

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/22/09

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

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

JOE TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO GO OVER THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ORDER. MR. TAYLOR ADDRESSED THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES AFFECT THE COUNTY AND CITY GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AND EXPRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES DO. HE REQUESTED LINDA WALLER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, REPORT ON WHY THEY ARE HERE TODAY.

MS. WALLER STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE APPROVAL TO TRANSMIT THE UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO FL-DCA NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER SO IT CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO FL-DCA BY DECEMBER 1ST. SHE EXPLAINED THIS IS NOT THE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN; IT IS AN APPROVAL TO TRANSMIT IT TO FL-DCA AND THE OTHER INVOLVED AGENCIES FOR THEIR REVIEW. FL-DCA WILL REPORT BACK THEIR FINDINGS ON WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT WRONG WITH THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. TODAY'S REVIEW IS A COLLAGE OF DIFFERENT THINGS; THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR YEARS HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED AND MOVED OVER ALSO TO THE COMP PLAN. THEY DID A VISIONING PROCESS WITH WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND HAVE HAD PEOPLE COME TO THEM AND SUGGEST THINGS THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE PUT IN THE PLAN.

MS. WALLER STATED NOT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PUT INTO THE PLAN; IF SHE COULDN'T FIND JUSTIFICATION, WHICH THERE WERE VERY FEW INSTANCES, OR THERE WERE THINGS THE WCPC DIDN'T DEEM APPROPRIATE THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED. SHE ADDRESSED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS.

MS. WALLER EXPLAINED SINCE 2000, THERE HAVE BEEN A MULTITUDE OF LAWS THAT HAVE CHANGED AND THAT IS WHY THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN SO INVOLVED IN DETERMINING WHICH OF THESE LAWS ACTUALLY APPLY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE SAID THEY WERE STILL NOT THROUGH WITH THAT PROCESS.

SHE HAD PROVIDED THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS A COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN- GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WHICH SHOWED THE SOURCE OF THE CHANGE.

SHE NAMED THE AGENCIES THAT WOULD BE REVIEWING THESE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD BE THE WFRPC, THE NWFWD, FL-DCA WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FL-DOT, FL-DEP, AGRICULTURAL AND CONSUMER SERVICES AND FL-FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

SHE ADDED WHEN THE ORC COMES BACK FROM THE PLANNING COUNCIL, THEY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO IT. THIS UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HAS TO BE APPROVED BY APRIL 2010.

ON THE HANDOUT PROVIDED, MS. WALLER SAID IT INCLUDED NEW POLICIES ADDED POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPANDED UPON OR POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN DELETED WITHOUT ANY ADVERSE AFFECT ON THE COUNTY. SHE BEGAN GOING OVER THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT PROPOSED CHANGES.

ON POLICY 1-3 THROUGH 1-7 PERTAINING TO THE AIR INSTALLATION COMPATIBILITY ZONE (AICUZ), DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BEING SOMETHING THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH, REVIEW THE DOCUMENT AND MAKE SURE IT IS SOMETHING THEY CAN AGREE WITH; IF NOT, MAKE CHANGES AND SUBMIT IT BACK TO THEM.

MS. WALLER AGREED AND FELT THIS IS WHERE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY SHOULD PLAY A ROLE AND REVIEW IT; THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT THERE IS IN THE SAMPLE AGREEMENT THEY DISAGREE WITH. THIS MAY INVOLVE DISCUSSING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING MR. HERBERT COULD INITIATE AND GET STARTED; THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO DEPEND ON THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS ON THAT REPORT EITHER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED AT A MEETING IN EBRO ON THE AIRPORT, IT WAS THOUGHT WASHINGTON COUNTY SHOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION ON THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON EBRO'S CONCERN WITH THE NOISE, HEIGHT OF PLANES, ETC. MS. WALLER SAID SHE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH DAVID HOYT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND WORKS WITH PBS&J.

MS. WALLER STATED THE STATE STATUTE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS SHE LOOKED AT COINCIDES ALMOST WORD PER WORD WITH THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY; SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE COUNTY HAS AN OUT ON THIS.

WHEN THE PROTECTION OF THE WETLANDS AND BIRDS WAS MENTIONED, MS. WALLER SAID THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT DESTROYING WETLANDS; THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT NOT MAKING A SITUATION AS IT EXISTS NOW ANY WORSE AND THIS IS PER STATE STATUTE. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO TEAR DOWN ANYTHING, REMOVE ANY KIND OF VEGETATION OR DO AWAY WITH CONSERVATION LAND.

