

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/27/09

AUGUST 27, 2009

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

CHAIRMAN HOWELL OPENED THE MEETING AND OFFERED PRAYER. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 16 AND JULY 20, 2009 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THRU G-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN BOCC AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

B. STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FY 2009-2010

C. INVOICE FOR KERRY ADKISON FOR SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING TAX DEED PROCEDURES, RESEARCH FLORIDA STATUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND CASELAW ON TAX DEED REVOCATION AND TAX SALES.

D. INVOICE FOR MEDIATOR REGARDING TAX DEED REVOCATION AND TAX SALES; PROVIDES WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK WITH LEGAL SERVICES.

E. WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BYLAWS UPDATE

F. AMENDMENT TO FL-DOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

G. RESOLUTION APPROVING 2009-2010 EMS COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION NO PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE SCHEDULED FOR THIS DATE.

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. SWAP AGREEMENT-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PHIL BENNETT, CAPITAL PROJECTS INVESTMENTS, HAVING DISCUSSED OPTIONS ON THEIR LOAN REPAYMENT AT THEIR WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 24TH. THE OPTION MR. BENNETT RECOMMENDED WAS TO GO WITH THE FLOATING INTEREST RATE ON THEIR LOAN AND TERMINATE THE SWAP AGREEMENT. THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO PAY A PENALTY TO TERMINATE THE SWAP AGREEMENT; HOWEVER, THAT WILL BE ADDED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE LOAN AND BE PAID OVER THE TERM OF THE LOAN.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VARIABLE INTEREST RATE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LOAN AND TERMINATE THE SWAP AGREEMENT.

B. SHIP REPORT UPDATE-STACY WEBB, WASHINGTON COUNTY GRANT COORDINATOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING PRESENTED INFORMATION TO THEM AT THEIR WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 24TH ON THE FLORIDA HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AS OPPOSED TO THE SHIP PROGRAM. SHE, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER PATE HAVE MET SINCE THAT TIME AND HAVE DISCUSSED THE OPTIONS AND DESIGN OF THE FHOP. SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A HANDOUT AS A QUICK REFERENCE FOR THEM TO REVIEW ON THE LHOP AS OPPOSED TO THE SHIP PROGRAM.

SHE WENT OVER THE INFORMATION:

1. THE COUNTY HAS \$350,000 COMING INTO THE COUNTY UNDER THE FHOP; IT USE TO COME IN UNDER THE SHIP PROGRAM.

2. THERE WILL BE NO FUNDS COMING OUT OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES.

3. IF THE FHOP PROGRAM IS NOT APPROVED, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT IN THEIR COMP PLAN; THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER ANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

4. THERE IS \$30,000 THAT COMES IN FROM THESE SAME FUNDS THAT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AS IT HAS FOR THE LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS.

5. LHOP WAS DESIGNED TO COMPLIMENT THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND GRANT INVESTMENT ACT THAT WAS ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA AND WAS ENACTED INTO LAW FEBRUARY 17, 2009. ANY RECAPTURED MONIES FROM THE LHOP CAN BE REVERTED BACK TO THE SHIP PROGRAM.

6. LHOP WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE \$8,000 TAX CREDIT THE IRS IS OFFERING, WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF THE STIMULUS PROGRAM. IF PEOPLE QUALIFY FOR THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT, THEY WILL QUALIFY FOR THE LHOP PROGRAM.

STACY ADDRESSED THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE LHOP PROGRAM AND ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER A PROGRAM TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS. WHETHER THE RESIDENTS CHOOSE TO GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM OR NOT WILL BE UP TO THEM AND WHETHER IT WILL FIT WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR, AGAIN, WILL BE UP TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED, WITH THE LHOP PROGRAM, WOULD STACY STILL BE ABLE TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE ELDERLY. STACY ADVISED SHE COULD NOT UNLESS THE REPAYMENT OF THE LHOP FUNDS GIVEN TO THE APPLICANTS COME BACK. BUT, AS OF RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO REHAB PROGRAM. WHEN SHE HAS PERSONS CALLING ABOUT THE REHAB PROGRAM, SHE REFERS THEM TO TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AS THEY ARE GOING TO RECEIVE QUITE A BIT OF STIMULUS MONEY THROUGH A WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM. THE PERSONS WHO CALL HER OFFICE ARE GIVEN INFORMATION, NUMBERS AND A PLACE TO GO TO GET ASSISTANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ONE THING HE, STACY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT DISCUSSED WAS THE REPAYMENT TIMEFRAME. STACY ADDRESSED IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT PAY THE COUNTY THE FUNDS BACK WITH THEIR TAX CREDIT CHECK THEY RECEIVE, THE STATE STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE JURISDICTIONS TO START A REPAYMENT PROCESS. SHE, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND COMMISSIONER PATE WERE LOOKING AT ALLOWING SIXTY MONTHS FOR PERSONS TO PAY BACK THE \$8,000, WHICH IS BASICALLY \$133 A MONTH. SHE HAD TOLD THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY IF THE MONEY IS NOT REPAID BY THIS LAST DATE, THE COUNTY COULD START FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS; HOWEVER, LEGALLY THAT IS NOT CORRECT. THEY CAN HAVE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY; BUT, BEING IN SECOND POSITION, THEY CAN'T START FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES UNTIL THE FIRST MORTGAGE HOLDER IS PAID BACK. AS FAR AS A LEGAL RECOURSE WITH PUTTING A LIEN ON THE PERSON'S PROPERTY, THE COUNTY CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS THE PERSON SELLS IT AND THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY THE COUNTY BACK. THE RECAPTURE PROVISION IS THE COUNTY CAN BASICALLY HOPE THE PERSONS PAY THEM BACK SO THEY CAN HAVE SOME MONEY FOR REHAB.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE PERSON STILL GETS THE \$15,000 OR IF THE ONLY MONEY THE PERSON WILL GET IS \$8,000. STACY ADVISED THE APPLICANT WOULD NOT GET THE \$15,000; THE \$8,000 LOW INTEREST LOAN IS ALL THEY WILL GET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT PAYS THE CLOSING COST, FINANCING COSTS THAT GOES THROUGH THE BANKS. STACY REPORTED THE \$8,000 FROM THE LHOP THAT IS GOING TOWARD THE CUSTOMER WILL PAY CLOSING COSTS AND WHATEVER IS LEFT WILL GO TOWARDS DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.

STACY ADDRESSED AS LONG AS THE \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT IS IN PLACE, LHOP WILL STAY IN PLACE; THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 1ST. IF IT DOES EXPIRE, ANY MONEY THE COUNTY RECEIVES, IT ALL WILL GO BACK TO WHERE IT WAS AND LHOP WILL GO AWAY. IF THE TAX CREDIT IS EXTENDED, LHOP WILL CONTINUE.

SHE REFERRED TO HER HAVING HEARD WHERE OTHER COUNTIES STILL HAVE SHIP MONIES. IF THEY DO, SHE SAID IT IS MONEY LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. THE INTENT WAS WHEN THE SHIP MONIES ARE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY, THEY PUT IT RIGHT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY; SO, SHE ALWAYS SPENT IT AND NEVER HAD ANY MONEY LEFT OVER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE THE \$350,000 FROM THE STATE OR WILL THEY RECEIVE \$8,000 AT A TIME.

STACY SAID THEY WOULD BE RECEIVING THE \$350,000 IN INCREMENTS; BUT, IT WON'T BE \$8,000 AT A TIME. IT WILL PROBABLY BE SPLIT UP IN QUARTERLY INCREMENTS. SHE IS STILL WORKING ON THE STRATEGY FOR LHOP WHICH IS JUST INTERNAL PAPERWORK THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF AT THE END OF THE YEAR NEXT YEAR THEY HAVE MONIES LEFT OVER IN THE LHOP PROGRAM. STACY ADVISED SHE HAD NO IDEA. SHE EXPLAINED THE LHOP PROGRAM IS A PILOT PROGRAM AND THE STATE IS VERY VAGUE ON ALL THEIR ANSWERS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD QUESTIONED WHY THE STATE HAS THE TERMINATION DATE SO CLOSE WHEN NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING AND NOBODY IS SENDING ANY HELP AND YOU JUST HAVE TO DIVE RIGHT OFF INTO IT.

STACY SAID THAT IS WHY SHE FEELS LIKE THE STATE WILL EXTEND THE LHOP PROGRAM BECAUSE IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH TIME OR ENOUGH OF A WINDOW TO DETERMINE IF IT IS GOING TO WORK OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE BOARD DOESN'T APPROVE OF THE LHOP PROGRAM, THEY WON'T GIVE THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY WHO NEED THE LHOP FUNDING AN OPPORTUNITY. HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO APPROVING THE LHOP PROGRAM SINCE THE COUNTY WILL NOT HAVE ANY GENERAL FUND MONEY IN THE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED WHAT IS BEING SAID IS LHOP IS A COMPLETELY NEW PROGRAM AND SHIP HAS TOTALLY BEEN ABOLISHED. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT WAS BEING ABOLISHED TEMPORARILY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD COULD GOVERN THE SHIP PROGRAM; IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CLIENTS FOR ALL THE SHIP FUNDING, THEY COULD TRANSFER IT INTO THE REHAB PROGRAM TO HELP THE ELDERLY, ETC. THE BOARD HAD THE OBLIGATION TO CONVERTING THE FUNDS WHERE THEY WOULD BE USED; IT WOULDN'T BE SENT BACK TO THE STATE. HIS UNDERSTANDING, WITH THE LHOP PROGRAM, THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN.

STACY SAID IF SOMEONE GETS A 100% FINANCING FOR THEIR HOME, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR THEM TO EVEN CONSIDER GOING THROUGH THE LHOP PROGRAM BECAUSE IF THE BANK IS GOING TO PAY EVERYTHING AND INCORPORATE IT INTO THEIR MORTGAGE, THE PERSON COULD KEEP THEIR \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT. SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN ASKED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO DO NOT PAY INCOME TAX. STACY ADDRESSED, IN ORDER FOR PERSONS TO QUALIFY FOR THE LHOP FUNDING, THEY WOULD HAVE TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING, IF THE BOARD DOESN'T APPROVE THE LHOP PROGRAM, THEY WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH \$30,000 FOR THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION, THE LHOP STRATEGY INCORPORATING THE NEW LHOP PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OPPOSED.

C. MSBU ASSESSMENT TAX ROLL-ROGER HAGAN, MSBU COORDINATOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY TAKE ACTION TO CERTIFY THE MSBU TAX ROLL FOR FY 2009-2010; THERE ARE 24,407 PARCELS IN THE MSBU WITH 15,031 PARCELS BEING ASSESSED WITH AN ASSESSMENT VALUE, INCLUDING THE 5% INCREASE, AT \$459,814.53. THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON PROPERTY APPRAISER CARTER, MALCOLM GAINNEY, CLIFF KNAUER AND THE DELTONA CORPORATION VERIFYING THE LOTS ASSESSED HAVE PAVED ROADS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT WAS GOING TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WON'T BE NOW; BUT, THEY WILL BE.

