

BOARD MINUTES FOR 10/22/09

OCTOBER 22, 2009

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

LT. QUALLS PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOWELL OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL STATED THINGS HAPPENED AT THE MEETING LAST MONTH HE DEEPLY REGRETS HAPPENING. PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF SOME THINGS THEY SAID; SOME OTHER PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THIS MEETING THAT REALLY WEREN'T INVOLVED WITH THAT SITUATION. HE APOLOGIZED TO THE PEOPLE FOR THAT; HE SAID HE WAS WRONG AND SHOULD NOT HAVE ASKED PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T INVOLVED TO LEAVE THE MEETING. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THEIR COOPREATION IN WHAT THEY DID DO AND THANKED THEM.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL REMINDED EVERYONE THERE WAS A CIVILITY PLEDGE OUTSIDE THEY COULD READ AS THEY COME INTO THE MEETING. HE ASKED EVERYONE BE COURTEOUS TO ONE ANOTHER; SPEAK TO THE ISSUES AND NOT TO PEOPLE AND SPEAK TO THE BOARD. IF PERSONS WANT TO SPEAK, WHEN THEY ARE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK, HE ASKED THEY COME TO THE PODIUM, ANNOUNCE THEIR NAME AND THEN THEY COULD BE HEARD.

BOARD MINUTES-COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24 AND AUGUST 27, 2009 MEETINGS.

CONSENT AGENDA-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED A QUESTION ON ITEM B AT THE OCTOBER WORKSHOP MEETING AS TO WHY THE INMATE MEDICAL INVOICE CAME FROM HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL RATHER THAN THE LOCAL HOSPITAL. HE REPORTED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE SOME SERVICES HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL PROVIDES THAT ARE A LOT CHEAPER THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL. ALSO, THE JAIL HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH D.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ITEM B WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND BROCK REQUESTING INFORMATION ON WHAT SPECIFIC SERVICES THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL IS GETTING FROM HOLMES COUNTY THEY CAN'T GET AS CHEAP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE SERVICES WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY IF POSSIBLE UNLESS THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DIFFERENCE. CHAIRMAN HOWELL REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT GET WITH SHERIFF HADDOCK AND DISCUSS WHAT SERVICES HE IS OUTSOURCING OUT OF COUNTY AND TALK WITH PAT SCHLENKER AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL TO SEE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE ABOUT IT.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

A. WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE ANNUAL REPORT TO FDEP RELATING TO SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND DESIGNATE PAYMENT FROM THE OTHER CONTRACTURAL SERVICES LINE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET.

B. INMATE MEDICAL INVOICE FROM HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2009 TOTTALLING \$13,329.

C. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN CONTINUE TO APPLY TO CALHOUN, FRANKLIN, GADSDEN, GULF, HOLMES, JACKSON, LIBERTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES; ALL EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THESE COUNTIES CONTINUE TO EXIST AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL GRANT FUNDING FOR OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA.

D. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE PROPERTY APPRAISER TO EXTEND THE 2009 TAX ROLL PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE VAB HEARINGS PURSUANT TO FS SECTION 197.323.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE-C.J. PIPKINS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY-ELBERT JONES, WITH THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY FINANCE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD SEEKING SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ASKED THEM TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THEY PROVIDED LOANS TO RESIDENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 2006 AND 2007, WHICH HAD ONE OF THE LOWEST INTEREST RATES IN THE STATE AT 5.19.

MR. JONES REPORTED THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY FINANCE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ISSUE LOANS IN 2008 AND 2009 DUE TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH THE ECONOMY. HOWEVER, THEY ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GET APPROVED A THREE YEAR FINANCING PLAN AND ANTICIPATE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ISSUE AT SOME POINT IN 2010. WITH THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RATES FOR RESIDENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IN ADDITION, THEY ALSO PROVIDE SOME DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. HE ADDRESSED THERE IS NO COST TO THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM; THE BONDS ARE PAID FOR BY THE PEOPLE PAYING OFF THEIR MORTGAGES.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF A RESOLUTION AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "NOT EXCEEDING \$300,000,000 ESCAMBIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS."

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONCLUDED.

AGENDAED AUDIENCE:

A. EMERALD COAST HOSPICE SERVICES-RONNIE BOWEN-MS. BOWEN WAS NOT PRESENT TODAY; BUT, HAD SENT A PROCLAMATION, WHICH ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ, REQUESTING THE BOARD PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2009 AS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2009 AS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH.

B. SAL ZURICA-SUNNY HILLS ROAD ISSUES AND MSBU-MR. ZURICA REFERRED TO HIM HAVING COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOUR MONTHS AGO ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WHICH STILL NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE:

1. GLEN ZANETIC'S WORKERS COMP THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN PAID BACK

2. THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OWES THE MSBU \$3,000

3. THE AGREEMENT FOR PAYING ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS IN SUNNY HILLS

4. THE LIGHTS ON STATE ROAD 77; HE USED A PHRASE MR. HAGAN QUOTED TO HIM "YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION.

MR. ZURICA AGREED; THERE IS A LIGHT AT SHENNENDOAH, ELKCAM AND AT VOLTAIRE. THERE ARE ELEVEN LIGHTS ON A STATE ROAD MSBU COULD USE IN THE HOUSING AREAS; IT IS COSTING THE MSBU \$18,000 FOR THOSE LIGHTS.

HE REPORTED:

1. \$4,913.13 OF MSBU FUNDS SPENT FOR CLEANING OF PARKS AND LAKES FROM MARCH TO LAST MONTH

2. \$4,475.23 OF MSBU FUNDS SPENT FROM 2006 TO 2008 FOR LIGHTS AT WILDER PARK FOR METERS NOT USED; STILL THERE IS NO REIMBURSEMENT.

3. WATER BILL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH; MSBU IS PAYING THE UTILITIES. THERE WAS 22,100 GALLONS USED FOR ONE MONTH; SOMETHING HAS TO BE WRONG. THE NORMAL BILL IS AROUND \$40.00 A MONTH FOR ABOUT 2,000 GALLONS. THE BILL WAS PAID; BUT, HE THINKS SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE LOOKED INTO THAT AS THE 22,000 GALLONS LAST MONTH WAS A BIG JUMP.

4. TRACTOR OR BRUSH HOG BOUGHT WITH MSBU FUNDS THAT NOBODY KNEW ABOUT; HE ASKED WHAT IT WAS FOR, WHERE IT WAS GOING TO BE USED, IS IT REPLACING SOMETHING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MR. ZURICA IT WAS A TRACTOR TO PULL A BUSH HOG TO MOW.

MR. ZURICA ASKED IF IT WAS REPLACING A TRACTOR AS THERE IS ONE AT SUNNY HILLS AND ONE AT THE SOD FARM. COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THE TRACTOR AT THE SOD FARM IS BEING SURPLUSSED AND THAT MONEY WILL GO BACK TO THE MSBU FUND.

MR. ZURICA ADDRESSED THE SOD FARM USING THAT TRACTOR FOR ALL THESE YEARS; WHY SHOULDN'T THE COUNTY PAY FOR THE NEW TRACTOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED IT WASN'T REALLY USED; IT WAS JUST SETTING THERE UNDER A SHED AND THAT IS WHY THEY GOT RID OF IT.

MR. ZURICA REFERRED TO A STATEMENT MADE AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY THE MSBU DIDN'T FUND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. HE SAID THERE WAS \$30,000 A YEAR SPENT TO PAY FOR TRUCKS, INSURANCE AND UTILITIES; IN 2006, IT ONLY SHOWS \$18,000 WHICH DIDN'T COUNT FOR THE TRUCKS AND UTILITIES. IF YOU ADD ANOTHER \$30,000, THAT IS \$40,000 PLUS. HE SAID IN 2007, THE CHIEF SPENT OUT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT \$111,600 AND OVERSPENT THE BUDGET BY \$224. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONLY GOT \$33,700 FROM THE COUNTY; HE ASKED WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM, MSBU. IN 2008, THE CHIEF SUBMITTED A BUDGET FOR A \$130,000; DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY IS COMING FROM, MSBU AGAIN. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS HE HAS, IT IS NOT A COMPLETE RECORD; FOR SOME REASON, YOU CAN'T GET ALL THE RECORDS AND THEY ARE NOT UP TO DATE, THE CHIEF SPENT \$33,700 IN THE 07-08 YEAR. MR. ZURICA SAID SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE; IF YOU ARE ONLY GETTING "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS, YOU CAN'T KEEP SPENDING MONEY YOU DON'T HAVE.

MR. ZURICA ADDRESSED THESE ARE RECORDS OUT OF BOARD FINANCE; HALF THE RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE AND THIS IS THE RECORD KEEPING BEING DONE FOR THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. YOU DON'T GET COMPLETE RECORDS, THEY ARE INACCURATE, THEY ARE NOT ACCOUNTABLE.

HE ASKED WHAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THOSE THREE OR FOUR QUESTIONS HE HAS ASKED. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY EASEMENTS THAT WERE BEING WASHED OUT HE HAD ASKED ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO AND STILL NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ON THAT. AS FAR AS REPAIRING THE ROADS, COMMISSIONER PATE SPOKE TO HIM AND HE IS LOOKING INTO HAVING SOME OF THE ROADS PAVED FOR US.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. ZURICA HE WOULD LET ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESS HIS QUESTIONS IN A LETTER TO HIM. MR. ZURICA SAID THEY DID THAT THE LAST TIME AND STILL DON'T HAVE NOTHING. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WOULD CHARGE MR. HERBERT WITH IT AGAIN. COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. ZURICA IF HE WOULD PROVIDE MR. HERBERT WITH A COPY OF WHAT HE IS ASKING, IT MIGHT HELP HIM RESPOND.

C. SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS-HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR-COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED BETTY PETTINGEL, AGLA, CALLED

HIM AND ASKED IF ANYTHING GOT BROUGHT UP ON THIS MATTER, TABLE IT UNTIL NEXT MONTH. HEATHER EXPLAINED THE DISCUSSION ON MONDAY AT THE WORKSHOP WAS TO REQUEST THE BOARD ACCEPT THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL TO ADVERTISE THEIR SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS; THEY WILL BEGIN THE ADVERTISEMENT AND BIDDING PROCESS IN JANUARY 2010 WITH PROPOSALS BEING DUE IN MARCH. THEY WOULD LIKE FOR THE COMPANIES TO DO PRESENTATIONS FOR THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND/OR THE BOARD OR IF ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BE PRESENT AND BE PART OF THE PRESENTATIONS AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE TO THAT. THE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE DONE IN APRIL WITH A FINAL DECISION BY THE BOARD IN MAY. THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE ASKING EACH COMPANY PROVIDE:

1. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECTION 125 PLAN
2. OFFER A CANCER, ACCIDENT, TERM LIFE, DISABILITY, WHOLE LIFE AND/OR UNIVERSAL, OPTIONAL OFFERING OF GUARANTEE ISSUE LIFE PRODUCT
3. COMPANY/AGENT PRESENTATION DUE IN APRIL 2010
4. VERIFIABLE REFERENCES FOR AGENT WHO WILL BE SERVICING GROUP

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED THE BOARD TO INCLUDE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE RFP'S ALSO TO GIVE SOMEBODY LOCAL A CHANCE.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD IN 2007, THEY CHANGED HEALTH INSURANCE AGENTS FROM A LOCAL PERSON TO OLSON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES IN TALLAHASSEE; PHIL YOUNG AND DEE DEE RUDD CAME IN AT THE LAST MINUTE. THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HERE REMEMBER, THE COUNTY WAS BEG- GING FOR THEIR RATES UP UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE TO GET THEM; PHIL AND DEE DEE CAME IN, MOVED IN, FIXED EVERYTHING AND HELPED THE COUNTY OUT SO MUCH. SHE IS PROBABLY THE ONE EMPLOYEE BESIDES MS. DIANNE THAT DEALS WITH INSURANCE INDEPTH; AS THE BOARD'S EMPLOYEE, SHE PROMISED SHE WOULD COME TO THEM IF SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY PROBLEM OR EMPLOYEES WERE LACKING A SERVICE. THE SERVICE PHIL YOUNG PROVIDES WASHINGTON COUNTY IS OUTSTANDING; YOU CAN GET HIM ON HIS CELL PHONE DAY OR NIGHT. HE WILL GIVE HIS NUMBER TO EMPLOYEES AND HE HAS DIRECT CONTACT WITH BCBS. SHE SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE THIS BEFORE. RIGHT NOW SHE HAS TWO BCBS HIGH UP EMPLOYEES CELL PHONE NUMBERS AND SHE CAN GET THEM DAY OR NIGHT. SHE REQUESTED, ON BEHALF OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE, HER AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND OF OLSON INSURANCE, THEY CAN CONTINUE WITH OLSON INSURANCE. SHE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY HAVING THEIR RATES THIS YEAR IN JUNE; SHE AND PHIL WENT TO TALLAHASSEE TO BCBS, SAT DOWN WITH THE ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, WENT THROUGH THE RATES. SHE SAID, IF ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO, SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO COME AND HELP NEGOTIATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE RATES. SHE POINTED OUT HEALTH INSURANCE DOES CONTINUE TO GROW.

HEATHER SAID PHIL HASN'T MISSED A MEETING THEY HAVE HAD. HE WAS PRESENT AT THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WENT WITH OLSON INSURANCE AGENCY BECAUSE HE OFFERED A BETTER RATE AND IT WAS CHEAPER THAN THE COUNTY'S LOCAL PROVIDER AND HE THINKS THE COUNTY NEVER GOT THE QUOTES UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE. UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OF THE BUDGET, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEIR INSURANCE WAS GOING TO COST THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER HOLMAN; HE THINKS IT IS A GOOD THING TO BID OUT THE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM TIME TO TIME AND SEE IF THE COUNTY IS GETTING A GOOD DEAL. HE HEARS WHAT HEATHER IS SAYING THAT THE COUNTY IS GETTING VERY GOOD SERVICE OUT OF PHIL.

HEATHER EXPLAINED PHIL OR NO OTHER AGENT CAN CHANGE THE COUNTY'S HEALTH RATES; THE ONLY THING AN AGENT CAN DO IS HELP THE COUNTY NEGOTIATE. WHAT THE AGENT DOES IS GET A COMMISSION OFF THE COUNTY GROUP;

OLSON GETS 3% AND THAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD CHANGE PLUS THE GOOD SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HIS CONCERN ABOUT INSURANCE IS THEY COMPARE APPLES TO APPLES. HE ASKED THEY MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THEY ARE DOING THIS; YOU CAN GET ALL DIFFERENT PRICES FOR INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHAT CONCERNS HIM IS BEFORE WITH THE LOCAL AGENT, THE COUNTY HAD A BETTER POLICY; THEY WENT FROM A CLASS B TO A CLASS D. HE STATED YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR.

