

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/08/09

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED PRAYER WITH CHAIRMAN HOWELL LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE FY 2009-2010 BUDGET AND HAVE SOME DISCUSSION ON FIRE SERVICES LATER IN THE MEETING. HOWEVER, LINDA WALLER, PLANNING OFFICER, NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON A PLANNING ISSUE PRIOR TO THE BUDGET WORKSHOP BEGINNING.

LINDA REPORTED ON AN ISSUE THAT CAME UP BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION LAST TUESDAY NIGHT INVOLVING A PARCEL OF LAND THAT DOESN'T MEET THE CURRENT QUALIFICATIONS AS A LEGAL BUILDING BLOCK. THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES WITH THIS. THE PROPERTY HAS EXISTED LIKE IT IS FOR MANY YEARS; BUT, THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET THESE ISSUES SQUARED AWAY SO THE APPLICANT CAN APPLY FOR A VARIANCE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON THEIR SEPTIC TANK. THIS HAS TO BE DONE LOCALLY BEFORE THE APPLICANT CAN GO FOR THE VARIANCE ON AN UPGRADE OF THE SEPTIC TANK. SHE ADDRESSED THERE IS NO NEW STRUCTURE INVOLVED ON THE PROPERTY; IT IS JUST A REPLACEMENT OF AN OLD, EXISTING MOBILE HOME. THE PROPERTY IS NEXT DOOR TO THE PATE POND DOCK AND ADJACENT TO THE ACCESS THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS. IT WASN'T CLEAR IF THERE WAS LEGAL ACCESS FOR ANYONE; BUT, THEY HAVE DETERMINED THERE IS. THERE IS A DRIVEWAY, WHICH MR. AUSTIN USES AND MS. MAXINE PROPOSES TO USE THAT DRIVEWAY THROUGH A LEGALLY EXECUTED EASEMENT TO REACH HER PROPERTY ON THE BACKSIDE. MS. MAXINE HAS MORE OR LESS USED THAT PROPERTY ALL THOSE YEARS WITHOUT A LEGAL DRIVEWAY. THE BOARD NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE THE PROPERTY AS A LEGAL BUILDING BLOCK AND RECOGNIZE MS. MAXINE DOES HAVE ACCESS FROM STATE ROAD 279, PATE POND ROAD, OVER HER BROTHER'S DRIVE. THE ENTIRE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE .45 ACRES WHEN SHE COMBINES ONE PIECE BACK TO THE OTHER PIECE; SHE STARTED OUT WITH .45 ACRES AND MISTAKENLY SPLIT OFF ONE A FEW YEARS BACK. HOWEVER, MS. MAXINE STILL OWNS THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY AND WANTS TO PUT THAT BACK WITH THE .28 ACRES FOR A TOTAL OF .45 ACRE PARCEL.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHY THIS WASN'T SOMETHING THE PLANNING COMMISSION COULD HANDLE. LINDA ADVISED SHE DIDN'T KNOW; THE PLANNING COMMISSION CHOSE NOT TO BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT COUNTY PROPERTY WAS INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF COUNTY PROPERTY WAS INVOLVED; WALLER ADVISED IT WASN'T. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS CHANGES THE DENSITY, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO HEAR THIS AND APPROVE IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO HIM BELIEVING, WHEN HE WAS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HE HAD REQUESTED LAST YEAR FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT TO SEND ANYTHING BEFORE THE BOARD WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION. IT LOOKS LIKE TO HIM NOW THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS SENDING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY NOT MAKING SOME KIND OF DECISION UP OR DOWN.

LINDA STATED THERE WAS A MOTION MADE AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE THAT WAS BEING REQUESTED AND IT DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING PARCEL C NEXT TO HIGHWAY 279 HAS A HOUSE ON IT, PARCEL A HAS A MOBILE HOME AND QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING ON PARCEL B AS WELL. LINDA EXPLAINED THERE WAS NOTHING BUT A BOAT SHED ON PARCEL B; IT IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE REPLACING A MOBILE HOME ON PARCEL A. LINDA ADVISED THAT WAS CORRECT.

LINDA REITERATED THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS ASKING THE BOARD TO CLARIFY SOME OLD ISSUES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CLARIFIED FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER; FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT EXISTED THAT WAY FOR MANY YEARS EVEN BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WANTED TO DO THIS; BUT, HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE BOARD WASN'T SETTING A PRECEDENCE FOR SOMETHING THAT EXISTS ALL OVER THE COUNTY. THESE LOTS ARE LESS THAN A HALF ACRE; TECHNICALLY, THERE SHOULD BE NO HOUSES ON THEM. LINDA AGREED THIS CAN'T BE DONE NOW WITHOUT A LAND USE CHANGE; HOWEVER, THESE WERE DONE BEFORE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY SHOULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT; HOWEVER, THE PLANNING COMMISSION SENDING THIS BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT ANY MORE INFORMATION THAN THEY HAVE, HE IS SURE THEY HAD SOMEBODY COME AND TALK TO THEM ON WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED IT APPEARED THERE WAS A DRIVEWAY THAT CAME RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE MOBILE HOME AND QUESTIONED WHAT WAS THE ISSUE WITH ACCESS.

LINDA REITERATED THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CONCERNED WITH THE COUNTY OWNING THE PROPERTY TO THE DOCK AND THAT BEING USED AS AN ACCESS TO MS. MAXINE'S. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THAT IS A PROBLEM WITH LINDA SAYING "NO."

COMMISSIONER PATE REITERATED THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS MORE INFORMATION THAN THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND THEY SHOULD HAVE MADE A RECOMMENDATION; HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH WHAT IS GOING ON THERE BUT DOES HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PROCESS THAT WAS USED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR MS. MAXINE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON BUDGET NOTES ON CHANGES MADE SINCE THE JULY 29TH BUDGET WORKSHOP:

1. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUDGET INCREASED FROM \$25,000 TO \$40,000
2. COUNCIL ON AGING INCREASED FROM \$7,500 TO \$12,500
3. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL INCREASED FROM \$10,250 TO \$15,250
4. ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3 WERE TAKEN FROM SURPLUS LAND SALES; THIS IS NON-REOCCURRING FUNDS
5. ACTUAL SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS INCLUDED IN PROPOSED BUDGET; TOTAL INCREASE WAS \$1,951 WHICH IS A 1.1296% INCREASE. PETE EXPLAINED THE STATE SETS THE SALARIES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD GETTING A RAISE AND THE EMPLOYEES NOT GETTING A RAISE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE \$1951 INCREASE WAS FOR SIX

PEOPLE, BENEFITS AND ALL.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED, OTHER THAN A BONUS LAST YEAR, THERE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE FOR THREE YEARS. HE CAN'T JUSTIFY GETTING A RAISE WHEN THE EMPLOYEES AREN'T GETTING ONE; IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A RAISE, HE DIDN'T THINK THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD GET A RAISE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF THE BOARD CAN'T GIVE THE EMPLOYEES A RAISE, HE IS GOING TO TRY TO GIVE THEM A BONUS SOMEWHERE. HE UNDERSTANDS SOME EMPLOYEES MAY BE GETTING BONUSES. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ARE GETTING A BONUS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID TO HIM, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE; IF ONE GETS A BONUS, THEY ALL OUGHT TO GET ONE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR A RAISE. PETE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WOULD COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO GIVE A RAISE; THEY HAVE MONIES IN THE TAX DEED OVERBID FUNDS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR A BONUS. THERE IS NOTHING BUDGETED IN THE BUDGET NOW FOR BONUSES OR RAISES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD COULD DISCUSS THIS LATER ON IF THEY SEE THEY HAVE MONIES TO GIVE A BONUS; FROM, WHAT HE HAS SEEN, THE BUDGET IS REALLY TIGHT. ALL THE EMPLOYEES STILL HAVE JOBS AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THEM.

6. THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DECREASED THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET BY \$500.
7. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER BUDGET INCREASED FROM \$57,523 TO \$59,743.
8. THE GASB BUDGET WAS DELETED AND BUDGETED UNDER THE CLERK BUDGET PER BOARD ACTION ON AUGUST 27, 2009.
9. THE UNALLOCATED INSURANCE LINE ITEM WAS DECREASED BY \$2,162 TO TAKE CARE OF OVERAGES.
10. MSBU BUDGET CHANGED FROM \$459,872 TO \$487,000 DUE TO INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS AND ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD.
11. THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS BALANCED AT \$37,280,129. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS 8.6185 WHICH IS A 2.4999% INCREASE OVER THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 8.4083.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MUCH LAND SALES FUNDS ARE REMAINING. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THERE IS ONLY \$50,000 TO \$60,000 LEFT IN THE LAND SALES FUNDEVEN AFTER THE SALE OF PROPERTY TO PROJECT PIPE. SHE EXPLAINED \$25,000 OF THOSE FUNDS WERE USED TO FUND THE INCREASES FOR THE CHAMBER, TRI-COUNTY AND COUNCIL ON AGING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THE COUNCIL ON AGING GET THE FUNDING THEY RECEIVED BEFORE GETTING CUT IN HALF SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHICH WAS \$15,000. WHEN QUESTIONED WHERE HE WANTED TO TAKE THESE MONIES, COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID TAKE IT FROM THE LAND SALES LIKE THEY DID THE \$5,000 INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE COUNCIL ON AGING JUST GAVE RAISES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES; HE UNDERSTAND'S THEY NEED THE MONEY AND IT IS A WORTHY CAUSE. HOWEVER, THE BOARD NEEDS TO START TAKING CARE OF THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED UNTIL THE REVENUES COME UP, HE DOESN'T FEEL THEY CAN DO ANYTHING WITH INCREASING THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S FUNDING ANYMORE. HE POINTED OUT THE COUNTY HAS SPENT \$300,000 TO \$350,000

