

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/19/09

OCTOBER 19, 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 STRICKLAND, PATE, HOWELL AND BROCK PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL PROCLAIMED THE MEETING AND OFFERED PRAYER. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

JOANNE AULT, CRYSTAL LAKE, PRESENTED AND READ A PETITION DEVELOPED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE LAMAR SIKES SANDPIT SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS SHE UNDERSTANDS THE BOARD WILL BE ADDRESSING ON OCTOBER 20, 2009:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PETITION THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROTECT THE FLORIDA AQUIFER AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF CRYSTAL LAKE BY DENYING SIKES SAND MINE NO 1'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND ITS OPERATION WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 77 AND HIGHWAY 20 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FL. THE SANDPIT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA AND WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACT THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE EXPANSION OF THIS OPERATION. THIS PETITION IS SIGNED BY RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND/OR REGISTERED VOTERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, FL.

WE REALIZE THAT YOU CANNOT COMMENT BECAUSE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEDIATION PROCESS. HOWEVER, WE THE PETITIONERS FEEL COMPELLED TO REMIND YOU THAT...YOU ARE REPRESENTING US AS RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ANNOUNCED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WAS NOT PRESENT TODAY DUE TO A FUNERAL HE HAD TO ATTEND.

THE WORKSHOP MEETING BEGAN WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATING THE AUGUST 24 AND 27, 2009 MINUTES WOULD BE APPROVED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT WENT OVER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 22ND MEETING:

A. REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL CONTRACT FOR THE SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR PROGRAM; THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE THE BUSINESSES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT HANDLES HAZARDOUS WASTE HAS TO REGISTER WITH FL-DEP. EVERY YEAR FL-DEP DOES A RANDOM INSPECTION OF THESE SITES. LAST MONTH, THEY APPROVED FOR PAYING FOR THIS OUT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET; THIS MONTH, THEY ARE ASKING THE \$4,000 BE PAID OUT OF CONTRACTURAL SERVICES LINE ITEM OF THE BOARD'S BUDGET.

B. INMATE MEDICAL INVOICE FOR \$13,329 FROM HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHY THE INVOICE WAS BEING PAID TO HOLMES COUNTY RATHER THAN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO RESEARCH TO SEE WHY THIS SERVICE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL.

C. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2009-2013.

D. EXTENSION OF THE 2009 TAX ROLL REQUEST FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER, BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY PETITIONS FILED, SCHEDULING CONFLICTS WITH PETITIONERS AND THE VAB MAY TAKE LONGER TO

CONCLUDE, TO PROVIDE AN EXTENSION TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX ROLL NOTICE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. SOMEONE FROM THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS PROGRAM AT THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS-SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS-HEATHER FINCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR-MS. FINCH HANDED OUT A MEMORANDUM DETAILING THE MEETING THEY HAD WITH THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE; THEY MET ON SEPTEMBER 30TH WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS OFFERED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING ENROLLMENT PERIOD BE REBID FOR THE 2010 OPEN ENROLLMENT. SHE REFERRED TO THERE BEING DISCUSSION AT THE SEPTEMBER BOARD WORKSHOP WHETHER TO BID OUT THOSE PRODUCTS THAT ARE OFFERED; THEY WOULD LIKE THEM REBID. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THE BOARD NOT RECONSIDER THE DECISION MADE PREVIOUSLY NOT TO ALLOW VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES TO VISIT BOARD WORKSITES DURING THE WORKDAY. THEY WISH FOR THE BOARD TO ONLY ALLOW COLONIAL INSURANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PRODUCTS TO BE CURRENTLY OFFERED RIGHT NOW TO NEW EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE BIDDING PROCESS TAKES PLACE. IT WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2010. WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, HUMAN RESOURCES WILL BEGIN THE BIDDING PROCESS IN JANUARY 2010 WITH PROPOSALS DUE IN MARCH; THEY WOULD LIKE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMPANIES DUE IN APRIL AND THE FINAL DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD AND THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE IN MAY 2010. THEY ARE RECOMMENDING THE RFP INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ADMINISTRATION OF SECTION 125 PLAN
2. CANCER POLICY
3. ACCIDENT POLICY
4. TERM LIFE POLICY
5. DISABILITY POLICY
6. WHOLE LIFE AND/OR UNIVERSAL LIFE
7. OPTIONAL OFFERING OF A GUARANTEE ISSUE LIFE PRODUCT. HEATHER ADDRESSED COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY THRU BANKER'S FIDELITY DID OFFER A GUARANTEE LIFE PRODUCT DURING THE 2008 OPEN ENROLLMENT; HOWEVER, THE COUNTY DIDN'T MEET THE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING THAT PROPOSALS DISCLOSE ANY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS SAMPLES OF POLICY FEES WHERE POSSIBLE.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE FOR EACH COMPANY OR AGENT TO DO A PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD AND THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE OR JUST THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, WHICHEVER THE BOARD PREFERS, IN APRIL 2010. THEY PREFER THE AGENT SERVICING THE PROJECT MAKE THE PRESENTATION SO HR AND BOARD FINANCE CAN MEET THAT PERSON.

HEATHER REITERATED WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, SHE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GETTING THE RFP'S TOGETHER TO BE ADVERTISED BY JANUARY 2010.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD GIVE EVERYBODY THE OPPORTUNITY AT A CERTAIN TIME TO DO THEIR BIDDING. HEATHER EXPLAINED IT WOULD GIVE ANY COMPANY THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO OFFER PRODUCTS LIKE SHE MENTIONED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE AND A PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD.

BETTY PETTINGEL, AGLA, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY DO HAVE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES; IT IS NOT OPEN TO THE NEW EMPLOYEES. SHE SERVICES THE EMPLOYEES SHE HAS ON THE BOOKS; BUT, SHE SERVICES THEM OFF THE JOB. SHE STATED AGLA DOES HAVE THE GUARANTEED ISSUE IN PLACE; THE WAY THEIRS WORKS IS AN EMPLOYEE HAS TO BE EMPLOYED 90

