

BOARD MINUTES FOR 07/20/09

JULY 20, 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, AT 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, HOLMAN, HOWELL, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

JASON KELLY, CLEAR WEATHER CHANNEL 7, GAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECTED HURRICANE SEASON. THE FACTORS FOR THE HURRICANE SYSTEM WE ARE IN ARE THE ONES THAT TEND TO BRING US A SLOW SEASON. WE ARE OFFICIALLY IN AN EL NINO; AN EL NINO IS AN OCEAN CURRENT THAT AFFECTS THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA. HE FELT THE TREND THIS YEAR WILL PROBABLY BE THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC IS GOING TO BE VERY HOSTILE AS FAR AS TROPICAL FORMATION. HIS WORRY IS THE BREEDING GROUND IS GOING TO BE IN THE FAR WESTERN ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN AND THE GULF WHERE THEY GET SNAPSHOT DEVELOPMENT; THEY GET REAL CLOSE INTO THE COAST DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT ONLY DEVELOPS FOUR TO FIVE DAYS AHEAD OF LANDFALL. IT IS JUST SOMETHING THEY CAN TRACK FOR TEN TO FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE IT GETS HERE. HE ALSO FELT THE STORM TRACKS THIS YEAR ARE LIABLE TO BE FURTHER NORTH THAN THEY NORMALLY ARE. THERE MAY BE A HIGHER THREAT ALONG THE EAST COAST THAN IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. HE PROVIDED THE NOAH PREDICTIONS AND DR. GRAY, THE GROUP AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'S PREDICTIONS; THEY WERE FOR 12 NAMED, SIX HURRICANES AND TWO MAJORS, WHICH IS AN AVERAGE YEAR. DR. GRAY DROPPED HIS PREDICTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF HURRICANE SEASON TO 11 NAMED, FIVE HURRICANES AND ONE OR TWO MAJOR.

JASON SAID SINCE EL NINO FORMED, HE FELT THE NUMBER OF STORMS WILL BE LOWER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE CATEGORY 3 STORM MAKING A LANDFALL IN WALTON OR BAY COUNTY, THEY HAVE A PROBLEM ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH. NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTING TO GET, YOU WILL NEED TO BE JUST AS PREPARED THIS YEAR AS THE YEAR WHERE THERE WAS A MAJOR STORM. PREPAREDNESS IS SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS PREPARE FOR. THE OVERVIEW OF THE HURRICANE SYSTEM IS TO SAY THE NEWS SO FAR IS GOOD.

ROGER HAGAN INTRODUCED EVE RAINEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION. MS. RAINEY SAID THE ASSOCIATION WAS QUITE HONORED TO HAVE ROGER SERVE AS ONE OF THEIR LEADERS; HE SERVED AS THE AREA GOVERNOR FOR THE WEST PORTION OF THE STATE FOR SIX YEARS AND HE DOES A WONDERFUL JOB.

MS. RAINEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE FEPA PROGRAM:

1. FEPA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1957; IT IS A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THEY HAVE ABOUT 750 MEMBERS.

2. THEIR BASIC MISSION IS TO BE THE CONDUIT FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS AS THEY WORK THROUGH ISSUES ACROSS THE STATE.

3. ONE OF THEIR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE WAY THEY SERVE THEIR MEMBERS IS THEIR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. ALMOST 300 INDIVIDUALS HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS PROCESS SINCE IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1999.

4. THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION:
 - A. THE HIGHEST LEVEL IS THE FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGER
 - B. FLORIDA ASSOCIATE EMERGENCY MANAGER
 - C. FLORIDA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

SHE WENT OVER THE CRITERIA FOR ALL THREE LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION. THEY HAVE A COMMISSION THAT OVERSEES THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM; IT IS ACTUALLY A FORMAL COMMITTEE OF THE FEPA. THEY RECENTLY EXPANDED COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE A MAXIMUM OF 35 COMMISSIONERS; THEY ARE DIVIDED IN THE STATE INTO SEVEN REGIONS SO THEY WOULD HAVE FIVE COMMISSIONERS FROM EACH REGION THAT WORK ON THE CERTIFICATION REVEIWS. THERE IS A TWO PERSON REVIEW TEAM WHICH WOULD BRING ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FORMAL COMMISSION FOR FORMAL ACTION BY THE FULL COMMISSION.

MS. RAINEY ADDRESSED FEPA HAVING A RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM; EVERY FIVE YEARS YOU ARE REQUESTED TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER REVIEW, LOOK AT YOUR TRAINING AND RECENT EXPERIENCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEPA PROGRAM IS THEY BELIEVE IN MENTORING. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE AVAILABLE TO MENTOR ANY APPLICANTS, LOOK AT THEIR APPLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AND MAKE SURE THE APPLICANT GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS AND ARE GETTING ALL THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEY CAN TO GO THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

FEPA'S CERTIFICATION CREDENTIAL PROGRAM IS THE ONLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM CURRENTLY IN FLORIDA FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSION. A LOT OF RECRUITMENT, REPAYMENT, RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL NOW ACROSS THE STATE RECOGNIZES THE FEPA'S CREDENTIAL AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

MS. RAINEY SAID FEPA WAS PROUD TO SAY WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE ONLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THEY CAN FIND IN FLORIDA WITH ALL ITS STAFF HAVING REACHED THE PROFESSIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTINCTION OF BEING CERTIFIED. SHE THOUGHT ROGER WAS RECOGNIZED BEFORE THE COMMISSION SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN HE FIRST REACHED THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT. SHE OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE AND THE ASSOCIATION'S ASSISTANCE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MS. RAINEY PROVIDED LYNN JORDON AND CONNIE WELCH A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE FEPA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM; LYNN COMPLETED THE CERTIFICATION IN 2007 AND CONNIE COMPLETED HER CERTIFICATION IN 2009.

- ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:
- A. AMENDMENT TO THE 2009 EMPA/EMPG GRANT CONTRACT, ADDING \$27,708 TO THE CONTRACT. THERE IS A DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR MATCH WHICH IS ALREADY COVERED IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-6; INCREASING THE MANDATORY SURCHARGE ON EACH NONCRIMINAL TRAFFIC VIOLATION FROM \$15 TO \$30. HERBERT READ THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE AND SAID HE THOUGHT THESE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR COURT- HOUSE FACILITIES.

- B. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-12 DEPENDENT DISTRICT-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE AND ADVISED BRIAN CRUMBAKER, ATTORNEY FOR THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE BOARD MEETING ON JULY 23RD.

HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ORDINANCE BEING TABLED LAST MEETING BECAUSE ATTORNEY CRUMBAKER WAS NOT PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS DUE TO HAVING THE WRONG DATE ON HIS CALENDAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHERE THE SALARIES WERE COMING FROM FOR THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

JIM TOWN ADVISED IT WOULD COME FROM THE GENERAL FUNDING OF THE DEPENDENT CDD; THE CDD HAS ITS OWN FUNDING MECHANISM AND ITS OWN ACCOUNTING PROCESS, ETC. IT IS NOT COUNTY MONEY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT WOULD BE ELECTED BY THE LANDOWNERS. JIM SAID YES; INITIALLY, THEY WERE APPOINTED BY THE DEVELOPER.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE THE BOARD ADOPTED APPOINTED THE ORIGINAL THREE. THOSE THREE WILL COME OFF THE BOARD AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ELECTED TO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT WAS THE POINT HE WAS COMING TO; THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT AREA. HE THEN ASKED IF THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO LAND SALES UNTIL THE DEVELOPER BUILDS THE ROADS.

JIM SAID TECHNICALLY THAT IS CORRECT; HOWEVER, THERE IS A METHOD OF BONDING THE MONEY. IF THE DISTRICT TAKES ADVANCED MONEY IT HAS TO GO INTO AN ESCROW ACCOUNT TO BE HELD AND ACCOUNTED FOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CONDITION OF PAVING A ROAD IS MET. THEY CAN'T CONVEY A DEED UNTIL THEY HAVE PERFORMED UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE ORDINANCE PASSES, WHEN WILL IT TAKE AFFECT; AFTER THERE IS AN ELECTION OR TO THE ONES ON THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT BOARD NOW.

JIM EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED APPROXIMATELY 2.5 YEARS AGO. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN 2006 AND THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS HAD A FOUR YEAR TERM; NEXT YEAR, ONE OF THE MEMBERS WILL BE TAKEN OFF AND ELECT ONE AND IT WILL BE STAGGERED SO THEY DON'T CHANGE ALL THREE OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OUT AT ONCE.

JIM SAID THEY ARE A DEPENDENT DISTRICT; SO, ACTUALLY THE COUNTY COMMISSION WILL APPOINT THE REPLACEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED, EVEN THOUGH THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE MSBU DISTRICTS, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MSBU IN SUNNY HILLS.

JIM SAID THE DEPENDENT CDD IS AN ENTITY UNTO ITSELF CREATED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE. BECAUSE THEY ARE WITHIN THE MSBU AREA, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE MSBU. BUT, THE CDD EXISTS AS A FUNDING MECHANISM TO PUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN AND IT PASSES ASSESSMENT BACK TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO FUND THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHEN THE DEPENDENT DISTRICT FIRST CAME UP, WASN'T THERE A CONTROVERSY WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE MSBU AREA ALREADY PAYING AN ASSESSMENT AND HAVING TO PAY CDD TOO.

JIM SAID AS HE RECALLS THE PUBLIC HEARING, SEVERAL PEOPLE CAME AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IT; BUT, HE BELIEVES THE DEVELOPER BOUGHT OUT SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE OTHERS SETTLED ON THE IDEA IF ALL LOTS GO UP IN VALUE, THEIR LANDHOLDINGS WOULD GO UP IN VALUE AND IT WILL BE RECOVERED TO THEM UPON SALE.

STACY WEBB-GRANTS COORDINATOR, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN. IN THE LHAP, THERE ARE PURCHASE PRICE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. THE STATE REQUIRES THE PURCHASE PRICE LIMITS IN THE LHAP; WHEN SHE IS MONITORED OR AUDITED BY THE SHIP PROGRAM, THEY WILL TAKE A LOOK AT A COUPLE OF THE FILES AND MAKE SURE THE LIMITS ARE UNDER THE LHAP OF WHAT SHE SAYS IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE. THE PROBLEM IS THE STATE WILL COME IN AND LOOK AT THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE HOME AS OPPOSED TO THE ACTUAL PURCHASE PRICE. IN 2006, SHE HAD TWO HOMES THAT COME UP FOR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE; THEY WERE BOTH EXISTING HOMES. HER LIMIT WAS \$100,000; ONE OF THE HOMES APPRAISED VALUE CAME IN

AT \$104,000 AND ONE CAME IN AT \$105,000 APPRAISED VALUE. SHE KNEW IF SHE DIDN'T RAISE THESE LIMITS, SHE WAS GOING TO GET WRITTEN UP. SHE CAME TO THE BOARD ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS AND ASKED FOR THESE LIMITS TO BE RAISED TO \$200,000 FOR EXISTING HOMES AND \$225,000 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION. WHEN THOSE FIGURES ARE THROWN OUT THERE, IT CREATES A LOT OF CONFUSION BECAUSE YOU ARE THINKING WHO IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD A \$200,000 OR \$225,000 HOUSE. SHE EXPLAINED THIS ACTUALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HOMEOWNER; IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM. THAT IS WHY SHE DREW UP A SCENARIO AND PROVIDED IT TO THE BOARD. SHE THEN GAVE AN EXAMPLE IF SHE WENT AND PURCHASED A HOME FOR \$90,000 AND IT APPRAISED AT \$105,000, UNDER THE OLD PLAN, SHE IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE OR THE SHIP PROGRAM IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND SHE IS GOING TO GET WRITTEN UP. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER THE HOMEOWNER CAN AFFORD A \$200,000 OR A \$225,000 HOUSE; THAT IS GOING TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BANK. THE BANK IS GOING TO BE THE ONES THAT COME IN AND SAY BASED ON THE INCOME AND THE DEBT RATIO, THIS PERSON IS ONLY GOING TO QUALIFY FOR "X" AMOUNT OF LOAN. THE ISSUE SHE IS ADDRESSING IS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE COMPLIANCE ISSUE. IN 2006, THE BOARD TABLED HER REQUEST TO RAISE THESE LIMITS; IN THE MEANTIME, SHE HAD THESE HOMEOWNERS THAT CLOSED AND SHE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GET THE LIMITS APPROVED IN JULY AFTER REAL ESTATE AGENTS, MORTGAGE BROKERS AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BACKED HER UP. SHE IS ASKING AND THE STATE IS ASKING THE BOARD TO GO BACK AND RETROACTIVELY APPROVE THESE FIGURES EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ALREADY APPROVED IN JULY OF 2006, HER LHAP IS DATED 2005-2008. THE STATE WANTS HER TO GO BACK BY A FORMAL RESOLUTION AND HAVE THAT CHANGED; IF IT IS NOT CHANGED, THOSE EXPENDITURES ARE INELIGIBLE AND THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PAY THEM BACK TO THE STATE. THESE EXPENDITURES TOTAL \$15,000. IT IS COMPLICATED; IT IS A COMPLIANCE ISSUE AND SHE MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO GET IT APPROVED AND IT WAS TABLED. SHE REFERRED TO HER HAVING COPIES OF THE MINUTES. SHE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO RETROACTIVELY GO BACK TO CHANGE THE HOUSING PURCHASE LIMITS TO \$200,000 FOR EXISTING HOMES AND \$225,000 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD A PROBLEM DOING ANYTHING RETROACTIVE AFTER IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE. IT LOOKS TO HIM WHAT THE STATE IS ASKING THEM TO DO IS SOME OF THE KIND OF STUFF THAT GOT US IN THE PROBLEM THEY HAVE NOW WITH THE HOUSING, LOANS, ETC.

STACY SAID SHE COULD NOT FORECAST ANY FORECLOSURES; THEY PUT THE SHIP APPLICANTS THROUGH MANY HOUSING MAINTENANCE FORECLOSURE PREVENTIVE STUFF. IT IS JUST HAPPENING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULDN'T NECESSARILY TALKING ABOUT FORECLOSURES; BUT, THIS SMOKING MIRROR TYPE STUFF HERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED FOR UNDERSTANDING. IF A PERSON PURCHASES A HOMES AT \$90,000 AND THEY GET SHIP DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, IF IT IS APPRAISED AT \$105,000, STACEY WOULDN'T BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH HER SHIP PLAN BECAUSE IT WAS APPRAISED FOR MORE THAN THE PERSON BOUGHT IT FOR.

STACY SAID SHE WOULD BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE IF IT COMES IN OVER THE PURCHASE PRICE AND WOULD GET WRITTEN UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF SHE RAISED THE LIMITS TO \$200,000 AND THE APPRAISED VALUE COMES IN OVER \$200,000. STACY SAID THE COUNTY WOULD BE IN SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE ONLY BECAUSE IF THE HOUSING MARKET GOES UP THAT HIGH, THEY WON'T HAVE ANYBODY PURCHASING ANY HOMES BECAUSE NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THIS DISTRICT ARE GOING TO QUALIFY FOR THAT KIND OF HOUSE. THE \$200,000 AND \$225,000 LIMITS ARE SIMPLY THERE FOR A CUSHION FOR HER AND THE PROGRAM SO NOBODY WON'T GO OVER THAT FIGURE AND SHE WON'T

GET WRITTEN UP. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY THE STATE WANTS THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE IS BASED ON THE INCOME OF THE APPLICANT. STACY ADVISED IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD THINK STACEY COULD LOOK AT THE RANGE OF THE SALARY OF THE APPLICANT AND KNOW WHAT THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO BUY. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID YOU COULD AS FAR AS WHAT A PERSON CAN PURCHASE; BUT, NOT WHAT A HOUSE IS APPRAISED AT.

