

BOARD MINUTES FOR 03/26/09

MARCH 26, 2009

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

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

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADDRESSED PAUL CULBRETH RETIRING AND THE BOARD NEEDING TO GET A GIFT TO GIVE HIM THIS AFTERNOON. HE ALSO REQUESTED HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, PUT MONIES IN HER BUDGET EACH YEAR TO TAKE CARE OF DOING SOMETHING FOR ALL FUTURE RETIREES, TREATING EVERYONE THE SAME. CHAIRMAN HOWELL THEN RECESSED THE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE JAMES PETERSON VERSUS WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DAVID CORBIN CASE.

PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAIRMAN HOWELL RECONVENED INTO PUBLIC SESSION.

TIM WARNER, WARNER WINTRODE LAW FIRM, 519 GRACE AVENUE, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32401, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING JAMES PETERSON VERSUS WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DAVID CORBIN, FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, CASE # 2009-00936, EEOC CASE #15D2009-00323. ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, MR. WARNER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM ATTENDING A MEDIATION WITH A MEDIATOR FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS. PRESENT AT THE MEDIATION, AS HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE BOARD, WAS COMMISSIONER PATE, HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR AND DAVID CORBIN WAS AVAILABLE AT HIS OFFICE IF THEY NEEDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. REPRESENTING MR. PETERSON WAS CECILE SCOON OF THE LAW FIRM OF PETERS AND SCOON, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA AND MR. PETERSON WAS PRESENT.

MR. WARNER INFORMED THE BOARD, DURING THE COURSE OF THAT MEDIATION, THE PARTIES WERE ABLE TO ENTER INTO A MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS CONTINGENT UPON BOARD APPROVAL. MR. WARNER RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ASKED THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, MR. WARNER SAID HE EXPLAINED THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL AS THE CHAIR IS TO HAVE A COPY OF THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTATION; SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE COUNTY, IT WOULD REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000. ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE BEING PAID BY THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST. THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF ANY CLAIMS FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS. AS FAR AS THE TERMS OF THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT, MR. WARNER ADDRESSED THERE ALSO HAS BEEN A GENERAL RELEASE EXECUTED BY MR. PETERSON REGARDING THE CLAIMS OF FCHR AND EEOC AND ANY OTHER POTENTIAL CLAIMS THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF HIS EMPLOYMENT TO THE COUNTY. HE ASKED THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO ACCEPT THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE, ONCE THE BOARD APPROVES THIS, MR. PETERSON CAN'T COME BACK WITH OTHER LAW SUITS.

MR. WARNER REITERATED THERE WAS A GENERAL RELEASE EXECUTED BY MR. PETERSON AND GAVE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENTATION TO THE CHAIRMAN. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY MR. PETERSON; HOWEVER, PETERSON'S ATTORNEY IS HOLDING THE ORIGINAL PENDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. IN THE RELEASE, THERE IS A CLEAR WAIVER OF ANY AND ALL POTENTIAL CLAIMS AND SPECIFICALLY BEGINNING ON PAGE 2 OF THE RELEASE, THE BOTTOM PARAGRAPH: IN ADDITION JAMES PETERSON HEREBY PROMISES NOT TO FILE OR TO AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, AGENCY, PRIVATE ENTITY OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO FILE ON HIS BEHALF ANY STATE OR FEDERAL LAWSUIT OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUIT AGAINST WASHINGTON COUNTY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, ETC. BASED UPON ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OF REGULATION OR ORDER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO POTENTIAL CLAIMS THAT COULD BE BROUGHT THAT HE HAS SPECIFICALLY WAIVERED. PETERSON HAS EXECUTED THIS RELEASE AND IS WAIVING ANY FUTURE CLAIMS HE MAY HAVE REGARDING HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, FOR THE RECORD, CLARIFIED HE WAS NOT A COMMISSIONER AT THE TIME THIS CLAIM WAS BROUGHT FORTH EVEN THOUGH HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MITIGATION ATTORNEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL, FOR THE RECORD, CLARIFIED HE WAS NOT A COMMISSIONER AT THE TIME THIS CLAIM WAS FILED EITHER.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL THEIR REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

MARCH 26, 2009

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

DEPUTY CHARLIE WILLIAMS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL EXPLAINED THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY OPENED A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; THEREFORE, HE BEGAN WITH THE AGENDA. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN HOWELL PRESENTED PAUL CULBRETH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS 7.42 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND A BARBECUE SET. MS. CULBRETH WAS PRESENTED A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 23, 2008 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND HOWELL ABSTAINED DUE TO THEM NOT BEING A COMMISSIONER AT THAT TIME.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 9, 2009 MEETINGS.

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

A. LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR POSTAGE MACHINE AT \$240 PER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR THE POSTAGE MACHINE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWALS IN THE FUTURE; HOWEVER, HE COULD APPROVE OF THEM.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC HEARINGS TODAY; THE MSBU ORDINANCE WAS MODIFIED IN A WORKSHOP AND WILL BE RE-ADVERTISED. THE MSBU ORDINANCE WAS NOT ADVERTISED LONG ENOUGH PREVIOUSLY; IT HAS TO BE ADVERTISED TWICE AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ACTION BEING TAKEN ON IT. HOWEVER, THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE IN THE LEGAL PORTION OF THE NEWSPAPER, WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DO. THE INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING THEY WERE NOT SUPPOSE TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE HEARING IN THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER WAS INCORRECT. THE INFORMATION ON THE ORDINANCE HEARINGS FOR ZONING AND PLANNING ISSUES HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED DIFFERENTLY.

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. AL GOTHARD-FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AL PRESENTED THE BOARD A FOLDER WITH INFORMATION HE WAS GOING TO ADDRESS. THEY HAD A PETITION SIGNED BY ALL THE SUNNY HILLS FIREMEN, EXCEPT FOR ONE, AND THE CHIEF OF COURSE AND ONE RESIGNED, ON MARCH 5, 2009. THE PETITION BASICALLY STATES WITH THE MONEY SITUATION THEY ARE IN, THE FIREMEN DOESN'T FEEL THE CURRENT CHIEF IS DOING A VERY ADEQUATE JOB WITH THE MONEY; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUOUSLY GOING DOWN HILL AND THE CHIEF CONTINUES TO PAY HIMSELF, WHICH IS AGAINST STATE STATUTE.

MR. GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE STATUTE ON A FIREFIGHTER I, WHICH THE CURRENT CHIEF IS NOT; A PERSON WHO IS MINIMALLY TRAINED TO FUNCTION SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY AS A MEMBER OF A FIREFIGHTING TEAM. HE REFERRED TO THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD ON THE HOT ZONE; ANY FIREMAN HAS TO BE TRAINED AT LEAST A FIREFIGHTER ONE TO ENTER ANY HOT ZONE, WHICH INCLUDES A COLLAPSE ZONE OF A BUILDING, CAR FIRE, BRUSH FIRE, ANYWHERE THERE IS A FIRE, ETC. PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT A FIREFIGHTER I HAVE TO BE TRAINED COMMISSURATE TO DUTY OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

HE ADDRESSED INFORMATION FROM LES HOLMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, WHICH STATED THE ONLY TRAINING HE COULD FIND GLEN ZANETIC HAD WAS A THIRTY HOUR BASIC FIREMANSHIP TRAINING. MR. LES'S LETTER ALSO SAID NO FIREFIGHTER OR ANY PERSON UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A FIREFIGHTER OR AN EMPLOYEE AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE IS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OPERATION OF ZONE WITHOUT 220 HOURS. THAT BASICALLY SAYS GLEN ZANETIC CAN'T OPERATE IN ANY FIRE ZONE WHATSOEVER.

GOTHARD REFERRED TO LES'S LETTER SAYING WITHOUT FURTHER DOCUMENTED TRAINING, ESTABLISHING MORE ADVANCED TRAINING, MR. ZANETIC SHOULD ONLY OPERATE AT THE LEVEL OF TRAINING HE RECEIVED IN THE THIRTY HOUR BASIC VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM. AS A COMPARISON TO THE THIRTY HOUR BASIC VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER COURSE TAKEN BY MR. ZANETIC, THE CURRENT TRAINING REQUIRED TO BECOME A BASIC VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, FIREFIGHTER I, IS AT A MINIMUM OF 160 HOURS. TO BECOME A BASIC CAREER OF A PAID FIREFIGHTER, FIREFIGHTER II, IS AT A MINIMUM OF 360 HOURS.

MR. GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE A FIREFIGHTER II TO BE PAID.

MR. GOTHARD THEN REFERRED TO A LETTER FROM CHARLIE BUSH, STANDARD SUPERVISOR FROM THE STATE, WHICH BASICALLY STATED THE SAME THING AS THE LETTER FROM LES HOLMAN.

MR. GOTHARD ADDRESSED GLEN ZANETIC LISTING HIMSELF AS A FIRE-FIGHTER ON THE ROSTER OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE WENT OVER WHAT GLEN HAD OUTLINED TO PAY OUT OF THE LAST DRAW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY. THERE WAS A LOAN REPAYMENT TO GLEN ZANETIC FOR

\$662.07; THAT IS TIME THAT IS PUT ON THE BOOKS AND MONEY HE DIDN'T RECEIVE THE LAST TIME OR THAT IS THE WAY THE FIREMEN UNDERSTAND IT. RIGHT UNDERNEATH THAT AMOUNT IS GLEN ZANETIC PAY FOR \$1500.

MR. GOTHARD WENT OVER THE PAYOUT FROM OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2008; LOAN PAYMENT GLEN ZANETIC \$1217.87, CONTRACT LABOR PERSONNEL \$750 TO GLEN ZANETIC. FOR THOSE THREE MONTHS, THE NET INCOME WAS \$3.59 IN THE HOLE AFTER EVERYTHING WAS SAID AND PAID FOR; THERE WAS NO EQUIPMENT BOUGHT. HE REFERENCED THE OUTRAGEOUS PHONE BILLS, THE INTERNET, A CAMERA PURCHASED FOR \$575.66; JUST A LOT OF EXPENSE WITH NO EQUIPMENT BEING PURCHASED. DURING THIS SAME TIME, GLEN WROTE "MAINTENANCE OF APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IS BEING DEFERRED WHICH WILL PROVE TO BE A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE. BOARD MEMBERS WERE GIVEN A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS A REALISTIC COST OF GUARANTEEING A LEVEL OF SERVICE. WITHOUT THESE OPERATIONAL COSTS BEING ADDRESSED AND PLANNED, I WOULD SUGGEST PROVIDING A LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT IS IN LINE WITH WHAT IS BEING FUNDED TO MINIMIZE THE RISK TO FIREFIGHTER SAFETY. I IMAGINE THIS WILL LEAVE MANY CALLS BEING UNANSWERED."

MR. GOTHARD TOLD THE BOARD THE SUNNY HILLS FIREMEN HAVE ASKED GLEN TO CUT OUT PAYING HIMSELF AND TO QUIT DRIVING THE BRUSH TRUCK; THE BRUSH TRUCK MAINTENANCE COST AND FUEL IS KILLING THEM. HE ADDRESSED THE OTHER INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED WAS JUST TO PROVE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE PROFIT AND LOSS OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID GLEN ZANETIC HAD BEEN PAYING HIMSELF FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR WHICH IS AGAINST THE STATE STATUTE.

MR. GOTHARD THEN ADDRESSED ANOTHER PAGE IN THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED THEM WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THE FIREMEN HAD GOTTEN BACK IN AN EMAIL FROM DAVE CASEY, THE BUREAU CHIEF FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE. MR. CASEY'S INFORMATION ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE 160 HOUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS COURSE AND PROVES THAT GLEN IS NOT CERTIFIED AGAIN.

MR. GOTHARD HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD A CALENDAR WHERE GLEN ZANETIC'S NAME WAS LOGGED IN EVERYDAY, TWELVE HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK; HE IS LOGGING IN TIME AND HE IS GOING TO EXPECT SOMEBODY TO PAY HIM FOR IT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. AS LONG AS THEY ARE PAYING A FIREFIGHTER OR SUPPOSE TO BE A FIREFIGHTER AT \$2,000 A DRAW, GOTHARD EXPLAINED THEY WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY ANY EQUIPMENT OR DO ANYTHING; THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS EQUIPMENT AS IT IS GETTING TO BE A SAFETY ISSUE AT THIS POINT. THERE IS NOT A FIREMAN DOWN THERE THAT HAS A PAGER. HE WENT AND GOT APPROVAL TO GET PAGERS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD ONLY APPROVE TO BUY FIVE PAGERS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TO BUY THE FIRST FIVE PAGERS AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY THE FIRST FIVE; THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY ANYTHING. THEY ARE COMING OUT IN THE HOLE EVERYTIME.

