

JUNE 24, 2010

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE VERNON CITY HALL, VERNON, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, HOLMAN, HOWELL, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER EMORY PITTS, ATTORNEY HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

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

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN THANKED THE CITY OF VERNON, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR ALLOWING THE BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AT THE VERNON CITY HALL.

MARGARET RILEY, WAUSAU TOWN CLERK, PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE WITH THE MONROE STREET AND 4TH STREET PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2010 WITH A CORRECTION COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED ON PAGE 91, 4TH PARAGRAPH DOWN CHANGING "ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE LAWSUITS CONCERNING ROADWAYS IN COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S DISTRICT TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THE LAWSUITS CONCERNING ROADWAYS IN COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S DISTRICT." COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

MR. PITTS WENT OVER ITEM A OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. DUE TO A PROBLEM WITH THE SPEAKER SYSTEM, CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MR. PITTS CONTINUED GOING OVER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2010 TALLING \$2,666,902.25.

B. WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL STAFF POSITION-MR. PITTS EXPLAINED THE TDC WANTED TO CHANGE A PART TIME STAFF POSITION TO A FULL TIME STAFF POSITION.

C. REAPPOINTMENT OF DARRIN WALL TO VICE-CHAIR OF THE CHIPOLA REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

D. EMPG AGREEMENT 2010-2011 FOR \$38,127.00 TO HELP FUND THE EOC.

E. SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE AWARD-MR. PITTS EXPLAINED THE BOARD HAD ASKED HEATHER TO PUT OUT BIDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY; THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT IS TO STAY WITH THE COMPANY THEY ARE CURRENTLY WITH FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED FOR ITEM B ON THE TDC STAFF POSITION TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DISCUSSED FURTHER. COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED ITEM E ON SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE AWARD ALSO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED HEATHER RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER BROCK MAY ADDRESS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO THERE HAVING BEEN SOME COMPLAINTS IN SOME OF THE BOARD'S WORKSHOPS THAT SOME OF THE AGENCIES DOESN'T FEEL THEY GET TREATED FAIRLY AS FAR AS GETTING INFORMATION WHEN THEY NEED IT, TIME FRAMES AND TIME LINES, ETC. HE WANTED TO BE SURE THIS TIME THE AGENCIES WERE NOTIFIED IN TIME ON THE BID PROCESS, ETC.

HEATHER EXPLAINED HOW THEY HANDLED THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; THE RFP WAS ADVERTISED IN THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, WASHINGTON, JACKSON AND BAY. THE ADVERTISEMENT RAN FOR TWO WEEKS; IT STARTED AROUND THE 7TH OF MAY AND RAN UNTIL THE 28TH OF MAY. IT WAS ALSO ON THE COUNTY'S WEB PAGE. THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT SPENT ABOUT \$400 FOR THE ADVERTISEMENTS TO GET THE RFP OUT TO EVERYBODY THEY POSSIBLY COULD. SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY NOTIFY ANY COMPANY AND SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE

IN A BID PROCESS THEY NORMALLY DO THAT. HOWEVER, THE WEEK THE RFP'S WERE DUE, HEATHER ADDRESSED SHE KNEW THE COMPANY THAT HAD APPROACHED THE BOARD ASKING THEY PUT THE RFP'S OUT HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE RFP'S AND SHE REQUESTED HER ASSISTANT PLACE A CALL TO THAT COMPANY AND SHE LEFT A VOICE MAIL. HEATHER SAID FRIDAY CAME AROUND AND AS SOON AS SHE CAME TO WORK, SHE PRINTED THE RFP AND FAXED IT TO THAT COMPANY LETTING THEM KNOW THE RFP WAS DUE THAT DAY. SHE DIDN'T DO THAT FOR ANY OTHER COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE JUST WANTED TO BE SURE THEY WERE CLEAR THIS TIME BECAUSE IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COMPLAINTS; HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR WHAT HEATHER HAD REPORTED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BABYSIT ANYONE AND NOTIFY INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES; IF YOU ADVERTISE FOR RFP'S, THE COMPANIES, IF THEY NEED THE BUSINESS, NEED TO BE BIDDING ON IT. THAT IS WHAT THE BIDDING PROCESS IS FOR.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER PATE HAD SAID; BUT, REFERRED IN THIS CASE, THE PERSON'S HUSBAND PASSED AWAY AND THREE WEEKS LATER HER DAUGHTER PASSED AWAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THIS PERSON WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE COMPANY THAT COULD RESPOND TO RFP'S.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THIS COMPANY HAD SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE WITH SOME OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. HEATHER EXPLAINED THEY DID.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REITERATED HE WANTED IT TO BE CLEAR THIS COMPANY WAS NOTIFIED. HEATHER REITERATED THIS COMPANY WAS NOTIFIED IN THE SAME WAY AS THE OTHER COMPANIES; THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE WEEK THE RFP WAS DUE, HER DEPARTMENT MADE AN ATTEMPT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THIS COMPANY SINCE THEY HADN'T HEARD FROM THEM. THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED FOUR PROPOSALS WITHOUT EVEN NOTIFYING THIS OTHER COMPANY. THEY DID THE NORMAL ADVERTISING PROCESS THE BOARD DOES BY POSTING IT IN THE NEWSPAPER; BUT, THEY POSTED IT IN THREE NEWSPAPERS INSTEAD OF ONE AND IT WAS POSTED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF ALL THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF PULLING ITEM D.

JIM TOWN ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE TDC; THEY HAVE NINE MEMBERS ON THE TDC WITH THREE MEMBERS BEING ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE STATUTE REQUIRES ONE MEMBER BE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, WHICH IS COMMISSIONER PATE, ONE FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY, WHICH IS COUNCILMAN MCDONALD FROM CHIPLEY AND ONE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL WHICH IS MAYOR SHERRY TAYLOR FROM EBRO. THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT THE BED TAX PART OF THE TDC BECAUSE THE TDC IS FUNDED THROUGH BED TAX COLLECTIONS. THEN THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE FROM THE INDUSTRY AT LARGE OR PUBLIC AT LARGE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY. EACH MEMBER OF THE TDC SERVES A FOUR YEAR TERM, THREE ROTATE EACH YEAR AND THEY SKIP ONE YEAR SO THERE IS A CONSTANT TURN OVER; BUT, THE TERMS ARE CONSTANT. THEY HAVE PEOPLE ON THE TDC WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO FILL OUT THE BALANCE OF A FOUR YEAR TERM. MAYOR TAYLOR WAS APPOINTED LAST YEAR AND THE TERM SHE WAS FILLING OUT ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH OF THIS YEAR; SO, THE TDC HAS THREE PEOPLE COMING UP FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT. TWO OF THEM ARE FILLING UNEXPIRED TERMS. IN SEPTEMBER, TDC WILL BE BACK BEFORE THE BOARD RECOMMENDING TWO OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS WHO FILLED RESIDUAL TERMS BE REAPPOINTED FOR A FULL FOUR YEAR TERM IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. THE OTHER SEAT UP THIS YEAR IS GLEN ZANETIC; HIS TERM HAS BEEN FULFILLED AND THEY ARE RECRUITING ANOTHER BED TAX COLLECTOR TO TAKE HIS SEAT. TDC IS ALLOWED UNDER THE STATUTE TO HAVE NO MORE THAN FOUR BED TAX MEMBERS; BUT, THEY MUST HAVE THREE. THEY WILL BE NOMINATING SOMEONE FOR THE BOARD'S APPOINTMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. TDC IS VERY MUCH IN DEMOCRACY AND ACTION WHEN THEY HAVE MEETINGS; THERE IS NO CENTRAL POLICY.

MR. TOWN REPORTED ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED; IN 2007, THE TDC FUNDED SEVEN EVENTS IN THE COUNTY AND THE AVERAGE GRANT

AMOUNT WAS \$1,138. IN 2010, TDC HAS FUNDED 22 EVENTS AND THE AVERAGE GRANT HAS BEEN \$2,434. FROM 2007 TO DATE, THE TDC HAS TRIPPLED THE NUMBER OF EVENTS FUNDED AND DOUBLED THE SIZE OF THE GRANT PER EVENT. THE TDC HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE DUE TO THE PEOPLE SERVING BEFORE THEM SAVED SOME MONEY EACH YEAR AND THE TDC HAS TRIED TO CARRY OVER THE EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S FUNDING EACH YEAR SO IF THEY HAVE A BAD YEAR, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO SHUT EVERYTHING DOWN. THAT HAS PROVEN TO BE PRUDENT. TWO YEARS AGO THEY STARTED REDUCING THEIR CONTINGENCY FUND; THAT IS HOW THE GRANT PER EVENT WENT UP. THE OTHER THING TDC IS DOING WITH THE EVENTS IS WHEN SOMEONE COMES TO THEM FOR GRANT MONIES AND THEY FUND IT, THEY TELL THE EVENT ORGANIZER THEY EXPECT THEM TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS. THEY WILL GET A SMALLER AMOUNT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE THREE TO FIVE YEARS IS OVER. THAT PROCESS IS WORKING VERY WELL; THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS THE SPANISH TRAIL. THE POSSUM FESTIVAL IS TWO YEARS FROM BEING FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT. WHAT THAT ALLOWS TDC TO DO IS TAKE THE MONIES THAT USE TO GO OUT AUTOMATICALLY AND APPLY IT TO NEW EVENTS; IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT, THEY ARE ABLE TO HELP NEW EVENT PEOPLE GET STARTED AND THEY HAVE A VERY GOOD ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. THEY ARE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE PLAN THEIR EVENTS AND GET BETTER USE OF THEIR MONEY. HE THINKS THE PATTERN OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS INDICATES THEY HAVE BEEN PRETTY PRUDENT STEWARDS OF THE MONEY.

MR. TOWN REFERRED TO TWO YEARS AGO, TDC CAME AND SAID THEY WANTED TO REDO THEIR BYLAWS. ESSENTIALLY THEY DOUBLED THE SIZE OF THEIR BYLAWS TO BRING THEM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES; THE BOARD APPROVED THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO. PART OF THE PLAN WAS TO START WITH A PART TIME PERSON AND THEN GROW INTO A FULL TIME PERSON BECAUSE OF SOME OTHER MARKETING EFFORTS THE TDC IS DOING. THE FIRST THING THEY ARE WORKING ON IS THE DAY TRIPS. THE CONCEPT IS TO ADVERTISE DOWN ON THE BEACH WHERE THERE ARE 7.5 MILLION PEOPLE A YEAR GO AND

SOMEBODY ELSE PAY THE BILL; THE TDC SHIFTED THEIR ADVERTISING IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR AWAY FROM STATE ROAD MAPS, MAGAZINES THAT WENT TO TOURISTS, TRIP PLANNERS, ETC. AND FOCUSED IT DOWN ON THE BEACH. THE DAY TRIPS HAVE PRESENTED A REAL OPPORTUNITY. AS THEY DEVELOPED A LIST IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY HAD ABOUT 36 OR 38 WHEN YOU ADD THE AGRA TOURISM, ECO TOURISM, HERITAGE TOURISM AND ALL THOSE THINGS TOGETHER THAT PEOPLE COULD GET ON A BUS AND SPEND ALL DAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SPEND MONEY. EVENTUALLY, TDC WILL WORK THIS INTO AN OVERNIGHT. WHAT HAPPENED, IN TALKING WITH JACKSON AND HOLMES COUNTY, THEY DISCOVERED PEOPLE HAD A SIMILAR IDEA; THE SHORT ANSWER IS ALL THREE TDC'S AS OF NOW HAVE APPOINTED A THREE PERSON COMMITTEE AND FORMED A TRI-COUNTY DAY TRIP PLANNING GROUP. ALL THREE COUNTIES WILL GET MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK AND IT WILL ALLOW THEM TO OPERATE MORE DAYS PER YEAR. IT GIVES ALL THREE COUNTIES THE ABILITY TO WORK A YEAR ROUND DAY TRIP PROGRAM VERY EFFECTIVELY.

MR. TOWN EXPLAINED THE OTHER PART OF THAT WHICH HAS COME UP IS FEDERAL MONEY GOING TO THE RIVER BASINS; THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE, THE FLINT, THE CHATAHOOCHEE AND APALACHICOLA. IT INVOLVES THREE STATES AND SIXTY FIVE COUNTIES. THE TDC'S OF EIGHT OF THE COUNTIES ACROSS THE PANHANDLE ARE GETTING INVOLVED IN THAT BECAUSE IT IS A WAY TO GET THE FEDERAL MONEY. THEY WANT TO MARKET THOSE REGIONAL BASINS AS A REGIONAL TOURIST AREA AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PLAYS A ROLE IN THAT.

TO EXPLAIN WHERE THE TDC IS AT, MR. TOWN GAVE A COUPLE OF HIGHLIGHTS IN THE INFORMATION HE HAD PROVIDED. THREE YEARS AGO THE TDC SET UP A MODEL SO THEY COULD TRACK THEIR REVENUE; THEY STARTED IN 2005, 2006, 2007 AND LAST YEAR AND SPREAD THE REVENUE ACROSS BY MONTH. HE STATED BOARD FINANCE WAS VERY GOOD ABOUT REPORTING TO THE TDC WHEN THEY GET MONIES IN FROM THE STATE. TDC CAN COMPUTE SEASONABLE VARIATIONS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC VARIATIONS. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK IN MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE OF 2010; THAT IS THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST A YEAR WHERE THEIR REVENUES STARTED

TO INCREASE. THE TDC'S ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR 2010 WAS 85,000; THEY WERE FORECASTED IT MIGHT BE AS LOW AS \$70,000 OR \$72,000. THE TDC'S MODEL NOW PROJECTS THEY WILL LAND AT \$78,000; HOWEVER, IF THEY GET A COUPLE OF GOOD MONTHS, THEY WILL MAKE THEIR BUDGET. THEY GO OVER THE REVENUES EVERY MONTH AT THE TDC MEETINGS; AT THE MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR, THEY CUT OUT SOME ADVERTISING BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FEEL THEY NEEDED TO SPEND THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY WERE SEEING THE DOWNTURN. THE TDC BELIEVES RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE TRI-COUNTY DAY TRIP INITIATIVE AND THE WATER RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE, THEY NEED TO MOVE THEIR PART TIME PERSON TO A FULL TIME STAFF AND WITH THE TREND IN REVENUE THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE IN DOING THAT. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE ADEQUATE RESERVES AND IT WOULD GIVE THEM A LEG UP ROLLING INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

MR. TOWN EXPLAINED THE TDC IS ONLY ONE HALF OF THIS IN REALITY; THE OTHER PART OF IT IS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S COMP PLAN. THE BOARD APPROVED AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRAFT PLAN IN FEBRUARY AND IT NEEDS SOME REFINEMENT; BUT, IN BAY COUNTY, THE HEAD OF THE TDC THERE SAYS THAT ONE THIRD OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS COME BECAUSE PEOPLE VISIT THE BAY COUNTY AREA. TOURIST DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS CAN LEAD TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IF THEY CAN PRODUCE A PRODUCT THAT WILL ENTICE PEOPLE TO COME TO OUR COUNTY. HE THINKS THE TDC IS ESSENTIALLY ALL GOOD NEWS AND HE WOULD REQUEST THE BOARD LET THE TDC FILL THE PART TIME POSITION WITH A FULL TIME STAFF EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST SINCE IT DOESN'T COST THE COUNTY ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ORIGINALLY FOR THE BED TAX, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS ABOUT THREE ELEMENTS AND HE THOUGHT RECREATION WAS ONE OF THEM. HE THOUGHT PRESENTLY 30% OF THE BED TAX MONIES GOES TOWARD RECREATION IN THE COUNTY.

MR. TOWN SAID THE TDC MONEY IS PUT PRIMARILY INTO EVENTS AND ARE PROHIBITED BY STATUTE FROM COVERING THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF

ANY ORGANIZATION THAT PUTS EVENTS ON. THERE IS NO WAY THEY COULD FUND A SOFTBALL LEAGUE; IF THEY HAVE TEAMS THAT ARE GOING TO A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND THEY ARE WILLING TO PUT WASHINGTON COUNTY ON THE BACK OF THEIR SHIRTS, TDC WOULD CERTAINLY SUPPLY JERSEYS FOR TEAMS THAT ARE GOING TO PLAY OFF CHAMPIONSHIPS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING AT THE TIME THE BED TAX ORDINANCE WAS PASSED, SOME OF THE FUNDING WAS TO GO INTO THE RECREATION BUDGET AND USED FOR RECREATION FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE PARKS IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE AT THE TIME THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING AND PROBABLY DON'T HAVE MUCH FUNDING NOW. THE BED TAX MONEY WAS AN INSTRUMENT THE BOARD USED AT THAT TIME FOR RECREATION FOR THE PER CENT AND THE OTHER WENT TO ADVERTISING AND THERE WAS ONE OTHER ELEMENT AND THAT WAS THE STATUTE AT THE TIME.

