

BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/06/09

APRIL 6, 2009

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, STRICKLAND, HOWELL, HOLMAN AND BROCK PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY PROJECT PIPE AND THEN TURNED IT OVER TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO EXPLAIN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE USED IN THE CLOSING OF THE PROJECT PIPE PROPERTY AND IT WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE DEED. HE READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD:

WHEREAS WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SELLER, OWNS CERTAIN LANDS BEING HELD FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE SELLER, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DESIRES TO SELL AND CONVEY TO THE CONCRETE COMPANY, A GEORGIA CORPORATION, HAVING ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES AT 1030 FIRST AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901, THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY AS EXHIBIT A. (ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED RIGHT NOW IT IS THE NEW DESCRIPTION THE SURVEYOR HAS COME UP WITH)

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE LAND DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TO THE DEED HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BE UNNECESSARY FOR ITS PUBLIC PURPOSES;

2. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, HAS DETERMINED THAT DISPOSAL OF SAID LAND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.

3. THE SAID GOVERNING BODY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY HEREBY AUTHORIZES CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TO THE CONCRETE COMPANY BY WILLIAM E. HOWELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND AS ATTESTED BY LINDA H. COOK, CLERK OF COURT.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPEN SESSION THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS READ BY ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY READ THE OWNERS AFFIDAVIT TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN HOWELL:

1. THE UNDERSIGNED, WILLIAM E. HOWELL, CHAIRMAN OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, A BODY COPORATE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE OWNER, AND IN SUCH CAPACITY, HAS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTERS SET FORTH HEREIN AND HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER TO MAKE THE AFFIDAVIT ON ITS BEHALF.

2. THE OWNER IS THE OWNER IN FEE SIMPLE OF THE PROPERTY SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND WILL MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO (THE PROPERTY)

3. THAT NO BUILDING OR BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ERECTED UPON SAID PROPERTY WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS; THAT AT NO TIME WITHIN THE PAST 90 DAYS HAS ANY WORK BEEN DONE, OR ANY LABOR OR MATERIALS FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH, OR TO, THE SAID PROPERTY EXCEPT SUCH THAT HAVE BEEN FULLY PAID FOR; THAT THERE IS NO INDEBTEDNESS TO ANYONE FOR ANY LABOR, MATERIALS, OR SERVICES DONE TO, UPON, OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID PROPERTY; THAT NO CLAIM WHATSOEVER EXISTS OUT OF WHICH A MECHANIC'S LIEN COULD RIPEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY; AND THAT NO NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN GIVEN, POSTED OR RECORDED.

4. THAT THE SAID PROPERTY IS UNIMPROVED AND THAT THERE IS NO ADVERSE POSSESSION TO THE TITLE OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

5. THAT THE PROPERTY IS THE SAME PROPERTY AS THAT DESCRIBED IN CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY. (ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT IS NOT CORRECT; IT IS NOT THE SAME. HE SAID HE WOULD READ THE REST OF THE OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT AND THE BOARD COULD AUTHORIZE IT TO BE SIGNED WHEN THE CORRECT DESCRIPTION IS RECEIVED)

6. THERE ARE NO UNPAID BILLS, LIENS OR ASSESSMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWERS, UTILITY INSTALLATION OR SERVICE, OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY ANY PUBLIC UTILITY OR ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, AND NO NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF ANY PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PENDING FUTURE ASSESSMENTS OR IMPROVEMENTS BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

7. THAT EXCEPT FOR INSTRUMENTS RECORDED ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TITLE COMMITMENT, THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE NOT EXECUTED AND DO NOT KNOW OF ANY INSTRUMENT AFFECTING THE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY EXCEPT THOSE INSTRUMENTS PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSING OF THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO THE BUYER IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 11 HEREOF.

8. THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING UNRECORDED CONTRACTS OF SALE, DEEDS, LEASES, OPTIONS OR CONVEYANCES AFFECTING TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.