ADDITIONAL MONIES THAN WHAT THE BUDGET WAS LAST YEAR; THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP DURING THE END OF THE YEAR THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MONIES FOR. HE SUGGESTED HOLDING ONTO MONIES UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR; THEN IF THEY FEEL THEY CAN DO SOMETHING, MAKE A DECISION AT THAT POINT IN TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE GOING TO FUND THE \$20,000 FOR RECREATION LIKE THEY DID THIS YEAR. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON NOTHING BEING BUDGETED FOR RECREATION IN THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON ONE OF CHIPLEY'S PROPOSAL WAS TO ASK IF THE COUNTY COULD HELP FUND THE LIGHTS FOR THEIR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM. HE SAID WHATEVER THE BOARD DOES, HE WANTS IT DONE PROPORTIONATELY FOR EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS A RECREATIONAL PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT THE CITY WAS REQUESTING. PETE SAID COMMISSIONER PATE HAD TOLD HIM THEY WERE WANTING \$25,000 TO \$30,000 TO FUND THEIR LIGHTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS THE CITY WOULD SEND THE UTILITY BILLS ON PALS PARK AND THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THEM UP TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED JUST GIVE ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES WITH A RECREATIONAL PROGRAM A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO FUND IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS YEAR, THE \$20,000 GIVEN FOR RECREATION WAS BROKEN DOWN SO MUCH FOR CHIPLEY, WAUSAU, EBRO AND VERNON; WHATEVER WAS DONE THAT TIME, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

MARGARET ROGERS, WAUSAU TOWN CLERK, SAID NOT EXACTLY THE SAME WAY. WAUSAU APPRECIATED THE \$1,000 THE COUNTY GAVE THEM; BUT, IT COST JUST AS MUCH FOR LIGHTS IN WAUSAU AS IT DOES IN CHIPLEY. SHE REFERRED TO THE COUNTY USE TO HAVE A FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT EACH MUNICIPALITY WOULD GET WHICH WAS MORE FAIR AND EQUITABLE THAN THE WAY IT WAS DONE THIS YEAR.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THE FORMULA USED, PETE SAID SEVERAL YEARS AGO HE THOUGHT THEY DID IT BY POPULATION THE SAME AS THEY DO FOR ANIMAL CONTROL.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LOOK AT THE FORMULA USED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, SEE WHAT IT WOULD COST AND SEE IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY FIND MONEY TO FUND RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE HAD BEEN A REQUEST FROM VERNON AND WAUSAU; THEIR LIBRARIES ARE ONLY OPEN HALF A DAY TWO DAYS A WEEK AND THEY ARE REQUESTING ANOTHER DAY IF POSSIBLE. HE REFERRED TO CHIPLEY LIBRARY BEING OPEN FORTY HOURS A WEEK.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS FOR PETE AND DAVID TO CHECK ON THE COST TO INCREASE THE LIBRARY HOURS AT VERNON AND WAUSAU.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A RECESS TO TRY AND GET A PROBLEM WITH STATIC IN THE SOUND SYSTEM CORRECTED.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO HOLD ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 9:00 A.M. AND DISCUSS FUNDING OF RECREATION AND ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR THE WAUSAU AND VERNON LIBRARIES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REQUESTED THE BOARD GO AHEAD AND ADVISE OF ANYTHING THEY WANT TO ADDRESS, KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO PASS OR ANYTHING THEY WANT MONEY FOR SO IT CAN BE WORKED INTO THE BUDGET. SHE REQUESTED THEY NOT WAIT UNTIL THURSDAY AT THE WORKSHOP AND SAY WHAT THEY WANT BECAUSE THEY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT TO GIVE THEM.

BONUSES WERE MENTIONED WITH DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REMINDING THE BOARD THEY COULDN'T GIVE EMPLOYEE BONUSES UNTIL AFTER THEY RECEIVE AD VALOREM

TAX REVENUES. SHE POINTED OUT THEY GAVE BONUSES IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR MONIES TO BE BUDGETED TO CLEAN THE COURTHOUSE. SHE AND DAVID HAS TALKED ABOUT THE CLEANING ISSUES AND WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IS NOT WORKING. HER EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN CLEANING THEIR OFFICES; BUT, THEY NEED SOMEBODY TO COME AND CLEAN AT LEAST ONE DAY A WEEK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED EVERYTHING WORKED FINE TO BEGIN WITH WHEN THEY HIRED A GUY TO USE INMATE LABOR TO CLEAN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS BECAUSE HE COULD GET MALE INMATES. NOW THEY HAVE A FEMALE SUPERVISOR AND SHE CAN ONLY GET FEMALE INMATES OUT OF THE JAIL; IT IS HARD TO GET FEMALE INMATES AND THE CLEANING IS FALLING BEHIND. HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY COULD BID IT OUT FOR WHAT THE CLEANING SUPERVISOR IS MAKING IN A MONTH.

CLERK COOK SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT THE CLEANING SUPERVISOR TO LOSE HER JOB; MAYBE THEY COULD HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP HER.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM BEING APPROACHED IN THE BEGINNING BY MR. HERBERT AND A COMMISSIONER TO LOOK AT WAYS TO SAVE MONEY. THEY HAD A COUNTY MALE EMPLOYEE WHO HAS SINCE THEN RETIRED AND THE POSITION WAS FILLED WITH A FEMALE THINKING THEY COULD GET FEMALE INMATES OUT OF THE JAIL. BUT, A MALE CAN ONLY CHECK OUT MALE INMATES AND A FEMALE CAN ONLY CHECK OUT FEMALE INMATES. THEY HAVE SEVEN BUILDINGS AND IT IS REAL HARD TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS IN THE BUILDINGS. HE HAS GOTTEN WITH CLERK COOK AND HAS OFFERED TO SEND SOMEONE TO THE COURTHOUSE; BUT, THEY WANT PAY BESIDES COMP TIME. IT IS HARD TO DO THE CLEANING WITH JUST TWO PEOPLE. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD BID OUT THE CLEANING SERVICES AND SEE WHAT THEY CAN GET.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HIRING ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO HELP WITH THE CLEANING SERVICES. DAVID SAID WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT FUNDING TWO EMPLOYEES PLUS THEIR BENEFITS, YOU ARE LOOKING AT AROUND \$50,000. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE BOARD BIDS IT OUT, IT WOULD COST THEM A LOT MORE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHERE WERE THEY GOING TO GET \$50,000 TO HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THEY DON'T USE INMATES AND BID OUT THE CLEANING SERVICES, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MONEY TOO. HE SUGGESTED THEY MAY BE ABLE TO SHIFT AROUND AND COME UP WITH A GOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WOULD WORK.

DAVID SAID THE ONLY THING HE HAS THOUGHT OF IS IF THE COUNTY HAD THE MONEY TO PAY ONE EXTRA OFFICER, A NON-DCA CREW, AND GET THE SHERIFF TO SUPPLY THE INMATES, THEY WOULD HAVE TWO CREWS TO DO THE CLEANING SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY COULD CONSIDER A PART TIME PERSON TO DO THE CLEANING WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY BENEFITS. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE CONTRACT WITH ARC CLERK COOK HAD PRESENTED PREVIOUSLY FOR \$24,000.

CLERK COOK AGREED TO BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION ON THE CLEANING SERVICES TO THE WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 10TH.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOME DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATIONS AT PUBLIC WORKS AND MALCOLM HAS DONE SOME RESEARCH ON NEXTEL RADIOES. NEXTEL IS RUNNING A PROMOTION NOW WHERE THE COUNTY CAN GET THE RADIO UNITS FREE OF CHARGE AND PAY \$40 A MONTH PER UNIT FOR THE SERVICE; THIS FIGURES ABOUT \$10,000 A YEAR TO SWITCH OVER TO NEXTEL. MR. HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE PAYING A \$1,000 A MONTH FOR THE COUNTY RADIO CONTRACT.

HE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO PROCEED WITH SWITCHING OVER TO NEXTEL.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED IF THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT NEEDED TO BE FIGURED INTO THE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE BEING MAINTENANCE MONIES IN THE BUDGET ALREADY FOR THE RADIOES; THE MONEY IS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THIS WOULD COME OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET WITH MR. HERBERT ADVISING IT WOULD.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR THE COUNTY RADIOES ARE TAKEN OUT OF MAINTENANCE; HOWEVER, THE NEXTEL UNITS WILL HAVE TO BE PAID FOR UPFRONT AND THE COUNTY WILL GET REIMBURSED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED RANDALL TRUETTE WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT GOING WITH NEXTEL; WOULD IT HELP WITH COMMUNICATIONS IN EBRO, ETC.

RANDALL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY COULD GET OUT OF HAVING THE COUNTY RADIOES. HE ADDRESSED THEY COULD PUT MONEY INTO GETTING NEXTEL; BUT, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE RADIO PROBLEMS AND WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN THEM. NEXTEL IS A REOCCURRING COST; THE COUNTY RADIOES ARE USUALLY A ONE TIME BUY. YOU WOULD NEED GROUP TALK ON THE NEXTEL.

RANDALL EXPLAINED EACH ENTITY IS ON A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY; EMS IS NOT ON THE SAME FREQUENCY AS ROAD AND BRIDGE, ETC. THERE ARE FOUR REPEATERS AND EACH ONE HAS TO BE MAINTAINED.

RANDALL SAID THE MOBILE UNITS ARE \$1,000. DEBBIE RILEY, PUBLIC WORKS, ADVISED THEY PAY \$1,051 A MONTH FOR CONTINUING MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THEIR HAND HELD RADIOES, REPEATERS, ETC.

RANDALL ADDRESSED THE NEXTEL UNITS COULD BE LOST EASILY, MAY OR MAY NOT WORK IN SOME AREAS AND IT WILL BE A CONTINUOUS COST. HOWEVER, A MOBILE UNIT CAN BE MOUNTED AND WON'T BE AS EASY TO LOSE AND IT IS A ONE TIME PURCHASE. IF THE COUNTY GOES WITH 40 WATTS, IT SHOULD GET THE COUNTY AS GOOD OF COMMUNICATIONS AS NEXTEL AND IT IS A ONE TIME PURCHASE.

RANDALL SUGGESTED DOING A TRIAL TEST ON BOTH THE NEXTEL AND THE MOBILE UNITS AND SEE WHICH WORKS THE BEST.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT; BUT, THE INFORMATION THEY GOT THE FIRST DAY IS NOT LIKE HE IS HEARING TODAY. WHATEVER THE COUNTY CAN DO TO AT LEAST GET THE SAME SERVICE OR BETTER AND SAVE MONEY FOR THE COUNTY IS WHAT THEY NEED TO BE DOING.