MR. GOTHARD PROVIDED A PETITION FROM ALL THE PEOPLE OF SUNNY HILLS THAT SIGNED IT AND STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PETITION. THE PETITION IS JUST TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS ALSO WANTS SOMETHING DONE. ANOTHER PETITION WAS PROVIDED THAT WAS SIGNED BY ALL THE FIREMEN; THE FIREMEN HAVE TO GET GLEN ZANETIC OUT FROM THE FIRECHIEF'S POSITION OR THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RESIGN. IF THE FIREMEN RESIGN, THAT WOULD LEAVE TWO FIREMEN IN SUNNY HILLS; GLEN ZANETIC AND PERRY AND NEITHER ONE OF THEM ARE CERTIFIED. THE FIREMEN DON'T WANT TO RESIGN; THEY HAVE STILL BEEN RESPONDING TO THE CALLS WHILE THIS PETITION IS BEING DONE. THEY HAVE DONE THE PETITION TRYING TO FOLLOW THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RULES AND HAVE NOT HEARD ONE WORD FROM THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS SINCE MARCH 5TH WHEN THE PETITION WAS DONE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD THIRTY DAYS TO RESPOND AND THEY HAVEN'T EVEN SCHEDULED A MEETING THAT HE IS AWARE OF. THE FIREMEN ARE NOW COMING BEFORE THE BOARD TO ASK THEM TO DO SOMETHING OR THEY ARE GOING TO RESIGN BECAUSE IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO GET SOMEBODY HURT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE WAY HE LOOKS AT THIS MATTER IS IT IS A MISUSE OF COUNTY FUNDS ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY IS GIVING SUNNY HILLS MONEY TO USE. UNTIL THEY CAN BUY FIRE PAGERS, THEY ARE GIVING GLEN MONEY TO RUN IT AND GLEN IS PAYING HIMSELF; THERE IS ONLY ONE PAID FIRECHIEF AND THAT IS CHIPLEY.

MR. GOTHARD SAID CHIPLEY'S FIRECHIEF IS A CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER II.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ASKED THE BOARD'S PLEASURE. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK FOR DISCUSSION TO FIRE GLEN ZANETIC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE BOARD HAD THE AUTHORITY TO GET RID OF ZANETIC. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THE PROPER ONE TO GET RID OF ZANETIC; BUT, HE THINKS THEY ARE UNWILLING TO DO IT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN THE CONTRACT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTING THE NEED TO WAIT UNTIL ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEWS IT BEFORE ACTING ON THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AGREED THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING; BUT, THEY WANT TO DO THINGS RIGHT AND NOT GET THE BOARD IN ANY TROUBLE.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, INFORMED THE BOARD THE CONTRACT BASICALLY SAYS FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND, TURN IN A QUARTERLY REPORT TO EOC AND GET THEIR MONEY. SUNNY HILLS CONTRACT SAYS THE SAME THING IT DOES WITH THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

MR. GOTHARD SAID THE CONTRACT ALSO SAYS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS.

ROGER EXPLAINED HE HAS NOT SEEN THE MATERIAL MR. GOTHARD PRESENTED TO THE BOARD; BUT, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT A PAID CAREER FIREFIGHTER, A PAID VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND WHAT WAS SAID MAY HAVE BEEN AN ADEQUATE INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, HE FEELS ATTORNEY HOLLEY SHOULD REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND DOESN'T WANT THE BOARD TO TAKE A SUDDEN ACTION; DO IT AND DO IT RIGHT IF THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THIS NOT BEING THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP; IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ADOPT THE NEXT TIME, ADOPT THE NEXT TIME, ETC. HE REITERATED THE WAY HE LOOKS AT IT IS GLEN IS STEALING MONEY; HE IS PAYING HIMSELF. THERE IS TWO OTHER FIRECHIEFS PRESENT TODAY; THEY DON'T GET PAID.

ROGER SAID THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT GLEN FROM PAYING HIMSELF. HE SAID HE WAS NOT SAYING NOT TO REMOVE GLEN OR DO ANYTHING. HE STILL HAS WHERE AL PYFROM STOOD BEFORE THE BOARD FOR FOUR YEARS AND ASKED THEM TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE BOARD CHOSE NOT TO. I AM NOT DEFENDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS; UNLESS YOU HAVE A PLAN AND KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, IF YOU ARE GOING TO ASK ME TO DO ANYTHING, YOU NEED TO BACK THIS AND SAY THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO AND I DON'T GET THAT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED HIM BEING ON THE BOARD FOUR YEARS AGO AND THEY ASKED ROGER TO PUT A PLAN TOGETHER WITH SOME OF THE FIREMEN AND FIRECHIEFS IN THE COUNTY. THE LAST THEY HEARD ANY- THING, IT WAS GOING TO BE JUNE OR JULY BEFORE HE COMES UP WITH A PLAN. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE PLAN FOR A WHILE.

ROGER REFERRED TO THIS BEING A COMMITTEE THAT WAS APPOINTED BY THE FORMER CHAIRMAN. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WAS GETTING TIRED OF EVERYTHING WE DO, WE KEEP PUTTING STUFF OFF.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN THE CONTRACT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT SAYS THE COUNTY HAS TO RENEW IT AT THE END OF THIS TERM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED HE HASN'T SEEN THE CONTRACT SO HE DOESN'T KNOW. HE RECOMMENDED LETTING ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEW THE CONTRACT AND IF THERE IS AN ISSUE AND THE BOARD WANTS TO COME BACK AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THEY WILL CALL A SPECIAL MEETING. HE DOESN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO GET THE BOARD IN TROUBLE. HE AGREES THE BOARD NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING; BUT, HE IS NOT SURE TODAY IS THE TIME TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED MR. GOTHARD IF THE SUNNY HILLS FIREMEN WILL STAY ON AND GIVE THE BOARD A WEEK TO DO SOMETHING.

MR. GOTHARD AGREED THE FIREMEN WOULD STAY A WEEK; BUT, THE PROBLEM IS SAFETY. THEY HAVE PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE THE PROPER GEAR NOR THE EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT FIRES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING RECENTLY ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS RAN OUT OF OXYGEN WITH THEIR TANK THEY WAS IN A FIRE.

MR. GOTHARD EXPLAINED HE AND HIS SON HAVE BEEN GOING DOWN AND LOOKING AT THINGS; FOR ROUGHLY THREE MONTHS, THEY HAVE ASKED THE FIRECHIEF TO GET THEM SOME BATTERIES FOR THEIR AIRPACKS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT WORKING. IN ALL REALITY THE AIRPACKS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE TRUCK AND LAID IN THE FLOOR; THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY AIRPACKS. IT TOOK THEM THREE MONTHS JUST TO GET BATTERIES. THEY HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT AIR BEING LOW ON THE BOTTLES. GLEN WOULD SAY HE WOULD TAKE THEM TO CHIPLEY AND GET THEM FILLED. WELL, HE IS SUPPOSEDLY ON THE CLOCK TWELVE HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND THEY NEVER GOT FILLED. THEY HAD AIRPACKS ON A HOUSEFIRE THE OTHER DAY THAT LASTED ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH AIR IN THEM.

MR. GOTHARD REITERATED THE FIREMEN WOULD GIVE THE BOARD A WEEK; HIS WHOLE THING IS SAFETY AND HE DOESN'T WANT ANYBODY TO GET HURT. HE POINTED OUT THAT \$4,000 OUT OF THE LAST TWO DRAWS OF MONEY THEY GOT COULD HAVE BOUGHT FOUR SETS OF GEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WAS GEAR AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT ONE TIME AND QUESTIONED WHERE IT WAS.

MR. GOTHARD SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW; HE IS STILL WEARING GEAR HE RETIRED WITH IN 2003 AND IT IS TWELVE YEARS OLD. LIFE SPAN FOR GEAR IS FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS ACCORDING TO NFPA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED THE PAGERS. MR. GOTHARD SAID HE HAS NEVER SEEN A PAGER THERE. HOWELL QUESTIONED HOW THE FIREMEN KNEW THERE WAS A FIRE WITH GOTHARD STATING THEY HAVE RADIOES. GOTHARD SAID PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT WORKING ALL DAY CAN'T CARRY A RADIO WITH THEM ALL THE TIME; EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTY HAS PAGERS EXCEPT SUNNY HILLS IF HE IS NOT MISTAKEN.

ROGER SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PAGED ON THE RADIO; THE RADIO HAS A PAGER IN IT. MR. GOTHARD SAID SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOES DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING; BUT, THEY HAVE SOME RADIOES WITH DEAD BATTERIES AND THEY DON'T HAVE BATTERIES TO REPLACE THEM WITH. IT IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM AND THE FIREMEN ARE PRETTY MUCH TIRED OF IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WHO WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF SOMEONE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE TO GET HURT THAT DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATION OR PROPER EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT A FIRE

WITH. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COUNTY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE HELD RESPONSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE SUNNY HILLS HAS FIRE PROTECTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WANTED TO BE RIGHT WITH WHATEVER THEY DO SO NOBODY CAN COME BACK ON THEM; THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO CREATE MORE MEDIATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND PULLED HIS MOTION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL HAD SAID ONE WEEK. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH MR. GOTHARD STATING THE CONTRACT IS ONLY A TWO PAGE DOCUMENT.

ROGER ADDRESSED HIM HAVING ADMINISTRATIVE CODES, STATUTES, ETC. AND IT WILL TAKE ATTORNEY HOLLEY LONGER THAN A COUPLE OF DAYS TO REVIEW ALL THIS INFORMATION. HE ALSO TOLD THE BOARD HE WAS GOING TO BE GONE NEXT WEEK. HE THOUGHT THE INTERIM REPORT THEY HAD ASKED HIM FOR MAY NEED TO BE TALKED ABOUT TO.

ROGER AGREED TO GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY THE INFORMATION HE REFERRED TO FOR REVIEW AND THE BOARD CAN COME BACK AND MAKE A FORMAL DECISION.

SAL ZURICA SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO COMMISSIONER PATE; BUT, THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN GOING ON A LONG TIME. HE HAS GIVEN PATE PAPERS WHERE GLEN WAS PAYING HIMSELF THREE MONTHS AGO AND NOTHING WAS DONE. WE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING FOR OVER A YEAR ABOUT MR. ZANETIC; NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. ZANETIC HAS DISRUPTED THE MSBU; HE MISUSED MONEY AND NOTHING WAS EVER DONE. THERE WAS NO ISSUE, NO INVESTIGATION, NOTHING WHATSOEVER. ZANETIC HAS DISRUPTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AGAIN, THE BOARD WANTS TO HAVE MORE TIME.

MR. ZURICA QUESTIONED WHEN DOES THE BOARD SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. ARE THEY GOING TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS WITHOUT FIRE PROTECTION. YOU WANT GLEN TO GO IN THERE, STRIP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CLEAN SO THE BOARD CAN HAVE MORE TIME; IT IS TIME THE BOARD DID SOMETHING NOW.

MR. ZURICA SAID ROGER HAS THE ORDINANCE, THE CONTRACT; LET ATTORNEY HOLLEY GO IN HIS OFFICE, PULL IT UP AND READ IT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT TODAY.

MR. ZURICA ASKED THE BOARD TO SUSPEND MR. ZANETIC FOR A WEEK UNTIL THEY GET THIS THING STRAIGHT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND MR. ZANETIC; HE WORKS FOR A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

ZURICA EXPLAINED IT IS TAXPAYERS MONEY AND THE COUNTY'S MONEY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY. HOWELL REITERATED THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS TODAY. THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK INTO IT AND SEE IF THERE IS SOMETHING TO IT; IF THERE IS, THEY WILL PROCEED WITH IT.

NAN THOMPSON ASKED THE FIREMEN IF THEY WOULD GIVE A WEEK TO SEE IF THE BOARD COULD SUSPEND ZANETIC. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

ED PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE IS NOT HERE TO TAKE ANY SIDES ON ANY OF THIS; THAT IS STRICTLY UP TO THE BOARD AND SUNNY HILLS. HE TOLD THE BOARD THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ALL HAVE DIFFERENT CONTRACTS; THERE IS ONE CONTRACT IN GENERAL. EACH DEPARTMENT IS FORMED ON ITS OWN; THEY HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEY INCORPORATE IT UNDER THE 501-3C, WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. EACH DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO GET RID OF THEIR OWN FIRECHIEF OR ANY OTHER FIREMEN ON THE ROSTER. ALL IT TAKES IS A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OR THE FIREMEN THAT ARE ON THEIR DEPARTMENT THAT ARE IN THAT CORPORATION. THE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY CALLS FOR THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICE; THEY HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MONEY EVERY THREE MONTHS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOLDING THE COUNTY FIRE FUNDS ALLOTTED TO SUNNY HILLS AND NOT GIVE THEIR QUARTERLY DRAW UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS RESOLVED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY COULD TAKE ACTION TO HOLD THE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY TOOK ACTION TO HOLD THE MONEY, WHAT WOULD THAT DO TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THEY NEED EQUIPMENT AND MONEY TO BUY IT WITH.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF THE FIRE BOARD APPROVED OF WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUGHT.

LOU TRACY, MEMBER OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE BOARD, ADVISED THE SUNNY HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION AND HAS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MR. GOTHARD NOTIFIED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH THEM; THEY WERE GOING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH HIM. TRACY SAID HE MET WITH GOTHARD ONE ON ONE TO HEAR HIS GRIEVANCE AND THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO GO OVER HIS GREIVANCE AND GET BACK WITH HIM. EVIDENTLY THE FACT THAT ONE OF THEIR BOARD MEMBER'S HOUSE BURNED THE OTHER DAY AND PUT HIM OUT OF COMMIS- SION A LITTLE BIT, THE MEETING WASN'T FAST ENOUGH FOR MR. GOTHARD AND HIS CREW TO GIVE THEM TIME TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND COME BACK WITH AN ANSWER FOR HIM.