STACY ADDRESSED THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE BECAUSE SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF IT. THE OTHER TIMES IT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD IT WAS COMPLICATED AND CONFUSING. THE STATE WILL NOT BUDGE ON THIS AND THEY WILL WANT THE \$15,000 BACK FOR THE TWO HOMES SHE ADDRESSED THAT APPRAISED FOR MORE THAN THEY WERE PURCHASED FOR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO COME IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SHIP GRANT PROGRAM AND THAT IS WHAT STACY IS REQUESTING. CHAIRMAN HOWELL SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE ON THURSDAY.

STACY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEGISLATURE NOT APPROVING ANY FUNDING FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM THIS YEAR; BUT, THEY HAVE GIVEN AN \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT THROUGH THE NEW STIMULUS PROGRAM. THE STATE HAS DECIDED, INSTEAD OF APPROVING SHIP FUNDS, THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME THROUGH THE PROGRAM THAT QUALIFY FOR THE \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT; THE COUNTY UPFRONT THE MONEY FOR THE PEOPLE AND WHEN THEY GET THEIR TAXES BACK, THE COUNTY GET THEIR MONEY BACK. IT IS A NO INTEREST LOAN. THE PROBLEM IS THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR THE \$8,000 TAX CREDIT; IT IS EITHER 10% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE HOME OR \$8,000. THERE IS NO WAY FOR THE COUNTY TO KNOW IF THERE ARE TAX LIENS ON THE PLACE, BACK CHILD SUPPORT AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEIR \$8,000 BACK. THE STATE IS WANTING THE COUNTY TO UPFRONT THE \$8,000 UNTIL THE PEOPLE GET THEIR TAXES BACK OR THE STATE IS SAYING THEY CAN SET UP A PAYMENT PLAN.

STACY ADDRESSED THE \$8,000 HOUSING TAX CREDIT STIMULUS PACKAGE IS DUE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 1ST; IF THE STATE DECIDES TO EXTEND THAT, IT COULD GO INTO 2010 AND THE COUNTY IS STUCK WITH DISBURSING FUNDS IN THAT MANNER. IF THE COUNTY DOES GET THE \$8,000 BACK, THEY CAN USE IT THE SAME WAY THEY HAVE DONE FOR YEARS WITH THE SHIP PROGRAM. IF THEY EXTEND IT FROM THIS YEAR TO 2010, THE COUNTY IS HOOKED; BUT, THEY CAN USE THE MONIES IF THEY GET SOME BACK. THE ODDS OF GETTING IT BACK; BUT, IT IS GOING TO BE A MESS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF SOMEONE COMES AND WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, WHERE DO YOU GET THE \$8,000 TO GIVE THEM. STACY SAID THE COUNTY'S MONEY IS SCHEDULED TO COME IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. THAT IS IF THE DOC STAMPS ARE PROPERLY COLLECTED; THE AMOUNT OF DOC STAMPS THAT ARE GENERATING THE SHIP FUNDS ARE COLLECTED AND GENERATED, THOSE MONIES WILL BE DISBURSED. STACY SAID FROM WHAT SHE UNDERSTANDS, THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS GOT TOGETHER AND LOBBIED FOR THIS IN TALLAHASSEE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO PARTICIPATE. STACY SAID THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE TO; BUT, IT WOULD BE NICE TO OFFER THIS TO THE PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY. SHE SAID SHE WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW LEGALLY WHAT KIND OF PAPERWORK SHE CAN REQUEST FROM AN APPLICANT AS FAR AS THEIR TAXES. SHE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THIS; BUT, SHE HAS NO IDEA OF HOW IT IS GOING TO WORK. SHE POINTED OUT THEY HAVEN'T EVEN ADVERTISED FOR THIS PROGRAM YET BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW THEY ARE GOING TO MANAGE IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE LAST COUPLE OF APPLICANTS THAT CAME TO THE COUNTY FOR SHIP ASSISTANCE, THEY COULD GET UP TO \$20,000; ARE THEY GOING TO GET THE \$20,000 PLUS THE \$8,000. STACEY ADVISED THEY WOULDN'T.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WAS NOT A STIMULUS; THAT IS A DE-STIMULUS. STACEY SAID IT IS JUST A NO INTEREST LOAN. SHE SAID WHAT THE STATE HAS ALSO DONE IS THERE IS GOING TO BE AN INCOME LIMIT IN PLACE; BUT, INSTEAD OF SPECIFICALLY ASSISTING LOW, VERY LOW AND MODERATE, THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST EVERYBODY. THIS IS GOOD; BUT, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOW INCOME PERSON THAT \$8,000 IS NOT GOING TO SCRATCH ANYTHING. SHE ADDRESSED SOME CLOSING COST WILL COST THE APPLICANT \$5,000. THE STATE HAS TAKEN SOMETHING THAT WORKS AND COULD STIMULATE THE ECONOMY MORE THAN ANYTHING THEY ARE DOING NOW. THEY HAVE TAKEN SOMETHING AND TORN IT TO PIECES.

HEATHER FINCH UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR. SHE ADDRESSED HER HAVING DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL BRIEFLY WITH EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS SO SHE COULD GET AN APPROVAL TO A COMMITMENT TO BCBS. SHE IS REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD TODAY THE APPROVAL OR CLARIFICATION ON HOW TO HANDLE THE INCREASES AND HOW THEY WANT TO DISBURSE THAT INCREASE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE IS GOING TO GO UP BETWEEN 7% TO 8%; THE ORIGINAL INCREASE PROPOSED BY BCBS WAS 14.28%. SHE WENT TO TALLAHASSEE WITH THE COUNTY'S AGENT, MET WITH BCBS AND BCBS ADVISED IF THE BOARD WOULD COMMIT TO BCBS THEY WOULD GO BACK TO UNDERWRITING AND MANAGEMENT AND TRY TO CUT THAT AMOUNT IN HALF. SHE DID SEND A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO BCBS AFTER TALKING AND EXPLAINING THIS ISSUE WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS. SHE SAID SHE HAD REQUESTED BCBS CUT THE RATES IN HALF AND DO AWAY WITH THE \$50 DEDUCTIBLE ON THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD; BUT, BCBS TOLD HER IF THEY DID THIS, IT IS GOING TO ACTUALLY COST THE COUNTY MORE MONEY. SHE EXPLAINED IF THEY DID AWAY WITH THE \$50 DEDUCTIBLE ON THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD, IT WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$5 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE ENROLLED; THIS WOULD COST \$60 ANNUALLY TO THE EMPLOYEE RATHER THAN THE \$50 DEDUCTIBLE.

HEATHER WENT OVER THE LITERATURE SHE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD:

1. THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL; HELEN MCENTYRE, DIANNE GLASGOW, DEBBIE RILEY, HEATHER FINCH AND THE BCBS INSURANCE AGENT, PHIL YOUNG MET AND THEY DISCUSSED THE PLANS BEING PROPOSED TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THE COMMITTEE'S GOAL IS TO KEEP THE SAME PLANS THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW; THIS WILL BE THE THIRD YEAR WITH THESE PLANS, THE EMPLOYEES ARE KIND OF USE TO THEM NOW AND THE COMMITTEE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO HAVE TO LEARN SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT. THEY LOOKED AT OTHER OPTIONS; BUT, AS OF RIGHT NOW, THESE PLANS ARE THE BEST PLANS THEY CAN GET FOR THEIR MONEY.

2. THE COMMITTEE LOOKED AT THE UNITED HEALTH CARE OPTIONS; THEY QUOTED VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT THE COUNTY IS PAYING RIGHT NOW WITH JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF DIFFERENCE. THEY GAVE TWO PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM. THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE OPTED NOT TO GO WITH UNITED; THEY HAD HEARD SOME THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT UNITED AND HEARD WHAT THE SHERIFF'S INCREASE WAS WITH UNITED AND THE COMMITTEE WAS A LITTLE LEARY OF THIS. THE COMMITTEE IS VERY PLEASED WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY YEAR THINGS COST MORE EVEN THOUGH THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT MAKING ANY MORE.

3. SHE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT BCBS PREMIUM, WHAT THE BOARD PAYS, THE PROPOSAL BCBS SUBMITTED AND THE COST THE EMPLOYEE IS PAYING RIGHT NOW. SHE ADDRESSED THESE FIGURES WERE JUST AN ESTIMATE AS SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE FINAL COST. THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO PROPOSE TO THE

BOARD TO CHANGE THE EMPLOYEE COST, UNLESS THE BOARD FEELS THEY CAN SPLIT THE 7% TO 8% INCREASE, FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO IS NOW PAYING \$15 A MONTH PAY \$20 AND THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PAYING \$68.18 PAY \$73.18. THE EMPLOYEE ONLY COVERAGE WOULD HAVE A \$5 PER MONTH INCREASE.

4. HEATHER POINTED OUT THE ONLY EMPLOYEES SHE IS DISCUSSING IS ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES LESS THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES; THE CLERK, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, TAX COLLECTOR, BOARD AND PROPERTY APPRAISER ARE INCLUDED. WITH ALL THE EMPLOYEES COMBINED, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 35 EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A DEPENDENT CARE PLAN. THE BOARD CURRENTLY PAYS ABOUT 76% OF THAT COVERAGE. SHE DID SOME CALCULATIONS IF THE BOARD COULD CHANGE THAT PERCENTAGE AND IT WOULD BE PRETTY DETRIMENTAL. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED SHOWED THE PROPOSED EMPLOYEE COST AND THE DIFFERENCE THE EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE TO PAY PER MONTH. THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED THE EMPLOYEE WITH DEPENDENT CARE MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE OF THE COST. THE BOARD WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THE 76%, THE AMOUNT THEY ARE PAYING RIGHT NOW AND THE EMPLOYEE WILL PAY THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT. FOR MOST, IT WOULD GO UP PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH IF THEY HAVE A FAMILY PLAN AND ARE ON THE BASE PLAN, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY APPROXIMATELY \$128.87 A MONTH MORE THAN WHAT THEY ARE PAYING NOW.

5. HEATHER ADDRESSED THE INFORMATION SHE PROVIDED ON THE CURRENT BCBS PREMIUMS, THE BCBS PROPOSED PREMIUMS AND THE UNITED HEALTH CARE PROPOSED PREMIUMS.

6. HEATHER PROVIDED THE BOARD THE APPROXIMATE COST TO THEM TO GO WITH THE BCBS PROPOSAL; \$1.2 MILLION IS THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE BOARD'S PORTION. SHE REITERATED THIS DID NOT INCLUDE THE SHERIFF. THIS IS A DIFFERENCE OF ABOUT \$73,000. THE BOARD CURRENTLY PAYS \$930,000 ANNUAL TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE; IT WILL GO UP PROBABLY AROUND \$71,000.

7. THE BOARD'S CHOICE IS TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL AND INCREASE THE EMPLOYEE'S COST; WHICH WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$44,000 THE BOARD WON'T HAVE TO PAY.

HEATHER REITERATED SHE WAS WANTING TO GET THE BOARD'S ADVICE ON HOW TO DISBURSE THAT ADDITIONAL \$70,000 PLUS DOLLARS. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WAS EMPLOYEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK; AT THOSE MEETINGS, THE CHANGES IN THE PLAN WILL BE DISCUSSED, LET EMPLOYEES GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. AT THAT POINT, HEATHER SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SO IN BETWEEN NEXT WEEK AND THE SECOND WEEK OF ENROLLMENT, WHICH IS THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST, THEY CAN MAKE A DECISION WITH THEIR FAMILY. SOME EMPLOYEES HAVE SPOUSES WHO WORK FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OR OTHER AGENCIES WHO HAVE HEALTH CARE AND THEY MAY WANT TO COMPARE COSTS AS TO WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST THEM NOW VERSUS WHAT THEIR SPOUSE'S INSURANCE PROVIDER COST WOULD BE.

HEATHER SAID SHE TRIED TO GET UP A LOWER BENEFIT HEALTH PROGRAM; SHE WAS HOPING TO HAVE SOMETHING A LITTLE CHEAPER FOR THE EMPLOYEE. OBVIOUSLY, IT WOULD HAVE LESS BENEFITS AND A LITTLE HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE; HOWEVER, THEY JUST COULDN'T COME WITHIN RANGE TO MAKE IT WORTH THE EMPLOYEES WHILE AS SHE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO HAVE A \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE. THAT IS ABOUT WHERE THEY WERE TO GET A PREMIUM THAT WOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR THE BOARD.

HEATHER QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CONTINUE PAYING WHAT THEY ARE PAYING AND INCREASE THE EMPLOYEES RATE OR KEEP THE RATES AT WHERE THEY ARE AT NOW AND THE BOARD FOOT THE ADDITIONAL \$70,000.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF HEATHER PUT 50% OF THE INCREASE FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE BURDEN OF THE EMPLOYEE AND 50% ON THE BURDEN OF THE COUNTY. HEATHER EXPLAINED SHE DIDN'T BREAK IT DOWN PERCENTAGE

WISE; SHE THINKS IT IS A LITTLE LESS. SHE TRIED LETTING THE BOARD PAY AT 70%; BUT, THAT WAS A LOT THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING FOR THE EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH A FAMILY PLAN. SHE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY GIVING THE EMPLOYEES A TREMENDOUS BENEFIT WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW; THERE IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE WHO CAN COMPLAIN. TO GO ELSEWHERE AND GET THE BENEFITS THEY HAVE WITH THE COUNTY, THEY CAN'T.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY ON THE FAMILY PLAN. HEATHER SAID THEY HAVE EMPLOYEE/CHILD, EMPLOYEE/SPOUSE AND EMPLOYEE/FAMILY; FOR ALL OF THOSE THREE DIFFERENT PLANS, THERE ARE ABOUT 35 EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE THE DEPENDENT COVERAGE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW THE DEPENDENT COST BROKE DOWN IN EXPENSE AS FAR AS OTHER EMPLOYEES. HEATHER SAID THE COUNTY IS PAYING ABOUT \$475.00 FOR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE EMPLOYEE ONLY COVERAGE; THEY ARE PAYING ABOUT \$1300 A MONTH PER EMPLOYEE FOR EMPLOYEES WITH A FAMILY EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE \$1.2 MILLION COST TO THE COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO THOSE 35 EMPLOYEES. HEATHER ADDRESSED HER NOT HAVING THIS BROKEN DOWN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT THIS WAS SOMETHING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REALLY NEEDS TO LOOK AT AS HE DOESN'T KNOW OF ANYBODY THAT PAYS 75% OF THEIR EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARE.

HEATHER REPORTED ON HER DOING A SURVEY YEAR BEFORE LAST AND JACKSON COUNTY PAYS A HEFTY CHUNK OF THEIR EMPLOYEES INSURANCE; BUT, SHE IS NOT SURE ABOUT THE DEPENDENT CARE. SHE ADDRESSED THE BOARD BEGAN PAYING THE 75% OF EMPLOYEE DEPENDENT COVERAGE A YEAR PRIOR TO HER COMING ON BOARD AND WHEN SHE WAS HIRED, SHE WAS TOLD THIS COULD BE TEMPORARY TO SEE HOW IT WAS GOING TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE LOOKING AT PAYING \$5.00 MORE PER MONTH FOR THE EMPLOYEE COVERAGE. HEATHER SAID THAT WAS CORRECT FOR THE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE EMPLOYEE ONLY COVERAGE. DEPENDING ON THE PLAN, IT IS GOING TO COST \$128 OR \$111 MORE PER MONTH; ONE PLAN WOULD COST THE EMPLOYEE PER MONTH \$476.63 OR \$501.94 DEPENDING ON WHAT PLAN THEY CHOOSE. ONE PLAN HAS A \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE AND ONE HAS A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE.

