

BOARD MINUTES FOR 01/06/09

JANUARY 6, 2009

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION 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, STRICKLAND, PATE AND BROCK PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERING PRAYER AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ A RESOLUTION TED EVERETT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD ADOPT DECLARING AND DESIGNATING MARY HELEN BLAKESLEE AS A LIFE LONG FRIEND AND PERMANENT DIRECTOR OF OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING TWO BIDDERS ON THE SOD FOR ROLLING PINES; IT WAS SET UP FOR 65,000 SQUARE YARDS WHICH SHOULD COVER EVERYTHING FROM THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES AND WILL ALSO DO THE SIDE SLOPES AT THE PONDS. THE TWO BIDS RECEIVED WERE:

1. PORTER CONSTRUCTION-\$117,000
2. CHIPOLA SOD FARM-\$128,700

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE ONLY WAY HE KNOWS TO PAY FOR THIS WOULD BE OUT OF THE GAS LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. HE EXPLAINED THEY ARE THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER AND HAVE ONLY SPENT 11.6% OF THE FUEL LINE ITEM DUE TO THE PRICE OF FUEL HAVING BEEN MUCH LOWER SO FAR THIS YEAR THAN BUDGETED. HE ALSO ADDRESSED, WHEN PHIL BENNETT COMES ON THE 20TH, IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO BORROW MORE MONEY AND IF NECESSARY, THEY COULD REPLACE THE MONEY BACK INTO THE FUEL LINE ITEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE BID TO PORTER CONSTRUCTION FOR \$117,000 FOR THE ROLLING PINES ROAD SODDING WITH THE FUNDING TO COME FROM THE FUEL LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET. PATE ASKED THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND THEY NEED TO REPLACE THE FUNDING IN THE FUEL LINE ITEM BECAUSE THE PRICE OF FUEL MAY START GOING BACK UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED CLIFF WHEN HE COULD GET STARTED ON THE SODDING. CLIFF SAID HE WOULD GIVE PORTER CONSTRUCTION A CALL TODAY. HE HAS IT SET UP IN THE CONTRACT TO PREPARE HALF MILE SEGMENTS SO TRAMPASS CAN GET A HALF MILE READY, THEY CALL PORTER CONSTRUCTION, THEY COME SOD IT, ETC.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON DONALD WITH NORTH BAY ENGINEERING BEING PRESENT AND HAD ASKED HIM ABOUT A PROJECT. CLIFF ADDRESSED THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NOW REQUIRES IF YOU ARE PERMITTING A STORM WATER POND IN A KARST, SENSITIVE REGION, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE COUNTY'S ENTIRE SANDHILLS, ANNUAL INSPECTIONS ARE DONE ON THE SYSTEM. THERE IS A FORM THAT HAS TO BE FILLED OUT TO FL-DEP. IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE COUNTY ACCEPTS THE ROADS AND STORMWATER ON SOME OF THESE SUBDIVISIONS, SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND IS THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE AN ANNUAL INSPECTION DONE ON THEM AND REPORTED TO FL-DEP AS THE COUNTY

BECOMES THE OWNER. HE WANTED TO BRING IT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO MAKE SURE NOBODY HAS ANY ISSUES WITH IT BECAUSE IT IS PART OF THE NEW REGULATIONS NOW REQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE PONDS ON ROLLING PINES ARE PERMITTED STORM WATER PONDS. CLIFF ADVISED ROLLING PINES ROAD WAS DONE UNDER THE DUSTY ROADS EXEMPTION; THERE ARE SOME NEW SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE GETTING READY TO COME INTO THE COUNTY THAT WILL BE UNDER THIS NEW RULE. ROLLING PINES IS NOT A GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON DONALD WORKING ON WAGES POND; THEY WERE DISCUSSING THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILIY VERSUS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND THE ISSUE OF THE INSPECTIONS CAME UP. CLIFF JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY BRING IT UP BEFORE THE BOARD TO MAKE THEM AWARE ON THE NEW PROJECTS THAT COME THROUGH, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL INSPECTION IF IT IS IN THE KARST, SENSITIVE REGION AND THERE WILL BE ONE INSPECTION REPORT DUE EVERY THREE YEARS IF IT IS OUTSIDE THE KARST REGION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED CLIFF ON THE PLAN TO FIX THE SECTION ON THE HILL ON ROLLING PINES THAT HAS BEEN WET AND WHAT IS THE TIME TABLE.