HEATHER AGREED THE PLAN THE COUNTY HAD IN 2007 WAS RICHER; BUT, THE RATES ON IT WERE WAY TO MUCH AND IT WOULD HAVE PUT TOO MUCH COST ON THE EMPLOYEES. THAT WAS THE YEAR THEY DECIDED TO GO WITH TWO PLANS SO THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT DIDN'T NEED THE RICHER PLAN AND COULD HAVE ONE WITH A HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE, COULD DO THAT FOR LESS MONEY. NOW, THEY HAVE A RICHER PLAN AND AGREED YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU GET; NOW THEY HAVE THE \$500 DEDUCTIBLE PLAN. SHE REITERATED SHE WENT TO TALLAHASSEE THIS YEAR WITH PHIL AND HE LOOKED AT A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT PLANS; BUT, YOU DO PAY FOR WHAT YOU GET. HAVING RICHER BENEFITS WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF YOU HAVE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT CAN COMPETE, HE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THAT. IF WE CAN KEEP IT IN COUNTY, LETS KEEP IT IN COUNTY BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY AND HELP SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE COMPARE APPLES TO APPLES WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREEING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT DIDN'T MATTER TO HIM WHO GETS IT; BUT, HE DOESN'T WANT TO GET INTO A ROUND ROBIN EVERY YEAR RENEWING WITH SOMEBODY ELSE BIDDING IT OUT EVERY YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED MAYBE LOOKING AT A THREE YEAR PROPOSAL OR A TWO YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HAVING PULLED OUT LAST YEAR BECAUSE THEY GOT A BETTER DEAL AND THEN IT DIDN'T WIND UP BEING SUCH A GOOD DEAL THIS YEAR.

HEATHER SAID THEIR REASON FOR GOING WITH SOMEONE ELSE WAS TO GET SOMETHING BETTER AND TO GET BETTER SERVICE. THEIR REASON FOR LEAVING THE SERVICE THEY HAD LAST YEAR WAS BECAUSE OF THE SERVICE THEY WERE NOT GETTING. IT IS HER OFFICE AND DIANNE'S OFFICE; BUT, MOSTLY HERS THAT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A HUGE ADJUSTMENT IF THEY CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY MAY NOT HAVE TO CHANGE; IT IS ACCORDING TO WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIS CONCERN IS IF THEY BID IT OUT EVERY YEAR, PRETTY SOON NOBODY IS GOING TO WANT TO WRITE THE COUNTY A POLICY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MANY TIMES HAS THE BOARD CHANGED AS HE ONLY KNOWS ABOUT THE ONE TIME. HEATHER SAID THEY CHANGED IN 2007 BECAUSE THEY CHANGED AGENTS; IT IS NOT THE HEALTH INSURANCE THEY CHANGED AS THEY ARE STILL WITH BCBS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE THOUGHT WHAT HEATHER SAID ABOUT THE GOOD SERVICE SHE HAS BEEN PROVIDED SHOULD BE A CONSIDERATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED ABOUT THE SERVICE ON SMALL INCIDENTS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE DAMAGE TO THEIR VEHICLES BECAUSE OF POTHOLES, ETC. IN THE COUNTY ROADS. HEATHER EXPLAINED SHE DIDN'T HANDLE THESE CLAIMS; THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TAKES CARE OF THESE MATTERS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE TO ADVERTISE THE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS AND ADD THE HEALTH INSURANCE TO BE BID ALSO. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND

SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION. HE SAID JUST AS LONG AS MS. PETTINGEL CAN PUT HER STUFF IN THERE THAT PEOPLE CAN BID ON.

HEATHER SAID ANY COMPANY OR AGENT WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT A RFP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET IN A ROUND ROBIN BIDDING IT OUT EVERY YEAR. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED THEY NEEDED TO LOOK AT A LONG TERM DEAL ON ALL THE INSURANCES. HE REQUESTED HEATHER GET A COMMITTEE TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO DO IT.

MR. RAY MORAN READ A LETTER WITH CONCERNS ON MSBU AND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT: THREE YEARS AGO THE MSBU FUNDS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS WERE SEPARATED DUE TO POOR MANAGEMENT AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY. THE COORDINATOR HAD COMINGLED THE FUNDS AND WAS UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR MISSING PROPERTY AND OVER \$100,000 IN FUNDS. THE BOARD REMOVED HIM FROM THAT POSITION. THREE YEARS LATER, THOSE SAME PEOPLE WANT TO AGAIN BE IN CHARGE OF ALL FIRE AND MSBU FUNDS; LETS LOOK AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THEY ARE UNDER STATE INVESTIGATIONS AND HAVE LITTLE OR NO MONEY TO PAY THEIR BILLS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE; THE PHONE SERVICE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS OUT FOR OVER THREE MONTHS. NO ONE WAS TOLD OF THAT. IT TOOK THEM OVER TEN WEEKS TO GET THE BRUSH TRUCK FIXED BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO PAY THE BILLS HE HEARD. THEIR CHECKING ACCOUNT IS CONSTANTLY OVERDRAWN; YET, THEY STILL FIND MONEY TO PAY THEMSELVES WITH COUNTY FUNDS. FLORIDA STATE LAW STATES THEY MUST BE CERTIFIED FIREMEN FOR THIS TO BE LEGAL. MOST OF THE PRESENT FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED PROPERLY AND ARE UNCERTIFIED. THE X-CHIEF HAS NOT EVEN BOTHERED TO TAKE ANY STATE COURSES. MONTH AFTER MONTH THEY SUBMIT DIFFERENT SCHEMES ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING UNAUTHORIZED FUNDS WHICH NOBODY ON THIS BOARD EVER APPROVED THEM TO PAY THEMSELVES TO THEIR X-CHIEF. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SCHEME WAS THIS FIVE YEAR PLAN WHERE THEY WERE ALL GOING TO GET SALARIES, ETC. THEN THEY CHANGED HIS TITLE OVER FOUR TIMES THIS YEAR JUST TO CONTINUE PAYING HIM A SALARY. ANOTHER BAD THING, THEY ARE WANTING TO BUY A TRUCK; THEY WENT THROUGH THIS THREE YEARS AGO WITH THE TRUCK. RIGHT NOW HE REQUESTS THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT BE RENEWED UNTIL A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF COMPETENT, CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO MEET THE STATE FIRE LAWS.

MR. MORAN THEN EXPLAINED HOW HE THOUGHT THIS WHOLE PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED: APPOINT WILLIAM JOHNSON AND AL GOTHARD TO RUN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; THEY ARE HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY MEN. THEY ALSO HAVE A PLAN AND THE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO MEET THESE STATE STANDARDS. THEY HAVE PLEDGED NOT TO MISUSE COUNTY FUNDS AND THEY WANT TO REBUILD THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S IMAGE. ALSO, THEY HAVE SAID THEY WANTED TO BRING ALL THE EQUIPMENT UP TO PAR.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT:

1. ON ROADS DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, HE FELT EVERYTHING WAS GOING ALONG PRETTY WELL WITH THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD KEEP IN KIND THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES ON BONNETT POND ROAD AND BAHOMA ROAD.

2. INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD-THEY HAD A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE ON THIS PROJECT; THERE WERE ABOUT TWENTY FIVE CONTRACTORS THAT SHOWED UP AND WERE TAKEN TO THE SITE. THEY ARE EXPECTING BIDS ON NOVEMBER 3RD OR 5TH AND WILL HAVE A RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD BEFORE THEIR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.

3. VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES PHASE II-MR. TONY ARNONE, OWNER OF THE PROJECT, IS PRESENT TODAY. CLIFF SAID THEY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROADS IN THIS SUBDIVISION AND DISCUSSION CAME UP ABOUT THEIR MAILBOX THAT WAS FAR TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. HE NOTIFIED MR. DEXTER GORTEMAYER ABOUT THE MAILBOXES. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACCEPTANCE OF IT OR IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MR. ARNONE DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF THE MAILBOXES WITH THEM. CLIFF SAID THE QUESTION THE BOARD HAD WAS WHEN MR. ARNONE SOLD A LOT TO SOMEBODY, IF THAT PERSON BUILT THEIR HOUSE AND BUILT THEIR BRICK MAILBOXES TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT, IS THAT SOMETHING MR. ARNONE SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR OR HOW THIS ISSUE CAN BE ADDRESSED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF SOMEONE HAS A MAILBOX IN THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY, THEY HAVE TO MOVE IT, RIGHT. HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY OWNED THE ROADS IN THE SUBDIVISION YET.

CLIFF ADVISED "NO." THEY ARE ASKING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROADS IN THE SPANISH LAKE PHASE II SUBDIVISION; HE AND PUBLIC WORKS HAVE APPROVED THE ROADS.

MR. ARNONE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM JUST BEING NOTIFIED THE MAILBOXES ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE ROAD BY APPROXIMATELY 2'; THEY ARE NOT EASILY MOVED AS THEY ARE BRICK. HE SAID IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO JUST GO ASK THE PERSON TO MOVE THE MAILBOX BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE DUE TO THE FACT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY WAY TO BACK IT UP. HE ASKED IF HE COULD GET APPROVAL OF THE ROADS IN THE SUBDIVISION CONTINGENT ON THE MAILBOXES BEING MOVED; HE WOULD THEN AT LEAST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY THE COUNTY WOULD APPROVE THE ROADS IF THE MAILBOXES ARE MOVED, AND HE IS NOT GOING TO CUT THE LAWN ANYMORE OR WON'T BE TAKING CARE OF ROADS. HE QUESTIONED IF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAD A RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THEY APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION TO ADVISE THE MAILBOXES WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED FURTHER BACK. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE ANOTHER TOOL TO HAVE A LETTER SENT TO THE PERSON STATING THEIR MAILBOXES NEED TO BE MOVED BACK DUE TO BUILDING CODE RESPONSIBILITIES, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE CASE; BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS IS ALSO A PUBLIC WORKS ISSUE BECAUSE THE MAILBOXES HAS A LIABILITY OUT THERE. MR. ARNONE SAID MAYBE THEY COULD GET AN OFFICIAL LETTER TO THE NEW RESIDENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT LOOKED LIKE THE MAILBOXES WERE BUILT WITH THE HOUSE, A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION. HE ADDRESSED A SUPERVISOR WAS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY IF A VEHICLE HITS THE MAILBOX AND THE CODES CALL FOR 2' SETBACKS. SOMEWHERE, THAT WOULDN'T CAUGHT WHEN THE CONTRACTOR BUILT THE MAILBOXES.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID EVEN A 2' SETBACK IS NOT FAR ENOUGH IF THE MAILBOX IS MADE OUT OF SOLID MATERIALS. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY ACCEPTS THE ROADS WITHOUT THE MAILBOX BEING MOVED, THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIABILITY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED THE COUNTY WOULD BE ACCEPTING THE LIABILITY.

CLIFF SAID THE BOARD COULD ACCEPT THE ROADS CONTINGENT ON THE MAILBOX ISSUE BEING RESOLVED; THAT WOULD GIVE MR. ARNONE SOME AMMUNITION TO DISCUSS THAT WITH THE HOMEOWNERS AND MAYBE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT COULD HELP WITH THAT EFFORT ALSO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE MAIN THING IS THE BOARD WANTS THE MAILBOXES MOVED BACK OR GET A DIFFERENT MAILBOX PUT OUT THERE.

CLIFF SAID THIS IS AN UNUSUAL SITUATION BECAUSE MR. ARNONE IS NO LONGER IN CONTROL WITH THAT PART OF THE PROJECT. HE SAID THE COUNTY MAY NEED TO LOOK IN THE FUTURE AT PUTTING IN SOME TYPE OF SAFEGUARD TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING MAYBE THROUGH THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS OR MAKING SURE THERE ARE NO ISSUES LIKE THIS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE C.O. HE SAID

THERE WAS NO MAILBOXES ON THE PLANS THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY TO REVIEW BECAUSE THERE WERE NO HOUSES, IT WAS JUST LOTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT HAS THE COUNTY BEEN DOING ABOUT OTHER MAILBOXES AROUND THE COUNTY THAT ARE ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE HAS HAD THEM REMOVED.

CLIFF ADDRESSED A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT REQUIRES A 6' CLEAR ZONE FOR ANY OBJECTS SUCH AS A SOLID BRICK MAILBOX; MOST OF THE TIME YOU CAN SET THEM PRETTY CLOSE TO THE DRIVEWAY AND A MAILMAN CAN COME IN THE DRIVEWAY AND HAND THE MAIL OUT THAT WAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE MAILMAN ISN'T GOING TO DO THAT; HE IS GOING TO PULL OFF THE ROAD, DRIVE ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS CLOSE TO THE MAILBOX AS HE CAN,

EMORY PITTS, BUILDING OFFICIAL, WAS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING HE COULD HELP THEM WITH DOWN THERE IN THE FUTURE. MR. PITTS SAID "YES SIR." HE QUESTIONED HOW LOW OF SPEED WOULD YOU HAVE TO GO FOR THE MAILBOXES TO BE LEGAL IN THE ROAD; IT IS NOT UNLIKELY IN HIGH DENSITY SUBDIVISIONS TO HAVE MAILBOXES RIGHT AT THE STREET. THE REASON MOST PEOPLE WANT TO DO THAT IS SO THEY DON'T GET THE RUT PROBLEM ON THEIR PROPERTY WHERE THEY ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN IT. HE ASKED IF THEY DROPPED THE SPEED TO 25 MPH, WOULD THAT BE ACCEPT- ABLE.

CLIFF SAID EVEN AT 25', THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME SEPARATION; THESE MAILBOXES BEING DISCUSSED ARE VERY, VERY CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT NOW. BASED ON EXPERIENCE, YOU HAVE ABOUT A 25% CHANCE OF SLIDING THAT MAILBOX BACK WITHOUT DISASTEROUS RESULTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ROADS IN THE VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES PHASE II FOR MAINTENANCE CONTINGENT ON THE TWO MAILBOXES BEING REMOVED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED MR. ARNONE, IF THE SAME CONTRACTOR BUILDS A HOUSE, BE SURE HE IS AWARE OF THE SETBACK FOR THE MAILBOXES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED IF THIS WAS THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS IN THE VILLAGE OF SPANISH LAKES PHASE II CONTINGENT ON THE TWO MAILBOXES BEING REMOVED. CLIFF ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

4. NEW EOC-CLIFF REPORTED THE TRUSS ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED ON THE NEW EOC; THE NEW TRUSSES ARE UP AND THE ROOF IS ACTUALLY DRIED IN. THEY HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND THEY HAVE HAD SOME VERY GOOD MEETINGS WITH THE EOC FOLKS ON THEIR PROGRESS UPDATES. THEY HAD A LONG DISCUSSION YESTERDAY REGARDING THE STATUS OF GRANTS; THE FEMA GRANTS EXPIRES IN DECEMBER OF 2011 AND THE REMAINDER OF THE GRANT EXPIRES IN FEBRUARY OF 2010. THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS, EVERYTHING IS GOING GOOD, EVERYBODY IS ON THE SAME PAGE; BUT, IF ONE ISSUE THAT COMES UP THAT KEEPS THEM FROM COMPLETING THE PROJECT WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD GO AHEAD AND APPLY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE GRANT THROUGH THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION ON THE NEW EOC STATE GRANT FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REPORTED THE CONTRACTOR WAS WORKING ON HIGHWAY 279 NOW.

BRYAN CATHEY, PRESIDENT OF CATHEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE NEW EOC. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE SCHEDULING OF THE NEW EOC IN THE LAST FEW MEETINGS AND HE THINKS MR. CATHEY HAS AGREED TO TRY HIS BEST TO GET THE PROJECT BACK ON SCHEDULE AND GET IT COMPLETED IN JANAUARY.