HEATHER REITERATED THEY HAD LOOKED AT SEVERAL OTHER PLAN OPTIONS; THEY LOOKED AT THE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT OPTION. THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES WHO GIVE THEIR EMPLOYEES "X" NUMBER OF DOLLARS AND THEY HAVE TO USE IT FOR THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. THEY HAVE TO PROVE THEY HAVE THE COVERAGE.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING A GOOD CLAIM YEAR; HOWEVER, THEIR DEMOGRAPHICS ARE OLDER, THEY HAD A LOT OF PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED, ETC. THERE ARE THINGS THEY ARE DOING TO TRY AND REDUCE THE COST; THERE IS JUST NO GUARANTEE THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD LOOK AT WHAT THE COUNTY IS PAYING VERSUS WHAT THE EMPLOYEE IS PAYING FOR EMPLOYEES WITH THE FAMILY PLAN; THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT \$1100 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WHAT THE BUDGET WAS LOOKING LIKE. HERBERT SAID IT WAS ACTUALLY IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE; THEY ARE GOING TO ASK THE BOARD ON THURSDAY TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO GO OVER SOME THINGS. RIGHT NOW, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO BALANCE THE GENERAL FUND. THERE ARE A FEW UNKNOWNNS THEY NEED TO DISCUSS WITH THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE INSURANCE RATES BEING PROPOSED WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THEY HAD

JUST RECEIVED THESE FIGURES AND THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

HERBERT SAID THE SHERIFF WAS GOING BACK TO BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD AND THERE WILL BE CLOSE TO \$100,000 INCREASE IN HIS INSURANCE COST.

HEATHER ADDRESSED HER UNDERSTANDING IS THE SHERIFF IS TRYING TO GET A PLAN COMPARABLE TO WHAT THEY HAVE NOW, WHICH IS A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE ACROSS THE BOARD AND NOT ASK THEIR EMPLOYEES TO PAY MORE. SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF THAT IS GOING TO BE THE END RESULT; THEY MAY END UP HAVING TO PAY MORE. HOWEVER, THEIR END DISCUSSION WAS THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS FAIR SINCE THE OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE PAYING MORE FOR HAVING A BETTER BENEFIT. SHE REFERRED TO HER SELECTING THE HIGHER OPTION PLAN AND IS PAYING MORE FOR HER PLAN; SO, IF THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO HAVE A HIGHER OPTION PLAN, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FELT THEY SHOULD PAY MORE TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF EVERY- BODY WAS ON THE SAME PLAN AS FAR AS THE COUNTY'S COST IS CONCERNED. HEATHER SAID NOT NECESSARILY AND EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR WHEN THE SHERIFF DECIDED TO GO ON THEIR OWN. THE SHERIFF HAD THOUGHT THE COUNTY'S DEMOGRAPHICS WAS WHAT WAS BRINGING THEIRS DOWN; THE COUNTY GOT A 18% TO 19% INCREASE AND WHEN THE SHERIFF WITHDREW FROM THE COUNTY AND WENT TO UNITED, THE COUNTY ONLY GOT A 7% INCREASE. THE COUNTY'S CLAIMS HAVE LOOKED QUITE DIFFERENT SINCE THE SHERIFF CAME OFF IT; SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF THAT IS DEPENDENTS THE SHERIFF HAD OR IF THE COUNTY LOST DEPENDENTS, ETC. TO HAVE THEM COME BACK, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO REDO THEIR ENTIRE CENSUS AND IT MAY BRING THE COUNTY RATES UP EVEN MORE. THE SHERIFF OPTED TO GO WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE LAST YEAR BECAUSE UNITED HEALTH CARE QUOTED THEM QUITE LOW; THIS IS ACTUALLY WHAT THEY ARE TELLING HER NOW IS THE REASON THEY GOT THE INCREASE FROM UNITED HEALTH CARE IS BECAUSE THEY QUOTED THEM LOW LAST YEAR.

HEATHER SAID TO BE ON THE SIDE OF THE EMPLOYEES AND NOT BEING BUSINESS MINDED HERE, THE EMPLOYEES NOT GETTING A RAISE FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, TO HAVE TO GO AND FIND HEALTHCARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES IF THE BOARD DOES DECIDE TO DECREASE THE DEPENDENT CARE, IT IS GOING TO BE PRETTY PAINFUL FOR SOME OF THEM. BUT, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE DEPENDENT CARE IS NOT THAT MANY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED HIS INSURANCE WENT UP 12% TO 15% THIS YEAR; SO, HE DOESN'T SEE THAT BEING AN ISSUE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE EVERYWHERE. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD GO WITH THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION UNTIL THEY SEE WHERE IT IS GOING BUDGETWISE; THERE IS A POSSIBILITY AT BUDGET TIME, THE BOARD MAY SEE THEY CAN'T CONTINUE TO DO THIS FOR THE EMPLOYEES. THE EMPLOYEES NEED TO UNDERSTAND THIS TOO.

HEATHER HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION SHE IS GOING TO GIVE ALL EMPLOYEES; THEIR CURRENT DEDUCTIONS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF THEIR PAYCHECK NOW SO WHEN IT COMES TO OPEN ENROLLMENT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE THE DEDUCTIONS, THEY CAN MAKE CHANGES. ALSO, JUST TO EASE SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES MINDS, COLONIAL IS NOT GOING TO BE DOING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT DEDUCTION FORMS; SHE IS GOING TO BE DOING THAT THIS YEAR BECAUSE THERE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS. SHE AND HER ASSOCIATE, KIM NIX ARE GOING TO BE DOING ALL THE ENTRIES; THEY ARE PASSWORD ENCRYPTED AND IT IS ONLY ON HER SEPARATE SERVER AND NOWHERE ELSE. THE INFORMATION THE EMPLOYEE IS BEING SENT DOES HAVE THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND IT MIGHT HAVE THEIR DEPENDENT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION ON IT; BUT, IT IS ONLY BEING SENT TO THE EMPLOYEE. THE MEMO

SENT TO THE SUPERVISORS ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE GIVEN TO ANYONE BUT TO THE EMPLOYEE IT IS ADDRESSED TO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE DIFFERENT PLANS WERE OFFERED TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY AND REFERRED TO HER SAYING SHE TOOK THE PLAN WITH THE LOWER DEDUCTIBLE, ETC. AND IT COST HER MORE BUT SHE WANTED THE ADDED BENEFIT.

HEATHER SAID THE DIFFERENT PLANS WERE EXPLAINED WITH ALL THE EMPLOYEES; IF THEY WANTED THE HIGHER PLAN, PLAN 1552, THEY EXPLAINED IT WAS FOR A PERSON WHO PROBABLY NEEDS A LITTLE MORE CARE; HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T GO TO THE DOCTOR HARDLY EVER AND YOU JUST WANT INSURANCE, THE LOWER PLAN IS PROBABLY FOR YOU. EVERY EMPLOYEE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH SOMEONE FROM BCBS AND GO OVER THE DIFFERENT PLANS. SHE SAID SHE HASN'T HEARD ANY COMPLAINTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COMPLAINTS THEY HEAR IS THE EMPLOYEES WANT BETTER INSURANCE. HE ASKED HEATHER TO MAKE SURE ALL PLANS ARE OFFERED TO ALL EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER PATE, COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND HEATHER INFORMED COMMISSIONER BROCK THE EMPLOYEES ALL KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PLANS.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE POLICY MORE THOROUGHLY AND ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO IT. SHE REFERRED TO DISCUSSION AT THE LAST WORKSHOP WHERE SHE HAD GIVEN THEM INFORMATION ON 59 PUBLIC ENTITIES SHE SURVEYED AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM GAVE THE THREE DAYS FOR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE. SHE ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CHANGE THEIR POLICY OR LEAVE IT AS IS. THEY HAD WANTED TO ADD GRANDPARENTS SERVING AS A PARENT TO THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT HEADS; INSTEAD OF COMING THROUGH THE BOARD IT GOES THROUGH THE COUNTY MANAGER. HEATHER SAID SHE THOUGHT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS COULD BE DISMISSED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER RATHER THAN HAVING TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND HAVING AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD THERE BE A NEED FOR THAT FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE THAT HAPPEN ANYMORE. SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER IF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR LEVEL WOULD BE DISMISSED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER OR THE BOARD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD TRIED TO KEEP THE BOARD OUT OF THE POLICY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T WANT THE EMPLOYEES TO DEAL WITH ANYBODY BUT ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE REASON FOR THIS WAS DUE TO A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY FACT AND THE ATTORNEYS. MR. HERBERT SAID THEY WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM HAVING HEARINGS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN A HEARING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD TO START WITH; HIS OPINION IT WAS THE BOARD THAT GOT INTO THAT. HEATHER EXPLAINED THAT WAS COUNTY POLICY AT THE TIME THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING WAS HELD; THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT INITIATED THE POLICY BEING REWRITTEN BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN. THE NEW POLICY HAS TAKEN THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING OUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE REASON FOR THE NEW POLICY WAS THE PETERSON CASE AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS. IN HIS OPINION, IT WAS HANDLED WRONG. HE CARES ABOUT HIS EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SUPERVISORS AND IF HE THINKS THEY ARE RIGHT, HE IS GOING TO STAND FIRM. WHEN HE TOOK THIS JOB, HE GOT A JOB DESCRIPTION TO GO THROUGH AND HE WANTS THE BOARD TO BE CLEAR OF THIS. IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT COMES UP AT THE BOARD MEETING AND HE DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT, HE IS GOING TO SPEAK HIS PEACE.

HE DON'T WANT MR. HERBERT IN THE MIDDLE. HE THINKS ALL THIS IS DOING IS JUST PUTTING HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF ISSUES COMING FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS WAS COME UP BY A DIVISION HEAD AND THE RULE SAID THERE HAD TO BE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO DISCIPLINE THEM. THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD WENT BY WHETHER COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED WITH IT OR NOT, THE EVIDENCE WAS THERE AND IT WAS UPHELD. HE TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE THOUGHT HE WAS RIGHT AND SOMETHING GOING ON OUT THERE AND RIGHT OR WRONG, HE IS GOING TO DEFEND HIMSELF BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN SOME CONFLICT BEFORE THIS MEETING IS OVER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE CONFLICT COULD COME BECAUSE ALL ALONG THROUGH THE COUNTY IT IS "I AM GOING TO FIRE THIS ONE, I AM GOING TO FIRE THAT ONE, THIS ONE IS GOING TO GET FIRED." HE HAS HEARD IT AND HEARD IT AND FOR PROTECTION OF WHOEVER IT IS, HE WANTS TO BE INVOLVED WHEN FIRING COMES, WHOEVER IT IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHO IS TALKING ABOUT FIRING ANYBODY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT IS HERESAY ALL ALONG THROUGH THE COUNTY.

HEATHER EXPLAINED THE OLD POLICY GAVE THE BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS ONLY, NOT REGULAR EMPLOYEES. IT GAVE EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOTE COUNTED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WAS GOING TO BE FIRED. BUT, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY HAD RECOMMENDED THEY NOT DO THAT BECAUSE IT PUTS THE COUNTY COMMISSION IN A BAD LEGAL POSITION AND IT IS A LIABILITY TO HAVE IT. IT WAS A HUGE MESS IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS NOT SAYING BY TAKING THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING OUT OF THE POLICY IT WAS GOING TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY KNOW WELL AND GOOD THEY WILL STILL HEAR ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF THE PERSON THAT WORKS FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THEY HAVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO HANDLE ANY GIVEN SITUATION SUPPOSEDLY AND EVERYBODY EVENTUALLY REPORTS TO PETE AND THAT IS WHERE THE BUCK STOPS AND THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE HIM IN THAT JOB. THE BOARD DOESN'T SUPERVISE EMPLOYEES FOR THE COUNTY SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN THEIR DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS. THEY SHOULDN'T BE GIVING EMPLOYEES INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO EVERYDAY, WHAT ROAD TO GRADE, WHAT DRIVEWAY TO FIX, ETC. THEY CERTAINLY CAN HAND THE SUPERVISOR A LIST OF ROADS THEY FEEL NEED ASSISTANCE ON; BUT, THEY DON'T NEED TO BE OUT THERE EVERYDAY WITH THEM TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT. THAT IS NOT THE BOARD'S JOB AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE CARES JUST AS MUCH ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES AS ANYBODY ON THE BOARD, INCLUDING MR. BROCK. BUT, THE BOARD HAS RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GO BY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT ELECTED TO HIRE AND FIRE EMPLOYEES. THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE MR. HERBERT OR WHOEVER SETTING THERE; THAT IS HIS JOB TO DO THAT AND IT IS HIS JOB TO DISCIPLINE. THE BOARD'S JOB IS TO HIRE MR. HERBERT'S POSITION AND TO MAKE SURE HE HAS COMPETENT PEOPLE OUT THERE AND MAKE SURE HE DOES HIS JOB. NOBODY IS PUTTING HERBERT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT; HE PUT HIMSELF IN IT WHEN THE BOARD HIRED HIM BACK YEARS AGO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WILL AGREE; BUT, HE WILL NOT HAVE A COMMISSIONER GOING TO MR. HERBERT TELLING HIM TO FIRE SOMEONE, I DON'T WANT HIM ON HERE NO MORE OR GET RID OF THAT ONE. THAT HAPPENS TODAY IN THIS COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF MR. HERBERT HAS FIRED ANYBODY LATELY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL FIRED IN THE COUNTY OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY NEEDED TO BE FIRED OR IF IT WAS JUST BECAUSE A GOOD OLD BOY WANTED THEM FIRED.

HEATHER SAID IF IT HELPS TO EASE COMMISSIONER BROCK'S MIND AT ALL, THE ORIGINAL POLICY THEY DID HAVE FROM THE ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED THEY ALL BE AT WILL EMPLOYEES. THE WHOLE POLICY WAS LACED WITH THAT STATEMENT. THE BOARD WOULD NOT HAVE TO HAVE A REASON TO FIRE ANY EMPLOYEE. BUT, THE DIVISION DIRECTORS, WHEN THEY LOOKED AT THE POLICY, THEY WANTED MORE PROTECTION FOR THEMSELVES. THEY TOOK THE AT WILL EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE POLICY; THEY WANT A PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE POLICY TO GIVE EMPLOYEES THE PROTECTION COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TALKING ABOUT. WE WANT THEM TO HAVE A VERBAL WARNING AND A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES; JUST BECAUSE THEY MADE A MISTAKE ONE DAY, WE DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD BE FIRED. THEY LEFT THE SAME THREE LEVELS OF OFFENSES. THERE IS A GREIVANCE PROCESS, THERE IS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HUMAN RELATIONS, THE EEOC AND THERE ARE PROVISIONS TO HELP THE EMPLOYEES.

HEATHER REITERATED HER GOAL TODAY WAS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ABOUT THE NEW POLICY SUBMITTED AND TRY TO GET IT APPROVED. HOPEFULLY AT THE BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY THEY WILL HAVE A VOTE AND IT WILL BE A YES VOTE TO GET THE POLICY ISSUED OUT TO THE EMPLOYEES.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

JOHN LITTLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THE BOARD CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR A BILL CALLED THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT. IT REQUIRES THE FEDERAL RESERVE TO REPORT TO THE CONGRESSMAN WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH OUR MONEY. HE HAD A COPY OF THE BILL AND A COPY OF RON HALL'S PRESENTATION ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE AND AGREED TO LEAVE IT IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. WHEN HE STARTED THIS, THERE WERE 28 COSPONSORS ON THIS BILL IN THE HOUSE; NOW, THERE IS 207. THE INTENT IS FOR HIM TO GO TO THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA AND HAVE THEM TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THE COMMISSIONERS AND PEOPLE THINK; WE WANT TO BE HEARD. HE AGREED TO ALSO LEAVE A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN HOLMES COUNTY AND IT WAS SENT TO JEFF MILLER. HE LEFT JEFF MILLER'S RESPONSE TO THE RESOLUTION. HE REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE AND PROBABLY THE PRESIDENT AND OUR TWO SENATORS.