ON THE COST FOR THE NEXTEL, MALCOLM SAID THE REOCCURRING COST FOR THE NEXTEL RADIOES WOULD BE \$240 A YEAR PER UNIT FOR 40 UNITS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE COUNTY WOULD STILL HAVE PART OF THAT \$1,000 A MONTH MAINTENANCE COST BECAUSE DEBBIE HAD SAID IT DIDN'T JUST INCLUDE THE COUNTY RADIOES; IT IS ALL THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE REALLY DIDN'T CARE WHAT KIND OF RADIO COMMUNICATION THE COUNTY HAS OUT THERE AS LONG AS IT IS AS GOOD AS THEY HAVE NOW; BUT, IF THEY CAN SAVE MONEY, THEY NEED TO LOOK INTO IT AT THIS TIME. WHATEVER THE DECISION IS, HE IS FINE WITH IT; BUT, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY THEY COULD USE AND NOT HAVE TO GO UP ON TAXES.

MALCOLM ASKED HOW LONG WAS THE COUNTY RADIOES CONTRACT. RANDALL SAID THE RADIOES ARE NOT UNDER A CONTRACT; THE COUNTY OWNS THOSE. THERE IS NOT A REOCCURRING COST. THEY HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST COMMUNICATIONS ON THE MAINTENANCE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO LEAVE THE COMMUNICATIONS LIKE IT IS WITH THE COUNTY RADIOES.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON MALCOLM HAVING TALKED TO HIM ABOUT A NEW SERVER FOR THE COMPUTER SYSTEM; HE IS NOT GOING TO HAVE THE FUNDING LEFT IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET TO BUY IT.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED THE MONEY WAS IN HIS BUDGET; BUT, THEN THEY HAD TO TAKE \$6,000 OUT OF HIS BUDGET THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF LAST YEAR FOR EQUIPMENT; THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE SHOWING IS SHORT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NOW THE \$6,000 NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THE COMPUTER BUDGET; THIS WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM BY NOT BUYING IT LAST YEAR AND IT BEING BOUGHT THIS YEAR.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW UPDATED THE BOARD ON BOARD FINANCE HAVING RECEIVED AN INVOICE THAT WAS DATED FOR THE 2008-2009 YEAR AND A CORRECTED INVOICE WAS SENT FOR THE 2007-2008 YEAR; HOWEVER, THEY COULDN'T ACCEPT IT. WHEN THEY GET AN INVOICE, THEY HAVE TO PAY IT BASED ON THE YEAR IT WAS IN.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT; BUT, AT THAT TIME, THEY TOLD MALCOLM THEY WOULD MAKE AN AMENDMENT IF NEEDED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE THOUGHT MALCOLM WAS GOING TO TRY TO SEE IF HIS BUDGET WOULD ALLOW HIM TO BUY ONE AT THE END OF THIS BUDGET YEAR; BUT, IT IS RUNNING SHORT. IF HE IS GOING TO GET A SERVER THE BOARD WILL NEED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THERE WAS \$24,000 LEFT IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS OF THIS DATE EVEN WITH THE \$6,000 TAKEN OUT. WHEN MALCOLM MET WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, SHE TOLD HIM SHE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE MONEY IN HIS BUDGET EVEN WITH THE \$6,000 TAKEN OUT.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED THE RECENT PRINTOUT HE HAS, IT SHOWS THEY HAVE BILLS THAT ARE OUTSTANDING AND THINGS THEY HAVE TO PAY EACH YEAR AND THAT IS WHAT HE WENT OVER WITH PETE THIS MORNING. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID BOARD FINANCE DOESN'T HAVE THIS INFORMATION; THE BILLS SHOULD BE COMING TO THEM.

MALCOLM SAID WHEN HE DEALS WITH PEOPLE WITH NET 30 TERMS, HE DOESN'T GET A BILL THE DAY HE BUYS IT; HE GETS A BILL THE DAY IT COMES IN AND EVERYBODY HAS BILLS THAT ARE THAT WAY.

THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION ON MALCOLM'S REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED DAVID IF HE KNEW IF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL WAS GOING TO HANDLE COMMODITIES THIS YEAR AS HE HAD BEEN TOLD THEY WEREN'T. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS MONIES BUDGETED IN TRI-COUNTY BUDGET FOR COMMODITIES.

DAVID REPORTED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY TRI-COUNTY THEY WERE GOING TO CANCEL THE PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONIES TO DO THE COMMODITY PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REPORTED CINDY LEE IS OVER THE COMMODITY PROGRAM AND SHE TOLD HIM ALSO THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COUNTY DOES MOST OF THE COMMODITY PROGRAM WITH DAVID AND THE INMATES; ALL THE WORKERS ARE VOLUNTARY. ALL TRI COUNTY DOES BASICALLY IS SEND ONE EMPLOYEE DOWN FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SUPPORT THE COMMODITY PROGRAM.

DAVID ADDRESSED, IF HE UNDERSTANDS IT CORRECTLY, IF TRI-COUNTY DON'T HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FOOD TO FEED EVERYBODY, THEY HAD TO TAKE MONEY THEY HAD SET ASIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND BUY MORE FOOD. HE POINTED OUT THE COUNTY LIKE TO HAVE LOST THE COMMODITY PROGRAM FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO UNTIL COMMISSIONER BROCK STEPPED TO THE PLATE AND OFFERED THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE TO KEEP THE PROGRAM GOING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED IT BEING INTERESTING THE COUNTY DOES MOST OF THE WORK ON THE COMMODITY PROGRAM ANYWAY; THEY ALSO PROVIDE SOMEWHERE TO STORE THE COMMODITIES. HE ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS THEY TALKING ABOUT AND ARE THEY JUST GOING TO TAKE CARE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DAVID SAID HE ONLY TAKES CARE OF VERNON AND CHIPLEY COMMODITY PROGRAMS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT IS TRI-COUNTY DOING WITH THE EXTRA \$5,000 THE COUNTY IS GIVING THEM. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T

KNOW; HE HAS A MEETING WITH TRI-COUNTY ON THURSDAY NIGHT AND WILL FIND OUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING MENTIONED THIS TO MARY ENFINGER WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM TAKING OVER THE COMMODITY PROGRAM. HE, MS. ENFINGER AND PETE WILL MEET AND DISCUSS THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SINCE HE IS THE LIASON TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING, DO THEY MIND LETTING HIM IN ON THESE THINGS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO GET THEIR FEELINGS HURT; IT IS JUST COMMUNICATION. SOMETIMES THINGS COME UP WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT UNTIL THEY GET TO A MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED IT BEING COMMON COURTESY TO AT LEAST BE INFORMED OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE RENEWAL RATES FOR THE PROPERTY AND AUTO INSURANCE; THE PROPERTY INSURANCE ACTUALLY CAME DOWN AND THE AUTOMOBILE ACTUALLY STAYED ABOUT THE SAME. THEY WERE CONTACTED BY OTHER VENDORS AND HE THOUGHT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO SEE A SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND AUTO INSURANCE IF THEY ADVERTISED AND REQUESTED PROPOSALS. DUE TO THE RENEWAL BEING ON OCTOBER 1ST, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS ENOUGH TIME TO RENEW IT OR NOT FOR THE 2009-2010 YEAR; BUT, THE BOARD MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ADVERTISING NEXT YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM FINISHES THIS YEAR'S AUDIT, THEY ARE ON A ONE YEAR EXTENSION WITH THEIR AGREEMENT; THEREFORE, THE BOARD NEEDS TO ADVERTISE FOR AUDITING SERVICES OR MAKE A DECISION IF THEY WANT TO STAY WITH CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY CAN ALWAYS ADVERTISE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED ISSUES DISCUSSED TODAY AS FAR AS COST FOR RECREATION AND CLEANING OF THE COURTHOUSE; THIS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 TO \$100,000. HE ASKED PETE IF HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO HANDLE THE SERVER FOR THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT IN THE 2008-2009 YEAR WITH PETE ADVISING HE WAS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THERE ONLY BEING TWO FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE AND THE BOARD JUST NEEDS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO FUND THESE ITEMS.

DAVID ASKED IF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY FUNDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE BUDGET FOR 2009-2010 SINCE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED SHE THOUGHT THIS HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF; THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO FUND, AND HAVE BEEN FUNDING, THE MAJORITY OF ANIMAL CONTROL ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DOESN'T PARTICIPATE, IS THE COUNTY GOING TO CHARGE THE CITY FOR CARRYING THE ANIMALS OUT TO THE COUNTY'S DOG POUND.

DAVID SAID THIS WOULD BE HANDLED JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE; THE CITY WILL BE BILLED FOR MILEAGE AND AN HOURLY RATE IF ANIMAL CONTROL IS CALLED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHY WOULD THE COUNTY BILL THEM; IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY CONTRACT, THE COUNTY DOESN'T NEED TO BE SERVICING THEM; THE CITY NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR OWN CONTRACT.

DAVID REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON FINISHING THE SUNNY HILLS BUILDING. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO GETTING THE BUILDING COMPLETED. THE BIG ISSUE WAS WITH AQUA UTILITIES; IF THEY CAN WORK THROUGH THIS, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO GET THE FACILITY OPENED.



COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT WAS THE COST TO GET WATER TO THE FACILITY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED IT WAS \$12,000.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER BEING APPROACHED ABOUT THE COUNTY OFFERING AN EARLY RETIREMENT OPTION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SHE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO CONSIDER OFFERING THIS AGAIN; SHE HAS SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTYS' PLANS OF WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING TWO EMPLOYEES WHO WERE OFFERED EARLY RETIRMENT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO; THE COUNTY OFFERED TO PAY THEIR INSURANCE FOR TWO YEARS. SHE DISCUSSED WITH MR. HERBERT TO OFFER EARLY RETIREMENT TO ANY EMPLOYEE WHO IS WITHIN 36 MONTHS OF BEING 65 YEARS OLD WITH THE COUNTY PAYING THE INSURANCE. THIS MAY HELP THE COUNTY WITH SOME OF THE SALARIES BECAUSE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE IN THAT CRITERIA HAVE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR A WHILE AND IF THEY HIRE SOMEBODY IN THAT POSITION, THEY WOULD BE HIRED IN AT THE ENTRY LEVEL AND THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER. THERE ARE ABOUT TWELVE TO FIFTEEN EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD FALL IN THAT RANGE; SEVERAL OF THEM ARE IN THE DROP PROGRAM AND MAY NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR HEATHER TO TRY AND TALK TO THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES TO SEE HOW MANY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE EARLY RETIREMENT AND THE SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY IF THEY OPTED TO OFFER THE EARLY RETIREMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET STILL SHOWS \$19,400 FROM THE CITY OF CHIPLEY; THIS WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND. IT APPEARS IF CHIPLEY IS NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE AND THERE WON'T BE AS MANY ANIMALS, THERE COULD BE SOME NEGOTIATIONS WITH DR. ANDERSON'S CONTRACT.