MR. CATHEY REPORTED, FROM THE TIME THEY WERE ISSUED THE NOTICE TO PROCEED BACK IN APRIL, THEY HAD SOME SUBSTANTIAL DELAYS FROM APRIL TO THE END OF JULY TRYING TO GET BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, ETC. ONCE THEY GOT THE BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED AND GOT A LITTLE FURTHER ALONG WITH CONSTRUCTION, THEY REALIZED THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE TRUSSES AND THE INTERIOR WALLS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE WINDLOAD. HE STATED THEY KNEW THEY HAD A FOUNDATION PROBLEM; BUT, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE FIX WAS. APPROXIMATELY 90 TO 110 DAYS EXPIRED FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED TO THE TIME THEY KNEW FOR SURE EXACTLY WHAT HAD TO BE PUT IN THAT FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES IS WHERE THE DELAYS OCCURRED; THEY DIDN'T WANT TO POUR A FOUNDATION IF THEY KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND JACKHAMMER IT OUT. THEY WERE NOT ACTUALLY PROCEEDING IN EARNEST UNTIL LATE JULY WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EOC. THEY HAD A 210 DAY SCHEDULE AND THEY ATE UP OVER 90 DAYS OF THAT IN THE VERY FRONT END DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES. HE REALIZED, TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN HE MET WITH THE COUNTY STAFF, WHY THEY WERE PUSHING SO HARD FOR A JANUARY DEADLINE AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE GRANT. HE TOLD THE STAFF, WHAT HIS CONTRACT SAYS AND THE DELAYS HE IS ENTITLED TO IS AN IRRELEVANT THING, AS THEY ARE HERE TO PLEASE WASHINGTON COUNTY AND TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. HE WENT BACK AND MET WITH ALL HIS STAFF AND ALL THEIR SUB CONTRACTORS AND THEY WENT THROUGH A BRAINSTORMING SESSION AT LENGTH. THEY DISCUSSED EXACTLY WHAT HAD TO BE DONE, WHAT MATERIALS WERE INVOLVED AND THEY LOOKED AT HOW MUCH THEY COULD ACCELERATE THIS SCHEDULE. CAN THEY MAKE IT BY JANUARY, MR. CATHEY SAID THEY COULD; BUT, THE BOARD DOESN'T WANT THEM TO. THEY WOULD HAVE TO CRAM TOO MUCH INTO ONE SPOT AND IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA. HE HAD RATHER APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION AND TAKE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME AND DO THE PROJECT RIGHT THAN RUSH, RUSH, RUSH AND TRY TO GET IT DONE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE 90 DAYS MR. CATHEY ADDRESSED AT THE FRONT END OF THE PROJECT WAS THE COUNTY'S FAULT.

MR. CATHEY REITERATED THEY RAN INTO DELAYS GETTING THE FINAL DRAWINGS; THE BUILDING PERMIT WAS ISSUED ON JULY 10TH AND THOSE WERE PRIMARILY THE DELAYS WAITING ON FINAL SIGNED, SEALED PLANS. HE THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME ENGINEERING CONFLICTS, ETC.; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES WERE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE JOB WHEN HE SIGNED CONTRACTS IN APRIL, CLIFF AND PETE LET HIM KNOW THEY WERE UNDER A CRUNCH TO GET DIRT TURNING SO THEY RUSHED OUT THERE AND STARTED WORK AND SLOWLY PROCEEDED FORWARD HOPING THE OTHER ISSUES WERE GOING TO FALL INTO PLACE AND AT ANY DAY, THEY COULD TAKE OFF WIDE OPEN AND IT TOOK LONGER THAN ANYBODY ANTICIPATED. HE IS NOT SURE WHAT ACTUALLY CAUSED THE DELAYS; THEY WERE DELAYS BEYOND CATHEY CONSTRUCTION'S CONTROL.

CLIFF SAID ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAPPENED, WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED THE PROJECT, THE STATE TOOK ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO APPROVE THE PLANS BEFORE THEY COULD GO OUT FOR BIDS; CATHEY CONSTRUCTION'S TIME CLOCK WAS CLICKING THE WHOLE TIME. WHEN THE PROJECT WAS ACTUALLY AWARDED TO CATHEY CONSTRUCTION, THEY TOLD CATHEY THEY WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO SIGN THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AND GET DIRT TURNING AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. FROM THE TIME THEY TURNED IN FOR THE BUILDING PERMITS TO THE TIME THEY GOT ALL THE PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT WAS IN JULY. EMORY DID ISSUE A TEMPORARY PERMIT AFTER THE FIRE REVIEW WAS COMPLETE; THEY ALSO HAD A PRETTY GOOD DELAY IN GETTING THE FIRE REVIEW DONE. THERE WERE DELAYS IN THE PERMITTING AND THERE WERE SOME CHANGES TO THE PLANS REQUIRED BASED ON THE ROOF TRUSS SUBMITTAL THEY GAVE TO PREBLE-RISH IN JUNE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED, IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET THE EXTENSION GRANTED, WHAT IS THE PLAN. CLIFF SAID THE PLAN IS TO GET THE

PROJECT DONE AND MR. CATHEY HAS ALREADY SAID IT CAN HAPPEN. MR. CATHEY DOESN'T WANT TO DO IT THAT WAY BECAUSE HE WILL HAVE SO MANY TRADES WORKING AT THE SAME TIME; BUT, IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET THE GRANT EXTENSION, THEY WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET AN EXTENSION; HOWEVER, IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN, THE BOARD IS EXPECTING THE BUILDING TO BE FINISHED ON TIME.

MR. CATHEY STATED HE HAD TALKED IN LENGTH WITH MR. HERBERT, MR. HAGAN, MR. PITTS, CLIFF AND HIS STAFF AND CATHEY CONSTRUCTION'S STAFF. IF AN EXTENSION IS DENIED, ALL OF THEM COLLECTIVELY THEY ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR HUMAN POWER TO MAKE THIS PROJECT COMPLETE AND MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS GRANT. THEY HAVE GONE SO FAR AS SITTING DOWN AND DISCUSSING EXACTLY WHAT CHECK MARKS HAVE TO BE THERE ON WHAT DATE SO THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO COME UP WITH A PLAY AT THE LAST MINUTE. THEY HAVE A PLAY; BUT, THEY DON'T WANT TO PLAY IT.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BAHOMA ROAD PROJECT. THEY WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROJECT FROM THE PRICES THEY GOT ON THE ASPHALT TO THE CURB AND GUTTER THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE SOME OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CHALLENGES THEY HAVE HAD, THE COST OF THE PIPE, THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADWALLS AND THE MITERED ENDS AND BASICALLY DETAILED ALL THAT OUT TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY DOLLARS IN ADDITION TO THE GRANT MONEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT WITH INHOUSE CREWS. IT CAME TO ABOUT \$102,000; THERE WERE TWO PIPES THAT HAD TO COME OUT IF FL-DOT GIVES APPROVAL TO SHORTEN THE PROJECT. THEY HAVE ASKED FL-DOT FOR APPROVAL TO SHORTEN THE PROJECT ABOUT .26 MILES BECAUSE OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUE; HOWEVER, THEY WOULD STILL BE LOOKING AT AROUND \$95,000 ABOVE AND BEYOND THE GRANT AMOUNT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT WITH INHOUSE FORCES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED EVERYTIME THEY COMMIT TO INHOUSE FORCES TO DO SOMETHING, THEY TAKE THEM AWAY FROM REGULAR MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS AND HE IS RELUCTANT TO DO THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO IT; BUT, AT THIS POINT, HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY CAN. HE ASKED IF FL-DOT WOULD ALLOW THE SHORTENING OF THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WERE TOLD THEY WOULD; BUT, THAT IS NOT GOING TO HELP MUCH WITH THE COST. CLIFF SAID THEY REQUESTED AN ANSWER FROM FL-DOT AND THEY STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THE COUNTY THE FULL FUNDED AMOUNT IF THE PROJECT WAS SHORTENED. HE HASN'T HEARD FL-DOT'S ANSWER ON THE TOTAL OF THE FUNDING THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE IF THE PROJECT WAS SHORTENED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THEM HAVING WORKED LONG AND HARD TRYING TO MAKE THIS PROJECT HAPPEN AND ASKED THE BOARD NOT TO GO FOR ANY MORE PAVING CONTRACTS OR GRANTS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE UPFRONT MONEY TO DO THE MATCHING FUNDS. IT IS GREAT TO HEAR THE GRANT AGENCY WILL WAIVE THE MATCHING FUNDS; BUT, JUST WHAT HAVE YOU GOT WHEN THEY WAIVE THE FEE, JUST WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR POCKET. HE REITERATED AGAIN FOR THE BOARD NOT TO DO ANYMORE OF THIS AGAIN AS THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT.

LOU TRACY INTRODUCED ZACH GRIPPO FROM TROOP 700, DIVISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WHO LIVES IN VERNON AND IS WORKING ON HIS EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT, WHICH IS THE WALKING TRAILS IN SUNNY HILLS.

ZACH UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIS PROJECT; HE IS MAKING A WALKING TRAIL AROUND SUNNY HILLS STARTING AT WILDER PARK, FROM WILDER PARK DOWN AROUND LITTLE RIVER POND, COMES UP TO SMOOTHING IRON POND AND BASICALLY ALL THE WAY BACK UP. THEY ARE MARKING THE TRAIL IN THE DIRECTION IT GOES; THEY HAVE SOME TREES BLAZED ALREADY. AT SMOOTHING IRON POND, THEY ARE GOING

TO MAKE TWO BENCHES FOR RESTING, VIEW THE NATURE, ETC. THE LENGTH OF THE TRAIL IS ABOUT 2.5 MILES AND IS OPEN FOR EVERYBODY.

MICHAEL CHURCHWELL, ANOTHER EAGLE SCOUT, WILL BE HELPING OUT THIS WEEK AS WELL AS A FEW OTHER SCOUTS. THE CUB SCOUTS ARE HELPING AS WELL AND IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE 31ST OF OCTOBER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF CEREMONY. MR. TRACY SAID THERE IS NOT ONE SCHEDULED YET; BUT, ASSURED THOSE PRESENT WHEN ZACK COMPLETES THIS PROJECT, THEY WILL HAVE A GRAND OPENING OF THE WALK TRAIL AND THE COMMUNITY, COUNTY, ETC. WILL BE INVITED.

THE BOARD APPLAUDED ZACH FOR HIS EFFORTS WITH THE WALKING TRAIL.

RICK MARCUM WAS ON THE UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD; HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT PRESENT.

RON JONES ADDRESSED HIS NAME WAS ON THE LIST TO SPEAK AFTER MS. GOTHARD OR ANY DISCUSSION OR DECISIONS MADE ON THE SUNNY HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED HIS NAME BE MOVED TO THE END AFTER MS. GOTHARD FINISHES. HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO RESPOND TO RAY MORAN'S ALLEGATIONS; ALL OF HIS ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND HE CONSIDERS IT A MUTE POINT. THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS GONE THROUGH TWO DIFFERENT STATE ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATIONS; NO WRONG DOING HAS BEEN FOUND AND THEY ARE NOW PROBABLY GOING THROUGH ANOTHER ONE AT A REQUEST OF MR. ZURICA AS HE WANTS THOSE RECORDS AGAIN. THEY HAVE GIVEN ALL THE RECORDS THEY HAVE AND REITERATED IT WAS A MUTE POINT. HE REITERATED HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AGAIN AT THE END.

OLGA MARCHAN, RESIDENT OF SUNNY HILLS FOR OVER 23 YEARS, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER COMING TO THE MEETING TODAY TO ADDRESS AN EMERGENCY PROBLEM THAT IS FACING THE SENIORS IN SUNNY HILLS.

SHE REPORTED ON TUESDAY DURING A FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, ONE OF THEIR PARISHONERS COLLAPSED. A SENIOR MEMBER IMMEDIATELY DIALED 911 FROM THE CHURCH PHONE FOR AN AMBULANCE; IT TOOK 35 MINUTES FOR AN AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE TO TRANSPORT THIS PERSON TO A HOSPITAL; THIS PERSON NEEDED MEDICAL ATTENTION RECEIVED; THE CONGREGATION AT THE SERVICE WAS SHOCKED IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THE AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE. SHE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WERE AWARE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN SUNNY HILLS ARE IN THEIR 70'S, 80'S AND EVEN 90'S. SHE FEARS MORE OF THE SAME OCCURRENCES WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT AN AMBULANCE BEING STATIONED IN SUNNY HILLS. SHE SAID TEN YEARS AGO HER HUSBAND WAS VERY ILL AND HAD DIFFICULTY BREATHING; SHE CALLED 911 FOR AN AMBULANCE. AT THAT TIME, IT TOOK ONE HOUR FOR THE AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE; THE EXCUSE WAS GIVEN THE AMBULANCE HAD ANOTHER CALL TO MAKE IN CHIPLEY. WHEN THE AMBULANCE ARRIVED, HER HUSBAND WAS IN A COMA; THAT WAS TEN YEARS. HERE WE ARE STILL FACING A PROBLEM WITH THE AMBULANCE NOT ARRIVING QUICKLY. SHE WONDERS AS SHE STANDS HERE BEFORE THE BOARD, WHAT THEY WOULD DO SEEING THEIR LOVED ONES LYING HELPLESS AWAITING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ONE HOUR. SHE SAID SHE WAS SPEAKING NOT FOR ONLY HERSELF; BUT, FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF SUNNY HILLS. SHE SAID THEY NEED AN AMBULANCE IN SUNNY HILLS; THIS PROBLEM NEEDS ATTENTION NOW. REMEMBER MINUTES, NOT HOURS, COMES WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WHEN ONE IS HAVING A HEART ATTACK, A STROKE OR DIFFICULT BREATHING. THIS BEARS REPEATING; THEY NEED HELP IN SUNNY HILLS AND NOT A TWENTY MILE AWAY AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE FROM CHIPLEY. SHE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM THAT IS FACING SUNNY HILLS PEOPLE AND COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. 911 DOES NOT CALL GLEN ZANETIC OR THE FIRE FIGHTERS OF SUNNY HILLS. MR. ZANETIC WAS NOT INFORMED OF THIS HAPPENING AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH. THIS NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED ALSO. MR. ZANETIC AND HIS FIREFIGHTERS NEED TO BE INFORMED WHEN 911 IS CALLED AS

THEY ARE WITHIN A FEW MINUTES TO HELP BEFORE AN AMBULANCE WOULD ARRIVE. SHE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS IF THEY CARE AND STATED SHE BELIEVED THEY SHOULD BEFORE ANOTHER TRAGEDY OCCURS. SHE LEFT THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING: IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT GREATER SATISFACTION TO THEM ALL SHOULD BE TENDING THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY; NOT ONLY IN CHIPLEY, BUT, IN SUNNY HILLS. SHE THANKED THEM SINCERELY FOR LISTENING.

KAREN SCHOEN, SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING SHE HAD ASKED OLGA TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD BEFORE HER BECAUSE SHE HAS COME BEFORE THEM MANY TIMES AND THIS IS A STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. MR. MORAN JUST ADDRESSED ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS A PROBLEM; ONE OF THEM WAS THE TRUCK SUNNY HILLS WAS DENIED. THE TRUCK THEY WERE DENIED WAS GOING TO HAVE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON IT; THAT TRUCK THREE YEARS AGO WAS DENIED. WHEN THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO CONSIDER WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUNNY HILLS, THESE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE IN CONSIDERATION.