9. THAT THERE ARE NO MORTGAGES, PLEDGES, CONDITIONAL SALE AGREEMENTS, WHETHER RECORDED OR UNRECORDED, ENCUMBERING THE PROPERTY. 10. THAT NO CURRENTLY PENDING PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY HAVE BEEN FILED BY OR AGAINST THE UNDERSIGNED, AND NO ASSIGNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CREDITORS HAS BEEN MADE BY THEM.

11. THAT THIS AFFIDAVIT IS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING THE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY ISSUING THE TITLE COMMITMENT TO ISSUE A POLICY INSURING FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO SAID PROPERTY TO THE CONCRETE COMPANY. FURTHER, THE UNDERSIGNED GIVE THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES WILL RELY UPON THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN.

12. UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT HE HAS EXAMINED THIS CERTIFICATE AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE OWNERS AFFIDAVIT WHEN THE TITLE DESCRIPTION IS CORRECTED.

TED EVERETT INFORMED THE BOARD THE CLOSING DATE ON PROJECT PIPE IS SET FOR APRIL 13TH AT 11:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THE PROBLEM WITH THE TEN ACRES AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HALF OF THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED; HOWEVER, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE ANYBODY CONNECTED WITH THE OTHER NAME WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THAT TEN ACRES DOESN'T AFFECT ANYTHING WITH PROJECT PIPE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ABOUT HIS PERFORMANCE. HE ADDRESSED A MEETING WAS SCHEDULED YESTERDAY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SUNNY HILLS TO TALK WITH THE FIREMEN AT 3:00 P.M. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT ABLE TO GET UP WITH MR. HERBERT YESTERDAY BY PHONE OR RADIO UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON. LATER ON HE DID GET UP WITH MR. HERBERT AND THIS MORNING HERBERT TOLD HIM HE HAD MEDICAL PROBLEMS; HE UNDERSTANDS THAT AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE. BUT, HERBERT COULD HAVE CALLED HIS HOUSE AND LEFT A MESSAGE ON HIS PHONE OR HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM ON THE COUNTY RADIO OR HIS CELL PHONE. HERBERT DIDN'T COMMUNICATE AT ALL YESTERDAY. A COUPLE OF OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WERE LOOKING FOR HERBERT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND COULDN'T GET UP WITH HIM EITHER.

HOWELL ADDRESSED HIM WANTING TO BRING THIS UP TODAY TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE AS THIS IS THE KIND OF PROCEDURE THAT FACT HAS ASKED THE COMMISSION TO FOLLOW IN CASE THEY NEED SOME TYPE OF PROCEEDINGS IF THEY HAVE TO EVENTUALLY REVIEW MR. HERBERT'S CONTRACT. HE SPOKE WITH HERBERT THIS MORNING AND HERBERT WAS AWARE HE WAS GOING TO BRING THIS MATTER UP. HE THEN OPENED THE MATTER UP FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED COULDN'T THIS BE CONSIDERED A VERBAL REPRIMAND.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THE BOARD SO DESIRES; THEY CAN HANDLE IT ANY WAY THEY WANT TO. IT COULD BE FILED AS A VERBAL OR WRITTEN WARNING AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER PATE REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL YESTERDAY ON THE WAY TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY FROM SUPERVISORS THAT COULDN'T LOCATE MR. HERBERT TO ASK ABOUT WHAT THEY SHOULD DO THIS MORNING. PATE SAID HE WENT AHEAD AND TOLD THEM WHAT HE THOUGHT NEEDED TO BE DONE. THEY REVISED IT THIS MORNING AND MR. HERBERT WAS MADE AWARE OF IT. THERE WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTMENT THEY COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. HERBERT AND NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, HE HAS BEEN IN THE DARK ALL THE TIME; HE DOESN'T GET MUCH INFORMATION. AFTER HE FOUND OUT THERE WAS A MEETING YESTERDAY, HIS CONCERN WAS WITH THAT TYPE OF MEETING, WHY HAVE IT ON SUNDAY. HE QUESTIONED IF IT WAS AN EMERGENCY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED BROCK IT WAS THE FIREMEN'S MEETING; THE FIREMEN CALLED IT. HOWELL SAID HE ASKED THE FIREMEN IF HE COULD COME, ATTEND AND LISTEN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED HIM HAVING A PROBLEM, IF IT IS NOT NECESSARY, TO HAVE MEETINGS ON SUNDAY; HE DOESN'T FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY HAD RESCHEDULED ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS WITH THE ATTORNEY AND COUNTY MANAGER.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WANTED TO ASK MR. HERBERT A QUESTION BEFORE HE SAID ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS CONDUCT AND JOB PERFORMANCE. HE ASKED MR. HERBERT ABOUT A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH HIM APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS AGO ABOUT AN ISSUE ON OSCAR LANE ABOUT A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY SIGN ON A COUNTY ROAD. RATHER THAN HIM GOING AND TALKING TO THE GENTLEMAN, HE AND HERBERT HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEND THE GENTLEMEN A LETTER ASKING HIM TO REMOVE THE SIGN. HE ASKED HERBERT IF HE REMEMBERED DISCUSSING THIS WITH HIM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT HE DID REMEMBER THE CONVERSATION. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THIS HAD BEEN DONE. MR. HERBERT SAID IT HASN'T BEEN DONE AT THIS POINT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF HE HAD ANY- THING TO SAY OR SHARE WITH THE COMMISSION.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE WASN'T FEELING WELL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND WAS AWAY FROM HIS RADIO AND WASN'T ANSWERING IT AND IT WAS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON BEFORE HE CALLED PEOPLE BACK. HE DID RELAY A MESSAGE THAT HE WASN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE MEETING YESTERDAY. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED MR. HERBERT WHO HE TOLD THIS TOO.