DAVID REPORTED DR. ANDERSON'S CONTRACT IS FOR UP TO 120 ANIMALS; HOWEVER, WE ARE PROBABLY GOING OVER THAT AMOUNT THIS YEAR. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW STATED THE CITY OF CHIPLEY WAS INVOLVED THIS YEAR AND THEY HAVE ONLY PAID HALF OF WHAT THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO SO FAR THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF WE KNOW HOW MANY ANIMALS CAME OUT OF CHIPLEY THIS YEAR AND HOW MANY ANIMALS TO EXPECT FOR NEXT YEAR.

DAVID AGREED TO GET THIS INFORMATION. HE ADDRESSED SITUATIONS WHERE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLS HIM TO PICK UP ANIMALS IN PLACES THAT ARE NOT PARTICIPATING WITH THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT; THEY BILL THE MUNICIPALITY WHEN THIS OCCURS. THE SHERIFF HAS TOLD HIM AND PETE IF HE CALLS ANIMAL CONTROL, HE EXPECTS THEM TO GO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED A QUESTION HE HAD BEEN ASKED; WHY IS IT PEOPLE IN THE CITY LIMITS HAVE TO PAY FOR A SERVICE OR CAN'T GET THE SERVICE FROM THE COUNTY THAT THE COUNTY OFFERS THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND THEIR TAX DOLLARS IS HELPING TO PAY FOR IT.

DAVID SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE CITIES ARE SAYING THEY ARE PAYING ENOUGH TAXES AND THEY SHOULD BE GETTING THE SAME SERVICE THE COUNTY PROVIDES IN THE RURAL AREAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE A COUNTYWIDE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM; THE PEOPLE WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS CAN'T GET THE HELP BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHY DOES THE COUNTY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THE CITIES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ANIMAL CONTROL STARTED OUT WITH THE CITY HAVING A BUILDING OF THEIR OWN.

DAVID EXPLAINED YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED OUT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY; IT WENT FROM THERE TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THEN BACK TO THE COUNTY. THEY TRIED TO TREAT EVERYBODY EQUAL AND ENTERED INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO PRO-RATE THE

COST. WHEN A CITY DROPS OUT, IT IS PASSED ON TO THE REMAINING ENTITIES AND IT MADE EVERYBODY'S CONTRACT PRICE GO UP. THE CITY OF CHIPLEY'S COST THIS YEAR WENT UP FROM \$19,600 TO \$31,000 AND THE CITY CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND DO THEIR OWN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE CITY OF VERNON DOES THEIR OWN ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM TOO.

DAVID TOLD THE BOARD OF AN INCIDENT IN WAUSAU WHERE A CHILD HAD BEEN BITTEN ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO; ANIMAL CONTROL WENT AND PICKED UP THE ANIMAL. PEOPLE DON'T NEED ANIMAL CONTROL UNTIL THEY DO NEED IT; IT IS SORT OF LIKE INSURANCE. HE ADDRESSED IT IS STATE MANDATED THE COUNTY HAS TO HAVE A VETERINARIAN ON BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE COUNTY CAN FURNISH ANYTHING THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR; WHEN YOU ARE CUTTING TAXES AND CUTTING BUDGETS, EVERYBODY HAS TO PULL THEIR OWN WEIGHT.

DAVID SAID HE THOUGHT WAUSAU HAS THEIR OWN SERVICE AND VERNON TOO AND MAY NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM; BUT, HE IS SURE THEY WOULD IF IT WAS FREE. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER; WAUSAU, VERNON, CARYVILLE AND EBRO ARE ALL PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MARGARET ROGERS, WAUSAU TOWN CLERK, STATED WAUSAU HAS THEIR OWN ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM; THEY ARE DISPATCHED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOO. SHE DOESN'T KNOW OF A TIME THE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL HAS BEEN CALLED TO WAUSAU. OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME THEY HAVE HAD THEIR OWN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, THEY HAVE NOT SPENT WHAT IT WOULD HAVE COST THEM FOR ONE YEAR UNDER THE COUNTY.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE ANSWER TO COMMISSIONER BROCK'S QUESTION, WHY DOES THE CITIES PAY, HE THINKS THEY WILL FIND LIES IN THE STATUTE AND CONSTITUTION; IT IS A JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE AND NOT A SERVICE ISSUE.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD PUT INTO PLACE SOME RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WAS COUNTYWIDE, THERE IS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GETTING THEIR ANIMALS THEIR PROPER SHOTS, ETC. AND THIS WILL KEEP THE ANIMALS FROM BEING OUT THERE RUNNING AROUND.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT TAKING CARE OF THEIR ANIMALS AND THEY WON'T CLAIM THAT ANIMAL IF ANIMAL CONTROL PICKS THEM UP SO HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THE COUNTY CAN GET MONEY OUT OF THEM. NAN SAID UNFORTUNATELY, THE PEOPLE WHO DO CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS ARE THE ONES WHO SUFFER.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, ROGER HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON DRAFTS OF FIRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS PROVIDED TO THEM. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THE BOARD WANTED GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY, TRACKING OF THE MONEY, REPORTING; THESE HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENTS ARE IN NO WAY COMPLETE. THEY GAVE IT TO THE BOARD FOR THEM TO REVIEW, TELL THEM WHAT THEY ARE PLEASED WITH AND NOT PLEASED WITH AND THEY WILL GO BACK AND PUT IT TOGETHER FOR THE BOARD AGAIN.

ROGER EXPLAINED THE BOARD HAS COPIES OF DRAFT FIRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS; ONE FOR THE CITY AND ONE FOR THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THE REASON FOR THERE BEING TWO DIFFERENT FUNDING AGREEMENTS IS THE CONTRACT WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES IS WITH THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE OTHER AGREEMENT IS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES WHO ARE ALL INCORPORATED AND ARE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND ATTESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ROGER WHAT WERE THE BASIC DIFFERENCES IN THE AGREEMENT NOW IN PLACE AND THE NEW AGREEMENT. ROGER SAID HE THOUGHT THE ACCOUNTABILITY WAS GREATER; THEY ASKED FOR MORE THINGS IN THE

PROPOSAL OF A BUDGET AS WELL AS THE QUARTERLY REPORTING. THEY ALSO ASK THE COUNTY FORMS BE USED, THE QUARTERLY REPORT BE BROKEN DOWN AND ITEMIZED, RECEIPTS BE MADE AND THE RECEIPTS WILL BALANCE WITH THE EXPENSE FORM WHEN THEY ASK FOR REIMBURSEMENT. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THE MONIES NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEY MAY BE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY AND EVERYTHING BE DONE BY PURCHASE ORDERS; THAT IS NOT IN THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

ROGER ADDRESSED SOME YEARS AGO THEY HAD A BOARD WHO THOUGHT ALL THE FIRETRUCKS OUGHT TO BE TITLED TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND THEN THEY WOULD TAKE THE INSURANCE OUT OF THEIR ALLOCATION. PROBABLY FOUR TO FIVE YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY BEGAN TO LEASE THOSE VEHICLES BACK AND THE INSURANCE STILL CAME OUT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATION; THE INSURANCE WAS LESS EXPENSIVE THROUGH THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THE TRUCKS OR APPARATUSSES WERE STILL TITLED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE SAID THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS DO SAY ANY EQUIPMENT BOUGHT WOULD BE TITLED TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF PRESENTLY THERE ARE FIRE TRUCKS THAT ARE TITLED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. ROGER SAID THERE WERE SOME TITLED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR TO THE CITIES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE EQUIPMENT WAS BOUGHT WITH TAX MONIES. ROGER SAID EQUIPMENT WAS PURCHASED THROUGH TAX MONEY AND GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF THE VEHICLES ARE TITLED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE COUNTY INSURES IT, HOW DOES THAT WORK. ROGER REITERATED THE VEHICLE IS LEASED TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COUNTY IS CONTRACTING SERVICES WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHY FIRETRUCKS WERE BOUGHT WITH COUNTY TAX DOLLARS AND TITLED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. ROGER REITERATED A PREVIOUS BOARD DECIDED TO LET THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HOLD THESE TRUCKS AND THEY WILL HAVE TO INSURE THEM; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS DID INSURE THEM OUT OF THE MONIES THE COUNTY ALLOCATED TO THEM. THE COUNTY GAVE THEM MONEY, A FIRETRUCK, AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL PAY THE INSURANCE ON THEM AND THE COUNTY WILL CONTRACT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES. NOW THEY ARE SAYING THEY WILL BUY THE DEPARTMENT'S INSURANCE, THEIR TRUCK AND LEASE IT BACK FROM THEM, PAY THE INSURANCE; BUT, TAKE IT OUT OF THE ALLOCATION THEY GIVE THE DEPARTMENT.

ROGER SAID IN THE NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT, IT SAYS NO MONEY GIVEN BY THE COUNTY CAN BE USED FOR PERSONNEL UNLESS PREAPPROVED BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD CAN TAKE THIS OUT IF THEY DESIRE TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIRECHIEFS. ROGER ADVISED THEY HAVE NOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FIRECHIEFS FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED AGREEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE FEELS ANY VEHICLE BOUGHT WITH COUNTY TAX DOLLARS SHOULD BE TITLED TO THE COUNTY. IF THEY WERE BOUGHT WITH A GRANT, SOMEBODY SPONSORED THAT GRANT AND IT WAS PROBABLY THE COUNTY.