MR. CARTEE, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAID THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THIRTY DAYS TO RESPOND TO A GRIEVANCE; HOWEVER, IT HAS ONLY BEEN TWENTY DAYS SINCE GOTHARD NOTIFIED THEM. IT WAS MR. CORTEE'S HOME THAT BURNED.

MR. TRACY TOLD THE COUNTY COMMISSION HE HAD NEVER BEEN MORE IMPRESSED WITH FOUR OF THE COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAN HE WAS THE OTHER DAY. HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE WITH THE FIRECHIEF ON THE FIRST TRUCK THAT WENT TO THE HOUSE FIRE. IT CAME IN OVER THE TELEPHONE AS A STOVE FIRE; IMMEDIATELY WHEN TURNING IN ON SUNNY HILLS BOULEVARD, THEY NOTICED A BIG FLUME OF SMOKE IN THE SKY AND KNEW THEY HAD MORE THAN JUST A STOVE FIRE. WITHIN TWO MINUTES THEY WERE ON THE SCENE AND HAD HOSE LAID TO THAT HOUSE. WITHIN THREE MINUTES THE FIRECHIEF WAS GEARED UP IN AIR MASK AND EQUIPMENT AND INSIDE THE HOUSE. THEY DIDN'T KNOW AT THE TIME WHEN THEY WENT IN THE FRONT DOOR, THERE WAS AN 8' PETITION; THEY WERE THROWING WATER UP AGAINST THE PETITION UNTIL THE CHIEF WENT INSIDE AND ROUNDED THE CORNER AND PUT THE FIRE OUT IN FIVE MINUTES. IN THE MEANTIME, THE WAUSAU, VERNON AND GREENHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHOWED UP. ALSO AT THE START OF THE FIRE, THERE WAS A FIREMAN FROM EBRO AND ONE FROM THE GREENHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKING IN THE SUBDIVISION; THEY HEARD THE SIRENS, CAME TO ASSIST AND WERE THERE BEFORE ANY OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS GOT THERE. BEING IN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE FOR ALMOST FORTY YEARS, TO WATCH THAT GROUP OF VOLUNTEER PEOPLE ATTACK THAT FIRE WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES THEY HAD, HE DOESN'T SEE HOW ANYBODY THAT LIVES THERE WOULD WATCH AND THINK ANYBODY COULD HAVE PERFORMED ANY BETTER. A PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT COULDN'T HAVE PERFORMED ANY BETTER. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE WILLING TO COMPENSATE A MAN, TO HAVE A MAN THERE FIFTY TO SIXTY HOURS A WEEK THAT COULD BE AT THEIR HOUSE IN THREE TO FIVE MINUTES; THAT IS THE CRITICAL TIME ON A MAJOR HOUSE FIRE. HE THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE WAUSAU, VERNON, EBRO AND GREENHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE AT THE FIRE ASSISTING SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE HARD WORK OF A FIRE IS NOT GETTING THE FIRE DOWN; THAT IS THE QUICKEST, FASTEST PART OF IT. IT IS THE LONG RANGE THINGS; THE CLEANUP AFTERWARDS. IF YOU COULD HAVE SEEN THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE FOUR DIFFERENT FIRE DEPART- MENTS, IT WAS AMAZING TO HIM HAVING BEEN IN ACTIVE FIRE FIGHTING FORTY YEARS AGO

TO WATCH THAT CREW AT WORK. ANYBODY IN THIS COUNTY WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO MEET WITH MR. GOTHARD ON HIS GRIEVANCE.

MR. TRACY SAID "OF COURSE." THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY HAD A MEETING WITH MR. GOTHARD AND THE OTHER FIREMEN AS IT HAD ALREADY BEEN PROPOSED BY THEIR BOARD CHAIRMAN; BUT, THE FACT THAT MR. COURTEA IS ALSO ON THE FIRE BOARD, THEY FELT OUT OF COURTESY TO HIM BECAUSE HE HAD A FIRE AT HIS HOUSE, THEY WOULD DELAY THE MEETING A FEW DAYS UNTIL HE COULD GET STRAIGHTENED OUT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF GLEN ZANETIC OR MR. BEOTE TOLD MR. GOTHARD OR ANY OF THE OTHER FIREMEN, IF THEY PUT A PETITION BEFORE THEM REQUESTING GLEN RESIGN, IT WOULD BE DENIED AND THROWN IN THE GARBAGE.

MR. TRACY SAID THAT IS RIDICULOUS; THE PETITION WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE THE FOUR MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SEE WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF HE UNDERSTOOD MR. TRACY SAY THE FIRECHIEF PUT THE GEAR ON AND WENT IN THE FIRE. MR. TRACY SAID "YES."

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF GLEN WAS CERTIFIED. LOU SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FIRECHIEF; BUT, HE ISN'T CERTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TOLD LOU HE KNOWED GLEN AND QUESTIONED IF GLEN WAS CERTIFIED. LOU SAID HE BELIEVED GLEN WAS CERTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED LOU TO SHOW HIM GLEN'S CERTIFICATION. LOU SAID THEY PROBABLY COULD DO THAT.

KAREN COURTEMANCHE, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE REALIZES THE FIRE BOARD IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION; BUT, THEY ARE STILL TAKING PUBLIC FUNDS. THEREFORE, THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THE SUNSHINE LAWS AND HAVE TO FOLLOW STATUTES. THE FIRECHIEF WAS NOT CERTIFIED TO GO TO THE FIRE; THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE LIABLE FOR ANY PROBLEMS IF A LIABILITY SUIT IS FILED. ACCORDING TO MR. HAGAN AND MR. PELLETIER THE FIREMEN CAN VOTE HIM OUT OF BEING CHIEF; SO, GLEN SHOULD TECHNICALLY BE STEPPING DOWN AS CHIEF. IF THE FIREBOARD IS NOT LISTENING, THEN IT IS UP TO THE COUNTY TO ASK GLEN TO STEP DOWN. HE IS WASTING THE MONEY AND HE IS DAMAGING SUNNY HILLS FIRE SERVICES AND IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, HOW COULD THEY FIGHT THE FIRES PROPERLY. TECHNICALLY, GLEN CAN'T GO INTO A HOT ZONE BECAUSE HE IS NOT QUALIFIED; HE IS NOT UNDER THE GOOD SAMARITAN ACT BECAUSE HE IS CLASSIFIED A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITH THE THIRTY HOURS. THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS LIABLE.

MR. BOB MORAN TOLD THE BOARD THEY COULD PUT ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, OVER ALL THE RECEIVORSHIP OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS RESOLVED AND HE COULD STOP ALL THE COUNTY FUNDS FROM BEING PAID TO PAID EMPLOYEES. IF GLEN CAN'T GET AT THE FUNDS, HE DOUBTS THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM TAKING ANY MONEY; HE WILL LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THE BOARD COULD DO AS FAR AS THE MONEY IS CONCERNED. HOWELL EXPLAINED THE COUNTY HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IF IT IS COUNTY MONEY, THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE CONTROL OF IT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD JUST PAYS THEM FOR FIRE SERVICE AND QUESTIONED IF THEY CARE WHAT THEY DO WITH THE MONEY; THE BOARD WANTS THEM TO PROVIDE A FIRE SERVICE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED HE HASN'T SEEN THE CONTRACT.

BETTY LEE WEEKLY ADDRESSED THE BOARD WHEN LOOKING AT THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT A WHILE BACK, WITH THIRTY DAYS NOTICE, THE COUNTY COULD QUIT FUNDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF THIS HAS CHANGED. HOWEVER, IF IT IS NOT SAFE FOR THE FIREMEN TO FIGHT FIRES OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, IT CAN BE A DISASTER. SHE ALSO SAID THE MONEY DOESN'T NEED TO BE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW.

JIM TOWN ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH A PROCEDURAL QUESTION. IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE THE PAGERS, RADIOES, WAYS TO COMMUNICATE TO RESPOND TO THE DISPATCHERS, SHOULD THEY CONSIDER HAVING IT CHANGED TO DISPATCH RULES THAT IN ADDITION TO A CALL TO SUNNY HILLS ANOTHER NEARBY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE CALL AT THE SAME TIME RATHER THAN WAITING FOR SUNNY HILLS TO RESPOND AND SAY THEY CAN'T HANDLE IT.

MR. GOTHARD READDRESSSED THE BOARD ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID. FIRST, HE THOUGHT ALL THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY CAN VOTE THEIR CHEIF OFF. HOWEVER, IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEY CAN'T AS THEY HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS; YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM A PETITION AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THIRTY DAYS TO ACT ON IT. HE STATED THE ASSISTANT CHIEF DID TELL HIM DIRECTLY IF THE FIREMEN TURNED THE PETITION IN TO FIRE GLEN ZANETIC, IT WOULD BE THROWN IN THE GARBAGE AND HE HASN'T HEARD ANOTHER THING FROM THE PETITION.

MR. GOTHARD SAID THE FIREMEN DOES HAVE WALKIE TALKIES TO COMMUNICATE; BUT, A LOT OF TIMES FOR SOME REASON GLEN GOES ON CALL AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DON'T EVER GET PAGED OUT. HE REFERRED TO THE HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS ADDRESSED WAS A PRIME EXAMPLE; THE FIRST HE HEARD ABOUT MR. COURTEA'S HOUSE BEING ON FIRE WAS WHEN THEY PAGED OUT WAUSAU FOR BACKUP. THE HOUSE FIRE WAS NEVER PAGED TO SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS GLEN NEVER CALLED IT IN.

MR. GOTHARD SAID HE WENT TO THE HOUSE FIRE AND HE DIDN'T SEE THE SAME THING AS MR. TRACY; HE HAS BEEN A PAID FIREMEN AND A RETIRED FIREMEN FOR PRETTY MUCH HIS WHOLE LIFE. HIS OUTLOOK ON THAT FIRE ACCORDING TO MR. TRACY'S IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. THERE WAS NO LINE LAYED FROM THE HYDRANT TO THE HOUSE; WHEN HE GOT THERE, THERE WASN'T EVEN A FIRETRUCK IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. THE BRUSH TRUCK WAS TRYING TO BACK IN THAT PERRY BEOTE WAS IN; PERRY WORE A PAIR OF SHORTS AND A CUT OFF TEE SHIRT THE WHOLE TIME HE WAS THERE AND NEVER WENT INTO THE FIRE. GOTHARD SAID HE SHOWED UP IN GEAR AND LUCKILY WAUSAU'S ENGINE SHOWED UP AND THEY WENT IN AND FINISHED PUTTING THE FIRE OUT. GLEN DID NOT HAVE ON GEAR WHEN HE GOT THERE AND THE FIRE WAS NOT UNDER CONTROL EITHER; IT WAS BURNING IN THE ATTIC.

SAL ZURICA TOLD THE BOARD HE THOUGHT IF THEY CHECKED THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REGULATIONS, NO CITIZEN CAN RIDE ON THAT COUNTY FIRE TRUCK. LOU TRACY IS NOT A FIREMAN NOR A VOLUNTEER; HE IS A BOARD MEMBER AND BEING ON THAT TRUCK, THE COUNTY IS LIABLE IF HE HAD FELL OFF AND FOR HIM TO GO INTO A BURNING BUILDING, AGAIN YOU ARE LIABLE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THAT ROGER HAGAN WAS GOING TO COME TO HIS OFFICE TOMORROW WITH THE CONTRACT AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO OVER IT TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD FOUGHT THIS SAME BATTLE LAST YEAR WHILE HE WAS CHAIRMAN AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER. THIS TIME IT IS DIFFERENT. HE DOESN'T RELISH GOING BEFORE LAWYERS, ETC. BECAUSE THE BOARD ACTED HASTILY OR SOMETHING WASN'T COVERED. HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING GOTTEN RID OF GLEN ZANETIC BECAUSE HE DIDN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION. IT WILL COME; BUT, IT IS GOING TO COME IN THE RIGHT WAY OR HE

WON'T VOTE FOR IT AND HE DOESN'T CARE WHO IS DISAPPOINTED IN HIM. HE ASKED THE FIREMEN TO GIVE THEM A FEW DAYS AND SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

MARIO CORRADINO, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, QUESTIONED HADN'T GLEN ZANETIC ALREADY BREACHED THE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY BY PAYING HIMSELF, WHICH IS ILLEGAL AND IS AGAINST FLORIDA STATUTES. GLEN HAS PAID HIMSELF AND HE IS NOT A QUALIFIED FIREMEN AND HE HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY; WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE BOARD. THE BOARD IS LIABLE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO LOOK INTO THIS.

MR. CORRADINO AGREED WITH MR. ZURICA ON THIS KEEPS GETTING BROUGHT UP AND IT GETS POSTPONED; GLEN HAS BEEN DRIVING THAT TRUCK FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF OTHER FIRECHIEFS DRIVE THE TRUCK BY THEIRSELVES. MR. CORDENA SAID NO; THEY DRIVE A PRIVATE VEHICLE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED ED PELLETIER IF HE HAS A TRUCK THAT HE DRIVES. MR. PELLETIER ADVISED HE DID; JUST LIKE ANY FIRECHIEF, WHEN THEY HAVE A FIRE, THEY WILL GET TO THE STATION, GET IN THE TRUCK AND GO. IF THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT FIRE- FIGHTERS, WHETHER THEY ARE REGISTERED OR NOT, THEY DO FOLLOW THE SET OF REGULATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AND THEY ARE COVERED UNDER WORKERS COMP. HE IS NOT TURNING NOBODY AWAY THAT IS GOING TO HELP HIM WITH THE FIRE WHEN HE HAS SOMEONE IN A HOUSE THAT NEEDS HELP. HE HAS FOUR FIREFIGHTERS HE CAN CALL ON THAT ARE UNDER SIXTY YEARS OLD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. CORDENA THE BOARD WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS; BUT, GIVE THEM A FEW DAYS TO LOOK IT OVER.