JIM TOWN ADVISED WHEN THE ROADS GO IN, THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT IN SUNNY HILLS WILL GO ON THE MSBU ASSESSMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE LOTS IN THE SUNNY HILLS DEPENDENT DISTRICT WERE SUPPOSE TO BE SOLD BEFORE THE ROADS WERE PAVED OR AFTER.

MR. TOWN SAID THE LOTS CAN BE SOLD PRIOR TO THE ROADS GOING IN IF THE MONEY GOES IN A SPECIAL ESCROW ACCOUNT; SPRING RIDGE AT THIS TIME HAS NOT SET THEIR EXACT STRATEGY BECAUSE THE PAVING FOR UNIT TWELVE SHOULD START BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THEIR PLAN IS TO PUT SOME ROADS IN, SELL SOME LOTS TO GET THE PROGRAM STARTED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO HIM HAVING HEARD THE ROADS IN THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT WERE NOT GOING TO BE PAVED.

MR. TOWN SAID SPRING RIDGE HAS SPENT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY GETTING THE DRAWINGS READY; HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT SEEN ANYTHING IN THEIR REMARKETING PROGRAM THAT SHOWS ANYTHING OTHER THAN PAVED ROADS. THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET THE PRICE LINE IS TO HAVE PAVED ROADS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED, IF IT IS IN THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN YOU CAN'T SELL LOTS UNTIL THE ROADS ARE PAVED, HE EXPECTS ALL DEVELOPERS TO ABIDE BY THE COUNTY'S POLICY.

MR. TOWN SAID IN UNIT 12, ACTUALLY ALL OF SUNNY HILLS, IS PECULIAR IN A WAY BECAUSE IT IS IN PRELIMINARY PLAT STATUS; SOME OF THE UNITS HAVE BEEN IN THIS STATUS SINCE 1972. BUT, THERE IS A PROCESS WHEN GOING THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE, WHEN YOU GET YOUR PRELIMINARY PLAT, YOUR NEXT STEP IS TO GO AND INSTALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COME BACK AND GET THE FINAL PLAT APPROVED AND NORMALLY YOU WOULD START SELLING LOTS AT THAT POINT. THERE IS A MECHANISM TO START SELLING LOTS PRIOR TO THAT IF YOU WITHHOLD THE MONEY; BUT, SPRING RIDGE'S PLAN IS TO PAVE THE ROADS AND SELL THE LOTS IN THAT ORDER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHAT HE IS SEEING IS SOLD SIGNS ON LOTS AND NO PAVED ROADS. HE ASKED IF MR. TOWN WAS SAYING THIS IS A PRELIMINARY PLAT.

MR. TOWN SAID IT IS A RESERVATION AS SPRING RIDGE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONVEY A DEED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY HAVE FINAL PLAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION TO CERTIFY THE MSBU TAX ROLL OF \$459,814.53 TO THE TAX COLLECTOR.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON MR. HAGAN SAYING THERE WERE 15,031 LOTS THAT WERE BEING ASSESSED. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE ONLY THING THAT WAS EVER COLLECTED ON WAS 13,285, 13,698 AND 13,792 AND THEY HAD LOTS IN UNIT 12. HE QUESTIONED IF UNIT 12, 13, 14 AND 15 WOULDN'T SOLD TO A PRIVATE DEVELOPER.

MR. TOWN SAID IT WAS VERY MUCH SUNNY HILLS; IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN IF A PERSON WENT OUT AND BOUGHT A DOZEN LOTS AND PROCEEDED TO REMARKET THEM.

SAL SAID THIS MAN BOUGHT FOUR UNITS IN SUNNY HILLS UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME; WHEN THE PLAN WAS SUBMITTED, WERE THEY WORKING OFF OF 1972 PLATS. HE ASKED IF THERE WAS EVER A PLAT CHANGE.

MR. TOWN SAID THE PERSON BOUGHT LOTS; HE DIDN'T BUY UNITS. MR. ZURICA SAID ACCORDING TO THE THING THAT HAS BEEN PUT OUT, THE PERSON BOUGHT UNITS. MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM DELTONA CAN STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT.

LINDA SHIELDS, DELTONA, SAID THE PERSON ONLY BOUGHT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LOTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED SAL WHAT THIS HAD TO DO WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MSBU TAX ROLL.

SAL SAID IF THE PERSON BOUGHT THE LOTS, IT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY AND IT DOESN'T GO UNDER THE MSBU. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID NONE OF THOSE UNITS ARE IN THE MSBU AS THEY HAVEN'T PAVED ANY LOTS IN THERE HE IS AWARE OF.

MR. TOWN SAID NONE OF THE ROADS HAVE BEEN PAVED; BUT, THE ASSESSMENT APPLIES TO ALL THE UNITS OF SUNNY HILLS. WHEN THEY START PAVING ROADS, THE LOTS WILL GO ON THE MSBU ASSESSMENT BECAUSE THE MSBU ASSESSMENT APPLIES TO ALL OF SUNNY HILLS.

SAL SAID THERE WERE LOTS IN UNIT 12 WITH PAVED ROADS. HE ASKED WHO GETS THAT ASSESSMENT; THE DEVELOPER OR SUNNY HILLS. MR. TOWN ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD GET IT AS IT GOES TO THE MSBU.

MR. RAYMOND MORAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SUNNY HILLS DEPENDENT DISTRICT BEING A GATED COMMUNITY AND QUESTIONED HOW DOES THIS PLAY INTO BEING PART OF THE MSBU AS THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS AREN'T GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE THROUGH THAT AREA. YET, THE EQUIPMENT MSBU IS PAYING FOR WILL BE WORKING IN THAT AREA AND QUESTIONED HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE. YOU CAN'T HAVE A GATED COMMUNITY AND EXPECT MSBU TO PICK UP THE TAB.

MR. TOWN STATED THE UNITS ARE NOT A GATED COMMUNITY; THE ROADS AS THEY ARE PAVED WILL GO THROUGH THE ONE YEAR PROBATION AND COME ONTO THE COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE, JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER ROAD IN SUNNY HILLS. THE DIFFERENCE IS THERE WILL BE A TRUE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION IN THOSE UNITS AND THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL DEED RESTRICTIONS OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IS PROVIDED IN SUNNY HILLS. THERE WILL BE AN AMENITIES PACKAGE THAT WILL BE OPERATED BY THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WHO HAS AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTE TO ENFORCE THE DEED RESTRICTIONS OF THAT COMMUNITY. BUT, SPRING RIDGE IS NOT A GATED COMMUNITY; IT WILL BE PUBLIC ACCESS.

COMMISSIONER PATE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE OF CERTIFYING THE MSBU TAX ROLL OF \$459,814.53 TO THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR FY 2009-2010.

D. PERSONNEL POLICIES-HEATHER FINCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE PERSONNEL POLICIES SINCE THE WORKSHOP ON THE 24TH OF AUGUST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE AMENDED PERSONNEL POLICY.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BENEFIT FOR TEDDY SASSER, PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, WILL BE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH UNTIL 4:30 P. M.; THEY ARE REQUESTING A \$20 DONATION FOR A SLAB OF RIBS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON LINDA WALLER, PLANNING OFFICER, HAD GIVEN HER PRESENTATION AT THE AUGUST 24TH WORKSHOP AND WAS REQUESTING A PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 9:00 A.M. TO GO OVER THE COMP PLAN REVISIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HOLD A PLANNING WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 9:00 A.M.

UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE:

1. BETTY PETTINGEL, AGLA AND HER MANAGER, TY CHAMBERS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON A SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT PLAN THEY HAVE WITH THE COUNTY; BUT, SHE CAN'T ADD ANYMORE TO IT. SHE HAS BEEN SERVICING WHAT SHE HAS. SHE REQUESTED SHE BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND OFFER THEIR PRODUCTS WHICH HAS NOT CHANGED ANY EXCEPT THEY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR LIFE INSURANCE PLAN WHERE IT HAS RIDERS TO IT THAT IT DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE. SHE REMINDED EVERYONE AGLA OFFERED IN THE BEGINNING A GUARANTEED ISSUE; BUT, NOW IT IS A SIMPLIFIED SELECT ISSUE. THIS MEANS THEY COULD OFFER THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES \$50,000 OF LIFE INSURANCE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED THIRTY AND NINETY DAYS. WITHIN THE THIRTY DAYS, THEY CAN GET THE LIFE INSURANCE WITHOUT ANY HEALTH QUESTIONS ASKED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MS. PETTINGEL IF SHE HAD SPOKEN TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR ON THIS MATTER. MS. PETTINGEL SAID SHE HAD TRIED TO SEE MS. FINCH AND HAS TRIED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MS FINCH; SHE HAS LEFT HER NUMBER FOR MS. FINCH TO CALL HER. HOWEVER, SHE HASN'T EVER CALLED HER. THE ONLY ONE SHE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO GET UP WITH IS MS. DIANNE.

MR. CHAMBERS ADDRESSED ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO AGLA WAS APPROVED AS A VENDOR; ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, THEY WERE TOLD THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ANYMORE. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS ONE VENDOR IS HANDLING THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE; HEALTHY COMPETITION IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IT KEEPS PEOPLE HONEST AND WHEN YOU HAVE COMPETITION, ESPECIALLY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, IT KEEPS EVERYBODY ON THE UP AND UP.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE BOARD SAYING BEFORE SHE WAS HIRED AS HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, THEY HAD PUT OUT FOR BIDS TO HAVE ONE VENDOR TO COME IN DUE TO THERE BEING TOO MANY DISRUPTIONS IN THE WORKPLACE, EMPLOYEES FELT BADGERED, ETC. THEY WANTED TO HAVE ONE VENDOR TO COME AND SELL A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS; LIFE, CANCER, DISABILITY, ACCIDENT. COLONIAL INSURANCE SERVICES WON THAT BID AND THEY WERE ALLOWED TO COME IN AND THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES ALLOWED IN WITH THOSE TYPE OF PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THE COUNTY AGENT, OLSON INSURANCE AGENCY, WHO DOES THE COUNTY GROUP PLAN. IF THE BOARD DOES CHOOSE TO ALLOW AGLA BACK IN, THAT IS FINE; BUT, HER UNDERSTANDING WAS THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK OUT FOR BIDS AND NOT ALLOW PEOPLE BACK IN UNTIL THEY GET RID OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN PLACE.

MR. CHAMBERS QUESTIONED IF THE BID WAS OFFERED EVERY YEAR BECAUSE THEY NEVER GOT A BID SHEET OR ANYTHING; ACTUALLY, WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT, HE DIDN'T SEE HOW IT COULD BE BID. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ORIGINAL BID AS THERE IS NO WAY TO DO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT.