MR. TOWN ADDRESSED WHEN TDC RESEARCHED THE BYLAWS AND SUBMITTED THE UPDATED BYLAWS, THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE DIVISION OF THE TDC FUNDS IN THAT MANNER. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THE TDC IS PROHIBITED FROM DOING AND THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME THINGS THEY COULD DO; BUT, THE TDC CAN NOT SUPPLEMENT AD VALOREM ACTIVITY WITH TDC FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH WHEN THE BED TAX WAS FIRST ADOPTED. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE VAGUELY REMEMBERED IT; BUT, HE HASN'T LOOKED AT THE BED TAX ORDINANCE IN A LONG TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID AT THE TIME THE BED TAX ISSUE CAME UP AND THEY WAS WANTING TO GET IT PASSED; THEY STARTED GETTING MOTELS OUT ON HIGHWAY 77 SO THERE WAS AN ISSUE THERE FOR FUNDING AND PART OF THAT FUNDING WAS TO GO TOWARD RECREATION.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY OFFERED TO GET WITH MR. TOWN AND LOOK AT THIS. MR. TOWN SAID THE TDC IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PROMOTE THE COUNTY; THEY WANT TO BRAND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND GET PEOPLE TO COME UP HERE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED IN 2005, TED EVERETT DID ADDRESS THE BOARD AND 30% WAS TO GO TOWARD RECREATION, A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE

WAS TO GO TOWARD PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE WAS TO GO TOWARD THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TDC. THAT COULD HAVE CHANGED.

MR. TOWN STATED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, TDC HAS NOT DONE THE BUDGET IN THAT MANNER. COMMISSIONER BROCK REITERATED ORIGINALLY THE TDC ORDINANCE WAS SET UP TO FUND RECREATION BECAUSE THEY NEEDED THAT PERCENT TOWARD THE RECREATION BUDGET TO HELP THE COUNTY FUND RECREATION.

MR. TOWN SAID HE WOULD GET WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY; BUT, HE IS PRETTY SURE THEY CAN'T SUPPLEMENT AD VALOREM FUNCTIONS WITH BED TAX. WHAT YOU DO WITH BED TAX HAS TO BE UNDER A CERTAIN RULE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID SERVING ON THE TDC COMMITTEE, THE TDC DOES THEIR RESEARCH REAL WELL. HE THOUGHT THE INTENT OF WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK IS ADDRESSING ON RECREATION WAS FOR 30% TO GO INTO ADVERTISING OF RECREATION, ETC. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THIS AND OPERATIONS. THE TDC DOES A REAL GOOD JOB; THEY PLAN FOR THINGS AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE TDC HAD FUNDED SOME RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES LIKE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS, ETC.

MR. TOWN SAID THE TDC HAS PAID FOR PROMOTION OF TOURNAMENTS; BUT, THEY CAN'T COVER ANY OPERATING COST.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED HE THINKS THAT IS WHERE THE CONFUSION IS; ADVERTISING AND HELPING BRING THE TOURNAMENTS TO THE COUNTY IS ONE THING. FUNDING THEM TO MAKE THEM OPERATE ONCE THEY GET A TOURNAMENT, HE DOESN'T SEE THAT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THAT IS WHAT COMMISSIONER BROCK REMEMBERS, THEY NEED TO RESEARCH AND SEE IF THE TDC MONEY WAS TO GO TOWARD FUNDING RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE TDC ORDINANCE WAS DONE ON THOSE GROUNDS A PERCENTAGE WOULD GO TOWARD RECREATION; ADVERTISING HE THOUGHT GOT THE BIGGEST PERCENT OF THE BED TAX. RECREATION GOT A BIG PERCENTAGE AND THERE WAS ANOTHER ELEMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WAS TO PROVIDE ATTORNEY HOLLEY A COPY OF THE TDC ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF TDC'S REQUEST TO CHANGE THE PART TIME STAFF PERSON TO A FULL TIME STAFF PERSON EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST.

AGENDAED ITEMS:

A. MIKE DURUNTZ, SENIOR PLANNER WITH THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE COMP PLAN EAR BASED AMENDMENT. HE REPORTED ON MAY 14TH, HE SENT OUT A LETTER WITH THE ORC REPORT WHICH IS THE OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS OF THE EAR BASED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S COMP PLAN. THIS REPORT WAS GENERATED FROM THE FL-DCA. THE COUNTY HAS 120 DAYS TO RESPOND TO THE ORC REPORT. ON JUNE 8TH, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE SCHEDULE AND APPROVED TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH ADDRESSING EACH OF THE COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBJECTIONS THAT WAS IN THE ORC REPORT. HE STATED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPROVING THE SCHEDULE AND IN THAT SCHEDULE IT DOES IDENTIFY THEY WILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 2ND WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ON AUGUST 26TH WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. HE SAID IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD A JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT SOME POINT IN TIME. HE EXPLAINED THIS DIDN'T MEAN THAT EACH OBJECTION, RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENT HAS TO BE APPROVED; BUT, THEY DO HAVE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON FL-DCA'S SUGGESTIONS. HE STATED THEY WOULD BE PRESENTING THOSE REVISIONS TO THE BOARD AHEAD OF TIME WITH THE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC; THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THOSE AND HEAR THE PUBLIC AGAIN AT THOSE HEARINGS IF THE BOARD SO CHOOSES. HOPEFULLY THEY CAN GET THROUGH THIS IN A TIMELY MANNER, FL-DCA CAN REVIEW THEM AND AGREE WITH THE BOARD AND THE BOARD WOULD BE BRINGING THEMSELVES INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE SCHEDULE MR. DURUNTZ PRESENTED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF PROCEEDING FORWARD ON EACH OF THE COMMENTS IN THE ORC REPORT.

B. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-MR. PITTS ADDRESSED MORE THAN ONE COMMISSIONER HAS APPROACHED HIM RECOMMENDING A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD STAFF THAT POSITION. HE HAS PROVIDED THE BOARD THE PAY SCALE THIS POSITION WOULD MAKE. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO FIND THE MONEY TO FUND THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION AND UP TO THIS POINT, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO CUT \$50,000 TO \$55,000 OF THAT \$70,000 SALARY FROM THE GENERAL BUDGET. HE FEELS LIKE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THERE OF SAVINGS AN ADMINISTRATOR COULD SAVE IN PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THOUGHT THE BOARD SHOULD WAIT UNTIL BUDGET TIME ON THIS POSITION. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY CAN BALANCE THE BUDGET. HE REFERRED TO HAVING SIT IN MEETINGS BEFORE WHERE THEY WERE TOLD THEY HAD USED UP 90% OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET ALREADY AND THEY STILL HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GO. THEY HAVE EQUIPMENT SETTING THAT DON'T EVEN HAVE OPERATORS ON IT; IT HAS BEEN SETTING FOR TWO MONTHS. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY LABORERS. HE THOUGHT IT WAS A BAD TIME TO BE PUTTING A \$57,000 EMPLOYEE OUT HERE TO RIDE THE ROADS; BASICALLY, THAT IS WHAT HE IS DOING BECAUSE ANYBODY KNOWS IF YOU TALK ENGINEERING ON THIS, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT MONEY. YOU HAVE TO HAVE MONEY TO BUILD ROADS, STOP EROSION AND THEY BARELY BALANCE THE BUDGET. YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH. THAT IS THE PROBLEM. HE REITERATED HE THOUGHT IT WAS A BAD TIME TO BE DISCUSSING THIS POSITION AND FELT THEY OUGHT TO WAIT UNTIL BUDGET HEARINGS TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO WITH.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE THOUGHT COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS IN ERROR ABOUT THE PERCENTAGE OF ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN SPENT TO DATE; IT IS ABOUT 80% RATHER THAN 90%.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD HAS DISCUSSED THIS POSITION

FOR A WHILE; BUT, HE CERTAINLY DON'T MIND WAITING TO MAKE SURE IT IS IN THE BUDGET. HOWEVER, HE THINKS THE POSITION IS SOMETHING THEY NEED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE MR. PITTS RESEARCH THE BUDGET AND HAVE THE MONEY IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR TO HIRE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THEM BEING RIGHT ON THE VIRGE OF GOING INTO PLANNING THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. ANYTHING THEY THINK THEY MAY NEED SUCH AS EQUIPMENT, POSITIONS, RAISES, ETC. THEY NEED TO HAVE IT AT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S HANDS SO THEY CAN LOOK AT IT. ULTIMATELY COMMISSIONER BROCK IS RIGHT; IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, IT DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS COUNTY AND THIS BOARD IS THEY DON'T PLAN AHEAD ON ANYTHING AND IT IS HIGH TIME WE GET THERE SO THEY WILL KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THEY NEED, HOW TO TRACK IT AND MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS THE BIGGEST BANG FOR THEIR BUCKS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER PATE HAD JUST MADE A KEY POINT. THE BOARD IS ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING AND HIRING AND LOOKING FOR MONEY. IT IS ALWAYS FIND THE MONEY, FIND THE MONEY; THEY TAKE ACTION TO DO SOMETHING AND DON'T EVEN HAVE THE MONEY. HE SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GET THE MONEY; WAIT UNTIL BUDGET TO SEE IF THEY CAN FUND THAT POSITION. HOWEVER, TO HIM THERE IS OTHER POSITIONS IN ROAD AND BRIDGE THAT IS JUST AS CRITICAL OR MORE CRITICAL AS THE PUBLIC DIRECTOR'S POSITION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE FLAGMEN; JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID, THEY HAVE TO TAKE A \$25 PER HOUR MAN TO HOLD THE FLAGPOLE. THERE IS SOME THINGS THIS BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK DEEPLY INTO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. COMMISSIONER BROCK IS SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO HIRE SOMEBODY; THE BOARD NEEDS TO LOOK AT IT AND NEEDS TO BE IN A POSITION IF THEY NEED THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND IT SAVES THEM MONEY, THEY CAN BUDGET FOR IT. HE AGREES THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR MONEY; BUT,

THIS IS DUE TO THE LACK OF PLANNING OVER THE LAST FOUR TO FIVE YEARS. HE REFERRED TO THERE BEING A LACK OF PLANNING BACK IN 2005-2006 IN THE BUDGET. THEY SPENT \$3,000,000 AND THEN THE ECONOMY CHANGED; THIS IS THE REASON WE ARE WHERE WE ARE NOW HUNTING MONEY. THEY HAVE TO DO SOME PLANNING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF YOU COULD TAKE MONEY FROM GENERAL FUND AND FUND ROAD AND BRIDGE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY COULD IF THE BOARD VOTES TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THIS MONEY WAS FOUND FOR THE POSITION IN THE GENERAL FUND BY GOING AROUND AND DOING SOME THINGS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING ALL ALONG AND IT WILL HAPPEN AT ROAD AND BRIDGE IF THIS POSITION COMES ABOUT. BUT, THIS GOING AROUND AND OPERATING WE DO NOW IS COSTING A LOT OF MONEY AND IT IS NOT BEING REAL EFFECTIVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE CRITICAL POINT COMING TO ROAD AND BRIDGE WITH FUNDING IS MAINTENANCE. MAINTENANCE IS FIXING TO HIT THIS COUNTY HARD ON THE EQUIPMENT; IT IS OUT OF DATE AND A LOT OF MILES ON IT. THEY ARE HAVING MOTOR TROUBLES, TRANSMISSION TROUBLES AND THE UPCOMING BUDGET ON MAINTENANCE WILL PROBABLY BE DOUBLE WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR. THERE IS A LOT OF ELEMENTS TO LOOK AT.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THEY WERE ALL WELL AWARE OF THAT AND THEY ARE TRYING TO PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF IT. THEY PROBABLY KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT IT AS COMMISSIONER BROCK DOES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE IS LOOKING AT ON THE BUDGET FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, IT IS 65% FOR PUBLIC WORKS RIGHT NOW AND 44% FOR THE SHOP.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID SOMEBODY HAS BEEN GIVING MISFIGURES AT THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS THEN. MR. PITTS EXPLAINED THEY WERE TALKING SOLELY ABOUT SALARIES AT PUBLIC WORKS AT THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS RUNNING ABOUT 80%. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS TOLD 90% AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING.

MR. PITTS SAID HE WAS TOLD TODAY BY DEBBIE THAT SHE HAD GOTTEN

WITH DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ABOUT SUBMITTING SOME CHANGES TO GET LINE ITEMS BACK TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE AND THIS WOULD BRING THE SALARY LINE ITEM BACK TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE IS AWARE OF THAT; BUT, WHAT HE WAS COMING TO WAS MORE OR LESS THE FEMA WORK COMING ON. THERE IS 80% OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARY LINE ITEM GONE; CAN THEY GO ANOTHER THREE MONTHS WITH THE OTHER 20%. HE THINKS THEY NEED TO KEEP WORKING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD WORK ANYMORE ON SATURDAYS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID UNTIL THE BOARD GETS A COMMITMENT FROM FEMA THEY ARE GOING TO ISSUE SOME MORE PW'S, HE DOESN'T AGREE TO CONTINUE WORKING ON FEMA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THE COUNTY HAS A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER TO FINISH THE FEMA PW'S AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET AN EXTENSION BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR SALARIES. THEY HAD BETTER HAVE A GOOD REASON OR FEMA WILL CUT IT OUT; THE BOARD HAS STARTED IT AND EITHER THEY FINISH IT, KEEP WORKING OR THEY PROBABLY WILL BE CUT OFF.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID AGAIN COMMISSIONER BROCK IS IN ERROR. HE TALKED TO DEBBIE ON WEDNESDAY; THE BOARD IS OBLIGATED TO DO THIS WORK WHETHER THE FUNDING COMES IN OR NOT. WHETHER THEY DO IT WORKING OVERTIME OR DURING REGULAR TIME AND THEY CAN DO IT DURING REGULAR TIME; IT CAN BE DONE AND THE STATE IS NOT GOING TO CUT US OFF IN OCTOBER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED THAT DEBBIE HAD SAID YOU COULD CONTINUE WORKING AS LONG AS THEY DO THE FILL; DON'T BUY NOTHING, NO MATERIALS, PIPE.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED; BUT, NOT NECESSARILY DOING IT ON OVERTIME EVERY WEEKEND.

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR FOR MR. PITTS TO CONTINUE TO RESEARCH THE BUDGET AND HAVE THE MONEY IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR TO HIRE A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS BEEN ASKING TO BE ADVERTISED. HE ADDRESSED THEY COULD ADVERTISE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AN INVITATION TO BID, OPEN UP THE BIDS AND BRING THE RESULTS BACK AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED IF THEY NEEDED TO SET A LIMIT ON THE LOWEST AMOUNT THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT FOR LEASING THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. THE BOARD'S CONCENSUS WAS NOT TO SET A LIMIT DUE TO THEM NOT BEING REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE BID IF THEY FEEL IT IS TOO LOW.

MR. PITTS REFERRED TO IT HAVING BEEN ASKED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING WHAT THE HIGHEST ELECTRIC BILL HAS BEEN AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. HE SAID THERE WAS NOT A GOOD RECORD FOR ELECTRIC BILLS; THE HIGHEST BILL WAS ROUGHLY \$170 PER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE FOR THE LEASING OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON WHEN THE BIDS WOULD HAVE TO BE TURNED IN, MR. PITTS ADVISED THE LEASE WOULD BE ADVERTISED FOR A WEEK WITH DUE TIME IN THE LOCAL PAPER AND GIVE A WEEK FOR PERSONS TO SUBMIT THEIR BID.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE TO RETURN THE GRANT THEY HAD RECEIVED FOR THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER IF THEY LEASE THE FACILITY.

LINDA SHEILDS, AERAL PRODUCTIONS, ASKED WHAT THE BOARD WAS REQUIRING IN THE BID FOR LEASING THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND WHEN THE BIDS WILL BE PUT OUT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW THIS YET.

MR. PITTS SAID THE ONLY THING TO BE ADDED TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WOULD BE A COPY OF THE SURVEY; THE LEASING OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER WILL PROBABLY BE ADVERTISED BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

MS. SHIELDS THEN QUESTIONED IF THE GRANT WAS STILL GOING TO GO WITH THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

MR. PITTS STATED THE FEMA FUNDS TO REPAIR THE HOLDING POND WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE.