HERBERT SAID ROGER HAD TOLD HIM THAT LYNN WAS GOING TO BE AT THE EOC AND HE HAD TRIED TO BEEP MR. HOWELL AND DIDN'T GET HIM; HE THEN CALLED LYNN ABOUT 12:30 AND ASKED HER TO TELL ROGER HE WOULDN'T BE AT THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ROGER IF LYNN HAD TOLD HIM MR. HERBERT WASN'T GOING TO BE AT THE MEETING. ROGER ADVISED LYNN HAD TOLD HIM SHE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. HERBERT SAYING HE WASN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE AT THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ROGER IF HE HAD TOLD MR. HOWELL ANYTHING ABOUT THE PHONE CALL. ROGER SAID WHEN MR. HOWELL CAME TO HIS OFFICE THAT DAY, HE WAS MADE AWARE OF IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HE HAD SPOKEN TO LYNN THIS MORNING AND SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PETE HAD CALLED; PETE DIDN'T GIVE HER A REASON AS TO WHY HE WASN'T THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HIS RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR THIS TO BE A VERBAL REPRIMAND TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PETE HERBERT, AND THE NEXT TIME, IT WILL BE A WRITTEN REPRIMAND. WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL ABOUT THE BOARD TAKING THIS ACTION, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WAS WITHIN THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS OR TREAT THIS AS A VERBAL REPRIMAND FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT; ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT COME BEFORE THE BOARD, NEXT TIME WILL BE A WRITTEN REPRIMAND. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE STRIPING PROJECTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD BEEN APPROVED IN THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. ALSO, THE RESURFACING OF STATE PARK ROAD ALL THE WAY TO THE PARKS ENTRANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED IF THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE BASED ON THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF COST. THERE WILL BE A LAP AGREEMENT WITH FL-DOT. THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED THE LIST SUBMITTED FOR STRIPING AND THINGS SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT PRETTY SOON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHAT LIST DID THE GOVERNOR APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED COMMISSIONER BROCK THE FL-DOT PUT TOGETHER A STIMULUS LIST OF ALL THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SENT IT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL; JUST THE STRIPING PORTION OF THE LIST WAS APPROVED. IF THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY IN THE STIMULUS PACKAGE, STATE PARK ROAD WAS APPROVED TO BE RESURFACED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL THEN LISTED THE STRIPING PROJECTS TO BE DONE: ROLLING PINES, PINEY GROVE, CREEK ROAD, PIONEER ROAD, CLAYTON ROAD, ALFORD ROAD, QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD, BAHOMA ROAD, RIVER ROAD, ELKCAM BOULEVARD, BYRD BOULEVARD AND STATE PARK ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING A COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER, WITH PREBLE-RISH. FROM TIME TO TIME, THERE BECOMES A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH CLIFF BEING THE COUNTY ENGINEER IN PROJECTS HE DEALS WITH AT OTHER ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY IN ACCEPTING ROADS, HEARING DEALINGS WITH THE COUNTY AND ACCEPTING FOR THE COUNTY WITH ROADS HE DESIGNED HIMSELF. HE THINKS THIS PUTS CLIFF IN A BAD POSITION AS FAR AS THE COMMISSION IS CONCERNED. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADDING ANOTHER ENGINEER ON CONTRACT TO USE AS NEEDED FOR THOSE SITUATIONS; THEY WOULD BE USED ON PROJECTS WHERE THERE WOULD BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH CLIFF. THEY COULD ADVERTISE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND JUST HAVE ANOTHER PERSON ON STAFF. HE STATED HE WAS NOT SAYING GET RID OF PREBLE-RISH OR GET RID OF CLIFF; HE WAS SAYING HELP CLIFF AND GET HIM OUT OF THIS BAD SITUATION HE IS IN. IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD FOR CLIFF TO ACCEPT ROADS THAT HE DESIGNS FOR THE COUNTY UNLESS HE IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THIS IS SOMETHING THE BOARD CAN THINK ABOUT AND DISCUSS FURTHER AT A WORKSHOP.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ANNOUNCED THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. HE ASKED IF THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY WAS SOMETHING THE EMPLOYEES REALLY ENJOY OR WOULD THEY RATHER HAVE SOMETHING ELSE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BOARD USE TO HAVE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AND AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY. IT WAS EXPRESSED BY SOME BOARD MEMBERS, THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL SUGGESTED MAYBE POLLING THE EMPLOYEES TO SEE AND ASK THEIR OPINION IF THERE IS SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE RATHER THAN THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO BE THINKING ABOUT THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING BROUGHT UP COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US AND BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBILITY OF ALL OF THEM HAVING A BLACKBERRY; WITH A BLACKBERRY, THEY CAN ALL GET THEIR EMAILS AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND HAVE BETTER COMMUNICATIONS. THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF COST INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, ROGER HAGAN AND MALCOLM HAVE BEEN TESTING THE BLACKBERRY TO SEE HOW THEY WORK. HE ASKED PETE AND ROGER TO INFORM THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY THINK AS FAR AS THE EQUIPMENT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH IT; THE EMAIL SERVICE IS VERY GOOD, THE BEEP BEEP AND TELEPHONE IS ALL VERY GOOD QUALITY. HE ADDRESSED MALCOLM HAD HIS BLACKBERRY TAKING CARE OF A PROBLEM WITH AN ECHO ON THE BLACKBERRY WITH A SOFTWARE UPGRADE. HE SAID THE ACTUAL RADIO, WHEN MALCOLM BOUGHT HIS WAS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE OTHER NEXTELL PHONES EVERYBODY HAS; ABOUT \$50 LESS. HOWEVER, THE MONTHLY FEE IS ABOUT \$20 A MONTH MORE; YOU CAN GET ON LINE WITH IT, GO TO WEBSITES, EMAIL, IT HAS GPS AND A CAMERA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID ALL THE FUNCTIONS THEY HAVE WITH THE RADIO, THEY WOULD HAVE PLUS THEY WOULD HAVE EMAIL CAPABILITY AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF YOU GO AND CHECK ON A ROAD, TAKE A PICTURE, THEY COULD EMAIL IT TO ROGER'S OFFICE OR WHOMEVER RATHER THAN DRIVING FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTY TO THE OTHER TO TURN THEM IN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD REALLY NEEDED THE BLACKBERRY'S. HE HAS A COMPUTER AT HOME AND HE GETS EMAILS ON IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE REASON THIS WAS BROUGHT UP WAS TO HAVE DISCUSSION AND WANTED ALL THE COMMISSIONERS TO UNDERSTAND MORE OF WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE MAKING A DECISION TO BUY THEM OR NOT. HE REQUESTED MALCOLM GO OVER THE COST INVOLVED.

MALCOLM SAID THE MONTHLY COST FOR THE BLACKBERRY IS \$62 A MONTH AND THEIR CURRENT PHONES ARE \$37 A MONTH. HE EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE IN

TEXT MESSAGING AND HAVING A BLACKBERRY AND SENDING EMAILS. HE SAID TEXT MESSAGING IS NOT INCLUDED WITH THE PLAN THEY CURRENTLY HAVE; HOWEVER, WITH THE BLACKBERRY, TEXT MESSAGING IS INCLUDED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED IF SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO KEEP THE PHONE THEY HAVE NOW, THEY COULD; THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR THE BLACKBERRY.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD AT THE TIME HE GOT HIS BLACKBERRY, THE DIRECTORS AT BAY COUNTY, ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND JACKSON COUNTY GOT THEIRS. THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE TO THE BLACKBERRY IS THE EMAILING. HE HAD BROUGHT THE BLACKBERRY TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND MALCOLM'S ATTENTION BECAUSE WHEN HE WAS AT A FOOTBALL GAME PRIOR TO HIM GETTING HIS BLACKBERRY, EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT A SEVERE WEATHER SYSTEM WAS SUPPOSE TO MOVE IN. EVERYBODY IN THE BLEACHERS, EXCEPT HIM, THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, WAS LOOKING AT THE WEATHER SYSTEM AND THEY WAS ASKING HIM WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO, ETC. THERE ARE ALSO BENEFITS WITH THE WEBSITE AND CALENDAR.

ROGER SAID WHAT THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD GOT IN THE BEGINNING WITH THE BLACKBERRY, THEY HAD TO GO BACK AND BUY SOFTWARE FOR THIS, FOR THIS AND SOMETHING ELSE. HE IS NOT SURE EVERYTHING IS WORKING YET THAT IS SUPPOSE TO BE WORKING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DOESN'T LIKE THE PRICE; BUT, IF THE BOARD GOES WITH IT, HE WILL LEARN TO USE IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHO THE BLACKBERRY PHONES WERE GOING TO BE BOUGHT FOR. HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PURCHASE THE BLACKBERRY PHONES.

MALCOLM SAID THE DISCUSSION HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD WAS TO PURCHASE THEM ONLY FOR COMMISSIONERS FOR NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL WARNED THE COMMISSIONERS, ONCE THEY GET A BLACKBERRY AND THEY START SENDING EMAILS BACK AND FORTH, THAT IS PUBLIC RECORD. THEY WILL BREAK THE SUNSHINE LAWS IF THEY START SENDING EMAILS BACK AND FORTH AND TALK ABOUT ISSUES THE BOARD WILL BE VOTING ON. IF YOU DELETE AN EMAIL, IT IS NOT PERMANENTLY DELETED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE BLACKBERRY PHONES FOR THE COMMISSIONERS WHO WANT THEM. CHAIRMAN HOWELL PASSED THE GAVEL TO VICE-CHAIRMAN HOLMAN AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

VICE-CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF THE BLACKBERRY PHONES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS WELL PLEASED WITH THE PHONE HE HAS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BLACKBERRY PHONES, JUST FOR THE COMMISSIONERS, WOULD COST ABOUT \$2,000 A YEAR; THAT IS \$2,000 THAT COULD BE SPENT ON SOMETHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WAS \$25 A MONTH DIFFERENCE IN WHAT THEY WERE PAYING NOW.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REFERRED TO ROGER HAVING ADDRESSED ADDITIONAL COST FOR SOFTWARE UPGRADES. MALCOLM SAID THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE HE QUOTED.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE COST OF THE BLACKBERRY PHONE, MALCOLM SAID THEY WERE \$99 EACH.

VICE-CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PURCHASE OF THE BLACKBERRY PHONES.

THE MOTION FAILED TO PURCHASE THE BLACKBERRY WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND STRICKLAND FOR AND COMMISSIONER BROCK, PATE AND HOLMAN OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

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

DEPUTY CLERK  
\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 04/06/09

CHAIRMAN