE WILL IMPACT APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 DEFICIT. THEY KNOW THEY WILL HAVE TO CUT AT LEAST \$500,000.

ON THE REVENUE ESTIMATES, PATE ADVISED THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AS OF YET TELLING THEM WHAT THE SITUATION IS THERE. HE UNDERSTANDS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WILL HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AROUND THE FIRST OF JULY OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IF EVERYTHING IS LIKE IT WAS LAST YEAR, THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT SOME SERIOUS CUTS THEY NEED TO BE PLANNING FOR. NOT SAYING THEY WILL MAKE ALL OF THEM; BUT, THEY NEED TO BE MAKING EVERYTHING THEY CAN OUT THERE. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS AS IT IS VERY GOOD INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. HE COMMENDED THEM FOR THAT.

PATE SAID DAVID CORBIN HAD DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB WITH HIS PROPOSED BUDGET AND ANOTHER DEPARTMENT CAME IN WITH A 16% CUT AND ONE WITH A 20%

CUT. THEY WERE SENT BACK TO CUT MORE BECAUSE THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO DO SO. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CAN'T SEND PUBLIC WORKS BACK; THEY HAVE TO IMPROVISE A PROBLEM BEFORE THE YEAR IS OVER AND DEPENDING ON THE PRICE OF FUEL NEXT YEAR, IT IS GOING TO BE A BIG PROBLEM THERE.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS ASKED DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT FURTHER CUTS; JUST BECAUSE IT WAS A 7% CUT, IT MAY HAVE TO BE MORE WHEN THEY GET THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S REVENUE PROJECTIONS. PATE SAID THE LAST THING HE WANTED TO DO WAS GET IN THE POSITION WHERE THEY HAVE TO SEND PEOPLE HOME AND HE FEELS THIS IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD AS WELL. HE ASKED THE DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER A 10:00 BREAK HE IS GOING TO CALL DUE TO HIM, PETE AND HEATHER BEING INVOLVED IN A MEETING AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK ABOUT A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK. THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN SOME AREAS; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY ARE INSURMOUNTABLE. HE TURNED THIS DISCUSSION OVER TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK SEEMS TO BE GETTING MORE POPULAR WITH COUNTIES AND CITIES AROUND THE STATE. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSED IT AND THE MAIN FOCUS WAS TO GO WITH FOUR TEN HOUR DAYS IN THE COUNTY ANNEX. IF THEY CLOSE THE COUNTY ANNEX DOWN ANOTHER DAY A WEEK, THEY WOULD SEE SAVINGS IN MAYBE SOME FUEL AND POSSIBLY IN THE UTILITIES. THEY TALKED ABOUT CHANGING THE WORK HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. DUE TO THEM BEING AT WORK TWO HOURS MORE PER DAY WITH THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK, THEY MAY NOT REALIZE A LOT OF SAVINGS IN THE UTILITIES. IT WOULD HELP WITH THE EMPLOYEES HAVING TO DRIVE TO WORK ONE LESS DAY WITH FUEL SAVINGS. IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH CLERK LINDA COOK, SHE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO TO A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK BECAUSE OF THE JUDGE'S SCHEDULE; HOWEVER, SHE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE ANNEX CLOSING A DAY.

PETE SAID HE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER PATE HAD TALKED WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR. THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS HAS SAID SHE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR NOT TOTALLY BEING OPPOSED TO THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK. OUT OF THAT CAME THE COUNTY IS MONITORING, TAKING THE READINGS IN THE MORNING AND EVENING WHEN THEY LEAVE HERE, SO THEY WILL KNOW HOW MANY KILOWATS THEY ARE RUNNING AT NIGHT WHICH WOULD BE THE SAME THING YOU WOULD IF YOU CLOSED DOWN OVER THE WEEKEND FOR A DAY.

TO ANSWER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S AND TAX COLLECTOR'S QUESTIONS, THAT INFORMATION WILL BE COMING ABOUT WHEN THEY GET THE DATA IN. THEY WILL LOOK AT THIS AND PROBABLY HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOARD LATER ON. THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK COULD, DEPENDING ON WHO YOU TALK TO, SAVE A LOT OF MONEY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF COMMISSIONER PATE HAD SAID THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY ANNEX DIDN'T WANT TO GO WITH THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK. PATE ADVISED THEY HADN'T TOTALLY SUPPORTED IT; BUT, THEY HAVEN'T SAID THEY WOULDN'T DO IT. WITHOUT THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR SUPPORTING THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK, THERE WILL BE LIMITED SAVINGS. COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE RUNNING INTO IS THE AIRCONDITIONERS, ETC. ARE SET AROUND IN DIFFERENT AREAS AT THE COUNTY ANNEX. YES, YOU CAN CONTROL THEM; BUT, IT IS STILL GOING TO COME DOWN THESE LONG HALLS. YOU WOULD BE COOLING SOME. THERE IS A LOT OF

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK AT THE COUNTY ANNEX AND THEY ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THE INFORMATION ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF A SURVEY HAD BEEN DONE TO SHOW THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE WANTING A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THIS BEING AN IDEA THAT WAS DISCUSSED THIS WEEK. THEY NEED THE BOARD'S COMMENTS. PATE SAID THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL DO A LITTLE MORE RESEARCH ON WHAT THEY FEEL IT WILL SAVE. THERE IS NO NEED TO GO TO A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK IF THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE A SAVINGS THAT WILL HELP THE COUNTY. PATE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY COMMENTS LATER ON, WRITE THEM UP, GIVE THEM TO PETE AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A HIRING FREEZE. PATE QUESTIONED THE HIRING OF A SUPERVISOR BACK AT MSBU AND ADDRESSED THERE BEING NOTHING IN THEIR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM AND PETE BEING AT THE MSBU MEETING AND VERNON ANDERSON HAD SAID THEY DID HAVE THE BUDGET BASED ON THE INFORMATION PETE GAVE THEM AND THEY WERE WANTING TO HIRE ONE FOR NEXT YEAR.

PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON MSBU HAVING THE FUNDS TO PAY ONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR. THEY HAD A BUDGET PREPARED TO TURN IN FOR NEXT YEAR AND THEY AGREED TO GO AHEAD AND TURN IT IN; BUT, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO MAKE CHANGES TO IT. PETE SAID THEY COULD BUDGET ONE POSITION IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE REASON HE ASKED ABOUT THIS WAS BECAUSE VERNON HAD TOLD HIM THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SUPERVISOR DOWN THERE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST. MSBU NEEDS TO LET THE BUDGET COMMITTEE KNOW IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE THEIR BUDGET RESUBMITTED WITH THAT POSITION IN THERE OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT IS LOGIC IF MSBU DIDN'T GET ANY MORE ASSESSMENTS THAN WHAT THEY HAD THIS PAST YEAR. MSBU DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE THE MONEY AND THEN PETE BROUGHT IN THE BUDGET AND SHOWED IT WAS GOING TO BE THE SAME FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. IF MSBU JUST GETS THOSE SAME ASSESSMENTS NEXT YEAR, OBVIOUSLY THE MONEY WILL BE IN THERE, ESPECIALLY THE ONE THEY WANT TO HIRE, BECAUSE THEY WILL BE HIRING THEM FOR \$3.00 AN HOUR LESS THAN WHAT THEY WERE PAYING THE OTHER EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT FINCH WAS SAYING; BUT, IF THEY DON'T PUT IT IN THEIR BUDGET, THEY NEED TO FREEZE THE POSITION. WHAT HE IS TRYING TO DECIDE NOW IS IF THEY ARE FREEZING THREE POSITIONS OR FOUR POSITIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WITH THE INCOME COMING IN FROM THE SUNNY HILLS ASSESSMENT, WHAT WOULD THAT PART THEY HAD BEEN USING TO PAY THE SUPERVISOR BE USED FOR. OBVIOUSLY, THEY PAID DEBTS OFF WITH IT THEY MADE; BUT, THERE IS MONEY THERE AND IS GOING TO BE MONEY THERE FOR THAT POSITION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS JUST ASKING IF THE BOARD NEEDED TO FREEZE THE POSITION, THEY NEED TO GO AHEAD AND DO SO NOW. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HIRE ANYBODY KNOWING GOING INTO IT, THEY ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE FOUR MONTHS OF WORK. HE IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE HIRING OF THE POSITION. HE IS JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING ON SO THEY CAN DETERMINE WHAT THEY NEED TO PUT IN, THE POSITIONS THEY NEED TO PUT IN, ETC.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WAS A BUDGET THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY MSBU THAT WAS IN THEIR BUDGET PACKET; IT HAS WORK CREW

COMP BUDGETED AT \$63,000. THE BUDGET MSBU SUBMITTED IS BALANCED BASED ON THE REVENUE THEY ANTICIPATE GETTING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN STATED HE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE A DECISION BASED ON HERESAY; HE WANTS TO KNOW FOR SURE MSBU HAS THE MONEY TO COVER THE WORKCREW BEFORE HE SAYS YES. HE DON'T WANT TO SAY YES AND SIX MONTHS FROM NOW COME UP, THE BOARD HAS GOT TO PUT MONEY DOWN THERE TO FINISH SUPPORTING THE WORK CREW. HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE WORK CREW BEING DOWN THERE. IF MSBU HAS THE MONEY, FINE; SHOW HIM WHERE IT IS AT AND HE WILL MAKE A DECISION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THEY HAVE THE MONEY TO GO THROUGH THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. PATE TOLD PETE TO TELL THE MSBU COMMITTEE, ONCE THEY MAKE THIS BUDGET, EVERYTHING THEY ARE GOING TO DECIDE TO DO NEEDS TO BE IN WRITING BECAUSE VERNON HAD SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

PETE AGREED TO SCHEDULE VERNON AND DAVID TO MEET WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON THE MSBU BUDGET.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER AND DAVID CORBIN INTERVIEWING FOR THE POSITION YESTERDAY. THE TOTAL NEEDED TO KEEP THE SUPERVISOR THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH IS \$6,580. SHE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY NEEDED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY HEAR BACK TO ACTUALLY OFFER THE POSITION TO ANYBODY; THEY DON'T KNOW IT IS A TEMPORARY POSITION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS WHAT HE IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO FUND IT, AND THAT IS BASED ON WHAT VERNON ANDERSON HAD TOLD HIM THE EARLIER PART OF THIS WEEK; BUT, THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE IN THE BUDGET PACKET, HE IS CONFUSED ON WHAT VERNON WANTS. HE REITERATED YOU MAY HAVE A HARD TIME HIRING A PERSON IF THEY KNOW THEY ARE ONLY GOING TO BE WORKING FOR FOUR MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED THE MSBU BUDGET IS SHOWING \$63,000 IN THEIR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR FOR WORK CREWS.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON VERNON HAVING TALKED WITH HIM AND PETE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE TRUCK SITUATION AFTER THEY INTERVIEWED FOR THE POSITION. VERNON INTERPRETED TO HIM AND PETE, HE WAS WANTING TWO MSBU CREWS NEXT YEAR. DAVID ADDRESSED THERE BEING SO MUCH WORK DOWN THERE MSBU IS STILL WANTING. HE PUT COMMISSIONER FINCH'S CREW DOWN THERE ALL WEEK THAT CAME OUT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION FUNDS TO DO THE JOB. YOU STILL HAVE GOT MOWING, ETC. HE NEEDS TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO FUND THIS POSITION, HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO CUT SOME THINGS OUT. MR. FINCH'S CREW CAN'T HANDLE EVERYTHING IN SUNNY HILLS AND EVERYTHING IN DISTRICT V WITH THE WORK ORDERS THEY GIVE THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW MANY WORK CREWS DID HE HAVE NOW. DAVID ADVISED HE HAD TWO; ALL COMMISSIONERS HAVE TWO CREWS. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HASN'T HAD BUT ONE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. DAVID EXPLAINED THIS WAS DUE TO ONE OF HIS CREW LEADERS BEING OUT FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID, WHETHER MSBU HAS A CREW AND PAYS FOR IT OR NOT, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAINTAIN SUNNY HILLS WITH A CREW. THAT MAY NOT BE THE CREWS THEY HIRED; BUT, THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A CREW DOWN THERE. IT IS JUST ABOUT GOING TO HAVE TO BE ALL THE TIME. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE WHOLE THING IS ABOUT WHETHER THE MSBU HAS THE MONEY TO HAVE THE TWO CREWS AND DO THEY WANT IT. \$63,000 WILL NOT FINANCE TWO CREWS.

HEATHER SAID THE \$63,000 WILL FINANCE THE TWO POSITIONS AND THAT IS IF THE TWO POSITIONS TAKE EMPLOYEE ONLY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED IF MSBU HAS THE MONEY, HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEM HIRING THE POSITION; BUT, HE IS NOT GOING TO PUT ANY MONEY FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COFFER. HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE WHATEVER IS GOTTEN DOWN THERE, THEY DON'T HIRE SOMEBODY AND FOUR MONTHS LATER, THEY HAVE TO LET THEM GO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT IS GOING TO PUT MONEY IN THE COUNTY'S COFFER BECAUSE IF THE COUNTY HAD TO SEND A CREW DOWN THERE, THEY WOULD BE PAYING FOR IT AND ARE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP UP THE PLACE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HEATHER HOLDING OFF ON HIRING THE MSBU SUPERVISOR THAT HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED; IF VERNON CAN ASSURE THE BOARD THEY HAVE THE MONEY, THEY NEED TO MOVE ON WITH HIRING THE POSITION.

PETE TOLD THE BOARD VERNON PLANS ON BEING AT THE COMMISSION MEETING THIS AFTERNOON IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY ASSURED VERNON THE OTHER NIGHT AT THE MSBU MEETING THEY WOULD HAVE SOMEONE IN PLACE BY JULY 1ST.

DAVID SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE ASKED HOW SOON COULD SOMEONE BE HIRED AND HE TOLD THEM THEY COULD HAVE ONE BY JULY 1ST IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO HIRE ONE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED HEATHER TO NAME THE THREE POSITIONS THAT ARE NOT FUNDED BY MSBU. HEATHER ADVISED THERE WERE TWO HEAVY EQUIPMENT POSITIONS AND ONE LABOR POSITION BEING USED AT SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER FINCH AND PATE SAID IT WAS TWO LABORERS AND ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR BEING USED IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER PATE RECOMMENDED HAVING A HIRING FREEZE ON ANYTHING THAT IS NOT FUNDED BY A SPECIAL FUND AND IF A SPECIAL FUND IS IN TROUBLE, THEY GET A HIRING FREEZE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. THE PROBLEM HE HAS IS WITH EQUIPMENT SETTING THERE. THE COUNTY HAS AN INVESTMENT IN A BUNCH OF EQUIPMENT AND NOBODY USING IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD A FEELING THE HIRING FREEZE MAY GO RIGHT ON THROUGH NEXT YEAR. HE POINTED OUT THEY KNEW THE CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND FUEL WAS DOWN; BUT, THEY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH AND THEIRS IS DIRECTLY FUNDED BY THAT. IF PUBLIC WORKS GETS IN TROUBLE AND YOU HAVE GENERAL FUND YOU CAN HELP THEM OUT WITH, YOU CAN TRANSFER MONEY IN THERE. HOWEVER, GENERAL FUND DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PUT IN THERE. IT IS A PROBLEM AND THE ONLY WAY HE KNOWS OF IF THEY DON'T HAVE A HIRING FREEZE NOW TO GET THROUGH THIS YEAR, WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SEND PEOPLE HOME BEFORE THIS YEAR IS OUT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP TO HAVE A HIRING FREEZE FOR NOW UNTIL THINGS GET BETTER AND THEN THEY CAN LOOK AT IT AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE FELT THEY NEEDED MORE DISCUSSION AND NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHERE WE ARE AT WITH THE BUDGET AND HOW SHORT THEY ARE GOING TO BE AND MAYBE HOW TEMPORARY THE HIRING FREEZE MAY BE. HE DOESN'T SEE HOW PUBLIC WORKS IS GOING TO MAKE IT WITH THE WORK THEY HAVE TO DO AND WITH THE GRANTS COMING UP. HE QUESTIONED HOW ARE THEY GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. YOU CAN'T BUILD SOMETHING IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING TO BUILD WITH. HE POINTED OUT HE WAS NOT SAYING THERE WAS ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT THE CHAIRMAN IS SAYING; IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, THEY DON'T HAVE IT. BUT, HE WANTS TO KNOW THAT AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT THAT BEFORE HE VOTES ON IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED DEBBIE RILEY OF PUBLIC WORKS IF SHE WOULD SHARE WITH THE BOARD WHAT THEY DISCUSSED THE OTHER DAY IF GAS WENT TO

\$5.00 A GALLON. TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIT, HOW MANY POSITIONS THEY WOULD HAVE TO LOSE AT PUBLIC WORKS. THE BIGGEST COST IN ANY GOVERNMENT IS EMPLOYEES. WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO IS NOT SAVE POSITIONS; BUT, SAVE PEOPLE'S JOB. THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN DO THAT IS THROUGH ATTRITION; WHEN ONE LEAVES, DON'T FILL IT OR IF YOU FILL IT, FILL IT BY PROMOTION AND CUT OFF THE ONE THAT LOWERED OUT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE USE TO WOULD AGREE THE GREATEST COST IN ANY GOVERNMENT WAS SALARY; BUT, NOW HE BELIEVES IT IS IN FUEL COST. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING; IF THEY ARE DRIVING EQUIPMENT, IT MAY BE A FUEL COST WOULD BE MORE COSTLY THAN THEIR JOB IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS THE REASON HE TIED IT TO THE FUEL COST. PUBLIC WORKS BUDGETED THIS YEAR FOR \$4.00 A GALLON AND WE ARE AT \$4.36 NOW; WE MAY HIT \$5.00 WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO THE WAY IT IS GOING UP. THE COUNTY IS IN TROUBLE THIS YEAR; IF THE PROJECTION IS RIGHT, THEY WILL BE ABOUT \$76,000 SHORT. IF YOU ADD THAT NEXT YEAR AND A WHOLE YEAR FOR ANOTHER ONE GOING UP AND ALL, THEY ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE AT PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE OF FUEL. HE SAID FINCH WAS RIGHT; WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO WITH ALL THAT EQUIPMENT. PATE SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO SELL IT JUST TO PAY THE FUEL COST TO OPERATE WITH WHAT THEY GOT AS WELL AS ATTRITION. HIS OPINION IS IF YOU DON'T DO THIS BY ATTRITION, THEY ARE GOING TO WIND UP HAVING TO SEND PINK SLIPS HOME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THEY WERE JUST GOING TO TURN DOWN ANY GRANTS THAT REQUIRE ANY MATCH. PATE SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH DIDN'T THINK IT SHOULD BE MAY IF THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT NOT HIRING PEOPLE. PATE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING HE IS WORKING ON THAT MAY ADDRESS THAT; BUT, IF IT DOESN'T, THEY WILL HAVE TO TURN IT DOWN. RIGHT NOW ON THE PROJECTS WHERE THE COUNTY HAS DONE WORK, THAT MONEY IS COMING OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FUNDS. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE AMOUNTS SPENT ON CERTAIN PROJECTS OUT OF THE MAINTENANCE FUNDS:

1. CLAYTON ROAD-\$95,848.99
2. CORBIN ROAD-\$38,000.00
3. PIONEER ROAD-\$183,559.78
4. CREEK ROAD-\$262,574.74

PATE ADDRESSED THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM DAILY WORK REPORTS FROM PUBLIC WORKS ON WHAT HAD BEEN SPENT ON THESE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TOLD MSBU, BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO PETE FROM PUBLIC WORKS, THE COUNTY HAD SPENT \$100,000 SINCE LAST OCTOBER IN THE MSBU AREA AND THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS A LIAR. FINCH SAID THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED THE ROADS AND THE PLACES THEY WERE SPENDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE BELIEVES THE FIGURES ARE RIGHT THAT WERE PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE IF THEY WERE DOING THEIR JOB LIKE THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO, WRITING IT DOWN AND HE WOULDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT SAYING IT WAS NOT ACCURATE WITHOUT FINDING THAT SOMEBODY IS CROOKING HIS BOOKS AND IF HE DOES, HE IS IN TROUBLE. WHAT HE IS SAYING, WHEN THEY LOOK AT THIS AND TOTAL IT UP, IF THEY CAN GET BIDS PER MILE ON SOME OF THIS WORK, THEY MAY FIND OUT THE COST THEY ARE ACTUALLY PUTTING IN IT AS OPPOSED TO IF THEY WENT AHEAD AND BIDDED THEM OUT, THEY MAY HAVE MONEY LEFT OVER TO GO IN THERE. THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS THAT WILL COME OUT A LITTLE LATER ON.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE HIRING FREEZE IS PASSED, IT WON'T CAUSE A PROBLEM WITH THE POSITION MSBU IS WANTING TO HIRE THAT HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED FOR IF VERNON SAYS MBBU HAS MONEY IN ITS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS MSBU'S BUDGET AND IT COMES OUT OF THEIR BUDGET. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE KNEW THAT; BUT, IT IS STILL A COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT MAY BE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE; BUT, MSBU HAS THE MONEY THEY ARE COLLECTING AND THAT IS ON TOP OF WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED IT APPEARING THEY HAD TWO EMPLOYEES IN THE MSBU BUDGET. IS THE COUNTY GOING TO ALLOW MSBU TO HIRE ANOTHER ONE IF THEY HAVE THE MONEY TO AFFORD IT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID THAT GOES UNDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND IS FUNDED BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAXES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AMENDED HIS MOTION TO FREEZE THE HIRING EXCEPT FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUNDING; IF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUNDING HAS THE MONEY THERE TO HIRE THE ONE OR TWO CREWS, HE AGREES FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, IF NOT, THEY NOT BE HIRED. COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE BREAK.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, PHIL YOUNG WITH OLSON INSURANCE AGENCY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. HE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE THEY ARE AHEAD OF THE GAME FROM WHERE THEY WERE LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR THE BOARD HAD TO MAKE SOME QUICK DECISIONS BECAUSE OF THE TIME FRAME; THIS YEAR THEY ARE GOING TO BE AHEAD OF THAT. THE RENEWALS ARE IN OCTOBER AND THEY ALREADY HAVE THE RATES BACK FROM BCBS AND THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER CARRIERS. THEY DID GET A QUOTE FROM UNITED HEALTH CARE YESTERDAY AT 5:00 P.M. HE DOESN'T HAVE IT WITH HIM TODAY BECAUSE THE QUOTE THEY SENT COULDN'T COMPARE THE PLANS THEY PUT TOGETHER FOR THE BOARD WERE NOT AS COMPARABLE TO THE ONES THEY HAVE NOW. BASICALLY THEY WERE NOT AS RICH IN BENEFITS AS THE PLAN THEY HAVE NOW. PREMIUM WISE, IT WAS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY PAYING; HOWEVER, BENEFIT WISE, IT WAS NOT AS STRONG AS THE PLAN THE COUNTY HAS NOW. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE THEM A FEW DAYS TO PUT THE UNITED HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL TOGETHER, THEY WILL HAVE IT DONE NEXT WEEK AND AGAIN, BY HAVING THAT DONE AND HAVING THE QUOTES FROM BCBS, THEY ARE WAY AHEAD OF THE GAME AS FAR AS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS HE KNOWS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE.

HE ASKED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO LOOK AT THE INFORMATION IN THEIR PHAMPLET AT THE CURRENT BENEFITS. HE EXPLAINED THAT WAS JUST A RECAP OF THE COUNTY'S CURRENT HEALTH PLAN, DENTAL PLAN, VISION PLAN AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN.

