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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS HOWELL, HOLMAN, STRICKLAND AND PATE PRESENT. COUNTY MANAGER EMORY PITTS, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER.

COUNTY MANAGER PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON LAST THURSDAY, THEY HAD DIRECTED HIM AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL TO MEET WITH MR. JEFF GOODMAN TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE CONTRACT FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY. THEY MET WITH MR. GOODMAN AND HAVE PLACED A COPY OF THAT CONTRACT IN THE BOARD'S PACKET. HE TOLD THE BOARD ATTORNEY GOODMAN IS PRESENT TODAY.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN ASKED ATTORNEY GOODMAN IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TO THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID HE HAD DRAFTED THE CONTRACT. HE HAD TALKED WITH THE COUNTY MANAGER AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL EARLIER THIS WEEK AND HE THINKS THEY ARE AMENABLE TO THE RELATIONSHIP GOING FORWARD. IF HE IS ABLE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND THE BOARD IS AMENABLE TO EXECUTING THE CONTRACT, HE WOULD BE HONORED TO BE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT AND HOPEFULLY THEY CAN GO FORWARD TODAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT JEFF GOODMAN AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND ACCEPT HIS CONTRACT.

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TED EVERETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD. HE HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER FROM FOLEY PRODUCTS CONCRETE COMPANY; BASICALLY IT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE LOAN THEY MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE TODAY. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO TAKE A LOAN FOR \$700,000 OF WHICH THEY HAVE NOT ACCEPTED; THE LOAN WILL BE USED TO PAY CSX. THEY NEED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH CSX; THE BOARD HAS SIGNED THE DOCUMENT WITH CSX BUT THEY DO NOT CALL IT EXECUTED UNTIL THEY HAVE A CHECK FROM THE BOARD. WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS WITHOUT A CHECK, THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL GO BACK UNDER REVIEW UNDER CSX. THAT WILL TAKE ANOTHER SIX TO NINE MONTHS FOR APPROVAL AND THAT WILL BASICALLY TAKE THE COUNTY OUT OF THIS PROJECT FOREVER. WHAT HE HAS ASKED, AND HE HAS TOLD THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HE WOULD NOT ASK THEM TO TAKE OUT A LOAN UNLESS THEY HAD MR. FOLEY, THE OWNER OF THE CONCRETE COMPANY, AGREE TO REPAY THE LOAN ON BEHALF

OF THE COUNTY WITH INTEREST AT ONE YEAR'S TIME IF HE HAS NOT STARTED VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION ACCORDING TO THE STATE GRANT. MR. FOLEY HAS BEEN ON THE ROAD TODAY AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT. HE HAS REVEIUED THE DOCUMENT WITH EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY. HE HAS JUST NOW GIVEN THE LETTER TO ATTORNY GOODMAN AND ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE LETTER CONTINGENT ON FOLEY'S SIGNATURE.

MR. EVERETT SAID HE FEELS CONFIDENT; THEY HAD AN ATTORNEY HELP THEM WITH THIS DOCUMENT AND IT IS A VERY GOOD DOCUMENT. THERE IS ONE OTHER ISSUE THEY WILL NEED TO GET ATTORNEY GOODMAN ON IMMEDIATELY AND THAT WILL BE THE LAND CONVEYANCE ISSUES THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL THANKED MR. EVERETT FOR HIS EFFORTS ON THIS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID AS LONG AS MR. FOLEY COMMENCES THE VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, OTTED WILL RELEASE THE MONEY AND THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE LOAN BACK THEMSELVES. IF MR. FOLEY DOESN'T COMMENCE VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, HE WILL PAY THE LOAN BACK.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

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HOWELL AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE LETTER ON THE \$700,000 LOAN REPAYMENT CONTINGENT ON FOLEY SIGNING THE LETTER AGREEING TO PAY BACK THE LOAN IF HE DOESN'T COMMENCE VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS.

MR. PITTS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE SYNOPSIS OF THE DIFFERENT OFFERS FROM THE DIFFERENT BANKS ON THE \$700,000 LOAN. WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE BEST INTEREST RATE IS WITH CAPITAL CITY BANK AT 2.6%; CAPITAL CITY ALSO REQUIRES THE LEAST AMOUNT OF DOCUMENTS AND PAPER WORK TO DO THE LOAN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM HAVING SPOKEN TO WAYLAND FULFORD AT CAPITAL CITY BANK AND HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM TO GET THE LOAN TAKEN CARE OF IN 45 DAYS; IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE LIKE THREE WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH A LOAN FROM CAPITAL CITY BANK. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. PITTS ADDRESSED OVERTIME WORK FOR THE FEMA PROJECTS. HE SAID THE BOARD HAS DISCUSSED BACK AND FORTH WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD AFFORD TO PUT THE CREWS ON OVERTIME. HE HAS SPOKEN WITH DEBBIE RILEY AT PUBLIC WORKS AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW AND THEY ASSURED HIM THEY COULD FUND SOME OVERTIME WORK AT PUBLIC WORKS TO TRY AND FINISH UP WHAT IS LEFT ON THE PW'S. HE HAS ASKED DALLAS, ROBERT AND DEBBIE TO BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD ON WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING, WHAT THEY THINK THEY CAN GET DONE AND IN WHAT LENGTH OF TIME. HE KNOWS THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE PW'S IS ABOUT 16 OR 17 MONTHS. BY WORKING OVERTIME, PUBLIC WORKS FEELS THEY CAN GET THE FEMA WORK DONE.