MS. SCHOEN SAYS IT IS TRUE THAT NOT EVERY 911 CALL SHOULD GO TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, AGAIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ONLY WITHIN MINUTES, NOT WITHIN AN HOUR OR FORTY MINUTES. AS THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT, THEN THEY NEED DO. THEY SHOULD ADDRESS WHAT THEY HAVE TODAY AND IMPROVE UPON IT AND NOT DESTROY IT.

RAY MORAN READDRESSED THE BOARD STATING ONE OF THE PROBLEMS HERE IS SUNNY HILLS HAS A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT HAS NO EMT'S IN IT; THERE IS NO EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND THEY AREN'T ALLOWED TO GO DO THESE THINGS. IF SOMEONE IS HURT, EXCEPT FOR THE CHIEF, THEY ARE NOT CLEARED; THEY CAN'T GO AND THAT IS WHY THEY AREN'T GETTING ANY CALLS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE TRAINED EMT'S IN SUNNY HILLS. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE EMT'S THAT WANT TO BE IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, THEY WERE KICKED OUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS, WHERE THEY RECEIVED THEIR CALLS FROM. RANDALL ADVISED THEIR CALLS CAME FROM 911 DISPATCH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED, EVER SINCE HE HAS BEEN ELECTED IN 2004, HIS MAIN GOAL WAS TO HAVE AN AMBULANCE STATION IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS, HE WORKED REALLY HARD TOWARD THIS. EVERYTIME HE BROUGHT THIS UP, THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. THERE WAS ONLY ONE YEAR THEY HAD MONEY TO DO THAT WITH AND THE RECREATION CAME UP AND MOST OF THAT MONEY WENT FOR RECREATION. RANDALL IS TRYING TO WORK ON SOMETHING NOW SO THEY CAN GET AN AMBULANCE STATION IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY AND THAT IS HIS MAIN GOAL. THEY HAVE A TRAILOR FROM FEMA THEY CAN PUT DOWN THERE AND THE WELL AND SEPTIC TANK IS THERE. JUST AS SOON AS THEY GET MORE MONEY COMING UP; HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL HAVE SOMETHING DONE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO SET UP A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE EMS STATION IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY ALONG WITH OTHER ISSUES THEY NEED TO DISCUSS. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON NOVEMBER 4TH AT 9:00 A.M.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S REPORT:

1. HE HAD REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTION ON THE AGREEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, ETC. ON THE STIMULUS PROJECTS FOR STRIPING AND STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING.

2. SMITH LAKE-THEY HAVE SERVICE ON THE CORPORATION IN NORTH CAROLINA; THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SERVICE RETURNED ON THE TWO DOCTORS.

3. CLOSING OF VOTING PRECINCTS-THEY HAVE TO DO A MAP ON THE CLOSING OF THE PRECINCTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED THE TIME FRAME THE TWO DOCTORS HAVE ON THE SERVICE RETURN ON SMITH LAKE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED ONCE THE DOCTORS GET SERVED, THEY HAVE TO ANSWER IN TWENTY DAYS. HOWEVER, HE HASN'T GOT A SERVICE ON THE TWO DOCTORS YET; THE BAY COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HASN'T SENT ANYTHING BACK YET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ADDRESSED THE ORANGE HILL SOIL CONSERVATION PAID FOR THE BOAT LANDING AT SMITH LAKE TO BE PUT IN THROUGH A GRANT FROM FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

CAROL FINCH, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND THE IDEAS SHE HAD PROVIDED ON CLOSING A COUPLE OF THE VOTING PRECINCTS THAT ARE CLOSE TO THE EARLY VOTING SITE OR TO OTHER VOTING LOCATIONS. THIS SHOULD SAVE THE COUNTY ABOUT \$10,000 IN NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. IT MAY NOT BE WHAT THE VOTERS WANT THEM TO DO; BUT, THEY HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SAVING MONEY.

FOR THE RECORD, SHE STATED SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT CLOSING PRECINCTS 13 AND 14, WHICH ARE LOCATED AT THE OLD CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL GYM IN CHIPLEY AND COMBINE THEM WITH PRECINCT 4 AT THE AG CENTER. SHE ADDRESSED THE VOTERS IN PRECINCTS 13 AND 14 COULD COME AND EARLY VOTE; 50% OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE VOTING EARLY OR BY ABSENTEE ALREADY AND SO ARE THE PEOPLE IN PRECINCT 4 THEY ARE MOVING TO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED THEY HAVE TO DRAW THE BOUNDARY ON THE COMBINING OF PRECINCTS 13 AND 14 AND RELOCATING THOSE VOTERS TO PRECINCT 4 AT THE AG CENTER. MS. GRIFFIN SAID THIS HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE AND THEY NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS AS THEY ARE LOOKING AT BUYING NEW EQUIPMENT AND SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THE NUMBER TO BE PUT IN THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MANY VOTERS USE SHEPHARD GATES. HE SAID LUCAS, TWIN PONDS, AND ALL HIS AREA DOWN THAT WAY ARE A WHOLE LOT CLOSER TO VERNON.

MS. GRIFFIN SAID IT BECOMES A DIFFERENT ISSUE WITH EVERYBODY IN THE DISTRICT IF THEY MOVE THEM. SHE SAID THEY COULD GO BACK AND READDRESS THOSE; THAT IS AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION. SHE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO THINK AHEAD AND REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEW HOPE VOTING HOUSE BEING TAKEN OUT WHEN THE FOUR LANE COMES THROUGH; THEY WANT GET A LOT FOR THAT LITTLE BUILDING. MAYBE, THEY COULD USE THOSE FUNDS SAVED BY CLOSING TWO PRECINCTS TO HELP PUT IN A NEW FACILITY AT THE CAMPBELL PARK. SHE EXPLAINED THAT COULD BE A REVENUE GENERATING FACILITY AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THE VOTERS AT MILLERS FERRY ALL THE WAY DOWN TO CHOCTAW COME TO NEW HOPE TO VOTE.

MS. GRIFFIN SAID THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT AND THE PARK IS LESS THAN FOUR MILES. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTIONS UNLESS THEY WENT AND PURCHASED PROPERTY AND THEY DON'T HAVE FUNDS TO DO THAT; SHE REITERATED IT COULD BE A REVENUE GENERATING FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO CLOSE VOTING PRECINCTS 13 AND 14 AND MOVE THEM TO VOTING PRECINCT 4 WHICH VOTES AT THE AG CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. GRIFFIN SAID IF THE BOARD WANTED TO CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE PRECINCT MAPS AND THERE ARE OTHER SUGGESTIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK WITH THEM.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

1. STIMULUS PROJECTS-AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTIONS WITH GPI SOUTHEAST FOR THE

THERMO STRIPING PROJECTS FOR \$21,555. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT IS NEEDED.

AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTIONS WITH HATCH MOTT MCDONALD FOR THE STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT FOR \$19,995.05 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT IS ALSO NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTIONS ON THE STIMULUS PROJECTS WITH GPI SOUTHEAST FOR THE THERMO STRIPING PROJECT AND WITH HATCH MOTT MCDONALD ON THE STATE PARK RESURFACING PROJECT.

2. STIMULUS PROJECTS-THE BOARD WILL NEED TO MOVE MONEY FROM THE THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING PROJECT TO THE STATE PARK ROAD PROJECT; FL- DOT HAS SENT AMENDED AGREEMENTS. THERE IS A RESOLUTION AND AN AGREEMENT ON THE THERMO-PLASTIC PROJECT AND A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT ON THE STATE PARK ROAD PROJECT TO MOVE \$21,575.05 TO THE STATE PARK ROAD PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDED AGREEMENTS WITH FL-DOT ON THE TRANSFERRING OF \$21,575.05 FROM THE THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING PROJECT TO THE STATE PARK ROAD PROJECT.

3. WORKSHOP-TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER 4TH WORKSHOP AT 9:00 A.M. INCLUDE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES, INMATE CREWS AND THE EMS STATION AT THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM BEING WITHOUT AN INMATE CREW FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS. HEATHER INFORMED COMMISSIONER BROCK THEY ARE GOING TO TRY AND FILL THIS POSITION WITH A TEMPORARY PERSON FOR NOW UNTIL THEY SEE WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL CONDITION.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009 TOTTALLING \$2,412,946.28.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS FOR SEPTMBER 2009.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REQUESTED BOARD ACTION TO CLOSE OUT THE 2008-2009 BUDGET AND HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW'S REQUEST TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CLOSE OUT THE 2008-2009 BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ROXANNE WEBBER, CO-CHAIRMAN AND CFO OF EMAX HOLDING CORPORATION ADDRESSED THE BOARD. SHE ADDRESSED, IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THEY HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO RELOCATE HERE. AFTER 24 HOURS OF BEING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY HER HUSBAND TOLD HER THEY WOULD NEVER, EVER MOVE AGAIN. DUE TO HER GOOD FRIEND, KAREN SCHOEN, THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIELD EVERY METE AND BOUNDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY HAVE A STRONG BACKGROUND INVESTING INTO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT; THE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT BEING IN BROAD- CASTING BUSINESS INDUSTRIES. THEY INTEND TO BRING ALL THEIR BUSINESS INDUSTRIES HERE. SHE WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY SHE HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO MEET. SHE SAID IT WAS REALLY HUMBLING TO KHFER TO WORK WITH SUCH FINE MEN AND WOMEN, WHETHER IT BE AT THE SHER- IFF DEPARTMENT, THE VO-TECH. AS SHE WATCHES THE GROWTH THAT IS HAP- PENING IN THE SOUTH PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE NEW OPENING OF THE AIRPORT NEXT SPRING, THE COUNTY IS IN A TREMENDOUS POSITION TO GROW.

SHE ADDRESSED HER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR EVERY INCH OF PROPERTY IN SUNNY HILLS WITH THE HELP OF MS. SCHOEN. IT IS POSTURED TO

BE A TREMENDOUS GROWTH OPPORTUNITY. SHE OFFERED THE BOARD THIS: THIS COUNTY IS SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE ABLE TO WORK AND GROW SO SWIFTLY AND THEIR BUSINESS IS DOING JUST THAT BECAUSE OF YOU MEN AND WOMEN. SHE SAID SHE WAS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AUDITOR AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THEIR BUSINESS. SHE OFFERED TO DO WHATEVER THEY COULD DO AS A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; THEY ARE GOING TO STAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND GROW. SHE REITERATED THEY WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE BOARD, THE COUNTY PLANNER THEY HAVE HAD THE GREAT PRIVILEGE TO MEET WITH TO KNOW WHAT IS HERE NOW AND WHERE THINGS ARE GOING.

SHE ADDRESSED SUNNY HILLS BEING POSTURED FOR BUILDERS; THERE IS NOT ENOUGH HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE MANY COMPANIES AND ARE RELOCATING EMPLOYEES HERE AT THIS TIME AND THEY NEED HOMES. SHE OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY.

WES FISHER ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE APPRECIATED CHAIRMAN HOWELL'S APOLOGY BASED ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST MEETING; HE APPRECIATED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S CONCERN FOR AN AMBULANCE IN THE SUNNY HILLS AREA AS THIS SEEMS TO BE AN ISSUE TO BE LOOKED AT AND MADE ACTIVE. HE THANKED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR LOOKING OUT FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OPENING UP DISCUSSION FOR THE INSURANCE; THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND LOOKED AT. AS FAR AS PRIVATE VENDORS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS, THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND INCLUDED.

MR. FISHER SAID A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEANS A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; HE VOLUNTEERS A LOT IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND HE DOESN'T GET PAID FOR IT. IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT PUTS PEOPLES LIVES AT RISK TO SAVE PEOPLES LIVES, THEY SHOULD BE QUALIFIED TO DO IT. HE TOLD THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THEY NEED TO GET GOING ON THIS; THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN BUGGING PEOPLE IN THIS AUDIENCE AND THIS COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE BOTH ARGUMENTS COMING BEFORE THEM RIGHT AFTER HE GETS THROUGH SPEAK- ING AND HE SUGGESTED THEY PAY ATTENTION AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT IS JUST GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT OF HAND.

LYNN GOTHARD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL AND ADVISED SHE WAS HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW GROUP OF PEOPLE OR FIREFIGHTERS THAT WANT TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS. SHE STATED SHE IS NOT A FIREFIGHTER; BUT, SHE IS THE DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER OF FORMER FIREFIGHTERS OF WAUSAU AND THE WIFE, MOTHER, SISTER AND AUNT OF FIREFIGHTERS SO FIREFIGHTERS RUN DEEP IN THE BLOOD OF HER FAMILY AND SHE CARES A LOT ABOUT THEM. OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO, SHE HAS MADE IT HER MISSION TO STUDY FLORIDA STATUTES, LOOK AT CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING, TO EMAIL THE FIRE MARSHALLS OFFICE WHEN SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND BECAUSE SHE MADE IT HER PERSONAL MISSION SHE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING. IN HER PROFESSIONAL LIFE, SHE MANAGES A \$1.5 MILLION BUDGET FOR A NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHERE SHE WORKS; SHE DOES CONTRACT BIDDING, CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE, NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE END PROVIDERS. SHE IS FAMILIAR WITH EVERYTHING THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. AS SHE LISTENED TO THE AUDIO TAPE OF THE MEETING LAST WEEK, THE FIRST THING SHE HEARD MR. HOWELL SAY WAS WHEN MR. STRICKLAND BROUGHT UP FIRE DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID "WHAT IS OUR PLAN." SHE STATED SHE THOUGHT THAT WAS A GREAT QUESTION BECAUSE SHE THINKS THE COUNTY COMMISSION WOULD BE NEGLIGENT TO STOP OR START A CONTRACT WITH A FIRE DEPARTMENT IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN. BECAUSE OF COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S QUESTION, SHE RALLIED TOGETHER A GROUP OF FIREMEN WHO HAVE COME BEFORE THE BOARD MONTH

AFTER MONTH AFTER MONTH ASKING FOR THE FIRE CONTRACT IN SUNNY HILLS. THEY ARE MEN WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY WELCOMED AT SUNNY HILLS TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION; THEY ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED TO DO WHAT SHE IS ASKING THE BOARD TO DO TODAY. SHE STATED SHE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THEM ONLY BECAUSE THEY WANTED THEIR PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD CLEARLY AND CONCISELY; THEY ARE VERY PASSIONATE AND GET VERY OUT OF CONTROL WHEN THEY TRY TO SPEAK. SHE SPEAKS TODAY FOR THEM ONLY SO THEY CAN KEEP THE EMOTIONS OUT OF IT AND TRY TO WORK THROUGH THE PLAN. SHE WENT OVER A COUPLE OF POINTS IN THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION SHE PROVIDED. SHE CAME TO THE BOARD TODAY BECAUSE OCTOBER IS THE MONTH WHERE CONTRACTS ARE RENEGOTIATED WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THE FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT IS NO DIFFERENT TO HER, AS A CITIZEN; SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE AND IS A LIFETIME WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT. FIRE PROTECTION IS NO DIFFERENT THAN EMS, INSURANCE FOR BIDS, ATTORNEY SERVICES, WHATEVER THE COUNTY PUTS OUT FOR BID FOR A CONTRACT. IT SEEMS TO HER THAT FIRE PROTECTION IS EXACTLY THE SAME; BUT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TWO GROUPS HAVE COME AND WANT TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR SUNNY HILLS. SHE THINKS THAT IS WHAT MAKES THEM UNIQUE. SHE FEELS, AS A CITIZEN, THE FIRE PROTECTION PROVIDER SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS; THEY SHOULD HAVE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS, THEIR EQUIPMENT SHOULD MEET MINIMUM NPFA STANDARDS MAINTAINED ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH RECORDS TO SHOW THE MAINTENANCE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING CERTIFICATES FOR ALL FIREFIGHTERS ON THEIR ROSTER.

SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT HERE TO BASH ANYBODY; SHE IS NOT GOING TO CALL NAMES AS SHE IS NOT ABOUT THAT. THE FIGURES SHE IS GOING TO GIVE SHE GOT OFF A ROSTER THAT WAS PROVIDED TO HER BY MR. HAGAN'S OFFICE, WHICH SHE UNDERSTANDS IS THE KEEPER OF THE RECORDS.

CURRENTLY, THE ROSTER OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWS THERE IS ONE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER/FIRST RESPONDER WHO HAS NO FIREFIGHTING EXPERIENCE. HE IS A YOUNG 27 YEAR OLD KID AND WHILE HE DOES HAVE THE TRAINING, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FIREFIGHTING EXPERIENCE. THE CURRENT SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TWO FIREFIGHTER II PENDING WITH NO INDICATION WHEN THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ROSTER AND WHO, THE BEST SHE CAN TELL, LIVE ABOUT 12 MILES FROM SUNNY HILLS FIRE STATION. SHE SAID SHE DID MAP QUEST ON THEIR RESIDENCE; THAT IS WHERE SHE GOT THE 12 MILES. THEY ALSO HAVE, ACCORDING TO THE ROSTER PROVIDED BY MR. HAGAN'S OFFICE, NO EMT'S OR OTHERS TRAINED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE AND CAN NOT GUARANTEE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS ON THE ROSTER. THE FLORIDA STATUTES SAYS ON A FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEIR MINIMUM IS 2 IN-2 OUT; THAT IS FOUR TRAINED PEOPLE WHO CAN GO IN A FIRE. SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT DON'T HAVE THAT RIGHT NOW.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE SIX EVOC CERTIFIED MEMBERS OF WHICH ONLY ONE CAN ENTER THE HOT ZONE; AGAIN IT IS THE YOUNG MAN THAT IS FF II CERTIFIED. A PORTION OF THEIR ALLOTMENT GOES TO PAY THE ADMIN CHIEF FOR WORKING AT THE FIRE STATION.

SHE PRESENTED THE NEW DEPARTMENT, CALLED THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE AND RESCUE, PROPOSAL: IT WILL BE LED BY JOHNNY JOHNSON, FORMER CHIEF OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; IT WILL BEGIN WITH (3) FF2, (2) FF1 AND (2) IN FFI CLASS WHICH WILL TEST IN NOVEMBER 2009. THEY HAVE TWO OTHER FF2 WHO HAVE CALLED AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING. THE ONLY CERTIFICATIONS SHE HAS IN HER HAND TODAY SHE IS WILLING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD ABOUT ARE (3) FF2, (2) FFI AND THE TWO THAT ARE IN FFI CLASS. THIS



SAME GROUP CONSISTS OF (2) FLORIDA LICENSED EMT'S, (2) IN EMT CLASS AND (1) ALABAMA LICENSED/TRAINED PARAMEDIC WHICH IS HER HUSBAND. HE IS NOT LICENSED IN FLORIDA; HOWEVER, HE IS A CAREER PARAMEDIC FIREFIGHTER, KNOWS WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. HE CAN GO TO A WRECK AND TELL YOU BASED ON WHAT HE KNOWS TO ASSESS YOU, IF YOU HAVE A HEAD INJURY, IF YOU NEED TO BE MOVED, IF YOU WOULD BE BETTER OFF STILL. IS HE GOING TO TREAT YOU TO THE FULL EXTENT OF HIS PARAMEDIC; NO HE IS NOT BECAUSE HE IS NOT LICENSED TO DO THAT IN FLORIDA.

MS. GOTHARD ADDRESSED IT BEING INTERESTING THAT THE LADY SPOKE PREVIOUSLY ON THE EMS SITUATION; THAT WAS ONE OF HER ISSUES AND ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAS SINCE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THIS IS WE NEED TRAINED PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS TO SERVE THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS. MS. GOTHARD SAID SHE TOTALLY AGREES. SHE LIVES IN WAUSAU, WHICH IS ALSO A TOWN OF ELDERLY PEOPLE AND AGREES THEY NEED TRAINED PEOPLE THERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF SUNNY HILLS. THERE IS NO REASON IN THIS LADY'S INCIDENT SOMEONE SHOULD NOT HAVE CALLED FOR A FIRST RESPONDER WHO A TRAINED EMT WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE LIFE SAVING MEASURES; BUT COULD CERTAINLY DO WHAT THEY KNEW TO DO TO HELP THE LADY'S HUSBAND OR THE PERSON AT THE CHURCH. MS. GOTHARD SAID IT IS A SHAME THEY HAVE PEOPLE LIKE THAT IN A COMMUNITY WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO SO. THE NEW PROVIDER, THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE AND RESCUE WILL GUARANTEE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS ON THE ROSTER AT ALL TIMES AND WILL MAINTAIN 60-75% OF THE ROSTER AT FFI OR HIGHER LEVEL CERTIFICATION AT ALL TIMES. SHE SAID THAT IS A HIGH GOAL AND SHE THINKS IT IS A HIGHER BAR THAN A LOT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY; HOWEVER, THEY WANT GOOD, TRAINED PEOPLE. THEY DON'T WANT A FIRETRUCK FULL OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING; BUT, JUST GET IN THE WAY.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS (5) EVOC TRAINED, ALL OF WHICH CAN ENTER THE HOT ZONE; EVERYBODY THAT GETS ON THEIR TRUCK CAN ENTER THE HOT ZONE WHEN THEY GET THERE. THEY WANT TO WORK TO LOWER THE ISO RATING TO 5 TO BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS. SHE ADDRESSED THEM HEARING A LOT ABOUT THE ISO RATINGS. AFTER THE MEETING IN SUNNY HILLS, BECAUSE SHE IS AN INQUISITIVE PERSON AND SHE LIKES TO KNOW WHAT SHE IS TALKING ABOUT, SHE CONTACTED ISO AND SHE UNDERSTANDS MAYBE SOMEONE FROM MR. HAGAN'S OFFICE DID ALSO. SHE SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK THAT NIGHT, IF A NEW DEPARTMENT COMES IN, THE ISO WILL IMMEDIATELY GO TO 10 AND EVERYBODY'S INSURANCE WILL GO UP AND SOME WOULD BE CANCELLED. SHE HAD AN EMAIL WITH HER FROM ISO WHICH SAYS; ISO'S WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY COME IN TO A NEW DEPARTMENT. THEY WILL GIVE THE DEPARTMENT TIME TO HAVE ADEQUATE DATA TO ASSESS THEM. THE GENTLEMAN ALSO TOLD HER THE THING THEY GOT CREDIT FOR WITH THEIR OLD ISO THAT HAVE REMAINED THE SAME, THEY WILL GET CREDIT FOR IT AGAIN. IF THEY GOT A CERTAIN SCORE ON WATER AND WATER HASN'T CHANGED, THEY WILL GET THAT SAME SCORE AGAIN. CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS TOLD THAT NIGHT IN SUNNY HILLS, THIS ISO WILL NOT SHOOT TO A 10 AND SHE HAS THIS IN WRITING FROM ISO THAT IS TRUE. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE VOLUNTEERS AND NO ONE WILL BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICE. THESE FIREMEN ARE NOT INTERESTED IN OWNING ANY FIRETRUCKS; THEY DON'T WANT TO SAY THEY OWN A FIRETRUCK OR AN AIRPACK. THEY ARE THERE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS. THEY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A BATTLE ABOUT WHO OWNS WHAT; THEY HAVE NO DESIRE TO FORM A PRIVATE CORPORATION SO THEY CAN CLAIM OWNERSHIP. SHE REFERRED TO SOMETHING SAID TO HEATHER ABOUT INSURANCE EARLIER IN THE MEETING ABOUT WANTING TO GET THE BEST PLAN FOR THEIR MONEY. SHE FELT THIS SHOULD APPLY TO FIRE FIGHTING ALSO. WHEN THE COUNTY HAS A SET AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY CAN

PAY A DEPARTMENT, IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO HER, AS A TAXPAYER, THEY WOULD WANT THE VERY BEST THEY COULD HAVE.

MS. GOTHARD ADDRESSED LOGISTICAL ISSUES THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD THOUGHT ABOUT THAT WOULD NEED TO BE WORKED OUT:

1. DELTONA CORPORATION DEEDED PROPERTY WHERE THE FIRE STATION CURRENTLY SITS TO SHVFD INC IN 1992 WITH RESTRICTIONS IT MUST REMAIN A FIRE STATION. THE SHVFD INC THEN LEASED THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY IN 2003 WITH A 30 YEAR LEASE. THE PROPERTY MUST BE KEPT AS A FIRE STATION OR IT REVERTS BACK TO DELTONA. DELTONA CAN CHANGE THAT AGREEMENT WITH SIXTY DAYS NOTICE ACCORDING TO THE LEGAL LEASE, WHICH SHE HAS WITH HER TODAY. THE DELTONA REPRESENTATIVE, JANE HOLT, HAS INDICATED "DELTONA'S POSITION IS THAT THEY WANT THE BUILDING MAINTAINED AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RUN EFFECTIVELY WITH CERTIFIED FIRE-FIGHTERS" AND THAT DELTONA WILL WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO KEEP FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND PROPERTY AS A FIRE STATION NO MATTER WHO IS SELECTED FOR THE CONTRACT. THEY PERSONALLY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO WHO IS SELECTED; THEY FEEL THAT IS A COUNTY COMMISSION DECISION. HOWEVER DELTONA WILL WORK WITH WHOEVER IS SELECTED TO MAKE SURE THAT FIRE STATION STAYS. THE COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO LEASE FROM THE SHVFD INC UNTIL THE 60 DAYS NOTICE IS COMPLETE AND THEN A NEW LEASE CAN BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DELTONA AND THE COUNTY.

2. IN THE CHANCE THAT THERE COMES UP TO BE AN ARGUMENT ABOUT WHO OWNS WHAT, THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS SECURED ANOTHER LOCATION FOR THE BRUSH TRUCK AND THE TWO TRUCKS THAT ARE OWNED BY OR BEING PAID BY THE MSBU UNTIL THE SIXTY DAY LEASE CAN BE RENEGOTIATED OR IT RUNS OUT.

3. THE FIRE ENGINE IS OWNED BY THE SHVFD INC. FROM WHAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE TITLE IS IN THEIR NAME AND IT IS THEIR TRUCK; BUT, IT IS LEASED TO THE COUNTY. SHE ADDRESSED OPTIONS:

- A. AN OFFER CAN BE MADE TO PURCHASE THE TRUCK FROM SHVFD INC
- B. THE TRUCK CAN BE LEASED TO THE COUNTY BY SHVFD INC TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUNNY HILLS FIRE PROTECTION.
- C. THE COUNTY CAN PURCHASE A GOOD USED ENGINE. DONATED MONEY HAS BEEN OFFERED TO HELP PURCHASE AN ENGINE IF AT SOME POINT THE SHVFD INC WON'T RELEASE THE ENGINE TO THE COUNTY OR WILL NOT LEASE IT TO ANYONE ELSE.

4. THE BRUSH AND TANKER ARE TITLED TO WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH MSBU CURRENTLY PAYING THE LOAN AND INSURANCE. THESE TWO TRUCKS MUST BE USED FOR SUNNY HILLS RESIDENTS SO TRUCK TITLES WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AND COULD BE USED BY THE NEW DEPARTMENT IN SUNNY HILLS.

5. THE NEW GROUP ENCOURAGES THE NEW CONTRACT LANGUAGE. SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE LOOKED AT THE NEW CONTRACT WHICH SHE THINKS THE BOARD IS GOING TO DISCUSS LATER TODAY; THEY LOVE IT AND DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH IT AT ALL. THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY OWN TRUCKS; THIS WAS BOUGHT WITH TAX DOLLARS AND THEY FEEL LIKE THE COUNTY, THE TAXPAYERS OWN THE TRUCK. THEY ARE WILLING TO SIGN THE NEW CONTRACT WITHOUT A PROBLEM. THEY ENCOURAGE ANY ACTION BY THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE QUALITY FIRE PROTECTION TO SUNNY HILLS AND THAT IS ALL THIS IS ABOUT.

6. THE ISO HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND THE RATING WILL NOT CHANGE UNTIL THE NEW DEPARTMENT HAS "ADEQUATE DATA" AVAILABLE.

7. ALL FIRE GEAR, TRUCK EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT WERE BOUGHT WITH TAX DOLLARS AND SHOULD REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. IN HER OPINION, WHETHER IT IS MONEY THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN THEM, HER TAX DOLLARS THEY HAVE GIVEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR MSBU TAX DOLLARS, ETC.; IT IS TAX DOLLARS AND IT BELONGS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. NOBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF STUFF THAT WAS BOUGHT WITH HER TAX

DOLLARS. AN INVENTORY LIST EXISTS TO IDENTIFY WHICH EQUIPMENT SHOULD REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TURNED OVER.

8. THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE & RESCUE HAS RETAINED LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO HELP ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF SERVICES. THEY WANT IT VERY CLEAR, AT NO TIME WILL THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS BE WITHOUT FIRE PROTECTION. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT ARE GOING AROUND SUNNY HILLS THAT THE FIRE STATION IS GOING TO CLOSE; THAT IS NOT AT ALL THE INTENTION OF THIS GROUP. THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION HAS INDICATED THEY WILL HELP FILE ANY NECESSARY PAPERWORK. THAT IS BASICALLY WHAT THE GROUP RETAINED THEM FOR; IF THERE IS PAPERWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE FILED TO GET A TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR THIS GROUP AND ANY OTHER LEGALS THAT MAY COME UP WITH THE TRANSITION.