UNDER THE INSURANCE RENEWAL INFORMATION, IT SHOWED THE COUNTY ACTUALLY GOT A 16% INCREASE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR BCBS. THESE RATES JUST CAME IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND THEY HAVE NOT DONE ANY NEGOTIATING WITH THEM; CERTAINLY HAVING A UNITED HEALTH CARE QUOTE WILL HELP IN NEGOTIATING. ONCE THEY PUT THESE TWO THINGS TOGETHER, THEY PROBABLY WILL HAVE A BETTER NUMBER FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD. THE DRIVING FACTOR, ACCORDING TO BCBS AND THEY WILL HAVE THAT INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD AS WELL IN A FEW DAYS, IS THE LARGE CLAIMS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO HAVE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING POSITIVE ABOUT THE RATES, IT IS BETTER THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR. AS THE COUNTY'S AGENT, OLSON IS GOING TO DO THEIR BEST TO NEGOTIATE AND TRY TO BRING DOWN THOSE RATES WITH BCBS. EVERYTHING ELSE, AS FAR AS THE OTHER PLANS THE COUNTY HAS CURRENTLY IN PLACE, THE DENTAL INSURANCE, VISION INSURANCE AND LIFE INSURANCE WILL HAVE NO CHANGES IN THOSE PLANS. THE ONLY THING THEY REALLY HAVE TO NEGOTIATE AND WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE. THERE WILL

BE NO INCREASES IN THE DENTAL, VISION OR LIFE INSURANCE. OLSON'S MAIN FOCUS IN THE NEXT UPCOMING WEEKS IS GOING TO BE THE HEALTH INSURANCE. THEY WILL HAVE SOMETHING SHORTLY PUT TOGETHER WITH UNITED AND WORK WITH BCBS AND BOTH COMPANIES IN NEGOTIATIONS TO GET THE RATES DOWN AS LOW AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD ENDED UP GOING WITH BCBS AND THE RATES WENT UP, ARE THEY STILL MAINTAINING PRETTY MUCH THE SAME COVERAGE. PHIL ADVISED THE COVERAGE WON'T CHANGE WITH BCBS IF THE COUNTY RENEWS AND TAKES THE 16% INCREASE. HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON WHAT THE ACTUAL ANNUAL DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THE PREMIUM WOULD COST THE COUNTY IF THEY RENEWED WITH THE 16% INCREASE. THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENCE OF \$220,021.92 ACTUAL COST THAT WILL BE INCURRED BY THE COUNTY. THAT IS FACTORING IN SOME OF THE COST WOULD BE SHIFTED TO THE EMPLOYEES. THEY LOOKED AT EVERY SINGLE PERSON, LOOKED AT THEIR COVERAGE, WHAT THEY WERE CURRENTLY PAYING AND WHAT THE COUNTY WAS CURRENTLY PAYING FOR THAT PERSON AND IF THEY RENEWED RIGHT NOW AS IS, THE \$220,021.92 WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE THE COUNTY WOULD PAY IN 2008-2009. THAT IS THE NUMBER OLSON IS HOPING TO DECREASE BY NEGOTIATIONS WITH BCBS AND UNITED HEALTH CARE.

IN TALKING WITH HEATHER, HE THINKS THE PLAN THE COUNTY HAS NOW IS WORKING WELL FOR THE EMPLOYEES; OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE GOING THROUGH SOME GROWING PAINS AS FAR AS MAKING SOME CHANGES THEY DID LAST YEAR. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED IT APPEARED THE COST FOR THE EMPLOYEE WOULD BE GOING UP 50% FOR THE BUYUP PLAN AND SHE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT BIG OF INCREASE IN THE OTHER DIVISIONS.

PHIL ADDRESSED WHEN LOOKING AT AN INCREASE, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE OVERALL INCREASE. ALMOST 90% OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE EMPLOYEE ONLY COVERAGE. THERE IS 102 EMPLOYEES UNDER THE BASE PLAN.

DEPUTY CLERK ADDRESSSED WITH EVERYBODY PAYING THAT BIG OF DIFFERENCE IN PREMIUM, IT IS STILL GOING TO COST THE COUNTY \$220,021.92 IF THEY GO WITH THE PLAN AS PRESENTED TODAY.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER QUESTIONED THE TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM WITH THIS PLAN. PHIL ADVISED THE CURRENT PREMIUM COST WAS \$1,549,478.52 AND THE RENEWAL PREMIUM COST WILL BE \$1,807,898.04.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THE DIFFERENCE THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE BUYUP PLAN WOULD BE PAYING. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THE COUNTY'S COST WOULD BE \$368.48 WITH THE TOTAL PREMIUM BEING \$491.31. THE EMPLOYEE IS CURRENTLY PAYING \$68.18. THEY WOULD BE BASICALLY PAYING THIS MUCH TWICE A MONTH.

PHIL SAID THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW IS PAYING \$368.48 AND THEY WILL BE PAYING \$426.38.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW MUCH MORE A MONTH IS HE GOING TO BE PAYING. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID BASICALLY TWICE WHAT THEY ARE PAYING NOW. HEATHER SAID THEY DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO PAY WHAT YET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COST AND THE PREMIUM COST IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER SAID IF THE COUNTY AGREES TO PAY 75% OF THE PREMIUM AGAIN; BUT, HEATHER HAS SAID THEY DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO PAY WHAT YET.

PHIL SAID ASSUMING THE COUNTY TAKES ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYING THE 75% THEY WERE SHOWING WHAT THE WORSE CASE SCENARIO WOULD BE. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFERENT COST SHIFTING THIS YEAR AND THAT IS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO ADDRESS WHEN THEY GET TO THE POINT OF NEGOTIATING WITH BLUE CROSS AND GETTING SOME FINAL RATES. THEY ARE HOPING TO GET THE RATES DOWN BEFORE CROSSING THAT BRIDGE. THEIR MAIN THING IN COMING TODAY WAS TO LET

THE BOARD KNOW THEIR RENEWALS ARE IN OCTOBER AND THEY ARE AHEAD OF THE GAME AND THEY WANT IT TO STAY THAT WAY.

AT THIS POINT, THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO TAKE ON LESS RESPONSIBILITY AND PUT MORE ON THE EMPLOYEE; BUT, OLSON WANTS TO GET THE COUNTY THE BEST NUMBERS TO WORK WITH BEFORE CROSSING THAT BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE KNOWS THAT IS WHAT THE EMPLOYEES ARE WANTING TO HEAR; WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET A RAISE, ETC. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADDRESSED THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS INCREASE WITH A 16% INCREASE IF OLSON CAN'T NEGOTIATE WITH BCBS. THIS WILL COST THE BOARD \$220,000 AND HOPEFULLY THEY CAN FIND IT FOR US.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID NOT ONLY WILL IT COST THE COUNTY; IT WILL COST THE EMPLOYEES TOO.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING FORMED AN INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND THEY HAVE MET ONCE AND ARE WAITING ON THE UNITED HEALTH CARE QUOTE BEFORE HAVING THEIR NEXT MEETING. THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS; THEY HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE BIGGER SECTIONS SO THEY CAN GET SOME DIFFERENT IDEAS TO HELP. LAST YEAR IT SORT OF ALL GOT PUT ON THE BOARD AS IT BEING THE BOARD'S FAULT FOR THAT HORRIBLE INCREASE THAT HAPPENED. THIS YEAR THEY ARE HOPING IT WILL BE EXPLAINED BETTER AND UNDERSTOOD BETTER BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS SO THEY CAN HELP EXPLAIN TO THE EMPLOYEES WHY WE ARE WHERE WE ARE AND HOW THE PROCESS WORKS FROM START TO FINISH GETTING A RATE FOR THE EMPLOYEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSING THINGS LIKE POSSIBLY RAISING AND LOWERING CERTAIN THINGS OF THE PLAN THAT WILL HELP WITH THE PREMIUM; THE DEDUCTIBLES, PRESCRIPTIONS, ETC.

PHIL REFERRED TO LEON COUNTY IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA SWITCHED OVER SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO UNITED AND THEY BASICALLY CAME IN AND BOUGHT THE BUSINESS. LEON COUNTY IS NOW GOING BACK TO BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED INCREASES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS; THEY HAVE SEEN OVER 30% IN THEIR INCREASES. ALL THE COMPANIES ARE LOOKING AT IS THE CLAIMS COMING OUT AND WHAT IT IS COSTING THEM VERSUS WHAT IS COMING IN. THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHETHER YOU ARE WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE OR BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY ARE GOING TO CHARGE IT BACK TO YOU IF YOU ARE OVER THAT. IF THERE IS MORE COMING OUT VERSUS COMING IN, YOU WILL GET IT BACK. HE IS ALWAYS HESITANT TO RECOMMEND SWITCHING INSURANCE COMPANIES BECAUSE UNITED HEALTH CARE WILL MORE THAN LIKELY OFFER SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT LOWER IN PREMIUM THAN THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY PAYING. WHAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE FOLLOWING YEAR. HE HAS SEEN THAT TREND. BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD AND UNITED HEALTH CARE ARE VERY SIMILAR; THEIR NETWORKS ARE VERY SIMILAR, THE WAY THEY OPERATE IS VERY SIMILAR. GOING FORWARD, PHIL WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE THAT DOES HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HIS THOUGHTS WERE AS THEY GET INTO THE PROCESS THIS YEAR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT NEEDS TO BE MAJORLY INVOLVED IN IT. THE INSURANCE NEEDS TO BE EXPLAINED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT IF THE BOARD AGREES WITH WHAT GOES ON WITH IT. THE BOARD MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO GET THE PREMIUMS WHERE THEY ARE AT. NOBODY IS POCKETING MONEY. NOBODY UNDERSTOOD HOW THE PROCESS WORKS WITH THE INSURANCE; EVERYBODY ASSUMED IT WAS GOING STRAIGHT FORWARD. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LOT OF COMPLICATED THINGS THEY GOT INTO AND THAT WAS THE BEST THEY COULD COME UP WITH. ANYTIME YOU ADD PREMIUMS THAT COST THE EMPLOYEE MORE MONEY, EVERYBODY IS SUSPICIOUS AND THIS NEEDS TO BE CLEARED UP EARLY BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

HEATHER REITERATED THEY WERE HOPING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE THEY HAVE, THE SUPERVISORS BASICALLY OF ALL THESE ENTITIES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE INSURANCE WILL BE THERE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS AND THEY ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND THE BOARD DIDN'T JUST SAY "WE CAN'T AFFORD THIS, HERE IS A BUNCH OF MONEY YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY." THEY ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND FROM START TO FINISH WHERE WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE AND BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES WHEN THEIR ARE UPSET OR HOPEFULLY HAPPY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED HOW IS THE BOARD GOING TO EXPLAIN TO THE EMPLOYEES THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE WHEN THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED A RAISE.

ROGER HAGAN SAID HE THOUGHT THE EMPLOYEES REALIZE THEY NEVER LIKE IT WHEN THEY DON'T GET A RAISE; BUT, THEY REALIZED LAST YEAR WAS THAT YEAR. FROM WHAT THEY ARE HEARING NOW, IT MAY BE TWO YEARS IN A ROW. THAT MAY NOT BE A PRECEDENCE; BUT, IT PROBABLY WILL BE. BUT, WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET ANY MORE MONEY AND WHAT SHOULD BE A BENEFIT IS GOING TO COST YOU MORE, THAT IS GOING TO CAUSE UNREST. ANOTHER THING, HE HEARD NPR SAY LAST WEEK, REPORTING OUT OF WASHINGTON ON HEALTH INSURANCE, THE AVERAGE INCREASE ACROSS THE NATION IS 10%. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO GO BACK AND SEE WHY BCBS'S INCREASE FOR WASHING- TON COUNTY IS 6% MORE THAN THE AVERAGE RATE ACROSS THE NATION IS ON HEALTH CARE INCREASES.

ROGER HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET AN ANSWER SINCE LAST FALL ABOUT WHY THEY WOULDN'T PAY FOR THE HOSPITAL BASED THERAPY CENTER OUT HERE AND HE DOESN'T HAVE AN ANSWER YET. IF BCBS IS NOT GOING TO USE THE LOCAL FACILITIES; BUT, THEY WILL PAY IF YOU DRIVE TO MARIANNA TO GET THERAPY, THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT. THEY NEED TO TRY AND MAKE SURE TO USE THE LOCAL FACILITIES WHEN POSSIBLE.

HEATHER ADVISED THEY DO HAVE A LOCAL THERAPY FACILITY; IT IS JUST NOT HOSPITAL BASED. ANY INSURANCE COMPANY WILL CHARGE MORE FOR ANYTHING DONE AT A HOSPITAL BASED FACILITY; ANYTHING DONE AT THE HOSPITAL IS GOING TO COST MORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ANY TIME YOU MAKE A CHANGE, THERE IS CONFUSION. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS; BUT, HE FEELS IT IS IN FAIRLY CAPABLE HANDS WITH HEATHER AND HER COMMITTEE.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HOLDING EMPLOYEE MEETINGS AGAIN THIS YEAR; THEY ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF AUGUST. OPEN ENROLLMENT IS SET FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. THEY WON'T BE DOING WHAT THEY DID LAST YEAR AS IT WAS HORRIBLE. THIS YEAR WITH IT ALREADY SCHEDULED AND SET, WE HOPE VERY QUICKLY THEY WILL HAVE IT ALL PUT TOGETHER. THEY WILL HAVE A GOOD CHANCE TO EXPLAIN TO THE EMPLOYEES IN THESE MEETINGS. THEY ALSO HAVE AN EVENING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR PEOPLE ON SHIFT WORK AT THE OTHER OFFICES. THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE MORE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR. THEY HAVE CREATED A WEB SITE NOW; THE EMPLOYEES CAN GET ON THERE AND CHECK EVERYTHING OUT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON A SPENDING FREEZE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSING FREEZING SPENDING AND IT IS SOMETHING THEY NORMALLY DO TOWARD THE END OF THE BUDGET YEAR. THEY NORMALLY ASK ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TO JUST BUY EMERGENCY OR ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ITEMS ONLY; HOPEFULLY, SO THEY COULD CARRY FORWARD SOME MONEY IN THE 2008-2009 BUDGET. THEY WANTED TO BRING THIS UP TODAY AND IF IT IS PUT IN PLACE TODAY, THEY WOULD BE DOING IT A LITTLE BIT EARLIER THAN THEY NORMALLY DO EVERY YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE BEING SOME DEPARTMENTS NOW THAT ARE ALMOST IN A CRISIS MODE AS FAR AS THEIR BUDGET IS CONCERNED. WITH THOSE BUDGETS, HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD NEED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND

ANYTHING. IT IS NOT THAT THEY DON'T TRUST THEM; IT IS JUST EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE WORKING WITH THOSE THAT ARE IN A SERIOUS CRITICAL SITUATION TO HELP THEM OUT. HOPEFULLY, WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME MONEY TO HELP THEM OUT.

PETE EXPLAINED AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS OR DIVISION HEAD MEETINGS, THEY HAVE BEEN GOING OVER THE BUDGETS MONTH BY MONTH AND THEY ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB STAYING WITHIN WHAT WAS BUDGETED. THE FUEL LINE ITEM IS WHERE SOME OF THEM WILL HAVE PROBLEMS. OTHER THAN THAT, THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB STAYING WITHIN THEIR BUDGET. BUT IF THE BOARD ASK THEM NOW TO REALLY LIMIT THEIR SPENDING THROUGH THE END OF THIS BUDGET YEAR, IT MAY HELP THEM OUT WITH THE CARRY FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SUGGESTED LETTING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS GO THROUGH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT; WHATEVER PETE FEELS, LET HIM MAKE A DECISION AND IF IT GETS MESSED UP, THE BOARD WOULD ONLY HAVE ONE PERSON TO GO TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WHAT THE SPENDING FREEZE WOULD CONSIST OF.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE DEPARTMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BUY WHAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE TO KEEP IT IN OPERATION; BUT, NOTHING THAT WAS NOT ABSOLUTELY A NECESSITY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO PUT A PRICE LIMIT ON WHAT TO APPROVE. PETE RECOMMENDED A \$500 LIMIT BE ALLOWED RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE SUGGESTED A \$100 LIMIT. COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE DEPARTMENTS WOULDN'T NEED TO COME BACK WITH A \$100 EXPENSE EVERY OTHER DAY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO HAVE A \$100 SPENDING LIMIT PER DEPARTMENT WITH PETE MAKING A DECISION AS TO HOW OFTEN THEY GET THE \$100.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THE \$100 LIMIT WAS JUST FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THAT WAS FOR ANY SPENDING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED THE MATERIALS BUDGET IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. HE SAID HE HAD SOME MONEY IN HIS MATERIAL BUDGET HE NEEDS TO MAKE PURCHASES WITH.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE MAERIALS BUDGET WAS SET ASIDE FOR OPERATIONS. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE MOTION DOESN'T INCLUDE THE MATERIALS BUDGET.

DALLAS ASKED IF HE WOULD HAVE TO CALL PETE IF THERE WAS AN EXPENDITURE OVER \$100 IN THE MATERIALS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THAT WAS A STANDARD OPERATION ITEM; IF THEY DO THAT, THEY WON'T BE OPERATING AT ALL. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.

ROGER HAGAN SAID HE THOUGHT HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE BOARD WAS SAYING; HOWEVER, HE ADDRESSED YOU COULDN'T BUY TWO PRINTING CARTRIDGES FOR \$100 HARDLY. HE SAID HIS MATERIALS IS PAPER, ETC. HE UNDERSTANDS FURNITURE, COPIERS, COMPUTERS, ETC.; BUT, IF YOU START LIMITING OFFICE SUPPLIES, HIS PENCILS, PAPERS AND FORMS, AND NOTED YOU COULDN'T HARDLY GET YOUR FORMS PRINTED FOR \$100.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS THE REASON ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OF EXPENDITURES; JUST LIKE THE \$500. BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO BE CHECKING ON HERBERT RATHER THAN CHECKING ON ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT MAKE A STAND- ARD FORM IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO REQUEST SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE ABOVE THE \$100 LIMIT. EMORY SAID THEY HAVE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THIS.

ROGER SAID HE WASN'T CHALLENGING WHAT THE BOARD IS SAYING; TO GET AUTHORIZATION FOR A REALM OF PAPER, ETC., SEEMS LIKE THAT IS BOGGING ADMINISTRATION FOR SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENT HEADS COULD DO.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE A \$100 SPENDING LIMIT PER DEPARTMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIALS BUDGET WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT MAKING THE DECISION AS TO HOW OFTEN DEPARTMENTS GET THE \$100.

INSURANCE-PROPERTY/AUTO/CRIME RENEWAL-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE RENEWAL FOR THE PROPERTY, AUTO AND CRIME INSURANCE FROM PRIA; THERE IS A REDUCTION OF 15.29%. PRIA IS OFFERING A 15 MONTH RENEWAL HONORING THE REDUCED PRICE OVER THE 15 MONTH PERIOD. THE TOTAL SAVINGS IS \$37,493. PRIA IS REQUESTING THE BOARD RENEW JULY 1, 2008 WITH THE PREMIUM NOT BEING DUE UNTIL OCTOBER 2008; BUT, IF THEY RENEW JULY 1ST, THEY ARE COVERED FOR 15 MONTHS THROUGH OCTOBER 2009. THE COVERAGE ALL REMAINS THE SAME.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH PRIA FOR PROPERTY, AUTO AND CRIME INSURANCE.

SUNNY HILLS PROPERTY SALES-PETE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM ADDING THIS TO THE WORKSHOP AGENDA AND WAS HOPING HE WOULD HAVE SOME PROPERTIES HE COULD ASK THE BOARD ABOUT ADVERTISING. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THREE DIFFERENT DEVELOPERS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE ASKED FOR A LIST OF ALL COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS. IT APPEARS THERE IS GETTING TO BE AN INTEREST IN THOSE PROPERTIES AGAIN. THEY PROVIDED THE LIST OF THE PROPERTIES TO THOSE THAT REQUESTED IT; BUT, HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM YET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THERE WOULD BE ONE GUY THAT COMES TO THE BOARD MEETING THIS AFTERNOON ON SOME OF THE PROPERTIES; HE WANTS IT WHERE HE CAN BUY ONE OR TWO LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS AS HE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY SEVERAL LOTS. THE GUY WAS QUESTIONING IF THE BOARD COULD ADVERTISE THE PROPERTIES FOR SALE SO SOMEONE COULD BUY ONE OR TWO LOTS.

PETE SAID THE LAST COUPLE OF TIMES THEY ADVERTISED THE LOTS FOR SALE, THEY ASKED FOR BIDS ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS AND THEN LUMP SUM BIDS FOR THE WHOLE GROUP OF LOTS.

COMMISSIONER FIMCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE TWENTY LOTS AND HE WANTS TO BUY TWO OF THEM, HE COULD JUST BID ON TWO LOTS. PETE ADVISED HOWEVER THE BOARD WANTS TO ADVERTISE THE LOTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH FELT LIKE THAT WAS A GOOD WAY TO ADVERTISE THE LOTS BECAUSE HE FEELS LIKE THIS GUY WILL PURCHASE A COUPLE OF LOTS IF IT IS ADVERTISED THAT WAY.

PETE SAID AS SOON AS HE GETS AN IDEA ON WHICH LOTS THE BOARD NEEDS TO ADVERTISE, HE WILL GET BACK WITH THEM AND GET AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK AT SWAPPING SOME OF THE SUNNY HILLS LOTS THE COUNTY OWNS FOR SOME OF THE PROPERTY AROUND GAP POND LANDING. IF THEY COULD SECURE SOME PROPERTY ALONG THAT PARKING LOT THERE, PUT IN SOME RV SITES, THEY HAVE SOME STUFF OUT WHERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH VERY LITTLE COST. THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKING FOR THAT. DELTONA OWNS THE PROPERTY THERE AND THEY CAN'T BUILD ON IT BECAUSE IT IS LOWLANDS. BUT, YOU COULD PUT RV SITES ON IT IF THEY COULD JUST GET A 100' ALONG EACH SIDE. HE FELT LIKE IF THE COUNTY COULD SWAP SOME OF THE SUNNY HILLS LOTS TO DELTONA FOR SOME LOTS AT GAP POND, IT APPEARS IT WOULD BE A WIN, WIN SITUATION FOR BOTH. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR PETE AND COMMIS- SIONER FINCH TO CHECK ON THE SWAPPING OF LOTS

WITH DELTONA WITH SOMEBODY OTHER THAN LOCAL AND BRING THE INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, NEXTEL PHONES AND VEHICLES WERE DISCUSSED. PATE ADDRESSED WITH THE SITUATION THE BOARD APPEARS TO BE FACING, EVERYTHING IS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. HE SAID THERE WERE SOME AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY MAKING CHANGES IN THE WAY THEY OPERATE AND HE COMMENDS THEM. SOME OF THEM ARE CHANGING THE WAY THEY GET TO WORK, AS FAR AS GETTING TO THEIR VEHICLES, KEEP IT UP, WORK ON IT, ETC. HE DOESN'T FEEL THEY NEED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT. IF YOU FEEL IT WILL WORK TO SAVE THE FUEL AT PUBLIC WORKS, DO IT, RUN IT BY PETE; BUT, HE DOESN'T THINK THE BOARD REALLY NEEDS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THAT.

THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO LEAVE IT UP TO THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS HOW TO DO THE SCHEDULING AND EMPLOYEES CARPOOLING TO GET TO THEIR WORKSITES.

NEXTEL PHONES-COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE WAS A GOOD JOB LAST YEAR ON REDUCING THE COST OF NEXTEL PHONES BY GOING FROM FIVE OR SIX PLANS TO TWO. HOWEVER, THEY COULD PROBABLY SAVE SOME MORE MONEY BY DETERMINING WHETHER EMPLOYEES REALLY NEED THEM OR NOT.

ON VEHICLES, PATE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY OUGHT TO CARPOOL THE ONES AT THE COUNTY ANNEX; IF AN EMPLOYEE NEEDS TO USE ONE, CHECK ONE OUT AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. ANY SURPLUS VEHICLES THAT YOU NEED, TAKE THEM AND DISBURSE THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED AND SELL THE EXCESS VEHICLES.