HEATHER EXPLAINED IT BEING DIFFICULT FOR BILLING AND THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS TO HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID MAYBE IT IS TIME TO LOOK AT BIDDING OUT THE INSURANCES AGAIN.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF AGLA HAD EMPLOYEES NOW THAT HAS INSURANCE WITH THEM. MS. PETTINGEL ADVISED THERE WERE 17 EMPLOYEES ON THE BILL NOW; THEY HAVE LOST TWO TO DEATH. SHE HAS HAD ONLY FOUR TO SIX EMPLOYEES OVER THE YEARS THAT HAVE ACTUALLY DROPPED THEIR INSURANCE WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF AGLA BID WHEN IT WAS BID OUT. MS. PETTINGEL SAID "NO." SHE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND WAS TOLD SHE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE TWENTY EMPLOYEES SIGN UP FOR THEIR INSURANCE; SHE GOT

ENOUGH. THEY HAD TO HAVE TWENTY FIVE EMPLOYEES TO GET THE GUARANTEED ISSUE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, HEATHER AND A COUPLE OF PEOPLE FROM THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE GET TOGETHER AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON MS. PETTINGEL'S REQUEST. MS. PETTINGEL REQUESTED SHE BE NOTIFIED OF ANYTHING AND REITERATED SHE WOULD STILL LIKE TO SERVICE THE BUSINESS SHE HAS BECAUSE OF WHAT A LOT OF THE EMPLOYEES GOT WAS A FIVE YEAR TERM AND AFTER THE FIVE YEAR TERM IT WENT UP. THAT IS WHEN SHE HAD EMPLOYEES DROP OFF AND SOME WANTED TO CHANGE AND GO TO A PERMANENT AND THEN SOME JUST CHANGED A FORM FOR THEIR INSURANCE TO GO UP. SHE HAS ONE THAT IS BEHIND; BUT, SHE IS WORKING ON THAT.

2. SAL ZURICA REFERRED TO HIM HAVING COME LAST MONTH WITH QUESTIONS AND REPORTS; AS OF TODAY, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ON CORRECTING EASEMENTS IN SUNNY HILLS, NO ROAD REPAIR HAS BEEN DONE AND ASKED WHAT THE BOARD'S INTENTION WAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED MR. ZURICA THE BOARD'S INTENTION IS TO ADDRESS ALL THOSE ISSUES; THEY HAVE LOOKED AT SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

MR. ZURICA SAID IT SEEMS TO HIM AND A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN SUNNY HILLS THE BOARD'S MAIN INTENTION IS FINISHING THE BUILDING AT SUNNY HILLS; THAT IS A LOT OF MONEY GOING INTO THAT BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED THAT WAS ONE OF THE BOARD'S TOP PRIORITIES.

MR. ZURICA STATED THERE WERE 15,000 LOTS, PROPERTY OWNERS; THAT IS A LOT OF TAX MONEY AND THEY AREN'T GETTING ANYTHING FOR THEIR TAX MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THERE WAS \$459,000 FOR MSBU. MR. ZURICA EXPLAINED THAT WAS JUST FOR MSBU ALONE; THAT IS NOT COUNTING THE AD VALOREM TAXES THE COUNTY IS GETTING FROM THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MR. ZURICA IF SUNNY HILLS WAS GETTING ANY MORE OR ANY LESS THAN ANYBODY ELSE. MR. ZURICA SAID SUNNY HILLS IS GETTING LESS THAN THE REST OF THE COUNTY; SO, LETS JUST NOT EVEN GO THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. ZURICA SUNNY HILLS JUST HAS A BIGGER AREA. MR. ZURICA SAID THAT IS NO EXCUSE AT ALL; FOR THE LAST SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS, THE COUNTY HASN'T COME IN THERE TO DO ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT WAS MR. ZURICA'S OPINION AND ASKED WHAT ELSE DID HE HAVE TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD.

MR. ZURICA ASKED IF A LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO GLEN ZANETIC TO PUT THAT MONEY BACK FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION PAID FOR HIM. HE SAID PETE HAD SENT A LETTER TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND REITERATED HIS QUESTION IF A LETTER HAD BEEN SENT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID GLEN HAD BEEN INVOICED FOR HIS WORKERS COMP INSURANCE AND HE NEVER PAID IT; THAT HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR AGO. THE BOARD NEEDS TO PROCEED ON TRYING TO COLLECT THAT MONEY.

MR. ZURICA SAID MSBU HAD TO PAY WORKERS COMP INSURANCE ON ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS; THAT MONEY WAS SUPPOSE TO COME OUT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REIMBURSED TO PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION.

ALSO, MSBU STILL IS PAYING FOR SUPERVISORS TAKING CARE OF PARKS AND LAKES WHICH IS COUNTY PROPERTY. THEY MAY BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; BUT, MSBU IS PAYING THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY IS GOING TO CONTINUE CLEANING THE PARKS WITH MSBU CREWS. MR. ZURICA ASKED IF COMMISSIONER HOWELL WAS TELLING HIM THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO CONTINUE CLEANING THE PARKS WITH MSBU CREWS WITH MSBU PAYING THEM. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID "YES."

MR. ZURICA ADDRESSED THERE BEING LIGHTS ON HIGHWAY 77 MSBU IS PAYING FOR; THAT IS A STATE HIGHWAY. WHEN QUESTIONED BY MR. ZURICA IF THIS WAS HIS MONEY, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WAS NOT HIS MONEY. MR. ZURICA SAID IT WAS MSBU'S MONEY AND ASKED WHAT DID COMMISSIONER HOWELL GIVE TO SUNNY HILLS; DID COMMISSIONER HOWELL GIVE THEM ANY MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T GIVE ANY MONEY. MR. ZURICA SAID THAT WAS RIGHT HE DON'T AND WHO IS HOWELL TO SAY TO LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T SAY TO LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON; IT WAS HIS OPINION THEY SHOULD LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON. HE REQUESTED MR. ZURICA GET IT RIGHT AND NOT DISTORT ANY WORDS.

MR. ZURICA SAID HE HASN'T DISTORTED ANY WORDS; THAT IS THE WAY HE GETS IT AND THAT IS THE WAY HE SAYS IT.

MR. ZURICA REFERRED TO MEETINGS COMMISSIONER HOWELL HAD WITH THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE ASKED IF ANYBODY IN THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY WAS NOTIFIED OF THAT MEETING; THERE WERE THREE PUBLIC OFFICIALS THERE, COMMISSIONER HOWELL, ROGER HAGAN AND MR. HERBERT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. ZURICA HE HAS MEETINGS ALL THE TIME AND HE DON'T ANNOUNCE THEM.

MR. ZURICA SAID WHEN IT CONCERNS THE MSBU FUNDS, SUNNY HILLS SHOULD BE PUT ON NOTICE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE.

MR. ZURICA STATED MR. HOWELL TRIED TO HAVE HIM SAY SOMETHING BAD ABOUT MR. HERBERT MONDAY; THAT IS A WRONG MOVE. PETE HAS DONE HIS JOB. IF COMMISSIONER HOWELL WANTS AN EVALUATION, MAYBE SOMEBODY NEEDS TO EVALUATE HIM BECAUSE HE HAS DONE NOTHING IN THE EIGHT MONTHS HE HAS BEEN ELECTED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS ALL HE IS GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THIS.

3. AL GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS THAT ARE COMING UP; HE KNOWS THE LAST ONES THAT WERE SIGNED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WAS ON SEPTEMBER 7TH OF LAST YEAR OR MAYBE IT WAS EVEN THE YEAR BEFORE THAT. HE REITERATED WHAT HE HAD SAID AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY; THERE IS EIGHT FIREFIGHTERS READY TO PUT IN FOR THAT CONTRACT AT SUNNY HILLS. OF THAT EIGHT, THREE OF THEM ARE FIREFIGHTER II, THREE ARE FIREFIGHTER I AND ONE IS CURRENTLY IN CLASS AND ONE IS GOING TO THE NEXT CLASS AND FIVE OF THEM ARE EVOT TRAINED. CURRENTLY, SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE EMAIL ON THE STANDARDS AND TRAINING HE RECEIVED THAT MR. ZANETIC JUST TOOK, THE CERTIFICATION HE USED OR THE PAPERS HE USED TO TAKE THAT TEST, THEY ARE CONSIDERING IT TO BE INVALID AND THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT IT. THAT TEST ZANETIC TOOK HAS BEEN THROWN OUT AND HE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE CLASS. SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT ONLY HAS ONE CERTIFIED FIRE FIGHTER. THEY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH RUN REPORTS WHERE GLEN ZANETIC RUNS CALLS WITHOUT NOTIFYING EMS. HE GOT A QUOTE FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2009 COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING WHERE COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WHO WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF SOMEONE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT HURT IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATION OR PROPER EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT A FIRE, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE HELD RESPONSIBLE. HE STATED THE COUNTY WOULD BE THE ONE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT MEETING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS.

HE ADDRESSED SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ONLY ONE PERSON RIGHT NOW ATTENDING FIRE FIGHTER I COURSE; THEY ONLY HAVE ONE CERTIFIED FIRE FIGHTER ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE SO THEY DON'T EVEN MEET THE MINIMUM TWO IN TWO OUT RULE AND IT DON'T LOOK LIKE IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ANY TIME SOON. HE IS ASKING FOR THE EIGHT FIREMEN THAT IS CERTIFIED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THAT CONTRACT; THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED

SEPTEMBER 7TH. HE REITERATED IN THAT GROUP OF EIGHT FIREMEN, THEY HAVE ONE TRAINED PARAMEDIC AND THREE TRAINED EMT'S. THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHEN WAS THE BOARD PLANNING ON HAVING A WORKSHOP ON WORKING ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE ONE SET; THEY HAVE A BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR THE 8TH; IF ROGER CAN GET THE AGREEMENTS OUT A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF TIME SO THE BOARD CAN HAVE TIME TO REVIEW THEM, THEY MAY COULD LOOK AT THEM ON THE 8TH. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SUGGESTED TYING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS IN WITH THE BUDGET WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM NOT THINKING ANYBODY WOULD BID ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THE NEW POLICIES ARE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T BID THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS ANYWAY. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WELL PUT THE AGREEMENTS UP FOR RENEWAL OR RENEGOTIATIONS.

MR. GOTHARD SAID ONE THING THE GROUP THEY HAD WOULD GUARANTEE IS NO ONE WOULD GET PAID LIKE GLEN JUST GOT PAID \$3,000 OUT OF THE DRAW THEY JUST TOOK. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE AGREEMENTS AGAIN.

KATHY FOSTER, FOSTER FOLLIES, ASKED IF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL ROLL OVER IN SEPTEMBER FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED KATHY THE LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT SAYS OCTOBER 1ST.