SHERRY TAYLOR, MAYOR OF EBRO, ADDRESSED EBRO BEING PLAQUED WITH CLAY PITS AND SEVERAL OF THEM HOLD WATER. SHE REQUESTED IT BE LOOKED INTO TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET SOME GRANT FUNDING TO RECLAIM THESE AREAS, RATHER THAN POSSIBLY CAUSING A PROBLEM WITH THE AIRPORT WITH THESE PITS HOLDING WATER AND ATTRACTING BIRDS, ETC.

ROGER HAGAN QUESTIONED IF THE PITS MS. TAYLOR ADDRESSED WERE STILL ACTIVE AND IF NOT, HE THINKS THE COUNTY REQUIRES EVERYBODY THAT OWNS A PIT AND OPERATES THEM ARE SUPPOSE TO FILE A RECLAMATION PLAN.

MS. TAYLOR REQUESTED SOMETHING BE PUT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WOULD PROHIBIT MINING AFTER THE YEAR 2012, ETC, WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF EBRO.

MS. WALLER EXPLAINED IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT OF THE COMP PLAN, THEY WILL EXPAND ON MINING OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY ANSWER SOME OF MS. TAYLOR'S QUESTIONS. SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY CAN PROHIBIT MINING; BUT, THEY CAN PUT LIMITATIONS ON IT.

MS. WALLER CONTINUED GOING OVER THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY 3-7, AGRICULTURE BUFFERS AS TO WHAT HAPPENS TO THE 100' BUFFER THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO PUT UP ON PARCELS OF 20 ACRES OR MORE TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND USES SHOULD THE FARMER DECIDE TO SELL HIS PROPERTY. IT WAS MENTIONED THE WHOLE INTENT OF THIS IS TO KEEP THE DEVELOPER FROM ENCROACHING ON AGRICULTURAL LAND; IT IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO LIMIT THE FARMER.

DR. ANDERSON ADDRESSED 100' GOING DOWN 40 ACRES IS A LOT OF LAND. MS. WALLER SHOWED WHAT A 100' BUFFER WOULD BE; FOR AN INCOMPATIBLE ADJACENT USE, THAT IS NOT AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF LAND.

DR. ANDERSON FELT HAVING HOUSES NEXT TO A COW FIELD IS NOT INCOMPATIBLE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A LAWSUIT IN GEORGIA PERTAINING TO SPRAYING IS HOW THIS CAME ABOUT HE THOUGHT. AS A RESULT OF THAT, MS. WALLER SAID THE LEGISLATURE WAS INTRODUCED A BILL, SB1133 WHEREIN A WAIVER OF LIABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED, DEED RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED; HOWEVER, THIS BILL DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THE COMMITTEE.

MS. WALLER REQUESTED IF ANYBODY HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS, GET WITH HER LATER ON THE SETBACKS AND THEY CAN OFFER OPTIONS ON IT AS TO WHAT TO APPROVE.

MS. WALLER THEN ADDRESSED USES IN LANDFILL DISTRICTS; WASHINGTON COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY ACTIVE LANDFILLS BUT THIS WAS ADDED FOR THE FUTURE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY 6-9 PERTAINING TO EXTRACTION OF LIMESTONE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE MAY BE SOME OPPOSITION TO THAT BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS HEARING FL-DEP DOESN'T HAVE ANY REQUIREMENTS ON HOW DEEP YOU MINE LIMESTONE.

MS. WALLER FELT THIS MAY BE A LEGAL QUESTION FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE EXTRACTION OF LIMESTONE A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

MS. WALLER STATED IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, THEY GO INTO MORE DEPTH ON THE MINING ISSUE AND THAT MAY POSSIBLY BE COVERED IN THERE.

POLICY 6-15 PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY PROHIBITING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT STRUCTURALLY RESTRICT THE FLOW OF THE RIVERS, CREEKS, BRANCHES, STREAMS AND STANDIND WATER SUCH AS PONDS AND LAKES WAS DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THIS POLICY WOULD KEEP DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS LIKE THAT WHERE THE NATURAL FLOW OF THE WATER COMES. MS. WALLER SAID IF COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT A WATER SHED, SHE DIDN'T THINK SO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN THEN ASKED IF THEY HAD ANYTHING IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PREVENT THAT. MS. WALLER SAID IT WAS ADDRESSED.

MS. WALLER SAID THIS ISSUE WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO SAY WHETHER SOMEONE CAN BUILD IN THESE AREAS OR NOT.

ON POLICY 6-16 PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY ACTIVELY SEEKING TO IDENTIFY LAND USE AREAS THAT WILL BE SUITABLE FOR ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHILE ENSURING MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S NATURAL RESOURCES, MS. WALLER ADDRESSED THIS WOULD BE GONE INTO A LITTLE DEEPER IN THEIR ECONOMIC ELEMENT DEVELOPMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW DO THEY ADDRESS ISSUES IN AREAS WHERE THE LAND OWNER GOES OVER THE COUNTY, HIRES AN ENGINEER AND THE ENGINEER SIGNS OFF SAYING IT IS NOT IN A WETLANDS AREA IF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL WILL NOT SIGN OFF LIKE ON WETLANDS IN THE BANKS AND RIVERS. HE SAID YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO PROTECT THE WETLANDS AND FLOOD ZONE AREAS AND THEN AGAIN THERE IS A WAY TO GO AROUND IT.

TONYA PIPPIN REFERRED TO THE FLOOD MAPS BEING PAINTED WITH A WIDE BRUSH AND THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS CORRECT.

EMORY PITTS STATED WHEN YOU ARE DOING FL-DEP DELINEATIONS, THIS IS DONE BY A BIOLOGIST; THERE IS NO WAY TO OVER RIDE WHETHER IT IS DEP WETLANDS. IF THEY FIND CERTAIN VEGETATION THERE, IT IS WETLANDS.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION LANDS. HE REFERRED TO MS. PIPPIN SAYING THE FLOOD ZONE BEING PAINTED WITH A WIDE BRUSH AND SAID THE COUNTY HAS EVEN PAINTED WITH A WIDER BRUSH OVER THE YEARS TO PAINT CONSERVATION LAND. THERE IS CONSERVATION LAND IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AT SOME OF THE HIGHEST POINTS IN THE COUNTY THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN CONSERVATION. HE EXPLAINED THEY DO HAVE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO BUILD SOMETHING IN A CONSERVATION AREA AND THE BUILDING INSPECTOR GOES OUT AND INSPECTS THE SITE THAT IS THE HIGHEST AND DRIEST AREA THEY ARE BUILDING IN.

MS. WALLER REPORTED NFWFMD IS JUST ABOUT FINISHED PUTTING THE NEW FLOOD MAPS TOGETHER. SHE WAS HOPING TO GET THEM BACK SO THEY COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEW PLAN.

ON POLICY 6-17, COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHY WAS THIS CHANGED; HE NOTICED SOMEWHERE THIS WAS ALREADY IN POLICY BUT IT HAS BEEN REWORDED.

MS. WALLER SAID THE OLD PLAN STOPPED AT 6-13; 6-15, 6-16 AND 6-17 ARE NEW POLICIES THEY HAVE ADDED. HOWEVER, COMMISSIONER BROCK MIGHT HAVE POSSIBLY SEEN IT IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT WHERE IT WAS WORDED A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. THE SPRINGS ARE COVERED A LITTLE MORE IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT.

EMORY ADDRESSED POLICY 10-1 ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE IT TIES THE COUNTY'S HANDS IN BEING ABLE TO APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE COUNTY IS LOCKED IN TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND WANT BE ABLE TO DO ANY COMP PLAN AMENDMENTS.

MS. WALLER SAID THIS WAS IN THE ORIGINAL COMP PLAN; IT WAS A MISTAKE IF IT IS IN RED AS AN ADDITION. TO HER, SHE FELT THIS POLICY WAS SAYING IF THERE IS SOMETHING INCONSISTENT, THEY WILL HAVE TO DO A LAND USE MAP CHANGE TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT THE PLANNING PERIOD MEANT. MS. WALLER ADVISED THE NEW PLANNING PERIOD WOULD BE 2010-2020. HE AGREED WITH WHAT EMORY WAS SAYING ABOUT THE COUNTY'S HANDS BEING TIED IN BEING ABLE TO MAKE COMP PLAN AMENDMENTS.

EMORY SAID THAT ROGER EXPLAINED IT TO HIM AND THEY THINK THIS MEANS AN EXISTING NON-CONFORMING USE CAN'T BE EXPANDED ON WITHOUT A LAND USE CHANGE.

JOE TAYLOR ASKED COULD THE BOARD REMOVE OBJECTIVE 10 FROM THE LAND USE REGULATIONS. LINDA SAID THEY COULD; BUT, SHE WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT DUE TO IT BEING IN THERE FOR THEIR PROTECTION. IT REINFORCES AGAIN THEY ARE GOING TO USE THE AMENDMENT PROCESS TO CHANGE THEIR LAND USES; THAT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN OUT BY ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MS. WALLER TO GO TO PAGE A-71; THIS IS WHERE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT 6-17 MARKED OUT AND THEN 6-17 WAS ADDED AS A NEW POLICY. HE ASKED WHY WAS 6-17 MARKED OUT.

MS. WALLER EXPLAINED IT WENT BEFORE THE WCPC AND THEY THOUGHT THE WORDING WAS CONFUSING AND SHE JUST TRIED TO CLARIFY THE WORDING; IT IS A NEW POLICY THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AT FIRST THE LAND USE REGULATIONS SAID THE SPRINGS SHALL BE PROTECTED AND THEN IT WAS CHANGED TO ALLOW LOW DENSITY.

JOE TAYLOR EXPLAINED WHERE A QUESTION CAME UP AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALL THE SPRING FED PONDS WHERE YOU DO HAVE SMALL SPRING RUNS FLOWING OUT OF THEM, ETC.; THE 6-17 IS GOING TO COVER A LOT OF JUST FISH PONDS OUT THERE THAT SIMPLY HAD THE SPRINGS WITH THEM. THE WCPC ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THAT END OF IT. WHEN YOU GET IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, IT TALKS ABOUT SET BACKS AND SPRING RUNS, ETC.; THEY ARE NOT DISTINQUISHING BETWEEN A BECTON SPRING RUN AND SOME

LITTLE POND THAT HAS ONE ABOUT 2' WIDE AND THEY START TALKING ABOUT SET BACKS.

MS. WALLER ADDRESSED IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, THEY EXPAND ON SPRINGS PROTECTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AT SOME POINT IN TIME, SOMEWHERE, SOME- BODY IS COMING IN GOING AFTER SOME OF THESE SPRINGS FOR WATER AND THEY NEED SOMETHING IN THE COMP PLAN FOR PROTECTION OF THE SPRINGS, SETBACKS, ETC.

MS. WALLER REITERATED SPRINGS PROTECTION IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT.

THIS CONCLUDED THE UPDATES FOR THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT.

MS. WALLER WENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT STATING IT WAS EXTENSIVE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN FULL WHERE IT COULD BE USED AS A REFERENCE BY DEVELOPERS, EMPLOYEES OR WHOMEVER.

SHE HAS INCLUDED A LOT OF THINGS IN THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED IN A PLAN; THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE THE MATRIX SYSTEM AND INVOLVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY ROADS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS A WORK IN PROGRESS.

MS. WALLER BEGAN GOING OVER THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT; GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE 1, POLICY 1-1 AND 1-4 THROUGH 1- 20.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED ROADS BEING A BIG ISSUE FOR ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; WHEN TALKING ABOUT A ROAD MATRIX, THE ROADS THAT ARE KEPT UP THE BEST ARE THE ONES THAT DON'T GET LOOKED AT. HE FEELS MATRIX IS UNFAIR.

MS. WALLER SAID THIS WAS INCLUDED IN THE COMP PLAN BECAUSE IT IS AN APPROVED ISSUE FOR THE BOARD; SHE REITERATED THE COMP PLAN IS NOT THE BEST PLACE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT. IT NEEDS TO BE IN A TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT CAN BE CHANGED BY RESOLUTION AS OPPOSED TO AN ORDINANCE.

A TEN MINUTE BREAK WAS CALLED.

PURSUANT TO THE RECESS, MS. WALLER STARTED WITH POLICY 1-11 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY 1-12 PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY CONTINUING IN THE EFFORT TO FURTHER THE PD&E OF THE ELKCAM CONNECTOR BETWEEN SR 77 AND SR 231 IN JACKSON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO FUNDING FOR THE PD&E STUDY ON THE ELKCAM CONNECTOR. MR. JIM TOWN SAID IT WAS STILL ON AN UNFUNDED LIST ACCORDING TO THE FL-DOT.

ON POLICY 1-13 INCLUDING THE TOWN OF EBRO ROADS INTO THE COUNTY'S PAVED ROAD MATRIX AS THE TOWN RECEIVES NO FUEL TAX INCOME UNLIKE THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WHICH DO RECEIVE FUEL TAX INCOME.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THERE BEING A FORMULA USED ON THE FUEL TAX THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY RECEIVE WHICH HAS TO BE REDONE EVERY TEN YEARS; THIS IS BASED ON THEIR LAST FIVE YEARS AUDITED TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES. EBRO HAS NO EXPENDITURES AND RECEIVES NO FUEL TAX.

ON POLICY 1-15, MS. WALLER ADVISED WAUSAU SHOULD BE CHANGED TO EBRO AND SR 77 NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OFF.

AS A RESULT OF POLICY 1-16 HAVING BEEN DELETED, POLICY 1-17 THROUGH 1-20 WERE ALSO DELETED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REQUESTED CLARIFICATION IF POLICY 1-13 WAS DELETED ALSO WITH MS. WALLER ADVISING IT WAS.

MS. WALLER READ POLICY 2-1 AND OBJECTIVES 3 AND 4 AND ADDITIONS TO POLICY 4-1. ON POLICY 4-1, SHE SAID BASED ON SOME VISIONING REMARKS AND THEIR OBSERVATIONS, THIS CHANGED THE SETBACKS FOR ARTERIAL ROADWAYS FROM 50' TO 100', COLLECTOR ROADS FROM 35' TO 50' AND ALL OTHER LOCAL ROADWAYS FROM 25' TO 40'.

MR. TAYLOR SAID A LOT OF CHANGES BEING MADE HERE IS GOING TO INVOLVE COST SOME DAY. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT ONLY FOR DEVELOPERS; BUT, FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. IN THESE 100' SETBACKS, HE QUESTIONED WHY THEY WEREN'T JUST CHANGING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR ADDITIONS TO POLICY 4-1 BE TAKEN OUT.

MS. WALLER THEN ADDRESSED POLICY 5-2 THROUGH 10-4. ON 10-4, MR. TAYLOR ASKED IF A TYPICAL INDIVIDUAL WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AN ENGINEERED DRIVEWAY.

EMORY SAID HE THOUGHT 10-4 WAS TALKING ABOUT A SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT; THE STATE DOESN'T REQUIRE THIS FOR INDIVIDUALS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED ON 10-4 WAS THIS TALKING ABOUT PUTTING SUBDIVISIONS AND PROPERTY OWNERS TOGETHER.

MS. WALLER AGREED TO CLARIFY POLICY 10-4 AND 10-5 APPLIES TO NEWLY PLATTED SUBDIVISIONS AND CONTINUED WITH POLICY 10-6 THROUGH 10-10. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE OUT POLICY 10-10.

UNDER RIGHTS-OF-WAYS, DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON POLICY 11-2. DR. ANDERSON, PLANNING COMMISSION, SAID IT SEEMED LIKE A HUGE BURDEN AND EXPENSE ON THE DEVELOPER TO REQUIRE THEY HAVE BURIED UTILITIES; THAT SHOULD BE THE DEVELOPER'S CHOICE.

ROGER EXPLAINED WITH BURIED UTILITIES AFTER A DISASTER, IT SEEMED THAT THINGS GOT BACK TO NORMAL QUICKER.

EMORY SUGGESTED THIS POSSIBLY COULD BE PUT IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RATHER THAN IN THE COMP PLAN.

MS. WALLER SAID 11-2 MAY ALREADY BE IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 60804; HOWEVER, SHE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED IF UTILITIES ARE NOT BURIED DEEP ENOUGH, THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH EQUIPMENT DIGGING IT UP AND HAVING TO GET THE UTILITY COMPANIES TO GO AND LOCATE THE UTILITIES. SOMEBODY IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE UTILITIES ARE PUT DOWN THE WAY THEY OUGHT TO IF BURIED UTILITIES IS GOING TO WORK.

MS. WALLER IS GOING TO TAKE 11-2 OUT BECAUSE IT MAY BE IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ALREADY.

ON POLICY 11-3 PERTAINING TO ABANDONMENT OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ROADWAYS, MS. WALLER STATED THIS IS A NEW POLICY TO THE COMP PLAN; IT IS BROUGHT FORWARD OUT OF THE LDC DUE TO THERE BEING CONFUSION ABOUT THE PROCESS.

NEW OBJECTIVE 12 WAS ADDED PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY DEVELOPING AND UTILIZING A PROCESS REFERRED TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY PROGRAM. MS. WALLER NOTED THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE OVERALL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

MS. WALLER WENT OVER POLICIES 12-1 THROUGH 12-6 PERTAINING TO BRIDGES. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON 12-5 AND 12-6 ACTUALLY BEING IN COUNTY POLICY. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO TAKE OUT POLICY 12-5 AND LEAVE IN POLICY 12-6 ON LOAD LIMITS.

MR. HERBERT ADDRESSED THE COUNTY CURRENTLY GOES BY FL-DOT STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS; THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY PROGRAM.

OBJECTIVE 13 WAS PREVIOUSLY OBJECTIVE 10 AND THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN WORDING.

POLICY 13-2-THE WORDING REMAINS THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM FROM SHARE-A-RIDE TO RIDE ON.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL BUSES AND THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN WITH THE FOUR LANING OF HIGHWAY 79 COMING, ESPECIALLY AT THE VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNTY COMMISSION AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 9:00 A.M. TO CONTINUE TO GO OVER THE UPDATES TO THE COMP PLAN.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/22/09