STACY WEBB, COUNTY GRANTS PERSON, INFORMED THE BOARD THE FRDAP GRANT WOULD GO AWAY IF THEY LEASE THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO TURN THE FRDAP GRANT BACK IN FOR THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, RAY MORAN, SUNNY HILLS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SUNNY HILLS TAXPAYERS LEAGUE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTER. THE COUNTY HAS ALLOWED A LOT OF DIFFERENT GROUPS TO MEET THERE. THE SUNNY HILLS TAX PAYERS LEAGUE IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION THAT IS REGISTERED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ALL MEMBERS ALL ARE RESIDENTS AND PAY TAXES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. AS A CITIZEN, MR. MORAN THOUGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY. HE ASKED FOR THE SUNNY HILLS TAXPAYERS LEAGUE TO BE ALLOWED TO USE THIS PUBLIC FACILITY ONCE A MONTH FOR TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON. HE WAS TOLD THE COUNTY INFORMED THE TAX LEAGUE THEY ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNTY AND ASKED HOW COULD THAT BE POSSIBLE AS THEY ALL PAY COUNTY TAXES AND ARE RECOGNIZED AS A NON PROFIT CORPORATION IN THE EYES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CORRECT THIS INJUSTICE AND ALLOW THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE TO HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. HE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE TAX-PAYERS LEAGUE MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE ARE RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEES ON WHO CAN USE THE FACILITY. YOU HAVE TO BE PART OF THE COUNTY RECOGNIZED OR PART LIKE THE CRIMEWATCH DOWN THERE USES BECAUSE THEY ARE IN ARMS WITH THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.

MR. MORAN TOLD MR. PATE WHEN HE WENT TO THE GRAND OPENING

OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH MR. HOWELL, HE WENT UP TO THE GARDEN CLUB AND TOLD THEM THEY COULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER. MR. PATE DENIED THIS.

MR. MORAN QUESTIONED MR. PATE IF HE DIDN'T FEEL THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER AS TAXPAYERS.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED IF THEY OPEN IT UP TO THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO OPEN UP EVERY COMMUNITY CENTER IN THIS COUNTY INCLUDING EVERYBODY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID WHATEVER RULES THE BOARD HAS SET IS WHAT THEY NEED TO GO BY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE USING THE COMMUNITY CENTER AS LONG AS IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S POLICY.

JAY FELSBURG ASKED WHAT THE COUNTY POLICY WAS AND HOW DO YOU BECOME A RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.

MR. PITTS STATED BEING TAX EXEMPT DOESN'T ENTITLE EVERYONE TO THE BUILDING; THERE ARE A LOT OF TAX EXEMPT CORPORATIONS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER. HE REFERRED TO WHAT COMMISSIONER PATE HAD SAID. IF THE BOARD OPENS IT UP AND ALLOWS THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE TO USE IT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO OPEN IT UP TO ALL THE OTHER PRIVATE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TAX EXEMPT. HE ADDRESSED THE COST TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING IS TREMENDOUS AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVEN'T RENTED THE FACILITY ONCE SINCE IT HAS BEEN OPEN. THEY ARE ALLOWING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, COUNCIL ON AGING AND CRIMEWATCH TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER BECAUSE THEY ARE COUNTY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

MR. MORAN STATED THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE ARE TAXPAYERS. MR. PITTS ADDRESSED EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM IS PROBABLY A TAXPAYER; AGAIN, THE BOARD CAN'T JUST OPEN IT UP TO EVERYONE.

MR. MORAN STATED "IN OTHER WORDS, THE BOARD IS JUST DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE."

MR. PITTS SAID IT IS THE BOARD'S DECISION ON WHAT KIND OF RULES

THEY WANT TO SET; THEY ARE GOING BY WHAT THEY HAVE SET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHO SET THE RULES. HE ASKED THE RULES ON FIVE POINTS RECREATION CENTER.

DAVID CORBIN, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, SAID ALL THE COMMUNITY CENTERS RULES ARE THE SAME. IT HAS TO BE A COUNTY RECOGNIZED ENTITY; THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL ON AGING, HEALTH DEPT, ETC; ANY COUNTY FUNCTION LIKE THE PLANNING COMMISSION, CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ETC. IS NOT RECOGNIZED. FOR STATE, CITY AND COUNTY, THEY WAIVE THE FEES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE KNOWS SOME ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE USING FIVE POINTS. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE BEEN CUT OUT OR NOT; BUT, THEY SORT OF USED IT LIKE THEY WANTED TO.

DAVID SAID CRIME WATCH USES THE FIVE POINTS RECREATION CENTER; THEY ALSO ALLOW CRIMEWATCH TO USE THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER. THEY WAIVE THE FEE FOR THAT ENTITY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED CRIMEWATCH WAS THE ENTITY HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THESE COMMUNITY CENTERS CAN BE RENTED. DAVID SAID THEY COULD FOR \$160.50 AND A \$53.50 DEPOSIT.

MR. MORAN ADDRESSED THOSE FEES BEING OUTRAGEOUS FOR ONE MEETING A MONTH FOR TWO HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON.

LOU TRACY REPORTED HE THOUGHT THE CONCEPTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER WHEN IT WAS BUILT WAS IT WOULD BE FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS AND THERE WOULDN'T BE A FEE. THAT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY USE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER THAT WAS OWNED BY DELTONA; THEY ALSO UTILIZED THAT FACILITY AT NO CHARGE TO THE GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU WERE AN OUTSIDE ENTITY WANTING TO COME IN AND RENT THE COUNTY BUILDING, IT WOULD BE FINE. HE IS ALMOST SURE, IF THEY WOULD GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES WHEN THEY INITIALLY TALKED ABOUT THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE LAND BEING DONATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS, THE INTENT WAS FOR THE GROUPS IN SUNNY HILLS TO BE ALLOWED TO UTILIZE

THAT BUILDING AT NO CHARGE.

MR. MORAN QUESTIONED DIDN'T THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM COMMISSIONER FINCH THAT ANYONE COULD USE THAT BUILDING.

MR. TRACY SAID THAT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING; THIS COME FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THAT IS THE UNDERSTANDING EVERYBODY HAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED DIDN'T MR. MORAN JUST SAY THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE WAS A PRIVATE CORPORATION. MR. MORAN SAID HE DIDN'T SAY THEY WERE A PRIVATE CORPORATION; HE SAID THEY WERE REGISTERED TAXPAYERS AND ARE REGISTERED AS A CORPORATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID A PRIVATE CORPORATION WITH MR. MORAN SAYING IT WAS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION; IT WAS NOT A PRIVATE CORPORATION OR ANYTHING.

MR. MORAN SAID THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE WAS TAXPAYERS; THEY PAY TAXES. HE SAID FOR FOUR YEARS THEY HAD TO PAY BACK \$100,000 TO PUT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN PLACE; THAT BUILDING COST THE SUNNY HILLS CITIZENS MORE THAN \$200,000. COMMISSIONER HOWELL DISAGREED WITH THAT.

MR. MORAN SAID THE CITIZENS SACRIFICED TO GET THAT BUILDING AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL CAME ALONG AND DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE ENTRANCE IN THAT BUILDING AND TOLD COMMISSIONER HOWELL TO JUST SAY HE DON'T WANT THEM TO USE THAT BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED HE DIDN'T WANT THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE TO USE THAT BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN STOPPED MR. MORAN AND REQUESTED MR. PITTS GO BACK IN THE MINUTES, INVESTIGATE TO SEE IF A PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER MIGHT HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW SUNNY HILLS GROUPS TO USE THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER AT NO CHARGE AND IF THE BOARD HAD AGREED TO THIS.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSALS FOR LAWNMOWERS OR ROADSIDE MOWERS FOR THE MSBU; THE QUOTES CAME IN YESTERDAY AND THEY ALL CAME IN UNDER \$18,000 FOR TWO MOWERS. HE REQUESTED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO MOWERS AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000 AND LET HIM, MR. JERNIGAN, MECHANIC AT PUBLIC WORKS, AND DALLAS CARTER REVIEW THE SPECS AGAINST THE QUOTES AND CHOOSE THE BEST PURCHASE. THESE FUNDS ARE TO COME OUT OF THE MSBU FUNDS.

MR. HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAVING BEEN QUESTIONED A LOT ABOUT EMPLOYEES BUYING THINGS. THE CURRENT MOWERS ARE PRACTICALLY USED UP AND ASKED THE BOARD TO DECLARE THEM SALVAGE AND TAKE THEM OFF THE INVENTORY SO THEY DON'T WIND UP WITH A BONEYARD SOME PLACE.

JESSIE SASSER, PINE RIDGE ESTATES, QUESTIONED IF HE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY THEY WERE PURCHASING EQUIPMENT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE BID PROCESS.

MR. HAGAN SAID IN THE PAST THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE STATE CONTRACT, THEY CAN PURCHASE LOCALLY; THAT STATE CONTRACT SETS A PRICE. ANYBODY ELSE SELLING THAT CAN COMPETE. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY OVER THE YEARS BOUGHT LOCALLY WHEN THEY COULD MEET OR EXCEED THE STATE CONTRACT. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THAT IS ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S OPINION STILL; BUT, THAT IS WHAT THEY BASED THIS ON.

MR. SASSER STATED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT FEELS IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO GO WITH THE STATE CONTRACT DUE TO TIME, MONEY, ETC., THEY HAVE THE AVENUE AND ABILITY TO DO THAT. IF THEY USE THAT TO GET PEOPLE TO COME IN AND OFFER A LOCAL PRICE, THEY ARE CUTTING OUT OTHER POTENTIAL BIDDERS. THEY SHOULD EITHER BID THE MATERIALS OUT AS THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO DO OR OPT TO USE THE STATE CONTRACT PRICE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT THE COUNTY'S POLICY WAS.

MR. HAGAN REITERATED THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD, AND CONSISTENTLY THIS HAS BEEN DONE, THEY COULD GET THREE QUOTES IN LIEU OF A FORMAL BID. HE ADDRESSED THEY DIDN'T MIND GETTING BIDS; IT IS GOING TO BE AN ADVERTISING EXPENSE IN THE PAPER, ETC. THEY DON'T MIND DOING THAT;

BUT, THEY WERE JUST FOLLOWING THE PRACTICE THEY HAVE USED FOR YEARS. HE STATED NOBODY KNEW WHAT THE PRICE WAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THEY NEED TO GO BY THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY.

MR. SASSER SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE LIMITS ON THE QUOTE PRICE OR SEALED BIDS.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED HE THOUGHT THE POLICY ALLOWS THEM TO GET THREE QUOTES ON EQUIPMENT UP TO \$10,000.

ROGER READ THE PROPOSAL WHICH CALLED FOR THE SPECIFICATIONS THEY WERE LOOKING FOR; THIS WAS SENT TO FOUR LOCAL DEALERS, TWO IN JACKSON COUNTY, ONE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ONE IN BAY COUNTY. THEY DIDN'T FIND A DEALER LISTED IN HOLMES COUNTY THAT SELLS THE SIZE OF EQUIPMENT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED MR. PITTS WHAT THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY IS. MR. PITTS REITERATED HE DIDN'T KNOW; BUT, HE THOUGHT IT ALLOWED FOR THREE QUOTES FOR PURCHASES UP TO \$10,000.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MOWERS FOR MSBU; IF THEY HAVE TO BID THEM OUT, BID THEM OUT AND IF THEY ARE TO GO WITH THE STATE CONTRACT PRICE, GO WITH THE STATE CONTRACT PRICE.

MR. HAGAN THOUGHT THIS WAS WELL AND GOOD; BUT, THE PROBLEM IS THEY MADE THE BOARD AWARE OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND HE THINKS THE BOARD THOUGHT THEY WERE FOLLOWING AT LEAST PRACTICE IF NOT POLICY. HOWEVER, THE THING ABOUT IT IS, THESE BIDS ARE NOW PUBLIC RECORD AND OTHER BIDDERS COULD COME IN AND SEE WHAT THEY BID AND UNDERBID THEM.

SAL ZURICA ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON AN ORDINANCE WAS PASSED TO USE THE MSBU MONEY TO PAY THE MSBU DEBT OFF AND DO AWAY WITH THE MSBU. IT SEEMS LIKE MR. HAGAN LIKES TO SPEND THE MSBU MONEY; A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, HE SPENT \$360 FOR THE CLEANING SUPPLIES. THE MSBU DOESN'T OWN BATHROOMS; THAT IS ALL COUNTY PROPERTY AND GARBAGE IS PICKED UP ON COUNTY PROPERTY. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS THE COUNTY HAS NOT DONATED A DIME TO MSBU TO DO COUNTY WORK; MSBU HAS BEEN PAYING THE

BILL FOR THREE YEARS. HE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME THE COUNTY BOUGHT THE MOWERS TO DO COUNTY WORK AND NOT TAKE IT OUT OF THE MSBU. IF THEY WILL READ THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS PASSED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WHICH WENT BEFORE THREE MEETINGS UNTIL IT GOT PASSED, HE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME THE COUNTY STARTED FOOTING THE BILL A LITTLE BIT. IT IS COSTING THE MSBU A \$100,000 A YEAR TO PAY FOR THE SALARIES, EQUIPMENT, FUEL AND INSURANCE. HE QUESTIONED WHEN DOES IT STOP.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THE ORDINANCE STATED MOST, NOT ALL, OF THE MSBU MONEY WAS TO BE USED TOWARD PAYING OFF THE MSBU DEBT.

MR. ZURICA REITERATED THE ORDINANCES STATES ALL THE MSBU MONEY WAS TO GO TOWARD DEBT SERVICE EXCEPT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. IT WAS COMMISSIONER HOWELL'S MOTION AND EVER SINCE THEN HE HAS GONE WILD LETTING MR. HAGAN SPEND MONEY. IT IS TIME THEY DO SOMETHING IN THAT COMMUNITY; THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING IN THREE YEARS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED MR. ZURICA IF HE WASN'T WANTING THE GRASS MOWED; IF HE DOESN'T WANT THE GRASS MOWED, THEY WANT BUY THE MOWERS.

MR. ZURICA STATED THE COUNTY WAS SUPPOSE TO MOW THE GRASS; NOT MSBU. MSBU IS NOT SUPPOSE TO PAY FOR THE MOWERS; THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PAY FOR THE MOWERS. THE MSBU MONEY DOESN'T BELONG TO THE COUNTY; IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE MSBU WASN'T AN ASSESSMENT LIKE A TAX. MR. ZURICA SAID IT IS A TAX THE PEOPLE WANTED; NOT, FOR THE BOARD TO SPEND THE WAY THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED SUNNY HILLS HAS MANICURED GRASS AT THE TAXPAYERS EXPENSE; HIS GRASS GETS CUT TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR IN DISTRICT III. SUNNY HILLS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PRISTENE COMMUNITY AND THEY WANT TO TRY AND KEEP IT THAT WAY; BUT, THEY CAN'T PUT ALL THE MONEY OVER THERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE GRASS MANICURED JUST FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ALL THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY. THEY HAVE TO BE FAIR AND EQUAL.

MR. ZURICA SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THE COUNTY TO BE IN SUNNY HILLS

EVERY WEEK CUTTING GRASS. IF THEY CAME IN THREE TIMES A YEAR, THAT WOULD BE FINE; HE GOES OUT AND CUTS THE GRASS HIMSELF.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT TO CUT THE GRASS IN SUNNY HILLS WITH A BUSHHOG; THE RESIDENTS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THIS.

MR. ZURICA SAID HE WOULD BE SATISFIED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK DIDN'T FEEL LIKE MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS WOULD BE SATISFIED. MR. ZURICA ADDRESSED MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS CUT THE COUNTY EASEMENTS THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSES.

MR. ZURICA SAID ALL HE WAS ASKING FOR WAS THE SAME AMOUNT THE COUNTY SPENDS FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTY TO PUT BACK IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD ZURICA THEY HAD A CREW IN SUNNY HILLS. MR. ZURICA SAID MSBU IS PAYING FOR THE CREW. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE IS A COUNTY CREW THE MSBU IS NOT PAYING FOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK BOTH CREWS IN SUNNY HILLS ARE BEING PAID FOR OUT OF MSBU FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW MANY CREWS DID DISTRICT V HAVE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID TWO CREWS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF BOTH OF THEM WORKED IN SUNNY HILLS AND NOWHERE ELSE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THEY WERE MSBU CREWS; NOT, DISTRICT V CREWS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF DISTRICT V'S STATE CREW AND COUNTY CREW WORKS IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID "NO." COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT IS WHAT HE IS COMING TO; HE IS TALKING ABOUT ALL CREWS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED HE HAD TWO CREWS AND QUESTIONED HOW MANY CREWS DID DISTRICT V HAVE, FOUR OR FIVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT LATER; BUT, HE JUST HAS ONE CREW NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD MR. ZURICA HE HAS TWO CREWS; ONE

CORRECTIONAL AND ONE COUNTY THAT WORKS HIS WHOLE DISTRICT AND DISTRICT V HAS TWO OF THEM TOO.

MR. ZURICA SAID THOSE CREWS DON'T COME IN SUNNY HILLS WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAYING THEY DID FROM TIME TO TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF MSBU WAS NOT PAYING FOR THOSE POSITIONS, THOSE CREWS WOULD HAVE TO COME EVERY TWO MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS OR WHENEVER THEY CAN GET THERE.

