

BOARD MINUTES FOR 04/19/10

APRIL 19, 2010

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 BROCK, HOLMAN, HOWELL, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, COUNTY MANAGER EMORY PITTS AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

ATTORNEY HOLLEY TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD BE ASKING THEM, NOT VOTE, BUT GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO EMPLOY DOUG MANSON, A WATER LAWYER. HOLLEY ADDRESSED HIM HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH KNIGHT TRUST'S ATTORNEY, SYLVIA ALDERMAN AND SHE RECOMMENDED MR. MANSON TO THE BOARD TO REPRESENT WASHINGTON COUNTY ON THE WELL DIGGING ISSUE. HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD KNIGHT TRUST WILL BE PAYING MR. MANSON'S FEE; IT WON'T COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ASKED MR. MANSON TO TELL THE BOARD THE NECESSITY OF GETTING THE PETITION DONE BY TOMORROW.

MR. MANSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING A TIME PERIOD THEY COULD FILE A PETITION FOR A FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, WHICH IS BASICALLY HOW YOU FILE A CHALLENGE OF THESE CASES; IT IS 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE NWFWM D ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION TO WANT TO ISSUE THIS PERMIT AND THAT DAY FALLS TOMORROW. ALL THIS MEANS IS IF THE BOARD FILES BY TOMORROW, THEY GET TO GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE END OF THE CASE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. IF THEY FILE INTRAVENOUS STATUS, WHICH THEY COULD FILE AFTER TUESDAY IF SOMEONE ELSE FILES AND THE KNIGHT TRUST IS GOING TO FILE BEFORE TUESDAY, THEY COULD STAY IN THE CASE; BUT, IT DEPENDS IF THE KNIGHT TRUST IS RESOLVED, YOUR ABILITY TO STAY IN THE CASE WOULD END. HOWEVER, WHOEVER FILES THE CASE BY TUESDAY CONTROLS THE CASE; IF THEY RESOLVE OR SETTLE, THE CASE WOULD GO AWAY. TO GIVE THE BOARD THE BEST POSITION THEY COULD IN THE LITIGATION WOULD BE TO FILE BY TOMORROW. FROM HIS STANDPOINT THAT WOULD BE HIS RECOMMENDATION; HOWEVER, IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AND THE BOARD DECIDED NOT TO DO THAT, THEY WOULD HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO ENTER INTO THE LITIGATION AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. THERE IS TO BE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE ACTUAL WELL FIELD BY OTHERS HERE TODAY THAT HAVE A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE PERMIT NWFWM D IS TALKING ABOUT ISSUES TWENTY YEARS AND ALLOWS INITIALLY 5,000,000 GALLONS A DAY TO BE TAKEN AFTER A ONE YEAR BASE LINE STUDY; AFTER FIVE YEARS, THE DISTRICT CAN THEN APPROVE IT UP TO 10,000,000 GALLONS A DAY. THE ACTUAL CAPACITY OF THE WELL FIELD IS AROUND 34,000,000 GALLONS A DAY. THAT IS ONLY TO BE USED UNDER THIS PERMIT; IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AND THE RESERVOIR FAILS, THEY CAN PUMP THE WELL FIELD TO THE FULL CAPACITY AND PROVIDE WATER TO EVERYBODY IN THE REGION. THE BOARD WILL HEAR FROM MR. HUBBLE THAT EVEN IF 5,000,000 OR 10,000,000 GALLONS PER DAY, THEY WILL SEE IMPACTS TO WETLANDS, STREAMS, WATER LEVELS IN AND AROUND THE WELL FIELDS QUITE A LARGE AREA ACTUALLY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL THE PRESENTATION GIVING THE BOARD THE INFORMATION AND THEN THE BOARD CAN TELL HIM IF THEY WILL GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO EMPLOY MR. MANSON.

GEORGE WILSON, ON BEHALF OF THE KNIGHT TRUST, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS ON THE SECTOR PLAN AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THE 48,000 ACRES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THIS REBUTTAL DOESN'T CHANGE THEIR DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND CONTINUE TO GO THROUGH THE SECTOR PLAN PROCESS AND DEVELOP OVER A YEAR OR TWO OF PLANNING TO HAVE A VISION WITH THEIR COMMUNITY FOR WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ON THAT 48,000 ACRES.

MR. WILSON STATED THE KNIGHT TRUST WAS SORRY THEY HAD TO BE HERE TODAY ON THE WELL DIGGING; THEY WERE VERY SURPRISED, AS THE BOARD AND THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND OTHERS, WHEN A CONVERSATION WENT FROM TEST WELLS TO A WELL FIELD. HE SAID HE HAD GOTTEN A CALL IN FEBRUARY ASKING WHAT HE HAD THOUGHT ABOUT THE UPCOMING PERMIT AND HE ASKED WHAT PERMIT. WHEN HE STARTED ASKING AROUND, NO ONE ELSE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT IT GOING TO THE BOARD FOR A PERMIT DECISION. THEY STARTED ASKING FOR INFORMATION AND SUDDENLY DECIDED THIS WAS PRETTY SIGNIFICANT; IT WAS SIGNIFICANT TO THE WATER RESOURCES, WETLANDS, LAKES ON THE KNIGHT PROPERTY AND SW WASHINGTON COUNTY. THEY STARTED LOOKING TO EMPLOY EXPERTS AND SOME OF THESE EXPERTS ARE HERE TODAY; PETER HUBBLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SW WATER MANAGEMENT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND IS VERY EXPERIENCED IN ALL THE WATER WARS IN TAMPA. HE IS ALSO A HYDRAULOGIST. DOUG MANSON IS ONE OF THE BEST WATER LAWYERS IN THE STATE AND TOM SCOTT, THE FORMER STATE GEOLOGIST THEY HIRED FOR THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND DR. SAM UPCHER, WHO IS ONE OF THE PREMIER MODELIST. THIS IS THE SAME TEAMS OF PEOPLE WHO IS DOING MODELING FOR THE SWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHING MINIMUM FLOWS OF LEVELS, ETC. AND ALL THESE KIND OF THINGS MOST OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY DONE. THIS TEAM REALLY KNOWS MORE GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY, LAKES, STREAMS AND WETLAND FUNCTIONS.

MR. WILSON STATED THE REASON THEY WERE CONCERNED IS THE SAME REASON THE BOARD SAW AND MANY OF THEM KNOW THE PROPERTY BETTER THAN HE DOES; IN THEIR SET ASIDE, THEY HAD A 48 SQUARE MILE SET ASIDE BASED AROUND RECHARGE, LAKES, STREAMS, SPRINGS, STEEPHEADS; ALL THESE UNIQUE THINGS THAT ARE FOUND, INCLUDING A LOT OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS THAT ONLY COME WITH BAY AND WASHINGTON IN THE WHOLE WORLD. THERE IS ENOUGH QUESTIONS ON WHAT THEY PROPOSE TO DO WITH THE WELLFIELDS THE KNIGHT TRUST HAS CONCERNS ON HOW THAT SYSTEM WILL FUNCTION WHEN THIS WELL FIELD IS CONSTRUCTED. THE WELLS ARE IN AN AREA THAT ARE BOTH OUTSIDE THE WEST BAY SECTOR PLAN AND INSIDE THE WEST BAY SECTOR PLAN. HE SHOWED THE BOARD THE GRAPHICS OF THE EXPECTED IMPACT AREAS; THE KNIGHT FAMILY AREA, EBRO, COURT MARSHALL LAKE. THE AREA OF THE WELLS SENDS WATER IN MOST EVERY DIRECTION. IT IS SORT OF A HYDROLOGIC PIE; IT IS AN AREA THAT SENDS WATER TO BURNT MILL, CROOKED CREEK, SOME OF THE OTHER BRANCHES, MODERATION CREEK. HE EXPLAINED THE GRAPHICS ARE BASED ON THEIR DATA ON THE MODELS THE NWFWDMD HAD DONE; HE SHOWED ONE OF THE MAPS THAT SHOWED THE EXPECTED IMPACT AREA. FROM THE AREA THE KNIGHT TRUST IS LOOKING TO SET ASIDE, THAT 48 SQUARE MILES, WHICH IS REALLY A START AND ONCE THEY FINISH THE VISIONING PROCESS THEY FEEL THAT SET ASIDE WILL BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE. THE KNIGHT TRUST FEELS LIKE THE PERSON WHO HAD A FARM AND MAYBE THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAD A FARM AND COMES OVER AND TALKS TO YOU AND SAYS THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING WITH THEIR FARM, A RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SAYS THEY HAD THE WELL TEST DONE AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU ARE READING IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHERE THERE IS A WALMART COMING. IT IS A HUGE LAND USE ISSUE THAT NO ONE WAS TOLD ABOUT AND THE KNIGHT TRUST WAS VERY SURPRISED.

MR. WILSON SAID IN THE MIDDLE, THEY APPROACHED THE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY AND ASKED THEM IF THEY COULD BRING THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTS UP AND

TALK; COULD THEY SLOW THE TRAIN DOWN A LITTLE AND HAVE A 90 DAY PERIOD WHERE THEY HAVE A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION WITH US WITH OUR EXPERTS. THE VERY DAY THEY WERE ASKING FOR THAT THE LAST TIME, THEY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERMIT. THERE WASN'T A WHOLE LOT OF CLEAR INTEREST IN HAVING A DISCUSSION OR SLOWING THE PERMITTING PERIOD DOWN. HE THEN INTRODUCED PETER HUBBLE.

PETER HUBBLE, PRINCIPAL SENIOR HYDROLOGIST WITH WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATES IN TAMPA, ADDRESSED THE BOARD. THEY ARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FIRM. PRIOR TO WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATES, HE WAS WITH THE SW FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS; HE WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE LAST NINE. HE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH WATER USE PERMITTING; BOTH FROM THE AGENCY SIDE AND NOW THAT HE IS ON THE PRIVATE SIDE HE DEALS WITH WATER USE IN SOMETHING WHO IS PERMITTING WITH ALL THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AROUND FLORIDA. HE WAS PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND TELL THE BOARD WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS PERMIT AND PROBABLY TELL THEM MORE OF WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW. THAT IS THE UNCOMFORTABLE PART OF THIS WHOLE PERMITTING PROCESS. THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE DISTRICT WITH THEIR TECHNICAL FOLKS AND THEY LEARNED AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT WHAT THE WATER USE OR THE CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT WAS ALL ABOUT, ASKED FOR A COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR MAYBE 90, 120 DAYS SO THEY COULD GET THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND OUR TECHNICAL EXPERTS TOGETHER AND TALK THROUGH THIS AND GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHY THEY FEEL THE DISTRICT HAS REASONABLE ASSURANCE A CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT AT THIS LEVEL WON'T HAVE THE IMPACTS WE SEE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DISTRICT THOUGHT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST TO GO AHEAD AND THAT IS WHY THEY ARE HERE TODAY TALKING MORE ABOUT LITIGATION RATHER THAN TRYING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM UNFORTUNATELY. AS HE MENTIONED, THE BASIS OF THE CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMIT OR A WATER USE PERMIT, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS TO ENSURE THAT A PROPOSED PERMIT OR PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL, WHETHER IT IS A SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL OUT OF DEERPOINT RESERVOIR OR WHETHER IT IS THIS PROJECTED 10 MGD WELL FIELD, THEY KIND OF CALL IT THE COUNTY LINE WELL FIELD BECAUSE FIVE OF THOSE TEN WELLS ARE RIGHT ON THE COUNTY LINE, WILL HAVE UNNECESSARY IMPACT. HE ADDRESSED DOUG AND GEORGE HAVING TOUCHED ON THE TYPE OF THINGS THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NEEDS TO ASSURE OR HAVE REASONABLE ASSURANCE, NOT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR NEIGHBORS LIKE THE KNIGHT PROPERTY, IS TO MAKE SURE THOSE WITHDRAWALS WON'T IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES AND MAYBE KNOW THE KNIGHT PROPERTY, A LOT OF PROPERTY IN THAT AREA AND EVEN THE ST. JOE PROPERTY IS IN FOREST PRODUCTION. IF YOU TALK ABOUT LOWERING THE SUFFICIAL AQUIFER, HOW DOES THAT IMPACT FOREST PRODUCTION ON ADJACENT PROPERTIES. THE LAKES, HOW DOES IT IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES LIKE SOME OF THE SAND HILL LAKES; WILL THAT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE WETLANDS AND WILL THEY EVER RETURN. THE PERMIT IS STRUCTURED MORE OF THE AFTER THE FACT TYPE PERMIT; LETS ISSUE THE PERMIT, LETS LET THEM TALK AND LETS MONITOR IT AND IF WE SEE THERE ARE PROBLEMS, THEN LETS GO BACK TO BAY COUNTY AND ROLL THAT PUMPAGE BACK. THAT MAY SOUND GOOD ON THE SURFACE; BUT, THE DIFFICULTY IS THE BURDEN OF PROOF TO ASSURE ADVERSE IMPACTS ARE NOT GOING TO OCCUR DOESN'T FALL BACK ON BAY COUNTY TO DEMONSTRATE WHY THEY ARE NOT AFFECTING THESE SAND HILL LAKES OR WETLANDS. IT IS GOING TO BE THE NFWFMD WHO IS GOING TO HAVE TO PROVE THERE ARE ADVERSE IMPACTS.

MR. HUBBLE SAID HE JUST WANTED TO TOUCH ON A COUPLE OF POINTS THEY WILL SEE IN THE NORTHERN TRUST BANK, THE KNIGHT PROPERTY PETITION, WHERE THEY HAVE PROBLEMS. AS GEORGE AND DOUG BOTH MENTIONED, HE WILL PROBABLY JUST SHOW THIS MAP, UNLESS THE BOARD WANTS TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL AS HE

HAS A SERIES OF MAP, THAT SHOWS THE BOUNDARY OF THE 1' CONTOUR OR THE 1' WHERE THE SUFFICIAL AQUIFER, THE AQUIFER THAT REALLY CONTROLS WETLANDS, MANY OF THE LAKES, PINE FLATWOODS, WHERE IT REACHES OUT TO A 1'LEVEL. WHAT THAT ALSO MEANS IS AS YOU GET CLOSER TO THE WELLS, THE DRAWDOWN IS A WHOLE LOT MORE SERIOUS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS HERE; THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS ISN'T THE KNIGHT TRUST'S MODEL. THEY HAVEN'T GONE OUT AND RUN THEIR MODEL AND LOOKED AT OUR IMPACT ANALYSIS AND THEN WE HAVE OUR EXPERTS VERSUS THEIR EXPERTS. THIS IS THEIR INFORMATION; THIS IS THE INFORMATION BAY COUNTY HAS SUBMITTED TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO JUSTIFY THIS PERMIT. JUST ON THIS ALONE, ON THEIR OWN HYDROGEOLOGICAL INFORMATION, THE KNIGHT TRUST HAS CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THE WETLANDS AND THE LAKES. HE REITERATED AS YOU GET CLOSER TO THE WELLS, THOSE DRAWDOWNS ARE A WHOLE LOT MORE SERIOUS.

MR. HUBBLE SAID ONE OTHER CONCERN THE KNIGHT TRUST HAS IS THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS BEEN WORKING VERY, VERY CLOSELY WITH BAY COUNTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON TESTING WHERE THESE WELLS SHOULD BE PLACED AND THEY ARE GOING TO SPEND AN AWFUL LOT OF ADDITIONAL DOLLARS GOING FORWARD TO HELP IN CONSTRUCTING THE WELL FIELD. THE KNIGHT TRUST DOESN'T KNOW IF IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ISSUE A PERMIT; THEY ARE REALLY TOO CLOSE TO THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION.