MR. CORRADINO STATED THE FIREMEN HAVE COME TO THE BOARD SAYING THIS CAN BE DONE; IT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BYLAWS SAY; HE NEEDS TO READ THEM HIMSELF AND THE LAWYER DOES TO SO THEY CAN MAKE AN INFORMATIVE DECISION. HE APPRECIATES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMING AND BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION.

MR. CORRADINO SAID WE ARE NOT LOSING ANY FIRE PROTECTION IN SUNNY HILLS; THEY HAVE A FIRE PROTECTION UMBRELLA DOWN THERE. WAUSAU IS FOUR MILES AWAY, GREENHEAD IS FOUR MILES AWAY, COUNTRY OAKS IS SEVEN MILES AWAY; A DECISION HAS TO BE RENDERED. THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING BEFORE THE BOARD TELLING THEM WHAT IS GOING ON IN SUNNY HILLS AND EVERYTHING IS CONTINUOUSLY POSTPONED BY THE BOARD.

MS. WEEKLY ASKED HOW THE BOARD WILL COMMUNICATE IN A FEW DAYS WHAT THE ANSWER IS AFTER THEY REVIEW THE CONTRACT AND OTHER INFORMATION. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED THEY WOULD CALL A SPECIAL MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF SUNNY HILLS WAS THE ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ROGER SAID HE WASN'T SURE; HE IS SURE THERE ARE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INCORPORATED. WHAT THE BOARD IS SEEING TODAY IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBURG AND IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR YEARS AND YEARS BY THE COUNTY CONTRACTING WITH INCORPORATED, NOT FOR PROFIT GROUPS. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR NOT. HAD THEY KNOWN THIS DISCUSSION WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE, THEY COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PREPARED FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED WITH MR. HAGAN; IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IF SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE TOLD THE BOARD WHAT WAS COMING TODAY. THEY COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PREPARED FOR IT; BUT, WHEN YOU COME IN HERE BLINDSIGHTED, IT IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO TRY AND DO SOMETHING.

MR. GOTHARD SAID HE DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT; HE TALKED TO THE SECRETARY AND TOLD HER TO PUT HIM ON THE AGENDA AND HE THOUGHT THAT WAS ALL HE HAD TO DO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO KNOW WHAT THIS WAS ABOUT; THE LAWYER COULD HAVE ALREADY LOOKED AT THE AGREEMENT AND MAYBE COULD HAVE RENDERED A DECISION TODAY.

MR. GOTHARD TOLD THE BOARD MR. HAGAN HAD CALLED HIM THE OTHER DAY ABOUT A WORKSHOP; HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A WORKSHOP. HE THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSE TO BE HERE TODAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THERE WAS AN ALLOTMENT COMING UP FOR SUNNY HILLS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE DAYS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE FIRST OF APRIL THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER QUARTERLY ALLOTMENT FOR ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE HAD SAID THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTROL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FUNDING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE COUNTY COMMISSION CONTROLS THE FUNDING; THAT IS THE ONLY THING YOU DO CONTROL APPARENTLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF IT BREACHED THE CONTRACT IF THEY WITHHOLD THE MONEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IF IT IS IN THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED ROGER GET ATTORNEY HOLLEY A CONTRACT. THE BOARD IS GOING TO MOVE ON TO SOMETHING ELSE AND COME BACK TO THIS MATTER.

COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT; CLIFF KNAUER:

1. OLD BONIFAY HIGHWAY BIDS-FOUR BIDS RECEIVED RANGING FROM \$434,000 TO \$529,000; GRANT AWARD IS FOR \$390,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION. THE LOW BID IS FOR \$44,000 MORE THAN THE GRANT AWARD. HE ASKED THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTINGENT AWARD IN GETTING IT INTO BUDGET WITH GAC CONTRACTORS. THERE MAY BE SOME ITEMS THEY CAN WORK ON TO GET THE PROJECT WITHIN THE BUDGET. HE WENT OVER THE ALTERNATES:

A. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BY THIRD STREET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OLD BONIFALLIGATOR CREEK BRIDGE COMING TO EAST IS TWO SHARP CURVES DETERMINED CLIFF WAS TALKING ABOUT FIRST STREET.

B. ALLIGATOR CREEK BRIDGE TOWARD EAST THERE ARE TWO SHARP CURVES WITH PAVED SHOULDERS; THEY ARE GOING TO EXTEND THE CULVERT, PUT IN NEW HEADWALL AND WIDEN THE TWO CURVES SO THERE IS A PAVED SHOULDER ON THE INSIDE EDGE ON BOTH DIRECTIONS.

CLIFF REITERATED GAC IS LOW BIDDER AND HE FEELS HE CAN GET IT WITHIN BUDGET; HE MAY HAVE TO TRIM SOME ITEMS. HOWEVER, THIS IS AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT CLIFF IS GOING TO TRIM. CLIFF SAID THEY ONLY HAVE ONE ITEM THEY CAN TRIM. EITHER THEY DON'T REPLACE THE SECTION WITH THE BASE FAILURE, WHICH WOULD NOT BE A GOOD MANEUVER OR REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ASPHALT ON THE JOB.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF ASPHALT ON THE OLD BONIFAY ROAD RIGHT NOW. CLIFF ADVISED THERE WAS OVER 2" ON IT NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROCK FELT AN INCH AND A HALF WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH ASPHALT FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO JUST PAVE OVER THE SECTION THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DUG UP. CLIFF SAID THEY WERE GOING TO PAVE OVER IT; THERE IS OVER 2" OF ASPHALT ON THOSE SECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS OUT THERE WORKING ON THESE THINGS AND HE IS GOING TO SEND THE CITY OF CHIPLEY A LETTER ASKING THEM TO EXPEDITE FIXING THE AREA ON OLD BONIFAY ROAD BETWEEN THE HOUSING PROJECT AND DOWN TO HIGHWAY 77.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AND PATE BOTH AGREED IF THE ASPHALT AMOUNT WAS CUT TO AN INCH AND A HALF, CLIFF SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IT WITHIN THE GRANT AMOUNT EASILY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THIS IS WHERE THE COUNTY IS MILLING TOO AND SAID THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MILL SOME OF THOSE AREAS THERE; EVEN PUTTING AN INCH AND A HALF OF ASPHALT WILL BE ABOVE THE TOP OF THE CURVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE OLD BONIFAY HIGHWAY CONTRACT TO GAC CONTINGENT WITH CLIFF NEGOTIATING THE BID DOWNWARD WITHIN THE GRANT BUDGET.

2. DANIELS LAKE EQUESTRIAN CENTER GRANT PROJECT-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR HAVING INSTRUCTED HIM AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING TO GET THIS PROJECT OUT FOR BID. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED. THE GRANT REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE FUNDING TO BE SPENT ON PRIMARY ELEMENTS; THE PRIMARY ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT ARE THE HIKING TRAILS, THE PLAYGROUNDS AND THE PICNIC AREA. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT WHEN THEY TAKE BIDS ON A CONTRACTOR TO PUT IN SUBGRADE, BASE, PAVE AND PUT IN ALL THE DRAINAGE, AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST WOULD BE \$135,000, WHICH IS THE GRANT AMOUNT. IT WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IF THE COUNTY DID PART OF THE WORK AND THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE THE COUNTY PREPARING THE BASE AND HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO PAVE IT TO GET THE PROJECT WITHIN BUDGET. HOWEVER, THE GRANT PROJECT IS OUT FOR BID FOR A CONTRACTOR TO DO THE ENTIRE PROJECT; HE WILL BRING THE BIDS BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AND THEY CAN MAKE A DECISION AT THAT POINT.

3. RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY NFWFMD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS DESIGNATED A COUNTY OF ECONOMIC CRITICAL CONCERN BY THE GOVERNOR, IT GAVE THEM CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THAT INCLUDED A REDUCED PERMIT FEE FOR STATE AGENCIES. FL-DEP HAS ALWAYS HONORED THE \$100 PERMIT FEE ON ALL THE COUNTY'S PROJECTS SINCE THEY RECEIVED THAT DESIGNATION; THE NFWFMD DOES NOT. THERE ARE TWO PROJECTS PENDING THAT THEY ARE READY TO ISSUE THE PERMITS NOW; THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER STORM WATER PERMIT AND THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER. NFWFMD WILL NOT ISSUE THOSE PERMITS UNTIL THE COUNTY SENDS THEM ANOTHER \$200 FOR EACH PROJECT OR THE BOARD APPROVES A RESOLUTION BASED ON THE PAPERWORK HE JUST PROVIDED THEM. THERE ARE BASICALLY SIX CATEGORIES THE BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR AND AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION BY THEM IS REQUIRED TO GET THEM A REDUCED FEE OF \$100. IF THE BOARD HAS A LOT OF PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE, THE COST MAY ADD UP.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO PAY THE EXTRA \$200 ON THESE TWO PROJECTS AND HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY REVIEW THE RESOLUTION TO SEE IF THE BOARD IS QUALIFIED TO GET THE REDUCED PERMITS FROM NFWFMD IN THE FUTURE.

4. FALLING WATERS ROAD BIKE PATH-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON MEETING WITH WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP AND WALKED THROUGH THE PLACES THE LIGHTS WERE GOING AND WHAT IT WOULD REQUIRE FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. HE PUT TOGETHER SOME DRAWINGS TO SHOW WHERE THE POLES WOULD GO, WHERE THE LIGHTS WOULD GO, WHERE THE UNDERGROUND CONDUIT WOULD GO. IN ORDER TO PROCEED, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO WRITE A CHECK TO WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOP FOR \$700 AND THE COST WOULD BE \$20 PER MONTH PER METER AND THERE IS FOUR METERS.

CLIFF ADDRESSED HIM WAITING ON A QUOTE FOR TWO MORE RED LIGHTS TO BE PUT AT THE STOP SIGN ON STATE PARK ROAD COMING FROM EACH DIRECTION. THEY HAVE TOLD HIM VERBALLY THE QUOTE WOULD BE AROUND \$1200 FOR EACH LIGHT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LET ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HANDLE THE QUOTES ON THE TWO ADDITIONAL RED LIGHTS.

5. CULVERT ESTIMATES ON BAHOMA ROAD, BONNETT POND ROAD AND RIVER ROAD; ESTIMATE ON CONCRETE FROM HANSON PIPE AND ESTIMATE ON CORRUGATED METAL PIPE FROM GULF ATLANTIC, WHICH WOULD JUST BE USED FOR DRIVEWAYS:

1. BAHOMA ROAD \$38,801
2. BONNETT POND \$12,783
3. RIVER ROAD \$52,943

REGARDING THE PRICE ON SOD, CLIFF SAID HE COULD GUESTIMATE SOME QUOTES BASED ON PREVIOUS COST; BUT, HIS GUESS IS THE COUNTY MAY DO THE SOD THEMSELVES OR GET ONE CONTRACTOR TO DO MULTIPLE ROADS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF CLIFF HAD THE COST OF SOD TO DO ALL THREE PROJECTS. CLIFF REITERATED IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE BOARD WANTS TO DO; HE DOESN'T HAVE THESE COST TODAY. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A LOT OF AREAS WHERE HE WOULD RECOMMEND SOLID SODDING. HE WOULD NEED TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PUT THE SODDING OUT FOR BID AND USE THE CONTRACT PRICE OR ARE THEY GOING TO USE THE COUNTY CREWS.

WHEN ASKED HOW MUCH SOD THE COUNTY HAD, DAVID SAID PROBABLY AROUND TWENTY TO THIRTY ACRES. DAVID ASKED IF HE COULD GO AHEAD AND CUT THE SOD ON PROJECT PIPE'S SITE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE THOUGHT DAVID COULD GO AHEAD AND CUT THE SOD ON PROJECT PIPE'S SITE. HE TOLD CLIFF THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF QUANTITIES THEY WOULD NEED TO BE ABLE TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH SOD OR WOULD THEY NEED TO END UP BIDDING IT.

CLIFF AGREED TO BREAK THE QUANTITIES DOWN, GET WITH DAVID AND SEE WHAT HIS FIELD MEASURES UP TO BE.

6. ROLLING PINES ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CORES ON THE ROAD; THE PLANS CALLED FOR 75 LB. OF INITIAL LIFT AND 125 LB. CAP WHICH PUTS THEM JUST UNDER 2". THE CORES ALL TURNED OUT PRETTY WELL; ALL THE ASPHALT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR, THEY HAVE.