MR. ZURICA SAID LET THEM COME IN THERE THEN; THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IF THAT IS WHAT SUNNY HILLS WANTS HE HAS NO PROBLEM; THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO GET THEM SOME GOATS.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED COMMISSIONER HOWELL RESTATE HIS MOTION. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HIS MOTION WAS TO APPROVE FOR MR. HAGAN TO MAKE THE PURCHASES ON THE MOWERS BASED ON COUNTY POLICY. THE MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

OTIS DOYLE, 4116 JACKSON COUNTY ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD REQUESTING A FOLLOW UP ON THE MEETING THEY HELD WITH THE COUNTY MANAGER. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY TALKED ABOUT WAS THE REQUEST FOR BIDS OUT FOR THE VOTING PRECINCT BUILDING FOR NEW HOPE.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY HAVE RECEIVED BIDS FOR THE BUILDING AND THEY HAVE BEEN OPENED; BUT, THAT IS AS FAR AS THEY HAVE GOTTEN.

MR. DOYLE QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD STILL INTENDED TO CONTINUE WANTING TO PUT THE BUILDING IN CAMPBELL PARK EVEN AFTER THE RESIDENTS ASKED THEM NOT TO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THERE REALLY HADN'T BEEN ANY RESEARCH DONE AS FAR AS HUNTING A VOTING FACILITY. NO LAND HAS BEEN RESEARCHED OR NO OTHER FACILITY THAT COULD BE USED. HE REFERRED TO MR. PITTS HAVING TALKED WITH CHARLES GILLEY, WHICH WAS GOOD, AND WAS TOLD BY A BOARD MEMBER TO MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE OPRY HOUSE FOR A POLLING CENTER. MR. GILLEY KNEW NOTHING AS IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED WITH IT. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY IT COULD BE USED.

HE ASKED MR. PITTS WHICH BOARD MEMBER TOLD HIM TO ASK MR. GILLEY

ABOUT POSSIBLY USING THE OPRY FOR A POLLING CENTER. MR. PITTS SAID HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE CHAIRMAN; BUT, HE DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA BECAUSE HE HAD ALSO ASKED CAROL GRIFFIN WHERE SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THE POLLING CENTER TO GO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE IS GLAD MR. GILLEY STOPPED BY AND TOLD HIM ABOUT THIS; IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THE OPRY CAN BE USED FOR A POLLING CENTER FOR NEW HOPE. MR. GILLEY HAS A 20' X 40' LOBBY WITH TWO BATHROOMS, AIR AND ALL; IT IS IDEAL FOR A POLLING CENTER. IF SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE INVOLVED DISTRICT III COMMISSIONER IN THESE DECISIONS, THEY COULD PROBABLY GET THIS SETTLED. THE PEOPLE WANT TO WORK WITH THIS BOARD.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED MR. PITTS AND THE BOARD TO LET COMMISSIONER BROCK, SINCE IT IS HIS DISTRICT, FIND A VOTING PLACE OR A PIECE OF PROPERTY THEY COULD OBTAIN FOR THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT BECAUSE THE VOTING PRECINCT THERE NOW WILL EVENTUALLY BE TORN DOWN. FL-DOT HAS TOLD THEM THE COUNTY COULD USE IT THIS YEAR FOR THE AUGUST AND NOVEMBER ELECTIONS; BUT, THE NEXT ELECTION, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A POLLING PRECINCT PUT IN PLACE. UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, CHAIRMAN HOLMAN RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THE PREVIOUS VOTE THEY TOOK LAST MONTH, THEY RESCIND THAT VOTE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THE VOTING PRECINCT IN CAMPBELL PARK. HE HEARD MR. GILLEY MAKE A COMMENT THE COUNTY COULD USE THE OPRY FOR A POLLING PLACE FOR A \$100 A DAY. IF GILLEY ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO DO THAT, THAT IS WHAT THEY WILL DO.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HE DID ASK MR. PITTS TO GET UP WITH MR. GILLEY AS HE WAS TRYING TO FIND A LOCATION TO MAKE THESE PEOPLE HAPPY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED THERE WAS PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF HIGHWAY 79; IT IS NOT THAT THE BOARD CAN'T BUY A PIECE OF PROPERTY AND REINSTATE THE VOTING PRECINCT RIGHT BACK IN THE AREA IT IS COMING OUT OF. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE CANNING CENTER CAN GO IN WITH THIS BUILDING AND ESTABLISH IT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS;

BUT, THAT IS SOMETHING TO LOOK AT. FLORIDA DOT IS GETTING THE CURRENT CANNING CENTER TOO. THERE HAS REALLY BEEN NO RESEARCH DONE ON PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COMMUNITY CENTER THAT WAS THROWN IN WITH THE VOTING PRECINCT TO START OFF WITH, THAT AREA NEEDS A COMMUNITY CENTER AS THEY HAVE NEVER HAD NOTHING. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPLY FOR A CDBG FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THAT AREA.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO RESCIND THEIR PREVIOUS VOTE TO MOVE THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT TO CAMPBELL PARK AND APPROVE FOR COMMISSIONER BROCK TO FIND A VOTING PRECINCT.

MR. DOYLE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ROOM AT CAMPBELL PARK IN THE FUTURE FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER AND THEY TALKED TO MR. PITTS ABOUT THE SIZE OF BUILDING THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN TOLD MR. DOYLE THEY COULD GET WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK, THEY COULD GET WITH MR. PITTS AND MR. PITTS CAN GET WITH THE COUNTY GRANTS PERSON, STACY WEBB; IF THERE IS A GRANT THAT CAN BE OBTAINED TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY CENTER, HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE NEED TO GET WITH THE FRDAP PEOPLE TO SEE IF THEY WILL ALLOW A COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE PLACED AT CAMPBELL PARK.

MR. PITTS REPORTED HE HAD ALREADY GOTTEN WITH STACY WEBB AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A CDBG GRANT. FOR THE RECORD ON THE VOTING PRECINCT ON USING GILLEY'S PLACE, HE TALKED WITH MR. GILLEY TWO WEEKS AGO AND ASKED IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IF THE BOARD NEEDED A PLACE AND MR. GILLEY SAID HE WOULD BE. AFTER THE NEW HOPE RESIDENTS TOLD HIM THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED IN A VOTING PRECINCT AT CAMPBELL PARK AND HE SAW THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WAS HERE LAST MONTH, THE MAN OFF FROM MILLERS FERRY THAT DIDN'T WANT THE PRECINCT MOVED OUT OF NEW HOPE, HE THOUGHT GILLEYS PLACE WAS A GOOD PLACE AS IT WAS ABOUT A QUARTER MILE FROM THE CURRENT PRECINCT. IN TALKING WITH

CAROL GRIFFIN, SHE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO USE THE OLD VOTING PRECINCT THIS YEAR AS THERE ARE NO BATHROOMS THERE WITHOUT BRINGING PORTABLE TOILETS, THE BUILDING IS TOO SMALL TO USE AND IT IS A TERRIBLE DANGEROUS PLACE TO GET IN AND OFF THAT HIGHWAY AND THERE IS ALSO WORK TO BE DONE ON THE DRIVEWAY. FL-DOT HAS TOLD THE COUNTY THEY COULD USE THE CURRENT FACILITY; BUT, HE DOESN'T SEE THE COUNTY GOING AND MAKING THESE REPAIRS AND ALL THESE EXPENSES WHEN THEY COULD GO RIGHT DOWN THE STREET AND HAVE A GOOD, SAFE PLACE OFF THE ROAD FOR A \$100 A DAY. HE TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HE CERTAINLY WASN'T TRYING TO UNDERMINE HIM; HE THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT HE WANTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD HIM HE DONE GOOD; BUT, HE WISHED HE HAD KNOWN ABOUT IT.

MR. PITTS SAID HE ALSO THOUGHT TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE; HE HAS NOT TALKED TO CAROL ABOUT WHEN THAT VOTING PRECINCT HAS TO BE ADVERTISED OR WHEN SHE HAS TO MAIL OUT THE BALLOTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO A GENTLEMAN HAVING ASKED AT THE LAST MEETING IF THEY COULD HAVE THE NEXT ELECTION AT THE CURRENT VOTING PRECINCT AND THIS BOARD SAID YES.

MR. PITTS SAID THE BOARD ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT GETTING THIS BUILDING BUILT QUICK ENOUGH TO HAVE THE NEXT ELECTION AT CAMPBELL PARK.

MR. PITTS APOLOGIZED TO COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE THOUGHT HE TRIED TO UNDERMINE HIM AS THAT CERTAINLY WASN'T HIS INTENTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE MAIN THING THIS BOARD NEEDS TO DO IS THE MONEY FROM FL-DOT FOR THE CURRENT VOTING PRECINCT BE EARMARKED FOR A POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT 6. HE THEN OFFERED A MOTION FOR THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT MONIES FROM FL-DOT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR PRECINCT 6, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

JESSIE SASSER, 5130 PINE RIDGE DRIVE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SIKES SAND PIT AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BUFFER ZONE AROUND THE PIT ALONG CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE THAT OCCURRED HE THOUGHT YESTERDAY. THERE ARE NO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS. HE QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED MR. SASSER IF HE WAS AWARE THE BOARD IS IN MITIGATION IN A LAWSUIT WITH SIKES. MR. SASSER SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS; BUT, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE LAWSUIT.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN TOLD MR. SASSER THE BOARD WAS AWARE OF WHAT TOOK PLACE.

MR. SASSER ASKED AGAIN IF IT WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HE WASN'T AWARE OF WHAT MR. SASSER WAS TALKING ABOUT; HE HASN'T HEARD ABOUT IT.

MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON SIKES HAVING TAKEN OF WHAT WAS REQUIRED OF A 22' VEGETATIVE BUFFER ALONG CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD AND STARTED REMOVING IT YESTERDAY AND EVIDENTLY FINISHED IT YESTERDAY BECAUSE IT WAS GONE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND HAS REPLACED IT WITH A MOUND OF DIRT. THE SITE PLAN APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN 1998 WHEN THAT PIT HAD THE LAST APPROVAL CALLED FOR A 22' VEGETATIVE BUFFER. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A PROPER VEGETATIVE BUFFER THERE HE WAS AWARE OF; THERE WERE A FEW SCATTERED TREES. SIKES HAS PRACTICALLY MOVED ALL THOSE TREES; THEY PRACTICALLY CLEAR CUT IT. HE HAS HAD A COUPLE OF CALLS ON THIS AND HE HAS LOOKED AT IT THREE TIMES OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS AND TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS THIS AFTERNOON. HE HAS CALLED THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE COUNTY AND MADE HIM AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON; THE ATTORNEY CALLED HIM BACK SAYING HE HAD CONTACTED MR. SIKES ATTORNEY AND MADE HIM AWARE OF. MR. SIKES ATTORNEY ADVISED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HE WOULD CEASE AND DESIST.

MR. SASSER REITERATED THIS ISSUE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SHADE MEETING THE COUNTY IS OPERATING ON FOR ADDITIONAL REVISIONS HERE. THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE EXISTING PERMIT; NOT ONLY THIS VIOLATION BUT AN ONGOING VIOLATION SINCE 1998 WHEN THE PERMIT WAS

ISSUED. THERE HAS BEEN NO EFFORT BY MR. SIKES TO CREATE, IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN THE BUFFER BETWEEN HIS INCOMPATIBLE USE OF PROPERTY WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION. HE OUTLINED THIS IN A LETTER TO THE BOARD ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AGO. HE STATED IN THAT LETTER MR. SIKES WAS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING HIS OPERATIONS AND HE NEEDED TO GET IN COMPLIANCE WITH HIS EXISTING PERMIT AND SIKES CONTINUES TO BE IN VIOLATION. HE ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE VIOLATIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID A STATE BODY SHOULD DO THAT AND IT WOULD BE BEFORE THE COURT; THE COUNTY WOULDN'T DO THAT.

MR. SASSER QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY ISN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

MR. PITTS STATED THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A CITATION METHOD ON ISSUING CITATIONS TO ENFORCE THAT WITH. MR. SASSER QUESTIONED IF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ORDINANCE DOESN'T HAVE AN ENFORCEMENT METHOD. MR. PITTS SAID ONLY THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM THAT HE IS AWARE OF.

MR. SASSER QUESTIONED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; IS HE THE ONE THAT IS SUPPOSE TO DO IT OR IS THE COUNTY.

MR. PITTS SAID HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT COULD ENFORCE THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

MR. SASSER QUESTIONED MR. PITTS AND ATTORNEY HOLLY IF THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE THESE ACTIONS.

MR. PITTS SAID AT THIS POINT HE WASN'T SURE.

MIKE DERUNTZ, PLANNING OFFICER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HIM GOING TO SIKES PIT AND HE ALSO BELIEVES SIKES IS IN VIOLATION OF WHAT THE ORIGINAL SPECIAL EXCEPTION THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THEY COULD SITE THEM FOR A VIOLATION, IT WOULD GO BEFORE A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD AND THERE WOULD BE A HEARING. THAT IS ALL STRUCTURED IN SECTION 10 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED MR. DERUNTZ IF HE TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. MR. DERUNTZ STATED

"NO SIR."

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THOUGHT THE BOARD HAD GIVEN THIS TO LINDA WALLER, THE PREVIOUS PLANNER.

MR. PITTS SAID CODE ENFORCEMENT MOVED UNDER THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

MR. SASSER SAID THE POINT HE WANTED TO MAKE TO THE BOARD IS MR. SIKES HAS BEEN IN VIOLATION OF HIS PERMIT SINCE HE GOT IT IN 1998 AND IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION A NUMBER OF TIMES BY HIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE PROVIDED PICTURES SHOWING ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE; FL-DEP HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND THEY ARE STILL NOT SEEING ANY ACTION. WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SEEING IS MR. SIKES HAS NOW DECIDED HE WANTS TO EXPAND HIS PIT MAYBE; HE DOESN'T KNOW. BUT, HE HAS ENCROACHED ON THE 22' BUFFER AREA AND HE DID THAT WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WHICH IS A FL-DEP VIOLATION AND PART OF THE PERMIT THE BOARD GAVE HIM WHEN HE REQUESTED THIS EXEMPTION HE PROVIDE THIS VEGETATIVE BUFFER. SIKES HAS OPERATED THE PIT SINCE 1987 AND THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY RECLAMATION ON ANY PART OF IT; YET, HE HAS WENT AROUND THE AREA CONTINUING TO EXCAVATE. IF THE BOARD READS THE PERMIT, SIKES IS SUPPOSE TO DO IT WHEN HE LEAVES THE AREA WITHIN A YEAR AFTER. NONE OF THAT HAS BEEN DONE. THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION AND HE IS WONDERING WHY THE COUNTY IS NOT SEEKING ACTION. INSTEAD THEY ARE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE SOME NEBULOUS AGREEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE AND ALL ALONG SIKES IS CONTINUING TO VIOLATE THE EXISTING PERMIT. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW, IF THE BOARD REPRESENTS THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY, THEY CAN CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE CHANGES TO A PERMIT WHEN SIKES HASN'T BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ONE HE HAD. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HIM. HE THINKS THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE SAID IT IS ALL ABOUT MONEY; YES, AND THE MONEY YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THESE TAXPAYERS IN THIS COUNTY. HE AND THE CITIZENS IN THE CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY ARE TELLING THE BOARD THEY REPRESENT THEM AND THEY ARE WANTING SOME

ACTION WHEN SOMEONE THAT DOESN'T EVEN LIVE IN THIS COUNTY, SIKES IS GETTING MORE ATTENTION THAN THE NEIGHBORHOODS BEING IMPACTED BY THIS INCOMPATIBLE USE THAT WAS ALLOWED IN 1987. THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. HE HOPES MR. DERUNTZ IS WORKING ON DOING THAT AND HE OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE. THE PEOPLE NEED SOME ACTION IN REGARDS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE SIKES SAND PIT IN SOUTHERN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

NAN THOMPSON QUESTIONED IF THE 20' BUFFER IS REQUIRED ON ALL SAND PITS.

MR. PITTS STATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT BUFFER IS REQUIRED; IT DEPENDS ON THE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY. HE THINKS THE BUFFER ALONG THE HOUSES THERE ON HIGHWAY 77 WAS EITHER A 30' OR 50' AND THERE IS A REQUIRED VEGETATION BUFFER AT A SANDPIT.

MS. THOMPSON QUESTIONED THE SANDPIT ON ORANGE HILL. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADVISED MS. THOMPSON THE BUFFER AT SIKES PIT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ONE MS. THOMPSON WAS SPEAKING OF.