MS. GOTHARD STATED, AS A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SHE AGREES THEY HAVE A CRITICAL DUTY TO MAKE SURE THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS HAS THE VERY BEST FIRE PROTECTION. AGAIN, JUST AS THEY WOULD ANY OTHER CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY, IT IS IMPERATIVE THE BOARD GIVE THEM THE VERY BEST FIRE PROTECTION THEY CAN GET. SHE ADDRESSED THEY HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THREE TO FIVE MINUTE RESPONSE TIME OVER THE MONTHS; SHE HAS HEARD IT NUMEROUS TIMES. SHE URGED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THAT A FIRETRUCK CAN COME TO A FIRE IN ONE MINUTE; THEY CAN ROLL TO THE NEXT DOOR TO THE FIRE STATION AND CAN HAVE FIFTY PEOPLE ON THE TRUCK. BUT, IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FIREFIGHTERS, THEY ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE COME OUT IN THE STREET TO LOOK AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF THEY ROLL UP ON A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, THEY CAN HAVE FIFTEEN ON THEIR TRUCK; BUT, IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANYBODY TRAINED IN FIRST RESPONDER, THAT 40 HOUR COURSE THAT IS PART OF FFI AND DON'T HAVE EMT AND DON'T HAVE PEOPLE THAT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING, THEY ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE PEOPLE THAT STOP AT A WRECK AND SAY "CAN I HELP." WHEN THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, AS A CITIZEN IF YOU STOP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO HELP ME, SHE DOESN'T ASSUME AT ALL THEY HAVE ANY TRAINING TO PROVIDE ANYTHING TO HER; THEY ARE JUST HER NEIGHBOR STOPPING TO HELP HER. HOWEVER, IF THE FIRETRUCK ROLLS UP ON HER AND SHE IS IN AN ACCIDENT, AS A CITIZEN SHE EXPECTS WHEN THEY COME TO TREAT HER, THEY HAVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TRAINING BECAUSE THEY HAVE ROLLED UP ON A FIRETRUCK AND THE STANDARD RISES TO SOMEBODY JUST RIDING THERE ON THEIR VEHICLE. HAVING TRAINED FIREFIGHTERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, EMT, PARAMEDIC TRAINING GREATLY INCREASES THE CHANCE OF SAVING LIVES IN SUNNY HILLS AND MINIMIZES THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY. SHE BELIEVES THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY HAVE AN EXPECTATION WHEN THE FIRETRUCK RESPONDS THAT TRAINED, CERTIFIED PEOPLE ARE ON THE TRUCK. YOU CAN HAVE A WHOLE TRUCK FULL OF EVOC CERTIFIED PEOPLE THAT CAN DRIVE, AND THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, THEY ARE NOT TRAINED. THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO FIGHT FIRE AND NOT TRAINED TO TREAT ANYONE ON A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT.

MS. GOTHARD URGED THE BOARD TO DECIDE TODAY TO ALLOW THE NEW GROUP TO PROVIDE THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS. THEY HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD MONTH AFTER MONTH AFTER MONTH AND SHE ASKED THE COMMISSION TODAY TO GIVE SOME RESOLUTION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. IT HAS DRUG ON AND ON AND ON; THERE HAS BEEN SAID ON BOTH SIDES. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS, INNUENDOS ALMOST GETTING INTO AN ARGUMENT AND FIGHT HERE AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING; BUT, SHE URGED THE COMMISSION TO THINK ABOUT WHAT MATTERS TO THE COUNTY. WHAT THEY AS THE COUNTY COMMISSION WANT TO PROVIDE TO THE PEOPLE OF SUNNY HILLS. THE LADY SPOKE GREAT EARLIER; THEY NEED PEOPLE THERE. IF IT IS GOING TO TAKE THE EMS HOWEVER LONG TO GET THERE, IT IS CRAZY FOR AN EMT NOT TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THAT PERSON AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE- FIGHTER AND HELP THEM IF THEY CAN. SHE

URGED THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL LET THE NEW GROUP STEP FORWARD WITH THE CONTRACT OR KEEP IT WITH THE CORPORATION THEY HAVE NOW.

EARL STEWART, SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAID SOME OF THE THINGS MS. GOTHARD SAID, SHE WAS NOT CORRECT ON. HE STARTED WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS, ETC.; SUNNY HILLS DOES OWN THE FIRE STATION, THE LAND, ETC. IT BECAME THEIRS IN 2008; THE VACANT LOT BESIDE THEM BECOMES THEIRS IN 2012. HE EXPLAINED THE THIRTY YEAR LEASE; THEY GOT A CONTRACT WITH THE MSBU GRASS CREW WHICH THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS THE GOVERNING BODY AND THEY CAN USE THEIR STORAGE BUILDINGS AND TOOLS IN THE BACK. THAT IS WHAT THE THIRTY YEAR LEASE IS AND THEY LEASE IT BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR A \$1.

ON THE LIGHTS, MR. STEWART SAID THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE LIGHT BILL FOR THE LEASE PAYMENT; THAT IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SHVFD THROUGH THE MSBU TO PAY THE FUNDS.

AS FAR AS FIREMEN, MR. STEWART SAID THEY HAVE SIXTEEN PEOPLE ON THE ROSTER AND SOME ARE PENDING; BUT, THE ONES THAT ARE PENDING ARE WAITING ON A PHYSICAL AS THEY CAN'T FIGHT ACCORDING TO MR. HAGAN UNTIL THEY GET A PHYSICAL. THEY ARE FF II'S AND FF I'S AND ARE READY TO GO. HE WAS GOING TO ASK MR. HAGAN ABOUT WAIVERING THE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT BECAUSE THE FIREMEN WITH THE CITY OF EBRO FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE SAID NONE OF THEM HAVE HAD THE COUNTY DRUG TEST AND SOME OF THE FIREMEN WITH THE CITY OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVEN'T HAD THE COUNTY DRUG TEST; BUT, THEY LET THEM FIGHT FIRES. THAT IS WHY HE HAS PEOPLE ON THE LIST HE PROVIDED THE COUNTY ON MONDAY THAT SAYS PENDING. HE DOES HAVE FIRST RESPONDERS, TWO GUYS IN EMT THAT WILL GRADUATE IN DECEMBER; WALKER AND DONNIE YOUNG. BUT, HE HAS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY HAS GOT WOOD LAND; THEY HAVE A WOOD LAND CLASS SCHEDULED THIS MONTH AND THE WHOLE CREW IS GOING THROUGH IT AGAIN. THEY HAVE FOUR FIREFIGHTERS ON TWO, FIVE FIREFIGHTER I'S THAT IS IN SCHOOL RIGHT NOW THROUGH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY ARE PAYING THEIR BILLS. THEY HAVE THREE FIREFIGHTER II'S THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY. THEY HAVE TWO EMT'S THAT WILL COME RIGHT NOW. ANOTHER THING MS. GOTHARD SAID IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T HAVE CERTIFIED PEOPLE; THEY HAVE FIRST RESPONSE, MUTUAL AID. GREEN- HEAD HAS FIVE PEOPLE; IF SUNNY HILLS HAS A HOUSE FIRE, GREENHEAD COMES IN AUTOMATICALLY SO IT IS JUST LIKE THE SHVFD. IN WAUSAU THEY HAVE FOURTEEN PEOPLE; BY THE STATE STANDARDS, THIS IS CALLED AUTOMATIC FIRST AID AND ON THIS ROSTER IS DONE TURNED IN TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR US WHEN HE WAS DOWN HERE FOR THAT INSPECTION THE OTHER DAY. HE GAVE THE BOARD THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS THEY HAVE HAD SINCE 2006 WITH THEM PEOPLE AND IT HAS ALL THEIR JOBS OF WHAT THEY WILL DO. ONE OF THE TRUCKS WHEN THEY COME IN, THEY LADDER OVERHAUL AND THE OTHER IS A SALVAGE CREW AND ONE IS A WRECK CREW. THAT IS WHAT THEY DESIGNATE WHEN THEY COME IN. THEY HAVE TURNED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AROUND; THEY ARE GOING FORWARD AND HAVE DONE WHAT THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS ASKED. GLEN ZANETIC IS NOT THE CHIEF ANYMORE; FOR NINE MONTHS NOW HE HAS BEEN STEPPED DOWN. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD THREE INSPECTIONS BY THE STATE ATTORNEY AND HE CAN'T FIND NO WRONG. THE STATE ATTORNEY TOLD HIM HE COULD SPEND MONEY TO PAY ANYBODY HE WANTED TO. MR. STEWART SAID HE IS NOT PAYING GLEN AS A FIREFIGHTER; HE IS PAYING GLEN TO GO IN TWO HOURS A DAY, \$10 AN HOUR TO CHECK OUT THE FIRETRUCKS TO SEE IF THEY WILL CRANK WHEN THEY HAVE AN ALARM BECAUSE THEY HAVE OLD EQUIPMENT AND IF THEY DON'T, THEY MIGHT GO IN AND THERE WILL BE A DEAD BATTERY. HE IS PAYING GLEN \$10 AN HOUR, TWO HOURS A DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK; ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY'S, THE REST OF THE

VOLUNTEERS GO IN AND DO THAT JOB. THAT IS ALL GLEN DOES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BESIDES BOOKKEEPING AND RECORDKEEPING. THEY HAVE MOVED ALONG FROM WHAT THE COMMISSION WANTED AND HE WANTED TO GO TO PAID FIREMEN; THAT WILL SATISFY ALL OF THIS HERE. THEY WILL HAVE ON DUTY AND ALL OF THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO MR. STEWART SAYING THEY LEASED THE BUILDING TO THE COUNTY FOR \$1 A YEAR FOR THIRTY YEARS. MR. STEWART SAID THAT IS FOR THE BUILDING THE WORK CREWS ARE IN TO STORE THEIR EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO MR. STEWART SAYING THE COUNTY PAYS THE LIGHT BILL AND THAT IS THE PAYMENT ON THE LEASE.

MR. STEWART SAID THEY DONE A \$1.00 LIKE ON ALL CONTRACTS SO THEY CAN HAVE THE BLANKET COVERAGE. IN THE STIPULATIONS, THE REST OF THE CONTRACT, HE GAVE IT TO MR. HAGAN, PART OF THE CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT WAS FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE ALL THE UTILITIES USING MSBU FUNDS BECAUSE THE WORK CREW USES THAT ROOM, THEY USE LIGHTS, TOOLS, ETC. AND THEY WOULD MAINTAIN THE BUILDING IN GOOD SHAPE. HE HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED MR. HAGAN IN SOMETHING SAYING THE BUILDING SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND THIS WAS ABOUT IN APRIL OR MAY AND HE STILL HAS RAIN BLOWING IN, ETC. AND NOBODY HAS BEEN OUT THERE TO REPAIR IT. THAT IS PART OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY USING THEIR STORAGE FACILITY. IT WAS A WIN WIN FOR BOTH OF THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MR. STEWART WHAT THEY USED PROPANE GAS FOR. MR. STEWART SAID THEY USED IT FOR THEIR HOTWATER HEATERS. THEY USE GASOLINE IN THEIR BRUSH TRUCK; ITS PUMP IS GASOLINE SO THEY ARE NOT ALL DIESEL.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF HE UNDERSTOOD MR. STEWART TO SAY IN 2012 THE PROPERTY WOULD BECOME THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PROPERTY. MR. STEWART SAID THE EXTRA VACANT LOT BESIDE THEM THAT DELTONA GAVE THEM WOULD BECOME THEIR PROPERTY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED IF THE OTHER PROPERTY BELONGED TO DELTONA. MR. STEWART SAID THE OTHER PROPERTY BECAME THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S IN 2008.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID MONDAY WHEN THE BOARD HAD THE WORKSHOP, MR. STEWART GAVE A ROSTER; IT SAID SUNNY HILLS ROSTER 9-15-2009 AND IT SHOWED SIXTEEN MEMBERS ON IT. THE ROSTER HE RECEIVED FROM MR. HAGAN ON 9-16-2009 IS DIFFERENT. MR. STEWART'S ROSTER SHOWED A LOT OF EVOC, TERRY RAFFIED FF II AND WALKER FF II. MR. STEWART SAID THEY HAVE RAFFIELD, JR. AS FF II.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE ONE MR. HAGAN GAVE THEM MONDAY AT THE WORKSHOP DOESN'T MATCH UP. MR. STEWART SAID THE BIG ROSTER IS THE ONE HE GAVE ROGER HAGAN'S SECRETARY ABOUT THIRTY DAYS AGO. HE SAID WHAT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS SAYING WAS SUNNY HILLS ROSTER MR. HAGAN PROVIDED THE BOARD ON MONDAY WAS NOT THEIR ROSTER; IT IS THE ONE MR. HAGAN DONE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE ROSTER HE GOT ON ALL DEPARTMENTS THAT MR. HAGAN GAVE HIM WAS TERRY RAFFIELD FFII, MR. WALKER FFII AND TERRY RAFFIELD JR FFII AND THAT IS THE ONLY ONES ON SUNNY HILLS ROSTER.

MR. STEWART SAID ALL OF THEM ARE ON THE ROSTER; HE HAS GUYS THAT DOES ENGINEER JOBS. THAT WAY HE DOESN'T HAVE TO USE A FIREFIGHTER; HE CAN GO IN THE HOUSE AND FIGHT THE FIRE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID NOT WITH THE ROSTER HE GOT FROM ROGER DALE HAGAN. MR. STEWART SAID HE GAVE MR. HAGAN THE ROSTER HE WAS SPEAKING OF AND ASKED MR. HAGAN IF THAT WAS CORRECT. MR. HAGAN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MR. STEWART OR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS TALKING ABOUT.

MR. STEWART ASKED WHAT HE HAD GIVEN THE BOARD THE OTHER DAY AND ROGER HAD SAID HE DIDN'T GIVE HIM ONE. MR. HAGAN TOLD MR. STEWART HE HADN'T GIVEN HIM ONE WITH MR. STEWART SAYING HE DID THIRTY DAYS AGO.

MR. HAGAN SAID HE THOUGHT HE KNEW WHAT MR. STEWART WAS TALKING ABOUT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED FOR A LIST OF ALL THE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS IN THE COUNTY ON A ROSTER, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED THAT IS WHAT MR. HAGAN GAVE HIM.

MR. STEWART ASKED ROGER ABOUT HIS PENDING FIREMEN; CAN HE LET THEM NOT DO THE DRUG TESTS LIKE THESE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. HOW ARE THEY GETTING AWAY WITH IT.

MR. HAGAN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW OF ANY DEPARTMENT THAT HAS ANYBODY ON THERE THAT IS PENDING THAT HASN'T TAKEN THE DRUG TEST. MR. STEWART SAID THEY ARE NOT PENDING; THEY ARE FIREFIGHTERS BUT THEY JUST HAVEN'T EVER TOOK IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MR. STEWART THAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER.

RON JONES SAID HE HAS TO BE CAREFUL WHAT HE SAYS AS THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLAINT FILED BY MS. GOTHARD AND MR. GOTHARD AND ALL THE REST OF THE FIREFIGHTERS AND IT HASN'T BEEN FILED YET; BUT, IT WILL BE SHORTLY. IT IS A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SUNNY HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MS. GOTHARD SAID "NO SIR," IT IS NOT WITH MR. STEWART SAYING THAT IS WHAT HIS NOTICE SAYS.

MR. JONES SAID HE HAD TALKED EARLIER ABOUT THE STATE INVESTIGATIONS ON ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE MADE. ONE OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS WAS PROMPTED BY THE TAX LEAGUE OF MR. ZURICA AND THE OTHER ONE HE UNDERSTANDS WAS BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AS THEY WANTED THAT INVESTIGATED AND HE AND MR. HAGAN WORKED WITH HIM ON THAT. AS FAR AS A RESULTS OF THAT, BECAUSE THEY WORKED WITH HIM FROM THAT SECOND, HE ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE HAD SEEN THE RESULTS OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATION AND DID HE ACCEPT OR DENY THE RESULTS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE SAW THE RESULTS YESTERDAY AND HE ACCEPTED THE RESULTS.

MR. JONES REFERRED TO MS. GOTHARD TALKING ABOUT PUTTING JOHNNY JOHNSON IN THERE HE GUESSED AS CHIEF. THEY HAVE LOOKED AND LOOKED FOR RECORDS WHEN MR. JOHNSON WAS CHIEF THERE BEFORE; THEY CAN'T FIND ANY RECORDS AND HE DOESN'T THINK MR. JOHNSON CAN SUPPLY ANY OF THAT. IF MR. JOHNSON CAN, MR. JONES SAID HE WOULD SURE LIKE TO SEE THE RECORDS ON TRAINING, EQUIPMENT UPDATES, FINANCIAL RECORDS AS THEY CAN'T FIND ANYTHING.