7. RIVER ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PROPOSAL HE HAS FOR STAKING OUT OF RIVER ROAD. ROBERT HARCUS IS READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SOME GRADING ON THE ROAD AND THEY WANT TO TRY TO SET UP THE STAKING AND THE HUBS THE SAME WAY THEY DID ON ROLLING PINES SO THEY CAN COME OFF THE HUBS FOR THEIR CENTER LINE. HIS PROPOSAL TO DO THE WORK IS \$8200 FOR THE ENTIRE THREE MILES ON RIVER ROAD AND DO IT IN ONE MILE SEGMENTS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF CLIFF SETTING UP THE STAKING AND THE HUBS ON RIVER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM TRYING TO GET UP WITH THE LANDOWNERS ON RIVER ROAD TO SEE IF THE COUNTY COULD CUT SOME SOD OFF THEIR FIELDS TO SAVE FROM GETTING IT FROM THE SOD FARM AND HAVING TO HAUL IT FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED DAVID IF THE COUNTY COULD CUT SOD OUT OF SOMEBODY ELSE'S FIELD. DAVID AGREED TO GET WITH THE PRISON TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO CUT SOD OFF LANDOWNERS PROPERTY ON RIVER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO CLIFF HAVING GOTTEN A QUOTE ON THE PIPE TO DO RIVER ROAD, BONNETT POND ROAD AND BAHOMA ROAD PROJECTS; HOWEVER, HE WAS MORE OR LESS WANTING AN OVERALL QUOTE OF WHAT IT WAS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY ON ALL THESE PROJECTS TO GET PAVED. THIS WOULD INCLUDE FENCING, SOD, ASPHALT, STRIPING.

CLIFF AGREED TO GET WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO SEE WHAT THEIR COST IS ON THE FENCING BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO THAT THEMSELVES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED, WITH THE PRISON, IT IS GOING TO BE A BORDERLINE ISSUE WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PUTTING THE FENCE UP.

CLIFF ADDRESSED THE FENCE WOULD BE INSIDE THE COUNTY'S RIGHT-OF- WAY OR ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE. DAVID SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF IT WAS ON THE COUNTY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY; THE PRISON WILL ALLOW THE INMATES TO DO IT. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE AGREEMENT THAT SAYS IT WILL REVERT BACK TO THE LANDOWNER, THE PRISON WON'T ALLOW IT.

ROBERT HARCUS SAID HE HAD ALREADY TALKED TO THE PRISON ABOUT FENCING AND AS LONG AS THE COUNTY PUTS THE FENCING INSIDE THE COUNTY LINE AND IT IS THE COUNTY'S FENCE, THE PRISON WILL ALLOW IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE FENCING BEING A BIG ISSUE ON THESE ROADS; WITH BONNETT POND ROAD, THERE HAVE BEEN NO EASEMENTS OBTAINED AND THERE IS ALWAYS PROPERTY OWNERS WANTING DRIVEWAY PIPES TO THEIR PROPERTY. CLIFF SAID EVERY DRIVEWAY PIPE IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICES GIVEN; IF THEY START ADDING ON EXTRA CULVERTS, THOSE ARE NOT INCLUDED. HOWEVER, EVERY EXISTING DRIVEWAY ON THE ROADWAY HAS A CULVERT; NO EXISTING CULVERTS WILL REMAIN.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO ROLLING PINES; EVERYTIME SOMEBODY COME ALONG, THEY WERE WANTING FOUR OR FIVE CULVERTS ON ONE BIG PIECE OF PROPERTY. THAT WAS NOTHING BUT TO BREAK THOSE PROPERTIES UP INTO LOTS AND THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO BE DOING THAT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING CULVERTS THAT ARE ON THE ROAD AND IF SOMEBODY WANTS AN ADDITIONAL CULVERT, THEY CAN PAY FOR IT.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, TED EVERETT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PROJECT PIPE. THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION; THIS IS BEING CORRECTED AND THE LEGAL HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE ATTORNEY. HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO SET SOME PERMANENT CONCRETE BOUNDARIES AND GET A CERTIFIED BOUNDARY SURVEY WHICH WILL TAKE CLIFF ANOTHER FOUR TO FIVE DAYS. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY PROJECT PIPE'S TITLE COMPANY. FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE CHAMBER AND COUNTY HAVE MET ALL THE CRITERIA TO GO IN CLOSING.

HE ASKED FOR BOARD APPROVAL FOR A TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROJECT PIPE. HE ADDRESSED OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT PROJECT PIPE, THEY WERE DISCUSSING THE COST OF THE RAILROAD SPUR. AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF THE WORLD CONSUMPTION OF STEEL, IT WAS QUOTED THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE A COST OVERRUN OF \$491,000; HOWEVER, WE WON'T KNOW WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE UNTIL THEY BID OUT THE RAILROAD SPUR. THERE IS \$2,000,000 THEY ARE GETTING FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO BUILD THE RAILROAD SPUR AND ANOTHER \$1,500,000 TO DO THE REMAINING INFRASTRUCTURE. HE HAS BEEN TALKING WITH PROJECT PIPE ON HOW THE TAX ABATEMENT CAN BE USED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM SHOULD THERE BE A COST OVERRUN.

TED REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING A LETTER FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER TELLING THEM ABOUT WHAT THE PROPERTY TAXES WILL BE THAT ARE GENERATED BY THIS PROJECT AFTER ALL PHASES ARE COMPLETED. THAT FIGURE IS ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$120,000 TO \$140,000 A YEAR. WITH THAT NUMBER, HE WENT BACK TO PROJECT PIPE'S ATTORNEY AND ASKED THEM HOW THEY WANTED TO TREAT ANY OVERRUN THAT THEY WOULD PAY FOR; PROJECT PIPE WOULD PAY FOR ANY OVERRUN SO IT WOULDN'T HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET.

PROJECT PIPE ORIGINALLY SENT A DOCUMENT SAYING THEY WOULD LIKE TO DEDUCT \$120,000 OFF THE CONTRACTURAL SALE PRICE OF THE LAND AND THEN DO A 50% TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE BALANCE. AFTER THINKING ABOUT THIS OFFER, TED ADDRESSED HE DIDN'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A DEAL THE COUNTY WOULD WANT TO ENTER BECAUSE THE COUNTY WOULD GET ROUGHLY \$350,000 PLUS OR MINUS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY IFAS ROUGHLY \$95,000, THEY WOULD STILL HAVE

ENGINEERING FEES TO PAY OUT OF THE SALES PRICE AND IF THEY TOOK \$120,000 OFF OF THAT, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH MONEY LEFT. HE WENT BACK WITH CHAIRMAN HOWELL'S KNOWLEDGE AND TOLD PROJECT PIPE WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT TO GO FORWARD. PROJECT PIPE THEN SUBMITTED ANOTHER PROPOSAL; PROJECT PIPE WOULDN'T TAKE ANY MONEY OFF THE CLOSING COST SO THE COUNTY WOULD GET THEIR FULL SALE PRICE. THEY WERE ASKING FOR A 50% TAX ABATEMENT FOR ANY OVERRUN NOT TO EXCEED \$491,000 AND HAVE AN ADDITION- AL THREE YEARS OF A 50% TAX ABATEMENT. TED SAID THAT WAS NOT A BAD DEAL CONSIDERING PROJECT PIPE IS GOING TO END UP PAYING ABOUT A THIRD OF THE COST OF THE RAIL SPUR. ALSO, THEY ARE NOT ASKING THE COUNTY TO GIVE THEM 100% TAX ABATEMENT; THE COUNTY WILL STILL HAVE PROPERTY TAXES COMING TO THEM EVERY YEAR FROM THE TIME PROJECT PIPE BREAKS GROUND. THE PROPERTY TAXES WILL INCREASE AS THE PHASES ARE PUT OUT THERE UNTIL THEY ARE AT THEIR FULL \$12.5 MILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON THAT PROPERTY.

HE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE DEAL THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKED OUT ON THE BOARD'S BEHALF.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN TO ACCEPT THE 50% TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROJECT PIPE FOR ANY OVERRUN NOT TO EXCEED \$491,000 AND 50% TAX ABATEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS WITH THE COUNTY RECEIVING 100% OF SALE PRICE OF PROPERTY.

TED EXPLAINED PROJECT PIPE WOULD BE A \$12.5 MILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITH 140 TO 150 JOBS WITH BENEFITS. THE CHAMBERS MISSION IS TO DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING; THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH A \$12.5 MILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND ANOTHER \$3,000,000 THAT IS GOING TO BE TURNED INTO THIS COMMUNITY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT, WHICH IS HOW MANY TIMES A DOLLAR CHANGES HANDS IN THIS COMMUNITY, WHICH IS NORMALLY AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN, THEN OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS AS ALL OF THIS IS BEING DEVELOPED AND BUILT, \$108,000,000 IS COMING THROUGH THIS ECONOMY. HE IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT THIS BOARD AND PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE GIVEN TO PROJECT PIPE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN RECOMMENDED HALF OF THE MONIES FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY, AFTER IFAS IS PAID, BE SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOME OF THE MONIES FROM TAXES GENERATED BY PROJECT PIPE, BE PUT BACK TOWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

TED AGREED IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN TO SAVE MONIES FOR THE FUTURE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTY. HE ADDRESSED THE OPPORTUNITIES THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE; FOREIGN TRADE ZONE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS OVER BOTH INDUSTRIAL PARKS, A NEW AIRPORT OPENING UP IN 2010 THAT WILL GENERATE A LOT OF INTEREST AND EVENTUALLY A LOT OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, PORT OF PANAMA CITY IS EXPANDING NOW. THE CHAMBER IS GOING AFTER THE KIND OF JOBS THAT ARE BENEFIT DRIVEN WITH HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE KIND OF JOBS THAT CAN USE THE PORT OF PANAMA CITY FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT.

TED ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO NEED MORE ENTERPRISE ZONES IN VERNON AND EBRO BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE GROWTH IS GOING TO START COMING IN; IF THE COUNTY IS NOT PREPARED TO LOOK AT THEIR GROWTH PATTERNS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS, HE FELT THEY WOULD BE MISSING SOME PRIME OPPORTUNITIES.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

JERRY BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD READING A LETTER FROM THE VERNON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THE SEVENTY YEAR CELEBRATION HONORING THE VERNON BRIDGE THAT WAS OPENED AND DEDICATED ON MAY 25, 1939 AND WILL BE TORN DOWN AND REPLACED DUE TO THE FOUR LANING OF HIGHWAY 79. THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2009 FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M. FOR THE

VERNON BRIDGE FESTIVAL. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,585 FOR THE VERNON BRIDGE FESTIVAL.

JERRY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL AND THE OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. THEY ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM.

THE BOARD REQUESTED THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHECK WITH THE CITY OF VERNON ON WAIVERING THE RENTAL FEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER. JERRY ADVISED THEY ARE GOING TO REQUEST THE WAIVERING OF THE FEE; BUT, AT THIS TIME THEY DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE GRANTED OR NOT. JERRY ALSO AGREED, IF THESE FEES WERE WAIVERED, THIS AMOUNT COULD BE DEDUCTED FROM THE AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO WORK WITH JERRY ON THE REQUEST FROM THE VERNON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE VERNON BRIDGE FESTIVAL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1585.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2009 AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS WEEK.

JERRY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 18 BEING DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS. THEY ARE HOLDING A COOKOUT FOR THE DISPATCH AND 911 OPERATORS AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON APRIL 17TH.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2009 AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS WEEK.

JERRY PRESENTED BILLY BROCK, DISPATCH SUPERVISOR, A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2009 AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS WEEK.

BILLY INVITED THE BOARD, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND FIREFIGHTERS TO THE COOKOUT ON APRIL 17TH.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING LOOKED AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT IS DESIGNED WHERE IT CAN'T BE AMENDED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THIS BOARD AND THE FIRE BOARD. ROGER HAS TOLD US THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS PAID IN ARREARS, AND HE IS RIGHT, WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE ALREADY EARNED THE NEXT PAYMENT THAT IS GOING TO BE MADE BY THE COUNTY. HE AND ROGER ARE GOING TO MEET EARLY NEXT WEEK TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER FURTHER TO SEE WHAT THE BEST ROUTE IS AND REPORT BACK TO CHAIRMAN HOWELL SO HE CAN CALL A MEETING IF HE NEEDS TO. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND CHAIRMAN HOWELL TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ROGER TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUE THE FIRST OF THE WEEK AND COME BACK IN A BOARD MEETING WITH THE RESULTS. IT WILL BE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK; BUT, HE IS NOT SURE WHAT DAY.

SAL ZURICA QUESTIONED WHY COULDN'T THE COUNTY JUST PURCHASE PAGERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN SENDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MONIES; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL GET THEIR EQUIPMENT BY DOING IT THIS WAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE BOARD COULD CONTROL WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES WITH THEIR MONEY NOT AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND REFERRED TO WHAT THE ATTORNEY HAD SAID.

SAL SAID HE WAS NOT SAYING NOT PAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, MAKE THEM FILL OUT PURCHASE ORDERS SO THEY CAN BUY THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD WOULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHAT THEY NEED. HE ADVISED WHEN HE, ROGER, PETE AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY MEETS, THEY WILL NOTIFY THE FOLKS WHEN THEY WILL HAVE THE NEXT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FURTHER.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REPORT:

1. NURSING HOME AGREEMENT-HUD IS NOW THE MORTGAGE HOLDER ON THE NURSING HOME AND HAVE SOME DIFFERENT WORDING THEY WANT IN THE CONTRACT.