MS. THOMPSON ADDRESSED THAT IS WHY SHE WAS ASKING IF A BUFFER WAS REQUIRED AROUND ALL SANDPITS. CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID IT ALL DEPENDS UPON THE PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THERE IS A MINIMUM BUFFER THAT IS REQUIRED; BUT, USUALLY WHAT SETS THE BUFFER ON THE SANDPITS IS WHAT IS SET ASIDE FOR IT IN ORDER TO GET THE PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER PATE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE BUFFER REQUIREMENT ON THE PIT ON ORANGE HILL; BUT, HE HAD SEEN THE PLANS ON THE ONE AT SIKES PIT AND IT WAS 22'.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED MR. PITTS AND ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THE BOARD CAN LEGALLY DO WITH WHAT SIKES IS DOING NOW BASED UPON THE OLD PERMIT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED MR. PITTS HAD SAID AT THE LAST MEETING WITH MR. SIKES THE BOARD HAD BASICALLY AGREED FOR HIM TO USE THAT KIND OF BUFFER. MR. PITTS SAID IS WAS NOT AN AGREEMENT; THAT IS WHAT SIKES HAD SUBMITTED WITH HIS PLANS.

MR. SASSER QUESTIONED WHAT THE BOARD'S DECISION WAS GOING TO BE REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD HAS A CITATION PROCESS TO COME BEFORE THEM. CHAIRMAN HOLMAN STATED "NO."

MR. SASSER SAID THERE IS A CITATION CAPABILITY IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND THE BOARD HAS BEEN TOLD SIKES IS IN VIOLATION OF HIS PERMIT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED HOW DOES THE BOARD GO ABOUT ENFORCING SOMETHING ON THIS.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED THEY COULD TAKE SIKES BEFORE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR VIOLATION OF THE CODE AND THEY CAN FINE HIM \$250 A DAY; THEY CAN PLACE A LIEN AGAINST HIS PROPERTY AND FROM THERE UP, THEY WOULD GO TO COURT.

MR. PITTS SAID HE DIDN'T THINK SIKES WAS IN ANY VIOLATION OF FL-DEP OR NFWFMD. HE ASKED CLIFF TO CHECK WITH NFWFMD TO SEE IF THERE WAS A VIOLATION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF SIKES HAD ANY EROSION CONTROL. MR. PITTS ADVISED SIKES DIDN'T HAVE ANY EROSION CONTROL; THE DIRT BEING PILED UP IN MOUNDS IS COMING THROUGH THE FENCE.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO START THE PROCESS IN THE MORNING TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY ON SIKE'S VIOLATION OF THE CODE.

MR. SASSER QUESTIONED COULDN'T ATTORNEY HOLLEY GET AN INJUNCTION TO STOP ALL ACTIVITIES UNTIL SIKES CORRECTS THE SITUATION. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED IF YOU HAVE A JUDGE AGREE WITH YOU.

JO ANN AULT, CRYSTAL LAKE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE SIKES ISSUE AND FELT IT WAS A SAD SITUATION SIKES HAS ALREADY DONE THIS AND NOW THEY ARE DECIDING TO SLAP HIS HAND.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN STATED THE BOARD WAS NOT AWARE HE WAS GOING TO DO IT. MR. AULT SAID SHE KNOWS THAT AND THAT IS THE KIND OF PERSON WE ARE DEALING WITH; THAT IS HOW HE HAS GOTTEN EVERYTHING HE HAS GOTTEN.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY INFORMED THE BOARD HE WOULD CALL THE ATTORNEY THAT IS WORKING WITH THE BOARD ON THE SIKES CASE AND THEY WILL GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

BENITA CRITTENDON, LONG LAKE ESTATES, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HAVING TALKED TO SEVERAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED WELLFIELDS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THE SUBJECT JUST BROUGHT ABOUT THIS SANDPIT PRETTY MUCH HITS ON THAT PROPERTY. IF THE COUNTY CAN'T ENFORCE A PERMIT ON THAT SANDPIT, WHICH ALSO HAS AN IMPACT ON SUFFICIAL WATER ACQUAFER, THEN THE COUNTY CAN'T JUSTIFY HIRING AN ATTORNEY FIRM TO FILE A SUIT AGAINST THE BAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED WELLFIELDS. SHE IS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THAT; BUT, IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO FILE SUIT AGAINST THE BAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED WELLFIELDS, THEY HAVE TO ENFORCE THE PERMIT ON THE SANDPIT. OTHERWISE, THEY ARE CUTTING OFF THEIR NOSE TO SPITE THEIR FACE.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED WITH MS. CRITTENDON AND WISHED THE PREVIOUS BOARD HAD DONE THEIR JOB BETTER BECAUSE THE PIT HAS BEEN IN VIOLATION FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

MS. CRITTENDON SUGGESTED THE BOARD CHECK THE PERMITS ON THE SANDPIT ON THE DEPTH OF DRILLING GOING ON BECAUSE IF SIKES IS HITTING THE SUFFICIAL AQUAFERS AND THE UPPER PERENNIAL ACQUAFER, HE WOULD HAVE TO GET SPECIAL PERMITS FOR THAT TOO. IF NOBODY IS WATCHING THIS, MR. SIKES MAY BE WELL MORE OUT OF HIS PERMIT THAN WHAT EVEN THE CRYSTAL LAKE VILLAGE RESIDENTS KNOW. THAT COULD OPEN UP A WHOLE REALM OF THINGS WHICH NEED TO BE OPENED UP.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT:

A. SIKES PIT-MR. PITTS REQUESTED HE CONTACT NFWFMD ABOUT THE SITUATION AT SIKES PIT. MR. COLE GRANGER WILL BE CHECKING ON THE SIKES PIT PROBABLY TOMORROW. SIKES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE STORM-WATER PERMITS FOR ANY DISTURBANCE THEY ARE HAVING ON THEIR SITE. THEY WOULD LIKELY BE REQUIRED TO HAVE EROSION CONTROL AS PART OF THAT PERMIT TOO. UNLESS SIKES HAS A PERMIT, NFWFMD WILL BE HANDLING

ANY ENFORCEMENT TYPE ISSUES. THIS IS MOVING FORWARD.

CLIFF REPORTED ON THERE BEING FOUR DIFFERENT TYPE OF BUFFERS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND THE DIFFERENT KIND OF BUFFERS RELATE TO THE INTENSITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ARE ALL BASED ON THE NUMBER OF UNDER STORY CANOPY TREES AND SHRUBS PER 100' AND SIKES DEVELOPMENT ORDER WILL HAVE THAT LISTED AND HE WILL BE CHECKING ON THIS.

B. FBIP-THE BOARD HAS UNTIL AUGUST 13TH TO SUBMIT A FBIP PROJECT; THE PROGRAM IS 100% GRANT. THE GRANT DOESN'T COVER ANY ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS, ETC. PREBLE-RISH HAS ALWAYS IN THE PAST HANDLED THIS FOR FREE AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO; BUT, THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THEM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON.

C. TIGER II GRANT-THERE IS A PRE-APPLICATION DUE ON JULY 16TH. THE BOARD HAD DIRECTED HIM TO MEET WITH MR. PITTS TO COME UP WITH A PROJECT AND THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH BUCKHORN BOULEVARD. THERE IS \$140,000,000 SET ASIDE FOR RURAL COUNTIES; THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THE PROJECT MUST COST A MINIMUM OF \$1,000,000. BUCKHORN WOULD CERTAINLY COST A MINIMUM OF \$1,000,000. IT IS ALSO RANKED #1 ON THE MATRIX AND THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A LOT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORK DONE ON IT. THE PROJECT WOULD BE FROM QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD TO THE COUNTY LINE ROAD.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED IT HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED AT ONE TIME TO JOIN THE PAVEMENT AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD.

CLIFF SAID THEY CAN; IT IS ACTUALLY 6.2 MILES FROM THE END OF PAVEMENT ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO COUNTY LINE ROAD. THERE IS ALREADY PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE END OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ALL THE WAY TO ALMOST THE COUNTY LINE ROAD; THE ONLY PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT DOESN'T HAVE PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FLORIDA LANDINGS. THEY HAVE PROVIDED FLORIDA LANDINGS WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT ALIGNMENTS AND HE FEELS THEY WILL BE MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY THROUGH THERE. HE ADDRESSED THERE COULD BE SOME

PLACES ON BUCKHORN; DUE TO THE ALIGNMENT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY THERE, THERE MAY BE A NEED OF SOME ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY HERE AND THERE. OVERALL, THERE IS PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

D. INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD-THE CONTRACTOR IS COMING ALONG PRETTY GOOD; HE EXPECTS THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED ON TIME, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS THE END OF AUGUST. THE CONTRACT IS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR THE PROJECT AND THEY DID HAVE ONE ISSUE THEY HAVE BEEN MONITORING WHICH IS AN EXCESS OF ORGANICS BEYOND WHAT WAS IN THE ORIGINAL BID. THEY HAVE 2,075 CUBIC YARDS IN THE ORIGINAL BID FOR EXCAVATION OF ORGANICS AND THEY ARE REPLACING IT WITH SEALING MATERIAL AND THEY HAVE GONE OVER THAT AMOUNT. AT THE JULY MEETING HE WILL BE PRESENTING SOME TOTALS TO THE BOARD. RIGHT NOW THERE IS 3,560 CUBIC YARDS OVER THE BID AMOUNT WHICH IS \$30,260. THERE IS MONEY IN THE GRANT TO COVER IT. THEY ARE PLANNING ON TAKING THE EXCESS MONEY BEYOND THAT AND MOVING IT TO THE RAIL SPUR PROJECTS. THEY HAVE SOME ITEMS IN MOTION TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT TRANSFER TO CDBG FUNDS TO THE OTHER PROJECT.

E. RIVER ROAD-HE EXPECTS C. W. ROBERTS TO BE DONE SOMETIME AROUND MID TO END OF AUGUST. THE WEEK AFTER JULY 4TH, THEY WILL BE PAVING ABOUT 1.5 MILES IN TWO LIFTS; THEY WILL PUT AN INCH DOWN, DRESS IT UP, PUT SOD DOWN, RIP RAP, CLEAN IT UP AND THEN PUT THE FINAL INCH DOWN AFTER ALL THAT IS COMPLETED.

CLIFF DISCUSSED TWO ISSUES:

1. THERE IS ONE LAST CROSS DRAIN TO BE INSTALLED; THEY WERE ABLE TO SECURE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR THE LAST CROSSDRAIN. THE CROSSDRAIN IS NOT IN THE CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT RIGHT NOW; FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL THE CROSSDRAIN WOULD COST \$4,160. IF THE COUNTY CREWS WANTED TO INSTALL THE CROSSDRAIN THEMSELVES, THE PIPE ITSELF WOULD BE \$1600 TO \$1800. HE REQUESTED DIRECTION WHETHER THE BOARD WANTED TO LET THE COUNTY CREWS DO THE CROSSDRAIN OR HAVE THE CONTRACTOR INSTALL IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED THE COST OF THE HEADWALLS. CLIFF REPORTED IF THE CONTRACTOR HANDLED THE HEADWALLS, IT WOULD COST \$7000. IF THE BOARD DECIDED TO LET THE CONTRACTOR INSTALL THE CROSSDRAIN AND HEADWALLS, IT WOULD COST \$11,160.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THIS CROSSDRAIN WASN'T IN THE PLANS.

CLIFF SAID THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL LAST WEEK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHAT THE PLAN WAS IF THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET A DRAINAGE EASEMENT.

CLIFF SAID RIGHT NOW THE ROADWAY WOULD HANDLE A TEN YEAR STORM; WITH THE CROSSDRAIN IN IT WITH THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT THEY NOW HAVE IN HAND, IT WOULD HANDLE A TWENTY FIVE YEAR STORM.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO INSTALL THE CROSSDRAINS.

JAY FELSBURG QUESTIONED HOW LARGE THE PROJECT WAS. CLIFF SAID THE WHOLE PROJECT WAS ABOUT 3.2 MILES. THE PART THE COUNTY DID THAT WAS ALREADY PAVED WAS A LITTLE LESS THAN .9 MILE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO PUT IN THE CROSSDRAIN AND HEADWALL ON RIVER ROAD.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, CLIFF REPORTED HE HAD WENT OVER ALL THE PROJECTS WITH MR. PITTS. IF THE BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER THEM.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, COMMISSIONER BROCK REPORTED THEY STILL LIKE ONE EASEMENT ON THE BONNETT POND PROJECT AND THEN THEY CAN START TAKING DOWN FENCE AND MOVING UTILITIES FOR THAT THREE MILES ON BONNETT POND. HOPEFULLY, CLIFF WILL GET THE EASEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

DAVID CORBIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEM NEEDING TO MOVE QUICKLY ON SELECTING AN FBIP PROJECT SO CLIFF CAN APPLY FOR THE GRANT FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION A PERSON WILL DONATE THE LAND TO THE COUNTY AT PATE POND SIDE OF HIGHWAY 279 FOR A BOAT LANDING. CLIFF WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE SITE TO SEE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR A PARKING AREA.

CLIFF REITERATED THEY HAD UNTIL AUGUST 13TH TO SUBMIT A FBIP GRANT APPLICATION; THE BOARD CAN MAKE A DECISION AT THEIR JULY MEETING.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. ATTORNEY HOLLEY PROVIDED AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE \$250 FIRE SERVICE CHARGE THE BOARD NEEDED TO SIGN. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE BEFORE IT CAN BE ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PRIOR COUNTY ORDINANCE 2002-3; SAID PRIOR ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A USER'S FEE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING SAID ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3 IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REPORTED ON ANOTHER ISSUE THAT HAS COME BEFORE THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY. WHEN A PATIENT GOES TO THE HOSPITAL IN CHIPLEY, THEY HAVE A DEDUCTIBLE AND THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO PAY BEFORE ONCE OR TWICE. THERE IS A CLAIM FOR A POLICY NOW FOR A DEDUCTIBLE OF \$50,000 THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. THERE WERE TWO DEDUCTIBLE RECOVERY CASES INVOLVING ALECIA GLOVER AND DEBORAH WORTHINGTON. LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY INCURRED COST AND EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,297 FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND THE CASE INVOLVING ALECIA GLOVER COST \$176,942.07. THE HOSPITAL HAS A POLICY WITH A \$50,000 DEDUCTIBLE AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY TO PAY IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THE LAST TIME THESE CASES COME BEFORE THE BOARD THEY VOTED NOT TO PAY THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID

THE BOARD HAD VOTED NO BEFORE; BUT, HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE BILLS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS FOR AN INDIGENT PERSON THAT WENT TO THE HOSPITAL; IT WASN'T AN INMATE, ETC.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT DIDN'T SAY ON THE INVOICE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO RESEARCH THESE INVOICES FURTHER AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID HIS QUESTION IS HAS IT CHANGED SINCE THE ADMINISTRATOR NOW HAS TAKEN IT OVER AND THE COUNTY IS NOT INVOLVED IN IT ANYMORE. IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD BEAR THE COST. HE IS NOT RECOMMENDING THE BOARD JUMP UP AND PAY IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED WHEN THESE CLAIMS WERE FILED; UNDOUBTEDLY, IT HAS BEEN THROUGH COURT.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY WERE FILED BACK IN 2003 WHICH WAS PROBABLY BEFORE NORTH FLORIDA HEALTHCARE TOOK OVER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THE COUNTY IS LIABLE FOR THESE CLAIMS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID THEY HAVE AGREED TO TAKE INSTALLMENTS ON THE CLAIMS IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO HONOR THEM.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED TO TALK TO THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR AND BRING THIS MATTER BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, MR. PITTS BEGAN WITH HIS REPORT:

A. VAB APPOINTMENTS-DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW HAD REQUESTED THE BOARD APPOINT TWO COMMISSIONERS TO THE VAB BOARD. HE HAS TALKED TO COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND STRICKLAND AND BOTH ARE WILLING TO SERVE. THE THIRD PERSON HAS TO BE APPOINTED. MR. JIM TOWN HAS AGREED TO SERVE ANOTHER YEAR ON THE VAB.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SERVING AS THE BOARD'S VAB APPOINTEES AND MR. TOWN TO SERVE AS BOARD'S APPOINTEE WHO OWNS HOMESTEAD PROPERTY IN THE

COUNTY.

B. BAHOMA ROAD AGREEMENT-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF WORK TO SHORTEN THE DISTANCE OF THE PROJECT PAVING AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION FOR THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED TO JUNE 30, 2011.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE SHORTENING THE DISTANCE HAS BEEN VOTED ON; BUT, WHAT THIS WAS ABOUT WAS TO ALLOW THEM TO GET THE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FOR THE PROJECT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED THE SCOPE OF WORK REDUCTION WAS APPROVED IN MARCH, IN APRIL COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE PROJECT WAS DEAD, NOTHING WAS EVER DONE ON THE REDUCTION AND THEN FL-DOT COMBINED THE REDUCTION WITH THE EXTENSION OF TIME SO IT HAS TO BE APPROVED AGAIN.

WHEN COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED SOMEONE TO EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT WAS BEING DONE, COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT IS WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO TIE INTO OVER SOME DRAINAGE AND TIE BACK IN ON A CURVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WERE THEY GOING TO PAVE ANYTHING AND IF SO, WHERE IS IT GOING TO START AND WHERE IS IT GOING TO END.