ROGER SAID THE AGREEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS; BUT, IT HASN'T BEEN KEPT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THE BOARD HAD ASKED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP THE AGREEMENTS FOR THEM TO LOOK AT; HIS OBLIGATION IS TO THE BOARD FIRST. HE ALSO FEELS THE AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO DISTRIBUTE THE DRAFT FIRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS TO THE FIRECHIEFS AND GET THEIR FEEDBACK ON THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS. ROGER SAID HE IS NOT SURE; THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS THAT COME UP THAT MAY NEED TO BE ADDED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE WHOLE IDEA OF THIS IS TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE BY OCTOBER 1ST. ROGER EXPLAINED THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE THE NEW AGREEMENTS BY OCTOBER 1; THE CURRENT AGREEMENT SAYS UNTIL SOMETHING CHANGES. WHEN OCTOBER 1ST COMES, NOTHING HAS CHANGED UNTIL THE BOARD CHANGES SOMETHING. HE INFORMED THE BOARD DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW MADE HIM UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF A HALF MIL. UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES, THE AGREEMENT IN AFFECT NOW CONTINUES. HE HAD RATHER THE BOARD APPROVE THE NEW AGREEMENT IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER THAN DO IT IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND COME BACK IN TWO MONTHS AND NOT BE HAPPY WITH IT. HE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT DISTRICT LINES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THE FIRE LINES CAN BE DONE WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL. ROGER EXPLAINED IN THE PAST THIS WAS DONE WITH THE HELP OF GSG AND THE FIRECHIEFS; THE BOARD LOOKED AT IT AND GAVE A CURSORY APPROVAL. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY TOOK ANY ACTION. HOW- EVER, THE TIME MAY COME FOR FORMAL BOARD ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON ANY CHANGES TO THE FIRE LINES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT THIS WOULD BE LIKE ANYTHING ELSE; ROGER WOULD BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AND THEY APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED, IF THE NEW AGREEMENTS ARE APPROVED, WHO IS GOING TO BE THE OVERSEER TO MAKE SURE THE NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE MET. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY DIDN'T HIRE THE FIRECHIEF THEY TALKED ABOUT; SO, IT WILL FALL UNDER ROGER.

ROGER EXPLAINED THE FIRE AGREEMENTS DOESN'T ADDRESS TRAINING; HE WOULD MAKE SURE THE THINGS IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARE BEING DONE AS THEY ARE ALREADY DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AT ONE TIME IT WAS MENTIONED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FIRE COORDINATOR FOR THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WAS DISCUSSED; BUT, NOBODY WANTED TO DO IT AT THE TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE PLAN NEEDED TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE THEY START TALKING ABOUT FUNDING A FIRE COORDINATOR. ROGER ADDRESSED WHEN THE BOARD APPOINTED THE FIRE COMMITTEE, IT WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS TO GET TO THE STARTING PLACE. THEY ARE ABOUT TO GET TO THE STARTING PLACE; BUT, EVEN THEN, YOU HAVE TIME TO WORK ON IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE FUNDING NOW IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE FIRE SERVICES WE NEED FOR THE COUNTY; YOU HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN DOWN THE ROAD AND HAVE SOME KIND OF FUNDING OR SOMETHING IN PLACE YOU ARE USING THE MONEY THE BEST YOU CAN AND GO TO THE PEOPLE. IF THE PEOPLE WANTS THE PLAN, THEY VOTE FOR THE TAXES AND EVERYBODY IS HAPPY AS LONG AS SOMETHING IS THERE TO MAKE SURE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE ACCOUNTABLE.

ROGER ADDRESSED, HOPEFULLY, IMPACT FEES WILL HELP TAKE CARE OF THOSE NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE KNEW THE BOARD HAD APPOINTED ROGER AS MSBU COORDINATOR; BUT, HAVE THEY APPOINTED HIM TO BE IN CHARGE OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS TOO.

HE WAS INFORMED ROGER WAS PUT OVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TOO. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS TEMPORARY UNTIL ROGER COULD COME UP WITH A PLAN AND THE BOARD WAS LEANING TOWARD A FIRE COORDINATOR FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; THAT WAS HIS INTENTION FOR THE WHOLE THING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY STILL DON'T HAVE A PLAN THOUGH; IT IS STILL IN THE FORMATIVE PHASE. ROGER SAID THEY TABLED THE FIRE COORDINATOR. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE IS STILL ON THAT MISSION OF A FIRE COORDINATOR AS HE THINKS IT IS TIME IF THEY ARE GOING TO GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS GOING ON THE RIGHT ROAD AND SOMEBODY THE BOARD AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS CAN LOOK TOWARD TO RUN THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

ROGER SAID THE COUNTY HAS THAT; IT IS NOT LIKE THEY ARE WITHOUT ANYBODY AS HE IS RESPONSIBLE. HE ADDRESSED A FEW MONTHS AGO FIRE DEPARTMENTS COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND OPPOSED THE FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION AND THE BOARD VOTED NOT TO PURSUE IT AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REITERATED IT WAS HIS INTENTION THAT WAS TEMPORARY UNTIL THEY GOT FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THAT WAS HIS INTENTION TOO; BUT, RIGHT NOW WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO NOTHING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS GET A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXES AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THIS ONE POSITION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY COULD; BUT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE THE ALLOCATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

ROGER SAID HE THINKS WHAT THE BOARD HAS NOW IS A TRANSITION TO GET THEM WHERE THEY WANT TO GO BECAUSE IT IS NOT COSTING THEM ANYMORE FOR THIS TO BE DONE LIKE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE THROUGH THE EOC OFFICE. IT IS SAVING THE COUNTY \$70,000 TO \$100,000; BUT, THEY CAN TAKE THE FIRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND THE PLAN THE FIRECHIEFS ARE WORK- ING ON AND TRANSITION THE BOARD TO A PLACE WHEN THERE IS A RECOVERY THEY CAN DO EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. HE THINKS THAT HAS BEEN THE BOARD'S PLAN THE WHOLE TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD ALWAYS COMES BACK AND SAYS THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY; THE FUNDING, IN HIS OPINION, WAS TO COME OUT OF FIRE SERVICES. THE FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION WAS TO COME OUT OF FIRE SERVICES.

ROGER ADDRESSED THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING DIDN'T GO UP THIS YEAR AND NEITHER DID THE FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. WHEN THE BOARD DOES A COUNTY WIDE MSBU, ONE CENT SALES TAX, IMPACT FEES PICK UP OR THE AD VALOREM TAX GOES UP SO THE HALF MIL GENERATES MORE, WHEN ONE OR MORE OF THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, THE COUNTY'S BUDGET WILL BE KIND OF WHERE THE PLAN IS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED, TO FUND THE FIRE COORDINATOR POSITION SUFFICIENTLY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO DECREASE EACH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATION BY ABOUT \$6,000 A YEAR.

WITH THE BOARD HAVING A PLAN IN PLACE, IT WOULD MAKE THE FIRE COORDINATOR'S POSITION A WHOLE LOT EASIER BECAUSE THERE IS GOING TO BE RESISTANCE THERE.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE FIRECHIEF ASSOCIATION HAD MET TO START WORKING ON THEIR ANSWERS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLAN. ROGER SAID THEY DID MEET THAT NIGHT AFTER THE MEETING WITH THE BOARD; BUT, THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN ANYTHING BACK TO HIM YET.

ROGER WENT BACK TO COMMISSIONER HOLMAN'S QUESTION WOULD SOMETHING ELSE BE ADDED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING AGREEMENT, HE SAID PERHAPS SO. SINCE HE GAVE THIS TO THE BOARD, THERE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO JOIN A DEPARTMENT, WHAT IS THE CRITERIA ABOUT BEING ON A ROSTER, ETC.

ROGER ADVISED CALVIN STEVENON, WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRECHIEF'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, IS WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND THE FIRE SERVICE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF HE UNDERSTOOD ROGER TO SAY THERE WAS NOT A CRITERIA FOR JOINING A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR ARE THEY ARE WORKING ON ONE THAT IMPROVES ONE.

ROGER SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE IS A FORMALLY ADOPTED CRITERIA FOR JOINING A DEPARTMENT. THEY DO HAVE, BECAUSE OF WORKERS COMP HAVING TO HAVE A DRUG TEST, A PHYSICAL JUST LIKE A NEW HIRE FOR THE COUNTY DOES; THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THAT FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS NOW FOR THE RURAL DEPARTMENTS. THE CITIES ACTUALLY CARRY THE WORKERS COMP FOR THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENTS; SOME OF THEM DO COME TO THE COUNTY TO GET THEIR PHYSICAL AND DRUG SCREEN. THAT IS THE CLOSEST THING TO A FORMAL APPLICATION THEY HAVE. EACH DEPARTMENT HAS A DEPARTMENT APPLICATION; THEY ARE TRYING TO BE IN UNIFORMITY WITH EACH OTHER.

ED PELLETIER, COUNTRY OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CLARIFIED THEY ARE INCORPORATED UNDER THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND HAVE A 501 C3, NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION. THEY GET COUNTY MONEY, \$25,000; THEY SKIMP AND SAVE AND TRY TO ROLL MONEY OVER TO TRY AND BUY OTHER EQUIPMENT. COUNTRY OAKS HAS BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET THREE GRANTS; THE FIRST ONE WAS FOR \$35,000 AND THEY BOUGHT FUNDING GEAR WITH IT. THE SECOND GRANT WAS \$109,000 AND THEY BOUGHT A NEW FIRE RESCUE TRUCK AND THE THIRD GRANT WAS FOR \$15,000 FOR EQUIPMENT. FOR THE \$35,000 GRANT AND \$15,000 GRANT COUNTRY OAKS PUT UP THE 10% MATCH WITH MONEY THEY SAVED; FOR THE \$109,000, THEY COME TO THE COUNTY FOR HELP WITH THE 10% MATCH. HE DIDN'T AGREE WITH THE FIRETRUCKS SHOULD BELONG TO THE COUNTY; IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE SAVED THE MONEY AND A LOT OF MONEY CAME FROM FUNDRAISERS AND THEM SQUEEZING A DOLLAR AS MUCH AS THEY CAN. HIS UNDERSTANDING, WITH A 501 C3, SHOULD THEY CLOSE DOWN THE FIRE STATION AND DISSOLVE IT, WHATEVER THEY HAVE, THEY COULD SELL OFF AND PAY ALL THE EXTRA BILLS AND THE REST OF THE MONEY THEY HAVE TO DONATE TO ANOTHER 501 C3 ORGANIZATION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THAT IS PROBABLY TRUE; BUT, THE BOARD IS TALKING ABOUT IN THE AGREEMENT TO GET IT WHERE THE COUNTY DOES OWN THE TRUCKS, ETC.

MR. PELLETIER SAID IF THE COUNTY CAN COME UP WITH THE MONEY, COUNTRY OAKS WOULD GIVE THEM A GOOD PRICE ON IT. HE HAS ONE TRUCK THAT IS GOING TO GET RETIRED. THEY GOT AN AMBULANCE FROM EMS FOR NOTHING. COUNTRY OAKS SPENT \$8,000 ON IT; \$5,500 FOR A NEW MOTOR AND \$3,000 TO HAVE IT PUT IN. RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVE A GOOD BRUSH TRUCK.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED MR. PELLETIER WHEN HE GOT THE GRANT MONIES, DID HE GET COUNTY APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE GRANTS. MR. PELLETIER SAID "NO SIR."; HE DID IT ON HIS OWN AND THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE CONTRACT THAT SAYS THEY HAD TO COME TO THE COUNTY.

ROGER ADDRESSED IT BEING DIFFICULT WHEN FUND RAISING MONIES AND COUNTY MONIES ARE MIXED; IT IS HARD TO DETERMINE WHAT IS TAX MONEY AND WHAT IS FUND RAISER MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED MR. PELLETIER ON THE MONEY COUNTRY OAKS SKIMPED AND SAVED ON, HOW MUCH OF THAT WAS COUNTY TAX MONEY AND HOW MUCH WAS FUND RAISER MONEY.

MR. PELLETIER EXPLAINED EVERY YEAR THEY FILL OUT A REPORT WHICH SHOWS EVERY CENT BROKEN DOWN AND THEY GIVE ROGER A COPY EVERY YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE MONIES WERE SEPARATED AS FAR AS TAX MONIES AND FUND RAISING MONIES. MR. PELLETIER SAID IT IS ALL ONE CHECKING ACCOUNT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MR. PELLETIER ALL THE BOARD IS SAYING IF IT IS TAX MONEY, WHATEVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUYS WITH THAT TAX MONEY IS

COUNTY PROPERTY. MR. PELLETIER SAID NOT UNDER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT IT DOESN'T SAY THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS THE WAY THEY WANT IT TO BE. MR. PELLETIER SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS JUST HAVE A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT IF COUNTRY OAKS DECIDED TO DISSOLVE THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT. WHAT DOES THE COUNTY DO FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT THERE AS COUNTRY OAKS WOULD HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT THE COUNTY BOUGHT HYPOTHETICALLY.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THAT IS RIGHT; THE AGREEMENT IS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE A FIRE SERVICE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THAT IS RIGHT.

MR. PELLETIER SAID IT WAS A CONTRACT ATTORNEY HOLLEY DREW UP AND IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN HAVING A CONTRACT WITH SOMEBODY ELSE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID NOT WHERE THERE ARE COUNTY TAX MONIES INVOLVED; THERE IS NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS INVOLVED IN OTHER COMPANIES.

LOU TRACY SAID COMMISSIONER HOWELL IS TALKING ABOUT COUNTY TAX MONEY AND MR. PELLETIER IS TALKING ABOUT MONEY THAT IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION. THE COUNTY IS GIVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX MONEY; BUT, THE \$90,000 TRUCK WAS BOUGHT WITH MONEY COUNTRY OAKS GOT A GRANT FOR. IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID MR. PELLETIER JUST SAID HE COME TO THE COUNTY AND GOT \$109,000. MR. PELLETIER SAID NO; HE GOT THE 10% MATCH FROM THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE COUNTY SPONSORED THE GRANT AND ASKED IF THAT TRUCK IS IN THE COUNTY'S NAME.

MR. PELLETIER SAID NO SIR AND REFERRED TO THE COUNTY NOT BEING ABLE TO GET THESE GRANTS.

MR. BRIAN PIERCE, CHAIRMAN OF FIVE POINTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TALKING ABOUT TAX MONIES AND GAVE AN EXAMPLE IF HE PUT IN A BID TO CLEAN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND THEY GAVE HIM COUNTY MONEY FOR A CONTRACT TO CLEAN, THE BOARD WOULD EXPECT THE MOPS TO BELONG TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT WAS BOUGHT WITH MONEY THE COUNTY GAVE HIM. THAT IS HOW HE IS HEARING THIS. MR. PELLETIER IS SAYING THE COUNTY HAS A CONTRACT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AS LONG AS FIRES ARE PUT OUT, EVERYBODY SHOULD BE HAPPY BUT COMMISSIONER HOWELL IS SAYING HE WANTS TO OWN THE MOP BUCKET ITSELF.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE IS SAYING THE COUNTY SHOULD OWN THOSE FIRETRUCKS.

MR. PIERCE SAID IT IS HARD TO ATTRACT AND KEEP FIREFIGHTERS; THE BEST WAY TO DO IT IS PRIDE IN THE DEPARTMENT. IF THEY DON'T OWN THE EQUIPMENT, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LESS WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE AS MUCH AS FIREFIGHTERS HAVE TO. HE THOUGHT MAYBE IF THEY LOOKED AT A MOPBUCKET, THEY WOULD SEE A CONTRACT IS A CONTRACT.

MR. PIERCE SAID IF THE BOARD IS CHANGING THE CONTRACT BECAUSE OF ONE DEPARTMENT, AND GAVE ANOTHER EXAMPLE: IF YOU HAD ELEVEN CHILDREN MAKING A'S, HAD PART TIME JOBS, SAVED HALF THE MONEY TO GO TO COLLEGE AND DONE EVERYTHING THAT ANY PERFECT CHILD SHOULD DO AND THEY HAD ONE CHILD THAT WAS DOING DRUGS, GETTING DRUNK, DRIVING YOUR CAR INTO A TREE, THAT ONE CHILD MIGHT COME UNDER SOME DIFFERENT RULES. HE SAID IF THE COUNTY HAS PROBLEMS WITH ONE DEPARTMENT, THEY MIGHT NEED TO JUST LOOK AT THEIR CONTRACT. HE ADDRESSED HE WOULDN'T HAVE CARED IF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE COME HARD ON THEM TO COME BACK IN LINE; HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO HIM, THEY ARE PUNISHING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR ONE CHILD.

MR. MYRON PIERCE, FIVE POINTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE- CHIEF, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING WHEN THE COUNTY CONTRACTS TO GET A ROAD BUILT AND PAYS OUT TAX MONEY TO GET THE ROAD BUILT, DOES THE COUNTY OWN THE EQUIPMENT THE CONTRACTOR BUYS TO DO THE WORK. HE STATED THE COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EACH OF THEM ARE INDEPENDENT; THE COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH THEM FOR A PRODUCT WHICH IS FIGHTING FIRES. BY DOING THAT, THE COUNTY IS GETTING SOMETHING FOR THEIR MONEY. IT IS THE SAME WAY AS THAT CONTRACTOR THAT IS BUILDING A ROAD THAT HAS TO BUY A NEW GRADER AND USES THE COUNTY MONEY THE COUNTY IS PAYING THEM TO DO HIS JOB AND HE BUYS A GRADER, HE OWNS THE GRADER. HE ADDRESSED IF THE COUNTY OWNS THE TRUCKS, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THEM. HE SAID HE HAD A THIRTY FOUR YEAR OLD TRUCK HE HAD HOPES OF PAYING; THEY ARE SAVING LIKE MAD ON IT AND DOING FUND RAISERS. THEY ARE BUYING AND WHEN THEY DO THEY ARE USING BOTH COUNTY MONIES AND MONIES THEY MADE FROM ALL OVER THE PLACE. WHAT THE COUNTY IS PAYING FOR IS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM; THINK OF IT AS CONTRACTING THE ROAD BUILDING. IT IS THE SAME THING; THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE CONTRACTOR WITH TAX MONEY BUT HE OWNS THE EQUIPMENT. THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR A SERVICE AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO OWN THEIR EQUIPMENT. HE POINTED OUT A LOT OF THEIR EQUIPMENT BELONGS TO THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY. FIVE POINTS HAS BOUGHT A NEW BRUSH TRUCK AND THE NEXT THING IS TO TRY AND REPLACE THAT THIRTY FOUR YEAR OLD ENGINE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID WHAT MR. PIERCE IS SAYING IS THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR A SERVICE AND THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY ABOUT HOW THEY PROVIDE THE SERVICE. MR. PIERCE SAID THE COUNTY IS PAYING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR A SERVICE AND THEY WOULD EXPECT THE DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THE COUNTY'S SERVICE. IF THE COUNTY IS PAYING FOR A SERVICE AND THE DEPARTMENTS DIDN'T SHOW UP, THAT IS ANOTHER THING; BUT, AS LONG AS THE COUNTY PAYS THEM FOR A SERVICE AND THEY GET THE EQUIPMENT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND DO THE SERVICE, THE COUNTY SHOULD RESPECT THEM FOR DOING A JOB FOR THEM.

EARL STEWART, CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRE BOARD SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATED THEY HAD JUST COME OUT OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATION AND THEY CLEARED THEM OF ANY WRONG DOING. ACCORDING TO THE WAY THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT IS WORDED RIGHT NOW, REALLY ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE PROVIDING NOW IS SERVICES; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS CAN SPEND THE MONIES GIVEN BY THE COUNTY FOR FIRE SERVICES ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT. THE COUNTY IS BUYING A SERVICE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. IN SUNNY HILLS, THEY OWN THAT TRUCK AND THE OTHER TWO TRUCKS ARE PAID BY THE MSBU BENEFITS, WHICH IS NOT A TAXPAYERS FUND; IT IS A BENEFIT, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT SO THEY OWN ALL THREE OF THEM BASICALLY.

AL GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE WHOLE THING AS HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE SAYING AS FAR AS WANTING TO OWN THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT, THAT IS FINE. THE PROBLEM THAT COMES IN IS THAT EQUIPMENT WAS BOUGHT WITH TAX DOLLARS; MSBU, FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS IS A TAX. THE EQUIPMENT IS ALL BEING BOUGHT WITH TAX DOLLARS AND THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT EQUIPMENT OUT THERE. HE GUARANTEES IF ONE OF THEM RUNS DOWN THE ROAD, HAS A WRECK AND KILLS SOMEBODY, DO YOU THINK THEY ARE GOING TO SUE COUNTRY OAKS, FIVE POINTS, ETC.; NO, THEY ARE COMING AFTER THE COUNTY. WITHOUT THE EQUIPMENT BEING IN THE COUNTY'S NAME, THEY HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT. AT ANY TIME, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS CAN SELL OFF THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEY CAN GET THEIR BOARD TOGETHER AT SUNNY HILLS, SELL OFF ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT DOWN THERE, SPLIT UP THE MONEY



AMONGST THEM AND LEAVE AND LEAVE THE COUNTY SITTING HIGH AND DRY AFTER ALL THESE TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN PAID TO THEM. HE SAID DON'T THINK THAT DON'T HAPPEN.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OWNS THEIR EQUIPMENT AND THE COUNTY IS LEASING THAT EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE ASKED WHAT TAGS ARE ON THESE FIRETRUCKS AND WAS TOLD COUNTY TAGS. HE SAID THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES ARE LEASED TO THE COUNTY AND ARE UNDER THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE; IF THEY HAVE AN ACCIDENT, THE COUNTY WILL BE SUED, NOT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHETHER THEY OWN THE EQUIPMENT OR NOT.

JAMEY FIELDING, 1784 QUINTARA COURT, SUNNY HILLS, SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE MONIES THE MSBU GETS IS A \$25 PER LOT ASSESSMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE RESIDENTS OR PROPERTY OWNERS OF LOTS OF RECORD IN SUNNY HILLS. ASSESSMENT MONIES CAN ONLY BE USED IN THAT AREA WHERE THE MONEY IS BEING ASSESSED AT. WHATEVER IS USED FOR THAT MONEY, IT HAS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE SUNNY HILLS LOCATION. WHATEVER THE CONTRACT THE COUNTY HAS, THAT IS THE CONTRACT IN EXISTENCE IS HIS UNDERSTANDING. IF THE CONTRACT SAYS THE COUNTY IS LEASING IT FROM THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEN THEY ARE LEASING IT FROM THEM. IF IT SAYS WHAT THE COUNTY PREFERS IT TO SAY, THEN LEGALLY SUNNY HILLS WOULD HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THAT. THEY ARE GOING TO CONCEDE TO WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS IT IS; THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH IT BUT WILL CONCEDE TO THAT POINT. AS FAR AS THE ASSESSMENT MONIES, THE MONIES ARE EXTRACTED FROM SUNNY HILLS RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS AND ANY PURCHASES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT IS COUNTY PURCHASES; IT MAY BE PURCHASED WITH REQUEST TO THE COUNTY BUT IT IS MONEY EXTRACTED FROM SUNNY HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS IN A DEDICATED MSBU.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED JAMEY IF THEY BUY A VEHICLE, WHOSE NAME ARE THEY GOING TO PUT IT IN. JAMEY STATED, IF IT IS BOUGHT WITH MSBU MONIES, HE IMAGINED IT WOULD BE IN MSBU'S NAME. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T THINK SO. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THE VEHICLE WOULD BE IN THE COUNTY'S NAME.

JAMEY SAID IT MAY BE IN THE COUNTY'S NAME; BUT, IT WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED IT WOULD BE USED IN THE MSBU UNIT.

JAMEY SAID IF THE MONIES WERE SPENT BEFORE, THEN THE EXISTING CONTRACT AS IT WAS, NOT THE ONE THAT IS BEING WRITTEN RIGHT NOW. COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED JAMEY HE WAS SORT OF GETTING OFF THE SUBJECT; HE IS TALKING ABOUT MSBU AND THE BOARD IS TALKING ABOUT FIRE.

JAMEY SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT; BUT, IT IS MSBU FUNDS THAT BOUGHT THE VEHICLES OUT THERE IS HIS UNDERSTANDING. IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEY ARE OUT THERE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS STILL THE COUNTY'S MONEY, RIGHT. JAMEY SAID HE WASN'T GOING TO THAT POINT BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW FOR SURE.

ROGER HAGAN RESPONDED TO BRYAN PIERCE'S EXAMPLE OF HAVING ELEVEN CHILDREN AND ONLY ONE WAS BAD. ROGER SAID IF YOU LET ONE CHILD GET AWAY WITH SOMETHING, THE OTHER TEN WILL MORE THAN LIKELY TRY IT BECAUSE IF THE ONE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT, THEY THINK THEY CAN TOO. HE DOESN'T THINK THE PROBLEM IS ONE DEPARTMENT; ONE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW MIGHT BE VISIBLE AND CONTROVERSIAL. HE THINKS THIS IS AN ACCUMULATION OVER THE YEARS WHERE THE ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUES HAVE GROWN LARGER AND LARGER.

ROGER ADDRESSED SOME OF THE PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS AND SOME BEFORE THEM HAVE BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRE DEPARTMENTS LONG BEFORE THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF. HE SAID THE COUNTY CAN MAKE THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS MUCH GREATER BY SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO CONTRACT WITH

THE DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES AND LET THE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRUCKS. MR. GOTHARD HAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BID ON THE PROPOSED CONTRACT; HE IS READY TO GO. THE COUNTY IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO GET MR. GOTHARD BECAUSE HE DON'T HAVE ANY FIRETRUCKS AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE FIRETRUCKS TO GIVE HIM. IF THE COUNTY TAKES A BID TO CLEAN A FLOOR OR PAVE A ROAD, THAT ROAD PAVER AND BUILDING CLEANER COMES WITH THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THAT SERVICE. THIS IS JUST THE COUNTY IS BUYING THE SERVICE, BUYING THE EQUIPMENT AND PAYING THEM TO RUN IT. WHAT THE COUNTY IS WORKING TOWARD IS CREATING JOBS SO THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE NOW VOLUNTEERS AND WANT TO BE FIREFIGHTERS, TO HAVE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THEM TO START FIGHTING FIRES AND HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT THOSE MEN ARE HOUSED IN, ETC. IT IS NOT COMPARING APPLES TO APPLES WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT PAVING ROADS AND CLEANING A BUILDING VERSUS THE SERVICES THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. BECAUSE HE IS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SIDE, BECAUSE HE WORKS WITH THEM ALL THE TIME AND KNOWS WHAT THEY DO, IF THE COUNTY GETS TO OWNING THE EQUIPMENT, IT GETS TO BE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPLACE IT, KEEP ADEQUATE BUILDINGS, APPARATUS, BUNKER GEAR, ETC. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S DO PROVIDE SERVICE; THEY SHOW UP, YOU HAVE GOOD EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS, UNIFORMS, ETC. FOR THEM TO OPERATE OUT OF.

IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO DO A TITLE CONTRACT, THE BOARD MAY WANT TO GET SOME CRITERIA SET AND LOOK AT BIDDING. HE DOESN'T THINK THAT IS WHAT THEY WILL DO.

AS IT RELATES TO MSBU, ROGER SAID WHAT HE THOUGHT MSBU SAYS, IT ENHANCES THE SERVICES; HE DOESN'T THINK IT SAYS IT IS EXCLUSIVE TO THAT AREA THAT THIS EQUIPMENT IS ALREADY THERE. THEY ARE ALSO FUNDING SERVICES TO GET ADDITIONAL; IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH WHAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY FUNDING THEM. THEY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THEM TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES FOR SUNNY HILLS AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY MUTUAL AID. THE MSBU IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE; IT IS AN ADDED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHO OWNS WHAT AND WHO LEASES WHAT. USUALLY WHEN YOU LEASE SOMETHING, YOU HAVE GUIDELINES YOU HAVE TO GO BY WHEN THEY USE THAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT; BUT, THE DEPARTMENTS ARE LEASING THE EQUIPMENT BACK TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY IS NOT USING THE EQUIPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT IS. BASICALLY, IT IS TO HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS OUT. FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE BOUGHT WITH FUNDS FIRE DEPARTMENTS RAISE, COUNTY MONIES AND GRANTS, LEASED BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, TAGS AND LIABILITIES. HE ASKED WHAT IS ALL THE FIGHT ABOUT; WHY CAN'T THEY GET TOGETHER AND FIGURE SOMETHING OUT SO THEY CAN DO THIS. THE COUNTY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LIABILITY AND INSURANCE AND THAT IS WHERE THE BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY IS; THIS IS MORE THAN LIKELY TO HIT SOMETHING THAT WOULD PUT THIS COUNTY UNDER IF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NOT GONE BY. IN GETTING TO THE POINT OF WHO OWNS IT, ETC., THAT IS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE SETTLED ONCE THEY GET THE CONTRACTS DONE AS TO WHICH WAY THEY WANT TO DO. THEY SETTLE THAT, TAKE CARE OF IT, THE FUNDING IS OUT THERE AND EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THE COUNTY IS FUNDING NOW IS NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE EMS IN THE FUTURE. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB; BUT, THEY ARE NOT DOING THE JOB WE NEED TO BE DOING OVER THE COUNTY. THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT ARE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER. THE WHOLE IDEA OF THIS COMMITTEE BEING SET UP WAS TO PROVIDE GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY AND TO GET THE FUNDING AS IT COMES ALONG. WE ARE BOGGING DOWN AND FIGHTING OVER ISSUES WE SHOULD COME TO THE TABLE AND