DAYS BEFORE GETTING THE GUARANTEE ISSUE. ANY NEW EMPLOYEES THE COUNTY HIRES, WHEN THEY CAN GET THE MEDICAL INSURANCE, THEY COULD GET THAT GUARANTEE \$50,000 WORTH OF LIFE INSURANCE. THEY HAVE FROM THAT 90 DAYS TO THE NEXT 30 DAYS TO GET THAT GUARANTEE; APPARENTLY, THEY DON'T HAVE ONE IN PLACE NOW. THE OLD EMPLOYEES HAD THAT CHANCE TO GET IT; WHICH, AGLA HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO COME. WHEN SHE WENT ON THE JOB SITES, IT WAS AFTER WORK OR BEFORE WORK. THE NEW EMPLOYEES ARE LOSING OUT ON AN OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING THE GUARANTEE LIFE INSURANCE BECAUSE AGLA DON'T KNOW WHAT EVERYBODY'S HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE. AGLA ALSO OFFERS ALL THE PRODUCTS THE COUNTY OFFERS EXCEPT FOR DISABILITY. SHE FELT IT WAS WRONG FOR THE EMPLOYEES NOT TO HAVE A CHOICE WHO THEY WANT TO DEAL WITH. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN'T GET INSURANCE UNLESS THEY DO IT THROUGH THEIR PAYROLL. WHEN YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE COMPANY OFFERING INSURANCE TO THE EMPLOYEES, THAT KEEPS THAT INSURANCE COMPANY ON AN EVEN KEEL AND EMPLOYEES HAVE A CHOICE. SHE ADDRESSED HER FEELING IT WAS WRONG FOR THE NEW EMPLOYEES NOT TO BE OFFERED A GUARANTEE ISSUE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED 90 DAYS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE A GUARANTEE INSURANCE POLICY. HEATHER REPORTED THEY HAVE A GROUP LIFE POLICY THAT EVERY EMPLOYEE GETS THE COUNTY PAYS FOR; IT IS A \$10,000 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. THEY ALSO OFFER A DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WITH FLORIDA COMBINED LIFE THROUGH THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AT THE EMPLOYEES EXPENSE.

CLERK COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON A GENTLEMAN WITH AGI ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO CAME TO THE CLERKS OFFICE AND SIGNED UP SOME OF HER EMPLOYEES. MS. PETTINGEL WAS DISGRUNTLED ABOUT THIS.

MS. PETTINGEL SAID IT WASN'T HER; IT WAS THE COMPANY BECAUSE SHE HAD ALREADY OFFERED THE \$50,000 TO THE CLERK EMPLOYEES AND THIS GENTLEMAN WAS OFFERING \$25,000. THE GENTLEMAN CAME IN ON A GROUP SHE ALREADY HAD WHEN HE SIGNED UP AN EMPLOYEE WHO ALREADY HAD INSURANCE WITH HER. ANOTHER AGENT CAN'T COME IN ON TOP OF HER AND OFFER THE SAME THING SHE HAD OFFERED BEFORE. THE COMPANY WOULDN'T ALLOW HIM TO COME IN AND OFFER SOMETHING ON TOP OF HER THAT WAS ALREADY IN PLACE. THEY THEN SEPARATED THE CLERK'S OFFICE FROM THE BOARD.

MS. PETTINGEL EXPLAINED HOW IT WORKED; WHEN SHE OPENED THE GROUP, THEY HAD 30 DAYS TO GET THE \$50,000 GUARANTEE LIFE ISSUE. AFTER THAT ANY NEW EMPLOYEES THAT CAME IN, AFTER THEY HAD BEEN THERE 90 DAYS, THEY COULD GET \$50,000; THEY CAN ALSO GET \$20,000 ON THEIR SPOUSE WITHOUT THE SPOUSE BEING THERE AND \$12,500 ON THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT THEM BEING THERE WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED. ALSO, AFTER THEY HAVE THE INSURANCE FOR A YEAR, THE EMPLOYEE CAN CONVERT AND MAKE IT PERMANENT INSURANCE; IT DOESN'T HAVE TO STAY TERM. IF THE EMPLOYEE LEAVES THE COUNTY AND GOES SOMEWHERE ELSE, THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE OPTION TO TAKE THE INSURANCE WITH THEM. ONCE THE INSURANCE IS CONVERTED TO PERMANENT INSURANCE, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE PREMIUM WHEREVER THE EMPLOYEE WENT. THEIR TERM INSURANCE GOES UP EVERY FIVE YEARS.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL INFORMED MS. PETTINGEL SHE WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID HER INSURANCE PRODUCTS IN JANUARY.

KATHY FOSTER ASKED WHEN THE INSURANCE IS BID OUT, WILL IT BE WINNER TAKE ALL OR WILL IT BE EACH CATEGORY THAT GOES WITH A SEPARATE COMPANY. HEATHER SAID IT WOULD BE WINNER TAKE ALL; A PACKAGE DEAL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS PROVIDES INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. CLERK COOK SAID SHE HAD PAID THE INSURANCE ON HER EMPLOYEES UP UNTIL THIS YEAR WHEN HER OFFICE WAS NOT

FINANCIALLY ABLE SO IT IS PAID BY THE BOARD. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE BOARD PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. THE SHERIFF ADMINISTERS THEIR OWN INSURANCE; BUT, THE BOARD PAYS FOR IT.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT WAS ON A DIFFERENT BLUE CROSS PLAN THIS YEAR; LAST YEAR THE SHERIFF TRIED THE UNITED HEALTH CARE. SHE REFERRED TO HER HAVING GOTTEN QUOTES FROM UNITED HEALTH CARE AND WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THEM; BUT, THE SHERIFF WAS AND DECIDED TO PULL AWAY FROM THE BOARD'S BLUE CROSS PLAN. WHEN THEY DID THIS, THEY STARTED ADMINISTERING THEIR ENTIRE GROUP.

HEATHER SAID THIS YEAR THE SHERIFF WENT WITH BLUE CROSS AGAIN AS UNITED HEALTH CARE'S QUOTE WAS 50% HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE SHERIFF HAS BETTER INSURANCE THAN THE OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. HEATHER ADVISED THEY DID BECAUSE OF THEIR GROUP DEMOGRAPHICS; THE SHERIFF HAS A MUCH YOUNGER GROUP THAN THE COUNTY DOES AND IS ABLE TO GET A BETTER DEAL. THE SHERIFF'S INSURANCE PLAN COST ABOUT \$200 A MONTH LESS THAN THE COUNTY PAYS AND THEY HAVE A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE AND SHE THINKS THEY ONLY HAVE ONE PLAN. IT IS QUITE RICHER THAN WHAT THE OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO REBID THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE AS WELL. HEATHER SAID EACH YEAR BLUE CROSS GIVES THE COUNTY A RENEWAL. SHE ADDRESSED THIS YEAR THEY WERE UNHAPPY WITH THEIR RENEWAL RATES AND THE COUNTY AGENT REQUESTED UNITED HEALTH CARE GIVE THE COUNTY A QUOTE; SHE AND THE AGENT WENT BACK TO BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AND THEIR RATE INCREASE WAS CUT IN HALF.

AGENDAED AUDIENCE-EMERALD COAST HOSPICE-MS. RONNIE BOWEN, ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE WITH EMERALD COAST HOSPICE IN MARIANNA, FLORIDA ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING THEY ADOPT A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE AWARENESS MONTH. SHE READ INFORMATION ON THE GOALS OF HOSPICE.

THE BOARD COMMENDED HOSPICE FOR THEIR WORK.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON CEI AGREEMENTS HE HAD WITH GPI SOUTHEAST FOR THE STIMULUS STRIPING PROJECTS THROUGH FL-DOT AND WITH HATCH MOTT MACDONALD FOR THE STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING STIMULUS PROJECT THROUGH FL-DOT. HE HAD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS FROM THE FL-DOT TO MOVE MONIES FROM THE STRIPING PROJECT TO THE STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY ARE GETTING FOR THE STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT; THEY GOT \$240,000 FOR THIS PROJECT FOR 1.5 MILES AND HE ONLY RECEIVED \$300,000 TO BUILD A NEW 3 MILE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE \$300,000 COMMISSIONER BROCK GOT TO BUILD THE ROAD WAS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. HE AGREED FL-DOT WAS NOT GIVING THEM NEAR ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THE PROJECTS ANYMORE; ALL THEY GIVE IS RESURFACING DOLLARS. THEY DON'T GIVE CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS; THE COUNTY'S PART OF THE MATCH IS CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED FL-DOT'S REQUIREMENTS IS FOR 22' LANES AND YET THEY FUND THE COUNTY FOR 18' LANES WHICH IS ILLEGAL.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE FELT THE BOARD OUGHT TO BE TALKING TO FL-DOT AND ASKING FOR MORE FUNDING. HE REFERRED TO THE \$240,000 ESTIMATE CLIFF GAVE FOR THE PROJECT WAS RIGHT ON TARGET.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BID FOR THE STATE PARK RESURFACING STIMULUS PROJECT WAS AROUND \$241,800 FROM APAC; THERE WAS ACTUALLY A PRETTY GOOD BIT OF SEPARATION BETWEEN THEM AND THE NEXT BIDDER. THE PRICE OF ASPHALT WAS VERY GOOD. HE EXPLAINED ONE THING THAT ADDED QUITE A BIT

OF COST TO THE PROJECT WAS WHEN YOU GET NORTH OF FALLING WATERS ROAD, THERE ARE SOME AREAS WHERE THE SHOULDERS NEED TO BE BUILT OUT AND THERE WAS FILL IN THERE TO BUILD THE SHOULDERS UP ON THE SECTION EAST OF FALLING WATERS ROAD AS YOU ARE HEADING UP TOWARD THE PARK. THE EARTHWORK FOR THE SHOULDERS WAS INCLUDED IN THE BID, AS WELL AS THE SOD, MOBILIZATION, THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING AND THE TEMPORARY STRIPING. IF THE BID WAS JUST FOR THE ASPHALT, HE WOULD AGREE THE BID WAS HIGH AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AROUND \$160,000.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MUCH ASPHALT WAS GOING ON THE PROJECT. CLIFF SAID THEY HAD 50 LB. OF LEVELLING AND 160 LB. OF CAPP, WHICH IS 2" OF ASPHALT.

CLIFF SAID PREBLE-RISH'S ESTIMATE ON THE PROJECT WAS \$240,000; THE BID CAME IN AT AROUND \$241,800. FL-DOT WAS KIND ENOUGH TO ALLOW THEM TO SHIFT SOME FUNDS FROM THE THERMO PLASTIC STIMULUS PROJECT TO THE STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING STIMULUS PROJECT. THEY WERE ABLE TO AWARD EVERYTHING ON BOTH PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOTAL FL-DOT ALLOWED BETWEEN THE TWO PROJECTS.

COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT:

1. CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT SCHEDULE:
A. RIVER ROAD PROJECT ISN'T ON LIST; BUT, WILL BE ADDED.
B. BAHOMA ROAD-STILL WORKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES
C. BONNETT POND ROAD-COMMUNITY MEETING WAS HELD; THEY HAD GREAT ATTENDANCE AND A LOT OF GOOD INPUT. THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON RIGHT- OF-WAY ISSUES.

D. STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING-PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE WAS HELD LAST WEEK; THE CONTRACTOR HAS JUST TURNED IN HIS PERFORMANCE BONDS TO STACY WEBB. THEY SHOULD BE READY TO ISSUE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AS SOON AS THEY GET THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE CUTOUTS DONE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THE COUNTY TO GO IN AND DO THE CUTOUTS AND IT SIT THERE FOR SIX WEEKS WAITING ON THE CONTRACTOR TO START. HE REQUESTED THE CUTOUTS BE COORDINATED WITH THE CONTRACTOR.

CLIFF REPORTED THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE ON STATE PARK ROAD ONCE THE COUNTY'S WORK IS COMPLETE AND THEY ARE ACTUALLY READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. THEY DID HAVE A COORDINATION MEETING AND GOT EVERYBODY TOGETHER; BUT, THEY WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER ONE.

E. THERMO-PLASTIC STRIPING STIMULUS PROJECT-THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING WAS HELD LAST WEEK AS WELL AND HE BELIEVES THEY TURNED IN ALL THEIR PERFORMANCE BONDS. NEXT THING IS TO ISSUE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AND MOVE FORWARD.

F. EOC-CATHEY CONSTRUCTION-THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH SOME OF THE TRUSSES; THERE WAS A DETAIL ON SOME OF THE TRUSSES WHERE THERE WAS A ONE INCH GAP THE TRUSS MANUFACTURER MADE AN ERROR ON. THEIR ENGINEER CAME LAST WEEK AND LOOKED AT IT AND HE THINKS THEY HAVE A FIX FOR THIS ISSUE.

EMORY PITTS REPORTED ON A PHONE CALL HE RECEIVED THIS MORNING SAYING THE FIX FOR THE TRUSSES DIDN'T WORK SO THEY ARE SENDING MORE TRUSSES AND THEY ARE HOPING THEY WILL BE HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

G. EQUESTRIAN CENTER SITEWORK-THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SITTING IDLE; BUT, THEY HOPE TO RELEASE IT BEFORE TOO LONG.

H. EOC SITEWORK-THEY HAVE STRIPPED THE PARKING LOT AREA. DALLAS IS WORKING ON ROUGH GRADING THE ENTRANCE ROAD. ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES IS THEY REALLY NEED THE ROAD AND THE SWALES ROUGHED OUT BEFORE THEY PUT IN THE CONDUIT FOR THE POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS. THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO GET IT FAIRLY CLOSE TO SUBGRADE ELEVATION BEFORE THEY START WITH ANY OF

THE CONDUIT. THE POND IS COMPLETE IN THE BACK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TYPE C BOX FOR THE DISCHARGE. HE THOUGHT THE BOXES FOR THE PARKING LOT AND THE POND SHOULD BE ORDERED THIS WEEK.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED THEY TRY TO WORK AND SCHEDULE OUT THE SITEWORK AT THE EOC THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE DOING AT THEIR PUBLIC WORKS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY.

I. HIGHWAY 279-SCRAP-C.W. ROBERTS IS WORKING ON THE SHOULDERS AND DITCHES; THEY STILL HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO DO; A LOT OF DIRT TO MOVE.

J. OLD BONIFAY HIGHWAY-COUNTY ROAD 166-THE CONTRACTOR IS COMPLETE WITH EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR THE SODDING AROUND THE GUARDRAILS. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL GET THE HEADWALL FINISHED THIS WEEK AND FINAL DRESS SO THE CONTRACTOR CAN GET OUT THERE SODDING.

K. FEMA 1831-ROBERT AND DALLAS ARE BOTH HAULING SOME FILL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS. CLIFF ADDRESSED HE HAD SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE MITIGATION SECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW OF THE FINAL DSR'S AND THE FINAL PW'S TO TRY AND GET THEM TO READJUST THEIR NUMBERS TO MATCH THE PW'S. HE HOPES THEY WILL GET SOME ACTION ON THAT THIS WEEK. THEY ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE THE MITIGATION PROPOSALS WRITTEN FOR THE PROJECTS DON'T MATCH THE PW AMOUNTS; THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THOSE TWO TOGETHER SO THE COUNTY DOESN'T LOSE THEIR FUNDING FOR THE MITIGATION.

L. EQUESTRIAN CENTER FRDAP GRANT-THIS PROJECT IS SITTING IDLE. THEY HAVE UNTIL APRIL 2010 TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF CLEARING TO BE DONE. CLIFF SAID THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN BUSY EVERYWHERE SO IT CONTINUES TO WAIT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WAITING ON THIS PROJECT AND ASKED COULD THEY GET AN EXTENSION. CLIFF SAID THEY COULD; BUT, THEY CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN THREE FRDAP PROJECTS ACTIVE AT ONE TIME. RIGHT NOW, HE THINKS THAT IS THE ONLY ONE THE COUNTY HAS ACTIVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE INHERITED THIS PROJECT; BUT, IT HAS BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE AND BEEN PUT OFF AND PUT OFF. THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BUNCH OF EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND THEY NEED TO TRY TO WORK THE COMPLETION OF THE FRDAP PROJECT IN SOMEWAY.

CLIFF EXPLAINED THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT SCENARIOS AT THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY. HE KNOWS COMMISSIONER BROCK IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACCESS ROAD, PARKING AREA AND THE POND BEING IN A MESS. BUT, NONE OF THOSE ARE RELATED TO THE FRDAP GRANT; THE FRDAP GRANT IS GOING TO PAY FOR PAVING THE ROAD FROM WHERE YOU COME OFF OF DANIELS LAKE DRIVE TO THE GATE. THE FEMA MONEY WOULD REALLY BE FOR THE ACCESS ROAD OFF OF HIGHWAY 77 UP DANIELS LAKE AND ALSO FOR THE POND AND THE PARKING AREA. THERE ARE FEMA FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT. AT THE COORDINATION MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS LAST WEDNESDAY, THEY DISCUSSED PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE TO BID THE ACCESS ROAD AND THE POND TOGETHER SO THE COUNTY WOULDN'T HAVE TO FOOL WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE PARKING WHERE THE CLEARING IS NEEDED. CLIFF SAID THAT IS THE FRDAP GRANT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT IS THE PART HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. HE WANTS TO GET THIS PROJECT BEHIND HIM; THERE ARE STALLS TO BE BUILT AND LITTLE ELEMENTS THEY HAVE TO PUT INTO IT. IT HAS BEEN HERE A WHILE AND HE NEEDS TO GET THIS COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THIS NOT BEING A SHORT TERM PROJECT; HE SUGGESTED DOING ALL THE CLEARING BEFORE DOING ANY OF THE PAVING IN THERE. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COST ESTIMATE ON WHAT IT WOULD TAKE

TO PAVE FROM WHERE THEY TURN TO GO INTO THE HORSE ARENA OUT TO THE HIGHWAY ON DANIELS LAKE ROAD.

CLIFF AGREED TO PUT THE COST ESTIMATE TOGETHER REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL. HE ADDRESSED FEMA BEING PRETTY GENEROUS WITH THE COUNTY; THE COUNTY GOT AROUND \$50,000 FOR THE ACCESS ROAD FROM HIGHWAY 77 TO WHERE YOU TURN TO GO INTO THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND THEY GOT AROUND \$38,000 TO FIX THE POND. THIS WOULD NOT ADDRESS THE FRDAP GRANT; BUT, IT WOULD GET THEIR ACCESS ROAD AND EVERYTHING SQUARED AWAY FOR EVERYBODY HAVING THEIR EVENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY HAD ENOUGH MONEY IN THE FRDAP GRANT TO LET IT OUT FOR BID. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY DIDN'T; THEY BARELY GOT THE ELEMENTS IN THEY ASKED FOR AS THE GRANT GOT CUT.

CLIFF EXPLAINED THE ONLY SECTION THE FRDAP GRANT WOULD DEAL WITH IS WHERE YOU TURN OFF DANIELS LAKE ROAD HEADED NORTH TO THE ENTRANCE. THE REST OF IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GRANT PROJECT AT ALL.

CLIFF SAID IF THE BOARD WISHES, THEY WILL MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF BIDDING OUT THE ACCESS ROAD AND THE POND.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON THE FEMA MONIES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

MR. HERBERT ADVISED HE HASN'T RECEIVED AN UPDATE SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY WHEN THEY TALKED TO DEBBIE RILEY OF PUBLIC WORKS. DEBBIE CHECKS THE WEB SITE THREE OR FOUR TIMES A DAY; AS SOON AS A CHECK IS COMING TO US, SHE WILL KNOW ABOUT IT. THERE IS ABOUT \$300,000 IN THE CHECK PROCESSING STAGE AND IT SHOULD BE ANY TIME NOW THE COUNTY SHOULD START GETTING MONEY COMING BACK IN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT SOMEBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP MOVE THAT PROCESS ALONG. MR. HERBERT AGREED TO CHECK WITH DEBBIE TO SEE WHO HE NEEDS TO CONTACT.

CLIFF SAID THE COUNTY WOULD BE IN A BIND IF THEY LET THESE PROJECTS AND DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR. COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD CLIFF TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTY HAS THE MONEY BEFORE THEY BID IT OUT.

M. CR284A, WHICH IS SHELL LANDING, BONNETT POND ROAD AND BETHEL ROAD; THEY ARE PREPARING THE ADVERTISEMENTS NOW AND THEIR GOAL IS TO HAVE THEM SET UP FOR AWARD BEFORE THE NOVEMBER COMMISSION MEETING.

OUT OF THOSE THREE PROJECTS, THE TOUGHEST PROJECT IN TERMS OF DOLLARS ACCORDING TO CLIFF WILL BE BETHEL ROAD; THE EXISTING PAVEMENT IS LESS THAN 18' AND THERE IS BIG SHOULDER ISSUES ON THE ROAD THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO ADDRESS. THEY ARE PLANNING ON WIDENING THE PAVEMENT TO 20'; WHEN YOU WIDEN IT TO 20' AND YOU ALREADY HAVE NARROW SHOULDERS, IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE A LOT OF FILL. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER HAVING ST. MARYS PIT AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL FOR THE CONTRACTORS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAUL FILL MATERIAL FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, ETC. HE REITERATED THERE WAS A LOT OF EARTHWORK ON BETHEL ROAD; IF THE BOARD CHOSE TO DO SO THEY COULD SET IT UP TO WHERE THE CONTRACTOR CAN COME TO ST. MARYS PIT AND GET THE FILL MATERIAL. THIS MIGHT SAVE THE COUNTY A GOOD BIT OF MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY HAVE GOOD MATERIAL AT ST. MARYS PIT. CLIFF ADVISED THE MATERIAL WAS GOOD FOR SHOULDER MATERIAL. THEY ARE SETTING UP THE WIDENING WITH ASPHALT BASE IN THE BASE BID AND ALSO AN ALTERNATE WITH LIME ROCK FOR THE WIDENING.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO ALLOW THE CONTRACTOR TO USE THE MATERIALS OUT OF THE ST. MARYS PIT FOR THE SHOULDER WORK ON BETHEL ROAD.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HE AND COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES THE NEED TO FIND SOME SAND CLAY PITS TO BUY FOR

FUTURE USE OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE THEY MAY BE OUT OF THE SAND CLAY BASE BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE COULD HELP THE COUNTY FIND A PIT TO BUY WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK SAYING HE COULD. HE HAS BEEN LOOKING IN A COUPLE OF AREAS FOR PITS TO PURCHASE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT SEEMS LIKE THE CONTRACTORS WAITS UNTIL THE LAST THIRTY DAYS TO REALLY GET STARTED DOING THE WORK ON THESE COUNTY PROJECTS. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BRING A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO THE SITE AND IT WILL SET FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. HE SAID GULF HAS BEEN DOING PRETTY GOOD; BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE C. W. ROBERTS WORKS WHEN THEY WANT TO DO IT. HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO SPEED THIS UP.

CLIFF STATED THE COUNTY HAD PRETTY GOOD LIQUIDATED DAMAGES ON THE PROJECTS. HE REFERRED TO ONE OF THE THINGS THEY SEE A LOT OF TIMES IS SOME OF THESE COMPANIES ARE SO BIG THEY CAN GO WORK ON OTHER PROJECTS AND THEN SHOW UP WITH FOUR TO FIVE CREWS AND IN A MONTH KNOCK OUT WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE COULDN'T DO IN SIX MONTHS. IT IS HARD FOR THE COUNTY TO TELL THE CONTRACTORS HOW TO DO THEIR BUSINESS; ALL THEY CAN DO IS SET THE PERIMETERS, THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND THE COMPLETION DATES AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS TO WORK WITHIN THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE TIME HAS TO BE REASONABLE TOO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED THE POINT HE WAS COMING TO IS C. W. ROBERTS ON HWY 279; HE BROUGHT THIS UP THREE MONTHS AGO AND C. W. ROBERTS STARTED TO WORK ON THE PROJECT. THEY BROUGHT A LITTLE DISK AND MADE ONE THROUGH AND THAT HAS BEEN IT; HE HASN'T SEEN THEM IN TWO MONTHS. THE PEOPLE ARE CONTACTING HIM ABOUT THEIR DRIVEWAYS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRIVEWAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO THE MAIL CARRIER HAS POUNDED ON HIM ABOUT THE MAILBOXES.

CLIFF AGREED TO SET UP A MEETING WITH HIMSELF, COMMISSIONER BROCK AND GEORGE AT THE CR279 SITE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID FOR C. W. ROBERTS TO COME ON AND BUILD THE ROAD AND GET IT OVER WITH; THAT IS ALL HE WANTS.

CLIFF SAID THE COUNTY ADDED A TURN LANE TO C. W. ROBERTS CONTRACT AND DIDN'T GIVE HIM ANY ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR THE TURN LANE, WHICH HE DOESN'T THINK THEY ARE GOING TO NEED IT ANYWAYS. HE THOUGHT THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WAS 240 DAYS. PART OF THE ISSUE IS THEY MAY HAVE GIVEN EVERYBODY TOO LONG TO DO THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID MAYBE LIKE COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS SAID, THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE TIME FRAME GIVEN THE CONTRACTORS A LITTLE CLOSER IN THE FUTURE.

N. RIVER ROAD-THEY ARE LAYING OUT THE LAST MILE OF ELEVATIONS AND THE SECOND MILE OF SUPER ELEVATIONS. IF MOTHER NATURE WILL GIVE THEM A BREAK, HE THINKS THE FIRST MILE WILL BE READY FOR PAVING PRETTY QUICK. THE CONTRACTOR HAS SAID IF HE WILL GIVE THEM A WEEKS NOTICE, THEY WILL BE GOOD TO GO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN THE COUNTY IS IN THE BUSINESS OF TRYING TO BUILDING A ROAD AND TAKING AWAY FROM THE MAINTENANCE IN OTHER AREAS. THE BOARD HAS AGREED THEY NEED TO GET OUT OF THE ROAD BUILDING BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE BOARD TO COMMIT TO NOT TAKE ANY MORE GRANTS IF THEY CAN'T GET SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO BID OUT THE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK FELT THE BOARD SHOULD GO THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS TO TRY TO GET SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO BUILD THESE ROADS; HE FELT

YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THEY ADOPTED THE FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED IT WAS GOING TO TAKE FUNDING; BUT, FL-DOT CONTROLS WHERE THE MONIES GO, WHICH COUNTY IT GOES TO, ETC.

PATTY SIMMONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ASKING WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH DANIELS LAKE; SHE UNDERSTANDS THEY ARE GOING TO PAVE THE ROAD INTO THE ARENA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY ARE GOING TO JUST PAVE THE ROAD FROM DANIELS LAKE ROAD TO THE ARENA; THEY ARE NOT DOING WORK ON DANIELS LAKE.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED A WORKSHOP BE HELD ON THE ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AND CONTRACT, ETC. THE ADMINISTRATOR HAS POWERS THE BOARD NEEDS TO DISCUSS WITH HIM AND THEMSELVES AND GIVE THE ADMINISTRATOR THE BACKING TO DO THOSE POWERS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY ALSO NEED TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT FOR NEXT YEAR. HE SUGGESTED SETTING UP A DATE FOR THE WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WANTED TO BRING UP THE FIRE AGREEMENT. HE ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO BRING THE BOARD UP TO DATE ON WHERE THEY ARE WITH THIS AS HE KNOWS COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAS MET WITH THE FIRE ASSOCIATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT AND THERE WERE TWO PARAGRAPHS IN THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT THEY DIDN'T LIKE. HE EXPLAINED THE CITY'S FIRE AGREEMENTS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE COUNTY'S.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED THE BOARD TO GO TO #13 IN THE AGREEMENT; THIS WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED FROM 30 DAYS TO 90 DAYS. IF YOU GO 90 DAYS, THAT WILL GIVE THEM AN EXTRA DRAW.

ROGER HAGAN EXPLAINED THE RED MARKINGS ON THE AGREEMENTS ARE WHAT THAT HAS TO BE DELETED AND THE BLUE IS A CHANGE TO OR INCLUDED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND INFORMED THE BOARD THE FIRE ASSOCIATION IS WANTING #16 DELETED; A LOT OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE GOTTEN EQUIPMENT, ETC. WITH GRANTS WANTS TO KEEP THEIR EQUIPMENT. IT IS HARD TO DO ANYTHING WITH ANYTHING PURCHASED WITH FUND RAISER MONIES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING WITH WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE PURCHASED THROUGH FUND RAISERS; BUT, IF THE COUNTY SPONSORED A GRANT OR HELPED THEM BUY EQUIPMENT, THEY NEED TO HAVE OWNERSHIP OF THAT EQUIPMENT. IF THE COUNTY DECIDES NOT TO RENEW A FIRE DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FIRE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED SOMEBODY AT THEIR LAST MEETING SAID SOMETHING ABOUT COMPARE THE ROADS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS; BUT, THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE WORKMAN'S COMP. WHEN THE FIREMEN GO OUT, DO THEY FALL UNDER THE COUNTY'S WORKERS COMP.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED THEY HAD PAID WORKERS COMP CLAIMS ON SOME OF THE FIREMEN; BUT, THE CITIES CARRY THEIR OWN WORKERS COMP ON THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL. THE RURAL DEPARTMENTS FALL UNDER THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY PAYS FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM TAKING THESE ITEMS OUT OF THE FIRE AGREEMENTS IF THE DEPARTMENTS WILL PAY FOR THEIR OWN INSURANCE AND THEIR OWN TAGS. HE DON'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY CAN BUY TAGS AND INSURANCE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES IF THE COUNTY DON'T OWN THEM.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TOLD THE BOARD THIS IS WHAT THE WCFA WENT OVER AT THEIR MEETING AND THEY WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BOARD WANTED TO DO. AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, WCFA IS GOING TO BRING IT BACK UP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT BEFORE THE BOARD PROVIDES SOMETHING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPLAINED THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE OVERNIGHT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET ITEMS 13 AND 16 WORKED OUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ABOUT THE OTHER SHEET ON THE FRONT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT. ROGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD ASKED AT ONE POINT ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. THE WCFA WAS LATE GETTING ANYTHING BACK SO THIS HAS COME TO THE BOARD TO SEND SOMETHING BACK TO THEM. HE IS NOT SURE WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY THE BOARD WANTS. THE THINGS LISTED ON THE SHEET IS SOMETHING THE BOARD MAY WANT TO INCLUDE IN THE AGREEMENT AND SEND BACK TO WCFA. THEY ARE THINGS THE BOARD HAS INDIVIDUALLY TALKED TO HIM ABOUT AND HE DID NOT INCLUDE THEM IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AS IT IS WRITTEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL OF SERVICE, COMP TIME.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE HAS ADOPTED A PORTION OF NFPA PERTAINING TO STANDARDS; THEY HAVE NOT ADOPTED CHAPTER 1720 AND NFPA HAS. IT GIVES AN ORGANIZATION, ETC. HE IS PREPARING NOW AND IS GETTING THE BOARD A COPY OF CHAPTER 1720 SO THEY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT AND IT TALKS ABOUT A LEVEL OF SERVICE. THERE ARE LEVELS OF SERVICE STANDARDS; BUT, HE FELT MR. EMORY PITTS COULD EXPLAIN NFPA BETTER THAN HE CAN.

ROGER ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT THE WCFA RECOGNIZES THE BOARD AS THEIR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY; HOWEVER, IT IS LIKE COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAS SAID. FOR SO MANY YEARS PREVIOUS BOARDS HAVE KIND OF SAID HERE IS THE MONEY, DO WITH IT WHAT YOU WANT AND THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO RESIST ANYTHING THE BOARD IS GOING TO DO TO TRY AND RESTRICT OR RESTRAIN THEIR MONIES.

ROGER ADDRESSED THERE BEING A CERTAIN MISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT IF THE BOARD COMES IN AND SAYS THEY WANT MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND HE FELT THERE WAS GOING TO BE RESISTANCE TO THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT FOR THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT FORMAL AGREEMENTS WHERE IT IS A LITTLE MORE BINDING SO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TRUST IN IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TRUST; BUT, HE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAXPAYERS. IF YOU TAKE #14 AND #16 OUT, YOU HAVE DONE AWAY WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AS FAR AS THE FUNDING IS CONCERNED. THEY HAVE OPENED THEMSELVES UP TO MORE PAID FIREMEN IN EVERY ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS INSTEAD OF THE MONEY GOING OUT THERE TO BUY EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDING A SERVICE. SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO GET THERE; THIS COUNTY RIGHT NOW IS NOT THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ACCOUNTING TO THE PUBLIC OUT THERE HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT BECAUSE THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS BEING SPENT. THEY HAVE TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS. HE MAY BE WRONG WHEN THIS WHOLE THING IS BROUGHT BACK UP, THEY MAY NOT EVEN WANT TO NEGOTIATE ANYTHING; JUST STRIKE IT OUT AND LET THEM SPEND THE MONEY ANYWAY THEY WANT TO AND THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING ALL THESE YEARS. THAT IS THE REASON THEY ARE HAVING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BE DISCUSSING ANYTHING ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TODAY AND HE DIDN'T BRING ANY OF HIS INFORMATION WITH HIM. THE BOARD AGREED TO DISCUSS THE AGREEMENTS AGAIN ON THURSDAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR CALVIN STEVENSON TO BE PRESENT AT THURSDAY'S MEETING OR ANY OTHER CHIEFS THAT WANT TO COME. HE THOUGHT THEY NEEDED TO GET THE AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT.

MR. EARL STEWART, SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD PRESENTING A COPY OF A PETITION TO DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WHERE 600 PEOPLE HAD SIGNED IT AND WERE HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS BEING RUN. THEY HAVE SERVED FOR 35 YEARS AND WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ANOTHER 35 YEARS. HE HAS HEARD NOTHING DISCUSSED ABOUT A BUDGET OUT HERE THROUGH THE MSBU FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS TURNED IN A REQUEST FOR DIFFERENT PROPOSALS; MAYBE FOR HAVING A COMBINATION WORK CREW WHICH HE HAS GIVEN THE BOARD FACTS THAT PROVE IT WILL WORK AS IT HAS WORKED IN OTHER PLACES. MSBU HAS THE MONEY RIGHT NOW TO DO IT. HE ASKED ARE THEY GOING TO DO THIS OR CAN THEY TRY IT, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. STEWART THEY HAD WENT AND MET WITH THE CITY OF NICEVILLE AND LOOKED AT THE WAY THEY HAD DONE IT IN THE PAST. THEY PUT SOME CITY EMPLOYEES AND TRAINED THEM AS FIREMEN AND USED THEM AS VOLUNTEER FIREMEN; THEY HAD GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE THEY HAD NO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF. THEY TRAINED CITY EMPLOYEES AND THOSE CITY EMPLOYEES RESPONDED TO FIRES DURING THE DAY AND ALSO SERVED AT NIGHT AND WERE ON CALL AS WELL. THEY WERE SUPPLEMENTED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY TO DO THAT. THEY HAVE SINCE MOVED TO A FULL TIME FULLY PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY USE PART TIME PEOPLE ALSO FROM OTHER AREAS FOR THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT; NONE OF THEIR PEOPLE ARE VOLUNTEERS, THEY ALL GET PAID.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO THIS; AT THIS POINT IN TIME, PROBABLY NOT. HE NOTED HE WAS SPEAKING FOR BILL HOWELL, DISTRICT V RIGHT NOW AND NOT FOR THE BOARD. THEY HAVE LOOKED AT SOME THINGS; THEY HAVE A BUDGET AND THERE ARE SOME ITEMS IN THERE FOR PROJECTS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SEE WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE; MR. STEWART HAS PROVIDED SOME OF THOSE NEEDS. HE IS NOT SURE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO GO WITH THAT RIGHT NOW; THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES.

MR. STEWART SAID THE MAIN REASON HE WAS ASKING IS BECAUSE ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT IS WORN OUT FROM CUTTING GRASS, ETC. IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO INVEST MONEY, INVEST IT INTO THE PROGRAM IF THEY COULD. IT DOESN'T COST THE COUNTY NOTHING AND IT IS NOT GOING TO COST THE PEOPLE OF SUNNY HILLS NO MORE MONEY THAN WHAT THEY PAY NOW; BUT, IT WILL SOLVE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS ON DUTY. THIS WOULD GIVE THEM THREE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS ALL THE TIME. IT IS A NO LOSE SITUATION; THEY WOULD BE GETTING TWO SERVICES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING FOR FREE.

MR. STEWART PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON THE MSBU FUNDS COLLECTED TO ENHANCE SERVICES IN SUNNY HILLS FROM 2007 TO DATE. IT SHOWED WHAT THEIR DEBTS WERE, WHAT THEIR UTILITY BILLS WERE AND WHAT THEY ACTUALLY HAD LEFT OVER THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT ON WHAT THE BOARD THINKS MSBU NEEDS TO SPEND COVERING THE SERVICES IN SUNNY HILLS. HE KNOWS THIS BUDGET WAS SPENT; BUT, THE BOARD HAD A CHOICE WHERE THEY SPENT IT. THERE IS ABOUT \$260,000 LEFT OVER AFTER THEY PAY DEBT AND UTILITIES; OUT OF THAT, THEY COULD RUN THIS DUAL ROLE WITH MONIES LEFT OVER.

HE WENT OVER THE YEAR TO DATE MSBU BUDGET HE HAD PROVIDED. IT SHOWS \$160,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTINGENCY. THAT IS BESIDES TAKING CARE OF THE GRASS CREWS AND ALL THE OTHER. HIS PROPOSAL TOGETHER WAS ONLY \$205,000; THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE GRASS AND THE FIRE AND THERE WOULD

STILL BE MONEY LEFT OVER. THOSE FACTS COME FROM THE COUNTY'S MSBU BUDGET REPORT.

MR. STEWART THEN ADDRESSED HIS REQUEST FOR A FIRE PUMPER. HE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A SURVEY THE ASSOCIATION CONDUCTED; FIRE DEPARTMENTS WAS #2 ON THE LIST AND SO FAR THE COUNTY SEEMS LIKE THEY HAVE PUT THEM DOWN TO #10. HE FELT LIKE THEY GOT VERY LITTLE THINGS IF ANY AND THE COUNTY MOVED OTHER THINGS UP ON THEIR LIST. HE SAID ROADWORK WAS NUMBER 1, FIRE NUMBER 2, ELECTRIC BILLS AND THEN GRASS AND THEY ARE STUCK WAY DOWN ON THE BOTTOM. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THEY REALLY HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY FUNDS TO OPERATE ON.

MR. STEWART SAID THE OTHER THING HE WAS ASKING FOR AND GAVE A PROPOSAL ON WAS THREE YEARS AGO THEY HAD A FIRETRUCK TURNED IN TO BE BOUGHT BY THE MSBU BOARD. TWO DIFFERENT BOARDS APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THE FIRETRUCK; IT NEVER DID COME BACK TO A FINAL VOTE FROM THE COUNTY. THEY HAD FUNDS TO GET THIS AND ON THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION HE PROVIDED, IT SHOWED THEY HAD \$160,000 THIS YEAR LEFT OVER THEY COULD BUY A TRUCK. THAT TRUCK COULD BE PAID FOR WITH THE 5% INCREASE MSBU GETS EVERY YEAR. IT WOULD BE A TWELVE YEAR DEAL; BUT, THAT 5% WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT AND IT WOULD GO BACK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE BOARD GOES ALONG WITH THIS PROPOSAL THEY ARE FIXING TO HAVE EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTY WANTING TO HAVE PAID FIREMEN.

MR. STEWART SAID IF THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD GO OUT AND GET AN MSBU FUND LIKE THEY HAVE IN SUNNY HILLS, THEY COULD MAYBE HAVE A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT LIKE SUNNY HILLS. THIS IS EXTRA FUNDS; IT IS NOT ACTUALLY COUNTY FUNDS LIKE OTHER DISTRICTS DON'T HAVE IT. WHY PENALIZE SUNNY HILLS THAT DOES HAVE AN MSBU.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED MR. STEWART IF HE OPPOSED #14 ON THE AGREEMENT. MR. STEWART SAID HE WOULD; HE IS NOT ON THAT BOARD BUT HE WOULD. HE SAID THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PAYS SOMEBODY AND THEY PAY STIPENDS RIGHT NOW TOO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PAYS THIS OUT OF THEIR FUNDS. MR. STEWART POINTED OUT THE COUNTY GIVES THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FUNDS TOO; HOW DO THEY KNOW WHICH FUND IT COMES OUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT IT CAME OUT OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FUNDS.

MR. STEWART SAID ONCE THE CITY GETS THE MONEY, THEY CAN BUY IT AND THEY DO IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE COUNTY COMMISSION CAN GET THE ACCOUNTABILITY THEY ARE TRYING TO GET, THEY WILL KNOW EXACTLY HOW THIS MONEY THAT CAME FROM THE COUNTY WAS SPENT. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT IS NOT AGAINST SUNNY HILLS. IF THE MSBU WANTS TO FUND SOME ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SUNNY HILLS, HE HAD RATHER DO THAT THAN OUT THERE ON THE MOWING, ETC. JUST CONTRACT THE THING OUT AND THEN THEY WOULD BE THROUGH WITH IT.

MR. STEWART SAID HE IS SAYING THEY CAN DO THE SAME THING WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AND HAVE THREE PAID FIREMEN; IT IS MSBU MONEY AND NOT COUNTY MONEY. THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE TO PUT OUT ANOTHER PENNY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT AS STUPID AS MR. STEWART THOUGHT HE WAS; MR. STEWART IS AFTER THREE PAID FIREMEN AND THEY WILL MOW THE GRASS IN SUNNY HILLS TO GET IT.

MR. STEWART ADDRESSED IT BEING A SERVICE AND SUNNY HILLS VOTED TO HAVE THIS SERVICE ENHANCED; IF WE CAN DO THIS AND NOT COST NOBODY NO

MONEY, WHY WOULDN'T THE COUNTY NOT WANT TO DO IT. HE QUESTIONED WHY WOULD THERE BE A PROBLEM IF THE MONEY IS THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WOULD STILL HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SUNNY HILLS; THAT IS THE MAIN THING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAN FIRE IN SUNNY HILLS. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DUMP \$160,000 FOR A FIRETRUCK IN SUNNY HILLS.

MR. STEWART SAID WHEN YOU HAVE FUNDS THAT IS OVER TWELVE YEAR PERIODS; THEY ARE PAYING FOR ROADS OVER TWENTY YEARS AND THEY ARE CUTTING GRASS FOR TWENTY YEARS. WHAT WOULD REALLY BE THE DIFFERENCE. THIS MONEY WAS DESIGNED FOR PROJECTS LIKE HE IS PROPOSING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HIS PERSONAL OPINION IS SUNNY HILLS DOESN'T NEED A \$350,000 FIRETRUCK. AT THE PRESENT TIME, HE DOESN'T THINK THE BOARD IS READY TO MAKE A DECISION ON MR. STEWART'S PROPOSAL. THE BOARD AGREED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT MAYBE; BUT, IF YOU LET SUNNY HILLS HAVE THREE PAID EMPLOYEES, WHETHER THEY ARE PART TIME FIREMEN OR PART TIME GRASSCUTTERS, THEY ARE OPENING THE DOOR FOR EVERYBODY OUT THERE THAT CAN GET A HOLD OF MONEY TO HAVE PAID EVERYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF. THE COUNTY IS NOT READY FOR PAID FIREMEN OUT THERE IN EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE TO REALIZE IF THEY GIVE MSBU MONEY AND SPEND IT ON THAT, THEN YOU CAN SAY THAT; BUT, IF IT COMES OUT OF THE HALF MIL THE COUNTY GIVES THEM, THEY ARE OPEN- ING IT WIDE OPEN. THAT IS ONE THING THIS COUNTY HAS DONE FOR 30 OR 40 YEARS AND THEY NEED TO KEEP IT EVEN. MSBU'S MONEY IS A SUPPLEMENT AND IT CAN SUPPLEMENT THIS AND PAY FOR THOSE PEOPLE IF THEY WANT TOO. IT COMING OUT OF THE HALF MIL WOULD OPEN UP A BIG CAN OF WORMS AND THEY HAVE ENOUGH CANS OF WORMS OPENED UP RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT THAT WAS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO ASK ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO LOOK AT A LITTLE BIT MORE IS HOW THEY DEAL WITH THEIR CORPORATIONS, THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT CORPORATIONS AND HOPEFULLY HE WILL GIVE THE BOARD A LITTLE BIT MORE GUIDANCE AS THEY MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID BEFORE ANYBODY GETS THE IDEA HE BEATS UP ON SUNNY HILLS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL THE TIME, IT HAS BROUGHT UP A LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE WRONG AND STARTED HIM TO THINKING ABOUT THE COUNTY; THEY FOUND THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE NOT QUALIFIED TO OPERATE. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THEY ARE MAKING HEADWAY; BUT, THEY ARE NOT THERE YET.

MR. STEWART SAID SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER SHOWS THEY HAVE 16 PEOPLE QUALIFIED THAT CAN RESPOND; THEY ARE CERTIFIED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN DIFFERENT JOB PERFORMANCES. EVERYONE OF THEM CAN DO CERTAIN THINGS.

MR. STEWART ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS SAYING NO TO THE FIRE TRUCK AGAIN THIS YEAR. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW HE DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BE GETTING A FIRETRUCK.

MR. STEWART SAID THEIR TRUCK IS 34 YEARS OLD AND IT IS TORN UP; AFTER TWELVE YEARS, NFPA SAYS YOU OUGHT TO GET RID OF THEM ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MR. STEWART TO TELL THE BOARD WHAT HIS NEEDS ARE. MR. STEWART SAID HE TURNED IN A LIST TO MR. HAGAN THREE MONTHS AGO.

CLERK COOK UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE CLEANING SERVICE AT THE COURTHOUSE HAS BEEN WONDERFUL AND SHE THANKED THE BOARD FOR STANDING BEHIND HER.

THE BOARD REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT PUT IT ON THURSDAY'S
AGENDA THE CLOSING OF THE TWO VOTING PRECINCTS THE SUPERVISOR OF
ELECTIONS HAD REQUESTED.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/19/09