MR. PITTS SAID IT WAS .29 MILES EAST OF STATE ROAD 273 TO .66 MILES WEST OF THE JACKSON COUNTY LINE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID PLEAS CIRCLE STARTS THERE AND IT GOES TO .29 AT THE END. THE PROBLEM IS YOU CAN'T GET THE FULL RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THOSE AREAS ON THE TWO ENDS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED IT BEING DISCUSSED ABOUT CURB AND GUTTER IN THERE AND QUESTIONED IF THAT WAS NOT BEING DONE EITHER. IS THERE NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY THERE TO COVER IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WON'T EVEN SIGN FOR THE MAINTAINED EASEMENT OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT IS JUST LIKE COMMISSIONER BROCK ON BONNETT POND; IF HE DON'T GET THAT EASEMENT OUT THERE, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH OF A PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HIS QUESTION IS, IS THE PART YOU CAN'T

GET IS THE DRAINAGE IN THERE BECAUSE THE DRAINAGE IS GOING TO BE THE KEY TO THE PAVEMENT. IF YOU CAN'T GET THE DRAINAGE OFF THE ROAD, WHERE IS THE WATER GOING AND THAT IS VITAL.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS PART OF HIS PROBLEM AND THEY HAVE A ROAD OUT THERE THAT AVERAGES \$28,879 MAINTENANCE COST A YEAR AND MOST OF IT IS BETWEEN PLEAS CIRCLE AND JUST PAST THAT LITTLE CREEK OVER THERE. FL-DOT IS OKAY WITH IT.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY WOULD BE WORKING ON PAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS THEY MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE SOME OF THE STORMWATER WITH DITCHES ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD. THERE IS ROOM TO DO THE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID CLIFF HAS MOST OF IT SURVEYED; HE HAS ONE PROBLEM ON A CORNER THEY ARE WORKING ON. THAT WOULD GET THEM WHERE THEY GET THEIR WATER AWAY FROM THAT AND GET THAT AREA PAVED.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT ON BAHOMA ROAD TO SHORTEN THE SCOPE OF WORK AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION ON THE PROJECT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2011. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH THE PROJECT AS THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR A YEAR OR MORE NOW AND THEY STILL KEEP GETTING IT SHORTER AND SHORTER. HE QUESTIONED IF FL-DOT KEEPS APPROVING THIS EVERY TIME.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY HAVE ONLY SHORTENED THE PROJECT ON BOTH ENDS AT ONE TIME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF FL-DOT HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID "YES."

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD GET THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A SHORTER ROAD. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS WHAT FL-DOT HAS SAID; THEY HAVE IT IN A LETTER.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS PROJECT; THERE HAS BEEN A PROBLEM OUT THERE. QUITE FRANKLY HE WANTS

TO GO AHEAD WITH IT; IT IS NOT WHAT HE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE. BUT, IF THEY WANT TO SPEND \$28,879 EVERY YEAR TO KEEP UP THAT SECTION IN THERE, HAVE AT IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY WERE DOING ANY DRAINAGE PAST PLEAS CIRCLE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID "YES."

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THEY HAD ENOUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DO THE ENGINEERING AND HAVE THE DITCHES, ETC. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS WHAT HE IS TRYING TO MAKE SURE OF IT.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID "NO." THEY MAINTAIN A BUNCH OF RIGHT-OF-AY; BUT, IT IS CALLED A PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF PATE WOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE MORE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DO WHAT HE WANTED TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID "NO;" THEY WILL DO THE DRAINAGE WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY THEY HAVE NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND BROCK QUESTIONED THE SHOULDERS AND DITCHES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BUILD A ROAD AND MAINTAIN IT WHERE THE DITCHES ARE NOT GOING TO BE A VERTICAL DROP AT THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WOULDN'T BE; IT WILL WORK.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT FOR BAHOMA ROAD TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF WORK AND REQUEST AN EXTENSION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2011.

C. LAW ENFORCEMENT III FUNDS-SHERIFF HADDOCK HAS REQUESTED A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT III FOR \$5,000 FOR AN AIR CLEANING SYSTEM FOR THE EVIDENCE ROOM AND \$6,500 TO PURCHASE A NARCOTICS DETECTION DOG WHICH INCLUDES TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING FOR THE HANDLING OF THE DOG.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSION-

ER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF SHERIFF HADDOCK'S REQUEST FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LE III TO PURCHASE AN AIR CLEANING SYSTEM FOR THE EVIDENCE ROOM AND THE PURCHASE OF A NARCOTICS DETECTION DOG INCLUDING TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING FOR THE HANDLING OF THE DOG.

D. SALE OF PROPERTY AT NEW HOPE-THE BOARD VOTED AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO SELL THE PROPERTY AT THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT. THEY DIDN'T REALIZE AT THE TIME FL-DOT WAS EXPECTING A RESOLUTION ON THEIR VOTE. MR. PITTS ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE DEED AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER HOWELL HAVING MADE MENTION OF THE AMOUNT FL-DOT WAS OFFERING BEING LOW. SINCE THEN, FL-DOT HAS COME BACK AND TALKED TO SOME PEOPLE DOWN THERE AND THEY HAVE UPPED THEIR OFFER. THIS WAS THE FIRST OFFER TO THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD TOOK THE FIRST THING FL-DOT OFFERED. HE WILL HAVE TO AGREE COMMISSIONER HOWELL WAS CORRECT.

MR. PITTS REPORTED HE HAD TALKED WITH STEVE WHITTINGTON OF FL-DOT TO SEE OF THE \$81,000, IF THE \$10,000 THAT WAS TO BE PUT INTO THE NEW VOTING PRECINCT COULD BE USED TO DO THE INSIDE OF THE SUNNY HILLS FIRE STATION IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO BUILD A NEW VOTING PRECINCT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD MR. PITTS THIS WOULD BE TAKING MONEY FROM THE VOTING PRECINCT AND SENDING IT TO SUNNY HILLS. MR. PITTS SAID HE WAS TAKING MONEY, IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T BUILD A BUILDING, THEY AREN'T GOING TO GET. THEY ARE BUILDING A BUILDING IN SUNNY HILLS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ON THE SALE OF THE NEW HOPE VOTING PRECINCT PROPERTY TO FL-DOT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND DEED. COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED.

E. LETTER FROM RANDALL TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR TO ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY SITUATION DUE TO OIL SPILL-MR. PITTS REPORTED BAY COUNTY EMS IS HAVING TO MOVE THEIR PEOPLE TO THE BEACHES BECAUSE OF THE OIL SPILL AND THEY NEED HELP FROM THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR AMBULANCE SERVICE RUNNING. ACTUALLY, BAY COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PUT PEOPLE ON THE BEACHES; SO, THEY ARE ACTUALLY ASKING WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS TO FURNISH SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE TO PUT ON THE BEACHES SO BAY COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO RUN THEIR AMBULANCE SERVICE. THE INITIAL PAY RATE BEING DISCUSSED IS \$110 PER HOUR PER EMPLOYEE; THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DRIVE THEIR OWN VEHICLE SO THERE WOULD BE SOME REIMBURSEMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE FOR GOING TO BAY COUNTY WORKING; THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID 1.5 TIMES THEIR REGULAR SALARY. MR. PITTS SAID HE WAS ASKING THE BOARD TO ALLOW HIM TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY COUNTY OR ANY OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTY NEEDING ASSISTANCE AS LONG AS THE LOCAL EMS IS STILL MAINTAINING COVERAGE FOR OUR AREA.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WOULD THEY BE USING WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCES. MR. PITTS ADVISED THE LOCAL EMS WORKERS WOULD BE CARRYING DEFIBULATORS, ETC.; BUT, NOT THE AMBULANCES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHO WOULD BE PAYING FOR THE MILEAGE FOR EMS WORKERS TO GO TO BAY COUNTY. MR. PITTS SAID THE \$110 BEING PAID PER HOUR INCLUDED MILEAGE.

MR. PITTS REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HIMSELF AND RANDALL OR RANDY TRUETTE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR THIS TO BE CLOSELY SCUTINIZED AS THE SERVICES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY COMES FIRST. HE KNOWS WITH THE \$110 PER HOUR AGAINST THE SALARY THE EMS WORKERS ARE DRAWING, HE WOULD WANT TO GO TO BAY COUNTY TOO. HE REQUESTED THE EMS BE STAFFED AT ALL TIME WITH QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

MR. PITTS CLARIFIED THE \$110 PER HOUR WOULD GO TO THE EMS SERVICE AND NOT TO THE EMPLOYEE; THE EMPLOYEE WOULD BE PAID 1.5 TIMES

WHAT THEY ARE NORMALLY PAID.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE MR. PITTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH BAY COUNTY FOR THE LOCAL EMS PERSONNEL TO BE USED AS LONG AS WASHINGTON COUNTY IS COVERED.

F. CLOSE PUBLIC WORKS WEEK OF JULY 4TH-MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE SUPERVISORS AT PUBLIC WORKS APPROACHED HIM AND ASKED, SINCE THE 4TH OF JULY FALLS ON A SUNDAY AND THE STAFF WOULD BE OFF ON MONDAY, TO SHUT DOWN PUBLIC WORKS THE REMAINING THREE DAYS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL FOR DISCUSSION TO SHUT DOWN PUBLIC WORKS THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THAT IS THE WEEK THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE IN HIS DISTRICT WORKING. HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY REPORT BACK TO HIS DISTRICT WHEN THEY RETURN TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE SURE THERE IS A CREW IN PLACE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THERE BEING AN EMERGENCY CREW IN PLACE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE NORMAL STAFFING FOR EMERGENCIES HE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE IN PLACE.

MS. CRITTENDON, LONG LAKE, ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING IF IT WOULDN'T ENOUGH FOR PUBLIC WORKS JUST TO HAVE A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK; NOW THEY ARE GOING TO A THREE DAY BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY. THERE IS PLENTY OF WORK TO BE DONE AND IF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO DO IT, SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DIRECT THEM. SHE WORKS IN HOME HEALTH CARE, SHE TRAVELS THE ROADS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, SHE HAS A FOURWHEEL DRIVE AND THAT IS WHY SHE HAS A FOURWHEEL DRIVE.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO SHUT PUBLIC WORKS DOWN THE WEEK OF THE 4TH OF JULY.

G. SHADE MEETING ON SIKES CASE-MR. PITTS ADDRESSED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS TO BE HELD ON JULY 22ND AT 9:00 A.M. HE HAS TALKED WITH BRYAN DUFFY ABOUT THE SIKES CASE. THE BOARD IS ASKING FOR A SHADE MEETING AND HAVE COME UP WITH JULY 22ND AT 9:00 A.M. MR. PITTS REQUESTED HE ADVERTISE THE AGENDA AS A 9:00 A.M. MEETING WITH A 9:01 RECESS TO GO INTO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF MR. PITTS' REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD MEETING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO ABOUT FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. HE SAID THEY DIDN'T GET INTO THIS SHAPE OVERNIGHT AND THEY CAN'T FIX IT OVERNIGHT; HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM SO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND; BUT, WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS WELL IS TO GO AHEAD AND PUT TOGETHER A GROUP OF FOLKS TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT FIRE AND OCTOBER 1ST START WITH THE NEW OPERATIONS. THEY WOULD HAVE JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TO FIGURE IT OUT. UNLESS THEY EARMARK SOME PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN AND START DISCUSSING THIS, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET ANYTHING DONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF EBRO'S PURCHASE ORDERS COME THROUGH THE CITY OR IF VERNON'S COMES THROUGH THE CITY OF VERNON.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND RESPONDED THE COUNTY DOESN'T DO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE ORDERS NOW. HE IS GOING TO ASSUME COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IS TALKING ABOUT THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE COUNTY HAS TO START SOMEWHERE; THEY CAN START WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NOW AND THE CITY DEPARTMENTS IN THE NEXT PHASE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THERE BEING A COMBINATION OF FUNDING WITH THE MUNICIPALITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS; USUALLY, WHEN THE

FUNDING COMES TO THE MUNICIPALITIES, THEY TIE IT TOGETHER. IT IS NOT SEPARATED; IT IS IN A LUMP SUM.

ROGER SAID MUNICIPALITIES GET AUDITED AND THE COUNTY CAN TRACK THEIR FUNDING FROM THE AUDIT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE THOUGHT LAST MONTH THE AGREEMENT WAS THE ELEVEN FIRECHIEFS WERE GOING TO GET TOGETHER, HAVE A MEETING AND EXPRESS THEIR POINT OF VIEW AND TRY TO WORK WITH THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AGO, HIM, MR. HAGAN, MR. STEVENSON, FLOYD AYCOCK AND HE THOUGHT MR. PALMER WAS PRESENT AT A MEETING AT HINSON CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE TOLD THEM WHAT WE WANTED AND THEY TOLD US WHAT THEY WANTED; WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD, THE BOARD SAID THEY WOULDN'T GOING TO AGREE TO THAT. IT WAS GOING TO BE EITHER THIS WAY OR NO WAY. HE IS KIND OF STUCK IN BETWEEN A HARD SPOT; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE WANTING SOMETHING AND THE BOARD IS WANTING SOMETHING AND SOMEBODY HAS GOT TO GIVE.

ROGER SAID HE THOUGHT A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH MR. PALMER LAST WEEK WAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS DIDN'T MIND TO MEET; BUT, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THEM TO MEET; BUT, DIDN'T TELL THEM WHAT TO TALK ABOUT. THEY JUST CREATED ANOTHER LEVEL OF BUREACRACY OR MEDIOCRACY, ETC. TO HAVE FIVE COMMISSIONERS AND ELEVEN CHIEFS IN THERE IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN AGENDA OR SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID YOU DON'T NEED FIVE COMMISSIONERS AT THE MEETING. ROGER EXPLAINED CHAIRMAN HOLMAN HAD SAID LETS HAVE A MEETING WITH FIVE COMMISSIONERS AND THE FIRECHIEFS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THAT NOT WORKING TOO WELL THE LAST TIME IT WAS DONE WITH CHAIRMAN HOLMAN AGREEING. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID WE HAVE DONE THAT AND THERE WAS ALSO ONE MEETING HE HAD WENT TO HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE. THE MONEY COMES FROM THE BOARD.

ROGER REPORTED AFTER THEY HAD THE MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, HE THOUGHT THEY MET AT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, TOOK BACK THOSE THINGS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WHERE THE COMMITTEE MET AND THEY NEGOTIATED, THE FIREMEN APPROVED THE LANGUAGE AND THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT WAS GONE OVER IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD WOULDN'T AGREE WITH IT. HE THOUGHT THE POSITION OF THE WCFA IS THE NEGOTIATION IS SEND US BACK SOMETHING AND NOTHING WAS EVER SENT BACK. HE THOUGHT HE HAD MONTHLY REPORTS AND OTHER THINGS DOCUMENTING THE WCFA HAS WAITED. HE REALIZES IT IS HARD FOR THE BOARD TO MEET BECAUSE OF SUNSHINE; BUT, MAYBE THEY NEED TO SAY WHAT THEY WANT WHILE THEY ARE IN SESSION AND THEN NEGOTIATE AGAIN.

MR. HAGAN STATED HE THOUGHT WHAT COMMISSIONER HOWELL HAS SAID IS SOMETHING THAT IS WORKABLE; BUT, COMMISSIONER PATE WANTED A COMMITTEE TWO YEARS AGO AND THE LAST TIME THEY MET WAS IN 2009 AND THEY SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK AFTER THE BOARD DOES SOMETHING WITH THE PROPOSAL BROUGHT TO THEM. THE BOARD DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THAT PROPOSAL. THE POWERPOINT THE BOARD SAW A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WAS VERY WELL PREPARED; BUT, PROBABLY 80% OR MORE OF WHAT WAS IN THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT THE COMMITTEE COVERED. IF THE BOARD WANTS TO DO WHAT THEY JUST SAID HE THINKS WHAT THE BOARD OUGHT TO DO IS MAKE A MOTION BEGINNING IN OCTOBER, THEY WOULD GO WITH THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM. THEY ARE AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR; GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO KNOW THEY WILL GET THIS DRAW AND THE DRAW AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 30TH AND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, THEY WILL GO TO THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM. WHILE THEY ARE IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR, WHEN THEY COME TO OCTOBER 1, 2011, HE WOULD SUGGEST THE BOARD WOULD APPOINT ONE PEOPLE, TWO PEOPLE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; IF IT NEEDS TO BE HIM AND MR. STRICKLAND STILL OR SOMEBODY FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WHATEVER, THE BOARD WANTS IF THEY WANT TO RESURRECT ANOTHER COMMITTEE. BUT, THEY NEED BETTER INSTRUCTIONS THAN WHAT THEY GOT.