CLIFF REPORTED ANDERSON COLUMBIA IS GETTING GEARED UP TO PAVE CHAIN LAKE ROAD HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK. WHEN THEY PAVE CHAIN LAKE ROAD, HE WILL HAVE ANDERSON COLUMBIA GO OVER AND CATCH THAT PIECE ON ROLLING PINES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHEN WERE THEY GOING TO PUT THE NEXT LEVEL OF PAVING ON ROLLING PINES. CLIFF ADVISED NOT UNTIL THE SOD IS DONE; WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS THE SOD SHOULD BE DONE. PART OF THAT WILL DEPEND ON HOW THE PROGRESS GOES PREPPING IT; HOWEVER, FROM WHAT HE HAS SEEN RIGHT NOW, TWO OR THREE WEEKS IS PROBABLY REALISTIC.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF CLIFF WAS SATISFIED WITH THE BASE ON ROLLING PINES IN THE STRETCH THEY HAVEN'T PAVED. CLIFF SAID ABSOLUTELY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS AN AREA, AS YOU COME UP THE HILL TOWARD WHERE THE WET AREA IS, THAT IS VERY HARD AND IT IS CRACKED. THAT TELLS HIM THERE IS A LOT OF CLAY. HE ASKED CLIFF TO MAKE SURE ALL THAT BAD CLAY GETS OUT OF THERE BECAUSE IF NOT, IT WILL CAUSE A CRACK UNDERNEATH THE ASPHALT AFTER IT DRIES.

CLIFF SAID THEY WOULD SCARIFIER IT, RUN THE VIBRATORY ON IT, AND GET THE DENSITIES BEFORE THEY PAVE IT; THEY WON'T PAVE IT THE WAY IT IS SITTING RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED SOME AREAS ON ROLLING PINES ROAD THAT HAS CRACKED WHERE THEY HAVE ALREADY PAVED. HE SAID IT WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD ON ONE OF THE CURVES AND IT APPEARED THE ASPHALT WAS ONLY A QUARTER INCH THICK THERE.

CLIFF SAID THEY ENDED UP WITH ABOUT A 90 POUND TO 95 POUND SPREAD RATE ON EVERYTHING THAT IS PAVED; THEY ARE TRYING TO PUT AN INCH DOWN BASICALLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND PATE SAID THE CONTRACTOR MISSED THAT THICKNESS ON THE AREA PATE ADDRESSED.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD MAKE SURE THEY HAVE IT COVERED WHEN THEY COME THROUGH WITH THE CAP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED CLIFF TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY IS GETTING WHAT THEY ARE PAYING FOR; MAKE SURE THEY ARE GETTING THE SPREAD RATE AND THE THICKNESS THEY ARE PAYING FOR.

CLIFF ADVISED THEY ARE PAYING BY THE TON; ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WITH A PAVING OPERATION IS WHEN YOU COME IN OR OUT OF A TRANSITION TO A SUPER, IF THE GUYS ON THE SCREWS ARE NOT STAYING ON TOP OF IT, YOU GET

THIN GOING INTO THE TRANSITIONS FOR THE SUPERS. HE WILL TRY TO FIND THE AREA PATE AND HOWELL ARE TALKING ABOUT AND MAKE SURE THEY GET IT COVERED UP GOOD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME THE BOARD CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER SETTLEMENT ISSUES AND LITIGATION EXPENDITURES IN CASE #67-08CA251, LAMAR SIKES VERSUS WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE ALSO STATED ONLY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD, THE ATTORNEYS AND THE COURT REPORTER CAN ATTEND.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CONVENE THE MEETING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED THE PUBLIC SESSION BACK TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO CONSIDER GOING INTO MEDIATION WITH THE SIKES COMPANY TO SEE IF THEY CAN REACH SOME KIND OF CONCLUSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN BEING THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 01/06/09