PATE ASKED FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE PEOPLE DRIVING VEHICLES HOME HAVING TO JUSTIFY THE REASON FOR DOING SO. WE ARE HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WE HAVE TO SOLVE AND WE MAY AS WELL GET STARTED ON THEM AND NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. AGAIN, HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN SENDING ANYBODY HOME. HE IS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING HE CAN LEGALLY DO TO CUT THIS BUDGET WITHOUT DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, PETE AND ROGER BEING ON A COMMITTEE THE LAST TIME CELL PHONES WERE BROUGHT UP. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS. IT SEEMS LIKE THE FIRST CUT WOULD BE SOMEONE THAT IS AT THEIR DESK, HAS A PUBLIC WORKS COUNTY RADIO AVAILABLE, TELEPHONE AND THEN HAVE A CELL PHONE. HE HAS NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU NEED THAT. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS LOGICAL THINKING. HE, ROGER AND PETE CUT SOME OF THOSE; BUT, BEFORE LONG IT WAS AMAZING HOW IT BECAME JUSTIFIED AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE CELL PHONES NOW THAN THEY DID THEN HE WOULD ASSUME. HE POINTED OUT THERE IS MORE PEOPLE AT PUBLIC WORKS TOO. HE SAID HE COULD PAY FOR HIS CELL PHONE IF THAT NEEDS TO BE; BUT, HE HOPES HE DOESN'T HAVE TO. HE DIDN'T FEEL THE BOARD NEEDED TO DO A MASS CUT OF CELL PHONES; IF THEY EVER NEEDED THEM, THERE IS PEOPLE THAT NEED THEM. HE FELT THE SUPERVISORS NEED A CELL PHONE AND THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO LOOK AT CUTTING THESE. HE FEELS PETE NEEDS ONE ALSO AND ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE ONES THAT ARE FILTERED DOWN. HE USED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS AN EXAMPLE; IF SOMEONE IS GOING OUT OF THAT OFFICE, THEY CAN ALWAYS PICK UP A CELL PHONE. THEY CAN LOOK INTO CHECKING OUT A CELL PHONE AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TOO. HE POINTED OUT HE HAD WORKED AT FL-DOT FOR THIRTY YEARS AND NEVER HAD A CELL PHONE. IF THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT CUTTING CELL PHONES, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE ONES SETTING NEXT TO A RADIO ALL DAY; THEY DON'T NEED A CELL PHONE. HE REALIZES EVERYBODY CAN JUSTIFY NEEDING ONE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE BEING PEOPLE WHO HAD CELL PHONES THAT HE REALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE THEM. YOU CAN JUSTIFY ABOUT ANYTHING YOU WANT TO; HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED WOULD YOU WANT TO GET MAD BECAUSE YOU LOSE SOMETHING YOU THINK YOU NEED OR YOU CAN'T DRIVE A VEHICLE HOME, ETC. OR DO YOU WANT TO GET MAD BECAUSE SOME TIME DOWN THE ROAD, YOU MAY HAVE TO GO HOME. THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE THE CHOICE. HE EXPLAINED HE WAS NOT SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO DO THIS NOW; BUT, THEY ARE LOOKING AT IT NOW. WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO SEPTEMBER AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T BALANCED THE BUDGET LIKE LAST YEAR, THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF THINGS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK THAT IS PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE A LOT OF FOLKS MAD. HE WENT AHEAD AND APOLOGIZED FOR HIS PART IN IT; BUT, HE IS GOING TO DO WHAT HE WAS ELECTED TO DO. IF SOMEBODY GETS MAD ABOUT IT, HE CAN'T HELP IT. ALL HE IS DOING IS ASKING THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE LIST, DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO LOOK AT THE LIST AND CUT EVERY CELL PHONE THAT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THEIR OPERATIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED FOR A LIST OF HOW MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAD CELL PHONES, WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT DEPARTMENT THEY WORK IN. PETE SAID THERE WAS A PRETTY THOROUGH INVESTIGATION DONE ON CELL PHONES LAST YEAR AND IT WILL HAVE TO BE PULLED BACK OUT. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS ABOUT 60 PLUS TOTAL CELL PHONES AT THAT TIME AND THE COUNTY PAID FOR TWENTY PHONES FOR THE PRISON.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED PETE TO GIVE THE COMMISSIONERS A COPY OF THE LIST OF CELL PHONES THE COUNTY IS FUNDING AND THEY LOOK AT THE PRISON OR ANYBODY ELSE OUTSIDE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT MAY HAVE A PHONE THE COUNTY IS FUNDING. HE REFERRED TO SOMEONE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE; BUT, HIS PARTNER DOES. THE PERSON DIDN'T HAVE ONE BEFORE HE GOT THERE. THE BOARD HAS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE CELL PHONES. COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD BE PROVIDED A LIST OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE CELL PHONES, WHAT DEPARTMENT THEY WORK FOR AND ANY OTHER CELL PHONES THE BOARD MAY PAY FOR; PETE WILL SEND A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIVISION CHIEFS TO CHECK THE EMPLOYEES UNDER THEM WHO HAVE CELL PHONES AND IF IT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THEIR OPERATIONS TO HAVE THE CELL PHONE, INFORM THE BOARD AND THE BOARD WILL MAKE A DECISION ON WHAT CELL PHONES TO DO AWAY WITH.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD JUST PAID FOR THE COMMISSIONERS' CELL PHONES AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THEN ASKED WHO ALL DO THEY PAY FOR. COMMISSIONER PATE STATED ABOUT TWENTY CELL PHONES ARE BEING PAID BY THE BOARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

PETE SAID MOST OF THE CELL PHONES THE BOARD PAYS FOR IS UNDER THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE CELL PHONES HAVING BRANCHED OUT OVER THE YEARS AND IT IS HARD TO GET YOUR HANDS ON IT SOMETIMES. IF YOU DO GET YOUR HANDS ON IT, THERE IS PROBABLY A PRETTY GOOD AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE SAVED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN HOME. COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED A LIST OF EVERYONE DRIVING A VEHICLE HOME, EVERYONE HAVING A VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO THEM, HOW MUCH THEY ARE USING THE VEHICLE, ONCE A WEEK, MONTH, EVERY DAY, ETC., AND ESPECIALLY HERE AROUND THE COUNTY ANNEX AND RECOMMENDED PUTTING VEHICLES IN A CAR- POOL, EMPLOYEES CHECK OUT THE VEHICLES WHEN NEEDED AND CHECK THEM BACK IN WITH THE TRIP MILEAGE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM HAVING TWO GUYS THAT GOES TO THEIR GRADER INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AND ASKED HOW MUCH THIS HAS SAVED SINCE THESE TWO GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING THIS. DEBBIE RILEY ADVISED RIGHT NOW THERE ARE FOUR EMPLOYEES DOING THIS AND THERE HAS BEEN A SAVINGS OF \$158 A MONTH. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID \$158 A MONTH NOT SOUNDING LIKE MUCH; BUT, WHEN YOU HAVE MORE EMPLOYEES DOING THIS, IT WOULD ADD UP. HE ALSO REFERRED TO ALL THE BIG ITEMS BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET LAST YEAR AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT OTHER WAYS TO CUT THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW COMING OUT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW IS BEING PAID OUT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET NOW; IT WAS BUDGETED TO BE PAID OUT OF THE IMPACT FEES. HOWEVER, THE IMPACT WAS THEY HAD PEOPLE BEING PAID OUT OF SOMETHING THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN THE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY WENT DOWN. HE ASKED EMORY PITTS HOW MANY BUILDING PERMITS IS THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DOING NOW A MONTH.

EMORY ADVISED THEY WERE PROBABLY DOING FOUR TO FIVE HOUSES A MONTH NOW FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THOSE FEES WEREN'T ENOUGH TO EVEN PAY FOR ONE OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW; SO, PUBLIC WORKS HAS FUNDED THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW JUST ABOUT EVER SINCE THEY WERE HIRED. THE IMPACT FEES DIDN'T COME IN AS PROJECTED BECAUSE THE ECONOMY WENT DOWN. WHEN THE ECONOMY GOES DOWN, THE COUNTY IS NOT GOING TO GET THE MONEY THEY HAVE TO OPERATE ON. THAT FORCES THE BOARD TO BE BETTER MANAGERS OF WHAT THEY DO GET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THEY WERE IN THE WHOLE, IN THE BLACK OR WHAT WITH THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW. DEBBIE RILEY ADDRESSED THAT IS WHAT HAS GENERATED A DEFICIT IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE SALARY IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD STRICKLAND THE DEFICIT AMOUNT WAS IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEBBIE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED ABOUT THE FUEL WITH COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISING THIS WAS ALSO IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEBBIE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED WHAT WAS THE CREW THAT BUILT JOINER ROAD AND LIESURE LAKES ROAD CALLED AND ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH ROLLING PINES IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A SPECIAL PROJECT CREW. DALLAS SAID THE CREW THAT BUILT JOINER ROAD AND LEISURE LAKES ROAD WAS A COUNTY CREW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID YOU CAN CALL THEM SPECIAL PROJECTS OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES; THEY ARE AT ROLLING PINES WORKING. HE DOESN'T SEE WHERE THEY NEED TO MAKE ANY SPECIAL SEPARATION THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW HAS THROWN PUBLIC WORKS OUT OF BALANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW, THE WAY THEY WERE BUDGETED FOR, IS OUT OF BALANCE BECAUSE THE MONEY THEY WERE BUDGETED, THE IMPACT FEES, DIDN'T COME IN. IT HAD TO BE PICKED UP WITH ROAD AND BRIDGE. THERE IS NO BLAME ON ANYONE. HE REFERRED TO THE SAME BEING TRUE WITH FUEL; THE ONLY THING PUBLIC WORKS CAN DO ON THEIR FUEL IS CONSERVE EVERY GALLON OF GAS THEY CAN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHAT IF A CREW IS BUDGETED FOR THAT PARTICULAR BUDGET WHETHER IT IS PUBLIC WORKS OR SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGETED UNDER A DIFFERENT PROCESS, LEAVE JUST THOSE CREWS IN THAT BUDGET EVEN THOUGH THE OTHER ONE SHOWS A SHORTFALL, DON'T THOSE FUNDS HAVE TO COME OUT FROM A DIFFERENT SOURCE. YOU CAN'T START OUT WITH THIRTY EMPLOYEES BASED UNDER A BUDGET AND HAVE "X" NUMBER OF DOLLARS TO SPEND THAT YEAR

AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU HAVE THIRTY FOUR EMPLOYEES. UNDER THAT BUDGET BECAUSE OF MOVING OVER FROM ANOTHER BUDGET PROCESS. HE THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO ABOUT IT A DIFFERENT WAY TO KEEP IT MOVING ALONG.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED IT IS ALL TOTALLED TOGETHER; THE OVERALL BUDGET AT PUBLIC WORKS IS GOING TO BE \$13,888 SALARY DEFICIT AND \$1857 BENEFIT DEFICIT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE WAS NOT DISAGREEING WHAT WAS BEING SAID; BUT, YOU CAN START AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND CALL IT PUBLIC WORKS/SPECIAL PROJECTS OR YOU CAN CALL IT PUBLIC WORKS; YOU HAVE THIRTY FOUR MEN UNDER PUBLIC WORKS OR THIRTY UNDER PUBLIC WORKS AND FOUR UNDER SPECIAL PROJECTS. IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK, IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE. THE POTS ARE OBVIOUSLY SEPARATE NOW; BUT, IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS NEEDED, YOU HAVE TO DIP OUT OF THAT POT TO MAKE IT WORK. THAT IS ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED WHAT THEY ARE SAYING HERE IS THE WHOLE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET WILL HAVE A \$15,000 DEFICIT REGARDLESS OF HOW IT WAS SET UP. THE IMPACT FEES WENT INTO PUBLIC WORKS AND PART OF IT WAS THE COUNTY DIDN'T GET THE IMPACT FEES THEY WERE GOING TO GET. BUT, NOW EVEN WITH THE LAG IN HIRING PEOPLE AT PUBLIC WORKS, THERE IS GOING TO BE A \$15,000 SHORTAGE IN SALARY AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER FIMCH SAID IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE THE IMPACT FEES, THERE IS STILL SOME WORK THAT HAS GOT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. IF THE BOARD HAD NEVER CONSIDERED THAT, SOMEHOW ROLLING PINES WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE BUILT, JUST AS THEY BUILT LEISURE LAKES AND JOINER ROAD.

DALLAS EXPLAINED WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS THEY HAVE THE PUBLIC WORKS, THEY HAVE HIRED THE TWO EMPLOYEES FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECTS AND THEY WEREN'T BUDGETED FOR IN PUBLIC WORKS; BUT, THEY ARE BEING PAID OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT; BUT, THE WORK WAS GOING TO BE DONE WHETHER THEY EVER MET TRAMPASS IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO ACCEPT THE GRANT. DALLAS AGREED AND REITERATED ROAD AND BRIDGE IS JUST FUNDING TWO MORE PEOPLE TO PUT AT ROLLING PINES THAT PUBLIC WORKS WOULD HAVE BEEN DOING THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ACTUALLY MONEY WAS ADDED TO PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT FEES THAT DIDN'T COME IN; IT IS NOT ANYBODY'S FAULT.

COMMISSIONER FIMCH REITERATED DALLAS IS GOING TO HAVE TO SEND TWO PEOPLE TO ROLLING PINES, EITHER OUT OF HIS CREW OR EITHER THE SPECIAL PROJECT EMPLOYEES. IF THE SPECIAL PROJECT EMPLOYEES WEREN'T THERE, SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT.

DALLAS POINTED OUT HE WAS SENDING THREE MEN TO WORK ON ROLLING PINES; THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD AGREED FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSIST ON THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THAT; HE IS LOOKING AT THE \$15,000 THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO PAY THE SALARIES REGARDLESS OF WHO GETS PAID AND WHAT POT IT COMES OUT OF.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THANKED COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR TRYING TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE HAD ASKED. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WHAT COMMISSIONER SAPP HAD EXPLAINED WAS OBVIOUS; HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HIS EXPLANATION. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO THE WORK OR THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET THE GRANTS OR THEY ARE GOING TO SEND THE GRANTS BACK AND ARE GOING TO

HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING WHATEVER WE CALL IT OR THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DO THE WORK.

CHARLES BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT THE DEFICIT FIGURE WAS GOING TO BE IN OCTOBER IF IT DOESN'T CHANGE. DEBBIE ADVISED THE FIGURE PROVIDED WAS PROJECTING OUT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY PROBLEMS ON WHAT HE WAS DIRECTING PETE TO DO ON THE VEHICLES. PETE IS TO GET A LIST OF ALL THE VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO EVERYBODY, WHO IS USING THEM, ETC. AND STARTING A MOTORPOOL AT THE COUNTY ANNEX AND TRIM DOWN.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED ABOUT THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND QUESTIONED IF PATE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE ANNEX. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ALL OVER; BUT, SPECIFICALLY AT THE COUNTY ANNEX ON THE CAR POOLING. HE SAID IT WAS ADDRESSING ANYBODY THAT COMES UNDER THE BOARD THAT HAS COUNTY VEHICLES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO DRIVING THAT IS PICKING UP INMATES, ETC. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS COULD BE JUSTIFIED IF THEY ARE PICKING THEM UP AT THE DOC AND IT IS CLOSER TO THE EMPLOYEE'S HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED IT IS CALLED JUSTIFICATION AND ASKED WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO PUBLIC WORKS, PICK UP A TRUCK AND THEN DRIVE ALL THE WAY BACK TO CARYVILLE. IT IS THE SAME THING WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S TWO ROAD GRADERS AND SOME- BODY ELSE THAT HAS TWO GRADERS. HE ASSUMES THE EMPLOYEES CALL IN WHEN THEY GET TO THEIR EQUIPMENT AT A CERTAIN TIME; IF THEY DON'T CALL IN AT A CERTAIN TIME, THE SUPERVISOR WILL CALL THE EMPLOYEE AND FIND OUT WHY HE IS NOT ON THE JOB AND DOCK HIS PAY AND THE EMPLOYEE WILL GET TO WHERE HE WILL GET TO WORK ON TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE NON-ROAD MAINTENANCE INCURRED COST PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2006-2007 AND 2007-2008:

SCHOOLS FOR 2006-2007 WAS \$38,211.41/ 2007-2008 WAS \$34,783.21

PRISONS FOR 2006-2007 WAS \$6,942.26/2007-2008 WAS \$20,303.21

CITY OF WAUSAU 2006-2007 WAS \$1899/2007-2008 WAS \$411.06

CITY OF VERNON 2006-2007 WAS \$5,210.69/2007-2008 WAS \$4,719.29

CITY OF CARYVILLE 2006-2007 WAS \$11,954.01/2007-2008 WAS \$1,911.69

CITY OF CHIPLEY 2007-2008 WAS \$456./INCOMPLETE RECORDS ON CITY OF CHIPLEY. PATE SAID THE COUNTY HAD LOANED THE CITY MOTOR GRADERS WITH SAPP SAYING THE COUNTY HAD LOANED THE CITY DUMP TRUCKS ALSO.

CITY OF EBRO 2006-2007 WAS \$2,726.51/2007-2008 WAS \$0

CHURCHES FOR 2006-2007 WAS \$3,207.59/2007-2008 WAS \$9,946.92

FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR 2006-2007 WAS \$2,217.74/2007-2008 WAS \$1,599.72

NEW EOC FOR 2006-2007 WAS \$0/2007-2008 TO DATE WAS \$8,541.92.

KATHY FOSTER, FOSTER FOLLIES, ASKED THE AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR THE CONFERENCE COMING UP; THE COST FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE DIDN'T HAVE A BREAKDOWN WITH HIM; BUT, IT WILL COME OUT OF THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM LINE ITEM IN THE BOARD'S BUDGET.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF ALL FIVE COMMISSIONERS WERE GOING TO THE CONFERENCE. PETE ADVISED THEY WERE. KATHY ASKED IF THE WIVES GO WITH THE COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY DOESN'T PAY FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE INFORMED KATHY THE COUNTY DOESN'T PAY FOR THE WIVES GOING TO THE CONFERENCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HE WOULD REFUSE TO GO IF IT WERE GOING TO BE A PROBLEM AS HE IS NOT ALL THAT ENCOURAGED TO GO ANYWAY. HE HAD JUST AS SOON SAVE THE COUNTY SOME MONEY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE BOARD MAY WANT TO DISCUSS CLOSING PUBLIC WORKS THE FOURTH OF JULY, CHRISTMAS TIME, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED THE BOARD TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS ON THE MONEY SAVED IF THEY CLOSE DOWN THE WEEK OF THE 4TH OF JULY AND CHRISTMAS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED DALLAS AND ROBERT IF ANY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BEING SHUT DOWN DURING THIS TIME. DID SOME OF THEM WANT TO COME IN AND WORK?

DALLAS AND ROBERT SAID THERE WOULD BE SOME THAT WOULDN'T LIKE IT FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO BE SHUT DOWN; THERE WILL PROBABLY BE FOUR OR FIVE THAT WON'T LIKE NOTHING YOU DO. THEY SAID NORMALLY THESE FOUR OR FIVE AT THE LAST MINUTE TAKE OFF ALSO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED SOME EMPLOYEES WHO MAY STILL BE ON PROBATION THAT DON'T HAVE LEAVE TIME, WOULD THERE BE SOMETHING THESE EMPLOYEES CAN DO.

DALLAS SAID THEY USE TO LET THESE EMPLOYEES WORK WITH DAVID CORBIN. ROBERT AND DALLAS SAID MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ON PROBATION TAKE OFF THE TIME WITHOUT PAY; BUT, THEY WILL FIND THEM A PLACE TO WORK IF THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC WORKS TAKING OFF THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH AND DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. IT IS SOMETHING THE BOARD CAN TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

DALLAS EXPLAINED IF EVERYBODY USES THEIR TIME RIGHT DURING THE YEAR, THEY CAN TAKE THIS TIME OFF AND ALSO TAKE A WEEK WHENEVER THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ANYBODY TAKING OFF THAT WANTS TO; BUT, HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MAKING SOMEBODY TAKING OFF IF THEY DON'T HAVE TIME. HE HAS NEVER VOTED TO REQUIRE SOMEBODY TO USE THEIR TIME OTHER THAN WHAT THEY WANTED TO USE. THAT IS TIME EVERYBODY HAS ACCUMULATED AND THEY SHOULD USE IT AS THEY WANT TO. HE WOULDN'T NEVER VOTE TO REQUIRE SOMEBODY TO TAKE OFF TIME THEY DON'T PREFER TO TAKE OFF; BUT, HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM IF THE BOARD WANTS TO DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IF HE REMEMBERS CORRECTLY WHEN HE WAS HIRED ON, THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH OF JULY THEY TOOK OFF DUE TO THE BOARD'S DECISION AND TWO WEEKS IN DECEMBER. OVER THE YEARS IT GOT CHANGED. THOSE THAT DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME OR THOSE THAT WERE ON PROBATION WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK.

ROBERT AND DALLAS AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER HOLMAN HAD SAID. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT WAS FINE; BUT, HE WASN'T GOING TO VOTE THAT SOMEBODY MUST TAKE OFF IF THEY DON'T WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION FOR WHOMEVER WANTS TO COME IN AND WORK ON THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEK, THEY CAN COME WORK WITH DAVID CORBIN AND THE ONES THAT WANT TO TAKE OFF, TAKE OFF.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE OPPOSED BECAUSE THAT LEAVES IT UP TOTALLY TO THE EMPLOYEES AND IT IS GOING TO MESS UP THE PROPOSED SAVINGS AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO SEND SOMEONE HOME AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPLAINED IT HAS ONLY BEEN TWO OR THREE EMPLOYEES THAT ALWAYS COME IN TO WORK. HE REMEMBERED MR. CORBIN WAS CLEARING OUT SOME OF THE CURVES ON QUAIL HOLLOW AND ONCE THE EMPLOYEES

THAT WANTED TO WORK FOUND OUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE DOING, HE WANTS TO SAY, THEY WENT HOME. IF THEY CAN KEEP THE DUMPTRUCKS AND GRADERS OFF THE ROAD, THAT IS MONEY THEY SAVE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED IF THERE IS THREE OR FOUR WORKING, IT GIVES THEM A SKELETON CREW IN CASE A STORM COMES THROUGH BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE SOMEBODY ALREADY ON THE JOB TO CLEAN UP.

DALLAS SAID THEY HAD AN EMERGENCY LIST EMPLOYEES SIGN UP ON AND HE AND ROBERT CAN CALL ANYTIME AND THE EMPLOYEES COME IN AND ARE READY TO GO TO WORK.

DALLAS AND ROBERT SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE MOTION AS LONG AS DAVID DON'T.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON PUBLIC WORKS CLOSING TWO WEEKS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.

THE WORKSHOP MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

JUNE 19, 2008

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P.M. IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, SAPP, FINCH, HOLMAN AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CAPTAIN JAMES BARNES PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERING PRAYER AND COMMISSIONER FINCH LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 20, 2007, JANUARY 8, 2008 AND JANUARY 15, 2008 MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A AND B:

A. EXTENDING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 20, 2009 FOR USDA/FSA

B. LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA'S HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. PRESENTATION ON HURRICANE SESSION-ROGER HAGAN:

1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS TASKED TO DO PREPARATION FOR AN ALL HAZARDS APPROACH

2. HURRICANE SEASON RUNS FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH

3. CLEAR CHANNEL MEDIA ORGANIZATION, WHO OWNS A NUMBER OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO BEGAN TO WORK IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL EM PROGRAMS, EM DIRECTORS, TO MAKE SURE THE PREPARATIONS ARE DONE.

4. WASHINGTON COUNTY EOC, IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, BEGAN TO PUBLISH SHOPPING LISTS AND THINGS PEOPLE MIGHT DO FOR PERSONAL PREPARATION.

5. JASON KELLY, CHIEF METEROLOGIST FOR NEWS CHANNEL 7 AND PART OF THE CLEAR CHANNEL TEAM, IS GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION CONCERN- ING THE 2008 HURRICANE SYSTEM.

6. INTRODUCTION OF CONNIE WELCH AND LYNN JORDON, WASHINGTON COUNTY EOC STAFF

JASON KELLY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY COULD EXPECT FOR THE 2008 HURRICANE SYSTEM AS THEY HAVE HAD QUIET HURRIANE SEASONS THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AFTER THE 2004-2005 HYPER SEASONS. THINGS TO CONSIDER:

1. DID WE REALLY HAVE SLOW SEASONS IN 2006-2007? 2006-YES; 2007, NOT SO MUCH. IF YOU LIVED IN CENTRAL AMERICA, HONDURAS, SOUTHERN MEXICO, THERE WERE TWO CATEGORY FIVE HURRIANES AND A TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE THERE. JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT THAT MUCH ACTIVITY IN THE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA OR THAT MUCH IN THE U.S. DOESN'T MAKE IT A SLOW SEASON. HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, 2007 WAS ACTIVE. 2006 LESS SO BECAUSE IT WAS A LATE SEASON DEVELOPING EL NINO THAT SET UP AND KIND OF KILLED THE SEASON. THEY CAN'T COUNT ON THAT TO OCCUR THIS YEAR.

2. WEATHER COMES IN CYCLES AND WE ARE IN AN ONGOING CYCLE AT THIS POINT THAT TEND TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE HURRICANE ACTIVITY. THEY HAVE SOME ANALOG YEARS TO COMPARE WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE THIS SEASON.

3. NOAH ATLANTIC HURRICANE OUTLOOK ISSUED IN MAY; 90% CHANCE OF A NEAR NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL SEASON AND A 10% CHANCE OF A BELOW NORMAL SEASON THIS YEAR. THE PROBABILITY RANGES FROM 12 TO 16 NAMED STORM FOR MINOR HURRICANES AND MAJOR HURRICANES NAMED FROM 2 TO 5. THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD THEIR FIRST NAMED STORM BACK ON MAY 31ST.

4. EXPECTED CONDITIONS IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN; TYPE OF THINGS TO LOOK AT IN THE PRE-SEASON TO TELL WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN OR WHAT MAY HAPPEN. THEY ARE SEEING THIS YEAR:

A. PRETTY HIGH PRESSURE OVER THE AZOR, THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE ATMOSPHERE

B. GOOD AFRICAN EASTERLY JET WHICH ENHANCES THUNDERSTORM FORMATION OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA AND PUSHES THESE THINGS OUR WAY; UPPER LEVEL EASTERLY ARE WORKING THEIR WAY WESTWARD.

C. WEAK TRADE WIND WHICH REDUCES THE WIND SHEAR THAT KNOCKS THESE THINGS APART

D. PRETTY LOW SURFACE PRESSURES ALREADY IN THE CARRIBEAN AND ALREADY STARTING TO SEE THE WATERS RESPOND AS WELL; SEA TEMPERATURES ARE REALLY COMING UP NOW AND HE DOESN'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THOSE AT THIS POINT.

AGAIN, JASON SAID THIS IS JUST A SECOND LOOK AT BOTH THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND THE EASTWARD PACIFIC. ONE THING THEY OFTEN SEE IS THEY HAVE A BELOW NORMAL EXPECTATION IN THE CENTRAL EASTERN PACIFIC; THEY SOMETIMES SEE A CORRULATING HIGHER THAN NORMAL CORRULATION FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC. THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT.

JASON SAID HE DOES NOT GUARANTEE NOTHING HE SAYS HERE TODAY; IT IS JUST AN OUTLOOK.

HE WENT OVER THE ACCUMULATED CYCLONE ENERGY INDEX. IF YOU TAKE THE POWER OF EVERY STORM AND EVERY YEAR AND YOU CREATE A NUMBER FROM THAT, IT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF HURRICANE ENERGY YOU HAD THAT YEAR. FROM 1950 TO 2007, IT DOES EBB AND FLOW. FROM 1950 TO AROUND 1970, THEY WERE IN A HIGHER BASE AND SAW MORE STORMS; IN 1970, IT DROPPED OFF UNTIL ABOUT 1995 WHEN IT ALL BEGAN TO SPIKE AGAIN. THIS IS A WELL KNOWN CORRULATION CALLED THE MULTI-DECENALOC OSCILATION. THIS IS ABOUT EVERY TWENTY FIVE YEARS, THEY SEE IT REVERSE. THEY GO WITH HIGHER THAN NORMAL FOR ABOUT TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND THEN GO LOWER THAN NORMAL FOR ABOUT TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND BACK UP TO HIGHER THAN NORMAL. WE ARE IN THE FIRST TWELVE YEARS OF OUR ABOVE NORMAL; WE THINK IT STARTED IN 1995, THE YEAR WE HAD OPAL. IF WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS AND DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS THAT WILL CHANGE OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS; WE ARE IN FOR TEN, POSSIBLY FIFTEEN MORE YEARS OF ABOVE NORMAL HURRICANE ACTIVITY IN THE TROPICAL ATLANTIC, GULF OF MEXICO AND THE CARRIBEAN.

HE WENT OVER THE SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN THE PACIFIC. COOLER THAN NORMAL PACIFIC WATER IS A FUNCTION KNOWN AS LANINO, ELNINO IS A WARMER THAN NORMAL CURRENT IN THE PACIFIC. THIS YEAR WE ARE IN A LANINO,

WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE. ELNINO TENDS TO KILL OFF TROPICAL SEASONS; LANINO BEING THE OPPOSITE TENDS TO ENHANCE THE TROPICAL SEASONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, CARRIBEAN AND WE HAVE BEEN IN THE LANINO PATTERN WITH THE COOLER THAN NORMAL PACIFIC TEMPERATURES.

HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING ABOUT TEN DIFFERENT COMPUTER MODELS THEY RUN TO FORECAST ELNINO, LANINO OR NEUTRAL. ALL THE COMPUTER MODELS BASICALLY KEEPS US IN A NEUTRAL OR LANINO PATTERN THROUGH THE REST OF THIS HURRICANE SYSTEM. THEY SEE ONE MODEL AT THE END OF THE RUN, WHICH WOULD BE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, THAT WOULD TRY TO PUT THEM IN AN ELNINO PATTERN. HE DOESN'T THINK THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

AS OF APRIL, WE ARE ABOVE NORMAL IN THE GULF, WELL ABOVE NORMAL OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA, NEUTRAL TO SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE CARIBBEAN HAS ALREADY RECOVERED.

ACCORDING TO NOAH, THERE IS A 65% CHANCE FOR AN ABOVE NORMAL HURRICANE SEASON, NEAR NORMAL 25% AND BELOW NORMAL 10%. HE SHOWED THE CAPS; NORMAL ARE 11-62, FORECAST ARE 12-16, 6-9 AND 2-5.

HE ADDRESSED NOAH NOT BEING THE ONLY ENTITY THAT DOES THESE FORECAST. THE MOST FAMOUS IS DR. PHIL GRAY OUT OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY. DR. GRAY IS ONE OF THE PRE-EMINENT HURRICANE FORECASTERS IN THE LONG RANGE AND HAS DONE MORE FOR THE PHILOPEDEROLOGY IN THE HURRICANES HE HAS EVER HEARD OF. THIS INFORMATION WAS UPDATED IN JUNE AND IT DIDN'T CHANGE VERY MUCH FROM APRIL; 15-80 STORMS, 8 HURRICANES, 4 MAJORS. THE ACCUMULATED CYCLONE INDEX WHICH IS THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY 150% ABOVE NORMAL AND THE NET TROPICAL ACTIVITY 160% ABOVE NORMAL. IT DOES STAND TO BE AN ABOVE NORMAL YEAR THIS YEAR. THE PROBABILITY OF A LANDFALL ON THE GULF COAST FROM THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS IS 44%; THE AVERAGE OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS IS AROUND 30%. THERE IS A HIGHER THAN NORMAL AVERAGE OF A GULF COAST LANDFALL SOMEWHERE FROM WHERE WE ARE TO TEXAS.

JASON SHOWED THE ANALOG YEARS; THEY TAKE THE CURRENT CONDITIONS THEY HAVE IN THE SPRING AND WINTER TIME THEY KNOW CONTRIBUTE TO HURRICANE FORMATION, GO BACK IN TIME AND LOOK AT YEARS THAT ARE SIMILAR. IF THE PRESSURES WERE LOW IN THE CARIBBEAN IN THE 1950'S THEY USE 1950 AS THE ANALOG YEAR. THE MORE CLOSELY THESE THINGS MATCH, THE BETTER THEY THINK THEY CAN SEE THE ACTIVITY MATCHING. THE ANALOG YEARS DR. GRAY USED WAS 1950, 1989, 1999 AND 2000.

ANOTHER SOURCE OF DATA IS JOE BESARTI, THE CHIEF HURRICANE FORECASTER AND EXPERT SENIOR METEROLOGIST IN ACU WEATHER IN STATE COLLEGE PENNSYLVANIA. HIS HURRICANE OUTLOOK IS A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC THAN NOAH AND DR. GRAY; HE IS PREDICTING 12 TOTAL STORMS, THE NUMBER OF STORMS WEST OF 55W LONGTITUDE 10-11. JOE THINKS EVERYTHING THAT DEVELOPS WILL GET CLOSE TO THE U.S. COASTLINE. STORMS IMPACTING THE U.S. COASTLINE WITH AT LEAST TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS IS 6; STORMS IMPACTING THE U.S. COASTLINE WITH HURRICANE FORCE WINDS 3-4 AND MAJOR HURRICANES FACING THE U.S. IS 1-2.

HE READ THE GULF OF MEXICO WILL HAVE A NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY WITH AT LEAST 7 TO 10 DAYS OF DISRUPTION OR THREATS OF DISRUPTION. SPECIFICALLY THE FORECAST IS FOR 2 OR 3 STORMS THAT AFFECT ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN AND AROUND THE GULF AND BRING TROPICAL STORM NORTH WINDS TO THE GULF COAST INCLUDING 1 OR 2 THAT BRINGS HURRICANE FORCE WINDS AND THE THREAT OF MAJOR HURRICANES. HIS SPECIFIC GULF TARGET AREA IS DESTIN TO LAKE CHARLES.

HIS ANALOG YEARS ARE VERY SIMILAR, 1985, 1989, 1996 AND 1999.

HE SAID OF THE NEWER GROUPS, PROBABLY THE BEST ONE OUT THERE IS NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ATMOSPHERE AND SCIENCE ON RESEARCH. THEIR OUTLOOK FOR 2008, THE ACTIVE SEASON 13-15 NAMED STORMS INCLUDING THE ATLANTIC BASIN, THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, THE GULF, THE CARRIBEAN; OF THESE NAMED STORMS 6-8 MAY GROW STRONG ENOUGH FOR HURRICANES. THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF THE U.S. COULD SEE 1-2 NAMED STORMS TO MAKE LANDFALL AND THERE IS AT LEAST A BETTER THAN 50% CHANCE ONE OF THESE STORMS WILL BE A HURRICANE. THE GULF OF MEXICO IS MORE THAN LIKELY TO SEE STORM ACTIVITY THIS YEAR. 2-4 MAIN STORMS INCLUDING 1 HURRICANE IS LIKELY TO MAKE LANDFALL ALONG THE GULF COAST.

JASON SAID WE SHOULDN'T REALLY BE ALL THAT WORRIED YET; WE SHOULD BE EQUALLY WORRIED EVERY SINGLE YEAR. THEY SHOULDN'T PUT A LOT MORE EMPHASIS ON ONE YEAR OVER THE OTHER IN TERMS OF PREPAREDNESS. THEY SHOULD BE READY EVERY SINGLE YEAR TO GO WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT LOWER CYCLE OR NOT.

HE SHOWED THE HURRICANE TRACTS FROM 1950 WHICH SHOWED A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. IN 1985, IT SHOWED A LOT OF GULF ACTIVITY. IN 1989, THERE WAS NOT AS MUCH ACTIVITY; THEY DID SEE QUITE A BIT OF TEXAS ACTIVITY BUT NOT TOO MUCH ALONG THE U.S. COASTLINE. IN 1996, THERE WAS A LOT OF EAST COAST ACTIVITY; BUT, NOT THAT MUCH GULF COAST ACTIVITY. IN 1999, AGAIN THERE WAS A LOT OF EAST COAST ACTIVITY; BUT, NOT THAT MUCH GULF COAST ACTIVITY. IN 2000, A MIX OF BOTH. MOST EXPERTS THAT DO SUCH PREDICTIONS ARE PREDICTING AN ABOVE AVERAGE SEASON. MOST EXPERTS THAT PREDICT LANDFALL AREAS ARE SAYING GULF COAST AS A POSSIBLE TARGET. THIS MEANS THIS YEAR A CHANCE, A POSSIBILITY, OF RETURNING TO A MORE ACTIVE CYCLE THEY SAW IN 2004-2005. HE HASN'T SEEN ANY FORECASTERS YET THAT IS PREDICTING THIS. HE EMPHASIZED WE HAVE BEEN IN A LULL; PEOPLE ARE SORT OF LETTING THEIR HAIR DOWN A LITTLE BIT, RELAXING, CALMING DOWN A LITTLE BIT THINKING MAYBE THE WORST IS OVER. HE STATED WE DON'T WON'T TO TAKE THAT CHANCE.

JASON REFERRED TO HAVING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE PAST. WHEN THEY DID A HURRICANE TOUR AT THE HOSPITAL IN CHIPLEY AND HAD ONE OF THE HIGHEST TURNOUTS THEY EVER HAD AT ANY OF THEIR TOURS. THEY ARE THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE HURRICANE TOUR, THE BOARD AND THE RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR TAKING THEIR PREPAREDNESS SERIOUSLY. HE ASKED WAS EVERYBODY READY RIGHT NOW. IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS SHOULD A DISASTER OCCUR, YOU NEED TO BE. NOT JUST FOR JUNE 1ST THROUGH NOVEMBER; THERE ARE OTHER DISASTERS THAT OCCUR PEOPLE NEED TO BE READY FOR. THE MOTTO THIS YEAR IS "THE FIRST 72 IS ON YOU." THIS MEANS THE FIRST 72 HOURS ARE THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY; YOU NEED TO BE TOTALLY SELF SUFFICIENT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR 72 HOURS.

JASON REFERRED TO ONE OF THE MOST OVERLOOKED STORIES OF HURRI- CANE KATRINA WAS AS BAD AS IT WAS IN COASTAL MISSISSIPPI, NEW ORLEANS AND ALABAMA, IT WAS JUST AS BAD INLAND. HOWEVER, YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY NEWS TRUCKS THERE OR THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE THERE. WHEN THE RELIEF CAME, THE RELIEF WENT PAST THE INLAND AREAS FIRST AND WENT TO THE COAST FIRST. THOSE INLAND LOCATIONS THAT GOT HIT JUST AS HARD HAD TO WAIT LONGER FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS INLAND FLORIDA; JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE THE GULF FROM YOUR BACK YARD DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE INLAND. THERE IS NO COUNTY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT IS FARTHER THAN 90 MILES FROM SALT WATER; SO, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS INLAND FLORIDA. THE MAJORITY OF DEATHS IN HURRICANES IN THE MODERN ERA, THE LAST 15 YEARS, HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH STORM SURGE, TORNADOES OR WINDS. THE MAJORITY OF

DEATHS IN HURRICANES HAPPEN WITH FRESH WATER FLOODING; 70% OF ALL DEATHS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS WHEN HURRICANES HAPPEN ARE 30 MILES OR FARTHER FROM THE COAST. THERE IS NO REASON FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO SAY IT IS BAY COUNTY'S PROBLEM, WALTON COUNTY'S PROBLEM, GULF COUNTY'S PROBLEM; IT IS ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS AND WE ALL HAVE TO BE PREPARED.

THE BOARD THANKED JASON FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

ROGER HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON ICE DURING A HURRICANE DISASTER HAS BEEN DETERMINED NOT TO BE AN ESSENTIAL. IF THE COUNTY HAS AN EVENT AND THE BOARD'S CONSTITUENTS BEGIN TO CALL THEM AND THE BOARD STARTS TO CALL THE EOC, DON'T LOOK FOR ICE RIGHT AWAY. WATER, FOOD AND SHELTER IS ESSENTIAL; BUT, SOME OTHER THINGS AREN'T. AS SOON AS THEY CAN GET WALMARTS, THE JUNIOR STORES, AND OTHER PLACES OPEN THAT COMMERCIALY PROVIDE ICE, THAT IS WHEN WE WILL WAIT. THE BUDGET AT THE STATE LEVEL IS JUST LIKE THE BUDGET THE COUNTY IS TALKING ABOUT TODAY. THE MONIES ARE GONE; IRAQ GOT IT, THE FUEL GOT IT, ETC. THERE IS NOT MONIES TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE. THOSE FIRST 72 HOURS OF THE FIRST WEEK OF A DISASTER, ALMOST EVERYBODY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY HAVE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT. THAT IS WHY EOC TRIES TO KEEP A PROGRAM OF INFORMATION IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY AS OFTEN AS THEY CAN.

JASON ADDRESSED IN HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS THIS YEAR, THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE HIGHER COST OF FUEL. THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT LEAVE, WHO WOULD NORMALLY HAVE LEFT, BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER COST OF FUEL. AS INDIVIDUALS, AS NEIGHBORS AND BODIES OF GOVERNMENT SENSITIVE TO THOSE NEEDS THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO WOULD NORMALLY LEAVE THAT WILL NOT LEAVE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER FUEL COST AND THE OVERALL COST OF TRAVELLING ALTOGETHER. HE OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE TO THE BOARD IN ANY WAY DURING THE HURRICANE SYSTEM. ROUTINELY WHEN THERE IS A STORM THREATENING THE AREA, THEY HAVE ALL THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS THROUGH CHANNEL 7 AND CLEAR CHANNEL ON CONFERENCE CALLS. WHEN THEY HAVE THESE CONFERENCE CALLS, WASHINGTON COUNTY IS CERTAINLY INVITED TO LISTEN IN, PARTICIPATE AS THEY WILL BE OPEN TO ANY GOVERNMENT.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEW EOC PROJECT. THEY HAVE GOTTEN THE FINAL SET OF DRAWINGS BACK. THEY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE STATE AND ARE AWAITING THEIR APPROVAL TO TRANSMIT IT ON TO FEMA. WE ARE TOLD BY FEMA TO NOT BREAK GROUND UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN APPROVED; BUT, THEY HAVE BEEN ASSURED THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED. EARLIER THIS MORNING HE TALKED TO COMMISSIONERS ABOUT, HOPEFULLY SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, HAVING A CEREMONIAL GROUND BREAKING. THE NEW EOC PROJECT HAS BEEN FUNDED BY BOTH THE FEMA APPROPRIATION AND THE EMPA MONIES. THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO HAVE THIS BY JUNE OF 2009. HE WILL TRY TO GET THE GROUNDBREAKING BEFORE THEN; BUT, IT WILL BE AT LEAST A YEAR STILL.

DONATION OF DRIVER LICENSE TRAILER-DEBBIE CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON, DUE TO THE STATE BUDGET CUTS, THE DIVISION OF DRIVERS LICENCES WILL BE CLOSING ITS OFFICE IN CHIPLEY EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST. THEIR LAST DAY OF SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS WILL BE JUNE 26TH. THE OFFICE IS A MOBILE HOME TYPE CONSTRUCTION CURRENTLY SITUATED ON COUNTY PROPERTY. THE DIVISION OF DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE WISHES TO DONATE THIS OFFICE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR ITS USE. UPON THE COUNTY'S ACCEPTANCE, THEIR DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE A TIME FOR COMPLETE VACATING AND TURNING THE OFFICE OVER TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE DRIVER LICENSE TRAILER FROM THE STATE DIVISION OF DRIVERS LICENSE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WRITE A LETTER TO TALLAHASSEE INFORMING THEM OF THE STRAIN AND HARDSHIP THE CLOSING OF THE DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE IN CHIPLEY AND BONIFAY IS CAUSING WASHINGTON AND HOLMES COUNTY AND THE RESIDENTS IN THESE COUNTIES AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON MARY ENFINGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, REQUESTING THE COUNTY ALLOW THEM THE USE OF THE DRIVERS LICENSE TRAILER.

MARY ENFINGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON STORAGE SPACE ALWAYS BEING A PROBLEM; THEY HAVE TO KEEP RECORDS FOR SEVEN YEARS. THEY BUILT A SMALL STORAGE BUILDING; BUT, IT IS ALREADY FULL. THEY ALSO GET DONATED ITEMS LIKE ELECTRIC WHEEL CHAIRS, POTTY CHAIRS, ETC. AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT MORE OF THOSE; BUT, SPACE IS A PROBLEM. DUE TO THE DRIVERS LICENSE TRAILER BEING LOCATED RIGHT THERE BY THE WCCOA BUILDING AND BY THEIR OTHER STORAGE FACILITIES, THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY EASY TO USE THE DRIVERS LICENSE TRAILER TOO. IF THE COUNTY HAD NEED OF HALF OF THE TRAILER, THEY COULD PROBABLY ACCOMODATE BOTH ENTITIES BECAUSE SHE IS AWARE THEY HAVE TO STORE RECORDS ALSO.

MARY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING A DAYCARE IN THE BACK OF THE WCCOA BUILDING TO KEEP CLIENTS FOR CAREGIVERS TO HAVE A BREAK DURING THE DAY; PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS WHO CAN'T GET OUT AND STAY BY THEMSELVES. IN THE LONG RANGE PLANS, SHE SEES HAVING TO DO ANOTHER BUILDING ADD ON TO EXTEND THEIR DAYCARE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DONATING THE DRIVERS LICENSE TRAILER TO THE WCCOA FOR STORAGE.

FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION-NAN THOMPSON, 319 RED DEER ROAD, THANKED MR. HERBERT FOR PLACING HER ON THE ROSTER TODAY AND THANKED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ALLOWING HER TIME TO SPEAK.

SHE WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR SHE IS IN NO WAY A REPRESENTATIVE OF FLORIDA GAS OR ANY OF THEIR AFFILIATES; BUT, SHE IS A LAND OWNER BEING FORCED TO GIVE UP HER LAND AT THE HANDS OF A PRIVATE COMPANY THAT STANDS TO EARN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT.

SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SINCE 1999. HER HUSBAND MADE HIS FIRST PURCHASE OF LAND FROM FRANK PIERCE IN 1996, A 6.5 ACRE PIE SHAPED PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE FLORIDA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN BUCKHORN CREEK. IN 1999, THEY BEGAN TO CLEAR THE LAND, FENCING AND MAKING CHIPLEY THEIR NEW HOME. THEY PURCHASED A TRIPPLE WIDE MOBILE HOME FOR THEMSELVES AND ASSISTED HER 83 YEAR OLD MOTHERINLAW IN BUYING A SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IN 2006 THEIR DREAM HOME, TWO STORY HOME, WAS BUILT WITH THE INTENT THEY WOULD LIVE THEIR GOLDEN YEARS ON THEIR LAND AWAY FROM THE CITY. HER DAUGHTER MARRIED AND THEY CHOSE TO SELL HER THEIR TRIPPLE WIDE MOBILE HOME FOR \$1.00 SO SHE AND HER HUSBAND COULD LIVE ON THE LAND FREE AND CLEAR. IN THE PAST TEN YEARS THEY HAVE PURCHASED SEVERAL OTHER PARCELS OF LAND, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, OF THE PIPELINE. ALL OF THEIR LAND AND HOMES ARE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL MORTGAGES.

IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THEY RECEIVED A LETTER STATING FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION WAS EXPANDING FROM TEXAS TO SOUTH FLORIDA AND WERE LOOKING INTO TAKING MORE LAND, APPROXIMATELY 25' TO LAY ADDITIONAL PIPELINE. AT THAT TIME, THEY WERE TOLD IT WAS BEING LAID ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THEIR PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES THEIR DREAM HOUSE. THEY HAD A REPRESENTATIVE, MR. COUGHLIN OF FLORIDA GAS FROM GILCREST AND ASSOCIATES CALL SEVERAL

TIMES TO SPEAK WITH THEM. THEY AGREED, HE THEN CAME TO THEIR HOME AND TALKED TO THEM SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. THEY SHOWED COUGHLIN THE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR PROPERTY AND WHAT THEY WERE FACING AND GAVE HIM THEIR CONCERNS. THEY TOLD COUGHLIN THEY WERE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NORTH SECTION OF THEIR LAND, IT IS VACANT LAND AND NOTHING BUT TREES; BUT, THE SOUTH SIDE, SINCE IT IS DEVELOPED WAS NONNEGOTIABLE. ALL THE CONVERSATIONS WITH COUGHLIN HAVE BEEN VAGUE, AS TO TIME FRAMES, AS THEY CLAIMED TO BE IN THE PLANNING STAGES. NO LITERATURE WAS GIVEN; EVERYTHING TO THIS POINT HAD BEEN VERBAL.

IN APRIL THEY RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER FROM FLORIDA GAS OF A TOWN MEETING AT THE AG CENTER ON APRIL 24TH. THIS MEETING WAS TO MEET AND TALK WITH THE PEOPLE FROM FLORIDA GAS AND OTHERS, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPLAIN TO US A TIME FRAME, WHERE AND HOW THIS PIPELINE WOULD BE DONE. SHE ATTENDED THIS MEETING AND FOUND IT TO BE VERY INFORMAL WITHOUT ANYMORE INFORMATION THAN SHE ALREADY KNEW EXCEPT NOW FLORIDA GAS IS LOOKING FOR A 100' OF PROPERTY, NOT THE ORIGINAL 25' PROPOSED WHICH THEY ARE NOW CALLING 50' OF PERMANENT EASEMENT AND 50' OF TEMPORARY WORK SPACE. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION, MAPS AND HAND OUTS FLORIDA GAS HAD AT THAT MEETING SHOWED THE NEW PIPELINE SECTION THEY ARE PUTTING IN IS ON THE SOUTH, THEY WERE ASSURED IT WAS GOING TO THE NORTH. SOMETIME DURING THIS TIME, SURVEYORS DID COME OUT AND SURVEYED THE ENTIRE NORTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE STAKES ARE STILL THERE.

THE LETTERS THEY RECEIVED FROM FLORIDA GAS WERE NOT CERTIFIED THEY DON'T EVEN LOOK OFFICIAL. TO HER IT LOOKS LIKE JUNK MAIL AND SHE IS SURE IF PEOPLE DID RECEIVE THEM, AND SHE IS SURE MANY DID NOT, THEY WERE PROBABLY THROWN OUT AS JUNK MAIL.

LATER IN MAY, SHE WAS ALERTED THAT PEOPLE WERE CLIMBING HER FENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF HER PROPERTY. SHE WENT DOWN THERE TO FIND THEY WERE AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM FROM LOUISIANA ATTEMPTING TO DO A ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON HER LAND ON THE SOUTH. THEY WERE QUICKLY CHASED OFF HER PROPERTY, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLED AND A REPORT WAS MADE WITH DEPUTY WILLIAMS. SHE BEGAN TO DO MORE RESEARCH AT THIS TIME AND FOUND FLORIDA GAS HAD SWITCHED BACK TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PIPELINE FROM HIGHWAY 77 EAST. SHE HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF WHY OR NOTIFICATION OF ANYONE NEEDING TO BE ON HER LAND FROM ANYONE FROM FLORIDA GAS OR ANY OF THEIR ASSOCIATES.

SHE FINDS THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM CLIMBING OVER HER FENCE TO BE RATHER SNEAKY TACTICS AND DON'T FIND THEY HAVE PLAYED ABOVE BOARD. THAT IS WHEN SHE BEGAN ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT PUBLIC OFFICIALS. SHE WENT TO ZONING AND PLANNING, COUNTY APPRAISERS OFFICE TO FIND THEY HAD LESS INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT THAN SHE DID. SHE EVEN FOUND THAT THE BUILDING PERMITS DEPARTMENT HAVE EVEN ISSUED PERMITS FOR NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT, WHICH COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PIPELINE.

SHE THEN CONTACTED EDDY HOLMAN, ASKED IF HE WAS AWARE OF THE PROJECT GOING ON UNDER THE COUNTIES NOSES. HOLMAN ADVISED HER HE DIDN'T; HE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE BUT MADE A MEETING FOR HER TO MEET WITH MR. HERBERT THE FOLLOWING WEEK. DURING THE MEETING WITH HERBERT, SHE EXPLAINED HER SITUATION AND SHOWED THE LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATIONS COMMISSION SHE HAD FOUND BURIED ON THE INTERNET ABOUT ANOTHER SCOPING MEETING IN CRESTVIEW ON JUNE 3RD. BOTH MR. HOLMAN AND MR. PATE HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER THAT DAY. THE MEETING WAS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY AND SHE AS A RESIDENT HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED THIS LETTER AND IS SURE OTHERS HAVE NOT EITHER. THE CRESTVIEW MEETING WAS HELD BY REPESENTATIVES OF FERC, FLORIDA GAS, ENGINEERS AND OTHERS. MR. HERBERT AND MR. PATE DID

COME TO THE MEETING TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON. IN HER OPINION, AND SHE DOES BELIEVE MR. PATE AND MR. HERBERT WERE APPALLED AT THE WAY THIS MEETING WAS HELD. NEVER ONCE DURING ANY OF THESE MEETINGS HAVE THEY TALKED ABOUT COMPENSATION FOR THEIR LAND, ONLY ACQUISITIONS AND AND EASEMENTS. WHICH IN LAYMAN'S TERMS MEANS EMINENT DOMAIN, AND UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES 361.05 RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO NATURAL GAS COMPANIES, THEY CAN DO IT. THEY ARE CALLING IT FOR THE BETTER- MENT OF THE BETTER GOOD, SEEING AS HOW THE NEED FOR MORE GAS IS NEEDED TO RUN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED POWER PLANTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE.

AT THIS MEETING IN CRESTVIEW THERE WERE 15 RESIDENTS, 7 OF WHICH WERE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY. THIS MEETING WAS TO COVER FROM PENSACOLA TO TALLAHASSEE; 15 PEOPLE SHOWED. THE MEETING WAS NO BETTER NOR ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPENSATION OR ECONOMIC IMPACT WAS ADDRESSED FOR THE LAND USED IN THIS PROJECT. ONE SPEAKER ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE A MEETING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND HE WAS TOLD "NO." THE HANDFUL OF PEOPLE THAT CAME WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK, BUT "NONE" OF THE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED, EVERYTHING WAS AS VAGUE AS POSSIBLE. WE WERE TOLD THAT LOCAL MEDIA FROM PENSACOLA TO TALLAHASSEE, WHICH INCLUDED TV, RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS HAD ALL BEEN NOTIFIED, NOTICES WERE SENT TO ALL LIBRARIES, LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES HAD ALL BEEN KEPT ABREAST OF WHAT WAS GOING ON AND THAT ALL RESIDENTS ON THE ROLL HAD BEEN NOTIFIED. I HAVE FOUND ALL OF THIS TO BE UNTRUE, AS SHE WAS THE FIRST TO NOTIFY MR. HERBERT AND MR. PATE JUST PRIOR TO THE CRESTVIEW MEETING. EVEN THOUGH AS OF YESTERDAY, FLORIDA GAS OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THEY HAVE IN FACT CONTACTED MR. PATE AND HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING THE REST OF THE COMMISSION, AGAIN SHE BELIEVES THIS TO BE UNTRUE. FLORIDA GAS OFFICIALS WERE ALSO ASKED WHAT NEWS MEDIA WAS CONTACTED AND THEY COULDN'T GIVE A LIST, SHE IS STILL WAITING. SHE PERSONALLY HAS HAD CONTACT WITH MOST OF THE LOCAL MEDIA IN CHIPLEY AND IN PANAMA CITY AND HAVE FOUND NOTHING. THE ONLY PUBLIC INFORMATION SHE HAS FOUND IS IN SUWANNEE COUNTY AND PASCO COUNTY. IN WHICH FGT DID MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMISSION AND SHE DOES HAVE PROOF OF THAT WHERE THEY WENT INTO A LOT OF DETAIL THAT INCLUDED MAPS. WHAT THOSE AT THE CRESTVIEW MEETING RECEIVED WAS VERY VAGUE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT FGT WAS DOING AND THEY WERE GIVEN A VERY VAGUE TIME LINE ON WHAT WAS TO BE DONE. SHE SHOWED WHAT OTHER COUNTIES WERE GIVEN; COMPLETE MAPS OF WHERE THE PIPELINE WAS GOING TO BE LAID. SHE FELT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED.

AFTER THE CRESTVIEW MEETING WAS CLOSED, THE SEVEN PEOPLE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY FELT BASICALLY THIS WAS A DONE DEAL AND BY LAW FERC AND FLORIDA GAS HAD BASICALLY SAID THEY NOTIFIED THE PEOPLE.

THE NEXT DAY AGAIN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIOR NIGHTS MEETING CAME TO VISIT HER PROPERTY AND ONE OTHER PROPERTY. SHE WAS TOLD BY THE ENGINEERS THEY COULD IN FACT WORK WITHIN THE 25' OF HER MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS HOME, WHICH THEY CLAIMED WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS, THIS IS TWO MOBILE HOMES AND ONE HAS A WELL IN THE WAY AND THEY OFFERED TO PUT MY FAMILY UP IN A HOTEL WHILE THE WORK WAS BEING DONE. BUT, THAT SHE AND HER FAMILY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE THE EXISTING WELL. NUMBER ONE, SHE WOULD NOT LEAVE HER HOME FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS WHILE THIS WORK IS DONE LEAVING HER HOME VULNERABLE TO AND UNLOCKED TO EVERYONE SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO WAY IN AND OUT OUT OF HER PROPERTY ON A DAILY BASIS WITHOUT RUNNING OVER A SEPTIC TANK. SHE SHOWED ALL THIS TO THE ENGINEERS. SHE AGAIN TOLD THEM THE SOUTH SIDE OF HER PROPERTY WAS NOT OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION; BUT,

SINCE THEY OWNED THE NORTH SIDE, THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THIS SECTION. AGAIN OUR PLEAS WERE IGNORED.

NOW COMES THE PROBLEM OF AN ACTUAL ROAD. RED DEER ROAD IS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD OF WHICH THE PIPELINE AS PROPOSED TO RUN UNDERNEATH. ORIGINALLY THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE THE ROAD, WHICH WOULD CAUSE LAND OWNERS TO THE SOUTH TO GIVE UP MORE PRECIOUS LAND. NOT TO MENTION THESE ARE CLAY ROADS, IT COULD POSSIBLY MEAN THAT GRADERS OR OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO RUN UP AND DOWN THESE ROADS BECAUSE THE PIPELINE IS ONLY 3' BELOW THE GROUND.

MOST PEOPLE THAT LIVE ADJACENT TO THE PIPELINE ARE LEFT RIGHT NOW WITH 75' MORE OR LESS OF LAND THAT IS UNUSABLE. LANDOWNERS CAN NOT PLACE STRUCTURES, PLANT TREES, AND MUST STAY WITHIN EASEMENTS FOR ANYTHING THEY WISH TO DO WITH THE LAND. THEY ARE HOWEVER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY. FLORIDA GAS WILL COME THROUGH UP TO ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS AND MOW A 10' STRIP DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE 75 EXISTING FEET; THE REST IS LEFT UP TO THE LANDOWNERS. THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PAY THE TAXES ON PROPERTY THEY CAN'T USE EXCEPT TO PUT A COW ON.

ALONG WITH THIS THERE ARE SAFETY ISSUES. SAFETY ISSUES SHOULD ALSO BE A MAJOR CONCERN TO ALL RESIDENTS ALONG THE PIPELINE. SINCE THE ORIGINAL PIPELINES WERE PLACED LONG BEFORE MANY HOMES WERE BUILT, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF "ARE THE EXISTING PIPES THICK ENOUGH". SINCE SHE HAS FOUND THAT IS A REQUIREMENT AS TO THE DENSITY OF THE POPULATION AROUND THE PIPELINES, SHE FEELS THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED TO FGT, AND THE EXISTING LINES CHECKED AND NEW LINES BEING PLACED BE OF THE PROPER THICKNESS NEEDED. SOME OF THESE PIPES WERE LAID DOWN IN THE 1980'S AND THE REQUIREMENTS WERE A LOT LESS.

CHANNEL 7 NEWS DID A STORY YESTERDAY, THE BOTTOM LINE WAS THEY WILL USE EMINENT DOMAIN AS A LAST RESORT. WHICH MEANS IT IS A CONSIDERATION AND FGT RIGHT BY LAW. SHE IS A FIRM BELIEVER THAT NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR LAND OR THEIR HOMES TO BIG BUSINESS.

SHE SPOKE WITH A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM PASCO COUNTY WHO IS ALSO FIGHTING THE PIPELINE LAYOUT. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER IS MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH HER AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. HER INFORMATION IS IN THE PACKET SHE GAVE THE BOARD. SHE KNOWS THEY CAN'T STOP THE PROJECT; BUT, THEY CAN MAKE FGT ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR LANDOWNERS AND TO OUR COUNTY COMMISSION. SHE ASKED THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR HER AND OTHERS TO FORM A CITIZENS COMMISSION TO WORK WITH THEM AND THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY NOTIFIED AND SAFETY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED AND THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN IS NOT USED.

CURRENTLY THIS IS NOT A FEDERALLY RUN PROJECT, BUT A PRIVATE COMPANY ATTEMPTING TO BEGIN THE PROCESS WITH FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION. IS IT NOW THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR VOICES BE HEARD. WITH THE TOLL ROAD CONTROVERSY, JUST UNDER OUR BELTS, AND EVEN THAT PROJECT COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; THIS PROJECT DOES NOTHING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY BUT TAKE MORE OF OUR LAND AND DISPLACE FAMILIES, WITH THE BIG GUYS REAPING THE PROFITS.

NAN REITERATED HER REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS TO WORK WITH THEM TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN GET DONE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO ALLOW THE FORMATION OF A CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE BOARD TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE PIPELINE. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW EMINENT DOMAIN IS BEING USED AND ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE COUNTY WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH EMINENT DOMAIN AT ALL WITH THE PIPELINE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED NAN HAD CITED THE STATUTE THAT GAVE FLORIDA GAS THE AUTHORITY TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN.

DEBRA HORABETH, AFFECTED HOMEOWNER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING IN CRESTVIEW. RIGHT NOW THE COUNTY COMMISSION DOES HAVE SOME SAY SO ON EMINENT DOMAIN BECAUSE IT SAYS SO IN THAT FERC LETTER THAT IN THE BEGINNING THEY HAVE INPUT. SHE HAD ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS WAIVE HER AWAY SAYING IT IS FEDERAL AND SHE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SHE THINKS THAT IS WRONG AND SHE DIDN'T APPRECIATE THAT. AS HOMEOWNERS HERE, WHENEVER FLORIDA GAS TAKES THE LAND AWAY FROM THEM, THEY ARE TAKING IT AWAY FROM THE WHOLE COUNTY, FROM ALL THE PEOPLE AND THEY ARE LOSING TAXES ON IT. SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY TO MOVE THE ROAD AND THE POWER AND THAT IS GOING TO FALL ON THE COUNTY RESIDENTS. THAT IS GOING TO FALL ON ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO PAY; IF THEY BOUGHT THE LAND, YOU WOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO CLEAR IT AND DO WHATEVER YOU WANTED TO DO. BUT, FLORIDA GAS JUST WANTS TO USE IT TO MAKE PROFIT FOR THEIR OWN GAIN AND GIVE NOTHING TO THE COUNTY, NOTHING TO THE RESIDENTS. SHE ADDRESSED FLORIDA GAS COULD PAVE THE COUNTY ROADS AND HELP MOVE THIS STUFF; THEY HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

DEBRA ADDRESSED THERE BEING SPRINGS ON HER PROPERTY SHE HAS VERY MUCH CONCERN FOR. SHE MOVED HERE BECAUSE IT IS A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT AND SHE HAD SOMEONE PUT HER WELL IN FOR A HANDSHAKE. IT IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF WORLD HERE THAN WHERE SHE CAME FROM DOWN SOUTH. SHE IS A NATIVE FLORIDIAN AND SHE APPRECIATES THE KINDNESS AND THE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THIS COUNTY AND SHE THINKS PEOPLE DO CARE ABOUT THIS. SHE THINKS IF THE PIPELINE IS PROPERLY BROUGHT FORTH AND IN THE MEDIA, THEY WILL GET A BETTER RESPONSE. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT CAN SAY SOMETHING RIGHT NOW; THE BOARD REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE CAN SAY SOMETHING; THE BOARD IS THE ONE WITH THE POWERS TO DO SOMETHING. SHE ASKED ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS EFILE THEIR CONCERNS ON THE FERF PROJECT. SHE OFFERED TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THIS INFORMATION IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT.

DEBRA TOLD THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD LOOK CLOSER AT THE FERF INFORMATION, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THEY HAVE LAID OUT A TIME LINE AND THE BOARD WILL HAVE ANOTHER 45 DAYS AFTER THEY DO THE ACTUAL FILING. RIGHT NOW FLORIDA GAS IS PREFILING; THE BOARD CAN SAY SOMETHING. SHE THINKS WATER, AIR, ETC. ARE IMPORTANT AND ARE GOOD RESOURCES WE HAVE. SHE DOESN'T WANT IT TO FALL ON OTHER TAX PAYERS WHEN FLORIDA GAS HAS TO MOVE THE POWER LINES, THE ROAD, ETC. SHE SAID SHE COULD BE DOUBLY IMPACTED; SHE HAS A SECOND PROPERTY THAT WILL BE AFFECTED IF THE ROAD IS MOVED. SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND HOPES THE BOARD WILL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE TOLD IT IS FEDERAL AND THE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY; THEY DO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED COMMISSIONER FINCH'S MOTION TO ALLOW THE FORMATION OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO PREPARE SOMETHING TO EFILE TO FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION BY TOMORROW ON THE CITIZENS CONCERNS WITH THE PIPELINE.

DIANNE VITALLI WAS ON THE AGENDAED AUDIENCE; BUT, WAS NOT PRESENT.

E. LONG LAKE ROAD-CHARLES BUCKLES ADDRESSED THE BOARD REPRESENT- ING THE 78 LANDOWNERS THAT BORDER LONG LAKE ROAD. WHEN IT RAINS IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE COUNTY, GREENHEAD ROAD FLOODS AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET

DOWN IT WITH AN AUTOMOBILE. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE PLANS TO PAVE THE GREENHEAD ROAD OR A PORTION OF IT. IF SO, WHEN AND IF NOT SO, WHY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REPORTED THE COUNTY WAS INVOLVED IN PAVING ROLLING PINES NOW AND HIS IDEA WAS TO MOVE DOWN TO THE GREENHEAD ROAD AND TRY TO DO SOMETHING. BUT, AFTER THE BUDGET MEETING THIS MORNING, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN THEY WILL EVER BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AGAIN. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE BOARD GETS THE GRANTS, THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO MATCH THE GRANTS TO HAVE A CREW TO DO IT. ON ROLLING PINES, THE COUNTY PUT IN A \$100,000 TO BE ABLE TO GAIN THE GRANT; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE THAT IN THE BUDGET NOW.

MR. BUCKLES EXPLAINED IN 1996, THE COUNTY RECEIVED ABOUT \$2,000 IN AD VALOREM TAXES OFF OF THE 78 RESIDENTS LIVING ON LONG LAKE ROAD; TODAY, THE COUNTY IS RECEIVING ABOUT \$72,000 A YEAR. SINCE 1996, THAT EQUATES TO ABOUT \$860,000. HE FELT THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PAVE GREENHEAD ROAD OR AT LEAST A PORTION OF IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH INFORMED MR. BUCKLES AD VALOREM TAXES WAS NOT USED TO PAVE ROADS; THE GASOLINE TAXES ARE USED FOR ROAD PAVING AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES FROM PUBLIC WORKS. HE IS NOT SAYING THIS IS THE RIGHT ANSWER; BUT, THAT IS THE WAY IT HAS BEEN WORKING.

MR. BUCKLES QUESTIONED WHAT THE EXTRA AD VALOREM TAX DOLLARS WAS USED FOR. IF THEY HAD NOT DEVELOPED THE 400 ACRES, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO TAX MONIES HARDLY AT ALL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THE AD VALOREM TAXES IS USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES EVERYBODY PAYS FOR JUST LIKE FIRE, POLICE, SHERIFF, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE POINTED OUT, OF THE \$38,000,000 BUDGET LAST YEAR, ONLY ABOUT \$8,000,000 WAS AD VALOREM TAXES. THE REMAINDER WAS FROM DIFFERENT FUNDS THAT COME TO THE COUNTY OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

PATE EXPLAINED IN THE PAST, HIS UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC WORKS COULD GO TO THE GENERAL FUND IF THEY WERE IN TROUBLE WITH THEIR BUDGET. THAT IS NO LONGER THE SITUATION BECAUSE THE DOWN TURN STATEWIDE, EVERYBODY IS CUTTING BACK. THE COUNTY CUT ABOUT \$2,000,000 FROM THEIR BUDGET LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR DOESN'T LOOK ANY BETTER SO FAR. THEY ARE WAITING FROM THE REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON THE REVENUE PROJECTIONS, WHICH SHOULD COME OUT AROUND JULY 1, 2008. EVERYTHING HE HAS HEARD, THESE DO NOT LOOK GOOD. THIS ALSO AFFECTS THE GAS TAXES, ETC. WHICH COMES TO PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC WORKS IS WHERE YOU GET YOUR ROADS DONE. HE TOLD MR. BUCKLES THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS DOING THEIR BEST TO PRODUCE A BUDGET AND HOPE THEY GET ONE PRODUCED.

MR. BUCKLES REPORTED IN 1996 WHEN THEY WERE BUILDING THEIRS, THEY BUILT A MILE AND A HALF ROAD AROUND THE LAKE AND HAULED CLAY IN. ONE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WHO IS NO LONGER ON BOARD NOW, CAME BY AND STOPPED THEM AND SAID THEY HAD TO START PUTTING CLAY ON THE ROAD BEFORE THEY WOULD LET THEM FINISH. THEY PUT A FRONT END LOADER, A MOTOR GRADER AND HAULED IN 80 LOADS OF CLAY. SINCE THEN, THE CLAY HAS JUST BEEN SCRAPED UP ON THE SIDES. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DOWN GREENHEAD ROAD, IN SOME PLACES YOU CAN STAND AND THE LAND ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD IS WAIST HIGH. IT IS A DITCH AND THERE IS NO WAY HE CAN SEE IT TO DO ANYTHING BESIDES AT LEAST START PULLING DITCHES AND PUTTING CULVERTS IN. THE RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE BOARD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PAVING AT LEAST 2.5 MILES WHICH WOULD GET THEM TO THE SECOND GATE GOING INTO LONG LAKE AND THERE IS 78 LANDOWNERS THERE THAT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT THESE RESIDENTS WERE PAYING FOR WATERFRONT PROPERTY THERE TOO AND THERE IS NO WATER. MR. BUCKLES AGREED

AND SAID THE TAXES WENT UP WHEN THE WATER WAS THERE; BUT, THEY DIDN'T COME DOWN WHEN THE WATER WAS LOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS; THE BOARD CAN AND ALREADY HAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED PAVING GREENHEAD ROAD. HOWEVER, THAT DOESN'T GET ANY PAVEMENT DOWN.

MR. BUCKLES ASKED IF THEY COULD REQUEST THEY PUT THE PAVING OF GREENHEAD ROAD AS A HIGHER PRIORITY. COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD HIM THE COUNTY HAS A LIST OF PRIORITY ROADS FOR PAVING; THEY CAN LOOK AND SEE WHERE GREENHEAD ROAD IS ON THE LIST. FINCH AGREED TO LOOK AND SEE WHERE GREENHEAD ROAD IS ON THE LIST AND GIVE BUCKLES THIS INFORMATION.

WALTER BURNHAM, 4765 LAKE RIDGE ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM ALSO BEING IN THE LONG LAKE ESTATES AND WHAT THEY ARE UP AGAINST IS A LOT OF FLOODING AND THE WATER NOT RUNNING OFF THE GREENHEAD ROAD PROPERLY. IF THE COUNTY CAN'T COME IN THERE AND PAVE IT, THEY AT LEAST NEED TO GET SOME DIRT IN THERE TO FILL IN THE LOW SPOTS AND BRING IT BACK UP WHERE THE WATER WILL RUN OFF INTO THE WOODS AND CLEAN OUT THE DRAINS THEY HAVE. HE ASKED FOR THIS BECAUSE HE AND HIS WIFE DRIVES DOWN THE ROAD EVERYDAY AND SOMETIMES IT IS PRETTY BAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH AGREED AND REITERATED HE WANTED TO DO THE GREENHEAD ROAD LIKE ROLLING PINES. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS ENOUGH CLAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BRING THE ROAD BACK UP TO WHERE THE WATER WILL RUN OFF THE SIDES. AT ROLLING PINES, THEY HAD THE SAME SITUATION AND ACTUALLY BROUGHT THE DIRT BACK IN AS FILL MATERIAL AND THEN PUT A BASE ON TOP OF IT BEFORE THEY STARTED PAVING. THEY HAD TO BRING IN 6" TO 8" OF CLAY ON TOP OF THE FILL MATERIAL FOR THE BASE BEFORE PUTTING THE PAVEMENT DOWN. THAT IS WHAT HE WANTED TO DO ON THE GREENHEAD ROAD AND IF THEY EVER GET THE FUNDING, THAT IS EXACTLY THE PROJECT THEY WOULD GO WITH.

BURNHAM AGREED THE DIRT COULD BE PULLED BACK OFF THE BANKS AND PUT BACK IN THE ROAD.

BERNITTA CRITTINDEN, 5108 LONG LAKE DRIVE, AND RESIDENT OF LONG LAKE ESTATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER HAVING TALKED TO COMMISSIONER FINCH SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. SHE HAS OWNED PROPERTY SINCE 1997 AND HAS LIVED THERE FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS. OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, GREENHEAD ROAD HAS GOTTEN LOWER AND LOWER. SHE IS IN HOME HEALTH CARE AND TRAVELS THESE COUNTRY ROADS A LOT; GREENHEAD ROAD IS ONE OF THE WORST ROADS IN THE COUNTY. ROLLING PINES IS GETTING SOME TREATMENT. AT THE TIMES THE PLAN WAS MADE TO PAVE THE ROLLING PINES ROAD, IT HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPPED, THE DITCHES HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE, THE WATER RAN OFF THE ROAD, IT HAD BEEN DOLOMITED THE FIRST STAGES OF IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH POINTED OUT NOT THE ENTIRE ROLLING PINES ROAD HAD BEEN PREPPED, ETC.; ONLY SPOTS OF IT. BERNITTA SAID A GOOD PART OF THE ROAD HAD BEEN DONE WITH FINCH DISAGREEING. HE EXPLAINED THE COUNTY HAD TO PULL OFF THAT DIRT OFF THE SIDES OF THE ROAD.

BERNITTA AGREED IT NEEDED A LOT OF PREP WORK AND THAT STARTED SEVERAL YEARS BACK WITH THE ROLLING PINES ROAD, WHICH IS ALSO A DEAD END ROAD; IT IS NOT A THOROUGHFARE ROAD. THE GREENHEAD ROAD IS A THOROUGHFARE ROAD. WATER MANAGEMENT AND THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TRAVELS UP AND DOWN IT EVERY DAY. AT THE VERY LEAST, THE COUNTY HAS GOT TO GET SOME MAINTENANCE ON THE ROAD; THEY HAVE TO GET THE ROAD NOT TO BE A DITCH ANYMORE BUT CROWNED AS A ROAD AND SOME TYPE OF DRAINAGE. THEY NEED TO KEEP THE DRAINS CLEANED OUT, FIX THE RETENTION PONDS LIKE THEY SHOULD BE SO THE LOGS DON'T CAVE IN AND BLOCK THE DRAINAGE. SHE REALIZES THERE IS ALWAYS BUDGET ISSUES; SHE HAS SEEN IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS A LOT OF ROADS

THAT HAVE BEEN PAVED FOR YEARS THAT ARE BEING REPAVED. WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IS ONE OF THEM AND THERE IS ONE SOUTH OF THE ENTRANCE AT SUNNY HILLS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH EXPLAINED THESE WERE FUNDED 100% BY FL-DOT BECAUSE IT WAS AN EXISTING ROAD; THE COUNTY BUDGET DIDN'T HAVE ONE CENT IN THE ROAD. THE STATE DOES NOT PROVIDE FUNDING TO BUILD NEW ROADS. THE ONLY REASON ROLLING PINES IS GETTING DONE IS BECAUSE NWFWMDCHOSE THE ROAD; NWFWMDCHOSE GAVE \$500,000 TOWARD THE PROJECT AND THE COUNTY PUT ANOTHER \$100,000 INTO IT.

BERNITTA SAID SHE HAD SPOKEN TO NWFWMDCHOSE AFTER THE DECISION WAS MADE TO FUND THE ROLLING PINES ROAD BECAUSE THE LANDOWNERS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED. AFTER TALKING WITH SEVERAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS AT MEETINGS WITH WATER MANAGEMENT, THE COMMISSION MEMBERS RESPONSE WAS THEY HAD A CHOICE OF ROADS THEY HAD LOOKED AT. THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAD SENT IN ROLLING PINES ROAD BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO BE A WHOLE LOT LESS MONEY IN PREP WORK THAN THE GREENHEAD ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THAT IS NOT TRUE; THE PREP WORK ON ROLLING PINES HAS BEEN TERRIBLE. THERE WAS SO MUCH GRADE COMING UP AND DOWN, THERE ARE 4' TO 5' HIGH BANKS ON EACH SIDE OF THE ROAD. HE AGREED GREENHEAD ROAD IS A BAD ROAD; IT IS NOT A BIT WORSE THAN ROLLING PINES. HE SAID THEY COULD SUBMIT THE GREENHEAD ROAD TO NWFWMDCHOSE; BUT, THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MATCH MONEY. DURING THE BUDGET WORKSHOP THIS MORNING, THEY HAVE POSITIONS THEY CAN'T FILL BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR SALARIES.

BERNITTA ADDRESSED THE REASON THEY ARE SHOWING THEIR FACES TODAY IS BECAUSE THE PHONE CALLS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS MAY GET THEM A GRADER AND SOME DIRT TRYING TO FIX THE PROBLEM; BUT, WITHIN TWO MONTHS THE GRADER PUTS IT UP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD SO IT IS AN ENDLESS PROBLEM. SOME ATTENTION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN THERE TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WERE 680 TO 780 MILES OF DIRT ROADS IN THE COUNTY. WITH TALLAHASSEE AND THE LEGISLATURE, THE WAY THEY ARE CUTTING THEIR BUDGET, NOT ONLY FROM TALLAHASSEE BUT ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON D.C. AND THE MONEY IS BEING CUT FROM UP THERE TO THE STATE TO THE COUNTY. A FEW YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY HAD MONEY TO USE AND THEY USED IT FOR WHATEVER REASON. IT IS LIKE YOU USE TO EAT THE STEAK AND BAKED POTATO; BUT, NOW YOU HAVE TO HAVE BREAD AND BEANS. HE IS NOT BEING CRITICAL OR COMICAL; BUT, THE COUNTY HAD TO CUT 3% LAST YEAR AND HAVING TO CUT 7% THIS YEAR OR POSSIBLY A LITTLE MORE. IT ALL DEPENDS HERE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IT IS NOT THAT THIS BOARD IS NOT CONCERNED OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY; THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRT ROADS, THE ISSUES, ETC; BUT, EVERYBODY WANTED LOWER TAXES AND THEY ARE GETTING LOWER TAXES BUT ALONG WITH THAT THE BOARD HAS TO MAKE THE DECISION TO CUT IN AREAS THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO BUT THEY HAVE TO. YOU HAVE HEALTH CARE, COUNCIL ON AGING, LIBRARY, ETC. THEY ARE HAVING TO LOOK AT CUTTING BECAUSE EVERYBODY WANTED LOWER PROPERTY TAXES. THE BOARD IS SUFFERING BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DO THE THINGS THEY WANT TO DO OR NEED TO DO TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. HE SAID ON HIS BEHALF AND BELIEVES EACH AND EVERYONE ELSE SITTING ON THE BOARD, IT IS NOT THAT THEY DON'T CARE BECAUSE THEY DO CARE AND ARE CONCERNED. BUT, YOU HAVE TO HAVE MONEY TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN AND RIGHT NOW THEY DON'T HAVE THAT MONEY. THEY ARE IN ESSENCE HAVING TO ROB PETER TO PAY PAUL TO DO CERTAIN THINGS. THEY STARTED THIS MORNING WORKING ON A BUDGET FOR FY 2008- 2009; THEIR MILLAGE RATE IS 7.66 NOW AND DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE FOR THE 2008-2009 YEAR. HE ASKED THE PEOPLE NOT TO THROW STICKS AND STONES AT THEM; BE PATIENT WITH THE BOARD.

IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, CALL ROAD AND BRIDGE AT 638-6280 AND TELL THEM WHAT THEIR CONCERN IS. IF THEY DON'T GET AN ANSWER FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE, CALL THEIR COMMISSIONER AND THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP YOU.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED, FOR A SHORT FIX, IS THERE SOME WAY THEY CAN PUT A BACKHOE WHERE THE WATER IS PILING UP TO MAKE SOME OUTFALLS SO THE WATER CAN DRAIN. COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT WOULD HELP; BUT, THEY WOULD BE PUTTING WATER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

LEE KINARD, 4904 LONG LAKE ROAD, A PARTNER IN THE LONG LAKE ESTATES DEVELOPMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE DIFFERENCE IN \$2400 A YEAR AND \$84,000 A YEAR DOESN'T TRANSLATE INTO LOWER TAXES TO HIM. THE BASE OF GREENHEAD ROAD IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST PROBLEM. IT SEEMS LIKE BASED ON WHAT THE BOARD HAS SAID, THE PAVING OF THIS ROAD IS A MUTE QUESTION AT THIS POINT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED IF THE COUNTY CAN'T GET A 100% GRANT FROM FL-DOT, IT IS JUST ABOUT OUT OF THE QUESTION.

LEE SAID HE REALIZED THE AD VALOREM TAXES IS NOT THE BASE FOR THE ROAD WORK AND THAT IS THE SAME IN ALL THE COUNTIES; HOWEVER, THAT CATCH BASIN ON GREENHEAD ROAD, HE KNOWS THE COUNTY HAS A TRANSIT AT THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT AND IF THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE IT, HE WILL SHOW THEM. THE CATCH BASIN IS A LOT HIGHER THAN THE LOWEST PLACE IN THE ROAD.

LEE REFERRED TO AN EARLIER STATEMENT MADE BY MR. BUCKLES. IN 1996 WHEN THEY WERE ASKED TO FIX THE GREENHEAD ROAD, THEY PUT A MOTORGRADER ON IT AT THEIR EXPENSE, A FRONTEND LOADER ON IT AT THEIR EXPENSE AND HULAN CARTER WAS DOWN THERE WHEN HE STOPPED THEM. THEY HAD FLORIDA ASPHALT HAUL 80 LOADS OF CLAY IN THERE WHICH CAME OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS. THEY BUILT THE ROAD ACCORDING TO COUNTY SPECS FOR THEM TO ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR ROAD. WHEN IT GOT TIME TO TALK ABOUT ACCEPTING IT, THE COUNTY SAID THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD ACCEPT IT WAS FOR THEM TO GIVE THE COUNTY A LOT AND ALLOW A PUBLIC BOAT RAMP ON THE LAKE. HE DIDN'T LIKE THAT BECAUSE HE WAS AFTER HAVING A PIECE OF PROPERTY ON A PRIVATE LAKE. HE SAID IF YOU OWN A PIECE OF PROPERTY ON A LAKE AND YOU HAVE TO GIVE THE COUNTY RESIDENTS COUNTY ACCESS, WELL WHY DON'T WE JUST TAKE THAT 300 ACRES THAT JERRY SAPP OWNS UP THERE AND SAY, WELL IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD A ROAD BY IT, LETS ALLOW EVERYBODY TO HUNT ON IT. THAT DON'T FLY. AS A RESULT, LAST SATURDAY THEY HAD A WORKDAY AND THEY HAD TWO MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTORS AND TWO OTHERS ON GREENHEAD ROAD AND THEIR RESIDENTS BURNT \$50 OF FUEL AND SCRAPED THE ROAD. IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO DRIVE DOWN IT THIS AFTERNOON, HE CAN TAKE TWO FARM TRACTORS, TWO OR THREE GUYS AND THREE WOMEN AND DO A BETTER JOB ON THE ROAD THAN WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING IN HIS OPINION. HE INVITED THE BOARD TO GO DOWN AND LOOK AT THE ROAD. HOWEVER, GREENHEAD ROAD HAS GOT TO BE CROWNED AND THE CATCH BASINS HAVE GOT TO BE CHANGED. HE KNOWS THE BUDGET CRISIS THE COUNTY IS IN AND IT IS NOT EASY; BUT, THE COUNTY PEOPLE ARE ON THE PAYROLL AND THE EQUIPMENT IS IN PLACE. HE ASKED THEM TO PLEASE GIVE THEM A LITTLE HELP.

KINARD WAS ASKED WHY WOULDN'T THE COUNTY ACCEPT THE ROADS; WERE THEY NOT BUILT TO COUNTY SPECS IN THE 1990'S. KINARD SAID "NO" THE COUNTY WOULDN'T ACCEPT THE ROADS BECAUSE THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULDN'T GIVE THE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LAKE. THE SCHOOL BUS DOESN'T COME IN THERE AND THE SHERIFF AND FIRE PROTECTION WOULDN'T COME IN THERE BECAUSE IT IS A PRIVATE ROAD. THE MAIL MAN WOULDN'T COME IN THERE EITHER. ONE OF THE BEST EMPLOYEES THE COUNTY HAS GOT IN HIS OPINION IS THE DEPUTY SHERIFF DOWN THERE THAT SERVES THEIR AREA. HE THANKED DANNY HAYES AND STATED HE IS RESPONSIVE AND DOES A GREAT JOB FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

KINARD SAID THEY WIND UP GRADING THEIR ROAD WITH FARM TRACTORS AND BOX BLADES; BUT, YET THEY ARE PAYING \$80,000 A YEAR IN AD VALOREM TAXES. BASED ON THE \$2800 A YEAR THAT GEORGE EUBANKS AND HUNT OIL WAS PAYING AND ON THE SECTION KINARD AND THE OTHER RESIDENTS IN LONG LAKE ESTATES WERE IN, THE TAXES WERE \$480. THE LANDOWNERS THERE FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE PAID A TOTAL OF \$780,000. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO TELL HIM, OTHER THAN DEPUTY DANNY HAYES, ONE THING IN TWELVE YEARS THEY HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WITH THE INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED TODAY FROM MR. KINARD, THE COUNTY COMMISSION REVISIT THE REASON ON THE NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG LAKE SUBDIVISION ROADS, BRING IT TO ANOTHER VOTE AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT THOSE ROADS OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A SUBDIVISION NAME DOWN THERE. MR. KINARD ADVISED THERE WAS LONG LAKE RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND LONG LAKE ESTATES; THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE UNRECORDED PLATS. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 78 LOTS AT 4.5 ACRES; THE MINIMUM FOR ZONING IS 4.5 ACRES. THEY ARE NOT DEVELOPERS TRYING TO DEVELOP A PIECE OF PROPERTY, TAKE MONEY AND RUN BACK TO TOWN; THEY HAVE AN INVESTMENT THERE. HE HAS TWO OR THREE FACILITIES BUILT THERE AND LIVES THERE 78% OF THE TIME.

MR. BUCKLES MADE THE BOARD AWARE THEY NEVER MADE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THAT ROAD; THEY WERE JUST TOLD BY HULAN CARTER THEY WOULDN'T ACCEPT IT UNLESS THEY GAVE THE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LAKE.

DUE TO THE FACT NO OFFICIAL REQUEST WAS EVER MADE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE ROADS IN THE LONG LAKE SUBDIVISION, COMMISSIONER SAPP AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND RESCINDED THEIR MOTION AND SECOND.

MR. BUCKLES SAID LONG LAKE ESTATES ROAD IS PAVED; JIM MOODY AND TOM VICKERS DEVELOPED THAT PORTION AND AT THAT TIME HE OWNED FLORIDA ASPHALT. BUCKLES SAID THEY WERE NOT QUITE THE HEAVY WEIGHTS MOODY AND VICKERS WERE; SO, THEY COULDN'T PAVE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION TO LET THE COUNTY ENGINEER LOOK AT THE ROAD TO SEE WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BRING IT UP TO THE COUNTY STANDARDS AND IF MR. KINARD WOULD LIKE TO FOOT THE COST OF BRINGING IT UP TO COUNTY STANDARDS, THE COUNTY COULD LOOK AT ADOPTING THE ROADS TO THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FINCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY STANDARDS WOULD BE WHAT THE STANDARDS WERE IN 1996 OR CURRENTLY. COMMISSIONER SAPP SAID HIS MOTION WOULD BE FOR THE ROADS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CURRENT COUNTY STANDARDS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THE ROADS WERE DONE IN 1996, THE COUNTY SHOULD USE THE 1996 GUIDELINES INSTEAD OF USING THE CURRENT GUIDELINES.

BERNITTA TOLD THE BOARD THEY DIDN'T WANT LONG LAKE ESTATES ROAD TAKEN BY THE COUNTY; THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEIR ROAD AS THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IT.

BUCKLES SAID THEIR ROAD IS NOT A BIG ISSUE BECAUSE IF YOU DRIVE DOWN IT TODAY, THERE IS NO POTHOLES OR NO WATER STANDING ON IT; IT IS 1.25 MILES. IT JUST SO HAPPENED THEY WORKED ON IT ON SATURDAY ALL DAY. THEY PUT 6" OF CLAY ON IT; BUT, IT IS NOT A BIG ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT IT FOR THEM.

BUCKLES SAID THE REASON HE BROUGHT OUT THEIR ROAD IS THE POINT THEY ARE PAYING \$80,000 PLUS A YEAR AND HAVE DONE IT FOR TWELVE YEARS AND

EXCEPT FOR THE DEPUTY SHERIFF COMING IN THERE, THEY HAVE NOT HAD ONE MINUTE OF COUNTY SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED HIM MISUNDERSTANDING WHAT BUCKLES, KINARD AND BERNITTA WERE TRYING TO BRING UP. HE RESCINDED HIS SECOND MOTION AND COMMISSIONER FINCH RESCINDED HIS SECOND TO THE SECOND MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAPP COMMENTED IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO A SUBDIVISION IT HAS TO BE BROUGHT THROUGH ALL THE PROPER CHANNELS OF THE COUNTY, VOTED ON BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AT A PUBLIC HEARING, ETC. AND THEN THE COUNTY, IT IS AN OPTION IF THE GROUP WANTS TO DONATE AN ACRE OR TWO TO THE COUNTY, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY REFLECTION ON WHETHER THE COUNTY APPROVES IT OR DISAPPROVES IT. THAT IS JUST OPTIONS TO THE PEOPLE THAT OWNS THE PROPERTY. HE WANTED TO CLARIFY IF THIS COUNTY COMMISSION IN THE PAST, WHICH IS STILL A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION, WHETHER IT HAS BEEN THEIR PREDECESSOR, ETC., THAT IT IS DONE ABOVE BOARD AND PROPER AND IF THERE IS A MISTAKE MADE, THE BOARD WOULD GLADLY TRY AND GO BACK AND CORRECT IT IF SOME OF THEIR PREDECESSORS HAVE MADE ONE IN ERROR. THAT IS WHERE HE STANDS AT; THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS ABOVE BOARD ON EVERYTHING DONE HERE. HE WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW, AS FAR AS A COUNTY ROAD, THE BOARD WILL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO FIX IT WITH THE MATERIALS THEY HAVE TO FIX IT WITH. THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO SHUN ANYONE AND THEY WILL CERTAINLY DO ALL THEY CAN TO IMPROVE IT. THEY CAN'T GO BACK AND FIX SOMETHING DONE IN A DIFFERENT ORDER THAT WAS NOT BROUGHT TO THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR PROPER APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER PATE CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, STACY WEBB, COUNTY GRANTS PERSON, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AS A PARENT. SHE HAS TWO SONS PLAYING WITH THE CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND THERE IS GOING TO BE A VERY LARGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT COMING UP IN JULY. THEY ARE GOING TO BE HOSTING ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT OUT OF TOWN TEAMS. BECAUSE COACH COMPTON KNOWS SHE WORKS FOR THE COUNTY, HE ASKED SHE PLEASE APPROACH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE COMMISSIONERS INDIVIDUALLY AND ASK FOR A DONATION TOWARD THE TOURNAMENT. THE DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARD THE PROGRAM; IT WILL BE DESIGNED AND HAVE BUSINESS CARD SIZE ADS. THE DONATIONS WILL ALSO GO TOWARD UMPIRES AND OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY HAS BEEN APPROACHED; BUT, SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. THE LAST TIME THEY HAD A TOURNAMENT, THE COUNTY DONATED A \$1,000. AS MANY TIMES AS SHE HAS BEEN IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, STACY SAID SHE WAS PROBABLY MOST NERVOUS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE SHE HAS TO ASK FOR MONEY AND SHE WAS PRESENT AT THE BUDGET MEETING THIS MORNING AT 8:00. ANYTHING THE BOARD CAN DO OR THE COMMISSIONERS INDIVIDUALLY OR ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOWARD THE TOURNAMENT, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE COMMISSIONERS INDIVIDUALLY DONATED MONEY TOWARD THE TOURNAMENT.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORT:

A. FALLING WATERS ROAD SOUTH OF STATE PARK ROAD; THERE IS A STEEP VERTICAL CURVE THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD SEVERAL TIMES ON WAYS TO REMEDY THE SITUATION. THERE ARE RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES. TO EXPLORE SOME OPTIONS HE BROUGHT A QUOTE FOR SOME OF THE SOLAR POWERED FLASHING LIGHTS; IT GIVES ADVANCED WARNING THAT THE SPEED LIMIT DROPS TO TRY AND LET THE MOTORISTS KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THERE IS AN INTERSECTION JUST BEYOND THE TOP OF THE HILL AND IT WOULD PROBABLY HELP TO TRY AND SLOW SOME PEOPLE DOWN. THEY LOOKED AT REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT AS YOU COME UP THE HILL FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS AND HAVING ADVANCED WARNING WHICH WOULD BE EITHER SINGLE OR DUAL BEACON FLASHING LIGHTS. THE SINGLE BEACON FLASHING LIGHT QUOTE IS FOR \$2,000 AND THE DUAL BEACON FLASHING LIGHT QUOTE IS FOR

\$3,000. THEY ARE SOLAR POWERED AND HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD AS BEING RELIABLE. THE MANUFACTURER OF THESE LIGHTS MAKES PARTS, KEEP PARTS AND SERVICES THEM. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TODAY; IT WAS MOSTLY FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THERE BEING A LOT OF USES FOR THE BEACON FLASHING LIGHTS. ONE OF THE TOUGHEST PARTS OF GETTING ANY TYPE OF FLASHING ADVANCED WARNING SIGNAL OF ANY SORT IS GETTING POWER TO IT; THESE SOLAR LIGHTS COMPLETELY ELIMINATES THIS PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO PUT THIS ON THE BACK BURNER AND LEAVE IT. HE DOES KNOW THAT FALLING WATERS STATE PARK INTERSECTION IS A BIG SAFETY ISSUE AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK INTO OBTAINING FOUR OF THESE SOLAR FLASHING BEACON LIGHTS TO PUT UP AT THE INTERSECTION. IT IS VERY CRITICAL AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO CONSIDER THE SOLAR LIGHTS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THESE LIGHTS COULDN'T BE ADDED TO THE FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH PROJECT AND BE PAID FOR OUT OF THOSE FUNDS. CLIFF SAID THEY PROBABLY COULD; IT IS A LITTLE BIT BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID WITH THE CHANGING OF THE SIDES OF THE ROAD OUT THERE, THEY ARE ACTUALLY CROSSING STATE PARK ROAD AND GETTING ON THE SOUTH SIDE. THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY THE SOLAR LIGHTING. THERE ARE ALSO SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE PROJECT AND THE LIGHTING MAY BE A GOOD PLACE TO UTILIZE SOME OF THOSE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THERE BEING SOME PRECEDENCE BECAUSE THEY JUST GOT SUED FOR SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THIS BELOW EBRO.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND CLIFF TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT TO THE BIKE PATH PROJECT TO ADD THE SOLAR POWER LIGHTS.

B. CORBIN ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON CORBIN ROAD COMING ALONG PRETTY GOOD. THEY ARE PRETTY CLOSE TO BEING DONE WITH SEED AND MULCH. DAVID CORBIN HAS BROUGHT IT TO HIS ATTENTION AGAIN THE COUNTY IS IN BAD NEED OF A SOD FIELD. HE ADDRESSED AT SOME POINT THE COUNTY MAY NEED TO INVEST, BUDGET, PUT INTO THE BUDGET FOR A SOD FARM. THERE IS ABOUT \$40,000 WORTH OF SOD THEY HAD IN THE ANDERSON COLUMBIA CONTRACT THEY DID WITH INMATE LABOR ON CORBIN ROAD. THERE WAS OVER A \$100,000 WORTH OF SOD ON CLAYTON, PIONEER, ALFORD AND CREEK ROAD. THOSE TWO PROJECTS ELIMINATED ABOUT \$150,000 WORTH OF SODDING BY THE CONTRACTOR. HE REALIZES THE COUNTY HAS A TIGHT BUDGET; BUT, CERTAINLY ANYTHING THEY COULD SET UP TO POSSIBLY LEASE LAND FROM SOMEBODY AND CUT THE SOD OFF OF LEASED LAND. THIS IS WHAT WALTON COUNTY IS DOING RIGHT NOW; THEY ARE LEASING FIELDS FROM FARMERS AND CUTTING THE SOD OUT OF THE LEASED FIELDS. THE CONTRACT PRICE THE COUNTY IS PAYING IS ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$2 AND \$3 A SQUARE YARD FOR SOD AND PUT IT DOWN WITH INMATE LABOR SO THEIR COST IS PROBABLY SUBSTANTIALLY LESS.

C. REMEDIATION PROJECT FOR MUDHILL LANDFILL-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE REMEDIATION PROJECT FOR THE MUDHILL LANDFILL HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY FL-DEP. HE BROUGHT UP A COUPLE OF MEETINGS AGO ABOUT THE PONDS THEY WOULD HAVE TO DIG OUT AT MUDHILL WHERE THE WATER WILL BE PUMPED TO FOR TREATMENT AND HE WILL FIND OUT WHAT THE DEADLINE IS TO GET STARTED ON IT. AT SOME POINT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO GET STARTED ON THE PROJECT AND IT WILL HAVE TO BE PROGRAMMED INTO THE PROJECTS PUBLIC WORKS IS ALREADY WORKING ON.

D. NEW EOC-CLIFF REQUESTED BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SITE WORK ON THE NEW EOC PROJECT. THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO SUBMIT THE

GRANT ON JULY 11TH FOR THE NEW EOC FOR \$700,000 TO \$800,000 TO TRY TO GET ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SITE WORK.

HE ADDRESSED IT HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED A COUPLE OF TIMES WITH THE BOARD ON HOW TO FIT THE SITWORK INTO THE PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS IS ALREADY WORKING ON. HE EMPHASIZED PUBLIC WORKS BEING STRETCHED BEYOND BELIEF NOW; SO, IF IT WORKED OUT THEY COULD GET THIS EXTRA FUNDING FOR THE EOC AND GET A CONTRACTOR TO BUILD THE SITE WORK AND THE COUNTY NOT HAVE TO MESS WITH IT, HE FELT WOULD BE A WIN WIN. THE ITEMS THEY ARE LOOKING AT SUBMITTING WITH THE GRANT INCLUDE:

1. SITWORK, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE UTILITIES, DRAINAGE, LIGHTING AND THE BUILDING PAD CONSTRUCTION - ABOUT \$500,000
2. 200 KW GENERATOR WITH A 1,000 GALLON DIESEL TANK- ESTIMATED WITH THE TRANSFER SWITH AT ABOUT \$100,000
3. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT-ABOUT \$75,000
4. SUPPLEMENT BUILDING COST TO TRY TO GET ROOF SYSTEM IN THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE BUILDING-ABOUT \$100,000

ALL OF THESE ITEMS COME TO \$775,000. THE REAL ANSWER ON THE ACTUAL COST TO GET SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT WILL BE WHEN THEY GET THEIR BIDS BACK FROM THE CONTRACTORS. THEY WILL TAKE THE ACTUAL BIDS AND SUBMIT ACTUAL BIDS WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS INSTEAD OF JUST HAVING AN ENGINEERS ESTIMATE. THEY FEEL IT WILL BE MORE CONVINCING WHEN FL-DCA REVIEWS THEIR APPLICATION THAN JUST HAVING AN ESTIMATE. HOW-EVER, THEIR PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO HAVE BIDS FOR THE GENERATOR, BIDS FROM CONTRACTORS FOR THE SITWORK AND GET MALCOLM TO HAVE ACTUAL QUOTES FROM DELL OR WHOMEVER HE GOES THROUGH FOR THE COMPUTER WORK STATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

E. FIRE TOWER PIT-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON BEING NOTIFIED AND HAVING MET WITH NWFWD. THE NWFWD IN CRESTVIEW IS GOING TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO HAVE A STORM WATER PERMIT FOR THE BURNING DEBRI PIT. HE HAD THE APPLICATION AND WOULD NEED THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT; THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE STORM WATER PERMITTING IN ADDITION TO THE FL-DEP PERMITTING ON THE FIRE TOWER PIT PROJECT. AT SOME POINT HE WILL NEED A CHECK MADE OUT TO FL-DEP.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR FIRE TOWER PIT PROJECT.

F. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE SITE PREPARATION FOR THE NEW EOC.

CLIFF INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD THIS SET TO OPEN BIDS ON JULY 10TH SO THEY WILL HAVE BIDS READY FOR THEIR FINAL GRANT PACKAGE THAT WILL BE HAND DELIVERED ON THE 11TH.

G. FALLING WATERS ROAD BIKE PATH-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING ABOUT \$18,000 TO \$20,000 THEY WERE PLANNING ON USING FOR ADDITIONAL SOD BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME AREAS THEY HAVE HAD A HARD TIME STABILIZING. THEY HAVE ACTUALLY USED A LITTLE MORE SOD THAN THEY WERE ORIGINALLY GOING TO DO. THE FLASHING BEACONS WILL TAKE AWAY A LITTLE BIT OF THAT SOD; BUT, HE FEELS THEY CAN STILL GET THE JOB COVERED UP PRETTY GOOD. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT IS PAVED AND THEY ARE STARTING ON THE SECOND PHASE NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ABOUT THE SPEED LIMIT ON FALLING WATERS ROAD.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THEM HAVING DISCUSSED REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON FALLING WATERS STATE ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH DUE TO THE PEDESTRIANS BEING OUT THERE AND ALSO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE BRIDGE ON OCCASIONS.

IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A MUCH BETTER SITUATION BY REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT THROUGH THAT SECTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HAVING SOME NEIGHBORS REQUEST THE SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED ON FALLING WATERS ROAD TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON FALL WATERS ROAD TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID EVEN AT REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH ON STATE PARK ROAD, CROSSING THE BRIDGE THERE IS KIND OF NARROW. THEY NEED A FLASHING BEACON LIGHT AT THE BRIDGE ALSO.

CLIFF SAID IT PROBABLY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PROVIDE ADVANCED WARNING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THEY MAKE THE SOLAR LIGHTS LIKE A STREET LIGHT. CLIFF AGREED TO FIND OUT IF THEY MAKE THESE FLASHING SOLAR LIGHTS AND THE COST INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID SOME OF THE AREAS IN THE COUNTY WHERE IT IS SO DARK AT INTERSECTIONS, IT WOULD BE GOOD TO PUT SOME SOLAR LIGHTS UP.

UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. JACK COX ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING PROVIDED EACH OF THEM A COPY OF A LETTER SIGNED BY HIM REQUESTING A WAIVER OF IMPACT FEES FOR NEW VISION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THEY ARE MOVING A SMALL TRAILOR TO SERVE AS CLASSROOMS; IT IS ABOUT 1100 SQUARE FEET AND WON'T ADD MUCH SQUARE FOOTAGE TO THE PROPERTY THERE ALREADY. THE CHURCH IS GROWING AND NEEDS A FEW MORE CLASSROOMS. THE TRAILER IS BEING DONATED TO THE CHURCH. THE CHURCH IS A POOR CHURCH AND HAS SPENT A LOT OF EXTRA MONEY THEY TAKE IN HELPING OUT THE POOR PEOPLE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE CHURCH IS REQUESTING THE BOARD WAIVER IS ABOUT \$1100 TO \$1200; THAT IS NOT A BIG THING TO THE COUNTY'S BUDGET BUT IT IS TO THE CHURCH'S BUDGET.

MR. COX REFERRED TO HIM HAVING RESEARCHED THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE #2007 ON THE INTERNET. THE CHURCH BELIEVES THE TRAILER SHOULD FALL UNDER SECTION 102 THE GENERAL DEFINITION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING CONSTRUCTED BECAUSE IT IS JUST AN ACCESSORY BUILDING THEY ARE GOING TO USE FOR CLASSROOMS. UNDER 701, EXEMPTIONS, MR. COX SAID ACCESSORY BUILDINGS ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE IMPACT FEES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND, BASED ON THE FACT MR. COX BROUGHT OUT THAT THE TRAILER IS NOT A PRIMARY BUILDING AND BASED ON THE COUNTY'S IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE IT IS SOMETHING LESS THAN THE MAIN STRUCTURE, WHICH A BETTER DEFINITION IS AN ACCESSORY BUILDING TO BE USED FOR CLASSROOMS, TO WAIVE THE IMPACT FEE FOR NEW VISION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ASKED WHAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S RECOMMENDATION IS ON THE MOTION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM; BUT, THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENT. IF SOMEBODY DOES THE SAME THING, THEY HAVE TO GRANT IT THE SAME WAY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WAS THERE TO HELP THE CHURCH. IF ANYBODY COMES UP HERE WITH A CHURCH AND WANTS TO BUILD, ETC., HE IS FOR WAIVING THE IMPACT FEE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED MR. COX ASKING FOR A WAIVER OF THE IMPACT FEES FOR THEIR CHURCH BECAUSE IT FIT THE COUNTY'S GUIDELINE, NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE A CHURCH.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. LOU TRACY, 3889 BELMONT PLACE, SUNNY HILLS, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION/DELTONA CORPORATION SPONSORING THE 37TH

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR SUNNY HILLS AND INVITED THE BOARD TO ATTEND ON JUNE 28TH AT WILDER PARK FROM 12 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON A CALL HE RECEIVED FROM KAREN SCHOEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION IN SUNNY HILLS. MS. SCHOEN HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR GRANTS THAT WOULD HELP WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. SOMEONE HAD TOLD MS. SCHOEN SHIP FUNDS COULD BE USED TO BUILD A COMMUNITY BUILDING THAT WOULD BE A STORM SHELTER. HE ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO HAVE STACY WEBB CHECK INTO THE SHIP FUNDS BEING USED. HE IS NOT SAYING THAT IS A GOOD IDEA TO USE THE SHIP FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING; BUT, HE TOLD MS. SCHOEN HE WOULD PASS HER REQUEST ON TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FINCH REFERRED TO MS. SCHOEN HAVING ALSO SAID THE CDBG FUNDS COULD BE USED TO BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER. HE ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO CHECK INTO THIS.

C. VERNON ANDERSON, MSBU, UPDATED THE BOARD ON MSBU HAS SIMILAR PROBLEMS AS THE COUNTY COMMISSION. THEY HAD PROJECTED ASSESSMENTS FOR MSBU AT \$393,000 AND THEY ONLY COLLECTED \$367,000; THEREFORE, THEY ARE ABOUT \$26,000 SHORT ON THEIR BUDGET AND THEY HAD ALREADY CUT IT TO THE BONE. THEY HAD TO LAY OFF THE WORK CREWS. ACTUALLY ALL THE MSBU IS PAYING, OTHER THAN THE DEBT, IS FOR THE WORK CREWS TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY CLEAN AND PAY FOR THE LIGHTS ON DOWN THERE. THEY CUT THE BUDGET AS DEEP AS THEY COULD TO GET THE BUDGET TO WHERE IT IS NOW; BUT, THEY KEEP GETTING THESE SURPRISES, BILLS PAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT, THAT WERE NOT BUDGETED. THE BILLS WERE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. THERE WERE THREE OF THESE BILLS; ONE OF THEM WAS WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN THE FIRST PROJECTED BUDGET EXPENDITURES, THE DEBT SERVICE FOR 2007-2008, ONE OF THE WORK TRUCKS ON THERE WAS \$4,800 AND THEY HAD BUDGETED \$4,900 FOR IT. EVERYTHING FIT UNTIL THAT BILL GOT PAID, AND INCIDENTLY THE NEW MSBU DIDN'T HAVE COPIES OF THESE CONTRACTS AND THESE BANK NOTES. THE MSBU COMMITTEE APPOINTED ONE OF THEIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO GET WITH THE COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE AND ACTUALLY WENT TO THE BANK AND GOT COPIES OF THE NOTES SO THEY WOULD KNOW WHAT WAS OWED ON THOSE DEBTS AND WHAT THEIR NOTES WERE. AS THEY GET PRINTOUTS FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE ON HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN PAID, THIS ONE PARTICULAR NOTE, INSTEAD OF \$4,900, IT WAS \$8,300, OVER \$3,300 THE MSBU DIDN'T HAVE BUDGETED. THEY DID RESEARCH ON THAT AND DISCOVERED WHEN THEY GOT A CONTRACT ON THAT, IT ACTUALLY WAS \$8,300. WHEN MSBU HAD BOUGHT THE WORK TRUCK, AND THIS IS BEING LOOKED INTO, THE FIVE TRUCKS IN 2003 THAT WAS BOUGHT BY THE COUNTY AND ONE OF THEM WAS GIVEN TO DISTRICT FIVE, AND HE UNDERSTANDS THOSE TRUCKS WERE PAID FOR, SOMEHOW ONE OF THOSE TRUCKS, WHEN THEY BOUGHT ONE OF THE NEW WORK TRUCKS FOR MSBU, THE \$4,900 PAYMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN ON, THAT COUNTY TRUCK GOT PUT ON THAT NOTE AS PART OF THE COLLATERAL FOR MORE MONEY TO BUY SOMETHING ELSE AND THEY HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHAT IT IS YET. THEY ARE STILL DIGGING AND SCRATCHING TRYING TO FIND IT. THEY UNDERSTOOD IT WAS SOME KIND OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, ETC. AT LEAST NOW MSBU KNOWS THEY HAVE TO COME UP WITH THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

ANOTHER BUDGET ISSUE WAS A \$1500 DEFERMENT FROM THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION THEY DIDN'T HAVE BUDGETED; BUT, HE FIGURED MSBU WAS GOING TO HAVE TO END UP PAYING THAT ANYWAY.

ANDERSON SAID THERE WAS ONE ITEM ON THE PRINTOUT THE BOARD MAY COULD HELP MSBU WITH; IT WAS \$1500 PLUS DOLLARS THE COUNTY HAD PAID FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR THE FIRECHIEF AT SUNNY HILLS FROM LAST YEAR AND HE WAS A CONTRACTOR. IF HE UNDERSTANDS RIGHT, PETE HAD SENT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AN INVOICE TO PAY THAT. MSBU DIDN'T HAVE THIS IN THEIR BUDGET AND DON'T

FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY THAT ANYWAY BECAUSE IT WAS A CONTRACTOR AND NOT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THEY BUDGETED FOR THEIR COUNTY WORK CREWS AND THAT WAS PAID. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, WHEN THE NEXT QUARTERLY CHECKS COME OUT, THEY CREDIT BACK THAT MONEY TO MSBU AND DEBIT IT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAS A POLICY IN PLACE THAT CONTRACT EMPLOYEES HAD TO FURNISH THEIR OWN WORKERS/COMPENSATION. HE REFERRED TO LEROY GOODMAN NOT WORKING ANY LONGER BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO PAY FOR HIS OWN WORKERS/COMPENSATION AND THERE WERE TWO OR THREE OTHER CASES LIKE THAT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PRIOR YEAR, THE COUNTY RECEIVED AN INVOICE FROM WORKERS COMP FOR, NOT ONLY FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRECHIEF, BUT THE BEAVER CONTROL MAN, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL. THERE WERE SEVERAL WHO HAD DONE CONTRACTED WORK WITH THE COUNTY. AT THAT TIME IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION AND THE BOARD SAID THEY WOULD NO LONGER PAY THAT WORKERS COMP; THE CONTRACTOR WOULD PAY IT THEMSELVES. THEN THE MSBU COORDINATOR PAID A PARTIAL YEAR AND THE COUNTY GOT INVOICED \$1300 FOR HIM. THE COUNTY DIDN'T NEED TO LET THEIR COVERAGE LAPSE AND WAIT ON GETTING THAT \$1300 FROM HIM SO THEY WENT AHEAD AND PAID IT. THEN, THEY INVOICED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY THAT \$1300. HE DOESN'T THINK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID IT YET.

DEPUTY CLERK CARTER REFERRED TO THE BOARD MINUTES ON THE WORKERS COMP ISSUE, THERE WAS DISCUSSION; BUT, MSBU WAS PAYING FOR GLEN ZANETIC'S WORKERS COMP AS MSBU COORDINATOR BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE IT WAS PAID FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. GLEN ZANETIC WAS CONTRACTED FOR MSBU. THAT IS WHY MSBU WAS INVOICED TO BEGIN WITH THIS YEAR; THAT WAS NOT FOR HIM BEING FIRECHIEF. IT WAS FOR HIM BEING MSBU COORDINATOR IN THE PRIOR YEAR. SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT SHOULD COME FROM MSBU LIKE IT DID IN THE PAST AND SHE THINKS THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD HAD AGREED FOR IT TO BE DONE. THEY DID SAY FOR ALL CONTRACTED LABOR FUND THEIR OWN WORKERS COMPENSATION. THEY HAD OTHERS, SUCH AS THE BEAVER MAN, THE COUNTY HAD PAID THE WORKERS COMP ON. SHE THOUGHT MSBU WOULD PAY FOR GLEN'S WORKERS COMP BECAUSE HE WAS COORDINATOR FOR MSBU DURING THAT TIME.

MR. ANDERSON SAID HE DIDN'T SAY IT WAS FOR GLEN BEING FIRECHIEF; IT WAS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE. BUT, HE KNOWS HE WAS IN THE CONTRACTING BUSINESS FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS AND IF HE HIRED A SUBCONTRACTOR, THEY HAD TO PROVIDE HIM A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE, CONTRACTORS LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION IF THEY WERE ON HIS JOB.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO ACT ON THIS OR WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH TO DECIDE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID WHAT WAS NEEDED IS SHOULD THIS COME FROM MSBU OR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR PETE AND DIANNE TO MAKE THE DECISION ON WHERE THE WORKERS COMP FOR GLEN ZANETIC SHOULD BE PAID FROM BASED ON BOARD MINUTES.

MR. ANDERSON SAID WHEN HE WORKED SUBCONTRACTORS, IF IT WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF HIS, HE GOT A W-2 FORM; IF IT WAS A SUBCONTRACTOR THEY GOT A 1099 AND THE PAYING OF THE WORKERS COMP SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THEIR 1099.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO DISCUSSION IN THE WORKSHOP THIS MORNING ON WHETHER MSBU WAS REQUESTING ONE OR TWO INMATE CREWS OR JUST A CREW UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR.

VERNON SAID MSBU WAS REQUESTING TWO CREWS FOR THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET AND THIS WAS APPROVED AT THE LAST MSBU COMMITTEE MEETING. WITH THE TWO CREWS, IT WOULD PUT MSBU BACK WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE THIS PAST YEAR.

HE FELT THE CREWS DID A GOOD JOB, THE BOULEVARD LOOKED GOOD, IT WAS MOWED AND THE COMMUNITY LOOKED GOOD. HE PERSON- ALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT STAY LIKE THAT. THE MSBU COMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THAT PROJECTED BUDGET WHICH AGAIN IS PREDICATED ON ASSESSMENT INCOME. THE BUDGET LOOKS BETTER FOR THEM NEXT YEAR BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE QUITE AS MANY DEBTS AS THEY DID HAVE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED WOULDN'T MSBU GETTING A 5% ASSESSMENT INCREASE FOR THE 2008-2009 YEAR AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING ADDITIONAL LOTS COMING ON AT SOME POINT.

VERNON AGREED THERE WOULD BE A 5% ASSESSMENT INCREASE AND THIS ALSO HELPED THEIR BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF VERNON WAS SAYING THE MSBU WAS FUNDING TWO CREWS NEXT YEAR. VERNON REPLIED THAT WAS IN THEIR PROJECTED BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ALLOW MSBU TO FUND TWO CREWS BASED ON WHAT VERNON IS SHOWING IN THE MSBU PROJECTED BUDGET FOR FY 2008-2009.

VERNON EXPLAINED THIS IS JUST A PRELIMINARY MSBU PROJECTED BUDGET TO SEND TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE; MSBU MEETS AGAIN IN AUGUST AND WILL HAVE TO FINALIZE IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF MSBU HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO FUND THE ONE CREW THEY HAVE NOW UNTIL THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND THEN BRING THE OTHER CREW ON IN OCTOBER 2008. HE WAS ADVISED THEY DID.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD TWO RESOLUTIONS THE BOARD NEEDED TO APPROVE ON THE SCRAP PROJECTS FOR PATE POND AND MOSS HILL.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERD A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE SCRAP PROJECT RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THEM.

2. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE DISCUSSION HELD AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING ON THE SITUATION AT DUNFORD POND WHERE THE GATE IS BEING CLOSED AGAIN. HE HAS INFORMED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THIS MORNING HE WILL BE FILING A SUIT NEXT WEEK AGAINST THE SAME INDIVIDUAL THEY SUED BEFORE.

3. ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN EASEMENT THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY MARK ODOM AND HIS PARTNER HE DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD AT THE LAST MEETING. HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD PUT A STOP ORDER ON THAT SUBDIVISION BECAUSE IT HADN'T BEEN SIGNED. HE HAS TALKED TO THE PARENTS AND THEY HAVE SAID THEY WERE STILL GOING TO SIGN THE EASEMENT; BUT, THEY STILL HAVEN'T COME IN AND SIGNED IT.

HOLLEY ASKED IF THE COUNTY NOTIFIED THE OWNER OF THE STOP ORDER; IF THEY HADN'T, THEY NEED TO.

PETE ADVISED THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE PLANNING OFFICE KNOWS NOT TO APPROVE ANYTHING ON THE SUBDIVISION. LINDA WALLER AGREED SHE DID KNOW NOT TO APPROVE IT; BUT, DIDN'T SEND A LETTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED SHE SEND MARK AND HIS PARENTS A LETTER NOTIFYING THEM THERE IS A STOP ORDER ON THE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION.

4. ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DISCUSSION AT THE LAST MEETING ON THE NOISE ORDINANCE. HE IS GETTING SOME COPIES OF ORDINANCES FROM OTHER COUNTIES; BUT, WHAT HE IS SEEING IS A REAL COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE INCLUDING EVERYTHING THAT HE DOESN'T THINK WASHINGTON COUNTY IS READY FOR YET. HE QUESTIONED WHAT IN PARTICULAR WAS THE BOARD INTERESTED IN. HE HEARD ABOUT THE DOGS BARKING AND QUESTIONED IF THAT IS A COMMON THING OR IS IT A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME THING. HE ASKED HOW SERIOUS WAS

THE BOARD ABOUT DOING A NOISE ORDINANCE AS IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED A TIME OR TWO.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE GOT CALLED EVERY WEEK AND HE KNOWS COMMISSIONER HOLMAN DOES TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID OTHER ISSUES BESIDES DOGS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION SUCH AS BOOM BOXES. ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED DIDN'T THE STATE ALREADY HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST BOOM BOXES; THEY ARE NOT ENFORCING IT APPARENTLY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED SOME COUNTIES AND CITIES DO ENFORCE IT; THEY ENFORCE IT IN PANAMA CITY AND BONIFAY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERRED TO THERE BEING A LAW AGAINST THESE DARK WINDOWS ON VEHICLES; BUT, EVERYBODY STILL HAS THEM. THEY MUST NOT BE ENFORCING.

HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM STILL GETTING COPIES IN OF ORDINANCES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTIES AND AS SOON AS HE GETS THEM ALL, HE WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD A COPY OF THEM FOR THEIR REVIEW AND SEE WHAT THEY LIKE AND DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE ORDINANCES.

LINDA WALLER TOLD THE BOARD WHEN COUNTY ORDINANCES ARE ADOPTED, IT NEEDS TO BE WITH THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE IT AND NOT COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD JUST ADDRESS DOG COMPLAINTS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THAT WAS ABOUT ALL HE IS GETTING NOW IS DOG COMPLAINTS; THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER HAS BEEN IN HIS OFFICE EVERYDAY IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WITH DOG COMPLAINTS. A LOT OF THESE CASES ARE ABOUT DANGEROUS DOGS.

DAVID CORBIN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TWO COURT CASES TOMORROW MORNING. HE ADDRESSED WHEN YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE COUNTY, THERE IS MORE PROBLEMS. HE THOUGHT THE STATE LEVEL IS ABOUT THREE DOGS PER HOUSEHOLD. WITHOUT A SPADING AND NEUTERING PROGRAM, IT IS HARD TO CONTROL. THERE IS A LOT OF ANIMALS OUT THERE AND NEIGHBORS MOVING IN ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER. HE HAS LISTENED TO TAPES AND WENT EVERYTIME HE HAS BEEN CALLED; BUT, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE HE CAN DO WITH THE COUNTY ORDINANCE ABOUT BARKING DOGS. A BARKING DOG IS NO WHERE IN THERE. YOU CAN SAY IT IS A NUISANCE DOG. THE MAN HAS HIS DOGS CONFINED AND THAT IS WHAT THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE SAYS TO DO. THE OTHER DEFENDANT IN THE CASE HAS SAID IF THE COUNTY WILL BUY HIS DOG PEN FOR \$6,000, HE WILL MOVE HIS DOGS. IN THE SAME SENTENCE, THE DEFENDANT SAID HE WAS GOING TO GO AND PICK UP ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S BIRD DOGS, THE COMMISSIONER'S LAB RETRIEVER, ETC. THAT IS WHAT HE RUNS INTO IN THE COUNTY.

DAVID SAID MR. ETHERIDGE DON'T WANT TO SPEAK; BUT, ETHERIDGE KNOWS EVERYTIME HE CALLS, HE HAS RETURNED THE CALL OR GOES TO HIS HOUSE. HE IS AT A POINT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

DAVID SAID AS SIMPLE AS IT IS, THE ORDINANCE ATTORNEY HOLLEY IS TALKING ABOUT IS GOING TO REALLY TIE THE BOARD'S HANDS AND YOU WILL HAVE A MESS ON YOUR HANDS AND HE HOPES THE BOARD DOESN'T WANT ANIMAL CONTROL TO ENFORCE IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID MOST NOISE ORDINANCES ARE IN CONGESTED AREAS, SUCH AS A GATED COMMUNITY, AND THEY HANDLE IT BY THEIR OWN RESTRICTIONS. OUT IN THE RURAL COUNTY, HE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID IT DIDN'T REALLY MATTER, IF A PERSON LIVES NEXT DOOR TO SOMEONE AND THEIR DOGS ARE BARKING, THAT IS A PROBLEM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED PERSONS ALREADY HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THEIR NEIGHBOR OR WHOMEVER.

DAVID REITERATED HE THOUGHT THE ORDINANCE ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS IS A LITTLE THICKER THAN WHAT THE COUNTY WANTS TO GET INTO IN RURAL AREAS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH GAVE AN EXAMPLE; IF A FARMER IS OUT THERE ON HIS TRACTOR, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE A NEIGHBOR CALLING IN ON YOU AND IF THEY DO, IT WILL BE A RARE OCCASION. BUT, SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS IN A ROUTINE MANNER, AND HE FEELS THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED WITH ETHERIDGE. ETHERIDGE WANTS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR; BUT, HE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO SIT ON HIS PORCH AND HAVE A GLASS OF TEA, ETC. HE POINTED OUT HE HASN'T BEEN OVER THERE AND DOESN'T KNOW THE TOTAL SITUATION; BUT, HE HAS HEARD FROM BOTH SIDES. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE RIGHT NOW WITH THE COUNTY ORDINANCE THEY HAVE IN PLACE.

DAVID AGREED YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THE ORDINANCE IN PLACE ABOUT BARKING DOGS. HE SAID THE DEFENDANT HAS HUNTING DOGS; THEY ARE GOING TO BARK AND THEY HAVE VOICES THAT CARRY. THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE CONTRACT. THERE IS FOUR MONTHS LEFT IN THIS YEAR'S CONTRACT; IF THEY KEEP IT UNDER 600 ANIMALS A MONTH, THEY WON'T BE ANY OVERAGE. IT WILL BALANCE OUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED HOW MANY ANIMALS HAVE THEY BEEN AVERAGING PER MONTH. DAVID ADVISED LAST MONTH THEY HAD 180 CATS AND DOGS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHAT AREAS WAS ANIMAL CONTROL GETTING THE ANIMALS FROM. DAVID ADVISED THE COUNTY HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND CARYVILLE AND VERNON HAS COME BACK ON BOARD. WAUSAU HANDLES THEIR OWN ANIMAL CONTROL.

DAVID EXPLAINED YOU DON'T NEED ANIMAL CONTROL UNTIL YOU NEED IT; ANIMAL CONTROL IS HERE TO SERVE AND THAT IS WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES AS LONG AS HE IS IN CHARGE OF IT. HE REFERRED TO HAVING SIT IN ON THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND THE KNIFE IS PRETTY SHARP; HE MAY HAVE TO START TURNING SOME OF THAT SERVICE DOWN. HE IS GOING TO TRY NOT TO.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF THE TWO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS WERE CERTIFIED TO WRITE TICKETS, ETC. USUALLY IN THE BIGGER CITIES THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TAKES CARE OF THIS.

DAVID EXPLAINED UNDER THE FLORIDA STATUTES, A CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DOES HAVE POWERS TO ISSUE A SUMMONS AS LONG AS THE SHERIFF DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. THE SHERIFF IS THE PRECIDING CHIEF OFFICER IN THE COUNTY.

DAVID SAID HE AND THE TWO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS ARE CERTIFIED AND THEY CAN UPHOLD THE FLORIDA STATUTES; STATE LAW OTRIDES THE COUNTY LAW. THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT; THIS IS A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT THAT PASSES THROUGH THE BOARD TO THE SHERIFF. THE COUNTY GETS THIS GRANT EVERY YEAR AND HE ASKED FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE \$22,424 GRANT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE \$22,424 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT.

2. WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, PAUL GOULDING, CHAIRMAN, IS REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUDEE WILLS TO THE TDC TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUDEE WILLS TO THE TDC.

3. JERRY BROCK, 911 OFFICE, RECEIVED A CALL FROM NAVTECH CORP. WANTING TO UPDATE THEIR MAPS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY ARE A FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION. JERRY HAS ALL THE STREET NAMES AND ALL THE MAPS NAVTECH NEEDS; THE FEE A PREVIOUS BOARD HAD PUT ON THIS INFORMATION WAS \$10,000.

THEY HAVE NEVER SOLD ONE. BUT, NOW JERRY CAN PUT IT ALL ON DISK AND E-MAIL IT TO ANYONE. THE NAVTECH CORP SAID \$10,000 IS TOO MUCH AND ARE WILLING TO PAY \$1,500.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ADDRESSED HE DIDN'T THINK THIS BOARD EVERY ESTABLISHED THAT FEE; HE DOESN'T REMEMBER EVER VOTING FOR THE \$10,000 FEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE FELT \$1500 WAS RIDICULOUS FOR THAT KIND OF INFORMATION BECAUSE NAVTECH IS THROWING IT OUT THERE AND MAKING MONEY OFF OF IT ON MAPS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO HIM HAVING ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE A YEAR OR TO AGO WHEN UPS WAS WANTING A COPY TO HELP WITH THEIR ROUTE AND THE COUNTY TURNED THEM DOWN. UPS COULDN'T AFFORD THE \$10,000 FEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ALL THESE PEOPLE MAKING ALL THIS MONEY CAN'T AFFORD THE FEE; BUT, YET THEY GET BY.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE FEE FOR COUNTY MAPPING INFORMATION FROM \$10,000 TO \$2,000. COMMISSIONER SAPP SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE OPPOSING.

4. RESOLUTION ON FUEL PRICES THAT CAME OUT OF A SMALL COUNTY COALITION MEETING HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE WENT TO LAST WEEK. HE READ THE RESOLUTION ON THE COMMISSIONER'S GRAVE CONCERN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATE CONGRESS AND INSIST THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE COST OF FUEL FOR INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS AND ALL CONSUMERS IN FLORIDA, AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION ON FUEL PRICES.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION ON FUEL PRICES.

DEPUTY CLERK REPORT:

1. VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2008 TOTTALLING \$1,522,397.23

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR MAY 2008.

LOU TRACY ASKED, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S BUDGETING AND ANY SUPPLEMENTS REGARDING FUEL, WHERE IS THE COUNTY AT WITH THIS. DEPUTY CLERK CARTER ADVISED THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP THIS MORNING ON THERE BEING SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH FUEL SHORTAGE. ON ROAD AND BRIDGE, DEBBIE RILEY HAD GIVEN THE BOARD A PROJECTION OF \$76,000 SHORTFALL IN THE FUEL LINE ITEM BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER IF THE FUEL PRICES STAY THE SAME AND DON'T GO ANY HIGHER.

COMMISSIONER SAPP ADDRESSED THE NEED TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON FANNING BRANCH ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH DUE TO PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AND ONE PERSON WITH A WHEEL CHAIR, ETC. BEING AROUND THE ROAD AT TIMES.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON FANNING BRANCH ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER SAPP STATED HE THOUGHT THE BOARD MADE A HASTY DECISION IN TURNING DOWN THE TOLL ROAD LAST WEEK. HE THOUGHT THEY LACKED SOME MORE INPUT, SOME MORE THOUGHT TO GET A REALLY TRUE RATIONAL DECISION ON THE TOLL ROAD. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE, AND HE KNOWS IT IS HARD ON THE COMMISSIONERS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR TO FACE A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE SUCH AS THE TOLL ROAD, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO BECAUSE THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY. SHOULD THIS TOLLROAD PASS WASHINGTON COUNTY AND GO DOWN THROUGH

JACKSON COUNTY OR WHEREVER, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE LAST MEETING ON THE TOLLROAD ABOUT LOCAL BUSINESSES CONCERN IN VERNON, CHIPLEY AND DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY THAT WERE CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING THEIR BUSINESS DUE TO PEOPLE GETTING ON THE TOLL ROAD AND CONTINUING ON DOWN TO PANAMA CITY BEACH OR WHEREVER. DISCOUNTING THE FACT OF THE AMOUNT OF INDUSTRY IT WOULD BRING INTO THE COUNTY, THE AMOUNT OF JOBS, THE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT IT WOULD BRING TO THE COUNTY, THE TAX REVENUE OFF THE FUEL SALES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THEY COULD DO SOME PAVED ROADS WITH. THEY COULD DO SOME ROAD WORK THEY WERE SO MUCH OVER A BARRELL ABOUT EVEN HERE THIS MORNING, THE DISCUSSION WAS A LACK OF REVENUE TO SUFFICE THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY. IF THEY HAD THE TOLL- ROAD INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY WOULD HAVE THOSE TAXES AVAILABLE TO ROAD AND BRIDGE TO DO THE WORK NECESSARY TO BE DONE. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE FOUR YEARS FROM NOW THAT ROAD WILL BE SOMEWHERE IN OUR VACINITY, WHETHER IT IS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, JACKSON COUNTY OR WHEREVER. THE TRAFFIC GOING TO THE BEACHES WILL GET ON THAT ROAD AND GO TO THE BEACHES THAT IS NOW TRAVELLING DOWN 77, 79 AND POSSIBLY EVEN 231; BUT, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET OFF THE TOLL ROAD TO COME BACK TO CHIPLEY FROM COTTONDALE IF THAT IS WHERE IT WINDS UP AT WHEN THEY HEAD THAT WAY. IN OTHER WORDS, THREE OR FOUR YEARS FROM NOW THE MERCHANTS THAT ARE HERE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE GOING TO LOSE THE TRAFFIC OF THE BEACH VISITORS JUST ABOUT ENTIRELY. HE WOULD ESTIMATE HIS PERSONAL PROJECTION IS 75% OF THE TRAFFIC THAT IS VISITOR TRAFFIC TO THE BEACH THAT IS COMING DOWN 77 AND 79 TODAY, WILL AT THAT TIME TRAVEL DOWN THE TOLL ROAD AND CONTINUE FROM BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, ETC., ALL THE WAY TO PANAMA CITY BEACH WITHOUT EVER SEEING WASHINGTON COUNTY OR BEING A PART OF IT WHATSOEVER. FOR THESE REASONS, ALONG WITH SOME OF THE OTHERS HE HADN'T EVEN NAMED, HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION AND GIVE CONSIDERATION AS HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO LOOK AT REVISITING THE TOLL ROAD IF FOCUS 2000 WOULD EVEN COME BACK AND RECONSIDER WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ALLOW THE TOLL ROAD TO BE PLACED HERE. HE KNOWS HE HAS SAID A MOUTHFUL TODAY; BUT, HE FEELS THE TOLL ROAD PRESENT IN THIS COUNTY IS A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME SITUATION. WHETHER HE IS RE-ELECTED OR NOT RE-ELECTED, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM TO SEE THE NECESSITIES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SEEN ABOUT THAN WHETHER HE IS SITTING ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE NEXT FOUR YEARS OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE TOLL ROAD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IF FOCUS 2000 WILL CONSIDER IT. CHAIRMAN PATE PASSED THE GAVEL AND SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID MONDAY A WEEK AGO WAS A VERY, VERY TRYING TIME FOR HIM AND SOME THINGS WERE SAID AT THE MEETING THAT WAS VERY UNFLATTERING. HE WILL HAVE TO GIVE SOME OF THEM SOME CREDIT BECAUSE THEY COME BACK AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE WAY THEY TALKED AND DID. TO THOSE FOLKS, HIS HAT IS OFF TO THEM. HOWEVER, HE HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF PHONE CALLS AND EVEN AN E-MAIL OR TWO AND A LETTER FROM PEOPLE WHO ASKED WHY DID THE BOARD DO WHAT THEY DID AND THERE WAS 21 PEOPLE SIGNED UP AND ONLY 3 OF THEM GOT TO MAKE THEIR STATEMENTS. HE PERSONALLY TOOK A BIG HIT ON THAT BECAUSE A VOTE WAS TAKEN AT THAT TIME AND IT WAS OUT OF HIS CONTROL. HE BELIEVES IT IS AN ECONOMIC THING; IT IS NOT ABOUT GETTING TO PANAMA CITY RIGHT BY ITSELF. IT WAS A SITUATION WHERE IT WAS CERTAINLY EVIDENT FOCUS 2000 WAS GOING TO DO THE TOLL ROAD REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENED. WHEN FOCUS 2000 CAME HERE, THEY LOOKED AT A PLACE FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK; IT WAS PREMATURE HE THOUGHT. THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE CARRIED OUT THAT NIGHT. WHEN YOU GO TO FOSTER FOLLIES, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THIS THING, HE THINKS THERE WAS 68% FOR THE TOLL ROAD

AND HE THINKS NOW IT IS SOMEWHERE AROUND 70% TO BRING IT BACK UP. DID THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY REALLY WIN OUT OR DID THEY LOSE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HEARD SOMEONE THE OTHER DAY SAY THEY HAD PULLED UP THE VOTING ON FOSTER FOLLIES AND SAT THERE AND VOTED 60 TIMES. THE PERSON DIDN'T SAY EXACTLY WHICH WAY THEY VOTED. THE PROBLEM HE HAS WITH THE WHOLE THING IS IF THE BOARD, BY THEIR OWN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SWEARING IN, THEY SWORE IN TO SERVE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING WAS AGAINST THE TOLL ROAD. HE ASKED THAT NIGHT IF THERE WAS ANYBODY THERE THAT WAS FOR THE TOLL ROAD THROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IF SO, TELL THE BOARD ABOUT IT. HE DIDN'T HAVE THE FIRST PERSON STAND UP. HE ASKED WHAT CAN YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE 300 PLUS PEOPLE HERE. IF HE WAS SOLD OUT THAT IT WAS A GOOD THING AND HE WASN'T REALLY ENTIRELY AGAINST IT; BUT, HE WAS CERTAINLY AGAINST THE WAY IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. IT SEEMED LIKE THE BOARD WAS THE LAST ONE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING ANY INPUT IN THE WHOLE ROAD AND FOCUS 2000 WAS GOING TO JUST COME AND PUSH IT ON THROUGH US. HE ASKED AT THE MEETING THAT MORNING TO SHOW HIM SOME INFORMATION ON IT AND WAS TOLD THEY WOULD GET THAT BACK TO THE BOARD. HE SORT OF REGRETS THEY DIDN'T GO AHEAD AND HAVE THE WHOLE MEETING AND LET EVERYBODY TALK. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT WAS A VIOLATION OF ANYTHING; BUT, THEY DID HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIDN'T LET EVERYBODY SPEAK THAT WANTED TO SPEAK. IF HE HAD A REGRET THAT WOULD BE IT. HE HAS HEARD FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE TOO; HE HAS HEARD FROM TWO THAT WAS FOR THE TOLL ROAD AND A HUNDRED STILL AGAINST IT. HE DOESN'T SEE HOW HE COULD IMPOSE HIS FEELINGS ON SOMETHING THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE AGAINST AND IT WASN'T HIS PROPERTY THEY WERE GOING THROUGH. FOR HIM TO HAVE VOTED FOR THAT WOULD MEAN HE WOULD GIVE THEM THE OPTION OF DOING SOMETHING AGAINST SOMEBODY ELSE. ANYWAY, HE THINKS IT COULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. IF FOCUS 2000 HAD COME HERE SIX MONTHS AGO AND STARTED MAKING THEIR CASE, BEFRIENDING PEOPLE, SHOWING ADVANTAGES AND COMING BEFORE THIS COMMISSION TWO OR THREE TIMES. BUT, NOT JUST COME UP HERE SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A \$2 BILLION DOLLAR ROAD AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT EXCEPT THEY NEED THE BOARD'S EMINENT DOMAIN POWER.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST MEETING ON THE TOLL ROAD A STATEMENT WAS MADE THEY DID NOT HAVE A COMPLETELY NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION AND THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF TAKING A VOTE THAT NIGHT. HE ADDRESSED SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT HIM ABOUT HIM TAKING MONEY OR HE IS TAKING A TAKE AND HE STATED HE HAD NEVER TAKEN A DIME THAT DIDN'T BELONG TO HIM AND HE WOULD NEVER TAKE A DIME IF HE HAD TO GIVE UP HIS LIFE FOR THAT. HE RESENTS THOSE PEOPLE WHO MADE THOSE REMARKS AND SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THEM SITTING IN HERE SO HE IS NOT TALKING TO ANYBODY IN THE MEETING TODAY. HE WILL GO ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP. IT IS NOT GOING THROUGH HIS PLACE, IT DOESN'T EVEN COME WITHIN A MILE OF IT, HE HAS TAKEN NO MONEY. BUT, HE IS DEDICATED TO DO WHAT HE THINKS AND TO GIVE EVERYBODY IN THIS COUNTY A CHANCE TO SAY WHAT THEY NEEDED ON THE TOLL ROAD AND IT DID NOT HAPPEN. HE IS NOT CRITICIZING ANYBODY; BUT, THE BOARD DIDN'T CARRY THE MEETING OUT LIKE THEY SHOULD. THEY LET A VOCAL MAJORITY RAILROAD THEM INTO MAKING A VOTE THAT NIGHT. IF IT COSTS HIM AN ELECTION TWO YEARS FROM NOW, IF HE DECIDES TO RUN, SO BE IT. HE CAME ON THIS BOARD TO DO THE BEST HE COULD FOR THIS COUNTY AFTER HE HAD THE INFORMATION, AND HE HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION, AND EVERYBODY HAD THE SAME INFORMATION HE DID, TO CONVINCING HIM FOCUS 2000 WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY. FOCUS 2000 IS OVER THERE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE IN JACKSON COUNTY NOW. HE IS A BUSINESS MAN HERE IN CHIPLEY; HIS

WIFE HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR THIRTY FOUR YEARS IN THE SAME PLACE, THIRTY FIVE YEARS ALTOGETHER. HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH TOLD PATE HE MET WITH A DIFFERENT GROUP THAN HE DID IF HE SAID THEY WERE READY TO WORK WITH THE BOARD. THEY WOULDN'T BE READY TO SHOW THE BOARD WHAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO DO. THEY JUST SAID THIS IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN; HE DIDN'T EVER SEE ANY INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WASN'T GOING TO ARGUE OR DEBATE ON IT.

KATHY FOSTER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WENT BACK AND REVISITED THE TOLL ROAD ISSUE, WOULD IT BE JACKSON COUNTY OR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BE THE SUPPORTER OF THE RESOLUTION. SHE UNDERSTANDS THERE IS A RESOLUTION GOING AROUND WHERE JACKSON COUNTY WOULD TAKE IT OVER.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS NOT SETTLED ON. THEY ARE STILL IN THE NEGOTIATION PHASE AND WHEN THIS THING WENT SOUTH ON THE BOARD, IT WAS GIVEN OUT THEY WERE STILL NEGOTIATING AND HE MADE THAT STATEMENT JUST BEFORE THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS WAS, SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD SAID THEY DIDN'T LIKE THAT SO THEY HAD A CHANCE TO GO BACK AND ADDRESS THAT. HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH IT AND SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS WROTE DOWN THEY CAN'T DO IT, THEY GAVE IT TO PETE AND THEM AND THEY SAT DOWN AND HE ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE WAS INVOLVED WITH NEGOTIATING ON CHANGING THE RESOLUTION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH CHANGING THE RESOLUTION.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID JACKSON COUNTY WAS NOT TAKEN OUT THOUGH. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WAS NOT THE FINAL RESOLUTION THOUGH AND REITERATED BEFORE THE MEETING THAT NIGHT IT WAS NOT THE FINAL RESOLUTION AND HE HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING A VOTE THAT NIGHT.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID THEY HAD A DRAFT AND THEN WENT AND REDRAFTED AND 90% OF THE LANGUAGE WAS STILL THERE, THE THINGS THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH.

KATHY ASKED IF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT PLACED JACKSON COUNTY OVER GIVING THE CHAIRMAN OF WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER AUTHORITY TO SIGN FOR THE COMMISSION. PATE SAID THAT IS CORRECT AND THAT IS WHAT THEY WERE CHANGING.

KATHY REFERRED TO FOCUS 2000 KEPT SAYING WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD HAVE THE SOLE AUTHORITY ON EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED CHAIRMAN PATE'S SIGNATURE FOR THE EMINENT DOMAIN. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WOULD NEED THE BOARD'S APPROVAL FOR THAT.

KATHY SAID JACKSON COUNTY WOULD BE THE PRIMARY SUPPORTER. PATE SAID JACKSON COUNTY WOULD BE THE PRIMARY CONTACT ON MOST OF IT.

KATHY ASKED WOULD IT STILL COME PRIMARILY THROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY. PATE SAID THAT WAS RIGHT; ON THE PART WHERE IT TOLD THE CHAIRMAN WOULD HAVE THE SOLE POWER, THAT WAS CHANGED SO THE CHAIRMAN WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. JACKSON COUNTY WAS STILL IN THERE AND THAT WAS OF THE THINGS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, HE WAS LOOKING AT, THAT IT DIDN'T MATTER. IT CAME TO HIS ATTENTION SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS DIDN'T WANT THAT; MAYBE WANTED TO LOOK AT US HAVING IT HERE. THEY WERE NOT THROUGH NEGOTIATING. IT IS GOING TO BE UP TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY AND THIS BOARD TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO LET EVERYBODY HAVE A SAY SO OR NOT.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE WAY THE TOLL ROAD ITSELF WAS PRESENTED, BASICALLY WHAT SHE WAS FACED WITH WOULD STOP ANYONE BELOW THERE WOULD HAVE TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID FOCUS 2000 DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY LIKE THE PIPELINE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. THERE IS NO LAW THAT GIVES THEM THAT; IT HAS TO BE A GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT DOES THE EMINENT DOMAIN.

NAN SAID THEY ARE AT THE SAME POINT RIGHT NOW WITH THE GAS LINE. YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, NORTH AND SOUTH, THEY ARE GOING TO CROSS EITHER WAY. CONSIDER THIS BEFORE THE TOLL ROAD GOES IN, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO LOSE. RIGHT NOW, EVEN THE GAS LINE, IT IS NOT FEDERAL OR NOTHING ELSE. IT IS A PRIVATE COMPANY MAKING MONEY AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE TOLL ROAD AND THE PIPELINE WITH THE FACT THE PIPE LINE THEY HAVE A BASELINE THEY HAVE TO GO BY. FOCUS 2000 CAN MOVE IT AROUND AND ALL. BESIDES THE POINT OF THAT, IT WAS SHOT DOWN AND NOBODY EVER GOT TO LISTEN AT IT.

VICE CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID THERE WAS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO RECONSIDER THE TOLL ROAD PROJECT AND ASK FOCUS 2000 TO COME BACK. THEY HAVE A SECOND AND HE DID A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND, FINCH AND HOLMAN VOTING NO AND COMMISSIONER PATE AND SAPP VOTING YES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY HAVING SPOKEN TO HIM AND PETE. THEY HAVE ABOUT SIX RV 4-WHEELER MOTORCYCLE PARKS DOWN SOUTH AND HE IS TRYING TO GET SOMETHING IN THE PANHANDLE FOR 4-WHEELERS TO RIDE.

CLIFF READDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDERS FOR FALLING WATERS BIKE PATH. THERE ARE THREE CHANGE ORDERS AND THEY ALL WILL FALL WITHIN THE GRANT FUND:

1. ADDITIONAL PIPE FOR DRAINAGE ON FOURTH STREET
2. ADDITIONAL MITERED ENDS
3. ADDITIONAL SOD

THEY ARE STILL ABOUT \$26,000 UNDER THE GRANT AMOUNT AND HE REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR THE CHANGE ORDERS.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE THREE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE PIPE, MITERED ENDS AND ADDITIONAL SOD.

CHAIRMAN PATE ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 06/19/08