RAY MORAN, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS A LITTLE NIFT ABOUT ALL THE FEES THEY KEEP INCREASING; CONTINUOUSLY EVERY MEETING DIFFERENT FEES COME UP. HE THINKS IT IS A SHAME. OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, HE LISTENED WHILE THE BOARD RAISED THE FEES ON TRAFFIC FINES; THEY RAISED THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU 5% WITHOUT MAKING ANY INCREASES IN ANY TYPE OF SERVICE, THEY ALSO HAVE FEES ON THEIR RECYCLING ITEMS NOW AND THE PEOPLE ARE ALSO GETTING HIT WITH LARGE VEHICLE FEES. HE DIDN'T FEEL THE BOARD SHOULD BE NICKELLING AND DIMING ALL THE RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MR. MORAN SUGGESTED THE BOARD TRY AND CUT DOWN ON SOME OF THE EXPENDITURES BY ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THE BOARD COULD ASK FOR A 10% CUT IN ALL DEPARTMENTS ON THEIR YEARLY BUDGET. HE REFERRED TO SHERIFF HADDOCK SUBMITTING A BUDGET ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND CUT IT BY 7%; BUT, THEN HE MADE LIKE A MOCKERY OUT OF IT BECAUSE THE WHOLE THINK WAS IN THE PAPERS. HADDOCK GAVE ONE GUY \$10,000 RAISE, ALL OF HIS LIEUTENANTS WERE GIVEN \$3,000, \$4,000 AND \$5,000 RAISES. MR. MORAN SAID HE HOPED THIS WASN'T GOING TO BE REPEATED ANYMORE ON THESE BUDGETS. HE DOESN'T SEE ANY SAVINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY IF THE BOARD APPROVES THESE BUDGETS AND THEN THE SHERIFF GOES AND HANDS OUT RAISES LIKE THAT. HE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT GAVE RAISES; THERE WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND A LOT OF THEM THAT GOT RAISES. THE WAY TO DO THIS IS PUT A 2% CAP ON ALL RAISES; THE BOARD COULD KEEP PAY RAISES TO 2% UNTIL THE LOCAL ECONOMY IMPROVES. HE SAID THE BOARD SHOULD HOLD DOWN THE RAISES LIKE THE STEP INCREASES, ETC.

MR. MORAN SAID MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPEND ON SOCIAL SECURITY; LIKE A THIRD OF THE POPULATION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS ON SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI AND THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY THESE FEES, ETC. EVERYTHING IS GOING OUT OF CONTROL; THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO HOLD DOWN THE BUDGET. MR. MORAN SAID THIS YEAR NOR NEXT YEAR, THE GOVERNOR WILL NOT BE PAYING ANY COST OF LIVING ON THESE PENSIONS; THEY ARE GOING TO BE FROZEN. THE PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO GET ANY RAISES ON

THEIR PENSION FOR THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS. HE FEELS IF THE RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES SO SHOULD OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; HE ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN THEY DISCUSS RAISING FEES ALL THE TIME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MR. MORAN THE BOARD CAN'T CONTROL WHAT THE STATE DOES AS FAR AS THE DRIVERS LICENSE AND TAG INCREASES. HE STATED EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM EXPECTS SERVICES; MR. ZURICA WAS BEFORE THE BOARD EARLIER COMPLAINING ABOUT THE BOARD NOT BEING ABLE TO PAVE THE ROADS. EVERYBODY WANTS SERVICES; BUT, NOBODY WANTS TO INCREASE FEES TO PAY FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD HAS REDUCED THEIR BUDGET; EVERY DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO REDUCE THEIR BUDGET 7.5%.

MR. MORAN QUESTIONED WAS THEY GOING TO HAVE A REPEAT OF LAST TIME WHEN MASSIVE RAISES WERE GIVEN OUT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE SHERIFF DID AS HE WASN'T HERE. MR. MORAN ASKED IF THEY COULD HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY COULD TRY TO DO THAT; BUT, THE SHERIFF CAN GO TO THE STATE AND GET HIS BUDGET APPROVED. IF THE BOARD TAKES MONEY AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF, HE CAN GO TO THE STATE AND THEY CAN FORCE THE COUNTY TO GIVE HIM THE MONEY. THAT IS THE WAY THE LAW READS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED MR. MORAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE SHERIFF GIVING THESE MASSIVE RAISES. SHE EXPLAINED IT WAS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT YEAR THAT GOT THE SALARIES BROUGHT UP; THEY DID A JOB DESCRIPTION, ETC. AND BROUGHT THE SALARIES OF ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES UP. THE BOARD SAID DO THE SAME FOR ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS; THAT IS WHY THE SHERIFF AND OTHERS DID IT. IT WAS IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SHE JUST WANTED A FAIR PICTURE.

MR. MORAN AGREED IT WAS NOT JUST BOBBY HADDOCK; IT WAS A LOT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT RAISED THE SALARIES ACROSS THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID LAW ENFORCEMENT STARTED OUT TO \$21,500; THEY BROUGHT THEM UP TO \$28,000 TO GET THEM EQUAL WITH JACKSON COUNTY, BAY COUNTY AND OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES. WHAT HIS BROTHER GOT, HE HAS NO IDEA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REFERRED TO MR. MORAN HAVING MENTIONED THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON A FIXED INCOME AND HE AGREED. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE BASED ON A FIXED INCOME TOO BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE IN THREE YEARS; THE BOARD GAVE THEM A \$1,000 BONUS BUT THAT WAS A ONE TIME DEAL.

MR. MORAN SAID RESTRICT THE RAISES TO 2% OR 3%; NOT MASSIVE RAISES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID WHAT HE IS SAYING IF THE PEOPLE WANT SERVICES, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM. THE BOARD IS TRYING THEIR BEST TO HOLD THE LINE ON TAXES; BUT, THAT IS THE WAY IT IS GOING TO BE. IF THEY WANT THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND THEY WANT MORE SERVICES, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM; THE COUNTY CAN'T CONTINUE TO FUND THEM AS THEY ARE STRUGGLING NOW WITH THE BUDGET WORKING AS HARD AS THEY CAN TO MAKE THEIR TAX DOLLARS GO AS FAR AS THEY CAN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE IS HEARING THEY MAY NOT BE DOING ENOUGH IN SUNNY HILLS; BUT, THEY ARE GIVING THEM THE SAME AS THE REST OF THE COUNTY.

MR. MORAN SAID SUNNY HILLS IS A DIFFERENT SITUATION; THEY ARE PAYING MORE AND ABOVE WHAT THE REST OF THE COUNTY IS AND THEY REALLY AREN'T GETTING THE SERVICES. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING FOUR OR FIVE MOWERS SITTING DOWN IN SUNNY HILLS THAT ARE BROKEN; NOBODY FIXES THEM. THEY HAVE

TWO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS THAT RIDE WITH ONE CREW; THERE SHOULD BE TWO CREWS OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED THERE ARE TWO CREWS; THEY ARE JUST SMALL CREWS. THERE IS TWO SUPERVISORS DOWN THERE.

MR. MORAN ADDRESSED THERE ONLY BEING FOUR PRISONERS WORKING. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THEY COULD GET MORE INMATES THEY WOULD AND THE COUNTY IS DOING THE BEST THEY CAN. THE COUNTY IS ADDRESSING THE EQUIPMENT ISSUES RIGHT NOW; THEY ARE PLANNING ON BUYING MORE MOWERS AND THEY ARE GOING TO CUT THE GRASS.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE BREAK.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CLIFF KNAUER GAVE HIS ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. ST. MARYS BRIDGE-THEY DID THE FINAL WALKTHROUGH ON THIS PROJECT WITH FEMA TODAY. THE BRIDGE IS OPEN.

2. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROJECT-PERMITTING A STORM WATER POND FOR A NEW PARKING LOT; THE PROPERTY ACTUALLY BELONGS TO THE COUNTY. BUT, HE THINKS THEY HAVE CUT OUT AN ACRE FOR TRI-COUNTY TO USE. HE QUESTIONED WHO WAS GOING TO MAINTAIN THE POND. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THE COUNTY WOULD MAINTAIN THE POND.

3. REDUCED RATES FOR PERMITTING-REQUESTED THE BOARD PROCEED WITH A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THEY QUALIFY FOR THE REDUCED RATES ON THE FEES FOR THE NFWFMD PERMITTING. THE RESOLUTION WOULD BASICALLY RECOGNIZE THE FINANCIAL DATA COLLECTED FOR THE COUNTY WAS TRUE AND ACCURATE. HE CAN GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION. ACTUALLY THE BOARD CAN DO A RESOLUTION OR SUBMIT A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT A BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES ACKNOWLEDGING THEY AGREED WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE AND CERTIFYING THE COST OF THE PERMIT PROCESSING FEE IS A FISCAL HARDSHIP DUE TO ITEMS (1), (2) AND (4) OF SECTION 218.075 FLORIDA STATUTES.

4. MUDHILL REMEDIATION PROJECT-THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED; THE STORM WATER POND, AERATION POND IS COMPLETE AND THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ELECTRICAL. WHEN THEY CHANGED THE CONFIGURATION OF THE POND, THEY ENDED UP WITH THE SAME EARTHWORK QUANTITIES; BUT, THEY ENDED UP ADDING A LITTLE EXTRA SOD ON SOME OF THE SLOPES TO MAKE SURE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY EROSION PROBLEMS AND THE LINER ENDED UP BEING A LITTLE BIT WIDER. THE TOTAL DIFFERENCE FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT TO WHAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED IS \$4,642. HE REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR A CHANGE ORDER IN THAT AMOUNT FOR C & C CONSTRUCTION; THE PROJECT IS STILL SUBSTANTIALLY UNDER BUDGET. THIS WOULD FINISH HIS CONTRACT AND ALLOW HIM TO BE PAID AND GONE AND BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CHANGE ORDER FOR C & C CONSTRUCTION TOTALLING \$4,642 ON THE MUDHILL REMEDIATION PROJECT.

5. ST. MARYS BRIDGE-CLIFF SAID HE HAD SOME INSPECTION REPORTS ON THIS PROJECT HE WOULD GIVE TO THE BOARD; IT IS A SUMMARY OF EVERYTHING DONE ON THE PROJECT. THIS WAS PROVIDED TO FEMA TODAY AND EVERYTHING SHOULD BE GOOD TO GO EXCEPT THE ROCK; HE IS GOING TO HAVE THE CONTRACTOR HOLD OFF ON UNTIL THEY GET THE PERMITTING COMPLETED. HE THINKS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAS SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS DOING SOME WORK ON THE SURVEY; ONCE THEY GET THIS, THEY WILL DO THE WETLANDS AND SUBMIT IT TO FL-DEP.

6. INDUSTRIAL PARK-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON ADVERTISING NEXT WEEK FOR THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK; HE IS TRYING TO SET IT UP SO THEY CAN TAKE BIDS BEFORE THE NEXT COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

7. STATE PARK ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON TAKING BIDS TOMORROW ON STATE PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND THE STRIPING CONTRACT. TO KEEP FROM HAVING TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO AWARD THE CONTRACT, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE STATE PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND THE STRIPING CONTRACT STIMULUS PROJECTS CONTINGENT ON THE BIDS COMING IN WITHIN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED CLIFF IF THERE WAS A PREBID CONFERENCE WITH THE BIDDERS. CLIFF ADVISED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PREBID CONFERENCE; THEY DID ISSUE AN ADDENDUM ON THE STRIPING CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. CLIFF SAID THEY WOULD HAVE A PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE AND ALSO WILL LINE UP A PREBID CONFERENCE ON THIS PROJECT; BUT, NOT ON THE STATE PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND STRIPING PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED CLIFF TO ASK THE CONTRACTOR TO COME BACK TO WORK ON THE HIGHWAY 279 PROJECT AS THERE ARE TOO MANY COMPLAINTS ON DRIVEWAYS AND MAILBOXES.