ROGER SAID IT WOULD BE LIKE THE MOWER EARLIER; HE DONE WHAT THEY

ALWAYS DONE. HE SENT THE BOARD LETTERS. THE BOARD CAN'T CHANGE THE RULES EVERY MONTH AND THE WCFA BRING THEM BACK SOMETHING BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO DO. THEY HAVE HURRICANE SEASON. THE WCFA WILL BRING THEM BACK SOMETHING BUT THE BOARD NEEDS TO GIVE THEM A SQUARE TO WORK IN.

MR. PALMER SAID ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WANT TO WORK TOGETHER AND BE A PARTNERSHIP; THEY ARE A PARTNERSHIP. THEY CAN'T EXIST WITHOUT THE BOARD; THE BOARD NEEDS THEM TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION. THEY WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE FIRE SERVICE BETTER; THAT IS THE GOAL OF EVERY FIREFIGHTER. THEY HAVE TO OPEN UP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND MOVE IN A LOGICAL, ORDERLY MANNER TO WHERE THEY BOTH WANT TO GO.

ROGER SAID IN THE COMING BUDGET YEAR IF THE BOARD WANTS TO GO TO THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM, AND THAT IS WORKING WITH THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT, GO TO THE MUNICIPALITIES AND GIVE THEM AN ABBREVIATED AGREEMENT LIKE THEY ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH AND JUST REQUIRE A COPY OF THEIR AUDIT THAT SHOWS WHERE THE FIRE MONIES GO IN AND COME OUT. IF THE BOARD FINDS ONE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES DIDN'T USE THE MONIES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LIKE THEY SHOULD, THEN DEAL WITH THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT IS IN VIOLATION AND NOT ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WHO THEY WANTED TO MEET WITH THE FIRE-CHIEFS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THOUGHT IT WAS A PROBLEM WITH HIM BEING ON THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE HE IS A COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IS A PROBLEM. HE REFERRED TO WHAT MR. PALMER SAID ON TV ABOUT HIM NEVER HAVING GONE AND TALKED TO HIM, HE IS SORRY; BUT, THAT IS A LIE.

MR. PALMER SAID NOBODY HAS EVER COME AND SAID "WE HAVE A PROBLEM, WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TOGETHER TO FIX IT."

MR. PITTS INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAD ALREADY ASKED ROGER TO MAKE HIM AWARE OF THE NEXT WCFA MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIM HAVING BEEN DEALING WITH FIRE

PROTECTION FOR MANY YEARS. THEY HAVE COME A LONG WAY AND SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TO CHANGE AND GO THE OTHER WAY AND THEY HAVE TO BEAR THE BACKBONE TO DO IT. HE IS JUST THE MAN TO DO IT NOW BECAUSE HE HAS NOTHING TO LOSE IN THIS FIGHT RIGHT HERE. THEY NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY; THEY ARE SPENDING AROUND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY PER YEAR FOR FIRE FUNDING. IF THE FIRE CALLS GO OFF, AND HE USED GREENHEAD FOR AN EXAMPLE, THEY ARE AT WORK AND THERE ARE A LOT OF BACKUPS COMING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THEY ARE RECEIVING MONEY TO PROVIDE FIRE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY. THERE COMES A TIME YOU HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE TO PUT SOMETHING PERMANENT IN HERE AS A CENTER AS A FIRE STATION TO GIVE PEOPLE FIRE SERVICE AT ALL TIMES. MAYBE THE TIME HAS COME.

ROGER SAID HE HAS MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES; A LOT OF THINGS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH IS GROWING PAINS. THE COUNTY IS FIVE TIMES LARGER THAN IT WAS JUST A FEW YEARS AGO AND BAY COUNTY TOLD HIM, MR. PATE AND MR. AYCOCK IT TOOK TEN YEARS TO PUT TOGETHER A FIVE YEAR PLAN. HE TOLD MR. BROCK HE OUGHT TO GET A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT HE IS ASKING FOR WITHIN THE COMING BUDGET YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID MOST IMPORTANT IS ACCOUNTABILITY OF WHERE THE DOLLAR IS GOING OUT HERE. IT HAS BEEN HANDED AND HANDED AND HANDED OUT OVER THE YEARS AND TRUTHFULLY THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE MOST OF IT WENT; SOME OF IT THEY DO. THE CITIES ARE AUDITED AND KEEP TRACK OF THEIR FUNDING.

ROGER ADDRESSED HIM TALKING TO ANOTHER CHIEF YESTERDAY AND THEY THINK ACCOUNTABILITY IS MORE THAN MONEY. ACCOUNTABILITY NEEDS TO BE A LEVEL OF SERVICE. IN THE FUNDING AGREEMENT, THE BOARD SHOULD SAY THEY EXPECT FIVE FIREMEN TO SHOW UP THAT ARE FFI CERTIFIED, ETC. THEY NEED TO DECIDE A LEVEL OF SERVICE THE BOARD EXPECTS, WHAT THEY ARE FUNDING FOR THAT. EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY MAY HAVE PAID PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE, THEY ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE PROBLEM, A LOT CAME OUT OF THE

SUNNY HILLS ISSUE, WHICH WAS LIABILITY WITH THE COUNTY, SAFETY FACTORS, ETC. AND THE COUNTY HAS LEARNED A LESSON ON THIS AND MAYBE IT IS BEST TO PUT AN UPFRONT BEST FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CENTRALIZE IT IN THE COUNTY TO PUT FFI'S AND FFII'S OUT THERE 24 HOURS A DAY AND PAY THEM. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IS THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO GET FFI'S AND FFII'S AND THEY ARE GOING TO RUN INTO SALARY PROBLEMS BECAUSE THE FIRE FUNDING IS GOING TO GO ALL IN SALARIES AND THERE WON'T BE ANY FUNDING LEFT FOR OPERATIONS.

ROGER SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO DISCUSS A FUNDING SOURCE BECAUSE THEY WANT BE ABLE TO PAY FIREMEN ON A HALF MILL.

MR. PALMER AGREED THAT IS WHAT THEY NEED TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS. THEY CAN LOOK AT WHERE THEY STAND TODAY AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND WHERE THEY WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS NOT ALONE IN THIS; THERE IS A PLACE IN NORTH CAROLINA NOW DISCUSSING THEIR COUNTYWIDE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMMENTS THEY ARE GETTING ON WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND WHAT WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GETTING RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE FIGHTING THE SAME BATTLES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS BEEN DONE; IT HAS BEEN DONE IN OTHER COUNTIES AND OTHER STATES.

ROGER SAID IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO GO CENTRAL OR GO ANY OTHER COMBINATION, ONE OF THE THINGS THEY NEED TO BE TASKED WITH IS WHAT FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS, WHAT CODE, WHAT OSHA, WHAT NFPA, ETC. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THEY NEED TO ENCOMPASS.

SHERRY TAYLOR, MAYOR OF EBRO, THOUGHT THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD TAKE TIME AND NOT SOMETHING THEY NEED TO RUSH INTO. SHE THOUGHT WHATEVER THE PLAN IS THEY COME UP WITH FOR COUNTYWIDE, MAYBE IT COULD BE VOLUNTARY FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS. SHE REFERRED TO VERNON HAVING ISSUES AND THEY ARE READY FOR COUNTYWIDE AND WANT TO GO COUNTYWIDE RIGHT NOW, MAYBE KEEP IT OPEN AND OPTIONAL FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS. GIVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT AREN'T QUITE READY TO MAKE THAT DECISION YET TO

WATCH IT A LITTLE BIT TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO GO ON BOARD WITH THAT. SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT HAS TO BE MANDATORY THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS GO ON BOARD WITH COUNTYWIDE.

MS. TAYLOR FELT LIKE THE CONTRACT MR. STEVENSON AND THEM PRESENTED TO THE BOARD WAS A GOOD CONTRACT; BUT, SHE DIDN'T FEEL THE BOARD TOOK THE TIME TO READ OVER IT. AS FAR AS THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE MONEY, THE BOARD HAS THINGS IN PLACE NOW THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE. IT IS THE COUNTY'S FAULT THOSE REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN MONITORED; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY AND A BUDGET IS SUBMITTED. THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOMEBODY NAMED TO MONITOR THOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS THAT CAME IN AND IF EVERYTHING WASN'T UP TO PAR, THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A MEETING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT TELLING THEM THEY WEREN'T ACCOUNTING FOR THEIR MONEY AND IF THINGS AREN'T CORRECTED IN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS, THEY WANT GET THEIR NEXT PAYMENT. SHE WAS TOLD THAT.

ROGER STATED THE QUARTERLY REPORTS WERE MONITORED. MS. TAYLOR ASKED HOW DID THEY GET INTO THE SITUATION WITH THE PRIOR SUNNY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. HOW WAS IT LET GO SO LONG.

ROGER EXPLAINED THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE FIRE AGREEMENTS THAT SAID THEY COULDN'T DO WHAT THEY WERE DOING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD AGREEMENT. AS FAR AS THE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY MR. STEVENSON AND THE COMMITTEE, HE DID READ THE AGREEMENT AND STUDIED IT VERY CLOSELY AND DIDN'T AGREE WITH IT. THAT IS WHY HE FEELS THE WAY HE DOES.

MS. TAYLOR SAID THE EBRO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRECHIEF FEELS LIKE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE TAKING THE CONTROL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AWAY FROM THEM. THEY ARE PROPOSING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR LAND, BUILDING, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND FUNDS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND BROCK ASKED MS. TAYLOR WHERE SHE HEARD THIS FROM AND DID ANYBODY FROM THE COUNTY TELL HER THIS. MS. TAYLOR SAID "NO." SHE WAS TOLD THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SIGN A 15 OR 20 YEAR LEASE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THOUGHT HE WAS HEARING MS. TAYLOR SAY WHERE THE CONFUSION IS FIRE DEPARTMENTS DON'T AGREE WITH EACH OTHER.

MS. TAYLOR DISAGREED AND SAID SHE FELT THE MAJORITY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THEY HAVE BEEN SERVING AND DON'T WANT TO GO COUNTYWIDE. SHE THINKS THE MAJORITY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FEEL THEY ARE BEING TAKEN CONTROL OVER. THAT IS WHY SHE IS ASKING WHY DOES THE COUNTYWIDE HAVE TO BE MANDATORY AND THEY ARE BEING THREATENED IF THEY DON'T SIGN UP WITH THIS LEASE, YOUR FUNDING IS GOING TO BE CUT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED MS. TAYLOR WHO WAS THREATENING HER. MS. TAYLOR SAID THAT IS WHAT SHE IS HEARING. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THAT IS THE PROBLEM; THAT IS WHAT SHE IS HEARING.

MS. TAYLOR SAID SHE WAS AFRAID THE BOARD ISN'T HEARING WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE HEARING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED MS. TAYLOR IF SHE HAD HEARD THIS BOARD THREATEN HER OR ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT. MS. TAYLOR SAID SHE HADN'T.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED MS. TAYLOR IF SHE HAD HEARD THIS BOARD SAY TO HER OR MR. PALMER OR ANY OF THE OTHER FIRECHIEFS IN HERE THEY WANT THEIR LAND, THEIR DEPARTMENT, ETC. MS. TAYLOR SAID "NO."

MS. TAYLOR REITERATED SHE WAS AFRAID THE BOARD IS NOT AWARE OF THE THINGS THEY ARE HEARING.

MR. BRYAN PIERCE STATED THE POWER POINT AT THE LAST MEETING SAID THEY WERE TAKING IT OVER. COMMISSIONER HOWELL POINTED OUT THAT WAS NOT A COUNTY POWER POINT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE POWER POINT WAS SOMETHING HE PUT TOGETHER TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD.

MS. TAYLOR SAID SHE FELT LIKE EACH LEASE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED INDIVIDUALLY; THERE SHOULDN'T BE ONE LEASE THAT SHOULD BE EQUITABLE TO EACH MUNICIPALITY. SHE IS IN A DIFFERENT POSITION THAN VERNON; EBRO HAS BEEN VERY BLESSED AND HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF ISSUES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN FINANCIALLY SOUND AND PRESENTED THEIR

REPORTS LIKE THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO. THERE WERE A FEW MONTHS THEY HAD A PROBLEM. IT IS HER HOPE AND HER PRAYER AT SOME POINT IN TIME THAT EBRO WOULD HAVE A CITY OWNED FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON BEHALF OF HER RESIDENTS, SHE CAN'T SIGN ANYTHING THAT IS GOING TO TIE HER UP FOR FIFTEEN OR TWENTY YEARS. SHE WOULDN'T DO THAT IN HER POSITION BECAUSE SHE ONLY SERVES TWO YEAR TERMS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THERE IS SOME RUMORS OUT THERE IF EVERYTHING COMES UNDER THE COUNTY, THEY WILL TAKE ALL THE EQUIPMENT AND DISBURSE IT OUT WHERE THEY WANT TO. THAT IS NOT TRUE. THE FIRECHIEF WILL BE THE FIRECHIEF IN THAT DEPARTMENT AND NOTHING WON'T CHANGE; THEY WILL HAVE THE SAME STUFF THEY HAVE NOW.

MS. TAYLOR SAID SHE WAS ASKED ABOUT SIGNING A FIFTEEN OR TWENTY YEAR LEASE AND SHE CAN'T DO THAT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED WHO ASKED HER TO DO THAT WITH MS. TAYLOR STATING SHE WASN'T GOING TO BRING UP ANY NAMES. SHE WOULD NEVER SIGN ANYTHING THAT WOULD BIND THE PEOPLE OF EBRO FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING OBVIOUSLY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND MR. PALMER HAS PROBLEMS. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID "NO;" THEY GET ALONG.

MS. THOMPSON SAID SHE HAD WATCHED THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND HAVE NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THEM. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE FIRECHIEFS, HOW ABOUT GETTING A GROUP OF A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE TELLING THEM WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE, WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WANT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAS DONE THAT FOR OVER A YEAR AND THAT DIDN'T WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IT JUST ADDS ANOTHER LEVEL LIKE MR. HAGAN WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. THEY JUST NEED A FEW STAFF PEOPLE AND THE FIRECHIEFS TO FIGURE IT OUT; THE FIRECHIEFS KNOW MORE ABOUT FIRE THAN THE BOARD DOES. THE BOARD CAN'T TELL THEM HOW TO DO FIRE.

MR. PALMER SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD SPEAK FOR QUITE A FEW OF THE CHIEFS HE HAS HAD CONVERSATION WITH OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE

CHIEFS DO NOT OPPOSE A COUNTYWIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD LOVE TO HELP ACHIEVE THE GOAL. BUT, THEY NEED TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO GET THERE. HE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW HE WAS AT WORK IN CHIPLEY AND HIS GREENHEAD DISTRICT IS COVERED AND HE DOESN'T HAVE TO PUT SOMEONE IN DANGER TO RESPOND ALL THE WAY FROM CHIPLEY TO GREENHEAD.

MR. LOU TRACY ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THEY HAD ELEVEN OF THE FINEST FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; THEY CAN PROVIDE A SERVICE, PUT OUT THAT FIRE, SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY. THE PROBLEM THE BOARD HAS IS THEY TRY TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS BEING IN TO BEGIN WITH. IF THEY WOULD LET THESE FIRECHIEFS DO THEIR JOB EVERYDAY INSTEAD OF MICROMANAGE WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO MICROMANAGE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES THAT HAVE PARTIAL PAID FIRE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEY WILL SEE EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY THEY DON'T HAVE BECAUSE IT COST A LOT OF MONEY. YOU WONDER WHY THE FIRECHIEFS DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU; BECAUSE YOU STEP OUTSIDE THE BOX AND LEAVE THE CHIEFS OUT. YOU GET A GROUP THAT COMES IN HERE THAT HAVE BEEN HERE A COUPLE OF YEARS TO COME UP WITH THIS FINE PROPOSAL ON HOW WE ARE GOING TO DO THE COUNTYWIDE FIRE SERVICE FOR A HALF MILLION DOLLARS; BUT, DO WE STOP LONG ENOUGH TO ASK THESE CHIEFS AND SHOW THEM THE PLAN COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HAS. THE FIRECHIEFS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN IT. IF HE WAS ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HE WOULD HAVE THE CHIEFS IN HERE TO TELL THEM HOW TO CONTINUE TO RUN THIS FIRE SERVICE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE. HE LIVES IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THEY HAD A RATING OF 8, FIXING TO GO TO A RATING OF 7 AND OVERNIGHT THE BOARD DECIDES THEY DON'T NEED THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT THERE ANYMORE. THERE WAS NEVER ANY GOOD REASON FROM THIS BOARD WHY THEY DISBANED THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT; IT WAS NEVER PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IF HE WAS ONE OF THE OTHER CHIEFS, HE WOULD BE AFRAID THE BOARD WOULD BE COMING

AFTER THEIR DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN STOPPED MR. TRACY DUE TO THE COUNTY STILL BEING IN A LAWSUIT WITH THE SHVFD, INC.