HE CONTINUED SAYING A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE CONCERNS IS WHETHER OR NOT A REASONABLE DEMAND HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED; THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WATER THAT HAS BEEN PERMITTED IN THE DEER POINT RESERVIOR. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT A DIVERSITY OF SOURCES HAS THE GROUND WATER TO BACK UP THE SURFACE WATER RESERVOIR; IT DOES MAKE SENSE. BUT, WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BECOME A FULL PLEDGED WITHDRAWAL WITH ADEQUATE SOURCES FROM DEER POINT, THEY QUESTION WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ON THAT. WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS THE ASSURANCE FOR DEMAND. WHETHER OR NOT WHAT BAY COUNTY HAS DONE AN ADEQUATE JOB ON WATER CONSERVATION; THEY HAVE A HIGH PER CAPITA RATE AND SHOULD THEY BE LOOKED AT TO BRING THEIR PER CAPITA RATE DOWN BEFORE THAT PERMIT IS ISSUED. AGAIN, THE CONCERN ABOUT HARM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES TO NOT ONLY THE KNIGHT PROPERTY; BUT, TO WASHINGTON COUNTY IN GENERAL. ALSO, LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT; SOMETHING OTHER THAN SURFACE WATER AND GROUND WATER. HAVE THEY MAXIMIZED RECLAIMED WATER, HAVE THEY MAXIMIZED WATER CONSERVATION TO BRING THAT DEMAND DOWN AS PART OF THIS PERMIT. THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALL THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES. IN LOOKING AT EXISTING USES, NOT ONLY ARE THEY CONCERNED ABOUT WETLANDS, SANDHILL LAKES; BUT, THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT DOMESTIC WELLS IN THE AREA AND INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL WELLS AND ARE QUESTIONING IF THEY ARE ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THIS DRAWDOWN FROM THE PROPOSED WELLFIELD. THERE ARE A SERIES OF THINGS AS THEY HAVE DISCUSSED LOOKING AT NWFWM INFORMATION, THEY HAVE CONCERNS WITH. THEY ARE NOT SURE NWFWM HAS DEMONSTRATED REASONABLE ASSURANCE IT DOES MEET ALL THE CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE HERE TODAY TO TALK TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED HOW FAR NORTH OF HIGHWAY 20, AS FAR AS THE DOMESTIC WELLS, ETC., WHAT KIND OF IMPACT FURTHER NORTH FROM EBRO ALL THE WAY OVER TO HIGHWAY 77, CRYSTAL LAKE, THESE AREAS, IS THERE GOING TO BE OR DO THEY KNOW YET.

MR. HUBBLE SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW YET; THEY ARE COMPILING THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC WELLS OUT THERE AND TRYING TO HAVE BETTER UNDER- STANDING OF WHAT THE DOMESTIC WELLS ARE DRILLED TO AND WHETHER OR NOT THE DRAWDOWNS

THEY SEE BASED ON BAY COUNTY'S MODELING, BASED ON THE DISTRICT'S MODELING WILL HAVE AN IMPACT. THAT IS PART OF WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT DOMESTIC WELLS; IN FARMING, THEY ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE PUTTING DOWN WELLS FOR IRRIGATING THEIR FIELDS, ETC. AND THOSE ARE PRETTY BIG WELLS. THERE WILL BE AN AFFECT ON THAT EVEN DOWN THERE.

MR. HUBBLE SAID ONE OF THE TENANTS OF CONSUMPTIVE USE PERMITTING IS NOT ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES; BUT, THEY HAVE TO PROTECT THE EXISTING LEADER USERS WHETHER THEY ARE DOMESTIC, AG, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL WELLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED, IN THE SECTOR PLAN THE KNIGHT FAMILY IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH, IF THERE WERE WELLS INITIATED IN THAT TOO.

THE KNIGHT REPRESENTATIVE SAID THE WELLS WERE NOT IN THEIR SECTOR PLAN; THEY ARE IN BOTH THE WEST BAY SECTOR PLAN AND IN THE ST. JOE LAND BETWEEN THE KNIGHT PROPERTY AND THE STATE FOREST SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 20 AND NORTH OF CYRSTAL LAKE. SOME OF THE WELLS ARE OUT- SIDE EITHER SECTOR PLAN AREA; THEY WERE SIX SECTIONS LEFT OUT OF THE WEST BAY SECTOR PLAN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID COMMISSIONER BROCK'S QUESTION WAS IF THE SECTOR PLAN THE KNIGHT FAMILY IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN GOING TO PUT WELLS IN.

THE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY TALKED TO WITH THE DISTRICT AND WITH THE LETTERS THEY SENT WHEN THEY WROTE A LETTER SUPPORTING THE KNIGHT SECTOR PLAN TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, THEY MENTIONED ALL THE THINGS THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO. THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN WITH THE SECTOR PLAN; THAT IS PART OF THE ONGOING YEAR OR TWO'S WORTH OF PLANNING YOU WOULD BE DOING ALONG WITH TRAFFIC, EDUCATION AND ALL THE OTHER ELEMENTS YOU WOULD HAVE WHEN YOU ARE CREATING A PLAN WITH THE COMMUNITY. HE EXPLAINED A LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN IS DEFINITELY NECESSARY; THEY ARE HOPING TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT DUCKTAILS BACK AND FORTH WITH BAY COUNTY AWAY FROM THE AREA. IT IS AN IMPORTANT RECHARGE AREA; THE KNIGHT TRUST DESIGNED ALMOST 50 SQUARE MILES OF SET ASIDE TO PRESERVE ALL THE WATERWAYS, RECHARGE, SPRINGS, LAKES. ALL THE THINGS THE DISTRICT STAFF, DEP STAFF, FISH AND WILDLIFE AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT SUPPORT WE DESIGN THAT SETASIDE FIT. THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST STAGE OF THE DESIGN. IN GOING THROUGH A YEAR OR TWO MORE PLANNING WITH THE BOARD, THEY WOULD SET THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION AND IT WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEM A LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLAN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE HAD BEEN AN ADVOCATE OF WATER AND HAS PREACHED ONE DAY WATER WAS GOING TO BE PRECIOUS IN THIS COUNTY. WHEN THE TWO SECTOR PLANS CAME TOGETHER, THAT WAS HIS QUESTION, THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER. NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN THAT QUESTION HAS GOT TO US. IF ECONFINA AND DEERPOINT FOR SOME REASON FAILS AND THERE ARE TEN 24" WELLS RUNNING, WHAT WILL BE THE DRAWDOWN IN THE AQUIFER.

HE WAS TOLD THE POINT IS WHEN THE KNIGHT TRUST DEVELOPS THE SECTOR PLAN, THEY WILL KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND WHATS HAPPENED THE WELLS ARE SUPPLYING AN ENTIRE COUNTY, ALL THE SUBSIDIARIES, CITIES, AND IT IS BARE BUILT TO THE SURVEY; THE POP- ULATION WOULD BE 95% OR MORE, MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE SECTOR PLAN. THE PART OF PROPERTY ON HIGHWAY 77 THAT IS IN THE HIGHER DENSITY AREA, CREEK 77 IS WHAT IT WAS CALLED ON THE COUNTY'S COMP PLAN WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE WATER AND SEWER AT A HIGHER DENSITY SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ON SEPTIC TANKS. WE ASSUME PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ON SEPTIC TANKS ON THE SECTOR PLAN ALSO. THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT THE SECTOR PLAN WOULD HAVE USING MODERN DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD FROM THE BOARD SO FAR IS WE SORT OF SMALL NOSE THE DE-

VELOPMENT AND FOCUS PLACES THAT COULD HAVE A SMALL WELL SYSTEM SO IT WOULDN'T REQUIRE MUNICIPAL WELL FIELDS LIKE THIS. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR HIM TO SAY WHAT THE SECTOR PLAN'S WATER DEMAND WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IN THE LAST TEN TO TWELVE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERE DROUGHTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THEY HAD A WELL PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTY THAT PUT IN 200 TO 300 DEEP WELLS THAT WENT DRY AS WELL AS 200 TO 300 ACRE LAKES WENT DRY. SEVERAL OF THE LAKES WERE WITHIN THE KNIGHT TRUST PROPERTY; WARMOUTH, LONG POND, RUNNING POND, ETC. A LOT OF THESE LAKES AREN'T MENTIONED IN THIS; BUT, A LOT OF THEM WENT BONE DRY. HE HATES TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN SOUTH FLORIDA HAPPEN THAT ALL THE LAKES WERE DRIED UP AND ONE COUNTY WAS PUMPING WATER TO THREE COUNTIES. IF THE COUNTY ISN'T VERY CAREFUL, THIS WILL HAPPEN RIGHT HERE UNDER OUR NOSES.

MR. HUBBLE SAID THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEIR CONCERN WITH THE BAY COUNTY PERMIT IS THEY KNOW THE SITUATION THAT SOME OF THE LAKES ARE SHALLOW, SOME OF THEM ARE DEEP, 100' DEEP AND THERE IS WELLS THAT FLOW DOWN INTO THE AQUIFER. THEY ALSO KNOW THINGS LIKE WELL MODERNIZATION, UPPER PINE LOG, ARE VERY SHALLOW AND SOMETIMES THEY DON'T EVEN FLOW IN THE DROUGHT; UPPER PINE LOG DIDN'T FLOW FOR THREE YEARS AND THERE WAS NO WATER COMING THROUGH THE TILLER MILL DAM; IT IS FLOWING NOW. HOWEVER, THAT STILL ONLY CLOSED WHEN IT CASCADES DOWN FROM THE NFWFMD CARTER TRACK ALL THE WAY FROM MOBILE SWAMP EAST OF 77. THAT IS NOW FILLED BACK UP. WHEN YOU LOOK AT MODERNIZATION MOST OF THE TIME THERE IS A VERY SHALLOW STREAM AND THEY ARE SET BY SEEPAGES; ONE CLIP DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH AND THAT IS JUST ONE FOOT ON THEIR DATA. WHEN YOU LOOK AT ONE FOOT VERTICALLY OR HORIZONTALLY, THAT MEANS A LOT TO THE SEEPERS OR STEEPHEADS, ETC. WHEN YOU HAVE A VERY SMALL SANDHILL STREAM, AIR BAY AT THE NORTH END IS A VERY SMALL STREAM THAT IS FED OFF OF A SEEPER STREAM COMING OFF THE TOP OF THE HILL. THE WHOLE THING IS A VERY DELICATE SYSTEM; THEY DON'T HAVE MINIMUM FLOW LEVELS AND THERE IS NOT A SINGLE ESTABLISHED MINIMUM FLOWING LEVEL IN THIS DISTRICT OR IN THIS AREA. WASHINGTON BLUE SPRING WHICH SHOWED IN THEIR CHART AS HAVING A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE; THE LAKES THAT WERE SHOWN TO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. THEY HAVE NO HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO ON A MONITORING PLAN WAS ESTABLISH A MONITORING PLAN, NINE MONTHS, EIGHT MONTHS AFTER THE PERMIT AND THEN HAVE A ONE YEAR MONITORING PROGRAM. A ONE YEAR MONITORING PROGRAM AT THE END OF A FIFTY YEAR DROUGHT, WHAT DOES THAT SHOW YOU WHEN YOU ARE MONITORING SOMETHING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN REDUCED. THERE ARE SO MANY SITES THEY HAVE QUESTIONS ON WHICH REALLY EXIST ON THE KNIGHT PROPERTY, THE CONDITION OF WETLANDS, STREAMS, LAKES; THINGS THAT AREN'T KNOWN THAT ARE ELEMENTS THAT ARE PLUGGED INTO A MODEL. THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS AND THAT IS WHY THEY FELT THIS WAS IMPORTANT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED GEORGE AS THIS THING GOES ALONG AND THEY START BUILDING OUT DOWN THERE, DO THEY ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS GETTING THEIR WELLS PERMITTED ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY OR ARE THEY GOING TO WIND UP BUYING LIKE THE CITIES AND ALL ARE DOING DOWN AT BAY COUNTY.

GEORGE REFERRED TO DOUG BARR STANDING BEHIND HIM AND HE MAY WANT TO COMMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE DOWN THE ROAD. HOWEVER, THEY EXPECT LIKE ANYONE ELSE, TO HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT TO MAKE APPLICATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T OWN THE WATER. IT IS A PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND THEY HAVE TO APPLY TO HAVE THE USE OF THE WATER. WHAT KIND OF PERMITS THEY HAVE AND WHEN THEY WILL GET THEM, IT IS A FIFTY YEAR PLANNING DEVICE FOR THE SECTOR PLAN. WHAT HAPPENS OVER FIFTY YEAR PERIOD, WHAT NUMBER OF UNITS, THAT IS SOMETHING THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A

COMMUNITY PLAN AND A SECTOR PLAN WITH THE COUNTY TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT WILL BE AND THEY ARE NOT THERE YET. THEY ARE SORT OF STOPPED RIGHT NOW WITH THE DEVELOPMENT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED DIDN'T WATER MANAGEMENT DO A REPORT AND STUDY TO DEVELOP THIS DATA ON THESE WELLS. GEORGE SAID THEY HAVE ALL THE DATA NFWFMD HAS; THEY HAVE COLLECTED THE INFORMATION. BASED ON THAT INFORMATION, THERE ARE A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE LAKES, STREAMS, SPRINGS. IT IS AN AREA THAT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF HISTORICAL RECORDS, THERE ARE NO MONITORING GAUGES AND NO PREGAUGES AND A LOT OF LAKE LEVEL CHEMISTRY HASN'T BEEN DONE. THERE IS SUCH A DATA GAP THEY FEEL THAT IS THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT HAS TO BE GATHERED BY THE DISTRICT, BY THEM OR BY SOMEONE THAT COULD MAKE A DECISION ON WATER USE THAT AFFECTS TWO COUNTIES.

DOUG BARR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NFWFMD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO LET THEM KNOW HE WAS PRESENT AND WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ON THE BAY COUNTY PERMIT FOR THE WELL FIELDS. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE KNIGHT TRUST TEAM IS FINISHED WITH THEIR PRESENTATION; HE MISSED THE FIRST PART OF THEIR PRESENTATION AND DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE HAS MISSED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED, BAY COUNTY IN PERMITTING THE WELLS, HE ONLY KNEW ABOUT THIS ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO; IT WAS A LATE NOTICE TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY IS INVOLVED. HE ASKED WHY WASHINGTON COUNTY WASN'T NOTIFIED.

MR. BARR SAID THAT WAS A GOOD QUESTION; THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR TWO YEARS WITH BAY COUNTY. HE THOUGHT THE NFWFMD DID A GOOD JOB IN GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT; PERHAPS, NFWFMD AND BAY COUNTY SHOULD HAVE COME AND BRIEFED THE COUNTY. HE SAW SOMETHING THAT WAS ACTUALLY OUT OF PART OF THE RECORD BY THE KNIGHT TEAM OR SOMEONE ELSE THAT THIS WAS STEALTHY; HE STATED THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING STEALTHY ABOUT THIS WHATSOEVER. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS NFWFMD AND BAY COUNTY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO BE STEALTHY, IN FACT JUST THE OPPOSITE. HE SAID THEY HAVE TRIED THROUGH THEIR ANNUAL REPORT AND SEVERAL ARTICLES IN THE LOCAL PAPER DOWN THERE AND BAY COUNTY COMMISSION DISCUSSED THIS SEVERAL TIMES, IN FACT THEY TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE IN THEIR FARSIGHTEDNESS IN LOOKING FOR SOURCE OR SUPPLY THAT WILL DROUGHT PROOF THEM IN ONE HAND AND ALSO PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY IF THERE WAS A NATURAL DISASTER. HE SAID HE CAN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION; BUT, HE WANTED TO ASSURE THE BOARD NFWFMD HAD FOLLOWED THE NORMAL PERMITTING PROCESS AND HE WOULD BE GLAD TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE OR INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE BAY COUNTY PERMIT. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF STATEMENTS AND MISSTATEMENTS. THE MODEL THAT WAS DONE WAS DONE BY A VERY GOOD FIRM. HE EXPLAINED THE CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT; THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THE PERMIT WILL LIMIT THE WITHDRAWAL TO 5 MGPD AND IT CAN'T GO OVER THIS AMOUNT BY THE PERMIT. DURING THIS TIME, NFWFMD WILL BE MONITORING. AFTER THAT FIVE YEAR PERIOD, NFWFMD WILL REOPEN THE PERMIT AND MAKE WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS THEY FEEL ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF BAY COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS WITH THE PERMIT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT SOMEONE HAD MENTIONED THE INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC WELLS WAS THE POSITION THEY HAD FACED BEFORE WAS WELLFIELDS LIKE THIS, THEY HAD THE SAME EXACT THING IN WALTON COUNTY, NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST WHEN WELLFIELDS WERE PUT IN AROUND ROCK HILL ROAD OFF HWY 331. THERE WERE SOME DOMESTIC WELLS THERE. THAT PERMIT GIVE THE DOMESTIC WELL SOMETHING IF THEY WERE TO GO DRY, IF THE WATER LEVEL DROPS BELOW THE PUMP INTAKE, IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UTILITY FOR THAT

WELLFIELD TO IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO THAT. NFWFMD HAD IT IN THE PERMIT THE UTILITY HAD TO RESPOND TO IT AND GET A DRILL OUT THERE TO WHERE IT WOULD PUMP. AS THE RESULT OF THE MOST RECENT DROUGHT WE HAVE HAD, WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE RECORD, THERE WERE WELLS WHERE THEY HAD PUMPS DRIED OUT BECAUSE THE WATER LEVEL DROPPED AND THE USAGE WAS STILL VERY HIGH. THE WATER LEVEL CAN DROP BELOW PUMP INTAKE IN WHICH CASE YOU COME AND PUT A DROP PIPE IN. THAT IS WHAT OCCURRED IN WALTON COUNTY. THAT CONDITION IS ANTICIPATED IN THIS CASE WITH BAY COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO MR. BARR HAVING SAID THE WELL FIELD ISSUE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TWO YEARS AND QUESTIONED IF HE HAD NOTIFIED THE TOWN OF EBRO OR ANYBODY SAYING WHAT IS GOING ON.