8. MUDHILL LANDFILL REMEDIATION ELECTRICAL-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LOW BIDDER FOR THIS PROJECT BEING \$2,000 LESS THAN THE OTHER BID RECEIVED.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID ON THE ELECTRICAL AT MUDHILL LANDFILL FROM HART UTILITIES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN THERE WERE NO LOCAL CONTRACTORS WHO BID ON THIS PROJECT AS SCARCE AS WORK IS. CLIFF SAID THEY GAVE OUT ABOUT FIVE OR SIX SETS OF BIDDING AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND FILTERED LOTS OF PHONE CALLS; HOWEVER, THEY ONLY HAD TWO PEOPLE TO TURN IN BIDS. KEN WISE WAS THE CLOSEST LOCAL BIDDER AND HE WAS FROM PANAMA CITY.

CLIFF SAID THEY DID REQUIRE A PERFORMANCE BOND ON THE PROJECT AND POSSIBLY SOME OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE COULDN'T DO A PERFORMANCE BOND. THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF THE PROJECT IS THE CONTROL PANELS THAT ARE GOING TO CONTROL ALL THE PUMPS AND THE AERATORS.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO AWARD THE ELECTRICAL FOR THE MUDHILL LANDFILL REMEDIATION PROJECT TO THE LOW BIDDER, HART UTILITIES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED COULDN'T THEY USE THE POND BEHIND WHERE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS SETTING AS A HOLDING POND AS IT IS PRETTY CLOSE TO THE PROPERTY. CLIFF SAID HE WASN'T SURE THE GRADES WERE RIGHT TO GET THE WATER BACK THAT WAY AS HE THINKS IT DROPS TOWARDS THE ROAD THERE. HE IS NOT SURE FL-DEP WOULD BE REAL EXCITED ABOUT USING THAT POND EITHER.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

1. BRONSON LANDING-ATTORNEY HOLLEY PASSED AROUND A COPY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON BRONSON LANDING. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK AT PARAGRAPH 15 IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT; IT READS BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE OWNER AGREE THIS LEASE CAN BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY AT ANY TIME DURING THE LEASE TERM FOR ANY REASON UPON FIFTEEN DAYS OF WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE OTHER PARTY. IF THE LANDOWNER TERMINATES THE AGREEMENT, THE COUNTY HAS THIRTY DAYS TO REMOVE ANYTHING THEY HAVE PUT ON THE PROPERTY; BUT, BASICALLY THE LEASE AGREEMENT IS A MONTH TO MONTH SITUATION. THE

COUNTY AGREED TO IT AND SIGNED THE LEASE; THERE IS NOT A WHOLE LOT THEY CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

2. VERNON PARK-ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD ASKED THAT HE BRING THIS ISSUE UP. AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THE CONCERN IS THE GUY WHO HAS THE CANOE RENTAL PLACE ADJOINING IT HAS PERHAPS ENCROACHED ON THE COUNTY'S BOAT RAMP TO SOME DEGREE. A TITLE SEARCH WILL NOT REVEAL THAT; IT WILL REQUIRE A SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN ENCROACHMENT. IF THE BOARD WANTS TO DO A SURVEY, THEY NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WERE ANY CORNERS IN PLACE THEY COULD GO LOOK AT AND PUT A LINE BETWEEN THEM AND GO BY THAT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY CORNERS; BUT, THERE MAY BE SOME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GET A COST ESTIMATE FROM TOMMY MEADE, SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS, TO DO A SURVEY ON THE COUNTY BOAT RAMP PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF THE COUNTY OWNED THE BOAT RAMP. ADMINISTRATOR SAID HE BELIEVED THE COUNTY OWNS THE BOAT RAMP AND THE PROPERTY WHERE THE BOAT RAMP IS AND THE CITY OF VERNON OWNS THE REST OF THE PARK.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE COUNTY'S CONCERN THEN WOULD BE IF THE CANOE RENTAL OWNER IS ENCROACHING ON THE COUNTY'S BOAT RAMP PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN WHO CAME BEFORE THE BOARD SAYING HE OWNED THE COUNTY'S BOAT RAMP AND QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS EVER RESOLVED. WHEN TOLD NO, HE ASKED WHY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED IT WAS GOING TO REQUIRE A SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF THE PERSON IS ON THE COUNTY'S BOAT RAMP. BUT, IF HE IS, HE IS; THIS DOESN'T MEAN HE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO OWN IT. THERE MAY HAVE TO BE A LAWSUIT; BUT, THE BOATRAMP HAS BEEN THERE SINCE 1957 ACCORDING TO DAVID CORBIN. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE GENTLEMAN TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE COUNTY IF HE OWNED IT AND ACTUALLY GOT A DEED TO IT. THERE IS A LOT OF THEORY OF ADVERSE POSSESSION OR WHATEVER. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO KNOW IF THE PERSON IS ENCROACHING THE BOAT RAMP PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO KNOW WHERE THE BOUNDARY LINES ARE ON ANY COUNTY PROPERTY. THE PERSON HAS AGREED HE DOESN'T OWN THE BOAT RAMP.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED TOMMY MEADE CAME AND MET WITH HIM AND COMMISSIONER BROCK. MR. MEADE WAS GOING TO TRY TO GO BY THE CORNERS; BUT, IT IS GOING TO TAKE A SURVEY.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON BRONSON LANDING. THE COUNTY DISCOVERED THEY WERE FIXING TO LOSE THEIR 99 YEAR LEASE; PLUM CREEK BOUGHT OUT ANOTHER TIMBER COMPANY AND IF THEY HADN'T ACTED WITHIN A WEEK AND HAD GOOD CORRESPONDENCE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THAT LANDING; IT WAS A QUICK LEASE THEY HAD TO DO TO RETAIN RIGHTS TO ENTER UPON HOLMES CREEK AT BRONSON LANDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT THE ISSUE WAS WITH BRONSON LANDING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT; IT IS MONTH TO MONTH AND THE LANDOWNER CAN STOP IT ANY MONTH THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONVERSATION WITH THE LANDOWNER ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN NO CONVERSATION WITH THE LANDOWNER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED THE COUNTY TALK WITH THE LANDOWNER TO SEE IF THE COUNTY CAN INCREASE THE LENGTH OF THE TERM OF THE LEASE. HE

ASKED WITH THE OTHER PROPERTY OWNER IF THE COUNTY HAD A 99 YEAR LEASE; DAVID SAID HE BELIEVES IT WAS AND WITH A DIFFERENT TIMBER COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO CHECK INTO BRONSON LANDING FOR A REASON; THE COUNTY WILL WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND IT IS GOING TO BE SOLD AND BELONG TO SOMEONE ELSE. THE LANDING HAS BEEN THERE FOR FIFTY TO SEVENTY YEARS; IT ORIGINATED WITH GAME AND FISH PUTTING A BOAT LANDING IN. THE STATE PUT THE BOAT LANDING IN. REALLY WHAT HE WANTED WAS TO SEE IF THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION, AN EASEMENT, DEED, AGREEMENT, ETC. WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA. GENERALLY THE STATE HAS TO HAVE SOMETHING BEFORE THEY PUT A BOAT LANDING IN; VERNON PARK LANDING IS A STATE LANDING ALSO. IT WAS GIVEN TO THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY DEED EXCEPT PLUM CREEK HAS A DEED TO IT; THEY HAVE A DEED TO THE WHOLE TRACT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID BUT IT WAS DEEDED FROM THE TIMBER COMPANY; BUT, YEARS AGO BEFORE THE TIMBER COMPANY IT BELONGED TO SOMEBODY ELSE. ALL THIS IS HANDED DOWN; PLUM CREEK IS A REAL ESTATE COMPANY. THAT LANDING IS NOT GOING TO STAY THERE. IN FACT, IT IS FOR SALE RIGHT NOW. HE IS TRYING TO KEEP FROM LOSING THIS LANDING THAT IS ESTABLISHED ON CREEK ROAD; THE ONLY ONE ON THAT SIDE OF THE COUNTY THAT SIDE OF THE CREEK. HE REALLY WAS TRYING TO COME IN TO ABSTRACT FROM THE TIME OF BEGINNING UNTIL NOW TO SEE IF THERE IS SOMETHING SOMEWHERE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADDRESSED DIXIE ABSTRACT DID A TITLE SEARCH; THERE IS NOTHING IN IT THAT SHOWS THE COUNTY HAS ANY RIGHT TO BRONSON LANDING OTHER THAN WHAT IS IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT HE HAD PROVIDED THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT THE VERNON PARK AND A LAWSUIT IN CASE THE OTHER MAN OWNED IT; THE COUNTY HAD THAT OPTION. HE QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THIS APPLY TO BRONSON LANDING TOO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE COUNTY NEVER OWNED BRONSON LANDING; THEY HAD POSSESSION BUT NEVER OWNED IT. PLUM CREEK IS ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO USE IT RIGHT NOW. ABOUT THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE DONE IS TALK TO PLUM CREEK ABOUT SELLING THAT PARTICULAR PART TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT KIND OF FACILITIES DOES THE COUNTY HAVE AT BRONSON LANDING. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COUNTY HAS A PARK, TABLES, ETC. DAVID SAID IT IS ONE ACRE OF LAND.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO PURSUE THE ONE ACRE OF LAND ON BRONSON LANDING AND SEE WHAT HE CAN COME UP WITH AND LET THE BOARD LOOK AT IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 1990 AND EVERY LAND OWNER THAT HAS TWENTY ACRES OR MORE HAS TO GIVE ONE ACRE TO THE COUNTY FOR PUBLIC RECREATION. HE GUESSED AT THE TIME THAT NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO CHALLENGE IT; HE IS GOING TO CHALLENGE IT FOR A REASON. HE IS GOING TO GET INVOLVED WITH SMITH LAKE ON THIS TOO. SMITH LAKE WAS A GOD GIVEN LAKE; EVERYBODY HAS USED IT AND THE COUNTY WENT IN THERE FORTY YEARS AGO AND STARTED GRADING ROADS TO THAT LANDING. THERE IS SUFFICIENT RECORDS TO SHOW THE LANDING HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND THERE IS COUNTY SIGNS STICKING UP IN THERE NOW; THROUGH THE YEARS, LATER THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WENT IN THERE AND EXTENDED THAT LAKE BIGGER. THEN THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION REDUG IT, CLEANED IT AND DONE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND THE COUNTY WORKED IN THERE TOO AT THE TAXPAYER'S EXPENSE. HE WANTS TO PUT THE BURDEN ON THE OTHER PERSON INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY ALWAYS HAVING TO TAKE THE BURDEN. IF IT WAS IN HIS DISTRICT, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DID IT. HE WANTS THAT ROAD OPENED AND GRADED BACK;

IT IS A COUNTY ROAD AND HAS BEEN COUNTY MAINTAINED AND THE LANDOWNER CAN'T CLOSE THAT ROAD TO SMITH LAKE BECAUSE IT IS NOT A MAN MADE LAKE. IF IT IS A MAN MADE LAKE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN YOU CAN CLOSE IT; BUT, IT IS A GOD GIVEN LAKE AND IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE. IF THE BOARD WILL BACK HIM, HE WILL INSTRUCT MR. HERBERT TO TAKE THE GATE DOWN MONDAY MORNING.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE LAKE BELONGS TO THE LANDOWNER OBVIOUSLY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE LANDOWNER OWNS THE PROPERTY ALL THE WAY AROUND IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG THE ROAD HAS BEEN THERE OR IF IT WAS ADVERSE USE OR ANYTHING OR IF IT WAS SOMETHING THE COUNTY WAS ALLOWED TO DO BY THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION OR THE PREVIOUS OWNER. HE STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW THE HISTORY OF SMITH LAKE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE REASON HE IS BASING THIS IS BECAUSE AT ONE TIME HICKS POND WAS TO BE CLOSED; THE LANDOWNER BOUGHT ALL THE LAND AND PUT A GATE ACROSS IT. HE WENT OUT THERE AND TOOK IT BACK DOWN AND THEN THE LANDOWNER AGREED TO GIVE A PIECE OF PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY. TO ME, SMITH LAKE IS THE SAME ISSUE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE OWNER OF SMITH LAKE MAY AGREE TO GIVE THE COUNTY SOME PROPERTY IF THE BOARD APPROACHES HIM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE OWNER WROTE A LETTER, EMAIL OR SOMETHING OFFERING TO SELL THE WHOLE TRACT OF PROPERTY AT SMITH LAKE TO THE COUNTY FOR WHAT HE PAID FOR IT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK IT WOULD BE NICE FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE LAKE. HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TALKED ABOUT THIS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OWNER AND SEE IF HE MAY BE WILLING TO GIVE THE COUNTY ACCESS TO THE BOAT RAMP AND FENCE IN THE REST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY GAME AND FISH COMMISSION COULDN'T DO SOMETHING WITH ALL THE MONEY THEY PUT INTO SMITH LAKE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED HE DIDN'T SEE HOW GAME AND FISH COULD PUT ALL THAT MONEY TO A PRIVATE LANDING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COUNTY ALWAYS GIVES IN; THEY HAVE AN ATTORNEY ON BOARD. IF THE LANDOWNER WANTS TO TAKE THE COUNTY TO COURT, TAKE THEM TO COURT AND IF THE LANDOWNER WINS, HE WINS. LETS OPEN THE ROAD AND IF WE GO TO COURT, WE GO TO COURT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THEY COULD DO THAT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY COULD GO OVER THERE AND TAKE THE GATE DOWN; HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL STAY DOWN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAYS IT WILL STAY DOWN UNTIL THE JUDGE SAYS GO AND PUT IT BACK UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL PREFERRED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE LANDOWNER TO TRY AND GET SOMETHING WORKED OUT TO HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOAT RAMP.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING GONE FISHING AT SMITH LAKE IN THE MID-50'S; IT WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THAT TIME. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID SMITH LAKE HAS BEEN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR A LONG TIME WHEN THE PRIOR OWNERS OWNED IT. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE LANDOWNER IS WANTING BADLY TO SELL THE WHOLE THING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE OWNER MIGHT SELL THE COUNTY PART OF THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AFTER THE COUNTY OPENS THE ROAD, THE OWNER MIGHT THEN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TAKING THE GATE DOWN. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE WAS GOING TO TAKE THE GATE DOWN. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD ISSUE THE ORDER; HE

HAS DONE THIS BEFORE. IF HE HADN'T DONE IT, HICKS POND WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED TODAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID LET THE LAND OWNER, WHOEVER BOUGHT THE PROPERTY, PROVE SMITH LAKE BOAT LANDING IS HIS. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF IT IS LEGAL, GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE GATE DOWN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE BOARD WOULD GET IN TROUBLE IF THEY TOOK THE GATE DOWN. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE OWNER WOULD PROBABLY PUT THE GATE BACK UP. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID LET COMMISSIONER BROCK TAKE THE GATE DOWN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE NEEDED THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD AS HE DON'T WANT TO DO SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF.

CLIFF SAID HE GOT A COPY OF THE PLAT ON SMITH LAKE AND REVIEWED IT; THAT PARCEL OF LAND WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE PLAT WHEN THEY ACTUALLY BROKE IT UP. WHAT WAS MISSING IN THE PLAT OR WHAT HE DIDN'T SEE WAS A DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE COMMON AREAS. IT WAS LAID OUT AS THOUGH THAT PARCEL WAS A COMMON AREA; BUT, WHAT HE DIDN'T SEE ON THE PLAT WAS DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC. IF THERE IS ANYTHING RECORDED THAT WOULD SHOW IT WAS DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC, THE COUNTY'S BATTLE WOULD BE OVER WITH. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD WOULD TRACK THIS DOWN; BUT, IF THERE WAS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT OR ANOTHER VERSION OF THE PLAT THAT WAS ACTUALLY RECORDED THAT SHOWED DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC, THE COUNTY WOULD BE GOOD TO GO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE IS THINKING THE PRIOR OWNER LET THE COUNTY HAVE THE ROAD AND DONE IT ALL BY PERMISSION. HE HASN'T SEEN ANYTHING ABOUT THE DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC. CLIFF SAID HE HELPED BUILD THAT BOAT RAMP SO HE HAS A VESTED INTEREST.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO PURSUE THIS TO SEE WHAT HE CAN COME UP WITH ON SMITH LAKE.

DAVID REPORTED SMITH LAKE PROPERTY WAS GIVEN TO HOLMES COUNTY, HOLMES COUNTY WAS THE OVERSEER OF SMITH LAKE THAT LAID IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE COUNTY WENT AND DONE SOME WORK, GAME AND FISH SPENT A MILLION BUCKS OVER THERE. HE HAS TALKED TO GAME AND FISH AND THEY SAID THEY WERE PURSUING ACTION; THERE WAS A LITTLE FLAW AND THEY DIDN'T GET A DEDICATION SIGNED. THEY HAVEN'T PURSUED IT ANY FURTHER. THE LAST ACCOUNT HE HAD, GAME AND FISH DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY WERE GOING TO PURSUE IT ANY FURTHER; BUT, THEY DO HAVE AN INTEREST WITH MONEY IN THAT PROJECT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS AN INTEREST IN THAT PROJECT. THERE WAS DEDICATION WITH COUNTY WORKERS AND COUNTY FUNDS. IT IS A CRYING SHAME THE TAXPAYERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THAT LAKE; THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD ACCESS UP UNTIL THE GATE GOT PUT UP. HIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF CALLS ABOUT WANTING TO GET INTO SMITH LAKE; BUT, IT IS A PRIVATE OWNED LAKE LIKE ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID AT THIS POINT IN TIME UNTIL AN AGREEMENT IS WORKED OUT TO ENTER UPON THAT PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHY THE COUNTY GAVE IT TO HOLMES COUNTY. DAVID SAID THAT WAS BEFORE HIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HOLMES COUNTY SOLD THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY. DAVID SAID HE WAS LOOKING THROUGH SOME OLD FILES; HOLMES COUNTY WORKED WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THEY LET THEM HAVE IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE KEY IS HOLMES COUNTY DOES NOT GOVERN ROADS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THAT IS A WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY HAS MAINTAINED THAT ROAD FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS AND IT CAN'T BE CLOSED WITHOUT THE OWNER GOES THROUGH THE PROPER APPLICATION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

DAVID SAID IT IS IN THE COMP PLAN IF OWNERSHIP CHANGES OR ANY TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE, YOU HAVE TO DEDICATE ONE ACRE OR MONEY IN LIEU OF.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO PURSUE SMITH LAKE AND SEE WHAT THEY CAN GET WORKED OUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAS TRIED TO PURSUE IT; HE HAS TRIED TO PURSUE IT WITH GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR MONTHS AND YOU GET NO RESPONSE, THEY DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. THE ONLY ACTION THE COUNTY IS GOING TO GET IS FOR THE BOARD TO DO SOMETHING AND THEN YOU WILL GET RESPONSE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS IS TO DO IT LEGAL; THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THINKS IT IS LEGAL.

LOU TRACY ASKED IF HE WAS UNDERSTANDING THERE IS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD DOWN TO THE BOAT RAMP AT SMITH LAKE AND THERE HAS BEEN FOR YEARS AND THEY HAVE MAINTAINED THE ROAD. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID "YES." MR. TRACY SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ULTIMATE DOMAIN OVER IT THEN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID NOT IF THE OWNER GAVE PERMISSION TO THE COUNTY TO PUT A ROAD IN THERE. TRACY SAID THE COUNTY HAS BEEN MAINTAINING THE ROAD FOR FIFTY YEARS THOUGH. HOLLEY SAID IF THE PRIOR OWNER GAVE US PERMISSION FOR THE STATE TO PUT A ROAD IN THERE AND A RAMP IN THERE, THAT IS NOT ADVERSE USE; THEY AGREED TO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT IS THE SAME ISSUE WITH ALL THE COUNTY ROADS; THE OWNER DIDN'T GIVE THE COUNTY AN EASEMENT TO PUT ROADS THROUGH THE COUNTY. THEY WERE PIG TRAILS AND THE COUNTY STARTED GRADING THEM AND THEY BECOME MAINTENANCE OWNED BY THE COUNTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THAT IS NOT THE CASE WITH SMITH LAKE. COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHY; IT IS THE SAME WAY. HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD FIND THIS IS THE SAME CASE THOUGH. THE COUNTY, BY PERMISSION, WAS GIVEN THE RIGHT TO PUT A BOAT RAMP AT SMITH LAKE AND A ROAD OVER THERE IS WHAT HE THINKS HAPPENED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID PEOPLE HAVE FISHED SMITH LAKE ALL THEIR LIFE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE THOUGHT LINDA WALLER, PLANNING OFFICER, MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE SMITH LAKE ISSUE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON SMITH LAKE.

3. ADDITIONAL AUDIT LETTER--ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED THE BOARD A COPY OF THE AUDIT LETTER REQUESTED BY CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM, COUNTY AUDITORS.

4. CHARLOTTE YATES--ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON A MEETING SET UP WITH MS. YATES, THE LADY WHO CLAIMS THE COUNTY ENCROACHED ON HER PROPERTY WHEN THEY PAVED A ROAD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

1. APPOINTMENT OF TED EVERETT AND TOM MEAD TO THE CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF TED EVERETT AND TOM MEAD TO THE CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

2. APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CRWDB FOR THEIR CONSORTIUM WHICH MEETS EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS. COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED TO SERVE AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE IF THEY WANTED HIM TO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER PATE SERVING AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CRWDB CONSORTIUM.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MERLE JONES TO THE PANHANDLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE SYSTEM FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MERLE JONES TO THE PANHANDLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE SYSTEM FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

4. REQUEST FROM LINDA NORTON TO CLOSE LIBRARIES FOR INVENTORY AND DATABASE CLEANUP IN CHIPLEY ON SEPTEMBER 8-11, VERNON SEPTEMBER 9 AND 11, WAUSAU ON SEPTEMBER 10, 15 AND 17.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CLOSING THE LIBRARIES IN CHIPLEY, VERNON AND WAUSAU ON DATES REQUESTED BY LINDA NORTON FOR INVENTORY AND DATABASE CLEANUP.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TRUDEE WILLIS TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUDEE WILLIS TO THE TDC FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM.

6. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE; WASHINGTON COUNTY IS AGAIN PAYING 7.5%, WHICH TOTALS \$59,742.45.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.

7. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD ATTORNEY'S AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE VAB ATTORNEY'S AGREEMENT WITH BRYANT, MILLER AND OLIVE.

8. REQUEST FROM WALTON COUNTY FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION OF FLORIDA; FOUR LETTERS WERE PREPARED FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. 1. NICK RAHALL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 2. DOC HASTINGS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 3. BYRON DORGAN, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE 4. HONORABLE JOHN HARRASSO, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION OF FLORIDA.

9. REQUEST FROM WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP TO RENT SPACE ON THE COUNTY'S COMMUNICATION TOWER. RANDALL TRUETTE NEGOTIATED WITH TY PEEL AND WFEC. WFEC IS WILLING TO PROVIDE A GENERATOR, MAINTENANCE ON THE GENERATOR AND PAY THE COUNTY \$50 A MONTH TOWARD THE UTILITY BILL. RANDALL FEELS LIKE THIS IS A FAIR AGREEMENT FOR SPACE ON THE TOWER.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP. 10. TWO PREBLE-RISH INVOICES:

1. FALLING WATERS ROAD MULTI-USE PATH FOR \$12,150; TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WITH BENCHMARKS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS, WETLAND DELINEATION, DREDGE AND FILL PERMITTING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS THE FINAL PAYMENT ON IT.

2. FEMA PROJECTS-\$30,582.50

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO APPROVE OF THE TWO INVOICES FROM PREBLE-RISH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED CLIFF IF THE WORK ON THE BIKE PATH WAS WORK HE RECENTLY PERFORMED. CLIFF SAID THAT INVOICE WAS SUBMITTED ON THE DATE THAT IS LISTED ON THE INVOICE WHENEVER THE BIKEPATH PROJECT WAS BEING DONE. PETE SAID THE ORIGINAL DATE ON THE INVOICE IS JUNE OF 2008; THE DATE HE RECEIVED IT WAS JUNE OF 2009. CLIFF SAID THE INVOICE HAS BEEN ON HIS OVER 90 DAY LIST FOR SOME TIME.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO PAY THE TWO INVOICES FOR PREBLE-RISH. 11. RESOLUTION MR. JOHN LITTLE FROM HOLMES COUNTY HAD REQUESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER RELATING TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT AND URGING UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THAT ACT. DUE TO THE BOARD'S REQUEST TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ACT, HE HAD PROVIDED THEM WITH A PRESS RELEASE OF THE UNANIMOUS GOP SUPPORT TO FOLLOW THE BILL AND A SHORT VERSION OF THE ACT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE ACT CALLS FOR A FULL AND COMPLETE AUDIT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTING OFFICE AND REPORTED TO CONGRESS BY THE END OF 2010. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM APPROVING THE RESOLUTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED. 12. PUBLIC NOTICE ON AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE ATTORNEYS ON THE SIKE LITIGATION FOR OCTOBER 20, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HOLDING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE SIKES LITIGATION ON OCTOBER 20, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. 13. REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 9:00 A.M. AND DISCUSS FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS AS PART OF THAT WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF HOLDING A WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 9:00 A.M. AND DISCUSS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS AS PART OF THE WORKSHOP. 14. GASB POSITION WITH DAVID ROARK-DISCUSSION HELD PREVIOUSLY ON POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE GASB POSITION FROM UNDER THE BOARD TO UNDER THE CLERK. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH CLERK COOK AGAIN AND SHE IS WILLING TO TAKE THE GASB POSITION UNDER HER SUPERVISION. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE OF TRANSFERRING THAT POSITION TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE THE GASB POSITION TO THE CLERK' OFFICE. 15. THE TOWN OF EBRO HAS REQUESTED A SURPLUS VEHICLE; COMMISSIONER BROCK HAD EDDIE JERNIGAN, PUBLIC WORKS, CHECK TO SEE IF A VEHICLE WAS AVAILABLE. JERNIGAN CAME UP WITH A 1997 CHEVROLET S-10 PICKUP THAT HAS 89,204 MILES ON IT; THIS IS A FL-DOT SURPLUS VEHICLE IN 2003. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE FEELS THE VEHICLE DOES RUN AND IT IS IN FAIR CONDITION. IF THEY ARE GOING TO DONATE IT TO THE TOWN OF EBRO, THE BOARD NEEDS TO SURPLUS IT AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO EBRO.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SURPLUSING THE 1997 CHEVROLET S-10 PICKUP AND TRANSFERRING IT TO THE TOWN OF EBRO.

STEVE PARISH, THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN RESPONSE TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REQUEST. HE HAD PREPARED A PROPOSAL

ON A LEASE ARRANGEMENT AT THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PRICING FOR AN M318 EXCAVATOR TO USE ON SOME OF THE FEMA WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING DISCUSSED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS MEETINGS; THE EXCAVATOR THIS EXCAVATOR WOULD REPLACE HAS HAD A HIGH MAINTENANCE COST.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED WHEN THE M318 EXCAVATOR IS WORKING ON THE FEMA PROJECTS, THAT TIME WILL BE RECORDED ON THE DAILY WORKSHEETS, SUBMITTED TO FEMA AND THE COUNTY WILL GET REIMBURSEMENT.

WHEN COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE M-318 EXCAVATOR WAS GOING TO BE A THIRD EXCAVATOR, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED THIS WILL BE A THIRD RUBBER TIRED EXCAVATOR AND THEY HAVE A TRACK EXCAVATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE BUT TWO RUBBER TIRED EXCAVATORS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T KEEP ONE OF THEM RUNNING. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE EXCAVATOR HAD BEEN DOWN ABOUT FIVE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE EXCAVATOR THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY KEEPING IT RUNNING HAS ALREADY COST \$40,000 IN REPAIRS AND IT IS STILL IN THE SHOP.

STEVE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEASE PROPOSAL BEING A FIVE YEAR LEASE, \$3,618.69 PER MONTH WITH A 7500 HOUR WARRANTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AND PATE ADDRESSED ALL THE WORK THE COUNTY HAS AND THEY NEED TWO EXCAVATORS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO ENTER INTO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY FOR A M-318 EXCAVATOR FOR FIVE YEARS WITH PAYMENTS OF \$3,618.69 PER MONTH WITH A 7500 HOUR WARRANTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED HOW MUCH FEMA WOULD PAY TOWARD THE EXCAVATOR. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE TIME IT IS WORKING ON THE ROADS THAT IS ON A FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEET, IT CAN BE CHARGED TO FEMA; IT WILL PROBABLY VARY FROM MONTH TO MONTH. THEY CAN'T CHARGE FEMA WHEN IT IS WORKING ON A COUNTY PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE FEMA RATE FOR REIMBURSEMENT IS \$75 PER HOUR. THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STEVE TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE THE EXCAVATOR FOR THE COUNTY NEXT WEEK.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS PAID AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JULY 2009 TOTALLING \$1,928,119.32.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JULY 2009.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED THE BOARD TO CUT ALL SPENDING EXCEPT WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY UNTIL THEY START RECEIVING AD VALOREM TAXES IN NOVEMBER. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING REIMBURSABLE TYPE GRANTS AND SOMEBODY NEEDS TO STAY ON TOP OF THAT TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE REIMBURSEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE CASH ON HAND TO PAY THE GRANT BILLS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT STAY ON TOP OF THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING PROPERTY BEHIND THE AG CENTER FROM PERRY WELLS FOR FUTURE USE OF THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL, ETC. FOR A PARKING AREA. MR. WELLS IS ASKING \$70,000 FOR THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PROPERTY; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY HAS MONEY TO BUY IT RIGHT NOW.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REQUESTED THE BOARD SET THE FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AT 5:05 P.M.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO SET THE FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AT 5:05 P.M.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REPORTED ON SEVERAL ISSUES:

1. DALE BATER HAS REQUESTED THE SPEED LIMIT ON CLAYTON ROAD FROM STATE ROAD 77 TO FALLING WATERS ROAD BE LOWERED TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MANY HOUSES WAS ON THIS ROAD AND HOW MANY IS REQUESTING THE SPEED LIMIT BE LOWERED. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THERE WERE PROBABLY TWELVE RESIDENTS AND ONE RESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THE SPEED LIMIT BE LOWERED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIM HAVING LOOKED AT THE ROAD AND 45 MPH SPEED LIMIT IS OKAY; HOWEVER, AS SOON AS YOU TURN OFF OF STATE ROAD 77, THERE IS A SIGN ON THE RIGHT IN FRONT OF MR. SAPPS HOUSE THAT SAYS 55 MPH. THAT PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE 55 MPH. HE KNEW THERE HAD TO BE A VOTE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD; BUT, HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE BOARD'S FEELINGS WERE ABOUT LOWERING IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID YOU USE TO HAVE TO HAVE A SURVEY DONE BY SOMEONE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID YOU HAVE A SPEED STUDY DONE.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON DALE BATER IS THE ONE THAT REQUESTED THE SPEED LIMIT BE LOWERED ON THIS PORTION OF ROAD; HE IS ONE OF OUR GOOD ARMY CORP OF ENGINEER FRIENDS. MR. BATER ACTUALLY BROUGHT UP THIS REQUEST WHEN THE COUNTY WAS DOING THE RESURFACING OF THE ROAD. THEY CHECKED INTO IT AND THE SUPER ELEVATIONS ON THE ROAD ARE GOOD FOR 55 MPH; THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE BOARD REDUCING IT TO 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT; BUT, IT IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE MR. BATER'S PROBLEM. IF PEOPLE ARE SPEEDING AT 55 MPH, THEY ARE GOING TO BE SPEEDING AT 45 MPH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF MR. BATER HAS REQUESTED THE SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED SINCE THE TIME CLIFF ADDRESSED. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED MR. BATER REQUESTED IT BE LOWERED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE ONLY THING THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE OF IF IT IS GOING TO GO BACK TO 55 MPH ON THE OTHER END, THEY NEED TO HAVE SOME REDUCED SPEED AHEAD SIGNS SO THEY TRANSITION IT CORRECTLY. HE SAID HE COULD HELP DALLAS AND PUBLIC WORKS GET THE SIGNAGE SET UP CORRECTLY IF THE BOARD REDUCES THE SPEED LIMIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WITHOUT HAVING SOME ENFORCEMENT TO PASS OUT TICKETS, IT IS NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY IMPACT ON SPEEDERS THERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD THINK THE OTHER RESIDENTS ON THE ROAD WOULD HAVE A SAY SO ON THE SPEED LIMIT BEING REDUCED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT TO 45 MPH ON THAT PORTION OF CLAYTON ROAD WHEN YOU TURN OFF OF HIGHWAY 77 TO FALLING WATERS ROAD.

2. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE \$25,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE SUNNY HILLS RECREATION CENTER THEY HAD DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION TO PUT \$25,000 MORE TOWARD THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER. WHEN QUESTIONED WHERE THE FUNDS WOULD COME FROM, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM LAND SALES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REITERATED IT COULD COME OUT OF LAND SALES; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BORROW FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL FROM NOW UNTIL AFTER THEY START RECEIVING THEIR AD VALOREM TAXES IN NOVEMBER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM HAVING SUPPORTED THE COMMUNITY CENTER THE WHOLE TIME; BUT, ASKED THEY HOLD OFF FOR A FEW MONTHS TO SEE WHERE THE MONEY IS AT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE IN A MONTH OR TWO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY COULD WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH TO DO IT OR WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY CENTER; THEY HAVE \$23,000 TO COMPLETE IT AND IT IS JUST NOT GOING TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST THEY ARE GOING TO BE RECEIVING FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FOR RECREATION; THE YMCA IS NOT GOING TO DO THE PROGRAM ANYMORE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD OFF ON THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDING; IF THEY CAN FUND IT LATER ON, THEY WOULD.

3. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS. HE REALIZED A LOT OF THE ROADS ARE NOT WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY CAN'T CONTINUE NOT TO MAINTAIN THEM BUT ONCE EVERY TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SUGGESTED HOLDING A WORKSHOP ON THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS; FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH THE ROADS AND BE DONE WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WANTED TO GET SOME CLOSURE ON WHAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO ABOUT MAINTAINING CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS. THEY CAN EITHER ACCEPT WHAT IS THERE AND SAY IT IS THE COUNTY'S AND MAINTAIN IT; THERE IS GOING TO BE DITCHES THAT NEED TO BE BUILT, CULVERTS FOR DRIVEWAYS, AND IT IS GOING TO BE EXPENSIVE TO DO IT. HE HAS HAD SOME DISCUSSION WITH SOME OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS; THE BOARD NEEDS TO BRING IT TO SOME KIND OF CLOSURE AND DECIDE WHAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD INHERITED THE PROBLEMS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING THAT ISSUE FOR TWENTY YEARS; IT WAS SAND BEDS AND SCHOOL BUSES COULDN'T EVEN GO IN THERE. THE PEOPLE IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE HAVE IT BY FAR BETTER THAN WHAT IT HAS EVER BEEN. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY STILL GET STUCK DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THE ROADS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE AND IF THEY HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND GET EASEMENTS SIGNED FOR THE ROADS THAT ARE THERE, GET AT LEAST 45' OR 60' THROUGH THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE IS THE ROADS ARE NOT IN THE RIGHT PLACE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THAT IS WHERE ALL THE CITIZENS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE NEED TO COME AND WORK WITH THE BOARD ON THIS AND LET THE BOARD KNOW THEY WILL BE IN AGREEMENT WITH WHERE THE ROADS ARE AT. IF NOT, SOME DAY YOU WILL HAVE TO MOVE A HOUSE AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WOULDN'T THE ROADS PLATTED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WERE; HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE HAVE THEIR HOUSES BUILT ON THE PLATTED ROAD. THEY ARE PLATTED; BUT, THEY ARE NOT IDENTIFIED ON THE GROUND WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ONE OF THE SURVEYS THEY HAD RAN RIGHT DOWN THROUGH AN OLD HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID A LOT OF THE ROADS ARE SO BAD THEY CAN'T GET OUT ON SPRING POND ROAD AND THEY ARE COMING OUT TO CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD AND TEARING UP THAT ROAD. HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING OFF THOSE ROADS THAT ACCESS CRYSTAL LAKE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER HOWELL TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO TRY TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION ON THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS. IN THE MEAN TIME, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY NEED TO TURN THE GRADERS LOOSE ON SOME OF THE ROADS THERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF HOWELL WAS SAYING TURN THE GRADERS LOOSE ON EVERY ROAD DOWN THERE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HE NEEDED TO RIDE THROUGH CRYSTAL VILLAGE; THERE IS SOME ROADS IN THERE HE DOESN'T THINK THE COUNTY HAS EVEN TOUCHED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE IS TWO OR THREE ROADS IN THERE THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO MAINTAIN LEGALLY; THERE IS SEVERAL OTHERS IN THERE THEY DO EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD ACCEPTED THE ROADS; HE KNOWS THEY TOOK SOME ROADS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE COUNTY HASN'T ACCEPTED ALL OF THE ROADS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY HADN'T BEEN MAINTAINING ALL THE ROADS FOR A LONG TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY ARE MORE OR LESS LEADING TO TAKING ON NEW ROADS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID SOME OF THE ROADS GO THROUGH HOUSES; THOSE WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED AND EASEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE GOTTEN TO DO IT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE PAY TAXES JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COUNTY AND DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR ROADS GRADED JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE THE COUNTY MAINTAINS. IT IS A BAD SITUATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, COMING BACK TO FAIRNESS, THESE DEVELOPERS WHO DEVELOPED AT THE SAME TIME HAS GOT ROADS AND THEY HAVE TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN ROADS. THERE IS SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS DISTRICT AND SEVERAL IN DISTRICT ONE AND THE COUNTY DON'T MAINTAIN THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WANTED TO BRING THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS TO THE BOARD, MAKE A DECISION IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS OR NOT SO WHEN THE PEOPLE CALL, THEY CAN TELL THEM THEY DON'T MAINTAIN THE ROAD AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO. HE WANTS AN OFFICIAL STAND OF THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. MAYBE, RATHER THAN A COMMITTEE WORKING ON A SOLUTION AND WASTING THEIR TIME, IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO AGREE TO MAINTAIN THOSE ROADS OR TAKE THEM ON, THERE IS NO POINT IN WASTING MR. HOLLEY'S TIME TO FIGURE OUT EASEMENTS, ETC. IF IT IS THE BOARD'S PLEASURE NOT TO TAKE THE ROADS IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE AND MAINTAIN THEM, THAT WOULD BE THE BOARD'S STAND. HE DOESN'T THINK THAT IS RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THAT IS RIGHT EITHER BECAUSE THE PEOPLE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AN AMBULANCE, FIRETRUCK, ETC. GET TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE IS PLACES IN CRYSTAL VILLAGE HE IS NOT TO SURE AN AMBULANCE COULD GET TO; IT IS JUST TOO SANDY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD BEEN DOWN THERE SEVERAL TIMES AND THERE ARE PLACES YOU CAN'T GO WITHOUT A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE AND SOMETIMES YOU MAY NOT MAKE IT THEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REFERRED TO THERE BEING TREES RIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TABLE THE CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND DISCUSS IT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

A LADY IN THE AUDIENCE SAID SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU COULD GRADE A ROAD GOING 35 MPH; THE GRADERS GRADE TOO FAST. THEY DO A GOOD JOB ON CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE COMING IN; BUT, WHEN THEY GET TO THE NARROW PART, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THEM TO GET HARDLY. SHE HAS OBSERVED THIS SINCE SHE

HAS BEEN HOME MORE DURING THE DAY. THEY HAVE BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT COMING ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS; BUT, THEY ARE ONLY THERE FOR ONE DAY.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING OTHER ROADS IN THE COUNTY THAT HAVEN'T BEEN MAINTAINED AND REFERRED TO THERE BEING TWO OR THREE ROADS IN TUMBLE CREEK. CANNON BALL RUN NEEDS WORK ON IT AS WELL AS CHAMPION DRIVE. HE ADDRESSED EMERGENCY VEHICLES NOT BEING ABLE TO GET TO SOME OF THESE PEOPLE LIVING ON THESE ROADS. IF THE COUNTY STARTS MAINTAINING CRYSTAL VILLAGE ROADS, PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON ROADS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY WILL EXPECT THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THEIRS.

MR. PELLETIER REFERRED TO IT HAVING BEEN ADDRESSED MONDAY AT THE WORKSHOP ABOUT APPOINTING COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AS LIASON TO THE FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY ABOUT A LIASON TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING A LIASON. HE ASKED IF THIS IS SOMETHING COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WOULD WANT TO DO AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS THE LIASON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AS LIASON FOR THE BOARD TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. COMMISSIONER PATE WAS OUT OF THE ROOM WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN SO THE VOTE WAS 4 TO 0.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WANTED THE CORRECT FUNDING OF THE AMBULANCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE SET UP AT THE HALF MIL; RIGHT NOW, THEY AREN'T GETTING IT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE AMBULANCE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE GETTING MORE THAN A HALF MIL; IF COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WANTS THEM TO GET THE ACCURATE AMOUNT FOR A HALF MIL, THEY WOULD GET A DECREASE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID MR. HAGAN SAID THEY WOULDN'T GET THEIR CORRECT HALF MIL. MR. HAGAN SAID WHAT MR. STRICKLAND IS TALKING ABOUT, THERE HASN'T BEEN A CHANGE IN THE MILLAGE FOR A THIRD YEAR.

HE WANTED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING SAID EARLIER IN THE MEETING ABOUT THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS EXPIRING OCTOBER 1ST. THE FUNDING AGREEMENT DOES NOT EXPIRE EVERY YEAR; THE FUNDING AGREEMENT IS CONTINUING TO ROLL OVER UNTIL THE CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT CHANGE. THEY ARE NOT COMING DUE OCTOBER 1ST; HE THINKS THEY WERE SIGNED IN 2006 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND THEY ARE CONTINUING. THIS IS WHAT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE THE FUNDING DIDN'T CHANGE. HE IS NOT SURE WHAT A HALF MIL GENERATES ANYMORE.

ROGER SAID HE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAD TALKED TO RANDALL ABOUT THIS AS WELL; THEY ARE GETTING THE SAME HALF MIL NOW AS THEY WERE THREE YEARS AGO. HE REITERATED HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A HALF MIL GENERATES NOW.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID SHE THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN THAT. ROGER SAID HIS TAXES DIDN'T COME DOWN; SO, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW A MIL GENERATES LESS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ROGER AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO GET TOGETHER AND WORK OUT THE HALF MIL ISSUE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS.

STEVE PARISH ADDRESSED WHEN THE DOCUMENTS COME BACK FROM CATERPILLAR TO SIGN, DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW HAS TO HAVE A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD APPROVING HER TO SIGN. CATERPILLAR WILL WANT A COPY OF THE MINUTES WHERE THE BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THE EXCAVATOR.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WERE DOCUMENTS CATERPILLAR SENDS SHE WILL NEED APPROVAL TO SIGN; ALL THE BOARD WILL NEED

TO DO IS AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY ON THE PURCHASE OF THE M318 EXCAVATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTATION NEEDED ON THE LEASE PURCHASE OF THE CATERPILLAR EXCAVATOR.

SHERRY TAYLOR, MAYOR OF EBRO, THANKED THE BOARD IN ADVANCE; ACCORDING TO DAVID CORBIN, SHE WILL HAVE TWO CREWS IN EBRO ON MONDAY MORNING. COMMISSIONER BROCK BROUGHT THEM SUCH MUCH NEEDED DIRT TO ADD TO THEIR PLAYGROUND AREA THIS WEEK AND MR. COLEMAN WORKED THAT IN FOR THEM. THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD AND EVERYTHING IS GOOD AND EBRO APPRECIATES THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE. SHE THANKED THEM FOR THE DONATION OF THE MAINTENANCE TRUCK TO EBRO.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 08/27/09