LINDA WALLER, PLANNING OFFICER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GOVERNOR HAVING SIGNED HIS SUPPORT OF A 2010 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE AND IS ASKING THE COUNTIES TO DO THE SAME THING. THE COMMITTEE WILL ONLY ASSIST THE CENSUS WORKERS IN ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE ADDRESS LOCATION PROBLEMS, ASSIST WITH SOLVING SOME LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS OF WORKERS IN THE FIELD WHEN FEASIBLE AND ENSURE A PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED IN THE COUNTY. AT NO TIME WILL THE COUNTY PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTING; THE COMMITTEE WILL ONLY BE HERE TO OFFER MORAL AND ASSISTANCE WITH REGARDS TO A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO MAKE THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A CENSUS. TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A CENSUS, SHE HAD A LETTER OF 50 WAYS THE CENSUS DATA IS USED. IN WORKING WITH THE POPULATION PROFILE OF THE COUNTY, SHE FOUND OUT HOW IMPORTANT A CENSUS IS. THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE TO SIMPLY LEND SUPPORT TO THE CENSUS. SHE REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE THE FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO THAT AFFECT AT THEIR THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE A COMMISSIONER ON THE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE. LINDA SAID THEY WOULD LIKE FOR A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES. SHE ADDRESSED JERRY BROCK BEING THE MOST LOGICAL PERSON TO HEAD UP THE COMMITTEE LOCALLY AND SHE WILL WORK WITH HIM AS FAR AS PUBLICITY IS

CONCERNED. IF THERE ARE SOME INTERESTED CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS, THEY WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER JOEL PATE TO SERVE ON THE COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS COMMITTEE.

LINDA ADDRESSED MOST OF WHAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE HANDING OUT WILL BE PRODUCED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU.

ROGER HAGAN BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THEIR APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE IN 2008 TO STUDY, LOOK AT AND COME BACK WITH SOME OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR A UNIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. FLOYD AYCOCK, RANDALL TRUETTE AND HIMSELF WAS NAMED AS COCHAIRS OF THAT COMMITTEE; THEY HAD A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY, ONE FROM MSBU AND ONE FROM THE FIRECHIEFS ASSOCIATION. MYRON PIERCE WAS THE FIRECHIEF ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVE.

HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE REPORT BASICALLY WAS THE HISTORY OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN THE LAST YEAR. THE COMPLETE BUDGET AND A COUPLE OF OPERATIONAL ITEMS ARE MISSING IN THE REPORT; IT IS A FOUNDATION FOR THE BOARD TO BEGIN WITH IF THEY CHOOSE TO FOLLOW WHAT IS IN THE REPORT. THE FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION AND THE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO PURSUE THE UNIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY. THE FIRST FOUR TO FIVE PAGES ARE AREAS WHERE THE COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATION FEEL THERE WILL BE RESISTANCE, WHERE THEY FEEL THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS AND THINGS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. THE LAST COUPLE OF PAGES OF THE REPORT ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THEY WILL ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH SOME LANGUAGE THAT SAYS IF YOU DO THIS, THIS IS WHAT WE WILL DO TO THE SITUATION.

ROGER SAID HE COULD MAKE THIS A LONGER PRESENTATION; BUT, WHAT HE HAS SAID SUFFICES. THE BOARD HAS THE REPORT AND IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS, EITHER HE OR MR. TRUETTE WILL TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL SAID THESE THINGS NEED TO BE PRESENTED AND THE BOARD NEEDS TIME TO READ IT. HE ASSUMES EVERYBODY IS GOING TO PLAN ON READING IT.

ROGER ADDED AT THE FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING, THEY VOTED TO ASK THE BOARD ONCE THEY CONSIDER THE REPORT AND LOOK AT IT, THEY WITHHOLD ACTION FOR 30 DAYS AND LET THEM HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT AT THEIR AUGUST MEETING AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TOO. ROGER REITERATED THERE IS SOME BUDGET WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT ON THIS AND HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD WANTS THE COMMITTEE TO DO THAT PART OR NOT; FUNDING IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE A BIG ISSUE IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO PURSUE THE UNIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE SOME FUNDING SOURCES THE BOARD HASN'T TAPPED INTO AND THINGS THEY COULD DO FOR FUNDING IF THEY DECIDE TO PURSUE THE STUDY FURTHER. HE WAS ELECTED TO BE THE SPOKESPERSON TODAY; BUT, IT WAS A COMMITTEE EFFORT.

ROGER ASKED RANDALL IF HE AGREED WITH WHAT HE HAD SAID WITH TRUETTE SAYING HE DID.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP STRICTLY FOR THE UNIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND HAVE THE COMMITTEE, FIRECHIEFS AND ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN THE DEPARTMENTS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD COULD SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP AT THEIR THURSDAY'S MEETING AS THEY NEED TO GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE REPORT. HE QUESTIONED IF ALL THE FIRECHIEFS HAVE A COPY OF THE REPORT WITH ROGER SAYING HE WASN'T SURE EVERYBODY DOES. SOME RECEIVED A COPY ON THURSDAY EVENING; IF ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED CALLS FROM ANY OF THE FIRECHIEFS, THERE WAS NO INTENT TO SLY ANYONE. THE FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION VOTED TO REQUEST THE BOARD TO PURSUE THE FIRE

STUDY. THEY DIDN'T GIVE THEM A COPY OF IT BECAUSE THEY FELT LIKE THE COMMITTEE WOULD DIRECT IT BACK TO THE BOARD; BUT, IT WAS NOT A PURPOSE TO SLY ANYBODY OR OVERLOOK ANYBODY. HE OFFERED TO GIVE EVERY FIRECHIEF A COPY OF THE REPORT. HE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE HAD 11 PEOPLE ON IT AND THERE ARE 11 FIRECHIEFS AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID FOR ALL FIREMEN THAT WANTED TO BE PRESENT AT THE WORKSHOP. IF THEY DO THIS, IT MAY BE A SHOUTING CONTEST. MAYBE THE BOARD, WCFA AND THE FIRE COMMITTEE COULD MEET AS HE FELT IT WOULD BE MORE CONDUSIVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THEY HOLD A MEETING, IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MANY DEPARTMENTS WERE MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT AND ARE SOME OF THEM SETTING OUT. ROGER SAID "NO SIR." HE ADDRESSED THE FIRECHIEF'S ELECTED MYRON PIERCE TO REPRESENT THEM, EACH OF THE CITY'S SENT SOMEBODY, RANDALL WEEKLY WAS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT MSBU AND FLOYD, RANDALL AND HIMSELF WAS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE WAS TO DO STUDIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. ALL THE FIRECHIEFS DEFINITELY NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN IT AND THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN PLANNED ALL ALONG. AS FAR AS EACH INDIVIDUAL FIREMAN GIVING HIS TWO CENTS WORTH IN, THIS IS SET UP BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE GOOD COMPLETE COVERAGE OVER THE COUNTY EFFICIENTLY, ETC, AND THEY NEED TO DO SOME- THING. ALSO THE EMS AND AS HE WAS REMINDED WHEN THEY SET IT UP, THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY; THEY CAN GET THE MONEY BY PLANNING AND GOING TO SOMEBODY WITH A PLAN. THEY REALIZED THERE WERE GOING TO BE SOME TURF WARS AND THAT IS THE REASON THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP LIKE THAT.

ROGER SAID THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION IS NOT SO MUCH THAT THE BOARD DOES THIS AS IS IF YOU DO IT, THIS IS A WAY YOU COULD DO IT. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT SAYING THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO IT; HERE IS THE BASES THE COUNTY NEEDS TO COVER IF THEY DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH THE STUDY.

MYRON PIERCE, REPRESENTING ALL FIRECHIEFS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON FIRE SERVICES BEING POSSESSED WITH CONSTRUCTING A LONG TERM, LONG RANGE STUDY FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WHAT DIRECTION THEY SHOULD BE HEADED. AT THIS TIME, THE COUNTY IS BEING PROTECTED BY 11 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEY HAVE ONE SUBSTATION THAT HASN'T COME ON LINE YET THAT WOULD BE PUT IN ONE OF THE ISO 10 AREAS. IN FACT THAT ONE WOULD NOT INFRINGE ON ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT IS WITHIN FIVE MILES; FIVE MILES FOR AN ISO IS THE PERFECT NUMBER AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED. AS MONEY INCREASES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, THERE NEEDS TO BE BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY. HE SAID THEY RUN INTO THIS QUITE A BIT. THEY THINK IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE MONEY OUGHT TO BE HANDLED BY ROGER, WHO IS FIRE COORDINATOR BY THE BOARD. THEY CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY THAN WHAT THEY ARE USING AT THIS TIME ON THE QUARTERLY REPORTS.

PIERCE SAID THE FIRE FIGHTER I TRAINING IS GOING ON AT THIS TIME AT THE WASHINGTON HOLMES AREA VO-TEC; THERE HAVE BEEN TWO OR THREE CLASSES. FIVE POINTS HAS HAD TWO CLASSES; THEY HAD THE FIRST FIRE FIGHTER ONE CLASS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HAVE HAD ANOTHER ONE AND A THIRD ONE IS GOING ON AT THIS TIME FOR SOME THAT WERE HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING THE TRAINING AT THE TRADE SCHOOL. AS MONEY BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE FIRECHEIFS FEEL IT NEEDS TO GO TOWARD NEWER AND MORE UPDATED EQUIPMENT. THE NFPA RECOMMENDS NO TRUCK BE OLDER THAN 1985; AS LONG AS THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS, AT THE MOMENT THEY ARE REACHING OUT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION. THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GIVE THE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION; BUT, AT

THIS TIME, THE COUNTY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS GOOD EQUIPMENT. WHEN THE UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE GOES IN, AND IT WILL IN TIME, THE COUNTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE AND THEY WILL HAVE TO UPGRADE EQUIPMENT CONSIDERABLY. HE THINKS THE HIRING OF A FIRE COORDINATOR WOULD BE A GOOD THING; BUT, YOU HAVE TO COME UP WITH MORE MONEY. ALL THE FIRECHIEFS NEEDED A COPY OF THIS REPORT. WHEN THE REPORT CAME UP AT LAST THURSDAY'S FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION MEETING, TO SAY THEY WERE UNHAPPY WAS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. THE FIRECHIEFS WANTED TO STUDY THE REPORT THE COMMITTEE HAD DONE BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION VOTED ON IT. HE INVITED THE BOARD TO THE NEXT FIRECHIEFS' MEETING ON AUGUST 20TH.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHAT MADE THE FIRECHIEFS THINK THE BOARD WAS GOING TO TAKE THE REPORT AND VOTE ON IT; THIS WAS INTENDED TO BE THE FIRST BLOCK ON BUILDING SOMETHING WHERE YOU COULD GO OUT AND HAVE A PLAN TO START RAISING MONEY. IT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN RIGHT NOW; FIRST OF ALL THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. THIS IS RESEARCH TO BUILD OFF OF; THE MONEY IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME FROM THE COUNTY AND THEY NEED SOME KIND OF PLAN TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND WHERE THEY ARE GOING.

MYRON PIERCE SAID THE REASON HE MENTIONED THAT IS BECAUSE ROGER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FIRE SERVICE COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009. ROGER SAID THAT IS ONLY IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH THIS; THIS IS HOW TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO DECIDE ON THE REPORT IN AN ALLOTTED TIME ON EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO UNTIL HE READS IT, STUDIES IT AND CHECKS IT OUT ON HIS OWN. IF WE DON'T HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT IT, WORK THINGS OUT, THEY WILL NEVER GET THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY AREN'T GOING TO SELL IT TO THE PEOPLE WITHOUT GOOD BACKGROUND. HE REFERRED TO THERE BEING AN AREA AROUND FIVE POINTS, IF THEY HAD NEW TRUCKS, ETC., BECAUSE OF THE ROADS AND ROAD SYSTEMS, IT HAMPERS THEM FROM GETTING TO THEM; THE SAME WITH EMS. THERE IS A BROAD SPECTRUM THE BOARD HAS TO LOOK AT BEFORE THEY IMPLEMENT THIS. THEY MAY HAVE TO FUND IT IN PHASES. THIS IS JUST A BUILDING BLOCK FOR THE BETTER OF THE COUNTY; IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY PERSONALITY OR ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR ANYTHING. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IS A PROBLEM TO AN EXTENT BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HAVE SOMEBODY THERE ALL THE TIME. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD LOOK AT; BUT, SO FAR THIS REPORT IS A GOOD START.

MR. PIERCE SAID THE ONLY THING THAT WORRIED HIM WAS HIRING A FIRE SERVICE COORDINATOR THIS YEAR. OTHER THAN THAT, THE COMMITTEE HAS PUT SOME TIME INTO IT AND HE THINKS BASICALLY OVER THE YEARS, THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO WITH. IT WOULD BE NICE TO GO THE ROUTE WALTON COUNTY DID; START WITH ONE PAID MAN PER DEPARTMENT AND SLOWLY BUILD UP. OF COURSE WITH WALTON COUNTY'S MONEY SITUATION DOWN, THEY ARE BACKTRACKING CONSIDERABLY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED WALTON COUNTY DOING GREAT IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY; BUT, THE NORTH END IS NOT DOING THAT GREAT. HE SAID HE, PETE, ROGER AND FLOYD HAD WENT TO TALK TO PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF WALTON COUNTY AND THEY WERE LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY WAS NEVER GOING TO GET TO A POINT WHERE THEY CAN HAVE A UNIFIED FIRE SYSTEM UNLESS IT IS PLANNED FOR JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER PATE HAS SAID.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT ALL COMES BACK TO AN INITIATIVE 15 YEARS AGO; IT IS YOUR TAX BASE. IT HAS BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME; BUT, NO BOARD HAS COME TO INITIATE THAT TAX BASE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD HAS COME A LONG WAY IN FUNDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THERE IS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF GETTING FIRETRUCKS AND EMS TO SERVICE THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID A LOT OF THE SITUATIONS WITH ROADS, ETC. FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF VEHICLES. VEHICLES THAT CAN TRAVEL THOSE ROADS COULD STILL FIGHT FIRE WHEN THEY GET THERE.

MYRON PIERCE SAID HE BELIEVED THE STUDY PROVIDED WAS A GOOD STUDY AND BELIEVES IT IS THE DIRECTION THE COUNTY SHOULD GO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID FROM WHAT HE HAS READ IT IS A VERY GOOD STUDY AND COMMENDED THE FIRE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

ROGER INFORMED THE BOARD THE COMMITTEE HAD SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO STAY IN PLACE IF THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE COMMITTEE WORK.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO STAY IN PLACE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON TED EVERETT HAVING A RESOLUTION HE WAS GOING TO REQUEST THEY ADOPT FOR A PROSPECT FOR THE CHIPLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, REPORT:

1. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY PROJECTS LIST. THE ALIGNMENT WAS CHANGED ON BAHOMA ROAD IN A FEW PLACES AND HE THINKS THEY ARE HEADED TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF GETTING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED FOR THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEER AND FL-DEP DREDGE AND FILL PERMITS. THERE WILL BE A LITTLE LESS THAN HALF AN ACRE OF WETLAND IMPACTS. HE HAS ALSO SUBMITTED FOR USING FIVE ACRES OF THE PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 277 WHICH IS THE MITIGATION PROPERTY THEY USED ON THE ACCESS ROAD. IT LOOKS LIKE THE ARMY CORP IS GOING TO ACCEPT THOSE FIVE ACRES FOR THE MITIGATION. HE FEELS THEY ARE FAIRLY CLOSE IN GETTING THE DREDGE AND FILL PERMITS ISSUED.

2. CHAIN LAKE ROAD PROJECT-THIS IS A FLORIDA FOREVER PROJECT. IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED; THE LAST THING NEEDED IS FOR THE COUNTY CREWS TO RESEED THE BANKS THAT NEVER TOOK ON THE FIRST ROUND OF GRASSING. MAYBE THIS WEEK THEY WILL GET THE CHANCE TO RESEED THOSE AREAS. THEY ADDED FOUR CONCRETE FLUMES TO THE PROJECT THAT HAVE HELPED SUBSTANTIALLY AND THEY HAVE ALSO ADDED A LOT OF ROCK AND RIP RAP TO THE PROJECT. HE FEELS THEY ARE PRETTY CLOSE TO COMPLETING THIS PROJECT. HE HAS THE CLOSE OUT REPORT FOR NFWMD AND HE WILL BE SUBMITTING THIS TO NFWMD TO CLOSE OUT THIS PROJECT THIS WEEK.

3. BONNETT POND ROAD-COMMISSIONER BROCK AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAVE DISCUSSED MOVING FORWARD WITH THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON THE PROJECT. RIGHT-OF-WAY STAKE OUT IS BEING COMPLETED; AFTER THIS IS DONE, IT WILL GIVE EVERYBODY THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THE COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STAKES IN THEIR FRONT YARD SO EVERYBODY WILL KNOW WHERE THE PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY IS.

4. PINEY GROVE-THE COUNTY WAS GRANTED A 60 DAY EXTENSION FROM THE FL-DOT ON THE PINEY GROVE PROJECT THAT RUNS OUT THE END OF THIS WEEK. SUPPOSEDLY, HOPEFULLY, ALLEGEDLY THIS WEEK ANDERSON COLUMBIA WILL FINISH DOING THE ADDITIONAL SODDING AND STABILIZATION THAT WAS ADDED TO THEIR CONTRACT. THERE ARE THREE OR FOUR AREAS UP TOWARD HWY 277 WHERE THERE IS A DROP OFF GREATER THAN 1" ANDERSON COLUMBIA IS SUPPOSE TO BE FILLING PRIOR TO ANY ADDITIONAL SODDING BEING DONE. PINEY GROVE AND WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ARE BOTH DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. THEY ARE PUSHING HARD FOR ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO TRY AND FINISH ALL THEIR WORK THIS

WEEK SO NEXT WEEK THEY CAN SUBMIT THE CLOSEOUTS AND SUBMIT FINAL INVOICES.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED PINEY GROVE AND QUESTIONED WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE WHERE SOMEONE WAS HAULING OUT OF THE DIRT PIT. HE ASKED IF THEY WERE DOING ANY DAMAGE THERE OR IS THERE ANY KIND OF ACTION THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE.

CLIFF SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY DAMAGE TO THE ROAD; BUT, CERTAINLY IF HE HAD KNOWN THAT WAS GOING TO BE AN ACTIVE PIT, THEY COULD HAVE PUT A SUBSTANTIAL APRON THERE TO TRY AND KEEP THE TRUCKS FROM HITTING THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT FIRST.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THINKS THEY MAY HAVE JUST BEEN DIGGING IT OUT FOR A FISH POND, ETC. BECAUSE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT MAKING A DEAL WITH THE COUNTY ABOUT THE CLAY TO DIG A POND THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY GOT A PERMIT TO DIG THE POND. CLIFF SAID IF YOU ARE DIGGING A POND ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY, THERE IS NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR THAT. CLIFF SAID IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MAJOR OPERATION TO HIM; IT JUST LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY HAS MOVED A LITTLE BIT OF DIRT. HE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PEOPLE. THERE IS A HOUSE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THIS AND HE NEEDS TO GO BY THERE TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET HIM IN CONTACT WITH THE OWNERS TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE OWNER WAS HAULING THE CLAY OUT OF THERE FOR THE BUILDING DOWN THERE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT MAY BE WHAT IT IS.

CLIFF REITERATED IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A MAJOR OPERATION TO HIM; THERE WAS ONE LOADER DOWN IN THE HOLE AND YOU COULD SEE WHERE THEY RUN OUT ACROSS THE PAVEMENT. IF IT TURNED OUT INTO A LONG TERM OPERATION, THEN HE WOULD SAY "YES" THEY COULD DAMAGE THE HIGHWAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE OWNER HAD CONTACTED THE COUNTY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY USING THE CLAY AS HE WAS THINKING ABOUT DIGGING A POND AT THAT TIME. THE COUNTY NEVER GOT BACK WITH HIM OR MADE A DEAL.

CLIFF ASKED THE OWNERS NAME. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND PATE INFORMED CLIFF IT WAS DR. JASON HATCHER.

5. STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING-CLIFF REPORTED THEY HAVE SUBMITTED EVERYTHING TO FL-DOT THAT SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD EXECUTED LAP AGREEMENTS ON STATE PARK ROAD AND THE THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING AND THE NOTICE TO PROCEEDS SO THEY CAN ADVERTISE BOTH THESE PROJECTS. THEY HAVE TO ADVERTISE A MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS SO THEY WILL GET THESE PROJECTS ADVERTISED.

6. NEW EOC- THE PLUMBING WAS COMPLETED LAST WEEK AND IT WAS PRESSURE TESTED. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION WITH THE CONTRACTOR ABOUT TRYING TO GET THEIR SCHEDULE BACK ON SCHEDULE. TWO WEEKS AGO THEY SUBMITTED THE ROOF SHOP DRAWINGS FOR THE BUILDING; PREBLE RISH SUBMITTED THOSE TO THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND THERE WERE SOME CHANGES THAT HAD TO BE MADE TO THE FOUNDATION TO ACCOMODATE THE ROOF AS DESIGNED BY THE CONTRACTOR. THOSE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE REVISED PLANS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE CONTRACTOR AND FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS, THEY HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL FORCE THAT IS SUPPOSE TO BE ON SITE WORKING THIS WEEK. UNTIL NOW, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW GUYS COME AND PUT UP FORM BOARDS, A FEW GUYS COME AND PUT IN PLUMBING, SOME ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, ETC. SHOW UP; BUT, THEY REALLY HAVEN'T SEEN THE BIG PUSH THEY HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR. THEY HAD THREE DIFFERENT MEETINGS LAST WEEK AND EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL CREW THIS WEEK TO TRY TO GET READY TO POUR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE CERTAINLY HOPES THE BOARD HASN'T MADE A MISTAKE IN THEIR SELECTION OF THE CONTRACTOR WITH CLIFF AGREEING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHY WAS THE CONTRACTOR CHANGING THE FOUNDATION DESIGN; ARE THEY NOT COORDINATING WITH THE ROOF DESIGN WHEN THEY ARE DOING THIS. CLIFF REITERATED THEY JUST GOT THE SUBMITTAL FROM THE ROOF PANEL SUPPLIERS AND WHEN THE SHOP DRAWINGS FOR THE ROOF PANEL SUPPLIERS ARE COMPLETED, THE LOADS FROM THE ROOF SHOP DRAWING HAVE TO MATCH UP WITH THE FOUNDATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT; BUT, HE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE COORDINATION PROCESS OF THEM KNOWING IT WAS GOING TO TAKE ONE THIS LATE IN THE GAME.

CLIFF SAID HE MADE THAT ARGUMENT; THE ROOF SUBMITTAL IS SOMETHING THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD TWO MONTHS AGO. CLIFF SAID HE HAS HAD SOMEBODY ON THIS JOB; EVERYDAY SOMEBODY HAS SHOWED UP FOR WORK ON THE JOB, HE KNOWS WHO IT WAS AND WHAT PART OF THE PROJECT THEY WERE WITH AND WHAT THEY WERE DOING FOR THAT DAY. IF WE DO GET INTO A SITUATION AS TO WHAT WAS DONE WHEN, HE HAS A RECORD OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED ON THAT JOB EVERY SINGLE DAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE CONTRACTOR DIDN'T PUT THE DESIGN TOGETHER. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY; IF HE WANTS TO CHANGE IT MIDSTREAM, THAT IS UP TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE COUNTY CAN CHARGE FOR EXTRA THINGS THE CONTRACTOR HAS IN THERE. CLIFF SAID THE NORMAL PART OF THE PROCESS IS FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT SHOP DRAWINGS ON EACH PORTION OF THE PROJECT. THE ONLY THING HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH WAS THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TOOK TO GET THE SHOP DRAWINGS FOR THE ROOF AS THAT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD HAVE HAD QUITE A WHILE AGO. AS FAR AS THE COORDINATION EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THE FOUNDATION DRAWINGS MATCH UP WITH THE SHOP DRAWINGS OF THE ROOF, THAT IS KIND OF ON PREBLE/ RISH BECAUSE THEY HANDLED THE STRUCTURAL FOR THE PROJECT. THEY HAD TO SUBMIT IT TO THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO REVIEW AND GET IT BACK, WHICH TOOK ABOUT A WEEK FROM THE TIME THEY SUBMITTED IT TO THE TIME THEY HAD THE SIGNED, SEALED DRAWINGS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHY DIDN'T CLIFF MAKE THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDE ENGINEERING DRAWINGS IF IT CHANGED. CLIFF ADDRESSED THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDED ENGINEER DRAWINGS FOR THE ROOF PANELS; BUT, PREBLE RISH DESIGNED THE FOUNDATION FOR THE COUNTY ORIGINALLY. THERE WERE CHANGES TO THAT FOUNDATION PLAN THAT HAD TO BE MADE AND THAT IS THE PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED BY FEMA. THEY HAD TO HAVE A FULL SET OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS TO START WITH. HE IS NOT SURE HOW THE COUNTY COULD GET THE CONTRACTOR TO HIRE SOMEBODY NEW TO START OVER WITH THE FOUNDATION DESIGN IF THEY HAD TO MAKE CHANGES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T BE DOING THE ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE CONTRACTOR. IF THE CONTRACTOR IS MAKING A CHANGE TO THE BUILDING THAT REQUIRES A CHANGE IN THE DESIGN, HE OUGHT TO BE PAYING CLIFF OR SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO IT. IT IS NOT AN EXPENSE THE COUNTY OUGHT TO BEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE CONTRACTOR SHOULDN'T BE DRAGGING AROUND; HE NEEDS TO GET ON THE SITE, GET THE WORK DONE AND MOVE ON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID WHEN THE CONTRACTOR GETS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO HEAR FROM HIM; HE DOESN'T NEED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. CLIFF SAID HE HAS EXPLAINED THAT TO THE CONTRACTOR REPEATEDLY.

7. EOC SITEWORK-CLIFF REPORTED AS OF RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO CONTRACTOR LINED UP TO DO THIS WORK; THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO DO IT THEMSELVES. THE ENTRANCE ROAD WAS CHANGED TO ENTER FURTHER TO THE WEST.

WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC HAS ISSUED THEIR FINAL DRAWINGS FOR THE THREE PHASE, HOW IT WILL TIE INTO THE COUNTY ROAD, WHERE IT IS COMING THROUGH, WHERE THEIR LAST POLE IS, ETC. AT SOME POINT PRETTY SOON, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO NEED TO GET STARTED ON THE SITEWORK AT THE NEW EOC.

RIGHT NOW, THE CONTRACT WITH CATHEY CONSTRUCTION SAYS THE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION WILL BE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. IF HE WAS HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO DO THE SITEWORK, HE WOULD GIVE THEM THREE MONTHS; SO, THE COUNTY IS GETTING FAIRLY CLOSE AS TO WHEN THEY WILL NEED TO GET STARTED DOING SOMETHING AT THE NEW EOC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD CLIFF HE NEEDED TO PUT A SCHEDULE TOGETHER; PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS TO REALIZE THEY NEED TO GO AND DO THE EOC SITEWORK. THEY NEED TO DROP WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND DO THE SITEWORK BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO MAKE SURE THEY COVER THIS AT THEIR MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS ON WEDNESDAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WAS THERE A CONTRACT GIVEN TO GULF ASPHALT FOR SITEWORK ORIGINALLY. CLIFF STATED IT WAS; THE COUNTY GOT A GRANT FOR ABOUT \$600,000. THE EOC SITEWORK WAS PUT OUT FOR BID; THE COUNTY WAS NOTIFIED THEY WERE AWARDED THE GRANT AND HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY RECEIVED A NOTICE OF AWARD AS WELL. AT THAT TIME, THE COUNTY AWARDED THE CONTRACTOR TO GULF ASPHALT AND ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE NOTICE OF AWARD, THEY GOT ANOTHER LETTER THAT SAID THEY WERE UNAWARDING THE \$600,000 GRANT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN STATED THE EOC SITEWORK WON'T BE A ONE SIDED AFFAIR; THE WEST SIDE AND EAST SIDE SUPERVISORS WILL BOTH BE DOING THE WORK. IF HE HEARS THERE IS ONLY ONE SUPERVISOR DOING THE WORK, HE IS GOING TO WANT TO KNOW WHY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT TYPE OF TIME LIMIT WAS CLIFF LOOKING AT FOR THE EOC SITEWORK. CLIFF SAID HE IS EXPECTING THE BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR; PUNCH LIST, CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, EVERYTHING. CERTAINLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO HAVE THE SAME THING WITH THE PARKING LOT TO FINISH AT THE SAME TIME. IF THEY COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE WITH THE PARKING LOT BY THE END OF NOVEMBER AND FINISH UP THE PUNCH LIST, ETC, HAVE ANOTHER 30 TO 45 DAYS FOR PUNCHLIST, BY THE END OF THE YEAR OR THE FIRST OF JANUARY, MAYBE THEY CAN HAVE THEIR CEO FOR THE BUILDING AND PARKING LOT COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO THE WORKFORCES COMING IN AND OUT TO BUILD THE BUILDING AND QUESTIONED WHEN WAS THE AMPLE TIME TO BUILD THE PARKING LOT SO IT WON'T GET TORN UP SO BAD AND HAVE TO BE REDONE.

CLIFF SAID RIGHT NOW THE CONTRACTOR IS USING THE AREA WHERE THE PARKING LOT IS GOING TO BE FOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS, ETC. CLIFF SAID THE COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO GET STARTED DIGGING THE PONDS BECAUSE THE PONDS ARE COMPLETELY OUTSIDE OF WHERE THE WORK AREA IS. IF THEY GET THEIR PONDS DUG AND THEIR INLETS AND SOME OF THE UNDERGROUND DONE AND SORT OF ROUGH GRADE IT FOR RIGHT NOW UNTIL THEY ARE A LITTLE FURTHER ALONG ON THE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE SCHEDULE CLIFF HAD PROVIDED SHOWED THEY HAD 76 DAYS TO DO THE SITEWORK AND THEY ARE GOING TO START IT IN AUGUST AND FINISH IT IN NOVEMBER. CLIFF SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS PRETTY REASONABLE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WOULD NEED TO BE USED TO DIG THOSE PONDS BECAUSE THAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WITH THE

TRACKS ON IT IS PUTTING PIPES IN ON RIVER ROAD AND THEY ARE PROBABLY GOING TO BE THERE ANOTHER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO DIG THE PONDS AT THE NEW EOC SITE. CLIFF DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO TAKE MORE THAN A WEEK. THE PIPES FOR THE FIRST MILE ARE PRETTY MUCH DONE ON RIVER ROAD; THERE IS ONE 24' PIPE LEFT. CLIFF AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK THEY NEED TO GET THE PIPES IN ON RIVER ROAD SO THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BASE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED COULDN'T THEY CONTINUE WORKING ON RIVER ROAD PIPES AND THEN PULL OFF AND DIG THE PONDS AT THE EOC SITE.

CLIFF SAID THAT IS SOMETHING THEY WILL DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS ON WEDNESDAY; SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND SCHEDULE THE WORK.

8. HIGHWAY 279-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON C. W. ROBERTS COMING ALONG PRETTY GOOD. THE NORTH SECTION IS DONE; THEIR SOD DIDN'T QUITE MAKE THE CUT SO THEY WILL BE REDOING THE SOD ON THE NORTH SECTION. THEY SHOULD BE MOBILIZING AND WORKING HARD ON THE SOUTH SECTION THIS WEEK ALSO. GAC CONTRACTORS IS ON SITE; THEY ARE UNLOADING PIPES TODAY, CUTTING DRIVEWAYS AND GETTING GEARED UP FOR A BUNCH OF THE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS. THE MILLING MACHINE IS SUPPOSE TO BE HERE IN TWO WEEKS. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STOCKPILE SOME LIMEROCK. THE LIMEROCK WILL BE USED TO REPLACE BASE WHERE THERE IS BASE FAILURE.

9. EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FRDAP GRANT-CLIFF REPORTED NOTHING MUCH HAS BEEN DONE ON THIS YET, IT NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD; BUT, THEY HAVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW AS WELL. 10. SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE POND HAVING BEEN LAID OUT AND THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING SOME ISSUES ON IT AS WELL AT THE PUBLIC WORKS MEETING.

11. RIVER ROAD-CLIFF REPORTED HE WAS PUTTING TOGETHER A SEPARATE MICROSOFT PROJECTS WORKSHEET ON THIS PROJECT TO HELP BREAKDOWN THE DAILY TASK FOR PUBLIC WORKS SO THEY CAN TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME TIME FRAMES OVERALL ON THE JOB. 12. MUDHILL LANDFILL-CLIFF REPORTED HENRY GRIMES IS WORKING THIS WEEK TO FINISH HIS TYPE C INLETS IN HIS PIPE AND HIS LINER GUYS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK TO DO THE LINER ON THE AERATION PONDS. THE COUNTY SHOULD BE IN GOOD SHAPE TO AWARD THE ELECTRICAL WHICH IS OUT FOR BID NOW FOR THE PUMPS, CONTROL PANELS AND AERIATORS. THEY WILL TAKE BIDS ON THIS AUGUST 5TH.

13. ST. MARYS BRIDGE-CLIFF REPORTED THEY HAD GIVEN PLANS OUT TO THREE CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN THE AREA, HAD THEM TURN THEIR BIDS IN BY 3:00 P.M. AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FRIDAY. THE BIDS WERE SUPPOSE TO BE A WEEK EARLIER; BUT, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE UTILITIES MARKED AND TWO OF THE CONTRACTORS HAD SAID UNTIL THEY SAW THE UTILITIES MARKED, THEY WOULDN'T SUBMIT A BID. OUT OF THE THREE CONTRACTORS THEY EXPECTED PRICING FROM, THEY ONLY RECEIVED A BID FROM TWO:

- A. MCCORMIC CONTRACTING FOR \$39,258.50
- B. GAC CONTRACTORS \$103,000.00

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHY THE HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE BIDS. CLIFF SAID HE WOULD GUESS ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS HAD BEEN TO THE SITE AND ONE HASN'T.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE ORIGINAL FEMA GUYS THAT CAME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD ASKED HIM WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD DO TO GET THE BRIDGE OPEN. THE RESPONSE WAS TO DRILL IT AND MAKE SURE THERE WOULDN'T A PROBLEM WITH THE OTHER SIDE AND EXCAVATE THE MATERIAL. THEY GOT THE GEOTECH DONE AND IT SHOWED VOIDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BRIDGE; THEY PUT TOGETHER A PLAN TO PUT SOME SHEET PILE WALL UP ALONG THE BARRIER WALLS WHERE IT HAS BEEN

UNDERMINED. THE BOARD VOTED AT A PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING TO HANDLE IT LIKE AN EMERGENCY PROJECT INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE NORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURE. THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO GET IT UP TO THIS POINT.

CLIFF SAID WHEN HE BROUGHT THIS UP TO MR. WILLIAMS, WHO WAS THE FEMA PACK LEADER, WILLIAMS INDICATED HE DIDN'T REVIEW THE PROJECT, HE WASN'T AWARE OF THE PROJECT AND NO IT WASN'T CURRENTLY FUNDED BY FEMA. THAT WAS BEFORE WILLIAMS WENT ON TO DO BETTER THINGS. HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD WANTED TO HANDLE THE ST. MARYS BRIDGE PROJECT. THEY HAVE A PRICE TO FIX THE BRIDGE; BUT, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE FEMA WILL PAY FOR IT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THE BRIDGE NEEDED TO BE FIXED AS THEY GET CALLS ON IT EVERYDAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET FEMA TO LOOK AT THE ST. MARYS BRIDGE WEDNESDAY AND TRY TO GET A PW ON IT. CLIFF SAID THE ONLY THING THEY HAVE ON ST. MARYS SO FAR IS THE HAZARD MITIGATION PROPOSAL FOR RIP RAP UNDERNEATH IT. RON CLEMMONS, ONE OF THE OTHER FEMA GUYS THAT WAS HERE, WROTE THE PROPOSAL; BUT, IT WAS ONLY FOR ABOUT \$8,000. THEY DON'T HAVE A PW, WHICH IS THE FIRST PART YOU HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE DISPARITY OF THESE BIDS. CLIFF SAID IN LOOKING AT THE TWO BIDS, ONE IS FROM A PRIMARILY PAVING CONTRACTOR AND ONE IS PRIMARILY FOR A SHEET PILE CONTRACTOR.

CLIFF SAID HE THINKS FEMA WILL BE ON BOARD AND WILL FUND THE PROJECT AND DOESN'T THINK IT IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM; HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T WANT TO PRESENT THE ILLUSION TO THE BOARD THAT FEMA HAS SAID THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT DUE TO THE TURNOVER WITH THE FEMA REPRESENTATIVES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE PROJECT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A \$100,000 PROJECT TO HIM AND ASKED CLIFF WHAT HIS ESTIMATE WAS. CLIFF SAID \$35,000 WAS HIS ESTIMATE.

CLIFF ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO AWARD THE ST. MARYS BRIDGE PROJECT CONTINGENT ON FEMA WRITING THE PROJECT WORKSHEET NEXT WEEK SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BRIDGE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE FIXED AND THE BOARD MIGHT AS WELL GO AHEAD AND AWARD IT; IT IS AN EMERGENCY. HE SAID TO GO AHEAD AND GET THE CONTRACTOR, TAKE FEMA TO LOOK AT THE PROJECT AND MAYBE THEY WILL GIVE THE COUNTY A PW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD WOULD OFFICIALLY AWARD THE ST. MARYS BRIDGE PROJECT ON THURSDAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHERE THE FUNDING WOULD COME FROM WITH DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTING THEY HAD FUNDING IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUEL LINE ITEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM NRCS THAT GILBERTS MILL ROAD AND FIRE TOWER ROAD HAD BEEN APPROVED; THE FUNDS AREN'T AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW. THE APPROVED PROJECTS WILL BE ADDED TO A WAIT LIST FOR FUTURE FUNDING; THE PROJECTS COULD BE FUNDED IN A MONTH OR IT COULD BE SEVERAL MONTHS.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED ON THE COUNTY HAVING BEEN APPROVED FOR A SCOP RESURFACING PROJECT FOR BONNETT POND ROAD FROM PIONEER ROAD TO MUDHILL AND TWO SCRAP PROJECTS, SHELL LANDING AND BETHEL ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHEN THE STIMULUS STRIPING WOULD BE DONE. CLIFF SAID FL-DOT HAS ASKED THE COUNTY TO ADVERTISE IT AND MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING DISCUSSED THIS PREVIOUSLY WITH STATE PARK ROAD; THAT WAS FOR STIMULUS STRIPING TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED BOTH OF THESE WOULD BE ADVERTISED AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED STATE PARK ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO HIGHWAY 273 THAT IS COMING THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND PATE ADVISED THIS PROJECT WAS IN THE DESIGN PHASE AND IT IS THREE YEARS AWAY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WOULD GO FROM FALLING WATERS TO GLENWOOD.

TOMMY MEADE WITH SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SURVEYING SERVICES BEING DONE IN THE COUNTY. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS HAVING STARTED WORKING WITH THE COUNTY IN 2000; IN THE FIRST SEVEN YEARS, THEY DID A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND BELIEVED THEY ALWAYS HAD A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY AS WELL AS WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER. THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE A GREAT JOB FOR THE COUNTY AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE. OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THEY HAVE HAD TWO OPPORTUNITIES. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO GIVE SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY WHETHER IT COMES THROUGH A GRANT, MAINTENANCE PROJECT, ETC.

MR. MEADE EXPLAINED HE HAD 35 EMPLOYEES THAT PAY TAXES HERE IN THIS COUNTY; HE HAS HAD TO LAY OFF EMPLOYEES AND IS TRYING NOT TO HAVE TO LAY OFF ANY MORE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS AND IT SHOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY THEY KEEP THEM WORKING AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS GENERATING REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

1. SCOP AND SCRAP AGREEMENTS ON BONNETT POND ROAD, SHELL LANDING ROAD AND BETHEL ROAD—HE HAS RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS, EXECUTE THEM AND SEND THEM BACK TO FL-DOT.

2. RESOLUTION FROM OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE BROADBAND INITIATIVE—ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING STIMULUS FUNDING COMING TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICES. THE COUNTIES OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC SERVICES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR SOME OF THIS FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA REPRESENTS THE COUNTY AS ONE OF THE COUNTIES IN THE PANHANDLE. OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA WILL BE THE APPLICANT FOR THE GRANT FUNDING AND ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD SIGN A RESOLUTION STATING THEY ARE REPRESENTING WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IF ANY OTHER VENDOR COMES ALONG, THE COUNTY WILL NOT GO WITH THEM AS THEY ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA.

3. REQUEST FROM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—THE CHURCH HAS A THRIFT STORE CALLED THE LORD'S CUPBOARD WHERE THEY PROVIDE THINGS TO NEEDY FAMILIES. THE CHURCH IS REQUESTING THEY BE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTER AND LOOK FOR ITEMS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO USE AT THEIR THRIFT STORE. DAVID CORBIN DOESN'T ALLOW GROUPS TO GO IN AND PICK THROUGH THINGS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER; HE WANTED THIS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD AND GET BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHURCH TO BE ABLE TO PICK THROUGH THE ITEMS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED DAVID IF HE GOT THINGS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER THAT COULD BE OF USE TO THE CHURCH. DAVID SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MATTRESSES AND BEDS BROUGHT TO THE RECYCLING CENTER THAT CAME FROM BADCOCKS THEY COULD USE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT WAS RECYCABLE ABOUT MATTRESSES, ETC. AND WHY IS THE RECYCLING CENTER HAULING THEM TO THE LANDFILL FOR PEOPLE. DAVID SAID HE HAS SLOWLY BEEN CUTTING THINGS LIKE THAT OFF; THEY HAVE HAD TWO TRAILOR LOADS IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER IS NOT JUST A DUMPING SITE FOR PEOPLE TO JUST DUMP STUFF THEY DON'T WANT THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SOMETIMES PEOPLE DUMP THINGS OFF OUTSIDE THE RECYCLING CENTER GATE AND HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY WERE GOING TO STOP THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AT THE RECYCLING CENTER SO THEY CAN SEE WHO IS DUMPING THE STUFF; IF NOT, MAYBE THIS IS SOMETHING THEY OUGHT TO THINK ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY HAVE SIGNAGE THAT SAYS WHAT CAN BE TAKEN TO THE RECYCLING CENTER. DAVID ADVISED THEY DID HAVE THE SIGNAGE AND THEY ALSO HAVE ADS IN BOTH PAPERS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE COUNTY TOOK ALL THIS STUFF; THEY TOOK OLD FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, WHITE GOODS TRYING TO CLEAN UP THE COUNTY. THE RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN THE COUNTY CLEANING IT UP; NOW YOU ARE SEEING TRACES OF OLD CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, ETC. THROWN OUT BY THE ROAD IN THE RURAL AREAS. HE REFERRED TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM GETTING CUT AND QUESTIONED WHEN THE CUT TAKES PLACE.

DAVID INFORMED THE BOARD THE CUT TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 1ST. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHAT THEY HAVE DONE HERE IS ELIMINATING GRADUALLY WHETHER IT IS PLASTIC, MATTRESSES, ETC. AND QUESTIONED WHERE IS THIS GOING TO GO NOW IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T PROVIDE THE SERVICE. BROCK SAID IT WAS GOING TO GO BACK IN THE WOODS. RECYCLING IS A CRITICAL AREA IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BUILT AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM; HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE THE COUNTY GOING DOWNHILL WITH RECYCLING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED HOW MUCH IT COST TO HAUL A TRAILOR FULL OF ITEMS TO THE LANDFILL. DAVID SAID A GOOD LOAD WOULD COST \$600 TO \$800.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM ACCEPTING ITEMS; BUT, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHARGE A FEE TO HELP COVER THE EXPENSE OF HAULING IT TO THE LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FELT IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD GOODS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER, THEY NEED TO SET A PRICE TO COVER HAULING IT TO THE LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED DAVID HOW OFTEN HE HAD TO TAKE THE LARGE BIN AT RECYCLING TO THE SPRINGHILL LANDFILL. DAVID SAID WHEN HE TOOK OVER, THEY WERE GOING ABOUT ONCE TO TWICE A WEEK; HE HASN'T CARRIED ONE OFF IN OVER A MONTH NOW. HOWEVER, HE HAS TWO ABOUT FULL.

KATHY FOSTER, FOSTER FOLLIES, QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A REASON BADCOCKS OR CHAVERS BROCK, ETC. COULDN'T JUST DELIVER THEIR FURNISHINGS DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH RATHER THAN TAKING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

DAVID ADDRESSED THE CHURCH IS WANTING MORE THAN JUST MATTRESSES; THERE ARE STOVES, REFRIGERATORS, ETC. THAT COME TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, QUESTIONED THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY TO ALLOW ANYONE TO GO AND PUFFER THROUGH THE GARBAGE AND HOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS WOULD WANT THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK THROUGH THE ITEMS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT IF THE BOARD OPENS IT UP TO THE CHURCH, THEY WOULD END UP OPENING UP TO ANYBODY ELSE THAT WOULD WANT TO GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTER AND PUFFER THROUGH AND LOOK FOR THINGS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL, IN REFERENCE TO COMMISSIONER BROCK'S QUESTION, SAID THERE ARE PEOPLE STILL DUMPING STUFF ALL OVER THE COUNTY; UNRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE THAT WANT TAKE IT TO THE LANDFILL ON THEIR OWN AND WANTS SOMEBODY ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF IT FOR THEM. THAT IS NOT SOMETHING I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS BULK PICKUPS COUNTYWIDE ONE DAY IN SOME SHAPE OR FASHION. THERE ARE

PEOPLE NOW IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA THAT WANT YARD DEBRIS PICKED UP BY THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE RECYCLING CENTER IS NOT A CLASS C OR CLASS B LANDFILL; IT IS A RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED, IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO OPEN THIS UP TO AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THE CHURCH, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTROL IT; IF YOU DON'T, THEY WILL HAVE EVERYBODY DOING IT. IF THEY DO AND GET IT LAX LIKE THAT, THEY WILL RUN INTO THE SAME PROBLEM THEY HAD AT RECYCLING BEFORE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD OUGHT TO GET INTO IT; IT IS A RECYCLING CENTER AND NOT A GARBAGE DUMP. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE IS A LOT OF GOOD STUFF THAT GOES THROUGH THE RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHY WERE PEOPLE BRINGING IT TO THE RECYCLING CENTER; WHY DON'T THEY TAKE IT TO THE LORD'S CUPBOARD OR THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

ROGER HAGAN SAID WHEN THE COUNTY ENTERED INTO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, WASTE MANAGEMENT HAD A PLACE ACROSS FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER ON HIGHWAY 77 WITH A DUMPSTER FOR PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T HAVE A PICKUP AT THEIR HOUSE TO THROW THEIR GARBAGE INTO. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT ABOUT PUTTING A DUMPSTER THERE AGAIN FOR GARBAGE AND LET RECYCABLES GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT CALL WASTE MANAGEMENT TO SEE IF THEY COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT ON A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO BRING ALL THEIR ITEMS WITH ONLY RECYCABLE ITEMS GOING TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE GOING TO ADDRESS THE REQUEST FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT THE BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY ONLY DISCUSSED IT TODAY; BUT, THEY WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS IT AT THEIR BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY.

4. AMERICAN FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC.-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UP- DATED THE BOARD ON A LETTER FROM AMERICAN FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC. OFFERING TO SALE NINE ACRES ADJACENT TO PUBLIC WORKS ON MUDHILL ROAD TO THE COUNTY FOR \$11,000. CHAIRMAN HOWELL REQUESTED PETE LOOK AT THE PROPERTY AND COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON THURSDAY.

5. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN INVOICE ON AN EXCAVATOR FOR \$24,188.59 WHICH IS ABOVE HIS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE. THE EXCAVATOR HAS HAD A LOT OF REPAIRS AND HE BELIEVES IT HAS GONE BACK TO THE SHOP.

6. PUBLIC NOTICE ON AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE SCHEDULED AUGUST 11TH AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE SIKES LITIGATION.

7. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS REACHED A POINT THEY FEEL LIKE A WORKSHOP WITH THE BOARD IS NEEDED TO DISCUSS SOME BUDGET ISSUES. ON THURSDAY, HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE MORE OF AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED SCHEDULING A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR JULY 29TH AT 9:00 A.M.

8. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED TO THE BOARD ON A LETTER FROM FDLE ON THE EDWARD BYRNES MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT; A FEW WEEKS AGO THERE WERE STIMULUS MONEY AVAILABLE FOR A BYRNES GRANT AND THE BOARD APPROVED OF DESIGNATING THE SHERIFF AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THAT GRANT AND SHARE IT WITH THE CITY OF CHIPLEY.

HERBERT ADDRESSED THIS LETTER IS THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL AWARD FOR \$72,583; THE BOARD NEEDS TO DESIGNATE THE SHERIFF AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GRANT.

9. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON DAVID CORBIN HAVING DONE SOME RESEARCH ON GETTING A NEW TRACTOR FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER. HE HAS FOUND ONE AT WELLS TRACTOR COMPANY FOR \$15,150.

DAVID INFORMED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING A TWO WHEEL DRIVE 71HP TRACTOR, NO CAB; IT IS JUST A BASIC TRACTOR. IT HAS ABOUT 1,000 HOURS ON IT. IT HAS A BUCKET ON IT AND CAN BE USED FOR FORKS WITH PICKING UP AND MOVING THE PALLETS OR HOWEVER THE BOARD MAY DECIDE TO USE IT.

DAVID SAID THE BOARD NEEDED TO APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE TRACTOR. THE BOARD AGREED TO TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR THE TRACTOR FOR RECYCLING ON THURSDAY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET THERE IS AN EQUIPMENT LINE ITEM WITH \$10,000 ON IT THAT HASN'T BEEN USED. THERE ARE FUNDS THERE TO PURCHASE THE OFFSET DISC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THEY NEED TO PURCHASE TWO DISC; ONE FOR EACH SIDE OF THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO START CUTTING ROADS. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WERE GOING TO MIX THE CLAY IN WITH THE SAND THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AWAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF THEY WOULD PUT A SCARFIER GRADER OUT THERE THAT KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE DOING, HE WILL MIX IT FOR THEM WITH THE GRADER. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NOT AS GOOD AS IT COULD BE MIXED WITH THE OFFSET DISC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED DALLAS WHAT WAS USED ON OLE ROAD; DALLAS ADVISED THEY USED AN OFFSET DISC. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT ROAD LOOKED REALLY GOOD AND ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO GO LOOK AT OLE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COUNTY USE TO USE OFFSET DISCS; THE COUNTY SOLD THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD, ALL THEY HAVE DONE IS HAUL CLAY, SAND, CLAY, SAND AND HAVEN'T MIXED ANYTHING. NOW THEY HAVE SOMETHING GOING OUT THERE TO MIX IT AND YOU CAN PUT ANY KIND OF PAVEMENT YOU WANT TO ON IT AND COMMISSIONER BROCK IS BUCKING IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT IS WHY THE COUNTY PAID \$8,000 EXTRA FOR THE SCARFIER ON ALL THESE GRADERS AND THEY SHOULD BE USING THEM. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WERE USING THEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED A PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT ON A DRIVEWAY THAT WAS PAVED OFF HARD LABOR ROAD. HE WAS REQUESTED TO BRING THIS UP ABOUT REPAIRING THE DRIVEWAY BEYOND THE 50'.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING RECEIVED A PHONE CALL THE WEEK HE WAS AT CONFERENCE ABOUT THE DRIVEWAY ON HARD LABOR ROAD; IT IS IN COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S DISTRICT AND IN HIS WORKING DISTRICT. THEY BOTH HAD MET WITH DEREK HAYES AND EXPLAINED TO HIM THEY COULD DO UP TO 50'. HE GETS A PHONE CALL LATE ONE DAY AND IT IS SOMEWHAT OVER THE 50'. HE HAS A PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT DATED JUNE 23, 2009 SIGNED BY JAMES DEREK HAYES AND TERESA A HAYES AND WITNESSED BY CHARLES BROCK. THIS SAYS THE EASEMENT WAS SIGNED ON THAT DAY; BUT, HE HAS WITNESSES THIS WAS SIGNED ON SATURDAY AT THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL AND HE ALSO HAS HANDWRITTEN NOTES FROM DEREK HAYES, WHO IS IN JACKSONVILLE TAKING SOME SCHOOL. THIS WAS NOTORIZED BY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

HE READ THE NOTE FROM DEREK:

ON 6-28-09, HE WAS APPROACHED AT THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL BY CHARLES BROCK AND ROBERT HARCUS WHO HAD WHAT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE A STANDARD

AGREEMENT FOR ME TO SIGN WHICH GAVE THEM PERMISSION TO ENTER UPON MY PROPERTY TO REPAIR 50' OF MY DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE DUE TO STORM. SIGNED JAMES D. HAYES. THIS WAS HANDED TO ME THIS MORNING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WHEN YOU GET AN EASEMENT SIGNED SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE WORK WAS DONE. THEY HAVE A RULE OF 50'. HE SAID HE DIDN'T AUTHORIZE IT AND TO HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS IT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER OVER THAT VOTING DISTRICT; YET, WORK WAS DONE AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT IT. NO REPRIMAND OR ANYTHING AND THIS IS NOT THE ONLY TIME; IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME THIS PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANOTHER AT BEVERITT PIT. SOMEBODY UNLOCKED THE GATE DOWN THERE AND THAT MATERIAL WAS PUT DOWN THERE AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE FOUND OUT WHEN HE CAME BACK, MR. HERBERT AND HE BELIEVES MR. HOLMAN HAD TO GO TO FL-DEP TO ANSWER THINGS LIKE THIS. HE HAS BEEN TOLD ANOTHER SUPERVISOR OWNED UP TO HIS THINGS AND HE WAS GOING TO BE REPRIMANDED AND ONE SUPERVISOR WITH TWO POSSIBLE THINGS AND IT DOESN'T SEEM ANYTHING IS GOING. HE ASKED WAS THE COUNTY GOING TO MAKE THEIR RULES, ALLOW PEOPLE TO DO IT AND IN DEFENSE OF THE SUPERVISORS, IF THEY ARE TOLD TO DO IT, THEY WILL PROBABLY DO IT. WE TALK ABOUT HELPING THE PEOPLE OUT AND DOING THE RIGHT THINGS AND ALL THAT. NOBODY IS TRYING TO FIRE ANYBODY; HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE COMMISSIONER BROCK GOT THE FACT WE HAD FIRED A BUNCH OF THEM. IF YOU LOSE YOUR CERTIFICATION ON AN INMATE SUPERVISOR, THE POLICY SAYS YOU ARE GONE. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE MR. BROCK IS GETTING THIS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, IT PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE TURNED OVER TO OUR LAWYER TO SEE IF IT IS LEGAL; HE DOESN'T THINK IT IS. HE THINKS WHEN YOU SIGN A NOTARY, IT HAS TO BE ON THE DATE YOU ACTUALLY OBSERVED THEM SIGN IT. ROBERT HARCUS SIGNED IT THAT ON JUNE 23RD IT WAS SIGNED; BUT, IT WAS ACTUALLY SIGNED ON SATURDAY AT THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPLAINED THAT MONDAY HE WENT TO TALK TO DEREK; HE WAS GONE. DEREK'S WIFE WAS THERE AND HE TOLD HER TO TELL DEREK TO CALL HIM WHEN HE GOT IN. WHEN HE LEFT, AT THE BOTTOM OF HAYES' DRIVEWAY, HIS TRUCK WENT FROM TWO WHEEL DRIVE TO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE; WHEN IT BOGS DOWN, IT KICKS INTO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE. HE TOLD ROBERT TO FIX THE PLACE WHERE IT COMES OUT OF HAYES' DRIVE. ON THURSDAY, HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL ASKING IF HE HAD WENT BY AND LOOKED AT THAT DRIVEWAY; HE SAID "NO". HE LEFT VERNON, WENT THAT WAY AND CALLED ROBERT AND ASKED HIM HOW FAR DID THEY GO UP IN THE DRIVE. ROBERT SAID "JUST A LITTLE HILL." COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK NOTHING ABOUT IT SO HE DIDN'T DRIVE UP IN THERE. FRIDAY, PETE WAS OFF; ON MONDAY, HE, DAVID CORBIN AND PETE WENT UP IN THE DRIVEWAY AT HAYES AND HE SAW HOW FAR THEY WENT UP IN THERE. THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE SEEN IT. HE HAD TOLD ROBERT TO FIX THE DRIVEWAY WHERE IT WAS REAL SANDY; HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HIM FIXING IT FROM THAT FIRST LITTLE HILL COMING DOWN BECAUSE OF THE WATER COMING OFF THE HILL. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE WAS MISCOMMUNICATION OR WHAT IT WAS; WHEN HE WENT BACK, IT WAS FURTHER UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED HOW FAR DID ROBERT GO UP THE HILL. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAYING HE DIDN'T KNOW; HE DIDN'T CHECK IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID WITH HIS FIFTH YEAR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY, ROBERT HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO GET HIM IN TROUBLE. HE CAN SAY ONE THING ABOUT ROBERT; WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OFFICE HE AND ROBERT HAS PROBLEMS. BUT, THEY TOOK CARE OF THEM. HE TOLD ROBERT WHATEVER HE DOES, DON'T GET HIM IN TROUBLE AND ROBERT SAID WELL HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET IN ANY TROUBLE EITHER. IT HAS BEEN LIKE THAT FOR ALL THESE YEARS. HE SAID

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO; ROBERT HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO GET HIM IN TROUBLE BEFORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHILE AGO THAT EVERYTHING COME BEFORE THE BOARD WHEN THEY FIRE ANYBODY OR DISCIPLINE ANYBODY; THIS IS THE KIND OF THING IF THEY STAY WITHIN THEIR RULES AND BY THE WAY, THIS THING WE HAVE GOT TO FIX THAT. IF YOU BUILD A HOUSE AND BUILD IT UP ON A HILL AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DRIVEWAY, IF YOU CHOOSE TO PUT IT WAY OUT THERE, THEN YOU SHOULD BORROW ENOUGH MONEY TO FIX IT. THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN THAT BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT HE COVERS, IT IS ALL BECAUSE OF ROBERT; ROBERT KNOWS WHAT ROAD NEEDS TO BE DONE AND HE HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY LONGER THAN HE HAS. STRICKLAND SAID HE HAS TO GIVE ROBERT CREDIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM NOT QUESTIONING HIS ABILITY TO DO THAT; HE IS QUESTIONING THIS ONE THING AND THE FACT IT WAS SIGNED AND NOTORIZED IT WAS SIGNED ON THE 23RD. HOWEVER, IT WAS SIGNED ON SATURDAY AT THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL. IT BOTHERS HIM; HE IS NOT A LAWYER BUT HE IS NOT SURE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING AND SIGN IT SEVERAL DAYS LATER AND SAY YOU SAW HIM SIGN IT ON THE 23RD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHEN THE WORK WAS DONE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 23RD TO THE 26TH OR 27TH; BUT, HE GOT THE CALL ON THURSDAY OF THAT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED PETE WHEN THE WORK WAS DONE. PETE ADVISED IT WAS DONE ON THE 24TH; HE WAS OFF ON THE 25TH AND HE THINKS IT WAS DONE ON THURSDAY THE 24TH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID NOBODY WAS OVER THERE THAT THURSDAY WHEN HE WENT BY ABOUT 12:00 OR 12:15; BUT, ONCE HE GOT THE CALL, HE CLOSED UP AND COME ON OVER THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE NOTICED NOT A ONE OF THE TWO SUPER-VISORS ARE DENYING IT.

ROBERT HARCUS SAID THE REASON THE PAPERWORK WAS ALREADY FILLED OUT, DEREK WASN'T HOME TO SIGN IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE WORK WAS DONE BEFORE IT WAS SIGNED. ROBERT SAID YES; HE WASN'T HOME. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN TOLD TO DO THE WORK; SO HE WENT AHEAD AND DID THE WORK. THE INCIDENT AT BEVERETT PIT, ROBERT SAID MR. PATE WAS THE ONE THAT TOLD US. COMMISSIONER PATE INTERRUPTED ROBERT AND SAID HE DIDN'T TELL HIM TO OPEN UP AND PUT ANYTHING THERE.

ROBERT TOLD PATE IF HE WASN'T GOING TO LET HIM TALK, HE WOULD GO BACK AND SIT DOWN. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHEN YOU TELL A BALD FACE LIE. ROBERT SAID THAT IS NOT A BALD FACE LIE AND HE THINKS DALLAS CARTER WILL AGREE TO THAT; PATE TOLD THEM TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT BRICK. PATE SAID HE DIDN'T SAY TO PUT IT IN ONE OF THEIR PITS; HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY WAS DOWN THERE SO HOW COULD HE HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT IT. ROBERT SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE DREAMED IT UP. HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY USE FOR THE BRICK; JUST LIKE THAT BRIDGE YOU TOLD ME TO GET. HE DOESN'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT BRIDGE AND THINKS IT IS FOOLISH TO GET THE BRIDGE AND BRING IT TO THE YARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BRIDGE COULD BE USED; BUT, THE BRICK COULDN'T AND HE DIDN'T SPECIFICALLY TELL ROBERT TO DO THAT. ROBERT SAID THAT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ROBERT IF HE HAD SAID HE WAS TOLD TO DO THE DRIVEWAY AND BY WHOM. ROBERT SAID COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND. ROBERT SAID HE ASKED HIM A SECOND TIME IF HE WANTED HIM TO DO THE WHOLE DRIVE

AND HE SAID HEAR THIS COMMISSIONER BROCK AND STRICKLAND SAID "YES". COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS SITTING RIGHT THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE QUESTION IS WHY WAS COMMISSIONER BROCK OVER THERE WHEN TWO OTHER COMMISSIONERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT AND DEALING WITH IT. ROBERT SAID HE WAS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. DONNIE TOLD HIM TO GO OVER THERE; COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS WITH HIM AND DONNIE TOLD US TO GO OVER THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD ROBERT HE DIDN'T CALL HIM AND THIS WAS IN HIS WORK DISTRICT. HOW ABOUT THAT?

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DRIVEWAYS IN THEORY. WHETHER IT IS 60', 70' OR 150', THE COUNTY HAS A POLICY OF 50' AND HE THOUGHT THAT WAS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS. GO OUT TO FALLING WATERS, THAT IS ABOUT 70'; THAT IS OVER 50' AND NOBODY SAID NOTHING ABOUT THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHERE WAS THE 70'. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT WAS OUT AT FALLING WATERS AND WAS DONE AFTER HAYES' DRIVEWAY WAS DONE. WE ARE GETTING INTO TAPE MEASURING STUFF OUT HERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID "NO" WE ARE GETTING INTO BUILDING ROADS WITH A PARTICULAR EASEMENT; IF THAT HAD BEEN FILED RIGHT THERE, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE HAD MAINTENANCE ON IT FOR THE REST OF ITS LIFE AND IT IS A PRIVATE DRIVE ANY WAY YOU WANT TO CUT IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TALKING HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES HERE; 5' LONGER THAN 50' IS ONE THING. BUT, 150' LONGER THAN 50' IS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. WHO PAID FOR THAT DRIVEWAY? THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THAT IS NOT FAIR.

ROBERT SAID WE DO IT EVERYWHERE ELSE; IT IS DONE ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GET HIM A DRIVEWAY; HE NEEDS A DRIVEWAY TOO. BUT, HE IS NOT CALLING THE COUNTY TO COME DO IT.

ROBERT REITERATED IT IS DONE ALL OVER THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT SHOULDN'T BE DONE ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND ROBERT KNOWS THAT.

ROBERT SAID IT WAS A BOARD DECISION AT ONE TIME; IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND HE THINKS DIANNE WILL REMEMBER, IF YOU HAVE WASHES COMING OFF YOUR ROAD GOING OUT A COUNTY ROAD, YOU COULD GO TO WHATEVER EXTENT YOU NEEDED TO REPAIR IT AND STOP IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE UNDERSTANDS AND HE IS SURE THAT HAS HAPPENED. BUT, JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER PATE SAID, IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO FIX THEIR DRIVEWAY AND NOT THE COUNTY'S.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED PUBLIC WORKS HAVING A BUDGET WE WERE JUST TOLD THIS MORNING, IT WAS BALANCED WITH NO CONTINGENCY ITEM IN IT. THEY JUST GOT A \$24,000 BILL TO FIX A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WITH. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING SAID THE EQUIPMENT IS GETTING OLD AND TALKED ABOUT GOING BACK ON THE OLD PROGRAM; THE OLD PROGRAM IS NOT THAT GOOD OF DEAL NOW. SO, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MONEY IN THERE TO FIX THIS STUFF AND WE STILL GO OUT HERE AND HUNT EXCUSES, EVERYTHING FROM DRAINAGE TO THIS NOW AND GIVE STUFF AWAY THAT THEY SHOULD BE PAYING FOR. PATE SAID HE DON'T ASK THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR HIS AND IF IT IS THE ONE HE IS THINKING ABOUT, HE KNOWS SOMEBODY THAT HAS A CONTRACT TO DO THAT AND SAYS IT AIN'T OVER 50'. THE POINT IS YOU CAN STRETCH THESE THINGS OUT THERE AND FOLKS; THE MAIN POINT IS THIS THING WAS SIGNED AFTER THE FACT AND ROBERT STATED ON IT HE SAW HIM SIGN IT ON JUNE 23RD. ROBERT SAID HE SAW HIM SIGN IT; HE ALREADY HAD THE FORM FILLED OUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HAYES SIGNED IT ON THE 27TH OR 28TH AND HE IS NOT SURE THIS COULDN'T COST ROBERT HIS NOTARY. ROBERT SAID THAT WAS FINE

WITH HIM; IT WILL PROBABLY SAVE HIM A LOT GOING ON WITH THE BOARD TELLING THEM STUFF THEY SHOULDN'T DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED ROBERT IF HE HAD EVER TOLD HIM TO DO SOMETHING WRONG. CAREFUL ABOUT THAT OVER THERE BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SOME WITNESSES TO SAY HE TOLD HIM TO CARRY THAT STUFF FROM THAT SCHOOL BUILDING DOWN TO IT. ROBERT SAID ALL HE HAD SAID WAS PATE HAD SAID FIND A PLACE FOR THE BRICK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T TELL ROBERT TO PUT THEM IN ONE OF THE COUNTY'S PIT; IF HE TOLD HIM THAT, HE DOESN'T REMEMBER TELLING HIM THAT. ROBERT SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PIT; EVEN DEP SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE BRICK IN THE PIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHY WAS ANYONE FROM A CONSTRUCTION SITE ALLOWED TO PUT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN BEVERITT PIT PERIOD. IT WAS MATERIALS TO PUT IN DITCHES AND DRAINS FOR WASHES JUST LIKE PATE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE BRIDGE. PATE SAID HE HAS NEVER SEEN BRICKS IN A DITCH OUT THERE. ROBERT SAID THEY PUT THEM IN DITCHES ALL THE TIME; ASPHALT, ROCK, ANYTHING THEY CAN GET A HOLD OF. PATE SAID YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSE TO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED THEY DISCUSS THE DRIVEWAY AND ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WHAT HE WAS DOING ABOUT THIS. HERBERT SAID HE WAS LOOKING INTO IT TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION NEEDED; THEN, IT GOT TALKED ABOUT SO MUCH AND THEN HE WAS TOLD IT WAS COMING UP AT THE BOARD MEETING AND IT WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD MEETING. AT THIS POINT, IT IS JUST PENDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD HERBERT HE HAD INDICATED WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT IT THAT HE WAS GOING TO BRING IT UP AT THE BOARD MEETING AND HE WAS KIND OF WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE BOARD MEETING. TO GO BACK TO SOMETHING ELSE THAT WAS SAID EARLIER ABOUT PUTTING MR. PETE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS. WHEN HE TOOK THE JOB AS ADMINISTRATOR, HE IS SUPPOSE TO GO BY THE COUNTY'S RULES AND MAKE THOSE DECISIONS THAT HE IS AUTHORIZED TO; HE IS AUTHORIZED TO HIRE, FIRE AND DISCIPLINE EVERY PERSON THAT WORKS WITH THE COUNTY EXCEPT HIMSELF AND THE COMMISSIONERS. HE NEEDS TO DO HIS JOB AND HE NEEDS TO DO IT RIGHT WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM ALL THE REST OF THE BOARD; IF HE HAS A SUPERVISOR OUT THERE THAT HAS DONE SOMETHING, THE OTHER ONE OWNED UP TO HIS; BUT, THIS ONE DON'T WANT TO OWN UP TO ANYTHING ACCORDING TO THIS RIGHT HERE. PATE SAID HE HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD THE SUPERVISORS IF THEY DO WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO DO AND STAY WITHIN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, HE WOULD SUPPORT THEM; BUT, IF THEY DON'T, HE IS GOING TO BE THEIR WORST NIGHTMARE. THIS IS UP TO THE BOARD AND PETE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON FL-DEP TOLD THEM AS FAR AS THE BLOCK OR BRICK, THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS BEING DUMPED IN ONE OF THEIR PITS IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO USE IT. THE PROBLEM THEY HAD WAS WHEN THEY WENT AND LOOKED AT THE PIT, THEY FOUND METAL, WOOD, ETC. IN IT. HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BRICK OR BLOCK BEING DUMPED IN THE PIT. HOWEVER, HE TOLD ROBERT, AS THE WEST SIDE SUPERVISOR, THAT BEING IN HIS AREA, WHAT HE SHOULD HAVE DONE WHEN THE CONTRACTOR STARTED HAULING IT IN THERE, HE SHOULD HAVE WENT TO THE PIT AND SHOULD HAVE INSPECTED IT.

ROBERT SAID HE DID AND THAT IS WHEN THE FL-DEP LADY CAME IN AND SAID HE WOULD MOVE THE STUFF OUT OF THE PIT. HOLMAN ASKED WHEN THE CONTRACTOR STARTED DUMPING IN THE PIT, DID ROBERT GO AND INSPECT IT BEFORE THE FL-DEP WENT THERE. ROBERT SAID FL-DEP CAME DURING THAT TIME WHEN HE WAS THERE; HE HAD DONE BEEN BEFORE THAT. HOLMAN ASKED ROBERT IF HE HAD SEEN ANY OTHER DEBRIS BESIDES BRICK AND BLOCK. ROBERT SAID HE DID AND HAD ALREADY TALKED TO THE GUY AND TOLD HIM IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE CLEAN AND WE

SAID WE WOULD CLEAN IT UP. THE GUY WAS WAITING ON HIM TO GET THE BACKHOE AND COME IN THERE AND HE TOLD THE GUY HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THAT WOULD BE; BUT, HE GOT A PEICE OF EQUIPMENT IN THERE TO CLEAN IT UP.

HOLMAN SAID FROM NOW ON HIS SUGGESTION TO THE BOARD, WHEN IT COMES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, COUNTY, ETC. DUMPING DEBRIS WITHIN THE COUNTY PITS, FIRST OF ALL IT SHOULDN'T BE GOING ON. THE SUPERVISORS NEED TO CONTACT PETE BEFORE ANYTHING IS OKAYED; NEITHER ONE OF US BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE TELLING THE SUPERVISORS TO GO AHEAD AND LET THEM CONTRACTORS DUMP THAT DEBRIS IN THAT PIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T TELL THEM TO LET THE CONTRACTOR DO IT. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE DIDN'T CALL JOEL BY NAME; HE WAS SAYING NONE OF THE BOARD HAS NO BUSINESS TELLING THEM SUPERVISORS TO ALLOW THIS TO GO ON.

SECONDLY, HOLMAN SAID THE COUNTY HAS A POLICY ON DRIVEWAYS OF 50'; FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, IF YOU GO OVER 50' ON THAT DRIVEWAY, WHATEVER SUPERVISOR IS DOING IT, IS GOING TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. NONE OF US COMMISSIONERS NEED NOT TELL THE SUPERVISOR TO GO OVER 50'. IF IT HAS GOT TO GO OVER 50', THEY WAIT UNTIL THE BOARD MEETING OR THE WORKSHOP AND EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD WHY IT HAS TO BE DONE AND LET THE BOARD APPROVE IT. OUTSIDE THAT, THE SUPERVISORS KNOW 50'; THATS IT.

ROBERT SAID HE WOULD NOT BE HAULING ANY DIRT OR PUTTING ANYTHING IN OTHER THAN THE POLICY. HE DOESN'T EXPECT US TO COME BACK UP HERE IN FRONT OF THIS BOARD BECAUSE I WAS TOLD TO DO IT AND DIDN'T DO IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN; HE DOESN'T THINK ANYBODY IS GOING TO DRAG ROBERT UP HERE AND COMPLAIN ABOUT HIM DOING HIS JOB. HE KNOWS WHAT HIS JOB IS MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE. ROBERT SAID HE DOES KNOW WHAT HIS JOB IS; THEY GET HIM TO DO WHAT HE IS ASKED TO DO BEYOND HIS JOB.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ROBERT WHY WOULDN'T HE JUST TELL THE COMMISSIONER NO, THAT IS AGAINST POLICY AND I AM NOT GOING TO DO THAT. ROBERT SAID HE HAS BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TELL A COMMISSIONER NO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ROBERT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. ROBERT SAID THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD GET TOGETHER AND AFTER A WHILE, YOU ARE GONE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. HE HAS SEEN IT HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE AND ROBERT HAS TALKED ABOUT THIS ALREADY; A COMMISSIONER CAN'T FIRE HIM. ROBERT SAID ONE CAN'T; THAT IS TRUE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE POLICY TODAY WITH MS. FINCH; MR. HERBERT CAN FIRE HIM BUT THE BOARD CAN'T.

ROBERT SAID BUT ONE COMMISSIONER CAN GO AND TALK TO MR. HERBERT JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD HIM TO WRITE HIM UP AND HE WILL WRITE ME UP SO WHY COULDN'T HE FIRE ME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DOESN'T THINK SO; HE DOESN'T THINK THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID EXACTLY; YOU HAVE JUST HIT IT ON THE NAILHEAD. THE QUESTION CAME OUT. MR. PATE TOLD MR. HERBERT TO WRITE ROBERT UP; NO COUNTY COMMISSIONER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GO TO MR. PETE AND TELL HIM TO DO ANYTHING WITH AN EMPLOYEE. COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK TO REMEMBER THAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAYS HE DOES; HE FULLY REMEMBERS THAT. PATE ASKED BROCK HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE COME UP HERE TO TRY TO GET SOMEBODY HIRED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID LETS GET BACK TO PETE AND WHAT HE IS DOING ABOUT THIS SITUATION; HOWELL SAID THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED WHERE THEY HAVE GONE BEYOND 50'. THE SUPERVISORS KNOW THE DIFFERENCE; DALLAS WROTE A LETTER A FEW MONTHS AGO SAYING HE WASN'T GOING BEYOND 50' AND NOT ASK HIM TO DO IT AND THEN HE GOES OFF AND DOES A CULVERT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID DALLAS OWNED UP TO IT.

DALLAS SAID THE COUNTY MAINTAINED THAT ROAD OVER 50 YEARS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHY IT HAS CABLE ACROSS IT. DALLAS SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT; BUT, THE COUNTY HAS MAINTAINED THE ROAD FOR 50 YEARS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID AS OF RIGHT NOW, TELL HIM THE COUNTY IS NOT GOING TO MAINTAIN IT NO MORE. DALLAS SAID THAT IS FINE WITH HIM. TELL DEREK, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO MAINTAIN HIS ROAD.

DALLAS SAID THERE WAS RIBBON ACROSS THE ROAD WHEN HE GOT THERE; THE CABLE WAS DRUG OFF TO THE SIDE. ROBERT SAID THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE HAD THE CABLE REMOVED; IF NOT, THAT MAN WROTE UP. HE KNOWS THE ROAD. THE COUNTY'S WATER RUNS OFF IN HIS GRADED ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY'S WATER RUNS OFF EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTY. ROBERT SAID THIS IS A DITCH OFF OUR ROAD AND IT IS GRADED ALL THE WAY DOWN IN THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED AGAIN WHAT PETE WAS DOING ABOUT THIS. PETE SAID HE HAD INVESTIGATED IT, TALKED TO DONNIE AND CHARLES AND DIDN'T TALK TO ROBERT; HE DID A LITTLE BIT DOWN AT THE OFFICE IN VERNON AND HE SAID HE WAS DOING WHAT HE WAS TOLD TO DO. HE WAS LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE DISCIPLINE; HE HAD ACTUALLY DRAFTED A LETTER AND HAS IT IN HIS FILE CABINET AND THAT IS WHEN HE WAS TOLD IT WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD MEETING. HE WANTED TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT CAME OUT OF THE BOARD MEETING BEFORE HE DOES ANYTHING MORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHY PETE HAD TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT COMES OUT OF THE BOARD MEETING; DID HE THINK IT WOULD EVEN HAVE COME UP IF HE HAD HANDLED IT QUICKLY. PATE TOLD PETE HE WAS GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO TAKE A POT SHOT AT HIM IF HE HAS DONE WRONG. FOR THREE YEARS, HE HAS SERVED ONE YEAR WITH HIM LIKE THAT AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH HIM. HE WANT GO INTO SOME OF THE REASONS HERE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE; BUT, YOU WERE NOT DOING YOUR JOB AND I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE DOING IT. HE KNEW ABOUT ONE OVER HERE AND THIS ONE SEEMED TO BE SLIPPING BY ON TWO OF THEM. THAT IS THE REASON HE BROUGHT IT UP.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHAT THE COUNTY POLICY WAS WHEN IT COMES TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION; IT IS ONE OR TWO VERBAL WARNINGS. HEATHER SAID IT IS ACCORDING TO THE LEVEL OF OFFENSE.

HOLMAN SAID FROM THAT POINT IT IS A WRITTEN REPRIMAND. HEATHER AGAIN SAID IT DEPENDS ON THE LEVEL OF OFFENSE. HE SAID TO LET PETE DEAL WITH THIS AND MAKE THE CALL AND THE COMMISSIONERS STAY OUT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE REST STAYS OUT, HE WILL STAY OUT OF IT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW UPDATED THE BOARD AT THURSDAY'S MEETING THEY WILL BE ASKED TO SET THE FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TO BE SENT OUT ON THE TRIM NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 5:05 P.M. THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AT THAT MEETING. SHE WILL GIVE THEM THE RATES THEY CAN GO WITH BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD. ONCE THEY APPROVE A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE, THEY CAN'T INCREASE IT; BUT, THEY CAN DECREASE IT.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

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DEPUTY CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 07/20/09

CHAIRMAN