MR. BARR SAID THAT NOTIFICATION IS PART OF THE NORMAL PERMIT PROCESS; THE PERMIT HAS TO BE ADVERTISED AND THE NOTICE HAS TO BE PLACED IN A PAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AND HE THINKS THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS CASE. THIS PARTICULAR PERMIT HAS NOT BEEN TREATED ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN SAY THE PERMIT OVER IN WALTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT IF HE DOESN'T GET THE BAY NEWS HERALD.

MR. BARR SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DOUBLECHECK TO SEE WHETHER THE PERMIT WAS ALSO ADVERTISED IN SOME OTHER LOCAL PAPER; HE CAN'T BELIEVE THIS AREA DOESN'T ALWAYS USE THE PANAMA CITY PAPER AS ITS PAPER DUE TO ITS WIDESPREAD CIRCULATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID FOR BAY COUNTY; THERE IS A NEWS- PAPER HERE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

JAY FELSBURG, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS REPORTER, SAID HE HASN'T FOUND WHERE THE PERMIT WAS ADVERTISED YET; BUT, SINCE HE HAS FOUND OUT WHEN THE PERMIT WAS ADVERTISED IN AUGUST, HE WILL GO BACK AND CHECK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THERE BEING INTERNET SERVICE AVAILABLE ALSO FOR ADVERTISING AND HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING UNTIL ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

MR. BARR SAID HE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM NORTHERN TRUST ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELLFIELDS UNTIL ABOUT A MONTH AGO SO HE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS SAYING AS HE FEELS EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE IS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN THEY WERE DOING ALL THESE STUDIES THEY DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT AT WFRPC, WHICH HE HAS SAT ON THAT BOARD FOR ABOUT ELEVEN YEARS. ALSO, WHEN THEY WERE DOING ALL OF THIS, THEY DIDN'T NOTIFY THE CITIES RIGHT ALONG THE LINE, LIKE EBRO, SO THEY COULD HAVE SOME INPUT. ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY POP UP WITH A PERMIT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN AROUND GOVERNMENT A LONG TIME AND HE HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

MR. BARR REITERATED NFWFMD FOLLOWS THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS RIGHT DOWN THE LINE; IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, HE BELIEVES THEY EVEN WENT BEYOND THAT WITH THE PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BAY COUNTY, IN THE DISTRICT REPORT, NEWS ARTICLES, ETC. THERE IS A SUBSTANCE HAVING TO DO WITH THIS PERMIT AND HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE BOARD THE TECHNICAL SIDE AND THE DRAW SIDE, WHICH IS 5 MGPD FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS AND 10 MGPD AVERAGE AFTER THAT FIRST FIVE YEARS. AS HE UNDERSTANDS, SOMETIMES IT IS REPRESENTED TO BE 30 MGPD AND THAT IS NOT THE CASE; THAT IS THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT IS GOING TO SUPPLY ABOUT HALF OF BAY COUNTY'S CURRENT USE OUT OF DEERPOINT LAKE. ONE THING THE COMMISSIONERS IS WELL AWARE OF, ONE POINT REGARDING DEERPOINT, THERE IS A SURFACE WATER SOURCE LOCATED WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO. THAT IS SOMETHING BAY COUNTY IS VERY FOCUSED ON. SOMETHING THE

DISTRICT HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH FOR A LONG LONG TIME; IF THERE IS A NATURAL DISASTER, WHAT DOES BAY COUNTY HAVE TO FALL BACK ON. THAT IS THE DOWNSIDE OF HAVING A SURFACE WATER SOURCE LOCATED VERY VERY CLOSE TO THE BAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF NFWFMD WERE PLANNING ON ISSUING BAY COUNTY'S PERMIT WITHOUT LISTENING TO ANYONE ELSE. IS THIS A DONE DEAL.

MR. BARR SAID THIS WAS NOT HEARD BY NFWFMD; IT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD THIS MONTH. IT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED TO HIM PERSONALLY TO BE CHALLENGED BY THE KNIGHT TRUST TEAM IN WHICH CASE BOTH SIDES WILL BE HEARD WHICH IS PROBABLY THE PROPER VENUE. WHEN YOU GO BEFORE A JUDGE, YOU TALK ABOUT FACTS, WHAT IS SUPPORTABLE AND WHAT IS NOT SUPPORTABLE OUTSIDE THE REALM OF ALLEGATIONS, IT CONSERVES WHAT YOU CAN PROVE AND WHAT YOU CAN'T. THAT IS WHAT HE THINKS IS PROBABLY WHAT THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE PERMIT WAS A REAL EMERGENCY AND DOES NFWFMD HAVE TO ISSUE THE PERMIT ON THURSDAY.

MR. BARR SAID HE DOUBTS IT WILL BE; THURSDAY IS WHEN THEY HAD FORMALLY SCHEDULED TO HAVE THIS TO HAPPEN. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE CLOCK HAS RUN DOWN TO THE POINT NFWFMD HAS TO TAKE ACTION OR PETITION BY DEFAULT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID NFWFMD IS FORCING NORTHERN TRUST AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO DO SOMETHING BY GOING FORWARD WITH THEIR ACTION; IF THEY POSTPONE THIS FOR 90 DAYS AND THEY ALL SIT AROUND AND TALK ABOUT THIS, THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO LITIGATION.

MR. BARR SAID THAT IS A JUDGEMENT CALL THAT HAS TO BE MADE; HE WOULD PERSONALLY GUESS IF IT WERE WASHINGTON COUNTY, HE WOULD SAY YES THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE LITIGATION NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO BE- CAUSE HE THINKS PERSONALLY, HE WOULD GUESS THAT TRUST PROPERTY AND THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS IS VERY MUCH A PART OF THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ANYTHING ABOUT THIS IF NORTHERN TRUST HAD NOT COME TO THEM AND TOLD THEM. HE TOLD MR. BARR HE HAD NOT COME TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND TOLD THEM.

MR. BARR SAID THEY HAVEN'T COME TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION; BUT, NFWFMD HAS FOLLOWED THE NORMAL PROCEDURES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT IS SOMETHING NFWFMD OUGHT TO LOOK AT IS THEIR PROCEDURES.

MR. BARR SAID ALL THE WELLS, THE WELLFIELD IS IN BAY COUNTY AND IT IS A BAY COUNTY PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED IT WAS A BAY COUNTY PERMIT; BUT, HE ASKED MR. BARR TO LOOK AT THE MAP AND SEE HOW CLOSE THE WELLS ARE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY AND TELL HIM THAT IS A BAY COUNTY WELL. IT IS IN BAY COUNTY AND THEY ARE SUCKING WATER OUT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MR. BARR SAID IF IT WOULD HELP HE WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH THAT ACTUALLY IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE WERE AT LEAST A COUPLE OF THE COMMISSIONERS SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS OF NOTIFYING PEOPLE, ETC. THEY DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT NFWFMD; BUT, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS AN APPLICANT NEEDS TO DO IF IT IS AFFECTING SOMEBODY ELSE. THE COMMISSIONERS GOT A PACKAGE ABOUT THE FIRST OF THE WEEK AND IT WAS A BIG SURPRISE TO THEM.

MR. BARR TOLD MR. PATE HE HEARS WHAT HE IS SAYING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID ACCORDING TO NFWFMD'S REPORT, CRYSTAL LAKE AT THE MAXIMUM AFFECT WILL BE DRAWN HE THINKS ABOUT 1.5'.

MR. BARR SAID HE WASN'T SURE WHAT COMMISSIONER HOWELL WAS LOOKING AT; BUT, HE WOULD ACCEPT WHAT HE IS SAYING AT FACE VALUE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT INFORMATION FROM HYDRAULIC GEOLOGIST.

MR. BARR SAID THAT WOULD BE THE CONTRACTOR THAT WORKED OUT A MODEL FOR BAY COUNTY. CRYSTAL LAKE IS ONE THAT COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE WELLFIELD AT THE 10 MGPD. HE CAN CLEARLY CHARACTERIZE THE MODEL WORK THAT WAS DONE AS WORSE CASE SCENARIO WAS EXAMINED; THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY BAD, THAT IS A GOOD THING. WHETHER OR NOT WHAT THE REPORT SAYS IS IN FACT WHAT IS GOING TO OCCUR, NFWFMD WILL MAKE SURE THAT WELL COMES OUT A BRAND NEW HEAD, A LOT LOWER CAPACITY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID EVEN FURTHER UP ON OPEN LAKE AND RIVER LAKE, IT IS THE SAME SCENARIO AND HE DOESN'T THINK THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THE LAKE BEING DRAWN DOWN LIKE THAT.

MR. BARR REITERATED THERE ARE A LOT OF CONDITIONS IN THIS PERMIT TO PULL BACK IF THEY FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THESE. THE FACT THE COUNTY COMMISSION WASN'T NOTIFIED, HE UNDERSTANDS. IF IT WERE UP TO HIM, HE WOULD SAY WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID NFWFMD HAS A HIGH INVESTMENT IN THIS PERMIT TO IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH THE CARTER TRACK, PINE LOG, GREEN POND, ALL THOSE FOLLOW THROUGH RUSS POND RIGHT ON DOWN TO TILLER MILL. TILLER MILL TWO YEARS AGO ALMOST WENT DRY AND THAT IS PINE LOG. TILLER MILL POND IS MENTIONED IN THIS SCENARIO THAT WAS DRAWN UP.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED LUCAS LAKE HAS NOT RECOUPERATED; IT IS ABOUT 7' DOWN ON THE WATER TABLE NOW. IN THE LAST FORTY YEARS, WHETHER IT IS BIG BLUE, WARMOUTH, LAKE LUCAS, IN GENERAL THE WATER TABLE IN THESE LAKES PROBABLY HAVE FALLEN BETWEEN 7' TO 10' FROM WHAT THEY USE TO BE. MOST OF THESE ARE SPRING FED LAKES; THEY ARE NOT WATER SHED LAKES. IN THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS, HOW ARE THESE LAKES GOING TO LOOK; ARE THEY GOING TO BE DRY.

MR. BARR ADDRESSED THEY STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN CAUGHT UP; THEY STILL HAVE A RAINFALL DEFICIT FROM THE 2007, WHICH IS PROBABLY A DROUGHT OF RECORD. UNTIL THEY GET SEVERAL YEARS OF ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL, THE LAKES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DOWN.

JAY FELSBURG REFERRED TO MR. BARR HAVING SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE BAY COUNTY PERMIT POSSIBLY BEING ISSUED BY DEFAULT AND ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT.

MR. BARR SAID IF THE DISTRICT DOESN'T TAKE ACTION WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, PERMITS JUST CAN'T BE HELD FOR AN EXCESSIVE PERIOD OF TIME WITHOUT ANY ACTION BEING TAKEN. IF A PERMIT IS NOT ACTED ON WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME BY THE DISTRICT, BY LAW IT IS PRETENDED TO BE ISSUED AND THAT IS WHAT HE MEANT ISSUED BY DEFAULT.

JAY ASKED WHAT IS THE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME FOR THIS PERMIT. MR. BARR SAID IT WOULD BE 90 DAYS FROM THE TIME THEY RECEIVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION. THE 90 DAYS WOULD RUN OUT IN MAY; IF THE BOARD WOULDN'T ACT ON THIS AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING, IT WOULD BE ISSUED BY DEFAULT.

MR. GUY WANTED IT TO BE CLEAR, THE 90 DAY TIME PERIOD IS A STATUTORY TIME PERIOD THE DISTRICT IS RESTRICTED TO; BUT, OBVIOUSLY THE PERMIT APPLICANT COULD WAIVE THAT SO IT WOULD BE UP TO BAY COUNTY TO TELL THE DISTRICT THEY WOULD WAIVE THE 90 DAYS AND EXTEND IT ANOTHER 90 DAYS TO ALLOW EVERYBODY TO SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT IT.

APRIL SULTER, REPRESENTING THE COALITION TO SAVE SAND HILL LAKES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PERMIT. SHE SAID SHE WAS ALSO A RESIDENT AND OWNS PROPERTY IN BAY COUNTY; SHE LOVES THIS AREA AS IT HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO HER FAMILY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. SHE ALSO REPRESENTS THE KNIGHT FAMILY TRUST AND WHEN THEY LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE AND FLORIDA

AUDOBON LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE AND THE BAY COUNTY AUDOBON LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE AND OTHER LANDOWNERS BEGAN TO LOOK AT IT, IT BECAME AS A GREAT SURPRISE. SHE SAID SHE HAD WORKED FOR THE FL-DEP FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS AND SHE WORKED FOR GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES AS HIS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR SO SHE IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH PUBLIC CONTROVERSY AND PUBLIC INPUT. SHE BELIEVES, AS DO THE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION, THE WAY THIS ISSUE WAS HANDLED HAS BEEN VERY INAPPROPRIATE. IT IS NOT FAIR TO RESIDENTS OR FAIR TO LANDOWNERS TO HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION JUST THRUST UPON THEM. THE CHRIST ADMINISTRATION HAS STOOD FOR TRANSPARENCY; THE DEP HAS ALSO TALKED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT THIS AREA FOR YEARS AND YEARS TO COME. SINCE FRIDAY WHEN THEY ANNOUNCED THE COALITION AND THERE WAS MEDIA REPORT AND NOTIFICATION THE COALITION DID FOR LOCAL LAND OWNERS, SHE HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 40 TO 50 EMAILS FROM PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND BAY COUNTY WHO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS. THEY WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT. THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO STAND IN THE WAY; BUT, THEY OWN PROPERTY. THEY HAVE INVESTED THEIR LIFE SAVINGS TO BUY PROPERTY AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS PERMIT. THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF IT AND IT SIMPLY IS NOT FAIR TO THE ENVIRONMENT. BAY COUNTY AUDOBON HAS ASKED VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO THE NWFWM D THAT ARE STILL UNANSWERED. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO TO HOLD A HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED HAVE A CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND MORE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY ARE GOING TO BLOCK THE PERMIT; IT MEANS THEY NEED TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE TECHNICAL DETAILS AND THE IMPACT THIS PERMIT WILL HAVE ON THEM AND THESE COMMUNITIES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THE COALITION WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. BARR WITH THE AUTHORITY HE HAS AND THE NWFWM D HAS TO PUT THE PERMIT ON HOLD, HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING IN THIS COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE TWO HOURS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. BUT, INSTEAD THEY CAN HEAR ABOUT IT, LOOK AT MAPS, HEAR FROM THE TECHNICAL PEOPLE AND GET REASSURANCE. IF THE FACTS ARE SO CLEAR AND THE INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUS THERE WILL NOT BE IMPACTS, WHY CAN'T THE CITIZENS HEAR ABOUT THIS FIRST HAND. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO; THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND THERE SHOULDN'T BE THIS RUSH. THE COALITION IS ASKING THE BOARD TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PIERS IN THE BAY COUNTY COMMISSION AND MR. BARR TO GIVE THEM 60 DAYS OR 90 DAYS SO PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THIS PERMIT.

MR. WILSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THAT CONCLUDES THE KNIGHT TRUST'S FORMAL PRESENTATION. THEY DID HAVE DISCUSSION ABOUT TEST WELLS; BUT, GOING FROM A TEST WELL TO A PERMIT WITHOUT HAVING ANY INFORMATION. NWFWM D HAS HAD MODELING INFORMATION AND OTHER INFORMATION SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER THAT COULD HAVE BEEN TRANSFORWARDED AND THEY COULD HAVE HAD ALL EXPERTS LOOK AT THE INFORMATION. TO GET A CALL IN FEBRUARY SAYING WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PERMIT ON THE AGENDA IS A SURPRISE. IT IS A MAJOR ISSUE; THE DISTRICT JUST GOT ERP PERMITTING UNDER PROTECTING WETLANDS. IF THIS WAS SOMEBODY HOLDING UP WETLANDS, IT WOULD BE A DRI AND YOU WOULD HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF FORMAL MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS AND ALL SORTS OF HURDLES TO JUMP THROUGH. YOU GO TO A WELLFIELD, YOU MAY HAVE SOME OF THE SAME AFFECTS AND NOT HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING OR NOT HAVE A NOTICE OTHER THAN A TYPE OF NOTICE PUT IN BAY COUNTY IN AUGUST THE PERMIT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR. IT IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TELLING PEOPLE WHAT IS GOING ON A REGIONAL IMPACT.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID HE DETECTS ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR OF MR. HOLLEY AND MR. MANSON TO PROCEED WITH THE PETITION. THIS WAS THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY TOLD MR. MANSON HE HAD PERMISSION TO GO AHEAD AND PROCEED WITH FILING OPPOSITION TO THE PERMIT.

DOUG MANSON SAID THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS THE BOARD HAS GOING FORWARD. THEY HAVE A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT DATED MARCH 26TH SAYING THEY HAVE UNTIL APRIL 20TH TO FILE A PETITION FOR FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS WHICH THEY DISCUSSED A LITTLE EARLIER. THERE ARE ALSO SOME TIMES THE ABILITY, AND HE THINKS THEY SHOULD FILE THAT AND AS THEY TALKED ABOUT IN THE JURISDICTION ABOUT SLOWING THE PACE, THERE IS THE OPTION OF NOT FILING A PETITION AND THERE IS ALSO AN OPTION OF FILING OF WHAT HE WOULD CALL HE WOULD DO THIS AS AN ALTERNATIVE WHERE HE WOULD SAY A MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE THE PETITION, THAT WOULD LEAVE THEM OPEN TIME FOR DISCUSSION BUT HE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ATTACHMENT OF THE PETITION TO THAT SO THEY DON'T MISS THE TIME DEADLINE IN CASE THE DISTRICT DOESN'T CONSIDER A MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME. IT IS DIFFERENT IN EACH DISTRICT. THIRD IS THE OPTION NOT TO FILE OR TO FILE AT SOME POINT LATER IN THE FUTURE. THOSE ARE BASICALLY THE OPTIONS THEY HAVE AS A BOARD GOING FORWARD AT THIS TIME; IN A WORKSHOP, IT IS REALLY MORE UP TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO GIVE INSTRUCTION WHERE HE IS TO GO AHEAD AND FILE THOSE PETITIONS FOR THEM AND THEN THEY WOULD RATIFY THIS AT THEIR MEETING YEA OR NEA. IT COULD ALWAYS BE WITHDRAWN IF THEY DECIDE NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH IT WITH A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF ISSUES.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE BELIEVES THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD IS SAYING IS GO AHEAD AND FILE THE PETITION.

MR. BARR SAID HE THOUGHT SINCE THEY HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE FROM NORTHERN TRUST, HE DOESN'T THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ASK IF THEY ARE GOING TO CHALLENGE THE PERMIT. THAT MAY HAVE SOME BEARING WHETHER THE BOARD TAKES ACTION OR NOT. THEY HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW TO FILE A CHALLENGE TO THE PERMIT.

MR. HUBBLE SAID HE HAD MENTIONED EARLIER THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN MR. BARR'S OFFICE AND TALKED ABOUT A STAND DOWN PERIOD MAYBE 90 TO 120 DAYS AND BASICALLY THE FEEDBACK THEY GOT FROM THE DISTRICT WAS IT WASN'T IN THE DISTRICT'S BEST INTEREST TO DO THAT. WHEN HE DID BRING UP IT WAS ULTIMATELY THE APPLICANT'S DECISION, THAT BEING BAY COUNTY, HE BELIEVES THE RESPONSE BACK FROM THE DISTRICT WAS THEY WILL LOOK TO US FOR THAT RECOMMENDATION. THAT FEEDBACK WAS THEY WERE MOVING AHEAD WITH THE PERMIT. HE RELAYED THAT INFORMATION BACK TO NORTHERN TRUST AND THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION AND THEY BASICALLY SAID IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAD AN OPTION. WE WILL HAVE TO FILE A PETITION.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO EXPLAIN TO MR. BARR SINCE HE WASN'T AT THE FIRST OF THE MEETING, WHAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO WITH THIS ISSUE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY SIMPLY AUTHORIZED THE ATTORNEY, DOUG MANSON, TO GO AHEAD AND FILE THE PETITION TOMORROW SINCE IT IS THE DEADLINE. THAT IS ALL THEY ARE DOING. AS MR. BARR STATED IF SOMETHING HAPPENS THAT THEY WON'T TO POSTPONE ISSUING THE PERMIT AND GIVE US SOME TIME TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO THEM, WE WILL DO THAT. WE JUST WANT TO BE READY.

JAY ASKED THE KNIGHT REPRESENTATIVES IF THEY WERE PLANNING ON FILING THEIR OWN PETITION TOMORROW OR IS THIS GOING TO BE PART OF THE SAME PETITION MR. MANSON IS GOING TO FILE.

MR. HUBBLE SAID HE THOUGHT BASED ON THE RESPONSE THEY HAVE HEARD TODAY, THEY WILL BE FILING A PETITION.

MR. MANSON SAID IT WOULD BE TWO SEPARATE PETITIONS; HE REPRESENTS WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING THE SAME AS THE PIPELINE ISSUE WITH THEM BEING THE LAST TO KNOW. SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE INVOLVED, WATER MANAGEMENT, ETC. WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH WATER MANAGEMENT WITH THINGS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE ADDRESSED WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS THE LAST TO BE TOLD; ACTUALLY, SHE CAME AND TOLD THEM WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE PIPELINE. THIS SEEMS LIKE THE SAME TYPE OF DEAL.

MR. BARR SAID HE DIDN'T RECALL THE DISTRICT BEING INVOLVED WITH THE FLORIDA GAS.

JAY SAID IF HE REMEMBERED CORRECTLY, JANUARY 31ST, HE BELIEVES FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION OR WITH THE NWFWMDC PARTICIPATION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF WATER FROM HOLMES CREEK TO SUPPORT THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT.

MR. GAMBLE SAID THIS IS FAIRLY ROUTINE OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS; FLORIDA GAS IS REQUIRED TO PRESSURE TEST THEIR LINES AND OCCASIONALLY THEY WILL COME TO THE DISTRICT TO ASK FOR A ONE TIME WITHDRAWAL TO COMPLETE A SECTION OF PIPE, PULL IT OUT AND CHECK THE PRESSURE AND RETURN THE WITHDRAWAL.

SHERRY TAYLOR, MAYOR OF EBRO, SAID IT SEEMS LIKE TO HER BAY COUNTY IS TRYING TO FOLLOW WALTON COUNTY'S LEAD IN DOING WHAT THEY DID IN MOVING NORTH TO ASSURE THEY HAVE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE THOUGH; IN WALTON COUNTY IT WAS ALL WALTON COUNTY. THIS SITUATION CROSSES THE COUNTY LINE AND SHE FEELS LIKE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN COMMON COURTESY FOR SOMEONE TO NOTIFY THE TOWN OF EBRO AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE ALSO FEELS LIKE NWFWMDC IS TO PROTECT ALL COUNTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. IT SEEMS TO HER IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED THAT BAY COUNTY'S POTENTIAL WATER NEEDS ARE BEING PUT AHEAD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S POTENTIAL WATER NEEDS. ALSO, SHE FEELS IF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND EBRO DOESN'T DO SOMETHING AT THIS TIME TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, POSSIBLY IN A FEW YEARS WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE BUYING THEIR WATER BACK FROM BAY COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED FOR A RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES, DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE THE MARCH 25TH MINUTES ALONG WITH THE MARCH 22ND MINUTES AT THURSDAY'S MEETING.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. TEMPORARY REPAIRS ON FARRELL NELSON BRIDGE; CLIFF HAS ESTIMATED THE COST TO BE ABOUT \$15,000 IN MATERIALS. MR. PITTS ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE OF REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE. ALSO, HE WAS JUST HANDED A RESOLUTION FROM FL-DOT ASKING THE CLERK SIGN THE AUTHORIZATION FOR FL-DOT TO BUY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THAT BRIDGE IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY FOR THE WORK THEY ARE GOING TO DO ON IT IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF FL-DOT WAS PAYING THE AMOUNT HE SEEN FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AS HE HAD SEEN THE FIGURE OF \$160,000.

MR. PITTS SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE AMOUNT AS FL-DOT HAS NOT SHARED THAT AMOUNT WITH HIM.

B. SPACE PROGRAM RESOLUTION-MR. PITTS EXPLAINED THIS WAS A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SPACE PROGRAM.

C. BAY MEDICAL INVOICE \$11,003.88-MR. PITTS UPDATED THIS BEING AN INVOICE FOR SURGERY FOR A WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT. THIS IS ABOVE HIS SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION.

D. FL-DOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THIS BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THEM LAST MONTH AND IT WAS QUESTIONED IF THE AMOUNT FL-DOT PROVIDED THE BOARD IN THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WAS

SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER THE MAINTENANCE COST. WHEN HE LOOKED INTO IT, THE COST TO THE COUNTY THIS YEAR FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE WAS AROUND \$2600 AND THE FL-DOT AGREEMENT WAS FOR \$3700; THEREFORE, THERE WERE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE AGREEMENT TO COVER THE COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE COST.

E. PROCLAMATION OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

F. RESOLUTION WAIVER OF AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM-MR. PITTS ADVISED THAT TED EVERETT WAS SUPPOSE TO ADDRESS THIS WITH THE BOARD AS HE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHERE THE MONIES WERE GOING TO COME FROM FOR THE REPAIRS ON FARRELL NELSON ROAD.

MR. PITTS SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM IN PUBLIC WORKS; AS OF LAST WEEK, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS ABOUT \$26,000 IN THAT LINE ITEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THEY WERE DIPPING INTO ANOTHER REPAIR ITEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY HAVEN'T JUST STARTED DIPPING; THEY HAVE BEEN DIPPING.

MR. PITTS SAID ACCORDING TO DALLAS THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED FROM FL-DOT IF THEY DIDN'T REPAIR THE BRIDGE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED UNTIL 2011 WHEN FL-DOT LET THE BID, IT IS ASSUMED THEY DIDN'T NEED THE BRIDGE ANYWAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BRIDGE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIXED THE NEXT WEEK AFTER IT WAS CLOSED; IT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CLOSED. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED.

IT WAS QUESTIONED HOW LONG THE BRIDGE HAD BEEN CLOSED. COMMISSIONER BROCK THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS WITH COMMISSIONER PATE DISAGREEING. MR. PITTS SAID HE HAD BEEN AWARE OF THE BRIDGE CLOSING ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHY BARRICADES ARE LEFT AT SITES AFTER A ROAD HAS BEEN REPAIRED; THERE ARE BARRICADES ALL OVER THIS COUNTY. HE ASKED WHY COULDN'T SOMEONE PICK THE BARRICADES UP AFTER THEY GET THROUGH DOING THE REPAIRS TO THE ROAD AND BRING IT BACK TO THE JOB.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD THE BOARD THAT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF THIS AFTERNOON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED THE BAY MEDICAL INVOICE. MR. PITTS SAID THE PERSON WAS REFERRED TO BAY MEDICAL BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THE TREATMENT NEEDED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ITEM F OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ON THE RESOLUTION WAIVER OF AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM. MR. PITTS SAID IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP WEST POINT HOME, INC. OPEN AND KEEP 200 JOBS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE FL-DOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER FLAT CREEK ON FARRELL NELSON ROAD. HE SAID HE KNOWS SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS THINKS THIS IS FREE; BUT, THE TAXPAYERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE PAYING FOR IT. IT IS A BIG TICKET ITEM FOR A 30' BRIDGE; THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AROUND \$1,000,000. HE REFERRED TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE COUNTY A FEW YEARS BACK DID A WATER TABLE SHED ON ALL BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY, GOT THE SIZE OF PIPES THAT GOES IN THEM AND THEY WENT WITH PIPES. HE DOESN'T SEE A REASON WHY THEY COULDN'T USE TWO OR THREE 40' PLASTIC PIPES WITH HEADWALLS ON THEM FOR \$20,000 TO \$30,000 AND SAVE THAT \$1,000,000.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HE NEEDED TO TALK TO FL-DOT ABOUT THAT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THINKS THEY NEED TO TALK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABOUT IT TOO BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT TO APPROVE IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID FL-DOT HASN'T DECIDED WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD THERE YET; IT MAY BE CULVERTS OR PIPES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY, IN HIS OPINION, THROWN AWAY ON CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERS ON THESE PROJECTS HE THOUGHT COULD BE PUT TO BETTER USE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO START THERE; THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THE BOARD COULD DO TO SAVE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THAT IS A FL-DOT BRIDGE THEY ARE PAYING FOR AND REPLACING IT AND THEY CALL THE SHOTS ON THAT, NOT THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD CHARLES THE BOARD COULD CALL FL-DOT AND TELL THEM NOT TO DO IT IF THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS TO.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED ITEM C ON THE BAY MEDICAL INVOICE AND ASKED IF IT WAS FOR AN INMATE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID IT WAS EITHER FOR AN INMATE OR HCRA. MR. PITTS SAID IN EITHER CASE, THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR IT.

NAN QUESTIONED WHY DOES THE COUNTY TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE IF THEY ARE INDIGENT CARE AND ASKED CAN'T THEY GET MEDICAID OR MEDICARE. WHY IS THE COUNTY TAKING CARE OF PERSONAL HEALTHCARE.

MR. PITTS SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THESE FUNDS COME FROM THE STATE TO HANDLE INDIGENT CARE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WOULDNT THIS PERSON REFERRED TO BAY MEDICAL BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THE CARE AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL. MR. PITTS ADVISED THE PERSON COULDN'T GET THE SURGERY NEEDED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THERE IS A WASHINGTON COUNTY INDIGENT COMMITTEE WHO RECOMMENDS INDIGENT BILLS TO BE PAID; INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. EITHER WAY THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PAY IT.

MS. THOMPSON SAID SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT WHY THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE WHEN THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE SUCH AS MEDICAID AND MEDICARE.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS-HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD EXPRESSING AN INTEREST SEVERAL MONTHS BACK ABOUT PUTTING THE HEALTH INSURANCE AGENT OF RECORD OUT FOR BID. DURING THAT CONVERSATION SEVERAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONED THEIR PLANS AND RATES AND QUESTIONED HOW THEY GOT FROM WHERE THEY WERE IN 2004 UNTIL TODAY. SHE HAS HAD OTHERS QUESTION IF THERE WERE DIFFERENT OPTIONS OR PLANS AND WHAT THEY COULD DO TO BETTER SERVICE THE EMPLOYEES. IN PREPARATION OF THE BIDDING PROCESS, SHE CONTACTED BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO SEE HOW THE PROCESS WOULD BE MANAGED. IF THEY WERE OUT FOR BID, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. SHE ASKED WANDA BURBICH, THE BCBS ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, AND LAURA FORTINA, THE ACCOUNT COORDINATOR WITH BCBS FOR THE COUNTY, TO MEET THIS MORNING TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE AGENT OF RECORD, HOW THE RATES ARE CALCULATED, THE PLAN HISTORY WITH BCBS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH COVERAGE. HEATHER PROVIDED THE BOARD AN INFORMATION SHEET ON THEIR HISTORY WITH BCBS.

LAURA FORTINA UPDATED THE BOARD ON HEATHER HAVING ASKED HER TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT HOW BCBS WORKS WITH THE AGENT OF RECORD AND WHAT AN AGENT OF RECORD ACTUALLY MEANS IN REGARDS TO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH BCBS. SHE

ADDRESSED THE AGENT OF RECORD IS A VERY POWERFUL INSTRUMENT; IT IS A CONTRACT WITH BCBS AND THE AGENT, JUST LIKE BCBS HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD AS THE INSURANCE PROVIDER. IT ALSO GIVES THAT AGENT THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BOARD'S BEHALF. WHAT SHE HAS SEEN, IN WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, IS AT SOME POINT HAVE HAD SOMEONE GIVE HER AN AGENT OF RECORD AND THEN SAID NO HERE IS ANOTHER ONE, ALL FROM THE SAME GROUP THINKING THEY ARE GOING TO GET DIFFERENT INFORMATION OR DIFFERENT RATES OR BENEFITS BACK FROM BCBS; WHEN TRYING TO NEGOTIATE HAVING MORE THAN ONE AGENT OF RECORD IS A BIG COMPLEXITY. ONCE SOMEONE IS APPOINTED AS AN AGENT OF RECORD WITH BCBS, IF THE COUNTY SHOULD DECIDE TO CHANGE THAT AGENT OF RECORD, THE CURRENT AGENT HAS FIFTEEN DAYS TO RESCIND THAT. HOWEVER, THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE COUNTY WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO ALLOW THAT PERSON TO RESCIND IT OR NOT. THERE IS A POLICY IN PLACE BCBS FOLLOWS SO THEY ARE FAIR TO THEIR AGENTS AS THEY WOULD BE TO THEIR CLIENTS; THERE IS CERTAIN CRITERIA BCBS FOLLOWS WHEN THERE IS A REQUEST FOR AN AGENT OF RECORD.

LAURA THOUGHT ONE OF THE THINGS HEATHER WANTED HER TO TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT WAS HOW THAT AGENT OF RECORD WORKS AS IT RELATES TO BCBS. WHEN THE RENEWAL IS RELEASED, IT IS RELEASED TO THE AGENT OF RECORD; THAT IS THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY RECEIVES THE RENEWAL ALONG WITH THE COUNTY. IF THERE IS NO AGENT INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, THERE IS ANOTHER SET OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT BCBS FOLLOWS. SHE JUST WANTED TO GIVE THE BOARD AN IDEA OF THE AGENT OF RECORD BEING A VERY POWERFUL INSTRUMENT BECAUSE OF THE ARRANGEMENT BCBS HAS WITH THEM AND THAT THE COUNTY HAS. WHEN THE COUNTY GOES OUT FOR BID, IT DOES OPEN IT UP TO A NUMBER OF AGENTS WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY RESPOND TO THE BID; THERE ARE AGENTS THAT CAN RESPOND FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OR DEPENDING ON HOW THE RFP IS STRUCTURED FOR THE AGENT OF RECORD, THEY COULD RESPOND FROM OUT OF STATE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

MS. FORTINA THEN ADDRESSED THE PAST HISTORY THE COUNTY HAS HAD WITH BCBS; THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BCBS HAD WITH THE COUNTY STARTED IN NOVEMBER OF 1998. BCBS HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO BRING THE COUNTY THE BEST RATES AND BENEFITS THEY CAN TO THE TABLE; OF COURSE AS YOU ARE HEARING NATIONALLY, THIS IS A CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, NOT JUST WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH BENEFIT INFORMATION STARTING IN 2000; CURRENTLY THE COUNTY HAS UNDER ONE OF THE PLAN OPTIONS THEY OFFER, A \$15 COPAYMENT FOR A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN. THIS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE TEN YEARS AGO. THERE WERE OTHER CHANGES TO THE PLAN; BUT, THAT WAS SURPRISING TO SEE THAT OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS THAT COPAY REMAINS THE SAME. THE COUNTY OFFERS A PLAN THAT OFFERS A HIGHER COPAYMENT WHICH ALSO BRINGS A LOWER PREMIUM. THIS WAS DECIDED SEVERAL YEARS BACK TO OFFER A DUAL OPTION PLAN; THAT WAY, IT WOULD BRING A RATE RELIEF TO THE COUNTY AS FAR AS THE CONTRIBUTION LEVEL THEY OFFER TO THE EMPLOYEE. IN 2009, SHE ADDRESSED THE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER ONE OF THE PLANS THE COUNTY OFFERS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES BEING THE SAME AS IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO, WHICH IS GREAT FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; AT THE SAME TIME, THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DOES AFFECT THE COUNTY'S RATES. THE COUNTY HAS ALSO OFFERED A PLAN WITH A HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE; THE HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE, THE COPAYMENT, THE LOWER THE PREMIUM TO MAKE THE AFFORDABILITY THEY COULD PASS ON TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. IN 2009, BCBS WAS AT A 14.53% RATING ACTION AND THROUGH THE COUNTY'S CURRENT AGENT, THEY WERE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THIS BACK TO 7%. THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THE AGENT DOES ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF ALONG WITH THE COUNTY'S INPUT. THERE

WAS NO BENEFIT CHANGE. IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING, THERE WAS ANOTHER PROPOSAL FROM A COMPETITIVE CARRIER, UNITED HEALTH CARE.

IN 2008, LAURA SAID BCBS LOOKED AT A 16.37% INCREASE; THERE WAS A DECISION THE SHERIFF OPTED TO RELIEVE HIMSELF FROM THE COUNTY'S PLAN AT WHICH POINT, WHEN THERE IS EVER A CHANGE IN CENSUS, THEY TAKE IT BACK TO THE UNDERWRITER. AT THAT POINT THE RATES WERE REVISED BASED ON THE CHANGE IN THE CENSUS AND THE REMOVAL OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE NEGOTIATED REVISED RATE WAS 6.3%.

LAURA ADDRESSED IN 2007 WAS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST IMPACT THE COUNTY HAD; DURING THAT TIME, THE COUNTY HAD A VERY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RATES AND PREMIUMS AS IT WAS 51.42%. THEY HAD TO LOOK AT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GROUP TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO; THEY HAD TO LOOK AT WAYS TO WORK WITH THE BOARD TO TRY AND BRING THE RATES DOWN, LOOK AT BENEFITS AND HOW THEY COULD OFFER SOMETHING THAT IS AFFORDABLE. THAT IS WHEN THEY BROUGHT TO THE TABLE THE DUAL OPTION; THE HIGH-LOW PLAN, WHICH IS WHAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS. AGAIN, THEY WILL BE LOOKING WITH HEATHER AND THE COUNTY AT RENEWAL IN SEVERAL MONTHS. IN 2007, THE COUNTY DID HAVE AN AGENT OF RECORD CHANGE AND AT THAT TIME IT WAS A MOVE TO MOVE THE ANNIVERSARY DATE TO THE BEGINNING OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1ST.

IN 2006, LAURA SAID BCBS MOVED THE COUNTY FROM A BLUE CHOICE PLAN TO A BLUE OPTIONS PLAN AND THAT IS CURRENTLY WHAT THEY ARE WITH TODAY.

LAURA SAID THE ACTUAL MEDICAL TREND IN 2005 WAS RUNNING 25%; THIS HAS COME DOWN A LITTLE BIT WHICH IS GOOD BECAUSE THE MEDICAL TREND IS ANOTHER FACTOR THAT IMPACTS THE RATES.

LAURA ADDRESSED THEY TYPICALLY LOOK AT THE RENEWAL RATES IN JULY. SHE REPORTED SHE HAD REVIEWED THE COUNTY'S EXPERIENCE RECENTLY; IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS RUNNING FAIRLY WELL. HOWEVER, THIS COULD CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CLAIMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED THAT HAVEN'T BEEN REPORTED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED COULD HE GET INSURANCE CHEAPER THAN WHAT THE COUNTY IS HAVING TO PAY FOR HIS COVERAGE.

LAURA SAID IF HE WENT THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MARKET, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THE GROUP MARKET, DEPENDING ON HIS MEDICAL HISTORY, HIS AGE, THERE IS A NUMBER OF FACTORS THAT GO INTO THAT, HE MAY BE ABLE TO. THE DIFFICULTY IS BEING ABLE TO GET IT UNDERWRITTEN ON AN INDIVIDUAL MARKET. WITH THE PENDING LEGISLATION, A LOT OF THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE. FROM BCBS'S STANDPOINT, THEY ARE LOOKING AT HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE AND THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON A NATIONAL LEVEL WITH THE BCBS ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH THEIR INSURANCE AND THEY ALSO HAVE A STAT DEPARTMENT TO DIGEST ALL THE LEGISLATION THAT HAS RECENTLY COME TO PAST AND HOW THAT WILL ACTUALLY IMPACT THEIR CLIENTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF YOU GO OUT ON YOUR OWN WITH INSURANCE, WOULDN'T YOU HAVE TO TAKE ALL YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS WITH YOU, PASS A PHYSICAL, ETC.

LAURA REITERATED A PERSON'S MEDICAL HISTORY WOULD IMPACT THOSE RATES AND IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO GET INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE DEPENDING ON THEIR AGE AND MEDICAL HISTORY. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT TO SAY YOU CAN'T OBTAIN IT; BUT, IT IS MORE CHALLENGING WHERE YOU NOW HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT COULD COME OFF AND IF THEY HAVE HAD PREVIOUS COVERAGE, THERE IS A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATIONS THAT ARE APPLIED IN WHAT THEY NEED THEIR WAITING PERIOD FOR THE COUNTY.

CAROL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING RECENTLY HELD THEY WERE TOLD THE DOWNSIDE TO PERSONS COMING OFF THE COUNTY'S GROUP POLICY THAT WERE ABLE TO GET

INSURANCE ELSEWHERE WAS THE PEOPLE THAT COULDN'T GET INSURANCE ELSEWHERE DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS WOULD JACK THE RATES UP FOR THE COUNTY.

LAURA SAID ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS HEATHER HAD ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT WAS THE CONTRACT SIDE. IF YOU TAKE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR MIX AND THEN THE EMPLOYEES, IT DOES IMPACT THE COUNTY'S RATES. AS POSSIBLY SOMEBODY THAT WENT TO THE OPEN MARKET, THAT WOULD IMPACT THEIR RATES. THE MORE PEOPLE THE COUNTY HAS IN THE PLAN, IT DOES HELP THE OVERALL RATES. ONE OF THE THINGS BCBS LOOKS AT IS HOW THEY NEED TO BRING IN DEPENDENTS; IN 2006, SHE THOUGHT WAS WHEN THE BOARD DECIDED TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL COVERAGE FOR THE DEPENDENTS. THAT DID IMPACT THEIR MIX. THIS IS WHEN THE BOARD DECIDED TO PAY FOR MORE OF THE DEPENDENT COVERAGE.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE HAVING MET ON FRIDAY WITH THE COUNTY'S AGENT AND DISCUSSED POSSIBLY DOING WHAT ONE OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTIES DOES; THEY OFFER A MONETARY AMOUNT TO EMPLOYEES TO COME OFF THE PLAN TO GET THEIR OWN INSURANCE. HOWEVER, THE EMPLOYEES HAVE TO PROVE THEIR COVERAGE IN ORDER TO GET THE MONETARY AMOUNT. THE RISK WOULD BE WHEN YOU TAKE OFF ALL THE HEALTHY PEOPLE, IT WOULD JACK UP THE RATES FOR THOSE WHO HAD TO STAY ON THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN. SHE ADDRESSED HER HAVING GONE OUT AND GOTTEN BCBS INSURANCE ON HER HUSBAND AND CHILD WHICH WAS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE COUNTY'S PLAN; HOWEVER, THE PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE WAS HORRIBLE.

HEATHER ADDRESSED RECENT LEGISLATION WOULD DO AWAY WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS ON CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER; IN THE MEANTIME, YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHETHER OR NOT THE STAFF THEY HAVE NOW WILL BE ABLE TO GO OUT AND GET COVERAGE. THE INSURANCE COVERAGE THE COUNTY HAS NOW IS WONDERFUL FOR THE EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF AN EMPLOYEE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE WHO IS ON MEDICAID, MEDICARE, ETC. AND HAS A HEALTH CONDITION WAS STILL USING THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE ALSO. HEATHER ADVISED THERE ARE QUITE A FEW EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE ELSEWHERE AND ALSO ARE UNDER THE COUNTY'S GROUP INSURANCE PLAN. SHE EXPLAINED IF EMPLOYEES HAVE DUAL COVERAGE, THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE IS THEIR PRIMARY INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED A FEW YEARS BACK, A NURSING HOME HAD TAKEN THEIR HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES OUT OF THEIR GROUP PLAN AND BOUGHT SEPARATE INSURANCE FOR THEM AND LEFT IN THE AVERAGE HEALTHY EMPLOYEES ON THE GROUP PLAN. HE QUESTIONED COULD THE COUNTY HAVE TWO SEPARATE PLANS; ONE FOR THE HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES AND ONE FOR THE OTHER EMPLOYEES AS THOSE PEOPLE HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE PLANS AS FAR AS RATES.

LAURA EXPLAINED THE WAY IT IS NOW THEY COULDN'T EXCLUDE THESE PEOPLE FROM THE COUNTY'S PLAN. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT EXCLUDING THE HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES; THE COUNTY COULD PROVIDE THE INSURANCE FOR THESE EMPLOYEES BUT NOT HAVE IT IN THE SAME PACKAGE AS THE HEALTHY EMPLOYEES.

LAURA SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT THE COUNTY'S PLAN BECAUSE IF THEY ARE ACTUAL EMPLOYEES IF THEY COULD EXCLUDE THOSE AND SEPARATE THOSE PEOPLE OUT BASED ON THE CLAIMS HISTORY. SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE LEGALITY OF HOW THAT WOULD WORK; IT COULD BE PERCEIVED AS BEING DISCRIMATORY. AT THE SAME TIME, NONE OF US KNOW WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A HUGE CLAIM AND ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED AND ARE GOING TO BE PUT IN THAT POOL. FROM THAT STANDPOINT THAT IS WHY HAVING THE PEOPLE IN THE POOL ACTUALLY HELPS OFFSET THAT; THAT IS WHERE YOU GET INTO RISK SHARING OR WHAT YOU DO WITH INSURANCE. EVERYBODY IS PAYING INTO A FUND TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHEN THEY NEED IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED SEPARATING THE HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES FROM THE HEALTHY EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE; BUT, HE IS NOT SAYING IT CAN BE DONE NOW.

LAURA QUESTIONED IF COMMISSIONER BROCK KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS AGO THIS WAS DONE. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED HE THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO.

LAURA EXPLAINED A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS AND IT MAY BE AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW OF A WAY TO SEPARATE THE HIGH RISK EMPLOYEES; HOWEVER, SHE IS NOT SAYING IT CAN'T BE DONE. SHE FELT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE TODAY BASED ON MEDICAL CONDITIONS TODAY WITH ALL THE HIPPA AND PHARMACY LAWS.

HEATHER AGREED COMMISSIONER BROCK'S QUESTION WAS A GREAT QUESTION AND ADDRESSED THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE TOGETHER SO THEY CAN ASK QUESTIONS SUCH AS THESE. SHE SAID IF THERE ARE OTHER IDEAS THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE, THAT IS WHAT THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO IS GET ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.

LAURA SAID SOME OF THE RECENT LEGISLATION WAS TO SET A HIGH RISK POOL WITHIN THE STATE; FLORIDA HAS A HIGH RISK POOL FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE INSURANCE AND HAS NO OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING INSURANCE WHICH THE COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES HAVE A WAY OF OBTAINING THAT INSURANCE. SHE EXPLAINED FLORIDA'S HIGH RISK POOL IS PRESENTLY CLOSED. IN WATCHING THE NEWS, SHE SEES THIS IS BEING CHALLENGED FROM THE STATE AGENTS ON TO NATIONAL BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RISK POOL AND THE FINANCIAL IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE BACK ON THE STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO MS. FINCH HAVING A GOOD POINT ABOUT HER OWN KIDS; IF THE BOARD COULD TAKE \$300 AND GIVE IT TO THE EMPLOYEE BECAUSE HE IS GOOD AND HEALTHY AND BUY THE SAME INSURANCE THAN THE COUNTY HAVING TO PAY \$580 FOR THE SAME INSURANCE.

HEATHER TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HER INSURANCE FOR HER HUSBAND AND CHILD IS NOT THE SAME INSURANCE AS THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE; IT IS WORSE. WITH THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE, SHE CAN GO AND GET A BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION FOR \$30; WITH THE PLAN HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER SHARE, THEY CAN NOT GET A BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION AT ALL, THERE IS A HIGHER OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE AND SEVERAL OTHER THINGS THAT ARE HIGHER THAN THE COUNTY'S PLAN. APPARENTLY SHE HAS NO POWER IN NEGOTIATING THOSE RATES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS TALKING ABOUT BUYING THE SAME INSURANCE THE COUNTY HAS ON THE EMPLOYEES NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THE EMPLOYEES CAN'T GET THE SAME INSURANCE WITHOUT BEING IN A GROUP PLAN PROBABLY. HEATHER AGREED THE PLAN THE COUNTY HAS YOU CAN'T GET PRIVATELY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT ELSE DOES THE COUNTY AGENT DO FOR THE COUNTY BESIDES NEGOTIATE RATES.

HEATHER ADDRESSED THE AGENT STAYS ON TOP OF LEGISLATION; THIS IS THE BIGGEST THING FOR HER RIGHT NOW IS UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE RECENT LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED. SHE SAID THE COUNTY'S AGENT AND THE OWNER CAME AND ADDRESSED THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MR. PITTS, CHAIRMAN HOLMAN AND THE DIVISION DIRECTORS. THEY PROVIDED A BREAKDOWN OF THE NEW BILL PERTAINING TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND THINGS TO LOOK AT. SHE ALSO MENTIONED COMMUNICATING WITH THE AGENT ON A DAILY BASIS. SHE REFERRED TO HER ASSISTING EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR INSURANCE CLAIMS THROUGH THE COUNTY AGENT.

HEATHER UPDATED THE BOARD ON RIGHT NOW IF AN EMPLOYEE IS LAID OFF, INVOLUNTARILY TERMINATED AND IT IS NOT A GROSS MISCONDUCT, THE BOARD HAS TO PAY FOR 65% OF THAT PERSON'S COVERAGE FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS. THE BOARD

IS REIMBURSED THROUGH A TAX CREDIT; BUT, THEY HAVE TO DO THE RECORDING ON THE 941 FORM. THE ONLY REASON SHE KNOWS ABOUT ANY OF THIS IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY'S AGENT HAS EDUCATED HER ON THIS. PRIOR TO HAVING THE RELATIONSHIP THEY DO WITH OLSON, SHE DIDN'T KNOW LAURA AND WANDA AND HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD WHATSOEVER. LAURA IS THE ONE WHO NEGOTIATES THE CLAIMS AND ASSISTS WITH THE CLAIM ISSUES.

HEATHER EXPLAINED THE AGENT SHOULD KNOW HOW TO NEGOTIATE WITH BCBS AS FAR AS THE PLANS GO; THEY KNOW HOW TO NEGOTIATE THE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN TO GET YOU SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE TO CHANGE RATES. SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY'S AGENT RIGHT NOW HAS BEEN PAYING FOR A SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY; A WEBSITE YOU CAN GO ON LINE TO LOOK AT THE BENEFITS THE COUNTY PLAN OFFERS. HOWEVER, NOBODY WAS USING THIS SERVICE. THE COUNTY'S AGENT HAS OFFERED TO PUT THIS MONEY BACK INTO A WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

HEATHER SAID IN PREPARATION FOR THE AGENT OF RECORD TO BE BID OUT, WHAT IT STARTED WITH WAS A LOCAL AGENT WITH AIG COME FORWARD AND ASKED TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE ABLE TO COME IN AND SELL THAT PRODUCT. THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT REQUEST AND COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION; THEIR RECOMMENDATION WAS TO ADVERTISE THAT AND THEY ARE GETTING GEARED UP TO DO THAT. IN THAT SAME MEETING, IT WAS ASKED FOR THEM TO ADVERTISE FOR AN AGENT OF RECORD AND IN DOING HER RESEARCH TO GET READY FOR THE RFP'S TO GO OUT, SHE MET WITH ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND WHAT WAS KIND OF THE CONSENSUS OF ALL OF THEM, THEY WEREN'T ASKED TO DO RESEARCH TO FIND OUT WHAT IT WOULD DO TO THE STAFF OF ALL THE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE. THEY HAVE DONE SOME RESEARCH AND THERE IS NO AGENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY LICENSED TO SELL DENTAL OR VISION INSURANCE. SHE WANTED THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT BEFORE THEY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ADVERTISING; THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY THEY CAN'T GET A LICENSE. BUT, THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY AND EXPERIENCE JUST SAYS IF THEY ARE NOT LICENSED WITH THOSE CARRIERS, THEY ARE PROBABLY NOT LICENSED WITH OTHER CARRIERS SO HOW ARE THEY GOING TO KNOW IF AFLAC IS COMPAR- ABLE TO GUARDIAN; WHICH ONE SHOULD THEY RECOMMEND THE COUNTY SEEK A QUOTE FROM AND WHICH ONE IS GOING TO BE BETTER FOR THE COUNTY STAFF. SHE ASKED IF THERE WAS A WAY THE COUNTY COULD LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AGENTS THAT APPLY FROM OUT OF THE AREA; SHE HAS ALREADY GOTTEN A REQUEST FROM WEST PALM BEACH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE COUNTY'S AGENT OF RECORD. SHE ADDRESSED THIS WOULD BE VERY HARD ON HER. THE CURRENT COUNTY AGENT LIVES IN TALLAHASSEE; BUT, AT THE DROP OF A HAT HE IS HERE TO HELP. SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE COUNTY IF THEY WENT WITH SOMEBODY DOWN STATE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WOULD THINK YOU COULD LIMIT IT FROM THAT FAR AWAY.

HEATHER QUESTIONED LIKE A RADIUS OR SOMETHING AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THAT IS WHAT HE WOULD THINK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED HEATHER IF SHE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE AGENT THE COUNTY HAS NOW.

HEATHER SAID SHE WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED; SHE HAS SPOKEN TO EVERY INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND SHE CAN TELL THE BOARD IF THEY HAD TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TODAY, THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE AT. IF IT WEREN'T A VIOLATION OF HIPPA, SHE COULD POINT THE BOARD IN THE DIRECTION OF TEN TO TWENTY EMPLOYEES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE COUNTY'S AGENT ASSISTING WITH A CLAIM.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED CAROL GRIFFIN, INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, HOW SHE FELT ABOUT THE CURRENT COUNTY AGENT. MS. GRIFFIN SAID SHE WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS, ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED WHY THEY WERE HAVING SUCH A PUSH TO CHANGE AN ALREADY GOOD INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT; BUT, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RANDALL SITTING ON THE COMMITTEE.

HEATHER SAID THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL; THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED BEFORE EMS CAME OVER UNDER THE BOARD. SHE ADDRESSED RANDALL HAVING TONS OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH INSURANCE AND HE HAS A LARGE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED RANDALL RETIRING IN THE NEAR FUTURE; HOWEVER, HE COULD PUT SOMEONE ELSE IN HIS PLACE WHEN HE RETIRES.

HEATHER SAID HER JOB WOULD BE SO MUCH HARDER IF THE COUNTY GETS SOMEBODY THAT CAN'T PROVIDE THE SERVICE THAT OLSON DOES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED MR. PITTS TO STAY WITH THE CARRIER THEY HAVE, IS BOARD ACTION NEEDED.

MR. PITTS STATED IT WOULD TAKE BOARD ACTION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE BOARD TO ADVERTISE FOR AN AGENT OF RECORD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CARRIER THAT WAS IN CHIPLEY; WAS THE BOARD NOT SATISFIED OR WHAT.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED THE BOARD, ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, HAD TO WAIT RIGHT UP UNTIL THE DEADLINE IN TRYING TO GET RENEWAL QUOTES AND THEY NEVER GOT IT.

HEATHER AGREED THEY HAD GIVEN THE PREVIOUS CARRIER SEVERAL DATES TO GET THEIR QUOTE TO THE COUNTY AND THEY NEVER GOT IT. MR. HERBERT ACTUALLY CALLED THE CARRIER AND TOLD THEM IF THEY DIDN'T GIVE THE COUNTY SOMETHING BY A CERTAIN DATE, THEY WERE GOING WITH ANOTHER AGENT OF RECORD AND THEY NEVER GOT ANYTHING.

MR. PITTS ASKED HEATHER IF HE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY THAT JUST ADVERTISING FOR AN AGENT OF RECORD, THEIR RATES COULD CHANGE EVEN WITH BCBS; THEY WOULDN'T GET THE HISTORY THEY HAD IN THE LAST YEAR OR TWO.

HEATHER SAID IT COULD; IT DEPENDS ON WHERE IN THE PROCESS THEY ARE.

LAURA EXPLAINED THE WAY THEY WORK WITH THE AGENT OF RECORDS AND HOW DOES THAT IMPACT THE RATES, BCBS LOOKS AT AGENTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF LINES THEY HAD AND THEY HAVE A STANDARD SCALE THEY USE AS FAR AS A SEED. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT AGENT IS IN LINE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE GROUP WITH THAT STRUCTURE. IF AN AGENT WAS AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL, THEY COULD HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMMISSION AT WHICH POINT THE AGENT COULD DETERMINE IF THEY WANT TO TAKE LESS; HOWEVER, THE AGENT COULD DETERMINE THEY WANT MORE.

MR. PITTS ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD GET THE SAME QUOTE FROM BCBS REGARDLESS OF WHAT AGENT THEY HAD. LAURA SAID IF IT IS AGENT A AND AGENT B AND THEY ARE BOTH EQUIVALENT ON THE CLASSIFICATION SCALE, YES; IF AGENT A IS HIGHER THAN AGENT B AND WANTS THE HIGHER COMMISSION, THEIR RATES WOULD BE HIGHER AND THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCE IS VERY MINIMAL. AT THE SAME TIME, LAURA STATED THE COUNTY'S CURRENT AGENT IS IN LINE WITH WHAT THE AGENTS OF RECORD FEE STRUCTURE IS RIGHT NOW BASED ON WHAT BCBS DOES ON A STATEWIDE BASIS. BCBS DOES HAVE AGENTS OF RECORD TARGET FEES THEY APPLY. THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE THE AGENT OF RECORD THE QUOTES FOR THE INSURANCE; THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WOULD BE AS FAR AS THEIR CLAIMS ARE CONCERNED, THE ONLY VARIANCE WOULD BE THE AGENT OF RECORD FEE.

HEATHER EXPLAINED ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT AGENT IS WILLING TO HELP YOU THROUGH, THAT WOULD CHANGE YOUR RATES AS WELL. THAT IS WHY THAT YEAR THEY ENDED UP HAVING TO SWITCH AGENTS, THEY HADN'T BEEN OFFERED A CHANCE

TO NEGOTIATE. MR. HERBERT TOLD HER AT ONE POINT THE COUNTY WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT A 27% INCREASE BECAUSE THEIR AGENT DIDN'T TAKE THEM TO TALLAHASSEE TO SHOW THEM THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PLANS AND NEGOTIATE THE RATES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID, WITH DUE RESPECT, IT WEREN'T THAT EARL- IER BOARDS DIDN'T PROCEED IN THAT; IT WAS \$20,000 OR \$30,000 MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS AGENT THEY HAD IN CHIPLEY, WHICH WAS CLARK AT THE TIME. HE SAID HE WELL REMEMBERED THAT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO CHANGE. HE TOLD HEATHER SHE WASN'T HERE AT THAT TIME; BUT, THE BOARD WANTED TO CHANGE. THEY LOOKED AT OTHER AGENTS AT THE TIME AND TALLAHASSEE WAS LOOKED AT AND IT WAS MORE FOR THEIR FEE THAN CLARK'S FEE AT THE TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES DOES THE COUNTY HAVE IN HOUSE NOW INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, SHERIFF, TAX COLLECTOR, CLERK OF COURT, ETC.

HEATHER ADVISED THE ONLY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER THAT IS NOT ON THE COUNTY'S PLAN IS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; THE COUNTY HAS TWO TYPES OF HEALTH INSURANCE. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ON A SEPARATE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD PLAN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HAVING A BETTER INSURANCE PLAN AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERY EMPLOYEE IN THIS COUNTY EQUAL AND HAVE THE SAME INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK; BUT, QUESTIONED HOW HE WAS GOING TO FORCE THE SHERIFF TO COME ON THE COUNTY'S PLAN.

HEATHER EXPLAINED THE COUNTY ACTUALLY GOT A DECREASE IN THEIR PREMIUMS WHEN THE SHERIFF CAME OFF THEIR PLAN. SHE SAID THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CLAIMS AT THE TIME THAT AFFECTED THAT WHICH DOESN'T ANYMORE; THEY COULD HAVE HAD SOME OLDER PEOPLE TO RETIRE AS THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT AFFECT THE RATES. SHE AGREED THE SHERIFF'S RATES ARE QUITE A BIT CHEAPER THAN THE BOARD'S RATES; HOWEVER, THEIR DEMOGRAPHICS ARE DIFFERENT. THE SHERIFF HAS A VERY YOUNGER, HEALTHIER GROUP OF EMPLOYEES THAN THE BOARD DOES. IF THE BOARD ADDS THEM BACK TO THEIR PLAN, THEY COULD SPREAD THE RISK WITH THOSE HEALTHY PEOPLE AND LOWER THE RATES; BUT, IT COULD ALSO RAISE RATES UP BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF CLAIMS HISTORY THE SHERIFF HAS NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE SEPARATED OUT. IT WOULD ABSOLUTELY RAISE THE RATES FOR THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES IF THEY COME ON WITH THE BOARD'S PLAN MOST LIKELY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REFERRED TO THE SHERIFF HAVING PULLED OUT FROM THE COUNTY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO AND WENT WITH ANOTHER CARRIER; HOWEVER, LAST YEAR, HE CAME BACK UNDER BCBS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO RESCIND THE ACTION THEY HAD TAKEN A FEW MONTHS AGO AND ALLOW THE CURRENT AGENT TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY AND MS. FINCH TO PROCEED WITH THE RATES FOR 2010-2011.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT WHEN THE CARRIERS COMPETE, YOU GET BETTER PRICES. HEATHER EXPLAINED THE CARRIERS AREN'T COMPETING; THE CARRIER IS BCBS, UNITED, AETNA AND THAT IS WHERE THE COMPETITION IS. IN THIS AREA, SHE SAID IT WOULD JUST BE UNITED AND BCBS AND THEY CAN CERTAINLY GET A QUOTE FROM UNITED AS THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AGENT OF RECORD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T CARE WHO THEY USED AS THE AGENT OF RECORD, WHICHEVER ONE HEATHER FEELS LIKE WOULD SERVE HER BEST.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REITERATED THEY HAD VOTED PREVIOUSLY TO ADVERTISE FOR THE AGENT OF RECORD AND ON THURSDAY THEY WILL NEED TO RESCIND THAT VOTE AND CONTINUE USING THE CURRENT AGENT OF RECORD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHEN THEY DID THIS VOTE, THERE WAS A LADY THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND TRIED TO GET IT WHERE SHE COULD SEE THE EMPLOYEES, WHICH SHE DID.

HEATHER SAID THERE WERE TWO PARTS TO THE MOTION AT THAT TIME; ONE WAS TO ADVERTISE A SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE WHICH IS GOING TO SERVE THE COUNTY'S 125 PLAN. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THAT IS COLONIAL; THAT IS YOUR CANCER, ACCIDENT, VOLUNTARY LIFE, ETC. THAT WAS A RECOMMENDATION OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE TO ADVERTISE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PRODUCTS. THEREFORE, IF THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO ALLOW BETTY WITH AIG TO COME IN AND SELL HER PRODUCTS, THEY WOULD HAVE THAT OPTION TO DO THAT. IN ADDITION TO THAT, IT WAS TAPPED ON TO ADVERTISE FOR AN AGENT OF RECORD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL WANTED IT UNDERSTOOD THEY ARE GOING TO ONLY RESCIND THE PART ABOUT THE AGENT OF RECORD; THEY ARE STILL GOING TO BID THE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE. HEATHER SAID "YES."

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF IT WAS OKAY WITH THE BOARD TO PUT RANDALL TRUETTE ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE OR LET HIM PUT SOMEBODY ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RANDALL BEING ON THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE OR APPOINTING SOMEONE ELSE FROM EMS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, UPDATED THE BOARD EARLIER THIS YEAR HAD ADVERTISED FOR A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE, DISTRIBUTE, WRITE A PACKAGE, TABULATE AND MAKE A REPORT TO THEM ON THE DIRECTION OF THE MSBU. WHEN THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE BID, ISSUES AND ANSWERS WAS THE LOW BIDDER; BUT, THEY HAD SEVERAL OPTIONS ON THE CONTRACT. THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY ACCEPTED THE LOWEST LOW BID. ISSUES AND ANSWERS HAS SENT A CONTRACT AND HE REQUESTED THE BOARD SPECIFY ACCEPTING OPTION 2 OF 2. IT IS ACTUALLY OPTION 4; THERE ARE TWO OPTION 1'S AND TWO OPTION 2'S. THESE ARE ALL STILL LOW BIDS; THEIR EXTREME LOW BID WAS \$16,150 AND HE IS REQUESTING THE BOARD ACCEPT THE \$17,100 OPTION IN THE CONTRACT. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO BIDS WAS FOR THE \$17,100, ISSUES AND ANSWERS WOULD GUARANTEE 400 RETURNS RATHER THAN 200 RETURNS; THE RETURNS WOULD BE RECEIVED ON A 8" X 11" RATHER THAN BY POST CARDS SO THEY COULD BE PUT IN A THREE RING BINDER AND KEPT TRACK OF. HE WOULD BE ASKING THE BOARD TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ISSUES AND ANSWERS FOR THE MSBU MAILOUT FOR \$17,100; IF THIS IS APPROVED TODAY, HE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE ADDED ON TO THE CONSENT AGENDA AND NOT HAVE TO COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD ON THURSDAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MANY MSBU MAILOUTS WERE GOING TO BE DONE. MR. HAGAN SAID THERE WOULD BE 12,000 MAILOUTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED DIDN'T THE STATUTE QUOTE THE PERCENTAGES OF THOSE HAVE TO BE RETURNED AND VOTED ON BEFORE IT IS VALID.

ROGER SAID HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IF THE STATUTE SAYS YOU HAVE TO DO A MAILOUT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD IS DETERMINED HOW YOU WERE GOING TO DO IT AND THEY DETERMINED THEY WERE GOING TO DO A MAILOUT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE STATUTES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THOUGHT IN THE BEGINNING, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A PERCENTAGE THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO HAVE BEEN DONE AND THAT PERCENT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN DONE. THERE HAS TO BE A PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE TO HAVE AN MSBU; 20 PEOPLE CAN'T JUST GO DOWN THERE AND SAY THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE AN MSBU APPROVED AND THE REST OF THEM HAVE TO JUST GO ALONG.

ROGER SAID HE ASSUMES IN 2000 OR 2001, THAT WAS ALL TAKEN CARE OF; COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS ON THE BOARD AT THAT TIME AND THE MSBU WAS APPROVED. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY APPROVED IT BUT IT WAS LEFT TO A

CERTAIN PERSON THAT DID ALL THE HOMEWORK ON THIS AND SUPPOSEDLY IT WAS DONE AND DONE LEGAL. THERE IS SOME TOUCHY AREAS IN THERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS JUST WONDERING IF MR. HAGAN WAS GOING TO ACCEPT THE MSBU SURVEY ON 250 RETURNS. ROGER SAID ISSUES AND ANSWERS GUARANTEES 400 RETURNS.

SAL ZURICA SAID ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE AND THE ORIGINAL MAILOUT IN ORDER FOR THE MSBU TO BE FORMED, THEY HAD TO HAVE 65% OF THE MAILOUTS ANSWERED. THE ORIGINAL MAILOUT WAS NOT DONE BY THAT AND THE BOARD MESSED UP ON THAT; THERE WERE 10,000 MAILOUTS DONE AND ONLY 200 MAILOUTS CAME BACK IN AND THE BOARD ALLOWED IT TO COME IN.

COMMISSIONER PATE AND HOLMAN DISAGREED WITH WHAT MR. ZURICA SAID ABOUT THE BOARD ALLOWING THIS; THEY WASN'T HERE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE 65% OF THE PEOPLE, THEY MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE IT ALONE AND NOT WASTE THE MONEY.

MR. PITTS EXPLAINED THIS IS NOT A VOTE; THIS IS ASKING THE PEOPLE WHAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE ABOUT THE MSBU AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SINCE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DID AWAY WITH THE MSBU BOARD A WHILE BACK, THERE IS NO ONE THERE TO GET ANY INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

ROGER AGREED AND SAID THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ESTABLISHING, DISBANNING, ETC. THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE MSBU ORDINANCE. IT ONLY HAS TO DO WITH WHAT SERVICES THE PEOPLE IN THE MSBU WANTS.

ROGER REITERATED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON THURSDAY TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH ISSUES AND ANSWERS FOR \$17,100 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, PROVIDED HIS REPORT:

1. MONROE SHEFFIELD ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PAVING BEING COMPLETED LAST WEEK. THEY USED A RECLAMATION MACHINE AND GOT ABOUT 3200 SQUARE FEET RATHER THAN THE 1950 SQUARE FEET WHICH WAS WHAT THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WAS FOR AT NO CHANGE IN DOLLARS. HE THOUGHT THE ROAD WOULD BE IN GOOD SHAPE UNTIL THE GRANT MONIES FROM FL-DOT COMES THROUGH.

2. NEW EOC-CLIFF REPORTED THE EOC IS ALSO PAVED; C. W.ROBERTS DID THE SIDEWALKS AND CURB WORK NEEDED. THEY ARE WORKING ON STABILIZING THE SITE NOW AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE SODDING LATER ON THIS WEEK. THE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION NOTICE HAS BEEN ISSUED AND MR. PITTS IS GETTING A TEMPORARY CO TOGETHER.

3. NRCS PROJECTS-CLIFF REPORTED A COPY OF THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO NRCS FOR REVIEW, THE SURVEYS ARE DONE AND THE DESIGNS ARE ABOUT 90% COMPLETE RIGHT NOW. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAS TO PROVIDE A 25% INKIND MATCH ON EACH OF THESE PROJECTS AND THEY HAVE TO DO IT THROUGH MATERIALS, HAULING CLAY, ETC. ON FIRE TOWER ROAD, THEY ARE TRYING TO COMBINE TWO PROJECTS; THE EWP MONEY WITH THE \$28,000 FEMA MONEY FOR THE PROJECT. BECAUSE NRCS DOESN'T COVER FROM EDGE OF PAVEMENT TO EDGE OF PAVEMENT, THEY ARE GOING TO USE THE FEMA MONEY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND THE NRCS MONIES ON THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT OUT. THE QUESTION THEY ARE POSING TO THE NRCS PEOPLE IS WILL THE FEMA MONEY QUALIFY AS THE COUNTY'S MATCH. IS SO, THE COUNTY WON'T HAVE ANY PARTICIPATION ON FIRE TOWER AT ALL. IF NOT, THE COUNTY WILL HAUL THE DIRT AFTER THEY GET THE BOX CULVERT IN AND MAYBE PACK THE DIRT OR HAVE THE CONTRACTOR PACK THE DIRT; THEY WILL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY OF COMBINING THE TWO.

4. RAIL SPUR EARTHWORK-CLIFF REPORTED THEY ARE TAKING BIDS ON WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. THEY TRIED TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE DOLLARS AND LOOKED AT USING THE DIRT FROM THE PONDS FOR FILL MATERIAL ON OUR SITE; HOWEVER, THAT MATERIAL IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE. THEY HAVE TWO OPTIONS FOR THE APPROXIMATE 20,000 YARDS OF DIRT NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT; THEY CAN ALLOW THE CONTRACTOR TO USE DIRT OUT OF THE COUNTY PIT OR HAVE THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDE THE DIRT.

HE WILL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE BIDS ON THE RAIL SPUR EARTHWORK AT THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING.

5. FEMA BOATRAMP-CLIFF REPORTED THESE PROJECTS WERE OUT FOR BID AND THEY WILL BE TAKING BIDS ON WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 ON WEDNESDAY.

6. BAHOMA ROAD-CLIFF LET COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESS THIS PROJECT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID RIGHT NOW BAHOMA ROAD PROJECT IS DEAD BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO GET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT.

CLIFF EXPLAINED THE GRANT WAS FOR \$225,000 AND THERE IS ABOUT \$179,000 REMAINING. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY BACK THE MONIES ALREADY SPENT ON THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID PROBABLY; BUT, THEY CAN'T BUILD IT IF THEY CAN'T GET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. CLIFF SAID EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO WORK WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER PATE AND MR. PITTS EXPLAIN THE SITUATION WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON BAHOMA ROAD AND SEE IF THEY CAN GET FL-DOT TO WAIVER THE COUNTY HAVING TO RETURN THE MONIES ALREADY SPENT ON THE PROJECT.

7. BONNETT POND ROAD-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THIS PROJECT BEING UNDER CONTRACT WITH C. W. ROBERTS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. HE REMINDED THE BOARD THE UTILITY RELOCATIONS WILL TAKE QUITE A WHILE; THERE ARE PHONE LINES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD JUST LIKE ON RIVER ROAD AND A LOT OF POWER POLES THAT HAVE TO BE MOVED. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS C. W. ROBERTS WON'T COME TO BONNETT POND UNTIL RIVER ROAD IS COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHO WAS HANDLING THE UTILITY COORDINATION NOW. CLIFF ADVISED THEY HAVE HAD THE UTILITY COMPANIES MEET AT THEIR WEDNESDAY MORNING MEETINGS AT PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE UTILITY COMPANY HAS TO DO THE RELOCATIONS. CLIFF ADVISED THE UTILITY COMPANIES ARE HARD TO PIN DOWN; BASICALLY, THEY SAY WHEN THE CLEARING IS COMPLETED, LET THEM KNOW AND THEY WILL GET STARTED IN WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WOULDN'T THIS IN THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT AND ASKED WHY THE UTILITY COMPANIES COULDN'T GIVE CLIFF A TIME FRAME TO MOVE THE UTILITIES. CLIFF SAID THEY HAVE ASKED FOR A TIME FRAME; BUT, HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY NEED TO GET THE UTILITY COMPANIES MOVING AND PROBABLY RIVER ROAD IS A GOOD THING TO BRING KENNETH HOOD IN TO HELP OUT WITH THAT; HE IS A RETIRED UTILITY COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED MR. HOOD MAY BE SOMEONE CLIFF WANTS TO USE AS A RESOURCE.

CLIFF SAID MR. HOOD WAS THE ONE THAT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE UTILITY ACCOMMODATION MANUAL AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT IT AND HAS WORKED FOR FL-DOT FOR YEARS AND YEARS.

CLIFF ADDRESSED EVERYTHING ON RIVER ROAD HAS BEEN MOVED; THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS IS FOUR PEDESTALS THEY HAVE NEVER TIED TO THE NEW PHONE LINE THAT IS NOW OVERHEAD. THE UTILITY COMPANY NEEDS TO TIE THE NEW PHONE LINE OVERHEAD AND MOVE THE FOUR PEDESTALS. HOWEVER, BONNETT POND IS A WHOLE OTHER SCENARIO AS THERE IS A LOT OF UTILITY RELOCATIONS,

ETC. THAT HAVE TO BE DONE ON THAT PROJECT. THE POWER POLES CAN'T BE MOVED UNTIL THE CLEARING IS DONE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE UTILITY COMPANIES STILL OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE A TIME FRAME ON WHEN THEY CAN RELOCATE THE POWER POLES ONCE IT IS CLEARED.

CLIFF SAID HE WOULD GET BACK WITH THE UTILITY COMPANIES AND TRY AND GET A TIME FRAMED AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THURSDAY.

8. STATE PARK ROAD RESURFACING-CLIFF REPORTED THERE WERE ISSUES WITH THIS PROJECT; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE SOD IS GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH. THEY HAVE ASKED THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE REMAINING ASPHALT TO OVERLAY THE SECTION FROM FALLING WATERS ROAD BACK TO THE EAST; HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL OR NOT IS UNKNOWN.

9. COUNTY WIDE THERMO PLASTIC-CLIFF REPORTED HE HAS A CHANGE ORDER TO MOVE THE PROJECTS OFF OF BAHOMA, RIVER AND BONNETT POND AND MOVE THOSE OVER TO SUGAR DOLL AND STRICKLAND AND RUMBLE STRIPS ON ORANGE HILL HIGHWAY AT CORBIN AND ALFORD HIGHWAY.

10. CATHEY CONSTRUCTION-CLIFF REPORTED CATHEY CONSTRUCTION HAS ANOTHER TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PUNCH LIST ITEMS ON THE NEW EOC. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE THAT TIME FRAME.

11. EQUESTRIAN CENTER SITEWORK-CLIFF REPORTED THIS IS THE PROJECT THAT WAS PUT OUT FOR BID THAT IS ON HOLD RIGHT NOW UNTIL FEMA FUNDS ARE OBLIGATED. THE LOW BIDDER WAS 814 SAND.

12. EOC SITE WORK WITH COUNTY FORCES-CLIFF REPORTED THIS WAS FOR THE FRDAP PARK THEY HAVE A GRANT FOR \$135,000. THE COUNTY MIGHT BE ON HOLD WITH THAT PENDING A LEASE AGREEMENT OR SOME OTHER ISSUES.

13. CR-284/SHELL LANDING-CLIFF REPORTED C. W. ROBERTS HAS MOVED TO THIS PROJECT THIS WEEK AND WILL BE STARTING ON WIDENING SHOULDERS AND GRADING ALL WEEK LONG; IT WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT 30 TO 45 DAYS BEFORE THEY ARE READY TO PAVE.

14. BETHEL ROAD-CLIFF REPORTED THIS IS THE SAME GRANT AS CR-284/ SHELL LANDING AND WILL BE DONE AFTER SHELL LANDING.

15. BONNETT POND RESURFACING AND WIDENING-CLIFF REPORTED THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE; THEY EXPECT TO DO THE WALK THROUGH ON THIS PROJECT THIS WEEK.

16. MUDHILL LANDFILL REMEDIATION-CLIFF REPORTED THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THE FLUME IN THIS WEEK; THE AERATOR IS IN THE POND AND THE ELECTRICIAN IS SUPPOSE TO BE COMING FROM JACKSONVILLE.

17. SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER-CLIFF REPORTED THE CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE PONDS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO NFWFMD; THEY SHOULD BE SENDING THE COUNTY AN OPERATIONAL PERMIT.

18. PROJECT PIPE RAILSPUR-CLIFF REITERATED THEY WILL BE TAKING BIDS ON THIS PROJECT ON WEDNESDAY.

19. FEMA BOATRAMP-CLIFF REITERATED THEY WILL BE TAKING BIDS ON THIS PROJECT ON WEDNESDAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THEY WERE GOING TO BID ANY OF THE PROJECTS FROM THE NFWFMD PARKS. CLIFF REPORTED THEY ARE; THEY ARE GOING TO BID OUT THE BOATRAMP AND RETAINING WALLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK RECOMMENDED THEY GO AHEAD AND GET THIS BID OUT DUE TO THE CREEKS AND RIVER GETTING LOW. CLIFF SAID THEY STILL DON'T HAVE THE PERMITS; BUT, THEY ARE WORKING ON THEM. HE AGREED TO TRY AND ADVERTISE LATER THIS WEEK AND HAVE BIDS READY TO GO BEFORE THE MAY COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AS SOON AS THE CREEK GOES DOWN, HE WANTS LIVE OAK LANDING DONE.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE ROAD AT THE NEW EOC APPEARS TO ALREADY BE TRACKED. CLIFF AGREED TO CHECK ON THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT THE DEADLINE WAS ON RIVER ROAD SO HE CAN LET THE PEOPLE KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER IT WILL BE BEFORE THEY START WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

CLIFF REPORTED SAID HE HAD THE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS TYPED UP AND READY FOR MR. PITTS TO SEND OVER TO C. W. ROBERTS AND WILL PROBABLY ISSUE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AS SOON AS THEY GET THE CONTRACTS AND BONDS BACK FROM THE CONTRACTOR. HE THOUGHT C. W. ROBERTS HAD 180 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AFTER THEY RECEIVE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD EVER IDENTIFIED A SOURCE TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR'S BILL WHEN THEY FINANCE THE RIVER ROAD AND BONNETT POND ROAD PROJECTS.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY HADN'T; IT WAS DISCUSSED AT THEIR FINANCE MEETING LAST FRIDAY BUT THEY HAVEN'T COME UP WITH AN ABSOLUTE PLAN WHERE IT IS COMING FROM. THE SPECULATION HE THOUGHT WAS IT WAS TO BE PAID FROM FEMA; BUT, THEY DON'T KNOW IF THE FEMA MONEY IS GOING TO BE THERE OR NOT YET. THEY DON'T KNOW IF IT IS GOING TO END UP BEING SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM FINANCING; RIGHT NOW THEY ARE LOOKING AT IT BEING LONG TERM FINANCING.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE FEMA IS NOT AS SAFE AS THEY THINK IT IS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY ARE NOT APPROVING OF ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE IS SUPPOSE TO BE AN APPROPRIATION BILL IN MAY TO RELEASE THE FEMA MONIES IN JUNE THAT ARE FROZEN.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN DRIVING THROUGH THE AREAS IN THE COUNTY SHE IS SEEING A LOT OF EXTRA WORK AND A LOT OF EQUIPMENT RUNNING ON THE WEEKEND. SHE QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS FEMA WORK BEING DONE OR REGULAR ROAD MAINTENANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID IF IT WAS ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE JUST FEMA WORK.

NAN THOMPSON SAID OLLIE ROAD WAS MAINTENANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED MR. PITTS IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER MAINTENANCE WORK THAT SUPERVISORS HAS DONE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BESIDES FEMA.

MR. PITTS SAID HE HAD ANOTHER COMMISSIONER THAT HAD ASKED HIM ABOUT OLLIE ROAD BEING GRADED ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN YET WHETHER THAT WAS FEMA OR REGULAR MAINTENANCE WORK.

NAN SAID THEY WERE JUST GRADING OLLIE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE PROBLEM IS NOBODY IS IN CHARGE AT PUBLIC WORKS; HE HAS BEEN TELLING THE BOARD THAT FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS. NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE DOING OR WHEN THEY ARE DOING IT AND UNTIL THEY GET SOMEBODY DOWN THERE IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY DIFFERENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE ASSUMED WHOEVER CALLED AND WANTED THE ROAD GRADED WENT THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS.

MR. PITTS SAID THE ISSUE IS THEY ARE CHARGING FEMA FOR TIME AND A HALF FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. PITTS WHAT HE TOLD THE PERSON THAT CALLED REQUESTING OLLIE ROAD BE GRADED. MR. PITTS SAID HE TOLD THE COMMISSIONER HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WAS THE ROAD GRADED. MR. PITTS SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS. NAN SAID IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID "LOOK INTO IT" WAS THE ANSWER GIVEN; IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YES OR NO.

MR. PITTS SAID HE ASKED ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS ABOUT IT AND HIS ANSWER TO HIM WAS SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS LIKE THAT, MAINTENANCE, ON THE WEEKENDS.

NAN ADDRESSED THERE ARE A LOT OF LITTLE THINGS GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT IF THESE THINGS WEREN'T BEING DONE, THEY WOULD HAVE TIME TO DO NORMAL MAINTENANCE ON THE ROADS MONDAY THRU THURSDAY. SHE KNOWS WHO

WAS RIDING THE GRADER AND SHE CAN SAY YES THE GRADING OF OLLIE ROAD WAS DONE ON SATURDAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WAS CHARGED TO FEMA OR REGULAR MAINTENANCE. MR. PITTS SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT ANSWER; HE HAS INTENTIONS TO TALK TO A SUPERVISOR ABOUT IT MORE AS HE JUST HEARD ABOUT THIS THE END OF LAST WEEK.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S STATEMENT NOBODY WAS IN CHARGE AT PUBLIC WORKS. HE SAID THEY HAVE TWO SUPERVISORS DOWN THERE THAT IS SUPPOSE TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND DOING THE RIGHT THING. HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL THEY NEED A STAFF PERSON DOWN THERE AND HE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AND A LOT OF STUFF THAT IS GOING ON WOULD BE CUT OUT. THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON OUT THERE THEY COULD DO A LOT MORE TO THEIR ROADS IF IT WASN'T GOING ON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID FROM WHAT HE SEES THE PROPER SUPERVISOR HAS WENT THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS STRESSED GOING TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, EMORY IS OVER THE DAILY OPERATIONS AND HE DID EXACTLY THAT. AND WHAT MR. PITTS TOLD HIM WAS HE WOULD CHECK INTO IT; MR. PITTS SHOULD HAVE GIVEN A MORE CLEAR ANSWER, EITHER YES OR NO.

MR. PITTS SAID HE IS NOT THROUGH CHECKING INTO IT; LIKE HE SAID HE HEARD ABOUT IT THE END OF LAST WEEK AND HE WOULD LIKE SOME TIME TO LOOK INTO IT. HE HAD OTHER THINGS GOING ON BESIDES THAT ONE ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID MR. PITTS IS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND HE IS TRYING TO RUN A ROAD DEPARTMENT TOO AND EVERYTHING ELSE HE IS DOING; HE CAN'T DO IT ALL. A ROAD SUPERVISOR IS NEEDED AT PUBLIC WORKS.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM FOR THE ROAD SUPERVISOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY HAD MONEY IN THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY; NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED IF THEY WERE GOING TO KEEP MR. PITTS WHERE HE IS AT FOR THE TIME BEING. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT WAS OKAY WITH HIM.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED ABOUT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT IF MR. PITTS STAYED AS COUNTY MANAGER. MR. PITTS SAID HE WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT TOO.

MR. PITTS, COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

1. WATER WELLS IN BAY COUNTY-HE HAD ASKED ANDY ANDREASON TO ATTEND THE MEETING THIS MORNING TO LISTEN TO THE INFORMATION ON THE WATER WELLS IN PREPARATION TO ATTEND THE NWFWM D MEETING ON WATER WELLS ON THURSDAY AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON WHAT OCCURRED AT THE MEETING. THE NWFWM D MEETING ON THURSDAY IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

THE BOARD HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO MR. ANDY ANDREASON ATTENDING THE NWFWM D IN HAVANNA AND REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD ON WHAT OCCURRED AT THE MEETING.

2. PROBATION AND PAROLE LEASE-MR. PITTS REPORTED HE HOPED TO HAVE QUOTES BY THURSDAY ON THE CARPET AND COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A LEASE ON THAT BUILDING. PROBATION AND PAROLE IS ASKING THEY PAY MORE TO LEASE THE BUILDING FOR A YEAR TO PAY FOR CARPET FOR THE BUILDING, PAINT WALLS, ETC. TO UPDATE THE FACILITY.

3. SPRING RIDGE-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON RECEIVING A CALL FROM MIKE GILLESPIE FROM SPRING RIDGE THIS PAST WEEK INFORMING HIM THEY WERE SUSPENDING SALES ON THE SPRING RIDGE SUBDIVISION STRICTLY BECAUSE OF ECONOMICAL TIMES. MR. GILLESPIE THANKED ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR ALL THEIR COOPERATION DURING THE TIME THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY.

4. SUNNY HILLS FIRE STATION-MR. PITTS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BEHIND THE OLD EXISTING FIRE STATION, THEY SCRAPED OFF THE GRASS AND STARTED MOVING SOME FILL IN. THEY DO HAVE BIDS FOR THE BUILDING; THE BUILDING CAME IN FOR A SHELL FOR AROUND \$50,000 AND THAT WILL BE A CONVENTIONAL BUILDING WITH 2' X 6' WALLS, 14" EVE HEIGHTS, 6" SLAB, THREE 12' X 12' ROLL UP DOORS AND ONE WALK DOOR.

MR. PITTS REPORTED ROGER AT THE SAME TIME IS TRYING TO DEAL WITH AQUA UTILITIES ON FINDING A DIFFERENT LOCATION TO PUT THIS BUILDING. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL GET AN ANSWER FROM AQUA BETWEEN NOW AND THURSDAY ON THAT PROPERTY; OTHERWISE, THEY WILL PROCEED WITH THE SITE BEHIND THE OLD FIRE STATION UNLESS THE BOARD TELLS THEM SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

5. WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNER-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE INTERVIEWS BEING COMPLETED FOR THE PLANNER. THE JOB WAS OFFERED TO MIKE DURANTZ, CURRENTLY FROM SARASOTA COUNTY; HIS STARTING DATE WOULD BE APRIL 26TH.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED HIM REQUESTING ANY GRADING HE HAD ON THE PLANNER POSITION NOT BE USED UNLESS IT WAS A TIE.

6. BUDGET COMMITTEE-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PRELIMINARY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING BEING HELD LAST THURSDAY. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE THEIR BUDGETS SUBMITTED BY MAY 1ST AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS HAVE THEIR BUDGETS SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1ST. A LETTER WILL GO OUT TODAY TO THAT AFFECT TO ALL THOSE DEPARTMENTS. IT IS A LITTLE PREMATURE TO KNOW WHAT THE BUDGET IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE NEXT YEAR; BUT THEY ARE PLANNING FOR IT TO BE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE IN THIS YEAR. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT ASKING FOR ANYONE TO DO A PERCENTAGE CUT; THEY ARE REQUESTING EVERYONE HOLD THEIR BUDGET AT BARE MINIMUM AND NOT PUT ANY FAT IN IT AND NO BIG EXPENDITURES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED ALL SHE WOULD HAVE AT THURSDAY'S MEETING WOULD BE THE VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD VOTED TO PUT THE NEW SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING BEHIND THE OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT, WITH DELTONA ONLY APPROVING THE BUILDING LOCATION FOR ONE YEAR AND THEN POSSIBLY ASKING THEM TO MOVE IT AFTER THAT IS HIS ONLY CONCERN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED THE STATUS OF THE BRONSON LANDING PROPERTY IS WITH THE ISSUE OF PLUM CREEK; IS THE COUNTY GOING TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THE LANDING THERE IF THE PROPERTY IS SOLD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID PLUM CREEK IS GOING TO LET THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO LEASE AND MAINTAIN THE LANDING; BUT, SOMEBODY CAN COME IN THERE AND BUY IT. THE ONLY WAY ANYBODY COULD BUY THE PROPERTY IS BUY ALL THE ACREAGE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, CAROL GRIFFIN, HAD COME BEFORE THE BOARD SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ABOUT THE EBRO VOTING PRECINCT AND WAS WANTING THEM TO TRY AND MOVE IT NOW BEFORE THE ELECTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID FROM WHAT HE IS GATHERING, IT IS GOING TO BE SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE FL-DOT IS GOING TO COME THROUGH WITH THE FOURLANING OF HIGHWAY 79.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED IT PROBABLY WOULD BE LONGER THAN THAT; HOWEVER, THE BATHROOMS ARE HORRIBLE IN THE EBRO VOTING PRECINCT AND IT IS JUST NOT A GOOD FACILITY.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED MR. PITTS GET WITH MS. GRIFFIN AND LOOK FOR A SOLUTION TO THE NEW HOPE PRECINCT AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH SOME IDEAS ON WHAT IS NEEDED.

MR. PITTS ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD PROPERTY THERE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE THOUGHT THEY JUST HAD THE PROPERTY WHERE THE BUILDING IS AT AND THAT IS PROBABLY GOING TO GO AWAY ONCE THE FOUR LANING GOES THROUGH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REPORTED WHEN THE FOUR LANING COMES THROUGH, THERE IS GOING TO BE ABOUT A HALF ACRE NEXT TO THE CURRENT BUILDING. THERE IS THREE ACRES NOW; BUT, THE FOUR LANING IS GOING TO GET 2.5 ACRES OF IT. THE HALF ACRE WILL BE THERE FOR THE VOTING PRECINCT IF THE COUNTY WANTS TO PURCHASE IT WHEN THE FOUR LANING GOES THROUGH.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID ONE SECTION OF HIGHWAY 79 FOUR LANING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO 2011 AND ANOTHER SECTION OF HIGHWAY 79 HAS BEEN POSTPONED WITH NO DEFINITE DATE FOR IT TO BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY THAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD DRAFTED AND HE IS WELL PLEASED WITH IT; IT WILL BE PUT OUT FOR BID ON THURSDAY. THE BOARD JUST HAS TO PUT A FIGURE IN IT AS FAR AS THE MONTHLY LEASE FEE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED THE BOARD READ THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY AND MAKE A DECISION ON THURSDAY ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY THREE CONTRACTORS ABOUT WHY THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING WASN'T ADVERTISED.

MR. PITTS REPORTED THE BOARD HAD DECLARED THE BUILDING AN EMERGENCY AND HE TOLD THEM AT THAT TIME, THEY WERE GOING TO DO AN INVITATION TO BID AND THAT IS WHAT THEY ENDED UP DOING. HE ENDED UP CALLING THREE DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS AND ASSUMED IT WAS GOING TO BE A POLE BARN; IT ENDED UP AFTER THE QUOTES CAME IN BEING A STICK FRAMED BUILDING WITH WOOD TRUSSES AND A METAL ROOF.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HIS THINKING WAS WHEN THE BOARD DECLARED IT AN EMERGENCY, IT WOULD BE A WING PUT ON AT THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY. IT HAS BEEN PROLONGED FOR THREE OR FOUR MONTHS NOW.

MR. PITTS SAID, IN HINDSIGHT, HE WOULD AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK IT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BID OUT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE HAD ON IT; BUT, HE STILL FEELS LIKE THEY GOT AS COMPETITIVE BID AS THEY POSSIBLY COULD HAVE GOTTEN. THE PERSON THAT WON THE BID HAS A CREW OF FOUR TO FIVE MEN; THEY ARE GOING TO POUR THE CONCRETE, DO THE FRAMING, PUT THE ROOF ON, ETC. SOME OF THE CONTRACTORS CALLING HIM ON WHY IT WAS NOT BID OUT DO NOT HAVE AN EMPLOYEE; THEY ALL USE SUBS. THERE IS JUST NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THIS PROJECT FOR THEM TO HAVE USED SUBS AND BE COMPETITIVE ON THEIR BID.

MR. PITTS SAID HE HAD TALKED TO MR. WHITE THIS MORNING, AS HE WAS ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS QUESTIONING WHY IT WASN'T BID, AND HE ASSURED HIM IN THE FUTURE ANYTHING HE IS INVOLVED WITH, HE WOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO BID.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ADDRESSED HE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THURSDAY TO BRING UP HIS ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE WORKSHOP. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 04/19/10