MR. JONES SAID MR. HAGAN HAS TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES AND SOME OF THE OTHER MEMBERS SEVERAL TIMES OUT OF ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS COUNTY, MR. ZANETIC HAD IT GOING THE WAY HE RUN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE HAD THE SOG'S AND ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE. HE ASKED MR. HAGAN IF HE STILL STOOD BEHIND THAT. MR. HAGAN STATED "YES."

MR. JONES STATED SUNNY HILLS HAS A GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HE HOPES THEY CAN CONTINUE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. HE SAID MOST OF THE BOARD IS TIRED OF THIS JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. IT HAS JUST BEEN GOING ON AND ON. HE SAID HE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE EXCEPT THEY HAVE A GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE ON A GOOD TRACK AND ARE TRYING TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO AND DO IT RIGHT. SO FAR NOBODY HAS REALLY BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING. HE HOPED THAT ANY DECISIONS THE BOARD MAKES ARE NOT BASED SOLELY ON WHAT MS. GOTHARD JUST SAID OR WHAT BOB MORAN JUST SAID; THEY WOULD MAKE THEIR DECISIONS BASED ON THEIR COMMON SENSE.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD REFERRING TO MR. STEWART HAVING SAID THERE WERE FIVE MEN IN FF I SCHOOL AND ASKED MR. STEWART TO NAME THEM AS HE IS IN FF I SCHOOL AND THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON FROM SUNNY HILLS IN THERE. HE ADDRESSED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SCHOOL THESE PEOPLE ARE IN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IN THE ONE AT CHIPLEY AND HE HAD JUST FINISHED FIRST RESPONDER YESTERDAY. HE SAID HE IS A CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER; CPR, AED/FIRST AID. HE GOES FOR HIS FIRE WOOD BURN NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THEN HE WILL GO FOR HIS STATE; SO, HE WILL BE A FFI.

MR. ZURICA SAID MR. STEWART HAS SUBMITTED SOME RECORDS THAT ARE FALSE. ON ONE OF THE RECORDS, MR. STEWART HAS GLEN ZANETIC AS AN EMT. MR. STEWART SAID GLEN IS FIRST RESPONDER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED WHAT HE HAD SHOWED GLEN ZANETIC AS EMT.

MR. ZURICA SAID THERE ARE KIDS, WOMEN AND MEN GOING TO EMT SCHOOL RIGHT NOW; IF THEY HEAR THAT, HE IS SURE THEY WOULD BE VERY UPSET. HERE IS A MAN THAT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING, SITS AT THE FIREHOUSE ALL DAY AND HE GIVES HIMSELF TITLES WHENEVER HE FEELS LIKE IT. THEY SAY GLEN JUST GOES THERE TO START THE TRUCKS. SAL ASKED HOW COME EVERYBODY STILL SEES GLEN RIDING AROUND WITH THAT BRUSH TRUCK.

MR. STEWART SAID THE REPORT HE HAD PROVIDED SHOWED GLEN AS A BLS-EMT; BLS IS BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, WHICH IS FIRST RESPONDER. HE HAS TWO IN CLASS NOW WHICH WILL GRADUATE NEXT MONTH. THE ONES MR. ZURICA WAS WANTING TO KNOW WHO WAS IN SCHOOL WAS STEPHAN WALKER AND DONNIE YOUNG.

RANDALL TRUETTE STATED THEY WERE HAVING A CLASS AT VO-TECH AND RANDY TRUETTE, JOEY THARP AND HE THOUGHT GREG HARDEN MAY BE THE INSTRUCTORS FOR THE CLASS. MR. STEWART ASKED RANDALL IF THESE INSTRUCTORS COULD VERIFY WALKER AND YOUNG WAS IN CLASS.

RANDALL STATED YOUNG AND WALKER WAS IN CLASS.

MR. STEWART SAID THE ONES HE WAS TALKING ABOUT BEING IN SCHOOL, HE MADE A LITTLE MISTAKE; BUT, THEY ARE TAKING THEIR TEST. HE HAS GLEN ZANETIC TAKING IT NEXT MONTH; HE HAS HIS BURN ON THE 28TH OF THIS MONTH; HE HAS TO DO THIS BEFORE THEY WILL LET HIM TAKE IT OVER. HE HAS GLEN RAFFIELD TAKING HIS TEST NEXT MONTH AND PERRY, HIS ASSISTANT CHIEF, ALL OF HIS PAPERWORK IS IN OCALA; HE IS A FFII WITH THE FEDERAL. HOWEVER, PERRY IS GETTING ALL HIS PAPERWORK TRANSFERRED OVER TO A FFI.

MS. GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY COULD STAND THERE ALL DAY AND SAY WE CAN GET IT TOMORROW OR NEXT MONTH; SHE HAS CERTIFICATION FOR THE MEN SHE IS OFFERING THE BOARD TODAY. THESE ARE THE CERTIFIED MEN AND WOMEN THAT WANT TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND STATED THE FIRE MARSHALL HAS SAID YOU HAVE TO BE A FIREFIGHTER II TO GET PAID AND ASKED IF EVERYBODY AGREED WITH THAT. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND PATE SAID THAT IS THE WAY THEY READ IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAS CHECKSTUBS WHERE GLEN WAS GETTING PAID.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE FELT EVERYBODY WILL CONCEDE GLEN IS GETTING PAID. MR. STEWART SAID GLEN WAS GETTING PAID; BUT, NOT AS A FIREFIGHTER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS BETWEEN AN EMT/BLS. RANDALL STATED BLS IS BASIC LIFE SUPPORT; THIS MEANS THEY CAN DO SERVICE FOR THINGS SUCH AS FIRST AID. EMT IS A CERTIFICATION LEVEL; TO BE A CERTIFIED EMT, YOU HAVE TO PASS THE CLASS AND THEN PASS THE STATE BOARD TO GET YOUR LICENSE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION AS THEY HAVE NEVER HAD SOMEONE COME AND WANT TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY.

THIS IS PRETTY INTRIGUING; WILL THEY HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE TO COME NEXT YEAR AND WANT TO CHALLENGE THE HINSON CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRACT. IS THIS SOMETHING THE BOARD WANTS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DOING IN OPENING UP A PROCESS TO CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED THEY DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT TO OFFER ANYBODY NOW; THEY ARE REDOING THE CONTRACT. QUITE FRANKLY, IF THEY TAKE OUT #14 IN ITS ENTIRETY, IT WILL KILL THE ACCOUNTABILITY. HE WILL NOT VOTE FOR IT NOR WILL HE VOTE TO GIVE IT TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WON'T SIGN IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED MS. GOTHARD IS SAYING SHE WILL GO ALONG WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HE FEELS LIKE HAS TO BE IN DISAGREEMENT. HE KNOWS THERE ARE A LOT OF CHIEFS HERE TODAY AND SOME OF THEM WILL AGREE AND SOME WON'T. HOWEVER, HE FEELS #14 NEEDS TO BE IN THERE. HE SAID THEY HAD THE REPORT FROM THE FIRE COMMITTEE THAT CAME AND REPORTED TO THEM SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND THEY SAW PAID FIREFIGHTERS IN THIS COUNTY IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID EVERY COUNTY THAT HAS HAD VOLUNTEERS HAS GONE TO A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO BAY COUNTY AND WALTON COUNTY. HE FELT TO GET A LOT OF THE LEVELS OF CERTIFICATIONS THEY HAVE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY SOME PEOPLE TO GET THOSE THINGS. THEY ARE NOT EASY TO OBTAIN; IT IS WORK TO GET FF CERTIFIED AND PEOPLE WANT TO GET PAID FOR IT. HE DOESN'T BLAME THEM; THEY PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE WHEN THEY GO OUT AND GO INTO A FIRE. HE THINKS THIS IS SOMETHING THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO AT SOME POINT IN TIME. HE KNOWS COMMISSIONER PATE HAS SAID SEVERAL TIMES WE ARE NOT READY FOR THAT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF WE WERE OR NOT; MAYBE WE ARE. MAYBE WE ARE GETTING TO THAT POINT; THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAYING A FIREFIGHTER IN SUNNY HILLS FOR A WHILE OR A PERSON. HE REITERATED THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION AND HE HATES FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE A QUICK DECISION ON WHAT TO DO TODAY; BUT, HE IS NOT SAYING LETS DON'T DO IT. HE SAID THE BOARD NEEDS SOME HELP HERE LEGAL WISE, ETC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO TELL THE BOARD WHAT THE LADY FROM SUNNY HILLS HAD TOLD THEM ON THE PHONE.

MR. HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING TALKED WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DELTONA JUST BEFORE THE MEETING AND SHE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION DELTONA STILL OWNED THOSE PROPERTIES IN SUNNY HILLS. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD DISSOLVED OR ENTERED UPON AN AGREEMENT TO DISSOLVE THE SUNNY HILLS DEPARTMENT; BUT, SHE SAID IF SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH THE FUNDING AGREEMENT OR FINANCIALS, THEY WOULD TAKE IT THAT THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT COULD NO LONGER PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES AND THAT WOULD END THE LEASE AGREEMENT. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, DELTONA WOULD STILL WANT THE PROPERTY TO BE OPERATED AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHE WOULD TALK TO THE COUNTY ABOUT LEASING THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY. SHE DID SAY DELTONA'S ATTORNEYS WERE LOOKING THE AGREEMENTS OVER AND SHE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THEY GOT THE LEGAL ADVICE ON WHAT THEY COULD DO.

JAMIE FIELDING SAID HE THOUGHT EVERYBODY PRESENT KNEW HIS REPUTATION; HE IS A NO BS TYPE PERSON. WHAT MR. HERBERT HAS JUST SAID IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT OF WHAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD AND WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED THIS ENTIRE TIME. IF THEY WILL GIVE HIM UNTIL THEIR NEXT MEETING, HE WILL PERSONALLY GET WITH THE DELTONA LADY AND GET WITH THE FOLKS ON THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SIDE, LOOK AT WHATEVER AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS THEY HAVE AND HE WILL TELL THE BOARD WITH NO BS WHO HE DOES BELIEVE FOR HIS



TEN YEARS OF LAND USE REGULATIONS, WHO HAS AN AGREEMENT AND WHO DON'T HAVE AN AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED HIM HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY'S ATTORNEY IS CAPABLE OF DOING THAT. AS FAR AS HAVING A BUILDING, IT IS NOT REAL IMPORTANT. LIKE HE SAID PREVIOUSLY, THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION AS THE BOARD HAS NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION TO DO AWAY WITH THE OLD CONTRACT AND GIVE MR. JOHNSON AND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE AND RESCUE THE NEW CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHICH CONTRACT WERE THEY GOING TO GIVE THE NEW GROUP AS THE BOARD IS WORKING ON A NEW CONTRACT NOW; THAT IS THE POINT HE MADE PREVIOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE A CONTRACT REALLY TO PRESENT TO THEM.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE CONTRACT THE COMMITTEE HAD GIVEN TO THE BOARD; THE NEW GROUP WOULD HAVE TO ABIDE BY EVERYTHING ON THIS CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO PASS THAT TODAY AS THEY HAVE A WORKSHOP COMING UP NEXT WEEK. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REITERATED HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE NEW CONTRACT THAT WAS PRESENTED; HE IS WORKING ON ONE DEPARTMENT AT A TIME AS THEY CAN'T DO ELEVEN FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN A FEW MONTHS TIME. HE IS STARTING WITH ONE AND WORKING AROUND TO THE REST OF THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THERE WAS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR NOT TO RENEW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT IN SUNNY HILLS. HE ASKED IF THE MOTION WAS TO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE OTHER GROUP.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE MOTION WAS TO DO AWAY WITH THE FUNDING AND GIVE THE NEW CONTRACT WITH THE OTHER GROUP. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS SAYING TAKE AWAY THE CONTRACT IN SUNNY HILLS AND GIVE IT TO THE NEW GROUP. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THAT IS RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE CONTRACT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS SPEAKING OF WAS THE ONE THE BOARD HAD LOOKED AT IN THE WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID "YES SIR." IT IS THE CONTRACT ROGER DALE HAGAN BROUGHT UP IN THE WORKSHOP. SOME OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WANTED SOME STUFF OUT OF THE CONTRACT; THE NEW GROUP HAS SAID THE BOARD COULD KEEP EVERYTHING IN THE CONTRACT. THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE VEHICLES, WHO THEY BELONGED TO; THEY BELONG TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THEY DIDN'T HAVE A NEW CONTRACT; THEY HAVE THIS COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 4TH TO SETTLE THIS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED THE TWO ITEMS THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS MARKED OUT THEY WANTED DONE COMPLETELY AWAY WITH, ITEM 14 TAKES AWAY THE ACCOUNTABILITY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REITERATED THE NEW GROUP HAS AGREED TO TAKE THE CONTRACT WITH ITEM 14 IN IT. COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAD EVERYBODY SIGNED ONTO THAT. WHEN THE BOARD DOES THIS, IF SOMEBODY REFUSES TO SIGN THAT, HE IS REFUSING TO BID ON OUR TRUCK AND HIS FUNDING. IT IS TIME FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO QUIT PLAYING AROUND HERE AND GET ACCOUNTABILITY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A FIRE ENGINE DOWN THERE; THEY HAVE A BRUSH TRUCK. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE COUNTY HAS TWO VEHICLES DOWN THERE; MSBU OWNS THE TWO TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM TO BUY THAT TRUCK ORIGINALLY AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE ANSWERED AT SOME POINT IN TIME. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IT WAS BOUGHT FROM MSBU ORIGINALLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THIS IS SOMETHING HE HAS ADVOCATED ALL THE WAY; IF THE COUNTY EVER HAD A DOLLAR IN ONE OF THOSE FIRETRUCKS, THEY HAVE INTEREST IN THOSE FIRETRUCKS.

LOU TRACY ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IF HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID NOT BY THE ROSTER THEY GAVE MR. HAGAN.

MR. TRACY ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IF HE WAS A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT. STRICKLAND SAID "NO."

MR. TRACY SAID HE UNDERSTANDS COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND IF HE IS A MEMBER OF THE FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT, HE DOESN'T THINK HE HAS ANY BUSINESS MAKING THIS DECISION AT THIS BOARD MEETING ON WHAT IS GOING TO AFFECT ANY OF THESE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS COUNTY. IT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THE WAY HE SEES IT. MR. TRACY SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW WHY, THEY HAVE OFFERED TO HAVE COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND COME AND TALK TO THEM AT SUNNY HILLS; BUT, STRICKLAND HAS MADE IT HIS POINT NOT TO COME TALK TO THEM. INSTEAD, STRICKLAND TALKS TO EVERYBODY ELSE ON WHAT HE THINKS OUGHT TO HAPPEN WITH THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME TO TALK TO STRICKLAND. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE RESOLVED BY GETTING SOME OTHER PEOPLE IN HERE TO RUN THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT; THIS IS GOING TO GET RESOLVED WHEN HE TAKES THE TIME TO TALK TO THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT REPRESENTS THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN SUNNY HILLS. IF THEY WERE SO DISSATISFIED WITH THE FIRE SERVICE IN SUNNY HILLS, THERE WOULD BE FIVE HUNDRED IN THIS MEETING SCREAMING AND HOLLERING. INSTEAD, YOU HAD A PETITION THREE MONTHS AGO FOR 600 SIGNATURES TO LEAVE THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT ALONE. THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HERE 34 YEARS PROVIDING A SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY AT SUNNY HILLS. THIS WAS THE FIRST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 1986 TO BE STATE CERTIFIED; THE STATE OF FLORIDA SAID WAY BACK THEN ALL OF YOUR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN HAD TO BE CERTIFIED. IT WAS A 36 HOUR COURSE AND THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS THE FIRST GROUP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO BE STATE CERTIFIED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THEY CONTINUED TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE THAT ENTIRE TIME. ONE OTHER COMMUNITY HAS A BETTER RATING THAN WHAT THESE FOLKS REPRESENT IN SUNNY HILLS. HE REFERRED TO MS. GOTHARD HAVING SAID IT IS NOT GOING TO AFFECT YOUR RATES. MR. TRACY GUARANTEED IF THEY CLOSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY WILL SEE JUST HOW FAST THE STATE COMES IN HERE TO READJUST THEIR FIRE INSURANCE RATES AND IT IS GOING TO COST EVERYONE OF THESE PEOPLE FROM A 7 TO A 10, \$400 TO \$500 ON THEIR INSURANCE. SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS IN A PROCESS FROM GOING FROM A 7 TO A 5 ISO RATING; TWICE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TURNED DOWN THAT NEW TRUCK WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED THEM WITH PEOPLE TO GO FROM A 7 TO A 5. SUNNY HILLS VOTED A TAX ON THEMSELVES ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THE COUNTY COLLECTS IN AD VALOREM TAXES TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. THEY APPROVED THE MSBU AND THE MSBU RAN FINE FOR SIX YEARS AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN AT THE END OF SIX YEARS, THEY HAVE ALL KIND OF PROBLEMS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS NEVER A PROBLEM WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD SUBSIDIZED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THE AD VALOREM TAX; FOR SIX YEARS, THEY GAVE MONEY BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE

THEY TOOK THEIR ROAD BOND ISSUE AND PAVED THEIR ROADS. MSBU SHOULD HAVE NEVER PAVED THE FIRST INCH OF ROADS; THAT WAS THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY. BUT, THESE PEOPLE GOT TIRED OF POTHOLES AND WAITING AND TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PAVE THOSE ROADS WITH AN AGREEMENT THE COUNTY WOULD SUPPLEMENT THEM BACK. THERE IS NO REASON TO CHANGE; THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION A LONG TIME. THESE VOLUNTEERS AND THESE BOARD MEMBERS GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND SERVICE AND THERE IS NO REASON TO CHANGE THAT. THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS A GROUP OF FOLKS THAT DON'T EVEN LIVE IN SUNNY HILLS; THEY WANT TO COME FROM OUTSIDE WAUSAU AND FIGHT FIRES DOWN HERE IN SUNNY HILLS. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. THEY ARE GOING TO BE 15 TO 20 MINUTES GETTING TO SUNNY HILLS WHEN THE CURRENT FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN PUT A FIRETRUCK IN YOUR FRONT YARD IN FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES. THAT IS THE INTENTION AND THE INTENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP THAT QUALITY OF SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TOLD THE CHAIRMAN THERE WAS A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE FLOOR.

RON JONES SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO AGREE WITH MR. TRACY ON COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WHY HE IS SO ADIMANT IN TRYING TO TURN THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AROUND. HE DOESN'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER COMMISSIONER SITTING HERE THAT IS MORE ADIMANT IN DOING THAT THAN COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS AND HE IS OVER THERE IN FIVE POINTS OR VERNON OR WHEREVER HE LIVES.

MR. JONES ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT MET WITH HIM ONE ON ONE TO TRY TO GET THIS THING OVERTURNED OR GET TURNED AROUND. HIS POINT IS COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS THE ONLY ONE ADIMANT ABOUT SEEING THIS HAPPEN.

MR. JONES SAID IF THIS HAPPENS, AS MR. TRACY HAS SAID, THEY HAVE TRIED TO GET A NEW PUMPER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SAID THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE AN EXPENDITURE TO GO AND GET A NEW OR USED PUMPER. SUNNY HILLS PAID \$7,000 FOR THAT PUMPER WHEN THEY BOUGHT IT; IT IS 32 YEARS OLD. HE GUARANTEED THE COUNTY WOULDN'T GET A PUMPER IN THAT GOOD OF SHAPE FOR \$7,000; THAT IS ONE MAJOR EXPENDITURE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE IF THEY DO THIS. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT IS GOING TO COME FROM THE COUNTY OR MSBU. IF IT COMES FROM THE MSBU FUNDS, THE COUNTY COMMISSION WILL HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNNY HILLS.

MR. JONES REFERRED TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL REPRESENTATIVE SAT WITH THEM IN THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MR. HAGAN WAS THERE, HE MAY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE DURING THIS CONVERSATION, AND JONES SAID HE HAD ASKED THE REPRESENTATIVE IF SOMEONE HAS AN OUT OF STATE CERTIFICATION, BEING FFI OR FFII, CAN THEY COME INTO FLORIDA AND PERFORM AS A FIREFIGHTER WITH THAT CERTIFICATION. THE REPRESENTATIVE SAID "NO SIR, WHEN THEY GET TO FLORIDA THEY HAVE TO HAVE A FLORIDA CERTIFICATION." HE REFERRED TO MS. GOTHARD SAYING MR. GOTHARD HAD AN ALABAMA CERTIFICATION.

MS. GOTHARD SAID SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT; MR. GOTHARD IS AN ALABAMA EMT AND A FLORIDA CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THERE BEING A MOTION AND A SECOND MADE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED THE FIREFIGHTERS MS. GOTHARD MENTIONED, WHERE DO THOSE FOLKS LIVE.

MS. GOTHARD ADVISED TWO OF THEM LIVE IN SUNNY HILLS, ONE IS HER SON WHO STAYS THERE PART TIME AND ON NOVEMBER 7TH HE IS GETTING MARRIED AND WILL LIVE ON GAP POND BOULEVARD. MR. JOHNSON LIVES IN SUNNY HILLS IS HER UNDERSTANDING, MS. JOANN HAYES LIVES AT PORTER POND, THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY.

MS. GOTHARD SAID PRIOR TO THIS, THESE FIREFIGHTERS WERE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS; IT WAS NOT A PROBLEM THEY LIVED SIX MILES FROM THE ENTRANCE BEFORE. IT HAS ONLY BECOME A PROBLEM NOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE AND BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION.

KAREN SCHOEN ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IN THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, THEY HAD A MEETING AND INVITED AN INSURANCE AGENT TO COME DOWN AND MEET WITH THE SUNNY HILLS RESIDENTS AND DISCUSS WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THERE WAS A QUESTION REGARDING ISO AND ISO RATINGS. SHE BROUGHT AN EMAIL THAT WAS SENT TO THE ISO DIRECTOR AND FOLLOWED IT UP BECAUSE IF YOU ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS YOU WILL GET THE RIGHT ANSWERS; IF YOU DON'T ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS, YOU GET VERY GRAY ANSWERS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MS. SCHOEN HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS A QUESTION THAT THE ISO IS GOING TO BE AFFECTED.

MS. SCHOEN SAID IT IS AND IT WILL GO BACK TO A TEN AND IT WILL BE THERE FOR A YEAR AND THAT WILL RAISE THE RATES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MS. SCHOEN IF THAT IS WHERE SHE IS GOING, THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS.

COMMISSIONER PATE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE VOTE IS NOT TO RENEW THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER GROUP IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE NEW CONTRACT HAS TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION; THE ONES THAT WROTE IT UP. THE BOARD HAS TO SETTLE THIS WITH THEM BEFORE THE BOARD OFFERS A CONTRACT WITH ANYBODY. HE DOESN'T CARE IF EVERY HAND IN THE AUDIENCE IS UP; THEY CAN'T OFFER A CONTRACT THAT IS NOT SETTLED YET; NOVEMBER 4TH THEY WILL DO IT.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ASKED IF ANY OF THE FIRECHIEFS HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE AGREEMENT AS THIS IS THE AGREEMENT THEY WILL BE ASKING ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO SIGN.

ED PELLETIER, FIRECHIEF FOR COUNTRY OAKS, ASKED IF THIS WAS STRICTLY AN AGREEMENT FOR SUNNY HILLS OR IS IT A CONTRACT INCLUDING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE CONTRACT WILL BE FOR EVERYBODY.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THE FIRECHIEFS ASSOCIATION HAS SENT THE NEW CONTRACT BACK AND ASKED FOR 14 AND 16 TO COME OUT OF IT. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THAT CAN CHANGE AS THAT IS THE VOTE OF THE FIRE- CHIEFS ASSOCIATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED IF YOU TAKE 14 OUT, THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY IN THERE ON SPENDING THE MONEY.

MR. PELLETIER REFERRED TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRECHIEFS ASSOCIATION MADE UP A STATEMENT THAT AFFECTED VOLUNTEERS AND THERE IS A PART IN THERE "AS VOLUNTEERS, IF THEY HAVE A CONTRACT, THEY CAN PAY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE MONEY THEY HAVE."

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT MR. PELLETIER WOULD FIND OUT THAT CONTRACT IS WITH THE COUNTY OR SOMEWHERE AND IT IS BASED OFF THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT AND NOT SOME NATIONAL CONTRACT BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS FUNDING IT.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THE FIRE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OVERTAKES A GOOD PART OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE STATES. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID LET THEM FUND IT.

MR. PELLETIER SAID HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE FUNDING AT ALL; BUT, THE WAY HE LOOKS AT IT IS THE COUNTY GIVES THEM A CONTRACT, THE COUNTY GIVES THE DEPARTMENT SO MUCH MONEY AND THEY STAY UNDER THE AMOUNT THE COUNTY GIVES THEM AND THEY MAINTAIN THEIR DEPARTMENT, BUY NEW EQUIPMENT, ETC.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THEY HAVE FOUR FFI'S; IN OTHER PLACES, THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT COMMENTS MADE ON THAT SUBJECT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL READ ITEM 14 OF THE NEW CONTRACT; NO FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE USED TO PAY OR PROVIDE STIPENDS FOR PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE SERVICES, INCLUDING WAGES, SALARIES, RETIREMENT, INSURANCE, ETC. UNLESS PREAPPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION. THE BOARD CAN PAY THE VOLUNTEERS IF THEY APPROVE THEY GET PAID; BUT, THE FIRECHIEFS STILL DON'T WANT ITEM 14 IN THE NEW CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS NOT THE ISSUE NOW ANYWAY.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION NOT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER PATE AND HOWELL OPPOSED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID AFTER THE BOARD WORKS OUT THE CONTRACT, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT BROUGHT BACK UP; HIS PROBLEM WITH THIS WHOLE THING IS THE CONTRACT HERE IS INACCEPTABLE. IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS, THEY HAVE TO HAVE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. THERE IS GOING TO BE MORDDRESSED THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE IN AFFECT NOW WITH GET A HOLD OF IT NOW WHILE IT IS SMALL, THEY WON'T EVER CONTROL IT.

MS. GOTHARD ASKED IF THE CONTRACT THAT IS IN AFFECT NOW WITH THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS UNTIL THEY GET THE NEW CONTRACT WORKED OUT. COMMISSIONER PATE AND HOWELL SAID THERE ARE NO CONTRACTS RIGHT NOW REALLY.

MR. STEWART SAID THAT IS WHAT HE SAID; ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT, IT AUTOMATICALLY ROLLS OVER UNLESS BOTH PARTIES AGREE ON ANOTHER ONE. RIGHT NOW MR. STEWART SAID THEY ARE UNDER THE OLD CONTRACT AND IF THE BOARD CANCELS IT, HE GUESSED THEY WOULD HAVE TO TRY AND COLLECT THEIR MONEY FROM THEM BECAUSE THEY DID HAVE A CONTRACT.

ROGER HAGAN SAID HE THINKS THEY NEED TO ADDRESS A CONTRACT BASED ON THE BOARD'S ACTION. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT SOUNDS LIKE TO HIM THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH THOSE FOLKS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT.

ROGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON MR. STEWART BEING CORRECT ON THE CURRENT CONTRACT SAYS THEY AUTOMATICALLY RENEW ON OCTOBER 1ST. WHAT HE CAN DO IS SEND THAT NOTICE THAT IS REQUIRED IN THE CONTRACT TO BREAK THE CONTRACT AND HE DOESN'T THINK THAT IS A PROBLEM. ALL HE NEEDS TO KNOW, WHO DOES HE NEED TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND WHO SIGNS THE NEW CONTRACT WITH THE NEW GROUP; WILL IT BE THE CHIEF AND SOMEBODY THERE AND WILL THEY USE THE ONE THE BOARD VOTED ON TODAY. THEN HE THINKS THEY HAVE TEN OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO COME BACK AND NEGOTIATE WITH IF HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT HE HEARD TODAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHY WOULD THE BOARD GET INTO NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY ARE DRAWING MONEY FROM THE SAME POT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY SHOULDN'T.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH A PLACE TO HOUSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TOO. MS. GOTHARD ADVISED THEY ALREADY HAVE A PLACE.

ROGER SAID HE WOULD SEND A NOTICE TO MR. STEWART, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS INC. THAT NOTICES HIM OF THE CONTRACT BEING CANCELLED; THEN, GET WITH MR. JOHNSON AND BRING THE BOARD BACK SOMETHING AT THE NOVEMBER 4TH WORKSHOP.

JIM TOWN ASKED WHO WAS PROVIDING FIRE SERVICES TONIGHT IF THERE IS AN ALARM IN SUNNY HILLS.

ROGER SAID HIS OPINION IS UNTIL THEY NOTIFY DISPATCH THAT THIS CHANGES, WILL THE SAME PEOPLE BE NOTIFIED, WILL THE SAME PAGERS GO OFF, ETC. THAT IS WHY HE FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO NEGOTIATE SOMETHING QUICKLY WITH MR. JOHNSON.

MR. STEWART STATED THEY DON'T HAVE A CONTRACT; BUT, HE GUARANTEED THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT CORPORATION WILL BE ON THE SCENE AND WILL STILL BE A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WILL STILL COLLECT CHARITIES LIKE THEY DID BEFORE THE COUNTY STARTED GIVING THEM MONEY. THEY ARE GOING TO STAY THERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF SUNNY HILLS. IT IS THEIR BUILDING, THEIR TRUCKS AND THEY WILL RESPOND.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE COUNTY TAG ON THE VEHICLE NEEDS TO COME OFF AND THEY NEED TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN WORKERS COMP. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WOULD GET ALL THIS WORKED OUT.

SAL ZURICA SAID IT SEEMS THESE PEOPLE HAVE PUT OUT THE WORD BECAUSE HE IS DISABLED HE CAN'T BE A FIREMAN. HE WANTS ROGER HAGAN TO SAY IF HE CAN OR NOT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE HE EVEN TRIED TO GET HIM MOVED FROM FIVE POINTS TO SUNNY HILLS. CAN HE BE A FIREMAN, YES OR NO.

ROGER SAID IF SAL PASSED THE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS TEST AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA SAYS HE CAN BE A FIREMAN, HE CAN AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED. HE DOESN'T SAY WHO DOES OR DON'T; HE KEEPS THE ROSTER.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST:

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DEPUTY CLERK

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\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 10/22/09