MR. TRACY SAID LETS TALK ABOUT THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT AREN'T IN THE LAWSUIT BECAUSE HE IS JUST AS CONCERNED ABOUT THEM AS HE IS HIS OWN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE FIRECHEIFS, MR. PITTS AND MR. HAGAN TO MEET ON THE 15TH OF JULY AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE COUNTYWIDE FIRE SERVICES TO TRY AND FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

MR. PITTS QUESTIONED ARE THEY GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THE COUNTYWIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE DOLLARS BEING SPENT. MR. PITTS SAID ACCOUNTABILITY IS MORE THAN QUARTERLY REPORTS AND THAT SEEMS TO BE THE POINT EVERYBODY IS MISSING. HE THINKS MOST, IF NOT ALL, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TURN IN A QUARTERLY REPORT AND SHOW THEY HAVE SPENT THE MONEY PROPERLY. BUT, THE MONEY THAT WAS SPENT BOUGHT EQUIPMENT, ETC. IN THE NAME OF A CORPORATION AND THE COUNTY HAS NOTHING THEY CAN ACCOUNT FOR WITH TAX DOLLARS THEY WERE GIVEN. HE IS HEARING FROM THE TAXPAYERS THEY WANT THE BOARD TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MONEY THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS SPEND; BY DOING THAT, IT NEEDS TO BELONG TO THE COUNTY. HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE RURAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL RECOMMENDED EACH COMMISSIONER WRITE DOWN THINGS THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE GROUP DISCUSSING AND PROVIDE IT TO MR. PITTS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY HAVE DONE THAT AND ASKED MR. HAGAN IF THAT WEREN'T CORRECT.

MR. HAGAN SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS SAID FOR THIS TO BE DONE; BUT, HE IS NOT SURE ANYTHING WAS PROVIDED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED THE BOARD TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME WITH THE CHEIFS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

LYNN GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE PROPOSAL SHE OFFERED WAS NOT HER PROPOSAL, NOR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S PROPOSAL. IT WAS

A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT GOT TOGETHER. SHE SAID HER FAMILY HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT, CURSED, BLAMED EVERYTHING IN THE COUNTY ON THEM.

MS. GOTHARD REFERRED TO WHEN MR. PALMER SAYS WE ARE PROVIDING A SERVICE AND HIS DEPARTMENT GOES TO A FIRE, HE HAS NO CERTIFIED PEOPLE AND HE IS A FIREFIGHTER OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT OR WHEN WAUSAU GETS PAGED AND THE ONE GUY THAT SHOWS UP FOR THEM IS NOT CERTIFIED, THAT IS NOT PROVIDING A SERVICE. JUST BECAUSE YOU ROLL YOUR TRUCKS TO THE FIRE AND YOU SIT THERE, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING A SERVICE. SHE AGREES SOME KIND OF MEASUREMENT IS NEEDED TO SAY WHAT THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IS. IF A DEPARTMENT CAN'T RUN DURING THE DAY AND THE COUNTY IS PAYING THEM TO RUN 24/7, THEN THEY ARE NOT PROVIDING A SERVICE. FROM THE TAXPAYERS STANDPOINT OF VIEW, THAT IS ALL THEY ARE ASKING. SHE REITERATED SHE AGREES THERE SHOULD BE A LEVEL OF SERVICE, THIS PERCENTAGE OF TIME, THEY SHOULD RESPOND WITH CERTIFIED PEOPLE ON YOUR TRUCKS. NOT THAT YOU HAVE A TRUCK FULL OF PEOPLE; BUT, EVERYBODY THERE IS ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY ARE BEING PAID TO DO. THAT IS ALL THE TAXPAYERS ARE WANTING. THEY DON'T WANT TO KILL ANY FIRE DEPARTMENTS, DO AWAY WITH ANY FIRE DEPARTMENTS, TAKE ANY TRUCKS, PROPERTY OR BUILDINGS, ETC. THE TAXPAYERS ARE WANTING TO KNOW THEIR MONIES ARE BEING SPENT RIGHT; WHEN THE PEOPLE SHOW UP THEY ARE TRAINED, QUALIFIED TO DO WHAT THEY ARE BEING PAID TO DO AND THE MONIES ARE GOING TO THE FIREFIGHTERS. THAT IS ALL THE GROUP WANTS AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT HAS BEEN TOLD IS NOT TRUE.

ROGER SAID HE SHARES MAYOR TAYLOR'S CONCERN ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE BEING TOLD AND THE BOARD IS PROBABLY HEARING THE SAME THING OR NOT HEARING THE SAME PERSON BUT THE SAME STORY. IF THERE ARE THREATENING THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID FROM THE COUNTY STAFF, ETC. IF IT IS SOMEBODY UNDER HIS DIRECTION, HE NEEDS TO KNOW IT AND IF IT IS SOMEBODY UNDER MR. PITTS' DIRECTION, HE NEEDS TO KNOW IT AND IT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. HE ADDRESSED AT ONE TIME AS MAYOR TAYLOR HAD SAID, EBRO WAS HAVING A LITTLE PROBLEM; HE CALLED SEVERAL TIMES TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD NOT LOSE THEIR FUNDING AND THEY DIDN'T LOSE

IT. THEY CAN'T FIGHT TOPIX, NOTES TO THE EDITOR, EVERYBODY'S PERSONAL OPINIONS, ETC. IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE A TEAM, THEY WILL BE HERE ON AND ON DOING THE SAME THING.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID IF IT IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE THAT IS THREATENING SOMEONE, FROM THE ANNEX, PUBLIC WORKS, AND HE FINDS OUT WHO IT IS, THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH. HE REQUESTED EVERYBODY, WHEN SOMEBODY COMES TO THEM AND TELLS THEM SOMETHING, DON'T JUST TAKE THEIR WORD; INVESTIGATE AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT BEFORE YOU START MAKING COMMENTS.

MAYOR TAYLOR SAID THE FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT IS WHERE SHE GOT SOME OF HER INFORMATION; SHE IS AWARE THE BOARD DIDN'T ACT ON THE REPORT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD DIDN'T PUT THE REPORT TOGETHER EITHER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE MAYORS OF THE CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING WITH ROGER, MR. PITTS AND THE FIRECHIEFS ON THE COUNTY WIDE FIRE SERVICES. HE ASKED THAT EVERYBODY COME TO AN AGREEMENT AND WRITE SOMETHING UP TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD THEY CAN AGREE ON AND ACCEPT AND MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ORIGINALLY WHEN THE FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP, THE TOWNS WERE REPRESENTED. WHAT HE WANTS TO BRING UP IS THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT MONEY AND WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. HE ASKED THEM TO KEEP IN MIND THE AD VALOREM TAXES HAVE BEEN SINKING OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS; THEY GIVE ONE MIL AND AS THAT SINKS, THAT HALF MILLION DOLLARS MAY VERY SOON BECOME \$400,000 OR \$300,000 DEPENDING ON HOW THE ECONOMY GOES AND THE AD VALOREM TAXES COME IN. THEY HAVE GOT TO QUIT TALKING AND PEOPLE THROWING THINGS OUT THERE THAT IS NOT THERE. WHEN HE STARTED THIS WHOLE THING ALL HE WANTED WAS TO GET A PLAN OUT THERE THAT IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO THE PEOPLE AND SAY HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE GOT AND WE ARE GOING TO NEED FIRE DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS AND LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON IT. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE DOING THE VERY THING HE DIDN'T WANT TO HAPPEN; WE ARE CROSSWAYS WITH EACH OTHER. HE STILL WANTS TO

KNOW THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT, PEOPLE FUNDING, ETC. IT TAKES TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT. YOU CAN COME UP WITH A GOOD PLAN; BUT, EVERYBODY HAS TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED ABOUT THE MONEY PART; ARE THEY GOING TO HOLD UP THE MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WERE GOING TO DISBURSE THE MONEY LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WHEN OCTOBER 1ST GETS HERE. ARE THEY GOING TO PURCHASE ORDERS.

ROGER ADDRESSED THERE IS NOTHING IN THE AGREEMENT THAT HE RECALLS THAT ADDRESSES THAT. THE OLD AGREEMENT THAT IS IN PLACE NOW WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN AFFECT UNTIL THE BOARD REPLACES IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE BOARD WANTED TO MAKE A DECISION TONIGHT ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS USING THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID SHE THOUGHT THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO BRING THE BOARD BACK RECOMMENDATIONS. ROGER SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO ADDRESS PURCHASE ORDERS; THEY WERE GOING TO WORK ON A PLAN FOR FIRE SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED FOR THE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO GO ON THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST; INSTEAD OF GETTING THEIR ALLOTMENT, THEY WILL GO ON THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM AND ANY MONIES THEY HAVE LEFT OVER THEY CAN CARRY FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SHOWED THE BOARD A PICTURE OF SINGER ROAD IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY OFF OF HIGHWAY 20 IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. THERE IS A POWER LINE THAT GOES UP AND PARALLELS THAT ROAD; THE ROAD IS ON THE POWER LINE AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T OWN THAT ROAD. POWER SOUTH OWNS THAT TRANSMISSION LINE AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN IN THERE MAINTAINING THAT ROAD FOR UMPTEEN YEARS AND MOST OF THE ROAD IS IN BAY COUNTY, NOT WHERE THE POWER LINE IS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THEY HAVE A MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BAY COUNTY ON THE ROAD. HE SAID THE REASON HE WAS ASKING WAS

WALTON COUNTY IS DEADHEADING ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE CHOCTOWHATCHEE BRIDGE AND GOING DOWN HWY 79 TO BUNKER MAINTAINING THEIR ROADS DOWN THERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID, ACCORDING TO DALLAS, THE COUNTY HAS ALWAYS GRADED THOSE ROADS OFF OF HIGHWAY 20 UP TO THE COUNTY LINE; SOME OF THEM ARE A MILE LONG, QUARTER MILE LONG AND SOME ARE A HALF MILE LONG DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU GO IN AT. BAY COUNTY PROVIDES THE MATERIAL OUT OF THEIR PIT ON HIGHWAY 231. HOWEVER, WASHINGTON COUNTY IS MAINTAINING PROBABLY A MILE OF SINGER ROAD THAT IS IN BAY COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT; THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING MANPOWER, FUEL AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED THEY ARE MAINTAINING BAY COUNTY ROADS; MR. DURUNTZ HELPED HIM RESEARCH WHERE THE POWER LINE PROPERTY WAS ON AND WHO IT WAS OWNED BY. THEY WENT DOWN AND MET WITH THOSE FOLKS AND THEY TOLD THEM NOT TO MAKE ANY MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT ROAD. HE AND DALLAS WENT AND MET WITH THEM; THE COUNTY HAS ENCROACHED ON THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY. GULF COAST ELECTRIC HAS A DISTRIBUTION LINE THAT RUNS UP THROUGH THERE AND THE ROAD IS TAKING OVER THE DISTRIBUTION LINE; THE ROAD KEEPS GETTING WIDER. EVERYTIME THE COUNTY GRADES IT, THEY GET A LITTLE WIDER AND NOW THEY HAVE PEOPLE HITTING THE POLE. HE NEEDS SOME DIRECTION ON WHAT THEY CAN DO AND WHAT THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO. DO THEY WANT TO TELL BAY COUNTY IT IS THEIR ROAD AND LET THEM FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO. THE NORTH END OF SINGER ROAD IS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY BECAUSE IT VEERS BACK OVER A COUPLE OF S CURVES AND THEY GET OVER INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY. WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN DEAL WITH THAT; BUT, THERE AGAIN THEY HAVE TO DEADHEAD ALL THE WAY BACK DOWN TO HIGHWAY 20 TO SINGER ROAD AND GO THROUGH BAY COUNTY TO GET TO THOSE LITTLE ROADS AROUND SILVER LAKE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE POINT HE WAS MAKING IS IF WALTON COUNTY HAS TO TEND TO THEIR ROADS, BAY COUNTY SHOULD HAVE TO TEND TO THEIRS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WANTS TO SEND A

LETTER TO BAY COUNTY TELLING THEM TO MAINTAIN THEIR PART OF SINGER ROAD. HE THOUGHT THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD OUGHT TO DO.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID UNLESS THEY HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY COUNTY, THEY HAVE TO DO THAT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE THINKS THERE IS A VERBAL AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO WHAT DALLAS HAS TOLD HIM. WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS BEEN GRADING THE ROAD FOR YEARS AND THEY ALREADY HAVE A LAWSUIT GOING ON WITH BAY COUNTY AND HE HATES TO BRING THIS UP AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IT IS KIND OF A MAINTENANCE THING HERE. BAY COUNTY IS GRADING AROUND THE OTHER WAY FROM FOUNTAIN COMING BACK IN ON SILVER LAKE ROAD UNTIL THEY GET TO WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE; THEY STOP THERE AND GO BACK OUT THE OTHER WAY. IT WOULD BE EASY FOR THEM TO LOOP RIGHT THROUGH AND GRADE SINGER ROAD AND GO BACK OUT TO HIGHWAY 20.

HE REITERATED HE NEEDED GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. HE HAS PEOPLE CALLING WANTING THE ROADS MAINTAINED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED DIDN'T COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAY THE OWNER HAD ASKED THE COUNTY TO STAY OFF OF IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE OWNER DIDN'T SAY STAY OFF OF IT; HE JUST SAID DON'T IMPROVE IT ANY MORE. HOWELL SAID HE WAS GOING TO GO DOWN AND IMPROVE THE ROAD AND MAKE IT BETTER AND PASSABLE. HE WAS GOING TO GET WITH THE LANDOWNER TO TRY AND GET SOME PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE AND IMPROVE THE ROAD. THE POWER COMPANY HAS TOLD THE COUNTY THEY COULD STAY ON THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY; BUT, THEY COULDN'T CONTINUE TO ENCROACH OVER PAST THE DISTRIBUTION LINE WHERE THEY ARE TRYING TO DO WITH THE DITCH NOW. HIS QUESTION IS DOES THE BOARD WANT HIM TO TRY AND SEEK PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROVIDE US PROPERTY TO BUILD A ROAD DOWN THERE OR WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DO WITH SINGER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IN HIS OPINION BAY COUNTY SHOULD BEAR MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN ROAD THAN THEY ARE DOING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID BAY COUNTY IS PROVIDING ALL THE MATERIAL AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS DONE ALL THE WORK; THEY HAVE HAULED, SPREAD, PACKED THE MATERIAL AND IMPROVED THEIR ROAD BASICALLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE BOARD WANTS MR. PITTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SINGER ROAD; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY CAN PUT WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX MONEY IN A BAY COUNTY ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REITERATED THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT GETTING THE PROPERTY FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER TO WIDEN THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED WHY COULDN'T THEY DO THAT. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS WILLING TO DO THAT IF THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD WANTS HIM TO DO; BUT, THEY ARE GOING TO INCUR SOME EXPENSE DOING THAT BECAUSE IT IS IN BAY COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE THOUGHT THE LEGALITY OF IT, EVEN THOUGH THE LANDOWNER DOESN'T WANT THE ROAD IMPROVED, THE COUNTY CAN STILL IMPROVE IT BECAUSE IT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED IT IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE DOESN'T CARE WHERE IT IS AT; IT IS STILL A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IF IT WAS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, HE WOULD AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT BEING IN BAY COUNTY. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN MAINTAIN A ROAD IN SOME OTHER COUNTY AND MAKE IT A COUNTY ROAD IN OUR COUNTY.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR MR. PITTS AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL TO SET A MEETING WITH BAY COUNTY AND TALK ABOUT SINGER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REQUESTED THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID CORBIN TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HIS BEHALF TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON AGING, RECREATION, ETC.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID THEY ALREADY HAVE A BUDGET COMMITTEE AND HIS OPINION IS TO LEAVE AS IS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHO WAS ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. MR. PITTS STATED THAT HIM, ROGER HAGAN, MS. COOK, DIANNE GLASGOW AND DEBBIE RILEY WERE THE MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. PITTS IF THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH DAVID BEING ON THE COMMITTEE. MR. PITTS SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A

PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID DAVID WAS ON IT LAST YEAR AND HE DONE A GOOD JOB.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID DAVID WAS ON IT LAST YEAR AND ROGER AND MR. PITTS WASN'T. HE REITERATED HIS RECOMMENDATION TO LEAVE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS IS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL POINTED OUT THERE WERE SIX PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE ALREADY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED DAVID HAD MORE DEPARTMENT HEADS UNDER HIM; HE HAS RECYCLING, SOD FARM, LIBRARY, AG CENTER, RECREATION. HE DID A GOOD JOB ON THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR HIM LAST YEAR; THEY GOT A RAISE LAST YEAR.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS LEAVE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS IS.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN THANKED THE CITY OF VERNON AND CITY COUNCIL FOR HAVING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT THEIR FACILITY.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN