

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/24/09

AUGUST 24, 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 HOLMAN, HOWELL, BROCK AND PATE PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADVISED THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, JUNE 16 AND JUNE 20, 2009 WOULD BE READY FOR ADOPTION AT THE AUGUST 27TH MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WENT OVER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. CONTRACTS BETWEEN BOCC AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; THIS IS AN ANNUAL AGREEMENT WHERE THE BOARD PROVIDES \$80,000 IN FUNDING AND THE STATE PROVIDES \$1,151,436. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL SERVICES AND PRIMARY CARE SERVICES.

B. STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT AGREEMENT; THIS IS AN ANNUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOCC AND THE STATE FOR THE STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT. BOCC WILL RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$70,000 IN STATE AID FOR THE LIBRARY. THE BOARD WILL NEED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

C. INVOICE FOR KERRY ADKISON; THIS IS AN ATTORNEY INVOICE FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN A LAWSUIT THAT WAS FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR AND CLERK PERTAINING TO PROPERTY THAT WAS SOLD IN SUNNY HILLS. THE LAWSUIT WAS SETTLED; BUT, THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTORNEY FEES.

D. INVOICE FOR MEDIATOR; THIS IS AN INVOICE HAVING TO DO WITH THE LAWSUIT REFERENCED IN ITEM C. THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED AN INVOICE FOR THE MEDIATOR.

E. WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNTY BYLAWS; THE TDC HAS UPDATED THEIR BYLAWS. THEIR BYLAWS HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 2000. JIM TOWN IS PRESENT IF THE BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE UPDATING OF THE TDC BYLAWS.

F. AMENDMENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT; THIS IS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FL-DOT WHERE THE COUNTY DOES MAINTENANCE ON THE FLASHING LIGHTS WITH FL-DOT REIMBURSING PART OF THIS COST. FL-DOT IS ALSO GOING TO START GIVING THE COUNTY A PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR INTERSECTION CONTROL BEACONS BEGINNING IN 2010-2011.

G. RESOLUTION-2009-2010 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION; THIS IS AN ANNUAL EMS GRANT THE COUNTY ENTERS INTO EVERY YEAR TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR EMS. EMS IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A RESOLUTION SIGNED OFF ON BY THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED ITEM F ON THE AMENDMENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THESE ARE CONTRACTS THE COUNTY HAS HAD ALL ALONG FOR MAINTAINING THE FLASHING LIGHTS WITH FL-DOT PARTIALLY REIMBURSING. THEY ARE GOING TO ADD IN 2010-2011, PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR INTERSECTION CONTROL BEACONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY HAS EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE LIGHTS AND IF THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMING OF LIGHTS AS WELL. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAS A CONTRACT WITH A COMPANY IN BAY COUNTY AND IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, SOMETIMES THE CITY OF CHIPLEY ASSISTS.

AS FAR AS THE TIMING, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE COUNTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMING OF THE LIGHTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED ONE OF THE FLASHING LIGHTS IN VERNON WILL BE GOING AWAY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO DO ANOTHER AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME.

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. SWAP AGREEMENT-PHIL BENNETT, PUBLIC FINANCE ASSOCIATES, FT. MYERS, FLORIDA ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR ON THE SERIES 2003-A AND 2003-B BONDS THAT WERE ISSUED IN 2003. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY STAFF SINCE MAY TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS THAT HAS IMPACTED WASHINGTON COUNTY WHICH OCCURRED WHEN SUNTRUST BANK RATING WAS DOWNGRADED. THAT HAS CAUSED AN INTEREST RATE SPIKE THAT HAS CAUSED A REAL CASH FLOW PROBLEM FOR THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE LOOKED INITIALLY AT AS MANY AS SEVEN DIFFERENT POSSIBLE OPTIONS; THE PROBLEM WITH EACH OF THOSE OPTIONS IS THEY ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET PLACE RIGHT NOW. HE ADDRESSED THE BANKS AREN'T LENDING, THEY ARE NOT ISSUING LETTERS OF CREDIT OR LOANS; THEY ARE PULLING IN ALL THE CASH THEY CAN TO RESERVE THAT FOR THEIR CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS.

THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH SUNTRUST BANK, WHO SERVES AS CUSTODY ON THESE BONDS, PROVIDES LETTER OF CREDIT ON THESE BONDS AND THEY HAVE AN EXISTING CREDIT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. THE TWO OPTIONS ARE:

1. FIXED RATE OPTION-HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAVING ENTERED INTO A FIXED RATE SWAP IN DECEMBER OF 2006 THAT DIDN'T GIVE THEM A FIXED RATE AS THE BOARD UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD DO. THE FIXED RATE OPTION BEING OFFERED NOW IS A FIXED RATE FOR FIVE YEARS; THE AMORTIZATION OF THE LOAN WILL CONTINUE FOR THE SAME MATURITY OF THE ORIGINAL BOND WHICH IS 2028. THE INTEREST RATE RESETS AFTER THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PERIOD OR IF THEY REFINANCE DURING THAT FIVE YEAR PERIOD. IT WOULD BE A FIXED RATE FOR FIVE YEARS, THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT RATES BECAUSE THERE IS TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BONDS, ONE WOULD BE 5.22 AND ONE WOULD BE 7.78.

2. UNWIND THE SWAP THAT WAS ENTERED INTO IN DECEMBER 2006 AND REVERT BACK TO A VARIABLE RATE SCENARIO; THERE IS TWO COMPONENTS THAT THERE IS A FIXED PIECE OF THAT FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND THEN THERE IS A SMALL PIECE THAT FLOATS BASED UPON AN INDEX. HOWEVER, IT IS A VARIABLE RATE; IT WILL GO UP OR DOWN BASED ON WHAT THE INDEX DOES. IN TODAY'S MARKET, THOSE RATES WOULD BE 2% AND 2.9%. THE PIECE THAT FLUCTUATES WITHIN THOSE RATES IS A FAIRLY SMALL COMPONENT; IT WILL GO UP OR DOWN ON A SEVEN DAY OR THIRTY DAY PERIOD DEPENDING ON THE INDEX THEY CHOOSE. THERE IS SOME POTENTIAL FOR OVERAGE INTEREST RISK DURING THAT FIVE YEAR PERIOD. THE BENEFIT OBVIOUSLY IS IT DIMINISHES THE AMOUNT OF CASH FLOW THE COUNTY NEEDS TO COMMIT FOR DEBT SERVICE AT LEAST AT TODAY'S RATE. THE CURRENT SITUATION IS TOTALLY UNSUSTAINABLE FOR DEBT SERVICE AS IT IS RIGHT NOW; THE VARIABLE RATE WOULD REDUCE THE COUNTY'S DEBT SERVICE WELL BELOW WHAT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY BUDGETED FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL. THERE IS A CUSHION BETWEEN THE

BUDGETED AMOUNT AND THE CURRENT AMOUNT THE COUNTY WOULD BE EXPENDING ON CASH FLOW FOR THE DEBT SERVICE.

THE FIXED RATE OPTION WOULD REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO BUDGET A LITTLE MORE FOR DEBT SERVICE NEXT YEAR. THE \$636,000 BUDGETED WOULDN'T QUITE COVER THE FIXED RATE AND THAT IS A BUDGET CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL.

MR. BENNETT ADDRESSED AS THE CREDIT MARKETS IMPROVE AND MORE OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE, THEY CAN ALWAYS PREPAY EITHER ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS WITH NO PENALTIES; THEY CAN PAY AT ANY POINT IN TIME DURING THE INITIAL FIVE YEAR TERM. BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY'S CURRENT CASH FLOW REQUIREMENTS, SOME ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO HELP MITIGATE THE CURRENT SITUATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY STAYS WITH THE FIXED RATE OPTION, HOW MUCH MORE MONEY DOES THIS REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. MR. BENNETT ADVISED ABOUT \$150,000 MORE THAN CURRENTLY BUDGETED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS THAT MUCH MORE MONEY WITH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL BOTH SAYING NO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MR. BENNETT'S OPINION ON WHAT HE THOUGHT THE INTEREST RATES WOULD DO OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.

MR. BENNETT ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND THEY ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT PRIME RATE; THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A SEVEN DAY INTEREST RATE WHICH TYPICALLY RANGES WITHIN A FAIRLY NARROW RANGE ANYWAY. HE DOESN'T ANTICIPATE ANY MATERIAL CHANGE IN THAT INDEX IN THE FORESEEABLE NEAR FUTURE. TODAY THAT INDEX IS .37%; EVEN IF DOUBLES TOMORROW OR BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THEY ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT 3/4 OF A POINT. THE VARIATION DIFFERENTIAL IS PRETTY SLIM. FORTUNATELY, THE BALANCE OF THAT INTEREST RATE IS A FIXED COMPONENT FOR THAT FIVE YEAR PERIOD; JUST THE CREDIT CHARGE OF THE BANK. THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANY; JUST THAT ONE SMALL INDEX IS GOING TO CHANGE.

MR. BENNETT ADDRESSED SUNTRUST BANK RETAINED HOLLAND AND KNIGHT TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE TRANSACTION; THEY HAD A CONFERENCE CALL FRI- DAY AFTERNOON TO GET EVERYBODY UP TO SPEED ON WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE THE COUNTY WOULD BE MAKING A DECISION ON. THE INTENT IS TO HAVE THIS IN PLACE BY OCTOBER 1ST.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF MR. BENNETT RECOMMENDED THE FLOATING RATE OPTION TO THE BOARD.

MR. BENNETT SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY SINCE 1987 AND THEY HAVE DONE A LOT OF VARIABLE RATE DEBT OVER THE YEARS. HE FIRMLY BELIEVES IT WILL SAVE THE COUNTY LITERALLY HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DEBT SERVICE; HE IS A BELIEVER IN VARIABLE RATES ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A SMALL INDEX OF VARIATIONS AND THEY HAVE THE OPTION TO CLOCK OUT EVERYTIME THEY WANT TO. HE SUGGESTED THE COUNTY RESERVE ANY SAVINGS IN WHAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE BUDGETED AND WHAT THE ACTUAL DEBT SERVICE IS IN CASE THERE IS AN INTEREST RATE INCREASE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO PUT THE DIFFERENCE IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT SO IT CAN'T BE TOUCHED FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR DEBT SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE VARIABLE RATE OPTION WOULD TERMINATE THE SWAP. MR. BENNETT SAID IT WOULD TERMINATE THE SWAP; THE TERMINATION FEE IS FINANCED AS PART OF ONE OF THE LOANS SO THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CASH FLOW OF THE COUNTY IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.

B. SHIP REPORT UPDATE-STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM AND REFERRED TO A MEMO SHE HAD PUT IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOXES.

THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM IS REFERRED TO AS THE FLORIDA HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. SHE RECAPPED WHAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE; THEY DECIDED NOT TO APPROVE THE SHIP PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THIS YEAR. WHAT THE LEGISLATURE CHOSE TO DO INSTEAD IS COMPLIMENT THE WHOLE STIMULUS PROGRAM INVOLVED WITH THE \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, IF A PERSON PURCHASES A HOME BY DECEMBER 1ST, THEY CAN FILL OUT IRS FORM 1545 AND SUBMIT IT WITH THEIR 2009 TAX RETURN AND IT WOULD MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO \$8,000 MAXIMUM BACK FROM THE IRS. WHAT TALLAHASSEE HAS DONE, WITH THE SHIP FUNDS THAT USE TO BE IN PLACE, WHICH IS NOW FHOP, THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE JURISDICTIONS THAT QUALIFY FOR THIS MONEY, WHICH IS THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS IT IS FOR SHIP, TO UPFRONT THOSE FUNDS TO THE HOMEOWNERS. JUST SAY A HOMEOWNER WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE \$8,000, THE COUNTY WOULD UPFRONT THOSE FUNDS TO THE HOMEOWNER AND WHEN THE HOMEOWNER RECEIVES THEIR CHECK BACK FROM THE IRS, THEY PAY THE COUNTY BACK.

STACY SAID THE LEGISLATURE HAS TAKEN THE SHIP PROGRAM, WHICH TRULY WORKED AND PUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS INTO DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COST FOR THE HOMEOWNER, AND NOW IT IS JUST \$8,000, A NO INTEREST TYPE LOAN. THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE JURISDICTIONS FOR THOSE FOLKS THAT CAN'T PAY THAT \$8,000 BACK TO SET UP A PAYMENT PLAN; NOW THE COUNTY IS A BANK. THE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS PROGRAM IS IF THEY RECEIVE ANY MONIES BACK THROUGH THE RECAPTURE PROVISIONS THROUGH THE \$8,000 INCOME TAX CHECK COMING BACK, IT REVERTS BACK TO THE SHIP PROGRAM AND THEY CAN USE THOSE FUNDS AS THEY WOULD NORMALLY DO FOR SHIP.

COMMISSIONER PATE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING THE \$8,000 BACK AS THERE ARE A LOT OF THESE FOLKS THAT DON'T EVEN PAY IN \$8,000 INCOME TAX. STACY SAID THEY COULD DO A TITLE SEARCH TO MAKE ANY KIND OF DETERMINATION IF THERE IS TAX LIENS OR IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE THERE; BUT, THAT TITLE SEARCH WILL ONLY COVER WASHINGTON COUNTY. IF THE PERSONS HAVE SOMETHING IN BAY OR JACKSON COUNTY, THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO KNOW. STACY SAID THIS PROGRAM IS A RISK; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY IS STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MONIES. SHE ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE SOME KIND OF ACTION ON THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM SHORTLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF ACCEPTING THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT ON THE MONEY THE COUNTY GETS FROM THE STATE. IF THEY DON'T APPROVE IT, THE COUNTY WOULDN'T GET THE MONEY FROM THE STATE.

STACY ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID BASICALLY IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T APPROVE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM, THE COUNTY WOULD LOSE A LOT OF THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET.

STACY REITERATED IT IS GOING TO BE AN \$8,000 NO INTEREST LOAN; \$8,000 IS NOT REALLY GOING TO HELP. \$8,000 IS \$8,000; BUT, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CLOSING COST BEING ANYWHERE FROM \$3,000 TO \$6,000, THIS ONLY LEAVES \$2,000 FOR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. SHE ADDRESSED HER HAVING SPOKEN TO PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE FINANCED 100% THAT HAVE ASKED WHY SHOULD THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE FINANCED BY THE BANK AT 100% AND STILL HAVE TO GIVE THE \$8,000 BACK TO THE COUNTY. SHE SAID EACH SITUATION IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT. THE INCOME LEVELS TO THIS ARE NOT BASED ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD LIKE THE SHIP PROGRAM. FOR A SINGLE PERSON, IF YOU MAKE MORE THAN \$35,000 A YEAR, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE; MARRIED PEOPLE CAN MAKE UP TO \$150,000 A YEAR. FROM WHAT SHE UNDERSTANDS, THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS LOBBIED IN TALLAHASSEE TO MAKE THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM HAPPEN. IF THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS WOULD HAVE SPOKEN TO SOME OF THE SHIP ADMINISTRATORS ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SAID "WHAT DO YOU MEAN."

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED SOMETIMES \$8,000 COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR DEAL. STACY AGREED AND SAID EACH SITUATION WILL BE DIFFERENT. THE ISSUE IS JUST GETTING THE MONEY BACK. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T MIND SETTING UP A PAYMENT PLAN, IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS; BUT, IF SOMEONE DOESN'T MEET THE DEADLINE, SOMEBODY NEEDS TO START FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES. SHE ADDRESSED SOME OF THE JURISDICTIONS ARE PUTTING IN THEIR PAYBACK OF THE \$8,000 FOR THE TERM OF THE 30 YEAR MORTGAGE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE CURRENT SHIP PROGRAM, AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT COULD GET UP TO \$20,000 BASED ON THEIR INCOME; NOW THEY ARE GOING TO GET \$8,000.

STACY POINTED OUT PERSONS HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR THE \$8,000; BUT, SHE DOESN'T QUITE KNOW HOW ALL OF THAT IS DONE. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT A PERSON CAN RECEIVE IS \$8,000; IT CAN BE UP TO 10% OF THE PRICE OF THE HOUSE OR THE MAXIMUM OF \$8,000.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED STACY IF SHE HAD ANY GUESTIMATE OF HOW MANY PEOPLE SHE HAS WAITING IN LINE FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM NOW. STACY ADVISED THERE WERE NONE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF STACY THOUGHT THIS NEW PROGRAM WAS GOING TO ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO APPLY WITH THEM GIVING UP \$12,000. HE SAID THE STATE WAS TAKING THE STATE SHIP FUNDING, PUTTING IN ANOTHER PROGRAM AND THEY ARE GOING TO HANG THE COUNTY OUT FOR \$8,000 EVERYTIME SOMEONE IS APPROVED FOR THE NEW FUNDING AND THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO RELY ON THE APPLICANT TO GET THE \$8,000 BACK TO THE COUNTY THEY GET FROM IRS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD THE MONEY BUDGETED TO COVER THE \$8,000 PER APPLICANT APPROVED. HE THEN ASKED STACY HOW MANY SHIP LOANS WERE PRODUCED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

STACY ADDRESSED THEY HAD BUDGETED \$263,000 FOR SHIP DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THEY HAVE SPENT IT ALL; BUT, THE HOUSING MARKET HAS GONE DOWN AND THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO USE SOME OF THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY REHAB.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF SHIP LOANS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE TO KNOW THIS NUMBER TO UPFRONT THE MONEY FOR THE NEW SHIP PROGRAM. HE ADDRESSED, UNTIL THE ECONOMY IS STRAIGHTENED OUT, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE BASED OFF OF MONEY THAT YOU HAVE GOT TO GET SOMEWHERE AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, DON'T DO IT.

STACY REPORTED FHOP IS GOING TO GIVE THE COUNTY THE MONEY TO UPFRONT THE \$8,000; THE COUNTY WANT BE UPFRONTING ANYTHING. THERE IS NO COUNTY MONEY INVOLVED; IT WILL ALL BE STATE MONEY. SHE SAID IF THEY GET THE \$8,000 HOUSING CREDIT BACK FROM THE APPLICANTS, IT CAN BE USED AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED.

SHE EXPLAINED THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM THROUGH THE IRS EXPIRES DECEMBER 1, 2009; IF THE STATE CHOOSES TO EXTEND IT UNTIL 2010, THE COUNTY IS BASICALLY WHERE THEY ARE NOW. IF THE STATE DECIDES THE FHOP PROGRAM IS NOT WORKING AND DON'T EXTEND IT, THEN ALL THE MONEY THE COUNTY GETS WILL REVERT RIGHT BACK TO SHIP AND THE COUNTY WILL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE THEY WERE. SHE IS NOT QUITE SURE WITH THE CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 2009 IF THAT IS GIVING ENOUGH TIME TO SEE IF THE PROGRAM IS GOING TO WORK OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED STACY HOW MUCH OF THE GRANTS BUDGET WAS BASED ON THE FHOP PROGRAM. STACY SAID THEY RECEIVED \$30,000 FROM THE SHIP PROGRAM; \$27,000 GOES TOWARD SALARY AND THE OTHER \$3,000 GOES TOWARD DIFFERENT OUTREACH SERVICES THROUGH THE COUNCIL ON AGING, BOOKKEEPING FEES AND ADVERTISING FEES AND TOWARD THE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER EDUCATION FEES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THE BOARD DOESN'T APPROVE THE FHOP, THEY WOULD HAVE TO FUND \$30,000 FOR THE GRANTS BUDGET OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. HE WAS ADVISED THIS WAS CORRECT.

STACY SAID THE \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT HAS TO COME TO THE HOMEOWNERS AND THE HOMEOWNERS HAS TO VOLUNTARILY BRING IT TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE THE FHOP PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE REALLY NEVER LIKED THE SHIP PROGRAM; THE \$15,000 TO \$20,000 THAT GOES TO THE BANKS FOR DOING THE CLOSING COST. HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE MONEY WAS GOVERNED; THE BANKS CHARGE, THE LAWYERS CHARGE AND THEY GET THE BIGGEST PERCENTAGE OF THE SHIP FUNDS. THE HOMEOWNERS THAT PURCHASES THE HOUSE DON'T GET THE FUNDS DISBURSED BACK TO THEM.

STACY SAID THE SHIP FUNDS WERE USED FOR DOWN PAYMENT COST AND CLOSING COST AND DIDN'T GO DIRECTLY TO THE HOMEOWNER.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK. THE \$8,000 UNDER THE FHOP WILL PROBABLY BE ENOUGH TO COVER THE CLOSING COST. HE STATED THE NEW LEGISLATION IS A BAD SITUATION.

STACY AGREED THE LEGISLATION IS DOING A BIG DISSERVICE FOR THE RESIDENTS; THE INTENT WAS PROBABLY GOOD AS THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE TRYING TO HELP STIMULATE THIS MONEY. THEY ALSO WERE GOING TO TRY TO HAVE THIS MONEY WORK FOR THEM TWICE; THE FIRST TIME IS WHEN IT GOES OUT IN THE \$8,000 AND THE SECOND TIME IS WHEN THE COUNTY HOPEFULLY RECAPTURES THE FUNDS AND USES IT AGAIN FOR SHIP.

COMMISSIONER PATE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO GOT MONEY BACK FROM THE IRS WERE GOING TO WORRY ABOUT BRINGING THE MONEY BACK TO THE COUNTY. STACY TOLD THE BOARD THE COUNTY COULD PUT A LIEN AGAINST THE APPLICANT'S HOME IF THEY DON'T BRING THE TAX CREDIT FROM THE IRS BACK TO THE COUNTY AND PUT A STIPULATION IN THE AGREEMENT IF THEY DON'T PAY IT BACK WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, THE COUNTY COULD START A FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED STACY HOW COULD THE COUNTY TAKE THE MONEY BACK IF IT IS USED AS A STIMULUS. HE ASKED STACY IF SHE WAS SAYING AFTER A PERSON GETS THE \$8,000, THE COUNTY CAN TAKE IT BACK. STACY SAID WHEN THE PERSON PAYS IT BACK, THE MONIES WILL REVERT BACK TO SHIP FUNDS AND THE COUNTY CAN USE IT FOR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. THE WAY IT IS NOW, STACY SAID THERE IS NO MORE HOUSING REHAB FUNDS. THE WHOLE STIMULUS CONCEPT IS RIDICULOUS.

COMMISSIONER PATE, STACY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IS TO DISCUSS THE FHOP PROGRAM FURTHER AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

ROGER HAGAN, MSBU COORDINATOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. MR. GAINEY HAS COMPLETED THE MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL; THERE ARE 24,407 PARCELS, 15,031 TO BE ASSESSED AT AN ASSESSMENT VALUE OF \$459,814.53. THE BOARD WILL NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO CERTIFY THE TAX ROLL TO THE TAX ASSESSOR, HELEN MCENTYRE AS THE MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL. HE ADVISED THE ASSESSMENT VALUE INCLUDES THE 5% INCREASE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO APPROVE THIS AT THEIR BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN ON THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND SHE WAS HOPING TO GET THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK APPROVED. LAST TIME IT WAS DISCUSSED, THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, ETC. AT THE DIVISION CHIEF'S MEETING, THEY LOOKED AT THE POLICY AND THE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT IS NOT ADDRESSED. THE DIVISION CHIEF'S WOULD LIKE TO JUST CHANGE SOME OF THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS TO READ A COMPARABLE AMOUNT OF RELATED JOB EXPERIENCE

COULD BE USED IN LIEU OF EDUCATION. OBVIOUSLY, SHE ADDRESSED THERE WOULD BE CERTAIN POSITIONS THIS COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF HEATHER WOULD JUST GO THROUGH THE INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE OR JUST GO THROUGH THE WHOLE LIST OF POSITIONS AND EARMARK EACH ONE THAT COULD USE JOB EXPERIENCE IN LIEU OF EDUCATION. HEATHER STATED SHE WOULD PROBABLY GO THROUGH THE LIST OF POSITIONS AND EARMARK EACH ONE THAT COULD USE JOB EXPERIENCE IN LIEU OF EDUCATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO AN ISSUE WHERE SOMEONE WAS DENIED A PROMOTION BECAUSE OF THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. HEATHER SAID THE NEW POLICY WOULD DO AWAY WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE PERSON WOULD STILL HAVE TO APPLY AND SHOW SOME EXPERIENCE IN WHATEVER POSITION THEY ARE MOVING TOO.

HEATHER SAID SHE BELIEVES THEY DO THIS AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT A LOT OF TIMES; THE DUMP TRUCK DRIVER IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE A BACKHOE IF NECESSARY AND HELP THEM TRAIN.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD CHECK THE APPLICANT'S REFERENCES ON THEIR SKILLS. HEATHER ADVISED THIS WOULD BE CHECKED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE PROCESS OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEES. HEATHER EXPLAINED THE FINAL PERSON WOULD BE ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT; DEPENDING ON WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE IS, THERE WOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION BY HER OFFICE. SHE SAID MR. HERBERT USUALLY APPOINTS HER AND ONE OTHER PERSON FROM A DIFFERENT AREA TO DO THE INVESTIGATION, TURN A REPORT IN TO THE DIRECTOR OF THAT DEPARTMENT OR THE SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISOR WOULD GET WITH MR. HERBERT AND THEY WOULD MAKE A DECISION ON WHAT HAPPENS. SHE REITERATED THE DECISION STOPS WITH MR. HERBERT. THE REASON FOR THIS IS IF A PERSON IS TERMINATED AND IT GOES TO SUIT, FCHR, EEOC, IT WILL COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD EVENTUALLY THROUGH THAT SUIT AND THIS WILL TAKE THE BOARD TOTALLY OUT OF IT AT THAT TIME. LATER, THEY WOULD HAVE A DECISION. THIS POLICY KIND OF KEEPS THE BOARD OUT OF THIS UNTIL THEY NEED TO REALLY, REALLY GET IN IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID, IN OTHER WORDS, THIS PROCESS PROTECTS THE BOARD DURING THE PRELIMINARY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT KEEPS THE BOARD OUT OF THE PROCESS UNLESS IT DOES GO INTO MEDIATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN IS, IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DONE OUTSIDE INSTEAD OF INHOUSE BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS LAWSUITS. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTIME THE COUNTY IS IN A LAWSUIT, IT IS A NO WIN, NO WIN AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPRESSED HIS OPINION IF IT IS AN INTENSE SITUATION OR SOMETHING THAT LOOKS PRETTY COMPLICATED, THE OUTSIDE RECOMMENDATION WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE A BAD IDEA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHEN IT COMES TO A \$50,000 TO \$80,000 PAYOUT ON THESE LITTLE LAWSUITS, HE FEELS THEY NEED TO HAVE MORE OF A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. HE SAID HE FELT THIS WOULD TAKE IT OFF HEATHER'S DEPARTMENT TO DO THIS.

HEATHER SAID, ON ANY OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST WITH INVESTIGATIONS, THEY DO IT WITH LEGAL ADVICE. AS SOON AS SOMETHING COMES UP, SHE CONTACTS ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS SO THE COUNTY IS PROTECTED AND THEY HAVE COVERED ALL THE BASES. ONCE IT GETS INDEPTH AND IT IS OUT OF THEIR CONTROL TO DO THE INVESTIGATION, SHE AGREED IT NEEDS TO GO TO SOMEONE THAT IS TRAINED IN THIS OR WHO HAS EXPERTISE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REFERRED TO THERE BEING REASONS SPELLED OUT IN THE COUNTY POLICY FOR REASONS OF TERMINATION.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THEY GIVE PERSONS A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE BEING VERY CAREFUL AND HAVE EXPLORED ALL AVENUES BEFORE TERMINATION.

HEATHER ADDRESSED CONFIDENTIALITY HAS BEEN A PROBLEM AND PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IT IS CONFIDENTIAL. SHE POINTED OUT IF YOU TALK ABOUT THINGS, PEOPLE CAN BE SUED FOR SLANDER AND GET INVOLVED IN A PERSONAL SUIT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF AN EMPLOYEE IS CAUGHT TALKING DURING AN EVENT ABOUT SOMETHING THEY DON'T NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO THAT EMPLOYEE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE EMPLOYEE CAN BE DISCIPLINED IF CAUGHT DOING IT. HEATHER ADDRESSED THERE IS POLICY ABOUT MAKING MALICIOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT ANOTHER EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST WANT TO SUE AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD BEEN PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED HEATHER IF ALL THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE POLICY.

HEATHER EXPLAINED AS A SITUATION ARISES, SHE MAY ASK THE BOARD TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY. ONCE THE CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD, THEY WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP WITH THE DIVISION CHIEFS AND MAKE SURE EMPLOYEES UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES. EVERY EMPLOYEE WILL SIGN A FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THEY ARE AWARE OF THE CHANGES.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

1. THEY APPLIED FOR A REDUCED FEE PERMITS THROUGH NFWFMD; IT HAS BEEN APPROVED ALREADY THROUGH FDEP. BUT, A LOT OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW DON'T HAVE A LOT OF WETLANDS SO THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH NFWFMD. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE REDUCED FEE PERMITS, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY'S POPULATION; THEY HAVE CONFIRMATION THE COUNTY MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AS FAR AS POPULATION AND AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME, ETC. THE COUNTY MEETS EVERYTHING BY THE INTENT OF THE LAW TO GET THE \$100 PERMIT FEE FOR ANY PROJECT. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION IN THE FORM MUST BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SENT TO NFWFMD BY EITHER A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES OR A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHEREAS THEY HAVE ACCEPTED STATISTICS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT STATES THEIR POPULATION MEETS THE CRITERIA OF SECTION 218.075, ETC. HE STATED HE NEEDED SOME KIND OF RECOGNITION BY THE BOARD THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN GATHERED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND HAVE IT IN THE MINUTES IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD AND THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS THEY QUALIFY FOR THE REDUCED FEE PERMITS.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESS THIS AT THE BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 27TH.

2. SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER-MR. BESS AND HIS CREW IS WORKING ON FINISHING OUT THE INSIDE OF THE FACILITY. THERE IS A TYPE C INLET FOR THE PARKING LOT THAT HAS BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD COME IN THIS WEEK. THE PARKING LOT IS ROUGH GRADED NOW; BUT, MR. BESS WANTS TO FINISH OUT THE INSIDE OF THE FACILITY BEFORE GOING TO THE PARKING LOT.

DAVID CORBIN SHOWED THE BOARD PICTURES OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THEY STARTED OUT ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS AGO WITH A HULL OF

A BUILDING AND THEY COME IN AND FORMED IT UP, FRAMED IT UP AND MADE IT WORK. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WHAT MR. BESS IS DOING.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM, COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVING MET TO CRUNCH SOME NUMBERS ON THE FACILITY:

1. THEY STILL OWE \$11,075 ON THE FOUR AIRCONDITIONING UNITS
2. THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH AQUA ON UTILITIES; THIS WILL COST \$12,000
3. GULF POWER CHARGED \$1286 TO PUT A CT BOX IN

HE SAID AFTER THE BOARD GAVE THEM THE \$35,000, AS OF FRIDAY, THE PRINTOUT ON THE FACILITY SHOWS THEY HAVE \$23,180 REMAINING. THE BILLS HE JUST ADDRESSED IS GOING TO TAKE ALL OF THE REMAINING FUNDS AND THE FACILITY WILL NOT BE FINISHED. IT WILL TAKE \$25,000 TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING. HE LISTED SOME ITEMS THAT WERE STILL NEEDED:

1. PHONE SERVICE-PRORATED BY MALCOLM AT \$1,000 FOR TWO LINES
2. CARPET-\$9,500
3. BLINDS FOR WINDOWS-\$1,000
4. MISCELLANEOUS MOLDING \$1,500.
5. SIDEWALKS \$4,000
6. TABLE AND CHAIRS-100 CHAIRS AND 15 TABLES \$3430
7. DOORS \$1651.90

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WAS THE QUOTES ON THE ITEMS DAVID ADDRESSED JUST FROM ONE PLACE. DAVID SAID ON THE CHAIRS AND TABLES, HE CALLED SAMS AND LOWES AND HE CAN DO SOME MORE CHECKING IF NECESSARY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WHERE HE FOUND THE \$35,000. MR. HERBERT SAID THAT WAS THE \$35,000 THE BOARD APPROVED FROM THE PROJECT PIPE LANDSALES. DAVID JUST DIDN'T SEE WHERE IT HAD BEEN MOVED INTO THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER BUDGET.

CLIFF REPORTED ON THE \$12,000 FOR AQUA. THEY HAVE PUT TOGETHER A LETTER THAT REDUCED THE EQUIVALENT OF DWELLING UNITS DOWN TO 1.6 AND THEY HAD ABOUT 3.4; SO, THERE IS A CHANCE THE \$12,000 FOR UTILITIES WILL COME DOWN IF AQUA APPROVES THE LETTER AND CALCULATIONS THEY SUBMITTED. PREBLE-RISH DID CHARGE THE COUNTY FOR THE SURVEYING, DESIGN AND PERMITTING THROUGH THE NWFWD; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS GOTTEN ALL THE BILLS THEY WILL BE GETTING FROM THEM ON THIS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE MADE A STATEMENT THEY KEEP REFERRING TO THIS AS THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER; IT QUIT BEING THE COMMUNITY CENTER WHEN THEY HAD TO MOVE WILDER PARK. IT IS THE COUNTY ANNEX AT SUNNY HILLS. IF THEY KEEP SAYING COMMUNITY CENTER, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER CONTENTION FOR THEM TO FIGHT OVER DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY CAN CALL IT WHATEVER THEY WANT TO CALL IT; IT IS THE COUNTY'S BUILDING. IT IS GOING TO BE THE JOHN MCKENNA WHATEVER AS THAT IS WHAT IS IN THE AGREEMENT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TRY AND FIND THE \$25,000 NEEDED TO FINISH THE BUILDING.

3. INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD-THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS SHOULD BE UP THIS WEEK. THEY COULD PUT THE ACCESS ROAD OUT FOR BID ANYTIME NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL HAVE THEIR WATER DISTRIBUTION PERMITS IN HAND, SEWER COLLECTION PERMITS IN HAND, STORM WATER PERMITS HAVE BEEN IN HAND AND FL-DEP DREDGE AND FILL PERMITS ARE IN HAND. IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS PROJECT OUT FOR BID, THEY COULD SET UP THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEXT WEEK AND MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT WAS IN PLACE AND WAS ADVISED THE GRANT WAS IN PLACE. HE DIDN'T SEE A PROBLEM

WITH GOING AHEAD AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE ACCESS ROAD IF THE FUNDING WAS IN PLACE.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE ONLY POSSIBLE HITCH IS IF THERE WAS PUBLIC OBJECTIONS THAT CAUSED ISSUES AND HE DOESN'T FORESEE THAT.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD JUST PLAN ON ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NEXT WEEK AS HE DIDN'T THINK HE NEEDED BOARD ACTION.

4. ST. MARYS ROAD BRIDGE-EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE EXCEPT THE RIP RAP THIS WEEK. IN ORDER TO PUT THE RIP RAP UNDER THE BRIDGE THAT IS IN THEIR CONTRACT, THEY HAVE TO GET A GENERAL PERMIT FROM FL-DEP. MR. HERBERT AUTHORIZED SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS TO DO THE TOPO SO THEY COULD PUT THE WETLAND LINES ON IT AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION. AS SOON AS THEY GET THE ROAD PAVED, THEY ARE GOING TO GET IT OPENED TO TRAFFIC; THEY WON'T WAIT FOR THE PERMIT TO DO THE RIP RAP TO OPEN IT.

FEMA WANTS TO COME AND INSPECT THE BRIDGE PROJECT WHEN IT IS COMPLETED AND THEY SHOULD COVER THE COST OF THE WHOLE PROJECT.

5. BAHOMA ROAD-THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO WORK ON SOME RIGHT-OF- WAY ISSUES FOR THIS PROJECT.

6. BONNETT POND ROAD-HE REVIEWED A LIST OF PROPERTIES SUSAN LAWSON HAS SET UP FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING; THE LIST OF PROPERTIES ARE CORRECT. WHENEVER COMMISSIONER BROCK IS READY TO HOLD THE COMMUNITY MEETING, THEY CAN DO SO.

7. STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING-THIS PROJECT IS OUT FOR BID UNTIL THE 28TH OF AUGUST.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO MEET ON THE 27TH OF AUGUST, THEY COULD POSSIBLY GIVE APPROVAL TO AWARD THE BID TO THE LOW BIDDER IF IT IS WITHIN BUDGET TO KEEP FROM HAVING TO WAIT UNTIL THEIR NEXT BOARD MEETING OR CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO DO IT.

CLIFF SAID REALLY THIS WOULD BE THE SAME DEAL FOR THERMO- PLASTIC STRIPING WITH THE BOARD CONSENTING.

8. EOC CONSTRUCTION-THIS PROJECT IS COMING ALONG REAL GOOD. THE WALLS ARE ALL UP AND THEY ARE WORKING ON THE INTERIOR FRAMING THIS WEEK. THE POWER COMPANY IS DOING FINAL ITEMS TO BRING IT ON THREE PHASE. THE PROJECT SCHEDULE THE CONTRACTOR HAS SET UP RIGHT NOW SHOWS THEM COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY. THEY DISCUSSED WITH THE CONTRACTOR THE FUNDING RUNS OUT IN FEBRUARY AND THEY NEED THE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED BY DECEMBER AT THE LATEST. THE CONTRACTOR HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THEY DO EVERY- THING THEY CAN TO PLAY CATCHUP ONCE IT IS DRIED IN.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THEM WORKING ON THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND T-1 LINES, PHONE SYSTEM, SECURITY SYSTEM, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD CLIFF TO MAKE SURE THEY KEEP THE EOC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON SCHEDULE.

9. EQUESTRIAN CENTER SITE WORK & FRDAP GRANT-NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ON THE FRDAP GRANT YET; HE IS HOPING TO MEET WITH FEMA THIS WEEK ON SITE FOR REPAIR OF THE ROADWAY, SHOULDERS, PONDS, AND ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE TORN UP OUT THERE. THEY HAVE ALREADY MET WITH THE FEMA MITIGATION GUYS AND THEY HAVE A PROPOSAL TOGETHER; HOWEVER, IT CAN'T GO INTO AFFECT UNTIL THEY MEET WITH THE PA GUYS.

10. EOC SITWORK-HE HAS MET WITH DALLAS A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HE THINKS THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS WHEN THE EXCAVATOR IS DONE LOADING BASE FOR THEM TO HAUL TO RIVER ROAD, THEY WILL TAKE IT TO THE NEW EOC SITE AND GO AHEAD AND DIG THE POND. THEY WILL GO AHEAD AND GET THE POND BUILT SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DROP SOME TEMPORARY STORM WATER ON THE SITE SO WHEN THEY GET READY WITH CONSTRUCTION, THEY WILL

HAVE EVERYTHING SET UP. 11. HIGHWAY 279/SCRAP PROJECTS-THESE PROJECTS ARE COMING ALONG PRETTY GOOD. THEY HAD A LITTLE ACCIDENT ON THE NORTH SECTION TOWARD CARYVILLE WHEN A LOG TRUCK FLIPPED OVER AND TORE UP A PRETTY GOOD STRETCH OF THE BRAND NEW PAVEMENT. WHEN THE ACCIDENT REPORT WAS FILLED OUT, THE COUNTY CLAIMED THERE WAS \$10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO THE ROAD. THEY HAD C. W. ROBERTS TO LOOK AT THE DAMAGE; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MILL OUT A SECTION OF THE ROAD AND RESURFACE IT. HOPEFULLY THE COUNTY CAN GET THIS COST BACK FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD BE DOING THE CONCRETE FLUMES AND EARTHWORK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 279 ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK. 12. CR 166/OLD BONIFAY ROAD-THE MILLING MACHINE IS SUPPOSE TO BE HERE SOMETIME THIS WEEK TO START MILLING DOWN TO HIGHWAY 77. 13. FEMA PROJECTS-FEMA GUYS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB FOR THE COUNTY. FEMA GIVES THE COUNTY 18 MONTHS FROM THE DAY THEY SIGN THE CONTRACT TO COMPLETE THE WORK; AT SOME POINT, THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER BIDDING OUT SOME OF THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD NEEDING A RECOMMENDATION FROM CLIFF ON WHICH PROJECTS NEED TO BE BID OUT.

CLIFF SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO BID OUT THE RIP RAP AND THE CONCRETE FLUMES WITH THE COUNTY HANDLING THE EARTHWORK, PULLING THE DITCHES AND THINGS THAT ARE PART OF THEIR NORMAL ROUTINE.

CLIFF REPORTED THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT KIND OF FEMA PROJECTS; SMALL PROJECTS WHICH ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE UNDER \$64,200 AND LARGE PROJECTS WHICH ARE OVER \$64,200. 90% OF WHAT IS BEING WRITTEN UP IN THE COUNTY ARE SMALL PROJECTS; THEY ARE WRITTEN UP JUST LIKE A CHECK. FEMA IS GOING TO HAND OUT CHECKS AND THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B AND ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING THAT IS IDENTIFIED ON THE PROJECT WORKSHEET. HOW THEY DO THIS IS UP TO THE BOARD AS FEMA DOESN'T REALLY CARE IF THEY BID IT OUT, DO THE WORK THEMSELVES, ETC. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD GET ALL THESE PROJECTS DONE IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD COULD ALWAYS ASK FEMA FOR EXTENSIONS ON THE CONTRACTS AS THEY HAVE DONE IT BEFORE. CLIFF AGREED YOU COULD; HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THE WAY EVERYBODY IS WITH GRANT DOLLARS NOW THERE IS ALWAYS THAT CHANCE THEY WILL LOSE THEIR GRANT DOLLARS IF THEY DON'T MAKE IT BY THE DEADLINE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY TAKE THOSE PROJECTS, BID THEM AND BE DONE WITH IT; THIS WOULD FREE THE COUNTY'S PEOPLE UP TO DO THE OTHER PROJECTS THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID SOME OF THE PW'S BEING WRITTEN BY FEMA ARE GETTING CUT IN HALF ONCE THEY GET TO TALLAHASSEE AND COME BACK.

CLIFF SAID ALL THE PW'S HE HAS REVIEWED FOR SIGNATURES HAVE ALL BEEN CLEARED. HE FEELS IN THE END, THE COUNTY WILL TURN OUT OKAY; SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN THEY STARTED OFF WITH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED CLIFF UPDATE THE BOARD ON FIRETOWER ROAD. CLIFF SAID NRCS AWARDED THE COUNTY THE FIRETOWER ROAD AND GILBERTS MILL PROJECTS; BUT, THEY HAVE NO MONEY. NRCS HAS ADVISED US AS SOON AS THEY GET MONEY IN THE PROGRAM, THEY WOULD NOTIFY THE COUNTY.

CLIFF ADDRESSED NRCS WOULDN'T PAY FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT OUT. HE AND FEMA HAVE REVIEWED THE PROJECT WITH THE MITIGATION CREW SO THE MITIGATION PROPOSAL IS ALREADY SET UP FOR IT; BUT, THE PA GUYS HAVE NOT LOOKED AT IT YET. BECAUSE IT MUDDIES UP THE WATER WHEN YOU GET FUNDING THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, THE COUNTY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF NRCS HAD NEVER GOT INVOLVED WITH IT BECAUSE THEN IT WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE FEMA. RIGHT NOW, HE IS NOT SURE IT IS GOING TO QUALIFY FOR THE FEMA

BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AWARDED THROUGH ANOTHER PROGRAM; HE HAS TO GET ALL OF THIS WORKED OUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED CLIFF HOW LONG IT WOULD BE BEFORE HE STARTED ON THE FRDAP GRANT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. CLIFF SAID THE NEXT THING THEY NEED AT THIS SITE IS AN EXCAVATOR AND A DOZIER TO START CLEARING THE AREA WHERE THE GRANT IS ACTUALLY GOING. THEY NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE ROUTE OF THE EXCAVATORS AT THEIR PUBLIC WORKS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY; THEY NEED THEM ON RIVER ROAD, NEW EOC SITE AND THE EQUESTRIAN SITE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE NEEDED AT THE SUNNY HILLS FACILITY ALSO. CLIFF SAID IT WOULD WHEN THE STORM PIPES FOR THAT PROJECT START COMING IN.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES PHASE I. HE WILL BE ASKING THE BOARD TO ACCEPT THE ROADS IN THIS SUBDIVISION ON THURSDAY; THE PROJECT IS IN GOOD SHAPE. ROBERT HARCUS HAS LOOKED AT THE ROADS AND HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT EXCEPT A BRICK MAILBOX THAT HAS BEEN BUILT RIGHT NEXT TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. BASICALLY, THE DEVELOPER IS TRYING TO GET THE COUNTY TO APPROVE THE ONE YEAR ACCEPTANCE. CLIFF SAID THE DEVELOPER HAS DONE EVERYTHING THE COUNTY HAS ASKED HIM TO DO.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MAILBOXES BUILT RIGHT NEXT TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. CLIFF AGREED TO GET WITH THE DEVELOPER'S ENGINEER TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THEY CAN DO TO TRY AND GET THE MAILBOXES MOVED OUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD CLIFF TO BRING AN AGREEMENT ON THE MAILBOXES REMOVAL ON THURSDAY WHEN HE BRINGS UP THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROADS IN THE VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES PHASE I.

LINDA WALLER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES ESTATE I. SHE HAD SENT AN EMAIL TO THE DEVELOPER'S ENGINEER ADVISING UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WERE ANY MORE MAILBOXES TO BE PLACED ON THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF MS. WALLER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE SUBDIVISION; HAD THE DEVELOPER FORWARDED THE PLANS AND DONE EVERYTHING SHE HAS ASKED THEM TO DO. LINDA SAID THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE SUBDIVISION; EVERYTHING IS FINE. SOMETHING THEY PROBABLY NEED TO INCLUDE IN THE UPCOMING REVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IS TO INCLUDE ON THE PLAT THE POSITIONS OF MAILBOXES AND OTHER STRUCTURES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT TOO CLOSE TO THE RIGHT OF WAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THESE ROADS HAVE JUST BEEN BUILT. LINDA SAID THESE ARE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ROADS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID CLIFF WAS JUST APPROVING THE ROADS AND THE BOARD WILL ACTUALLY JUST ACCEPT THEM FOR MAINTENANCE A YEAR AFTERWARDS.

CLIFF SAID THE ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE CAME UP AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR; HE GAVE THE DEVELOPER A PUNCH LIST IN DECEMBER, THE DEVELOPER CALLED HIM IN JANUARY AND IT WAS ALL GOOD TO GO. HOWEVER, IT WAS NEVER BROUGHT TO THE BOARD. IT HAS REALLY BEEN SITTING IN GOOD SHAPE SINCE JANUARY OF 2009.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THEY WERE NOT GOING TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROADS UNLESS THE MAILBOXES ARE REMOVED.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE UPDATING OF THE COUNTY'S COMP PLAN. SHE REPORTED THEY HAVE FARMED OUT THE HOUSING ELEMENT TO CLIFF'S PLANNER TO COMPLETE DUE TO THE COMPLICATION OF THE TABLES INVOLVED, ETC.

LINDA UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PROBLEM THEY WERE HAVING WAS ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE REASON FOR GASB WAS TO SET UP A ROUTINE WHERE THE COUNTY'S BUDGET WAS TIED INTO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; THIS HAS NOT SEEMED

TO WORK YET IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY ON FINANCIAL ISSUES THEY SHOULD HAVE; THAT SHOULD BE FURNISHED BY A CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT OR THE FINANCE OFFICE. THEY HAVE SENT REQUESTS UP TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE WAITING ON A RESPONSE FROM THAT AGENCY.

SHE ADDRESSED THE SECOND PROBLEM IS THE TOWN OF CARYVILLE; APPARENTLY THEY HAVE NOT KEPT ANY FINANCIAL RECORDS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. SHE THINKS THEY ARE NOW WORKING TO PUT TOGETHER THOSE RECORDS AND SHE HAS ASKED THEY TRY AND HAVE SOMETHING TO HER BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

BASICALLY ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, OTHER THAN HEARING FROM THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES ON THEIR PENDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE STATUS OF THEIR OLD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, THEY ARE PRETTY WELL READY TO GO WITH IT.

SHE REQUESTED A JOINT WORKSHOP BE HELD FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLANNING COMMISSION, THE DIFFERENT CITIES AND AGENCIES. THEY WILL BE REVIEWING THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM NOT KNOWING HOW YOU COULD GO OUT AND PLAN FIVE TO TEN YEARS OUT ON THE FINANCING OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY IN TODAY'S ECONOMY. HE ASKED LINDA IF SHE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH SOMEBODY THAT HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED IT.

LINDA SAID YOU WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST AND COMPARE IT TO WHAT YOU HAVE ON HAND OR BUDGETED BY LINE ITEM FOR EACH PARTICULAR PROJECT. THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF GASB WAS TO TIE THE TWO TOGETHER AND THE COUNTY HASN'T QUITE GOTTEN TO THAT POINT YET WHERE THEY ARE TYING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE IN WITH THE BUDGET. IN CHECKING WITH WAKULLA COUNTY AND JACKSON COUNTY, NORMALLY THIS IS DONE BY A CPA OR A TRAINED FINANCE OFFICER. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN UPDATING IT FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS; BUT, THIS IS A MAJOR OVERHAUL TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT SO IT REQUIRES A LITTLE MORE INDEPTH ATTENTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF LINDA HAD THE WFRPC INVOLVED WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE. LINDA SAID SHE CALLS WFRPC WHEN SHE HAS A QUESTION; BUT, THE COUNTY HASN'T RENEWED THEIR CONTRACT WITH WFRPC AND THEY WILL NOT COME FORWARD AND HELP UNLESS THE CONTRACT IS RENEWED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF HE HAD CONTACTED WFRPC AS HE HAD TALKED ABOUT THIS A MONTH OR SO AGO OR WAS MR. HERBERT WAITING ON WFRPC TO CONTACT HIM.

MR. HERBERT STATED HE HAD NOT TALKED TO THE PLANNING COUNCIL.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED TO CALL WFRPC TO GET THE INFORMATION LINDA NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK FELT WFRPC WAS A VIABLE SERVICE FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

LINDA SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH THE SCHEDULING OF THE WORKSHOPS AND GO STRAIGHT INTO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN OCTOBER. SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THE ELEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 1ST OF DECEMBER IF POSSIBLE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD A JOINT WORKSHOP ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TWO BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE ELECTRICAL ON THE MUDHILL LANDFILL REMEDIATION PROJECT:

1. HART ELECTRICAL \$54,000
2. WISE CONSTRUCTION \$56,000

HE WILL BE RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD ON THURSDAY TO AWARD IT TO THE LOW BIDDER. HE EXPLAINED THIS BID WAS FOR ALL THE CONTROL PANELS, WIRING FOR THE PUMPS, BASICALLY EVERYTHING TO RUN THE AERATION SYSTEM.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE LOW BIDDER BEING FROM JACKSONVILLE AND THE OTHER BEING A LOCAL VENDOR. CLIFF EXPLAINED THE BOARD HAS THE OPTION TO DO WHAT THEY WANT; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS A LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. THEY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

1. CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS REQUESTED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TED EVERETT AND TOMMY MEADE TO THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

2. CRWDB HAS A CONSORTIUM BOARD. MR. HERBERT ADVISED HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE AND THEY WANT TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO CONTINUE AS A REPRESENTATIVE AND WHO WOULD BE DESIGNATED. COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED TO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON THE CRWDB CONSORTIUM BOARD.

3. PANHANDLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE SYSTEM HAS REQUESTED THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MERLE JONES AS WASHINGTON COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

4. LINDA NORTON HAS REQUESTED THE CLOSING OF THE LIBRARIES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

A. CHIPLEY LIBRARY, SEPTEMBER 8-11, INVENTORY AND DATA BASE CLEAN UP

B. VERNON LIBRARY, SEPTEMBER 9 & 11, INVENTORY

C. WAUSAU LIBRARY, SEPTEMBER 10, INVENTORY

5. THE TDC HAS REQUESTED TRUDEE WILLS BE APPOINTED TO SERVE SEAT #5 FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM.

6. MEDICAL EXAMINER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR \$59,742.45

7. BRYANT, MILLER AND OLIVE ATTORNEY FIRM IS WILLING TO SERVE AGAIN AS THE VAB ATTORNEY. THE BOARD WILL NEED TO RENEW THEIR CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2009 VAB PROCEEDINGS.

8. WALTON COUNTY IS REQUESTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION OF FLORIDA; THEY ARE SENDING LETTERS TO WASHINGTON DC ASKING FOR THIS DESIGNATION. THEY ARE ASKING THE BOARD SEND LETTERS TO NICK RAHALL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON DC, DOC HASTINGS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON DC, BYRON DORGAN, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE AND JOHN BARRASSO, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE. THE LETTERS ARE PREPARED AND THE BOARD WILL NEED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM.

9. WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP ASSOCIATION HAS ASKED IF THEY COULD RENT SOME SPACE OFF THE MUDHILL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. RANDALL TRUETTE HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH TY PEEL, WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC, AND THEY HAVE PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP TO ALLOW THEM TO MOUNT THEIR ANTENNA AND USE THE COUNTY'S EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING; IN EXCHANGE WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC IS WILLING TO PROVIDE A GENERATOR AND MAINTENANCE TO THE GENERATOR AND PAY \$50 PER MONTH FOR RENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THIS IS THE TOWER THAT IS DOWN. RANDALL ADVISED IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THAT TOWER HAS BEEN DOWN FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS AND IT NEEDS ATTENTION BADLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED RANDALL IF THIS AGREEMENT WAS GOING TO FIX THE TOWER. RANDALL SAID IT WOULD FIX THE POWER PROBLEM; THE GENERATOR IN THE TOWER IS BROKEN DOWN ALL THE TIME. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BUY A GENERATOR OR ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC

COOP AND THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THE GENERATOR AND PAY THE COUNTY \$50 RENT PER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHO MAINTAINED THE SERVICE ON THE MUDHILL TOWER.

RANDALL REPORTED IF IT IS THE GENERATOR AT THE TOWER, THEY HAVE A CONTRACT PERSON FOR THE MAINTENANCE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE LAST HE WAS TOLD THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET ANYONE TO CLIMB THE TOWER.

RANDALL SAID YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE TO CLIMB THE TOWER; BUT, THEY DON'T HAVE A NEED TO CLIMB THE TOWER. HE SAID HE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS TALKING ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE KEEPS TALKING ABOUT THESE COUNTY HAND-HELD RADIOES. RANDALL EXPLAINED THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE TOWER. COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHERE DID THE SIGNAL COME FROM.

RANDALL EXPLAINED THE SIGNAL CAME FROM THE REPEATER. HE JUST RECEIVED WORD LAST WEEK THE ROAD AND BRIDGE REPEATER WAS TORN UP; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BUY A REPEATER. FIRST COMMUNICATIONS HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE REPEATER PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE THE REPEATER OUT RIGHT NOW AND THERE IS A LOANER AT THE TOWER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING ROAD AND BRIDGE EMPLOYEES ON THEIR RADIOES. WHEN HE WENT TO THEM, HE WAS TOLD THEY COULD HEAR HIM BUT THEY COULDN'T RESPOND. HE IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

RANDALL SAID THE PROBLEM IS THE HANDHELD RADIOES; THEY ARE DEPENDING ON A FOUR WATT HANDHELD RADIO TO TALK OUT OF A ROAD GRADER AND IT WON'T WORK. YOU WON'T BUY ONE THAT WILL WORK. IF THE COUNTY WANTS GOOD COMMUNICATIONS, BUY GOOD RADIOES AND PUT THEM ON THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED THAT IS ALL ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS EVER HAD. HE IS TRYING TO GET BETTER COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OUT IN THE FIELD; MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE THEIR OWN CELL PHONES AND HAVE THE NUMBERS IN THEM.

RANDALL SAID WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE OF THE TRUCKS, GRADERS, ETC., GET A LIST OF WHAT THEY NEED, GET WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE AND THEY CAN TELL YOU WHAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BUY AND HE GUARANTEES IT WON'T BE HANDHELD RADIOES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT PUTTING FIFTY WATT RADIOES IN THE GRADERS LIKE THE TRUCKS ARE RUNNING.

RANDALL SAID THE WAY THEY CAN FIX THE PROBLEM IS GET A NEW REPEATER AND HIGHER POWERED RADIOES IN THE EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS JUST TRYING TO GET WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET GOOD SERVICE.

RANDALL EXPLAINED THAT HAS NEVER BEEN ADDRESSED TO HIM OTHER THAN WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS SPOKEN TO HIM ABOUT. IT IS NOT A PART OF THE COMMUNICATIONS; EMS DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF ROAD AND BRIDGE. EMS TAKES CARE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MALCOLM IF THEY JUST HAD A BEEP-BEEP RADIO IN A MOTORGRADER, WOULD THAT WORK. MALCOLM SAID IF YOU HAVE A SIGNAL.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE SIGNAL IS THE PROBLEM OR THE POWER. RANDALL SAID THE EMPLOYEE CAN RECEIVE; BUT, YOU ARE ONLY TRANSMITTING OUT WITH A FOUR WATT. WHAT THE EMPLOYEE IS HEARING IS A HUNDRED WATT COMING FROM THE REPEATER TO THE HANDHELD RADIO; BUT, THEY ARE ONLY TRANSMITTING BACK WITH A FOUR WATT AND IT IS JUST NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO REACH THAT TOWER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED COULDN'T THEY JUST PUT A REGULAR RADIO IN THE EQUIPMENT. MALCOLM SAID IF YOU GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A NEXTELL, THERE

WOULD BE A REOCCURRING MONTHLY COST WHEREAS THE HANDHELD RADIO DOESN'T HAVE A REOCCURRING COST.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED JUST GIVING THE EMPLOYEES A BEEP BEEP AND THEN THEY COULD BEEP THE EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY NEEDED TO TALK TO THEM. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE JUST WANTED THIS PROBLEM ADDRESSED AS THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE GRADERS ARE AT; YOU CAN'T EVEN TALK TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WASN'T THERE A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE THAT COULD ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. RANDALL SAID THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE COULD ADDRESS IT; BUT, THEY CAN'T USE THEIR FUNDS. THE COMMITTEE COULD TELL THEM WHAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO FIX THEIR PROBLEM.

ROGER SUGGESTED MOUNTING A SPEAKER ON THE BACK OF THE MOTORGRADER AND HAVE A MOBILE UNIT JUST LIKE THEY GOT IN THE TRUCKS.

RANDALL SAID THE EMPLOYEE IS HAVING A PROBLEM TALKING BACK AND SPEAKERS, ETC. IS NOT GOING TO IMPROVE THE CALL BACK. ROGER SAID THE MOBILE TO MOBILE WOULD BE BIGGER THAN FOUR WATTS. RANDALL SAID A MOBILE WOULD HELP; AGAIN, IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHERE THE EMPLOYEE IS AT. THERE WOULD STILL BE DEAD SPOTS; BUT, HE FELT LIKE 95% OF THE AREA, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK IF THEY HAD GOOD MOBILE RADIOS WITH GOOD ANTENNAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT THE COST FOR THE MOBILE UNITS WOULD BE. RANDALL SAID WITH INSTALLATION, ETC., EACH ONE WOULD COST AROUND A \$1,000.

MALCOLM SAID THE COUNTY COULD PAY THE REOCCURRING COST OF A NEXTELL RADIO FOR FOUR YEARS FOR \$1,000.

RANDALL SUGGESTED BEFORE THE COUNTY MAKES ANY PURCHASES, LET THE EMPLOYEES TRY A NEXTELL AND A MOBILE UNIT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD RATHER GO WITH THE MOBILE UNITS BECAUSE THE AREAS THEY WORK IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY HAVE DEAD AREAS AND AT CERTAIN TIMES, THE NEXTELL DON'T WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO YEARS AGO THEY HAD DEAD AREAS WITH THE RADIOS AND THEY WERE WITH SOUTHERN LINC. HE ASKED IF THEY STILL HAVE DEAD AREAS WITH THE RADIOS WITH NEXTELL. RANDALL SAID THERE ARE A FEW DEAD AREAS; BUT, THEY HAVE IMPROVED ON THEIR TOWERS A LOT. HE ONLY KNOWS OF ONE OR TWO AREAS IN THE COUNTY HE EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY WITH DEAD AREAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED RANDALL AND THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ADDRESS THE PROBLEM WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS AT PUBLIC WORKS AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE BOARD.

RANDALL REITERATED THE COUNTY NEEDS TO WORK ON BUYING A NEW REPEATER FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE.

10. PREBLE-RISH INVOICES-A \$30,582.50 INVOICE HAVING TO DO WITH THE FEMA PROJECTS; A \$12,750 INVOICE ON THE FALLING WATERS MULTI- USE PROJECT. HE WILL BE ASKING THE BOARD TO APPROVE THESE INVOICES.

11. AT THE LAST MEETING, MR. JOHN LITTLE FROM HOLMES COUNTY REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT. THE BOARD TABLED ACTION AND HE WAS GOING TO BRING THIS UP AGAIN ON THURSDAY IF THEY ARE READY TO ADDRESS IT. THE BOARD REQUESTED MR. HERBERT GET THEM MORE INFORMATION ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT.

12. LAMAR SIKES LITIGATION-BRYAN DIFFIE, THE ATTORNEY REPRESENT- ING THE COUNTY IN THE LAMAR SIKES CASE HAS REQUESTED THE BOARD HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 13, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.; HOWEVER, RON POTTS IS UNAVAILABLE THAT DAY. THEY WANT TO TRY AND SCHEDULE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR OCTOBER 20TH AT 9:00 A.M. THE BOARD CONSENTED THEY COULD MEET ON THAT DATE.

13. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS

REQUESTING A WORKSHOP BE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED THEY WOULD ADDRESS THE UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE AT THEIR BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY. AL GOTHARD ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THIS AND ASKED IF THEY COULDN'T TALK ABOUT ANYTHING TODAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY DON'T REALLY WANT TO AND ASKED IF IT WAS IMPORTANT. MR. GOTHARD SAID IT MAY BE SOMETHING HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT IT WAS WITH MR. GOTHARD STATING IT WAS ABOUT FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO DISCUSS THIS. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WANTED TO CALL FOR A RECOMMENDATION ON THURSDAY WHETHER THE FIRECHIEFS WANTED A FIRE COORDINATOR ON BOARD OR NOT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM ANY DIRECTION YET TO GO BACK TO IT; SO, THIS NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE HAD SOMETHING ON HIS PART ABOUT THE FIRECHIEF'S REQUEST FOR A LIASON TO THE FIRE COMMITTEE.

MR. GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE CONTRACTS ARE COMING UP ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. NOW THAT THEY HAVE HEARD FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE MEETING THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD WAS NULL AND VOID AND THE EIGHT FIREMEN THEY FIRED AT THE MEETING IS STILL IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS THE STATE ATTORNEY IS CONCERNED.

GOTHARD SAID THE EIGHT FIREMEN ARE ASKING, SINCE THEY ARE SEPARATED, THEY HAVE EIGHT FIREMEN ON STANDBY READY TO TAKE OVER THAT AGREEMENT, CONTRACT OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT; THREE OF THEM ARE FIRE FIGHTER II CERTIFIED, TWO OF THEM ARE FIRE FIGHTER I CERTIFIED, TWO OF THEM ARE CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL AND ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT CLASS. ALSO, IN THAT, THERE IS ONE PARAMEDIC AND THREE EMT'S. WHAT THEY ARE OFFERING IS A CERTIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SUNNY HILLS FOR THE SAME AGREEMENT THE COUNTY HAS WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT OTHER THAN NO ONE ON THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE PAY. THEY KNOW GLEN HAS JUST GOTTEN \$3,000 OUT OF THIS LAST DRAW AND HE CAN PROVE THAT ON THURSDAY; THAT WENT IN HIS POCKET. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONLY GOT \$7,000 SO THAT IS NEARLY HALF OF THEIR DRAW. HE ASKED THE BOARD, BETWEEN NOW AND THURSDAY, TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT. THE EIGHT FIREMEN ARE STANDING HERE AND READY TO TAKE IT OVER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD WANT BE APPROVING ANYTHING ON THE FIRE AGREEMENTS ON THURSDAY. MR. GOTHARD SAID THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE AGREEMENTS THIS MONTH OR THEY WILL ROLL ON OVER TO NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID MR. GOTHARD WAS EXACTLY RIGHT; BUT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THURSDAY.

MR. GOTHARD SAID IF THE BOARD DOESN'T TAKE ACTION ON THURSDAY, THEY HAVE JUST AGREED TO ANOTHER YEAR WITH THEM. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID NOT NECESSARILY; THEY COULD HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE AGREEMENTS.

MR. GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD IS HAVING A MEETING ON THURSDAY; THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROBLEM AND THEY HAVE WAITED FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY. GOTHARD SAID HE HAS BEEN BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION SEVERAL TIMES AND HE IS JUST SAYING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY, THERE ARE CERTIFIED FIREMEN WILLING TO TAKE THAT AGREEMENT; CURRENTLY, THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ONLY ONE CERTIFIED FIREMAN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. GOTHARD HE APPRECIATES HIS OFFER AND FOR MR. GOTHARD'S INFORMATION, THE AGREEMENTS ARE BEING LOOKED AT RIGHT NOW.

MR. GOTHARD REITERATED IF THE BOARD DOESN'T RENEW THE AGREEMENT, IT GOES INTO ANOTHER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON MR. BATER WANTING THE SPEED LIMIT LOWERED ON CLAYTON ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO FALLING WATERS ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 35 MPH.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON IT PROBABLY NOT GOING TO DO ANY GOOD TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT SOUNDED LIKE AN ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSING MR. BATER HAS TRIED THIS AND HE DIDN'T THINK THE SHERIFF HAS GONE DOWN AND STAYED FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THERE IS A PROBLEM AND THERE IS A LOT OF HOUSES IN THAT AREA. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO GIVE MR. BATER'S REQUEST TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD SOME THOUGHT. HE ASKED THE COUNTY ENGINEER IF THE COUNTY HAD TO DO A SPEED STUDY TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT. CLIFF SAID THEY DIDN'T.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD HAD TALKED ABOUT THE FUNDS FOR THE SUNNY HILLS BUILDING. THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO NEED SOME HELP FROM ALL THE CREWS WHEN THEY GET READY TO DO THE PARKING LOT AS THEY WANT TO GET IT DONE AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN. THE SAME THING FOR THE NEW EOC; DROP WHAT THEY ARE DOING, GO IN THERE AND DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND GET OUT OF THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED MR. HERBERT IF HE HAD TURNED THE ISSUE WITH THE CHARLOTTE YATES PROPERTY OVER TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

MR. HERBERT SAID HE HAS TALKED WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ABOUT IT AND HE THINKS NEGOTIATING WITH HER WOULD BE THE BEST AVENUE; HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT TALKED WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY ABOUT SENDING HER A LETTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THIS IS A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT GOT OVERLOOKED WHEN THEY PAVED QUAIL HOLLOW; THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF THE CORNER THERE CLIPPED ON THE CURVE. THE COUNTY DIDN'T GET AN EASEMENT FOR IT AND NOW NEED TO SETTLE WITH HER.

MR. HERBERT SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DEAL WITH MS. YATES AS MS. YATES HAS SAID SHE HAS AN ATTORNEY AND SHE DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO TALK TO ME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT THE BOARD SHOULD DO SOME COMMUNICATION WITH MS. YATES AND TELL HER A LETTER IS COMING AND TOLD MR. HERBERT IF HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, HE WOULD AS THERE NEEDS TO BE CLOSURE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED TO CALL MS. YATES AND LET HER KNOW ATTORNEY HOLLEY WILL BE SENDING A LETTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN THEY HAD THE FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REQUESTED THEY HAVE A LIASON FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO MEET WITH THEM AND DISCUSS THE FIRE REPORT AND ISSUES THEY HAVE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED IF THERE IS ANY COMMISSIONER THAT IS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS LIASON TO THE WCFA.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SPEAK TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ON THURSDAY TO SEE IF HE WOULD SERVE AS LIASON TO THE WCFA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED AT LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING, SAL ZURICA CAME AND QUESTIONED THE BOARD ON SEVERAL ITEMS AND ASKED THE STATUS OF WHERE WE ARE IN PROVIDING HIM WITH ANSWERS.

MR. HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD SENT MR. ZURICA A LETTER ANSWERING ALL THE QUESTIONS EXCEPT ON TWO THINGS. THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MADE PAYMENTS

ON THE PARKING LOT AT BOAT LAKE; THE BOARD WAIVED THAT LAST YEAR AND SAL WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WERE GOING TO WAIVE THAT AGAIN THIS YEAR. THIS WILL BE UP TO THE BOARD. AS FAR AS THE SECOND THING, HE NOR SAL COULD REMEMBER AT THE MOMENT WHAT THAT WAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MR. ZURICA IF HE WASN'T HAPPY WITH THE SERVICE HE IS GETTING TO LET THE BOARD KNOW. SAL ADDRESSED MR. HERBERT HAD SENT HIM A LETTER; BUT, IT HAD SOME DISCREPANCIES IN IT. HE WILL ADDRESS THIS AT THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL PASSED THE EVALUATION FORMS FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER OUT TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED THEY BE TURNED IN BY SEPTEMBER 8TH.

SAL SAID THE SECOND THING MR. HERBERT DIDN'T RESPOND TO WAS THE MSBU PAYING THE UTILITY BILL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, EMORY PITTS, BUILDING OFFICIAL, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON PROPOSED PERMIT FEES AND THE PERMIT FEES AS OF MAY OF 1996, WHICH IS THE LAST TIME THERE WAS A CHANGE IN PERMIT FEES FOR SUB-PERMITS. THEY ARE NOT PROPOSING A CHANGE TO THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES AS THIS WAS LOOKED AT A YEAR OR YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND BROUGHT IT UP TO DATE AT THAT TIME. THE PERMIT FEES THEY ARE REQUESTING BE INCREASED IS THE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, GAS AND ROOFING. HE REFERRED TO SOME OF THE FEES BEING WAY OUT OF WHACK AND SOME OF THEM NEEDED A DIFFERENT METHOD OF COLLECTING FEES. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE; WITH THE PLUMBING FEES, IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE ON HOW MANY FIXTURES YOU HAD IN A BATHROOM, THE OLD FEES WERE COLLECTED AT \$25 PER BATHROOM OR \$25 PER KITCHEN. THEY ARE CORRECTING THIS TO CHARGE A BASE FEE TO ISSUE THE PERMIT AND A FEE TO COLLECT FOR EACH FIXTURE LOCATED IN THE BATHROOM. IT ALSO ALLOWS A FEE BE CHARGED FOR EXTRA SINKS AND LABORATORIES, ETC.; THERE MAY NOT BE A KITCHEN IN THE HOUSE BUT IT MAY HAVE A SINK IN THE GARAGE OR ON THE BACK PORCH AND THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE LETS THEM COLLECT A FEE FOR THAT. THE RESIDENTIAL FEE IS A LITTLE OVER \$3.00 PER FIXTURE AFTER THE BASE FEE; THEY ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT A LARGE AMOUNT.

MR. PITTS SAID HE WOULD EXPECT WITH PRELIMINARY CALCULATIONS, THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FEES WOULD COLLECT APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 TO \$30,000 IN FEES FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PER YEAR. STILL, WITHOUT THE ECONOMY GETTING SOMEWHAT BETTER, THIS IS NOT GOING TO GET THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OUT OF THE RED; BUT, IT IS A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

HE TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD LEAVE THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE WITH THEM AND THEY COULD GET BACK WITH HIM INDIVIDUALLY AND LET HIM KNOW THEIR THOUGHTS ON IT. HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE EFFORT OF ADVERTISING IF THE BOARD IS NOT INTERESTED.

JERRY BROCK QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS BASED ON SURROUNDING AREAS OR COUNTIES.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY HAD LOOKED AT JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY; WASHINGTON COUNTY IS BASICALLY IN LINE WITH JACKSON COUNTY AND PRETTY MUCH IN LINE WITH HOLMES COUNTY WITH THE PROPOSED FEES.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY COMMISSIONER PATE ON WHAT FEES HE WAS PROPOSING TO CHANGE, MR. PITTS ADVISED EVERY PERMIT FEE WOULD CHANGE EXCEPT THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

HE EXPLAINED A 500 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION WOULD COST \$175 IN PERMIT FEES; IT PRESENTLY DOESN'T COST ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE HOMEOWNER WOULD HAVE TO PULL THAT PERMIT; NOT JUST ANYBODY CAN DO IT. MR. PITTS SAID THAT IS THE BIG ISSUE THEY ARE GETTING INTO; THE HOMEOWNERS DON'T PULL A PERMIT AS THEY ARE

EXEMPT FROM HAVING TO PULL A PERMIT UNDER THE CURRENT CODE AND THEY HAVE CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS TELLING THE HOMEOWNER TO CALL AND SAY THEY ARE DOING THE WORK AND THEY WILL DO IT FOR THE HOMEOWNER. THEN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT ENDS UP ANSWERING COMPLAINTS LATER WHEN THE WORK WASN'T DONE PROPERLY. THERE IS SOME SERIOUS ISSUES WITH THE 500' ADDITION; IF SOMEONE PUTS IT ON THE BACK OF THE HOUSE AND BLOCKS OFF THE EMERGENCY ACCESS, CLOSE OFF THE WINDOWS OF AN EXISTING BEDROOM AND BLOCK EMERGENCY EGRESS. MR. PITTS SAID, IN HIS OPINION, THE COUNTY IS VIOLATING THE STATE STATUTE BY CONTINUING WITH THE EXEMPTION OF THE 500 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION. HE HAS AN OPINION FROM THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION THAT AGREES WITH HIM. HE THINKS THE COUNTY IS LIABLE BY NOT ENFORCING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; ESPECIALLY IF SOMEONE MAKES THAT ADDITION AND TURNS AROUND AND SALES THE HOUSE AND THE HOUSE DOESN'T MEET THE BUILDING CODE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED AN ISSUE MR. PITTS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. A LOT OF TIMES PEOPLE WILL ASK FOR POWER FOR THEIR WELL ON THEIR PROPERTY TO WATER LIVESTOCK OR EITHER GROW A CROP AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW THEY ARE OUT THERE BUILDING A HOUSE WITH NO PERMIT OR PULL IN A CAMPER TRAILER TO LIVE IN.

MR. PITTS REPORTED HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON FOUR HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT ANY PERMITTING. THAT IS ANOTHER CONFUSING THING ABOUT THE 500 SQUARE FOOT EXEMPTION; MOST PEOPLE ARE USING IT AS AN EXCUSE SAYING THEY DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD TO HAVE A PERMIT, THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD BUILD IT AS LONG AS THEY BUILD IT THEMSELVES WITHOUT A PERMIT. HE REITERATED THERE ARE FOUR HOUSES THAT ARE BUILT WITHOUT PERMITS; THREE OF THEM ARE PULLING POWER FROM A 200 AMP POLE THAT WAS PLACED ON THEIR PROPERTY FOR THEM TO WATER THEIR LIVESTOCK OR FRUIT TREES. THE PEOPLE SIGN AFFIDAVITS TO THAT AFFECT WHEN THEY ARE PERMITTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THESE TYPE PERMITS IN GENERAL SUPPOSE TO BE TEMPORARY PERMITS. HE THOUGHT ONCE SOMEONE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT FOR A WELL, IT CAN BE PULLED IF IT IS A DWELLING. MR. PITTS HAD THE AUTHORITY TO PULL THE POWER IF THE PEOPLE BUILD A DWELLING.

MR. PITTS SAID HE DID HAVE THAT AUTHORITY AND THEY HAVE GIVEN NOTIFICATION TO SEVERAL PEOPLE THEY WERE GOING TO CUT THEIR POWER; ONCE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DOES THIS, THE POWER COMPANY NOTIFIES THE PEOPLE AND THE POWER COMPANY GIVES THEM AN ADDITIONAL TEN DAYS. WHAT IS HAPPENING, SOMETIMES THE POWER COMPANY IS SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD THESE LINES INTO THESE PLACES TO GET THEM POWER AND IT IS UNFAIR TO THE POWER COMPANY TO COME BACK SIX MONTHS LATER AND PULL THE POWER BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO WAY TO RECOUP THEIR MONEY. THE POLICY THEY HAVE BEEN GOING BY LATELY IS IF YOU HAVE AN ACRE OR TWO OF LAND, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO PUT A POLE OUT THERE FOR YOU TO WATER YOUR LIVESTOCK. THIS CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF A PERSON THAT WANTED POWER TO WATER HIS HORSES. MR. PITTS SAID WHEN HE WENT AND LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY, THERE WAS A FENCE ACROSS IN FRONT OF HIS PROPERTY AND THAT WAS THE ONLY PLACE IT WAS FENCED; THE PROPERTY WAS COMPLETELY COVERED IN PINES AND SCRUB OAKS. MR. PITTS REPLY TO THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS WHEN HE FENCED THE PROPERTY AND CLEARED IT FOR PASTURE, THEY WOULD GIVE HIM WATER TO WATER HIS HORSES WITH. THE PERSON CALLED BACK A FEW DAYS LATER AND SAID HE DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO CLEAR HIS WHOLE PROPERTY, HE JUST WANTED TO PUT A CORRAL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY. MR. PITTS SAID HE TOLD THE PERSON IF HE WAS GOING TO HAVE HORSES CORRALLLED, SOMEONE IS GOING TO HAVE TO FEED THEM DAILY AND IF HE WASN'T GOING TO BE ON THAT PROPERTY, THEN NOBODY IS GOING TO BE THERE TO

TAKE CARE OF HIS HORSES AND THIS WOULD CREATE OTHER PROBLEMS. THE PERSON THEN TELLS HIM HE LIVES IN KENTUCKY AND HE HAD A MOTOR HOME HE WAS GOING TO BRING DOWN HERE AND BE THERE TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HORSES. MR. PITTS SAID THE COUNTY HAS ORDINANCES THAT SAY YOU CAN'T LIVE IN A MOTOR HOME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER AND THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUT THERE; YOU HAVE LITTLE TRAVEL TRAILERS PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN ALL OVER THE COUNTY, TENTS.

MR. PITTS, IN HIS OPINION, SAID THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING IN THESE TRAVEL TRAILERS ARE USING THE COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, USING THE ROADS TEARING THEM UP, USING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND THE FIRE SERVICE AND ARE PAYING NO TAXES AND NO IMPACT FEE. A PERSON THAT DOES IT RIGHT AND BUILDS THEM A HOUSE ARE PAYING THE IMPACT FEES AND AD VALOREM TAXES.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED THE \$66 A SQUARE FOOT IS HOW THEY VALUE RESIDENTIAL; BUT, ON COMMERCIAL, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE BUILDING IS, AND GAVE AN EXAMPLE A WAREHOUSE MAY BE WORTH \$80 OR \$90 A SQUARE FOOT AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IS ALLOWED TO USE 70% OF THAT AS VALUE. IF IT IS A BIG CONCRETE STRUCTURE, IT MIGHT BE VALUED AT \$120 A SQUARE FOOT AND THEY WOULD USE 70% OF THAT BACK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF MR. PITTS HAS MENTIONED THIS TO ANY CONTRACTORS. MR. PITTS SAID THEY HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME AND HAVE CONTRACTORS TELL THEM ALL THE TIME, WASHINGTON COUNTY IS CHEAPER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHEN THE NEXT CONTRACTORS MEETING WAS. MR. PITTS SAID THEY HAVE THE CONTRACTORS MEETING AS NEEDED WITH A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS WITHOUT A MEETING AND HE IS SURE IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR A MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED TAKING THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASES BEFORE THE CONTRACTORS AND SEE WHAT THE BUILDERS THINK. HE PERSONALLY DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE AS LONG AS IT IS WITHIN THE PLAYING FIELD OF JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED AS LONG AS THE COUNTY IS WORKING WITH THE COUNTIES OF COMPARABLE SIZE.

MR. PITTS RE-ADDRESSED THE 500 SQUARE FOOT EXEMPTION. HE REITERATED HE FELT LIKE THE COUNTY NEEDED TO DO AWAY WITH IT. IT IS CREATING MORE PROBLEMS THAN ANY BENEFIT IT COULD GIVE ANYBODY. THE PERMIT FEE WOULD BE \$175. YOU COULD TAKE A PERFECTLY, WELL BUILT, LEGAL HOUSE AND ADD A 500 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION TO IT AND IF IT IS NOT DONE PROPERLY, YOU WOULD HAVE RUINED THAT ENTIRE HOUSE. ALSO, IF PERSONS ADD BEDROOMS, THEY NEED TO PUT SMOKE DETECTORS IN THEM AND THEY NEED TO BE TIED INTO THE EXISTING HOUSE. THEY CERTAINLY DON'T NEED TO BLOCK EGRESS FROM THE REST OF THE HOUSE. HE SAID JACKSON COUNTY DID AWAY WITH THIS RULE TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO. HOLMES COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY EXEMPTIONS. MR. PITTS SAID THE ONLY THING THAT SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING, IN HIS OPINION, IS ANYTHING LESS THAN A 120 SQUARE FOOT STORAGE BUILDING. WITH THAT, THEY ASK PEOPLE TO ANCHOR IT SO IT DOESN'T BLOW INTO ANYONE ELSE'S HOUSE IN CASE OF A HIGH STORM.

MR. PITTS SAID HE HAS SPOKEN TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY THIS MORNING AND HE BASICALLY TOLD HIM THE BOARD NEEDS TO HANDLE THIS HOWEVER THEY WANT TO HANDLE IT. HE WAS ASKING HOLLEY FOR ADVICE ON THIS AND ASKED IF AN ORDINANCE IS NEEDED TO DO AWAY WITH THE 500 SQUARE FOOT EXEMPTION. PITTS SAID HE GUESSED THERE IS CONFUSION BECAUSE THE STATE STATUTE OVER

RIDES AN ORDINANCE AND HE BELIEVES, IN HIS OPINION, THE STATUTE OVER RODE THE COUNTY ORDINANCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT THE COUNTY HAS STILL BEEN HONORING IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED, THE BOARD ADOPTED IT UNDER THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE; FOR YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER THAT UNTIL THE STATE RE-EVALUATED AND PUT EVERYBODY UNDER THE SAME GOVERNING.

MR. PITTS SAID IN 2001, FLORIDA CREATED A FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES WERE GIVEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO ADOPT THE CODE AND IF THEY DIDN'T, IT WAS AUTOMATICALLY ADOPTED BY THE STATE FOR THEM WHICH IS WHAT HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE BEST HE CAN TELL, IT WAS NEVER ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE. THAT IS HIS QUESTION. AT THIS POINT, DOES THE BOARD WANT TO GO BACK AND ADOPT THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE OR CREATE AN ORDINANCE THAT DOES AWAY WITH THE 500 SQUARE FOOT RULE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED MR. PITTS HOW DOES THAT AFFECT THE COUNTY BY ADOPTING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE.

MR. PITTS SAID HE THINKS THE COUNTY CAN ADOPT IT; IT REALLY IS A TRIVIAL THING AT THIS POINT BECAUSE IT WAS ADOPTED FOR THE COUNTY BACK IN 2001.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT PUTS THE COUNTY ON THE LEVELLING FIELD WITH DADE COUNTY; IT PUTS THEM IN THE SAME CATEGORY WITH THEM ON WIND SPEED.

MR. PITTS SAID IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE COUNTY'S WIND SPEED; WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD STILL BE AT A 120 MPH WINDSPEED. THAT WAS CREATED BY THE STATE SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND THEY HAVE BEEN GOING BY THAT FOR YEARS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT BAY COUNTY'S WIND SPEED WAS? MR. PITTS SAID SOUTH OF THE LINE IS 130 MPH WIND SPEED AND 140 MPH WIND SPEED ON THE COAST. WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS ONE SMALL SECTION OF EBRO THAT IS 130 MPH WIND SPEED; THE ONLY THING THAT DOES IS THEY HAD TO WIND BORN DEBRIS COVERAGE ON THE WINDOWS AND DOORS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED HOW THAT WOULD AFFECT THE OVERALL OPERATIONS OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT BY ADOPTING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE.

MR. PITTS SAID THE ONLY THING IT WOULD AFFECT IS PERMITTING THINGS THAT ARE LESS THAN 500 SQUARE FEET; THEY WOULDN'T EXEMPT THIS ANYMORE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE COUNTY DOES AWAY WITH THE 500 SQUARE FOOT RULE, WOULD THEY HAVE TO DO IT BY ORDINANCE. MR. HERBERT SAID BOARD ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE 500 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION RULE FROM PERMITTING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THE COUNTY ADOPTED THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, IT SUPERCEDES THE COUNTY ORDINANCE RIGHT. MR. PITTS SAID THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE WAS ADOPTED FOR THE COUNTY BY THE STATE; BUT, HE IS NOT AN ATTORNEY SO HE DOESN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT TO BUILD A PORCH. MR. PITTS SAID IF YOU HAVE A ROOF ON IT YOU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT; A DECK DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT. AT THIS TIME, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT DOESN'T PERMIT DECKS OR DOCKS; THEY ARE PERMITTED BY FL-DEP IS THEY ARE UNDERWATER.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED POLE BARN, MINI WAREHOUSES; THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. PITTS DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING WHETHER IT IS OPEN OR GOING TO BE CLOSED, ETC. THAT HAS BEEN A BIG THORN IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S SIDE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE IF SOMEONE WERE TO GO AND PUT UP A HAYBARN, PUT HAY IN IT ONE YEAR; THE NEXT TIME THE

BUILDING OFFICIAL GOES BY THERE, THEY ARE CLOSING IT IN AND MAKING A ROOM OUT OF IT, HAVE LIGHTS OUT THERE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING ON THEIR PROPERTY. MR. PITTS SAID THEY COULD DO WHATEVER AS LONG AS THEY PERMIT IT. MR. PITTS ADDRESSED ANOTHER THING THAT IS HAPPENING IS PEOPLE PUTTING THESE POLE BARNs UP AND THEY ARE NOT GOING THROUGH THE STATE GETTING SEPTIC TANK PERMITS; THEY ARE JUST USING 55 GALLON DRUMS. THEY AREN'T GOING THROUGH LINDA'S OFFICE AND GETTING LAND USE PERMITS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE HOME THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE PROVIDED BY MR. PITTS, STUDY IT AND ADDRESS IT AT A LATER DATE.

DUE TO COMMISSIONER HOWELL BEING OUT OF TOWN ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DAY, HE REQUESTED THE MEETING BE MOVED TO THE 17TH WITH THE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON THE 14TH.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 08/24/09