GET STRAIGHTENED OUT ONCE THEY GET A PLAN IN PLACE. WITHOUT A PLAN, WE DON'T NEED TO HIRE ANYBODY, RAISE ANY MONEY, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, MR. HERBERT AND MR. HAGAN HAVING MET WITH THE SUNNY HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND PASSED OUT A FIVE YEAR GROWTH PLAN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED. HE WANTED THE BOARD TO REVIEW THE PLAN AND SEE WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT IT. THE PLAN HAS TO DO WITH THE FIREMEN AND THE MSBU AS FAR AS HOW THEY ARE DOING THE MAINTENANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAS A PROBLEM DETERMINING WHAT IS LEGAL AND WHAT IS NOT LEGAL. HE ASKED IF HE WAS A FIRECHIEF FOR VERNON, COULD HE BUY GAS FOR HIS PERSONAL VEHICLE OR CIGARETTES OUT OF THE FIRE SERVICES MONEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE COULDN'T BUY ANYTHING FOR HIS PERSONAL USE OUT OF THE COUNTY FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED MR. STEWART HAD SAID EARLIER THE COUNTY WAS JUST BUYING SERVICES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COULD USE THE MONEY AS THEY SEE FIT. COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE DISAGREES WITH THAT. THE MONEY HAS TO BE SPENT WITHIN LEGAL FIRE DEPARTMENT USES; NOT PERSONAL. HE THINKS THAT IS THE PROBLEM HE IS BOGGED DOWN WITH; THAT IS WHY IT HAS GOT THIS FAR WITH THE NEW AGREEMENTS TO TRY AND CONTROL WHAT THE MONEY IS SPENT FOR. HE KNOWS MOST OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE REAL GOOD IN AUDITING; BUT, SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE THE BOARD HAS TO HAVE CONTROL WITH ACCOUNTABILITY. WHEN WE SAY ACCOUNTABILITY, WHAT IS THE MONEY TO BE SPENT FOR; HE IS TRYING TO GET TO THE LEGAL PART OF THIS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THE CONTRACT NEEDS TO DEFINE WHAT THE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT FOR. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF IT DOESN'T, THEY WILL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE THEY WERE AT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE MONIES SHOULD BE USED FOR THE SERVICES THE COUNTY IS PAYING FOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID AT THE SAME TIME THEY DON'T WANT TO CRIPPLE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN WHAT THEY DO. HE THINKS IT BEHOOVES THE BOARD AS OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY THE TAXPAYERS MONEY IS SPENT WISELY AND THEY ARE PROVIDING THROUGH REPORTS AND THE BOARD CAN SEE JUST WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING AND THAT IS ALL HE CARES ABOUT. IF THAT IS A LEGAL OPINION WE GET THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR A SERVICE, THEN FINE. HIS CONCERN IS WHAT MR. GOTHARD SAID EARLIER, IF A DEPARTMENT DOESN'T WANT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT, THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ANY FIRE EQUIPMENT, A BUILDING, ETC., UNLESS THEY OWN THE BUILDING AND THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COUNTY IS BUYING TRUCKS EITHER WITH SPONSORING GRANTS, ETC. THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE GETTING THE TRUCK WITH AND IF THE DEPARTMENT DECIDES THEY WANT TO TAKE THE THAT TRUCK AND GO ELSEWHERE WITH IT, THEY CAN.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THEY CAN'T GO ANYWHERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT IF THE DEPARTMENTS DIDN'T HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND DECIDE THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY ANYMORE.

MR. PELLETIER SAID UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FORESTRY, THEY COULD COME ALONG AND ASK THEM TO SEND A TRUCK ANYWHERE; BUT, IT IS NOT COMING FROM THE DEPARTMENTS.

ROGER ASKED IF IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PUT IN THE AGREEMENT IF YOU ARE GOING TO CONTRACT WITH THE SAME PEOPLE, IN THE EVENT THEIR CORPORATION CEASES TO EXIST, THE PROPERTY COMES BACK TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID A LOT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WAS DONATED LAND; IF IT IS NOT A FIRE DEPARTMENT THERE, IT GOES BACK TO THE LANDOWNER. ROGER SAID HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE TITLE TO THE EQUIPMENT.

MR. PELLETIER SAID IF EQUIPMENT WAS BOUGHT WITH FEDERAL GRANTS, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THEY HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS EVERY MONTH WITH THE FIRE REPORT.

MR. PELLETIER ADDRESSED THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE FACED WITH IS THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. HE REFERRED TO MR. PIERCE, HINSON CROSSROADS HAVING BUILT A FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND DIDN'T COME TO THE COUNTY FOR ANY EXTRA FUNDING AND COUNTRY OAKS HAD BUILT A FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND NO MONEY CAME FROM THE COUNTY EXCEPT MONIES THEY WERE ABLE TO SAVE. HE SAID HE GUESSED, ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY, THEY ARE DOING THE WRONG THING BY SPENDING MONEY TO BUILD A BUILDING BECAUSE HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT ON FIRE EQUIPMENT AND FIRE SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID BUILDING A BUILDING WOULD BE PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THAT IS NOT WHAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY JUST SAID; HE REFERRED TO FIRE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID ALL THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO IS THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN BUYING BEER AND BUILDING A BUILDING AND IT NEEDS TO BE DEFINED IN THE CONTRACT.

MR. PELLETIER SAID ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT THEY ARE WRONG FOR BUILDING A BUILDING WITH THE MONEY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF THE BUILDING IS FOR FIRE SERVICE IT IS NOT WRONG.

MR. PELLETIER ASKED WHAT IF HE HAD TO BUY A LAWNMOWER TO MOW THE GRASS AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID IF ROGER IS PUT AS COORDINATOR OVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND HE GOES IN AND SAYS HE NEEDS A LAWNMOWER TO MOW THE GRASS AT THE FIRE STATION, IS HE GOING TO GET IT. HE DOUBTS IT.

ROGER SAID YES HE WOULD GET IT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT IS LEFT UP TO THE COORDINATOR.

MR. PELLETIER ASKED ABOUT THE CITIES. ROGER SAID IT WOULD BE BASED ON EVERY NEED AND THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT; IF THEY COULDN'T PUT AN INMATE CREW TO MOW COUNTRY OAKS GRASS, A LAWNMOWER WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY AN ELIGIBLE EXPENSE.

MR. PELLETIER SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF EXPENSES THAT WILL RUN ON \$25,000; BUT, YOU CAN'T RUN COUNTRY OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT ON \$25,000. MOST OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS RUN OLD EQUIPMENT; HE HAS SPENT OVER \$6,000 JUST REPAIRING TRUCKS THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS THE COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEAR WHAT THEY NEED. MR. PELLETIER SAID HE AGREES WITH ACCOUNTABILITY; BUT, HE ASKED THE BOARD NOT TO PUSH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TOO HARD AND REMEMBER THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED IT IS NOT THAT THE BOARD IS TRYING TO PUSH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS; THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO BRING SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. MR. PELLETIER SAID HE AGREES WITH ACCOUNTABILITY 100%; BUT, DON'T MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO STAY DOING THINGS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THAT IS WHY THE BOARD NEEDS INPUT FROM ALL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE TOLD BRYAN PIERCE HE APPRECIATED HIS ANALOGY ABOUT THE MOPS AND THE BUCKET; IT WAS GOOD.

MR. GOTHARD SAID SUNNY HILLS HAD A MEETING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, THEY HAD NO SOB'S OR SOG'S IN THIS GROUP, AND TOOK A VOTE AND THEY DECIDED IF A PERSON HAS BEEN KICKED OFF OF TWO FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS

COUNTY, HE CAN NO LONGER VOLUNTEER WITH ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. JUST BECAUSE YOU QUESTION THEIR SPENDING HABITS WHEN THEY KICK YOU OFF, NOW YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOLUNTEER ANYMORE NO MATTER HOW TRAINED YOU ARE. SOME OF THESE OTHER GUYS HAVE BEEN KICKED OFF FOR NOT COMING TO MEETINGS; SEVERAL HAS BEEN KICKED OFF AT LEAST ONE DEPARTMENT AND SOME HAS BEEN KICKED OFF OF TWO DEPARTMENTS. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS KIND OF A STUPID MOVE. HE WAS GOING TO SEE IF THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS GOING TO STAND BEHIND THAT VOTE. HE THINKS ONE THING THAT IS BEING FORGOT ABOUT TOTALLY HERE IS THESE ARE VOLUNTEERS; THESE ARE PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME, THEIR VEHICLE, THEIR EFFORT TO GO FIGHT FIRES IN THIS COUNTY FOR NOTHING AND THEN THIS DEPARTMENT IS MAKING RULES THAT DON'T EVEN MAKE SENSE. IF THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE SOME RULES, LETS MAKE SOME RULES ABOUT OUR SPENDING HABITS OR OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED INSTEAD OF TRYING TO ATTACK ONE THING. WHAT THIS IS GOING TO END UP DOING IS BEING A LAWSUIT; THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS GOING TO BE. HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE OF IT; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY ARE AWARE OF IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS AWARE OF IT.

JAMEY SAID, WITH REGARDS TO THE MSBU MONIES AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE AND THE COUNTY'S POSITION THEY CAN'T EXPEND COUNTY MONEY TO HIRE NON-COUNTY EMPLOYEES TYPE DEAL. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS SAYING GLEN'S POSITION WOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID ISN'T THAT WHAT THE AGREEMENT SAYS. HE READ FROM THE AGREEMENT: NO FUNDING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE USED TO PAY OR PROVIDE STIPENDS FOR PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE SERVICES, WAGES, SALARIES, ETC. UNLESS THE BOARD APPROVES IT.

JAMEY SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THAT; THE BOARD COULD DECIDE NOT TO MAINTAIN THE INDIVIDUALS OR THE BOARD COULD SAY YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AND WE WILL CONSIDER YOU FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY. THAT IS THE TWO OPTIONS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS NOT IN THE AGREEMENT; WHAT IS IN THE AGREEMENT IS NOT GOING TO PAY A FIREMAN UNLESS THE BOARD APPROVES IT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND EXPLAINED THE FIRE MARSHALL SAID THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD GET PAID IS TO BE A FIRE FIGHTER II.

JAMEY SAID HE CAN APPRECIATE THE PLAN THE BOARD IS TRYING TO PUT FORWARD AND THERE IS NO ONE IN SUNNY HILLS THAT WOULD NOT SUPPORT EVERYBODY BEING PROTECTED AND EVERYBODY HAVING THE BEST QUALITY FIRE SERVICES THEY CAN GET. THE ONLY DISCUSSION FROM HIS UNDERSTANDING RIGHT NOW IS THE COMMENT COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE EARLIER; IF IT WAS COUNTY TAX MONEY THAT WAS SPENT IT IS COUNTY PROPERTY. THAT IS A DEBATE THAT HE THINKS WILL COME UP AND EVENTUALLY BE RESOLVED. BUT, FROM THE PLAN ASPECT, SUNNY HILLS WANTS TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR WITH THE BOARD; THEY ARE NOT OPPONENTS TO THAT, THEY SUPPORT THAT AND ESPECIALLY WITH EVERYBODY HAVING QUALITY SERVICE. THE LINE ITEM ISSUE, ABSOLUTELY FROM A GOOD QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDPOINT, HE THINKS THAT IS A GOOD GAME PLAN. WHEN YOU LINE ITEM EXPENSE THINGS, A GOOD GAME PLAN; WHEN YOU HAVE A MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN, A GOOD GAME PLAN; THAT COMES BASICALLY FROM GOOD MANAGEMENT. HE THINKS EVERYTHING ROGER HAS GAVE THE BOARD AS FAR AS A COMMENT IN THAT LINE, 100%; HE THINKS THAT IS GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEM. THE PEA IN THE POD THAT IS A CONFLICT IS OWNERSHIP AND THE COMMENTS ABOUT THE SALARY AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE HE WANTED TO ASK ABOUT.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL RECESSED THE MEETING UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER  
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