WILLIAM BLANK, EMPLOYEE OF THE NURSING HOME, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING A STANDARD HUD CONTRACT, WHICH IS USED BY ALL NURSING HOMES IN FLORIDA. THEY ARE A POPULAR FINANCER FOR THE NURSING HOME BUSINESS; IF THEY GO THROUGH HUD, THEY GET MORE FAVORABLE RATES THAN THEY CAN THROUGH MOST PRIVATE LENDERS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REFERRED TO A LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM SANDRA THAT SAYS BASICALLY HUD ALSO REQUIRES A PROVISION IN GROUND LEASES GRANTING HUD THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE FEE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY. SHE HAD ATTACHED THE LANGUAGE THAT HUD REQUESTED IN THE LEASE. HOWEVER, ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD INDICATED THE LESSOR WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO GRANT HUD AN OPTION TO PURCHASE THE FEE INTEREST OF THE PROPERTY. THE ACTUAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE WAIVED IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE STATE INCLUDING ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF IS THE LESSOR AND AN OPTION TO PURCHASE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED UNDER EXISTING LAWS OR REGULATIONS OR WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF THE RESTRAINT UPON THE LESSOR SUCH AS THE REVERSION OF TITLE IN THE EVENT OF TRANSFER TO LESSOR.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID WHAT HE HAS LOOKED AT AND WHAT THE BOARD HAS LOOKED AT IS THE LAST TWO TO THREE PAGE WHICH HAS THAT LANGUAGE IN IT; BUT, THAT IS NOT PART OF WHAT THEY ARE SIGNING TODAY IS HIS UNDERSTANDING. THEY LEFT THAT OUT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE DIDN'T RECOMMEND SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ISSUE IN IT. HE DOESN'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT; BASICALLY, IF THEY DON'T SIGN IT, HIS UNDERSTANDING IS HUD WANT FINANCE IT.

MR. BLANK SAID THE MAIN REASON THEY WANT TO REFINANCE THE LEASE IS TO CAPTURE A MUCH BETTER INTEREST RATE, WHICH WOULD SAVE THEM A LOT OF MONEY. IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO REFINANCE IT AT THIS TIME, HE ASSUMES THEY WILL LOOK FOR ANOTHER LENDER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE NURSING HOME PROPERTY CONFRONTS THE HOSPITAL AND HE DOESN'T THINK THE BOARD WOULD WANT TO GET RID OF THAT PROPERTY BASED ON THAT FACT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A 99 YEAR LEASE ON THE NURSING HOME. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IN JANUARY 1, 2010, THE COUNTY WOULD START RECEIVING \$6,162 LEASE PAYMENTS; RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE GETTING \$15 A YEAR.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THE AGREEMENT WITH HUD ON THE NURSING HOME WOULD BE OKAY PROVIDING THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE IS NOT INCLUDED IN IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO TABLE THE AGREEMENT WITH HUD ON THE NURSING HOME UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

2. TWO CLAIMS FROM TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE EITHER IN THE COUNTY PRISON OR SOMETHING OR ELSE THE COUNTY WOULDN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEDUCTIBLE. THE TWO CASES WERE THESE TWO PEOPLE WERE TREATED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DURING THE TIME THE COUNTY OWNED THE HOSPITAL. THE INSURANCE PAID A BULK OF THE MONEY; BUT, THERE WAS A DEDUCTIBLE IN

EACH CASE. THE DEDUCTIBLE ON ALESHA GLOVER WAS \$17,297; THE DEDUCTIBLE ON DEBRA WEATHERINTON WAS \$50,000. THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COLLECT THIS FOR SOME TIME FROM THE COUNTY AND ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS. LEGALLY, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THE MONEY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED VERIFYING TO SEE IF THEY WERE INMATES. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE INMATES; HE THINKS THEY WERE INJURED AT THE HOSPITAL AND FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE HOSPITAL AND DURING THIS TIME THE HOSPITAL DIDN'T HAVE THEIR LIABILITY INSURANCE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO CHECK ON THE TWO CLAIMS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

EDWARD ELDERS, 198 CHAMPION DRIVE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY HAVING PLACED A GREEN SIGN ON HIS ROAD; THERE IS AN ORDINANCE WHICH SAYS IF YOU LIVE ON A PRIVATE ROAD, YOU SHOULD HAVE A BLUE SIGN AND NOT A GREEN SIGN. IN THE ORDINANCE, IT ALSO SAYS A GREEN SIGN MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY. ELDERS QUESTIONED IF IT IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY VERSUS A PRIVATE ROAD, COULDN'T THE COUNTY CONTACT THE OWNER OF THE ROAD TO MAKE IT FEASIBLE TO DRIVE ON OR SAFE ENOUGH FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND MAKE THE OWNER PAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OR PUT A LIEN ON THEIR PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE COLOR OF THE SIGNS DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM. HE ASKED WHOSE PROPERTY IS THIS ON.

MR. ELDERS SAID DAVID KERSEY OWNS THE ROAD; BUT, HE LIVES ON THE ROAD. ELDERS SAID HIS PROBLEM IS HE DON'T GET MAIL, WASTE MANAGEMENT, FEDEX, ETC. ON THE ROAD.

COUNTY ATTORNEY QUESTIONED IF IT WAS A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD WITH ELDERS ADVISING IT WASN'T. HOLLEY SAID IT WAS A PRIVATE ROAD WITH ELDERS SAYING THERE SHOULD BE A BLUE SIGN ON THE ROAD RATHER THAN THE GREEN SIGN.

COUNTY ATTORNEY SAID HE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SIGN CODE; IF THE SIGN NEEDS TO BE CHANGED, HE SEES NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

MR. ELDERS ADDRESSED HIM HAVING WRITTEN A LETTER ON FEBRUARY 9TH TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND IT HAS BEEN 47 DAYS AND HE HASN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE BACK FROM MR. HERBERT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. ELDERS, WHICH TALKED ABOUT SEVERAL DIFFERENT THINGS. HE GOT WITH MR. HOLMAN AND WENT OVER THE LETTER AND HE GUESSED THEY WEREN'T SURE HOW TO RESPOND TO IT. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN HAD REQUESTED HE HOLD OFF AND HE THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO TALK TO THE ATTORNEY ABOUT IT AND THEY JUST DIDN'T RESPOND TO THE LETTER.

MR. ELDERS REQUESTED HE GET BACK A RESPONSE ON THE LETTER IN DUE TIME.

SKYLA CARTER ASKED COMMISSIONER HOWELL IF HE RECALLED SAYING DRIVEWAYS WERE A THING OF THE PAST AT THE LAST MEETING THEY HAD IN VERNON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DOESN'T REMEMBER SAYING THAT; BUT, IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SKLYA THINKS HE DID SAY THAT.

SKYLA REFERRED TO A DRIVEWAY THAT WAS DONE ON MONDAY ON CORA LANE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID SEVERAL DRIVEWAYS WERE DONE ON CORA LANE AND MORE WERE GOING TO BE DONE.

SKYLA ASKED IF BLANTON DRIVE THAT WAS BROUGHT UP LAST MONTH WAS EVER LOOKED INTO. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WAS; THE ENGINEER LOOKED INTO IT. HOWEVER, TO FIX THAT DRIVEWAY, IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF WORK, MORE THAN THE COUNTY CAN DO.

SKYLA ASKED IF HOWELL WAS AWARE THE CULDESAC AT THE END OF CORA LANE WAS IN DIRE NEED OF WORK; IT IS PRETTY SANDY AND UNPASSABLE AND SHE ALMOST GOT STUCK AND DRIVES THAT ROAD FREQUENTLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DROVE THE ROAD THE OTHER DAY AND HE DIDN'T GET STUCK. SKYLA ADDRESSED HER HAVING A LITTLE FORD TRUCK.

SKYLA ADDRESSED IT SEEMED FUNNY TO HER THAT THE TWO DRIVEWAYS THAT WERE DONE WERE FOR THE CULBRETHS AND HE RETIRED TWO DAYS LATER. IT SEEMS TO HER A LITTLE BIT LIKE FAVORTISM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE FIGURED SKYLA WOULD THINK THAT; HOWEVER, HE MET WITH MR. CULBRETH OUT THERE TWO MONTHS AGO AND DECIDED TO TRY TO FIX HIS DRIVEWAY BECAUSE HE HAS WATER RUN DOWN HIS DRIVEWAY UNDER HIS HOUSE.

SKYLA SAID HOWELL THEN ALSO KNOWS THE DRIVEWAYS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET WERE WASHED OUT SEVERELY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THOSE WERE LOOKED AT AS WELL AND THEY ARE BEING ADDRESSED.

SKYLA ASKED COMMISSIONER HOWELL IF HE ADMITS IT SEEMS A LITTLE FISHY TWO DAYS BEFORE MR. CULBRETH RETIRES, HE GETS A NICE, NEW DRIVEWAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT DOESN'T SEEM FISHY TO HIM AT ALL; HE MADE THE DECISION TWO MONTHS AGO AND CAN'T HELP THE COUNTY JUST GOT AROUND TO DOING IT. IT WASN'T REALLY A RUSH TO DO THAT IS WHY THEY DIDN'T DO IT TWO MONTHS AGO.

SKYLA SAID HOWELL DOES REALIZE THERE WERE OTHER PROPERTIES THAT WERE NEEDING IT A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN THIS; HE JUST ADMITTED IT WASN'T NOTHING THAT NEEDED A RUSH. YET, THE BLANTONS THAT HAVE A HEALTH ISSUE WHICH THEY WOULD NEED, YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T SAY THAT; THE COUNTY CAN DO DRIVEWAYS AND DO DRIVEWAYS EVERYDAY. BUT, THEY DON'T GET OFF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY GOT OFF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT CULBRETH'S DRIVEWAY WITH DALLAS CARTER SAYING NO. DALLAS SAID THE COUNTY POLICY ALLOWS FOR 50' BEYOND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DRIVEWAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE INTENT WAS TO DO CULBRETH'S DRIVEWAY TO THE FENCE. DALLAS SAID THAT IS WHAT WAS DONE; IT WENT 4' BEYOND THE FENCE WHERE THEY TAPERED IT OFF. HOWEVER, THEY ARE ALLOWED 50' BEYOND THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T INTEND TO GO ALL THE WAY ON THE DRIVEWAY; HE WANTED TO STOP AT THE FENCE.

ERNEST ARMSTRONG ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY MOTORGRADERS GOING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND SHOWED THEM PICTURES WHERE THE GRADERS HAD RUN OVER HIS POST AND FENCE AND THEY WERE BURIED IN THE ROAD. HE ASKED WHEN THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO GO AND PUT HIS POST AND FENCE BACK UP.

ROBERT HARCUS INFORMED THE BOARD THERE WERE 15" POST UP IN THE FENCE ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD; THE BOARD GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO GO DOWN THERE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PULL THE POST UP AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED.

ERNEST SAID WHEN HE PUT THE POST UP HE WENT AND TALKED TO JUDGE COLBY PEEL AND SHOWED HIM HOW HE HAD THE POST UP; COLBY TOLD HIM THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH IT. HE HAS GOT TO GET BACK WITH COLBY AND TALK TO HIM ABOUT THAT. HOWEVER, HE WANTS THE FENCE PUT BACK UP THE COUNTY KNOCKED DOWN. THERE IS NO USE IN THE COUNTY GRADERS COMING OFF THE ROAD PUSHING THE ROCKS OFF OF THERE; THEY JUST PUT ROCK BACK ON THE ROAD AND HE HAD ASKED THEM NEVER TO PUT NO MORE ROCK ON IT. HE GETS HIS ROAD GRADED ONCE EVERY WEEK AND THEY PUT 15 LOADS OF ROCK EVERY HUNDRED YARDS; IT IS PROBABLY A FOOT DEEP WITH NOTHING BUT ROCK. THEN WHEN THEY SCRAPE

IT, IT IS SO DUSTY YOU CAN'T HANG YOUR CLOTHES ON THE LINE OR SEE A CAR IN FRONT OF YOU.

ROBERT HARCUS SAID ERNEST'S BROTHER, GLEN, ASKED FOR THE ROCK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED HOW MUCH FENCE WAS ERNEST TALKING ABOUT. ERNEST SAID IT WAS ABOUT 150 YARDS OF FENCING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON ERNEST'S BROTHER, BILL, HAVING CALLED HIM SAYING HE WANTED THE ROAD FIXED AS HE WAS TIRED OF DRIVING THEM POTHOLES AT THE BRIDGE. HE TOLD BILL HE WOULD FIX IT; WHEN HE PUT ONE LOAD OF ROCK AT THE BRIDGE, GLEN ASKED HIM NOT TO PUT NONE AT HIS HOUSE BECAUSE OF DUST. HE ADDRESSED ERNEST NOT WANTING NOTHING; HE JUST WANTS THE COUNTY TO CLOSE THE ROAD. HE IS TRYING TO SATISFY THREE BROTHERS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ERNEST ON WHAT FENCE; THE ONLY FENCE HE HAS EVER SEEN WAS A LITTLE STRAND OF BARBWIRE PUT UP ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD ABOUT 4' HIGH. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO CHECK ON THE FENCE ISSUE WITH MR. ARMSTRONG.

MR. BILL CARTEE, SUNNY HILLS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON IT BEING HIS HOUSE THAT BURNED LAST WEEK AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS A HOUSE THAT IS REPAIRABLE BECAUSE GLEN ZANETIC WAS THERE IN THREE MINUTES; THE BULK OF THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT BEFORE ANYBODY ELSE GOT THERE. SOMEBODY NEEDS TO KNOW THAT GLEN DOES SOME POSITIVE STUFF; SOME OF THESE PEOPLE NEED TO LOOK AND UNDERSTAND HOW SOME OF THIS STUFF WORKS.

MR. CARTEE ADDRESSED THE FIRE MARSHALL HAD NOTHING BUT POSITIVE TO SAY; THERE WAS A CONCERN HAD THE FIRE GONE ANOTHER FEW MINUTES, THE OTHER HOUSES ON EACH SIDE OF HIM WERE VERY MUCH IN DANGER.

GLENN, LOU AND THE OTHER TWO FIREMEN THAT ARRIVED FIRST DID A VERY GOOD JOB, WERE VERY PROFESSIONAL AND HE THANKED THEM. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LISTEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND NOT JUST A FEW; HE IS AFRAID THE BOARD HAS BEEN KIND OF DUPED TO THINK THIS IS A WHOLE COMMUNITY. A LOT OF THESE PROBLEMS STARTED BACK IN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION WHEN THIS GROUP THAT ARE SO GALLESY TRIED TO GET POSITIONS. THEY HAD OPEN ELECTIONS; THERE WAS NOTHING BEHIND DOORS, IT WAS ALL OPEN. THIS GROUP WAS OUTVOTED THREE AND FOUR TO ONE IN EVERY OFFICE; AFTER THAT TIME, TROUBLE HAS GONE ON AND IT HAS BECOME VERY PERSONAL, VERY VINDICTIVE, VERY UGLY. HE IS EMBARRASSED TO BE IN THE MIDST OF SOME OF THIS STUFF. THERE IS NO REAL DECENCY, POLITENESS AND NO DECOR. IF WE CAN'T OFFER SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE THAT BENEFITS PEOPLE, WHY DO WE LISTEN TO IT EVERY TIME YOU HAVE A MEETING. THAT IS GETTING SOME SOLID ANSWERS, REAL SOLUTIONS WITH THE PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE. HE APPRECIATED THE BOARD AND THE JOB THEY DO.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED ON THE 25TH OF APRIL, THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH THE HOSPITAL, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS AND SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SPONSORING A HEALTH AND PREPAREDNESS PRE-HURRICANE SEASON, HEALTH AND PREPAREDNESS FAIR AT THE HOSPITAL. THEY HAVE ASKED THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SOME WATER AT THEIR BOOTH AND ALSO A DOOR PRIZE. HE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF THE COST BEING AROUND \$100 TO \$150 WHICH HE FELT WOULD BE WELL SPENT. IT WILL GET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S MESSAGE OUT; THEY WILL HAVE LITERATURE, INFORMATION ON SHELTERING, PREPAREDNESS KITS, A WHOLE BOOTH ON PREPAREDNESS. THIS IS GOING TO BE A PROMOTIONAL THING; NOT AN OPERATIONAL THING. THE AMOUNT SPENT IS GOING TO BE MINIMAL AND WITHIN HIS SPENDING AUTHORITY.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE WEATHER SYSTEM THAT PASSED THROUGH TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF A LARGER WEATHER EVENT. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A

PROLONGED WEATHER EVENT THROUGH SUNDAY; POSSIBLY 6" TO 8" OF RAIN AND POSSIBLY CATEGORY I HURRICANE TYPE WINDS. SATURDAY IS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST THREAT. THEY ARE LOOKING AT POTENTIAL FLOODING AT THE CHOCTOWHATCHEE RIVER. THEY ARE NOT ANTICIPATING ACTIVATION OF THE EOC; BUT, SOMEBODY WILL MONITOR THE WEATHER SYSTEM THROUGH THE WEEKEND.

ROGER SAID SO NO ONE LEAVES HERE THINKING THE BOARD HAS MISLED THEM, HE REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN HOWELL HAVING SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH HIM, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK ON THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUE. HE REMINDED THE BOARD HE WAS GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN NEXT WEEK IF SOMETHING HERE DOESN'T HAPPEN WITH THE WEATHER SYSTEM; IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO MEET WITHOUT HIM OR IF THEY WANT TO MOVE IT TO APRIL 6TH, HE WILL BE BACK. IF THEY FEEL HE CAN ADD FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S FILES OR FROM HISTORICAL RECORDS, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET ON THE 6TH IF THIS IS IN AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE FILES HE FEELS THE COMMITTEE WOULD NEED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WOULD GET STARTED RESEARCHING AND VALIDATING THE INFORMATION THEY ALREADY HAVE AND MEET WITH ROGER ON THE 6TH OF APRIL.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. STATE SURPLUS LAND-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE THREE ACRES ON HIGHWAY 277 THE STATE OWNS AND HAS SURPLUSSED; THEY HAVE OFFERED IT TO THE COUNTY. HE HAS TALKED WITH FL-DEP ABOUT A PRICE ON THE PROPERTY; THEY HAVE DONE A COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS ON IT AND FEEL IT WILL APPRAISE BETWEEN \$27,000 AND \$30,000.

HERBERT REPORTED HE HAD A CALL FROM THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER, KERRY ADKISON, AND ADKISON IS VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THIS PROPERTY; IF THE COUNTY TURNS THE PROPERTY DOWN, THE STATE WILL OFFER IT TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER. A MAP HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY. THE BOARD HAD AGREED AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO LOOK AT THE PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PROPERTY BEING WETLANDS. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO PASS ON PURCHASING THE THREE ACRES OF SURPLUS STATE OWNED PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 277.

2. ELMS NICKEL-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON ERIC POOLE WITH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ADVISING HIM IT WAS DOUBTFUL EQUIPMENT COULD BE PURCHASED WITH THE ELMS NICKEL. HOWEVER, POOLE WANTED MORE TIME TO DO SOME MORE RESEARCH AND HE HAS HEARD NOTHING ELSE FROM HIM. HERBERT ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ELMS NICKEL MORE TODAY TO SEE IF THEY WANTED TO PROCEED IN PUTTING IT IN PLACE.

3. SOD FARM-HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PART TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE SOD FARM FOR TWENTY HOURS A WEEK FOR SIX MONTHS, APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER AT \$10 AN HOUR. HE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE TO FILL THE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR A PART TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE SOD FARM AS REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT.

4. SHOP FOREMAN-HERBERT UPDATED BOARD ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT MAKING EDDIE JERNIGAN SHOP FOREMAN AT A \$1.00 AN HOUR RAISE. THIS WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS AND THERE IS MONEY IN THEIR BUDGET TO COVER THE SALARY INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THIS WOULD MAKE JERNIGAN A SUPERVISOR OF FOUR PEOPLE AND QUESTIONED IF JERNIGAN HAS HAD ANY TRAINING FOR THIS.

HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF JERNIGAN HAD ANY FORMAL TRAINING OR NOT.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, SAID SHE HAD NOTHING AGAINST MR. JERNIGAN; BUT, ALL SHE ASK IS THE BOARD STRONGLY CONSIDER IT BECAUSE SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE RECENTLY FILED PAPERWORK WITH HER REQUESTING RAISES. THEY HAVE MET WITH THESE PEOPLE AND TOLD THEM THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY; NOW, REQUESTING PROMOTIONS, ETC. THEY HAVE HANDLED THAT WITHIN A SUPERVISORY LEVEL AND IT HASN'T COME TO THE BOARD YET.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED IT SHOULDN'T COME TO THE BOARD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THIS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT DURING THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND WORKED INTO THE ANNUAL BUDGET; BUT, IT KEPT COMING UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED SINCE IT IS MID YEAR IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS ON MAKING JERNIGAN SHOP FOREMAN OR WAIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD COULD PROMOTE SOMEBODY WITHOUT ADVERTISING THE POSITION INHOUSE. HERBERT SAID THEY HAVE DONE IT BEFORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT ASKING IF IT HAD BEEN DONE; HE WAS ASKING IF IT COULD BE DONE BY THE COUNTY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY HAD TO CREATE THE POSITION AND INTERVIEW FOR IT.

HEATHER SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE POLICY EXACTLY; BUT, HER OPINION IS IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION. HER UNDERSTANDING OF THAT POSITION WHEN IT HAPPENED WAS THE FORMER SUPERVISOR, MR. RAMSEY, WAS TAKEN OFF THE PAYROLL TO MAKE THE BUDGET DURING THE BUDGET YEAR OF 2006-2007 AND IT WAS SAID THERE WASN'T A SUPERVISOR THAT WOULD BE NEEDED SO THEY DID AWAY WITH THAT POSITION. SHE WAS TOLD THE SUPERVISORS HAD TOLD THE GUYS DOWN THERE THEY WOULD BE NO MONETARY INCREASE FOR THE OTHER PERSON WHO TOOK OVER THAT ROLE OF HELPING OVERSEE THE SHOP WHEN KEN WAS THERE. A COUPLE OF MONTHS PAST AND THERE WAS A RAISE GIVEN TO MR. JERNIGAN. THE ONLY PROBLEM SHE HAS IS SHE FEELS THE EMPLOYEES THAT WERE OFFERED THE JOB AT THE TIME IF THEY HAD KNOWN THERE MIGHT BE A RAISE INVOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THEY MAY HAVE HELD THEIR HANDS UP AND WANTED THE JOB AS WELL. SHE WANTS THIS TO BE AVOIDED. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY ANYTHING FROM JERNIGAN; SHE JUST WANTS THINGS TO BE FAIR. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WORKING AT THE COUNTY ANNEX THAT ARE CURRENTLY REQUESTING SIMILAR THINGS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS TO MAKE JERNIGAN A SHOP FOREMAN AND GIVE HIM A \$1.00 HOUR INCREASE. HE FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE NOW ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

HEATHER REITERATED IF THESE OTHER EMPLOYEES WERE TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE POSITION FOR A YEAR WITHOUT ANY PAY, WOULD THEY HAVE TAKEN IT. IF THEY HAD KNOWN IN A YEAR OR TWO THE BOARD WOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE MONEY, WOULD THEY HAVE SAID I WILL TAKE THE JOB, I CAN HANDLE IT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE EMPLOYEES KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO PUT MR. JERNIGAN AS LEAD MECHANIC AND HE WOULD GET A \$.52 PER HOUR INCREASE WITH THE POSSIBILITY LATER ON PROMOTING HIM TO A SUPERVISOR. THEY CAN'T SAY THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

HEATHER SAID ORIGINALLY THEY WERE TOLD THERE WOULDN'T BE AN INCREASE.

DALLAS AND ROBERT SAID ALL THE MECHANICS AT THE SHOP APPOINTED EDDY JERNIGAN TO TAKE THE SHOP FOREMAN POSITION. HEATHER SAID WERE THEY TOLD THERE WOULD BE MORE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE SHOP FOREMAN POSITION WAS DONE AWAY WITH. HEATHER SAID THAT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING; SHE THOUGHT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, IT WAS SAID IT WASN'T NEEDED AND DALLAS AND ROBERT WOULD BE THE SUPERVISOR OF THE SHOP AND HAVE A LEADERMAN PUT IN PLACE. THEY DID NOT NEED THAT MONEY KEN RAMSEY EARNED AT THAT TIME AND THAT IS HOW THEY BALANCED THE BUDGET THAT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MAKING MR. JERNIGAN THE SHOP FOREMAN; BUT, IF THEY DID AWAY WITH THE POSITION, THEY WILL NEED TO REINSTATE IT ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO FIND OUT IF THE SHOP FOREMAN POSITION WAS ABOLISHED BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON THE PUBLIC WORK SUPERVISORS' RECOMMENDATION TO PROMOTE EDDY JERNIGAN AS SHOP FOREMAN AND TAKE CARE OF IT NEXT WEEK.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON PERSONNEL ACTIONS BEING DONE ON EACH OF THE EMS PERSONNEL SINCE THEY WILL BE MOVING BACK UNDER THE COUNTY. HEATHER HAD TALKED WITH RANDALL TRUETTE ABOUT TRYING TO FIT THEM ON THE COUNTY'S Payscale. THEY CAME UP WITH WHERE THEY THOUGHT THE EMS PERSONNEL FIT ON THE COUNTY PAY SCALE; BUT, THEY ENDED UP WITH ALL THE EMS PERSONNEL GETTING RAISES ANYWHERE FROM A \$.01 PER HOUR INCREASE TO A \$4.96 PER HOUR INCREASE. HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE SIGNING THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RAISES. HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT EMS WOULD COME OVER AT THE SAME RATE OF PAY.

HE CAN SORT OF UNDERSTAND TRYING TO MAKE THEM FIT ON THE COUNTY'S Payscale; BUT, HE THOUGHT FOR A LARGE A RAISE AS SOME OF THE EMS EMPLOYEES GOT, IT SEEMED LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY FOR DOING THE EXACT SAME THING THEY WERE DOING ALL ALONG.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE BOARD IS BRINGING A GROUP OF PEOPLE UNDER THEM THAT ARE SPECIALIZED SPECIALISTS. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY CAN MIX EMS EMPLOYEES WITH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND TRY TO GET THEM IN THE SAME PAY GRADE CLASSIFICATION.

HEATHER SAID SHE DID ASK EMS TO TRY AND FIT THEM ON THE COUNTY'S PAY SCALE. EMS DID PRETTY MUCH THE BEST THEY COULD WITH WHAT THEY HAD TO WORK WITH; THEY TOOK THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THEY ARE CURRENTLY MAKING AND MERGED IT IN WITH THE COUNTY'S LEVEL. AN EMT IS STARTING OUT MAKING THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AS AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; THAT IS GOING TO BE UP TO THE BOARD TO DECIDE. SOME OF THEM ARE GETTING VERY SIGNIFICANT RAISES; BUT, WHEN THE COUNTY REVISED THE CHART ORIGINALLY, QUITE A FEW EMPLOYEES HERE WERE GIVEN ADMINISTRATIVE INCREASES AT THAT TIME TO FIT ON THE CHART. SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF ANYBODY GOT A \$4.00 AN HOUR INCREASE OR NOT.

HEATHER SAID EMS CAN FIT THE SALARY INCREASES WITHIN THEIR BUDGET; THEY ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY MORE BUDGET MONIES.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHY EMS HAD TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTY'S PAY SCALE; THEY ALREADY HAD SPECIFIC JOB DESCRIPTIONS, ETC. AT EMS. HE ASKED WHY COULDN'T THEY HAVE A SEPARATE PAY SCALE THAN THE COUNTY AND REFERRED TO NOT BEING ABLE TO PUT DOCTORS WITH ENGINEERS AND CALL THEM ALL IN THE SAME PAY GRADE.

HEATHER SAID THEY COULD DESIGN EMS THEIR OWN PAY GRADE; BUT, EMS DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY THEIRS WAS DONE BEFORE. THEIR SALARY WAS DONE BY SOMEBODY THAT KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT WHAT THEY DO. EMS ACTUALLY

DONE RESEARCH AND GOT SOME OTHER COUNTIES AMOUNTS AND THAT IS ALSO HOW THEY REACHED FITTING THEMSELVES INTO THE COUNTY CHART.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE KNOWS WHAT IS BEING SAID; BUT, IT GOES BACK TO MONEY; THE COUNTY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MONEY THEY HAVE COMING DOWN THE PIKE. HE HAS MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT IT; HE DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE TRYING TO MIX THE EMS WITH THE COUNTY PAY SCALE WHEN IT IS LIKE A MEDICAL FIELD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL POINTED OUT IT IS JUST A NUMBER; IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT EMS DOES.

HEATHER EXPLAINED EMS DOESN'T HAVE A PAY GRADE WHERE THEY ARE AT; THE COUNTY'S STARTING SALARY IS \$10 AN HOUR. EMS HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING \$9.38, ETC.; PEOPLE THAT STARTED AT THAT LOW BRACKET ARE BEING RAISED TO THE \$10 AN HOUR. THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO IS BEING MOVED TO A SUPERVISORY ROLE TO ASSIST AT EMS AND HIS SALARY IS BEING BUMPED UP BY \$4.96.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED HEATHER IF SHE HAD ASKED RANDALL TO COME UP WITH SOME TYPE OF PAY SCALE LIKE THE COUNTY HAS. HEATHER SAID SHE HAD GIVEN THEM THE COUNTY'S SALARY CHART AND TOLD THEM, IF THEY COULD, TO TRY AND FIT THEMSELVES IN ON THE CHART. SHE TOLD THEM WHAT THE COUNTY DID WHEN THEY CREATED IT; IF SOMEONE WAS MAKING \$10 AN HOUR AND DAVID WAS MAKING \$10.05 AN HOUR, THEY MADE THE START- ING LEVEL AT \$10.15.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF HE WAS HEARING SOMEONE FROM EMS WAS GETTING A PROMOTION AS THEY COME UNDER THE BOARD. HEATHER ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT; THEY ARE CHANGING TITLES AROUND AND SOMEONE IS GETTING A PROMOTION TO A SUPERVISORY ROLE TO ASSIST AT EMS WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTY'S DIVISION. RANDALL WAS MADE A DIVISION CHIEF AND EACH OF THE COUNTY'S DIVISION CHIEFS HAVE AN ASSISTANT.

COMMISSIONER PATE RECOMMENDED GETTING EMS TO PUT IN WRITING WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH THEIR SALARIES, JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, ETC., THE BOARD STUDY IT AND TABLE IT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE NEEDED TO SEE SOME NUMBERS TOO IN FRONT OF HIM SO HE WILL KNOW WHAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT; HE UNDER- STANDS ABOUT PAY GRADES, WHERE THEY FALL, ETC. IT APPEARS THERE HAS BEEN SOME OVERLAPPING OF SALARIES; LOOK AT BRINGING THEM IN WITH THE SALARY THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WHEN IT WAS FIRST BROUGHT UP TO BRING EMS BACK UNDER THE BOARD THEY WOULD ALL BE TRANSFERRED THE SAME, SALARIES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY WOULD HAVE AN EMT POSITION. HEATHER SAID THERE WOULD BE AN EMT POSITION, A PARAMEDIC POSITION, EMS SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT, EMS COORDINATOR, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF EMT'S. HEATHER SAID THERE WAS AN EMT AND THEN THERE IS AN EMT AND PARAMEDIC; ANYONE THAT WORKS OVER THERE ALSO GETS PAID A CERTIFICATION PAY OF \$.25 PER HOUR FOR EACH CERTIFICATION UP TO FOUR CERTIFICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S OPINION WAS THE EMS PERSONNEL SHOULD FALL AS CLOSE AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN IN THE COUNTY'S PAY GRADE BASED ON THE SALARY THEY MADE. THE BOARD WAS TOLD THEY WOULD ABSORB EMS BASED ON WHAT THEY MADE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HADN'T SAID TO SET UP A NEW TABLE OF ORGANIZATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED FOR THE EMS SALARY INFORMATION TO BE IN WRITING FOR THE BOARD TO STUDY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON BOARD FINANCE MAKING HIM AWARE OF TWO ACCOUNTS UNDER THE BOARD'S BUDGET THAT HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WANTED TO SEE IF THEY COULD BE CLOSED OUT AND THE MONEY BE MOVED TO THE GENERAL FUND:

1. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-\$1424.73; THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN DISSOLVED AND ARE NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.

2. VENDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM-\$82.81; THE BOARD CONTRACTED WITH A VENDOR TO HELP PUT OUT RFQ'S OR DO ADVERTISEMENTS AND BIDDING. THE VENDOR WAS NEVER USED BUT MAYBE ONE TIME; HE THOUGHT THIS VENDOR HAS SINCE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO CLOSE THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND AND THE VENDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND GIVE THE MONEY TO THE VERNON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY VERNON HIGH SCHOOL; THE SCHOOL IS WANTING TO START A DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE. THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE THAT ADDED \$3.00 TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS THAT IS COLLECTED THROUGH THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND IT IS SET ASIDE FOR DRIVERS EDUCATION. EVERY YEAR THIS MONEY IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD; BUT, IT HAS ALL BEEN GOING TO CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE VERNON DIDN'T HAVE A DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE. AFTER TALKING WITH CLERK COOK ABOUT IT, SHE ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATION HAD AUTHORIZED INCREASING THE \$3.00 FEE TO \$5.00 AND THEIR ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE FEES. CLERK COOK PLANNED ON ASKING THE BOARD TO HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE, INCREASE THE FEE FROM \$3.00 TO \$5.00 AND OBLIGATE SOME OF THAT MONEY TO VERNON HIGH SCHOOL TO BE USED FOR DRIVER'S EDUCATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING THE DORY STRASBOURG ORDINANCE AND INCREASING THE FEE FROM \$3.00 TO \$5.00. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WANTED THE FEES TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN CHIPLEY AND VERNON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION TO GIVE \$20,000 TO RECREATION; \$9,000 TO CHIPLEY, \$9,000 TO VERNON, \$1,000 TO WAUSAU AND \$1,000 TO EBRO. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION SAYING HE HAS BEEN AGAINST THIS THE WHOLE TIME; BUT, IF THEY DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW THEY WANT EVER DO IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF DOING THIS AND KNOW THEY PROBABLY NEED THE MONEY.

LOU TRACY ASKED IF THERE WAS A REASON THE BOARD DOESN'T THINK WAUSAU NEEDS AS MUCH RECREATION MONEY AS VERNON AND CHIPLEY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND BROCK ADDRESSED THERE WASN'T AS MANY KIDS PARTICIPATING IN RECREATION LIKE CHIPLEY AND VERNON.

MARGARET RILEY, WAUSAU TOWN CLERK, REPORTED THEY HAD ABOUT TWENTY KIDS INVOLVED IN BASEBALL; OTHER AREAS OF THE PARK THEY HAVE QUITE A FEW MORE INVOLVED.

ROGER HAGAN, MAYOR OF WAUSAU, STATED ALMOST ALL OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN RECREATION IS 100% OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; THEY DON'T HAVE MANY CHILDREN INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. THEY DON'T CHARGE A REGISTRATION FEE FOR KIDS TO PARTICPATE IN RECREATION EITHER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE USUALLY SPONSORS A TEAM FOR WAUSAU AND PURCHASES A BANNER TO BE PUT UP ON A FENCE AT THE BALL-FIELD. MARGARET SAID THEY DO HOLD FUNDRAISERS TO HELP WITH RECREATION.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED PREVIOUSLY THE BOARD HAD A FORMULA WHEN THEY DISTRIBUTED RECREATION MONIES; HOWEVER, IT WAS NOTHING LIKE WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY. SHE QUESTIONED WHY NOT USE THE SAME FORMULA AS THEY DID PREVIOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT IF HE KNEW WHAT THE FORMULA WAS THAT WAS USED IN THE PAST. HERBERT ADVISED IT WAS BASED ON THE POPULATION OF EACH CITY. HE THOUGHT THEY WERE LOOKING MORE AT THE SPORTS PROGRAMS THIS YEAR RATHER THAN BASING IT ON POPULATION; CHIPLEY AND VERNON IS WHERE THE KIDS ARE PLAYING BALL. HE DOESN'T THINK WAUSAU AND EBRO HAS ANY TEAMS.

MARGARET SAID WAUSAU DOES HAVE ONE TEAM THIS YEAR AND THEY HAD TWO LAST YEAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE OF THE MOTION TO GIVE THE CITY OF CHIPLEY \$9,000, VERNON \$9,000, WAUSAU \$1,000 AND EBRO \$1,000 FOR RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE BOARD'S BLESSINGS ON GOING AHEAD AND ACQUIRING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON BAHOMA ROAD AND STARTING CONSTRUCTION WHEN THEY GET THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED THE BOARD RESCHEDULE THEIR APRIL BOARD MEETING FROM APRIL 23RD AS HE WILL BE FINISHING UP HIS LAST COURSE OF THE ADVANCED ACCREDITATION FOR COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO MOVE THEIR REGULAR MEETING IN APRIL FROM APRIL 23RD TO APRIL 30TH WITH THEIR WORKSHOP BEING HELD ON APRIL 27TH.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF VOUCHERS PAID AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FEBRUARY 2009 TALLING \$1,631,923.36.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED A COUPLE OF ACCOUNTS THAT WERE OVERSPENT; CHAIN LAKES AND ROLLING PINES. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE THE AMOUNTS AT THIS TIME ON THE OVERAGE; BUT, HE HAS A RECOMMENDATION TO COVER THE OVERAGES HE WOULD BRING UP AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED HOW DID THEY HAVE AN OVERAGE ON CHAIN LAKE. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID WHEN THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT, THEY KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO BE OVERBUDGET BY AROUND \$20,000; HOWEVER, THE OVERAGE IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE REMEMBERED WHEN THAT WAS SAID; AND AT THAT TIME, IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE NEGOTIATED DOWN.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ACKNOWLEDGED CHAIN LAKES WAS NEGOTIATED DOWN QUITE A BIT. COMMISSIONER PATE FELT IT WAS DUE TO ADD ON THINGS THAT CAME IN LATER JUST LIKE ROLLING PINES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED OVERAGES HAPPENING QUITE OFTEN AND REFERRED TO QUAIL HOLLOW GOING OVER BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT BRING UP THE PROJECTS THAT ARE OVERBUDGET NEXT WEEK WITH INFORMATION ON WHY THERE WERE OVERAGES AND LET THE BOARD DISCUSS THEM.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SHERIFF NEEDING APPROVAL TO SPEND \$13,178.22 OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT III TO PURCHASE SOME DUTY WEAPONS. SHE EXPLAINED THE EXPENDITURES HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$13,178.22 OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT III TO PURCHASE SOME DUTY WEAPONS.

JIM TOWN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TDC RESOLVED TO HAVE A TWENTY HOUR PER WEEK PERMANENT/PART TIME PERSON AND THEY HAVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION

COORDINATED WITH THE COUNTY. TDC WAS REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE TO RECRUIT A PERSON; IT WILL BE AT THE TDC'S EXPENSE. TDC HAS THE MONEY AND THEY HAVE SUBMITTED THE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND THE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF TDC'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR HUMAN RESOURCE TO RECRUIT A TWENTY HOUR PERMANENT/PART TIME PERSON FOR TDC TO BE PAID OUT OF TDC FUNDS.

SUSAN LAWSON, ON BEHALF OF THE YMCA, THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR DONATION FOR RECREATION.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 03/26/09