

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/20/09

OCTOBER 20, 2009

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATION, STRATEGY AND LITIGATION EXPENDITURES IN A MATTER OF PENDING LITIGATION.

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

CHAIRMAN HOWELL STATED THEY WERE PRESENT FOR A SPECIAL MEETING TODAY AND ALL THOSE PRESENT HE WAS SURE UNDERSTAND WHY. THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD BE RETIRING TO A CONFERENCE ROOM TO MEET WITH THE ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER AND WILL BE COMING BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION HOPEFULLY WITHIN AN HOUR OR TWO AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL HAVE A DECISION FOR THOSE HERE TODAY.

THE PUBLIC SESSION WAS CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:05 A.M.

PURSUANT TO THE SHADE MEETING, CHAIRMAN HOWELL RECONVENED INTO PUBLIC SESSION AT 2:20 P.M. HE STATED THE COUNTY'S MEDIATION WITH MR. SIKES IS CONTINUING; HOWEVER, HE IS AUTHORIZED TO SAY TWO THINGS TO THOSE PRESENT TODAY:

1. THE BOARD HAS REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MR. SIKES AND IT WILL BE REDUCED TO WRITING BY THE LAWYERS AND WILL BE RELEASED 30 DAYS AFTER IT IS FINAL.

2. BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE STILL IN MEDIATION, THEY CAN'T TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY DISCUSSED IN THE MEDIATION MEETING TODAY OR WHAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL STATED HE KNEW THAT WAS NOT WHAT THOSE PRESENT WANTED TO HEAR TODAY; BUT, IT WILL BE THIRTY DAYS (30) BEFORE IT IS RELEASED. HE THEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 2:25 P.M.

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 10/20/09