DEBBIE EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD TO DATE, OF THE PW'S THEY HAVE, THEY HAVE FUNDING OBLIGATED FOR \$9,128,000; OF THAT, THEY HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENTS OF \$2,378,000. THERE WERE 470 ROADS IDENTIFIED AS BEING DAMAGED IN THE FEMA EVENT; AS OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON,

ALL THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON A 195 OF THOSE ROADS. THAT LEAVES 275 ROADS WITH SOME WORK TO BE DONE; SOME OF THEM MAY ONLY NEED THREE LOADS OF DIRT. IT IS NOT THAT THERE IS A BIG PROJECT TO BE DONE ON EACH ROAD. THEY NEED 58,452 CUBIC YARDS OF FILL; THAT IS 3,076 LOADS USING THE COUNTY DUMP TRUCKS. THEY NEED 2,297 CUBIC YARDS OF MILLED ASPHALT, WHICH IS 121 LOADS AND 76,570 CUBIC YARDS OF AGGREGATE OR 4,030 LOADS.

DEBBIE EXPLAINED WHILE THE FUNDING FREEZE WAS IN PLACE, PUBLIC WORKS WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE ALL THE FILL WORK ON 14 OF THE PROJECT WORKSHEETS WHICH TRANSLATES INTO ABOUT 140 ROADS. SHE SAID CATEGORY C IS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGES PERMANENT REPAIRS; UNDER THIS CATEGORY, BOTH REGULAR TIME AND OVERTIME IS REIMBURSABLE. THE LABOR IS REIMBURSED INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE HOURLY RATE FOR THE EMPLOYEE; BUT, THE FICA, MEDICARE, WORKERS COMP, RETIREMENT, SICK AND ANNUAL LEAVE, PAID HOLIDAYS, HEALTH INSURANCE AND UNIFORMS. ANYTHING IT COSTS THE COUNTY TO HAVE THAT PERSON AS AN EMPLOYEE IS REIMBURSED. OVERTIME IS AT REGULAR TIME PLUS ONE HALF AND INCLUDES FICA, MEDICARE, RETIREMENT AND WORKERS COMP. THEY USE FEMA EQUIPMENT RATES; A DUMPTRUCK IS REIMBURSED AT \$80 AN HOUR, A MOTORGRADER IS REIMBURSED AT \$80 AN HOUR, A FRONT END LOADER IS REIMBURSED AT \$60 AN HOUR, AN EXCAVATOR IS REIMBURSED AT \$75 AN HOUR, A BACKHOE IS REIMBURSED AT \$44 AN HOUR AND A VIBRATORY ROLLER IS REIMBURSED AT \$43.50. SHE ADDRESSED THEY COULDN'T CLAIM ANY COST FOR EQUIPMENT THAT IS ON STANDBY; EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT HAS TO HAVE AN OPERATOR AND ACTUALLY BE IN USE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME. THEIR FILL IS REIMBURSED AT \$10 PER CUBIC YARD HAULED FROM A COUNTY BARROW PIT ON A COUNTY TRUCK. SHE GAVE AN EXAMPLE IF AN OPERATOR HAULED TEN LOADS AT 19 CUBIC YARDS TIMES THE \$10, THIS IS \$1900 FOR THE DAY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED DALLAS AND ROBERT IF THERE WILL BE A PROBLEM WITH THE DUMPTRUCKS NOT HAULING LESS THAN TEN LOADS OF FILL.

ROBERT AND DALLAS EXPLAINED IT IS ACCORDING TO THE DISTANCE FROM WHERE THEY ARE HAULING; SOME DAYS THEY MAY NOT HAUL BUT FIVE LOADS.

THEY ALSO SAID IF THEY WERE HAULING CLOSE TO A PW, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAUL AT LEAST TEN LOADS A DAY IF NOT MORE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THEY WERE JUST GOING TO LET THE PERSONNEL SIGN IN AND WORK WHEN THEY WANT TO OR WHAT. HE REFERRED TO HIM REMEMBERING ONE DAY THEY ONLY HAD JUST ENOUGH TO SHOW UP TO HAVE ONE CREW. IF THEY ARE GOING TO DO FEMA OVERTIME, THEY NEED SOMEBODY WORKING ON BOTH SIDES AND THEY NEED TO FINISH THE PW'S WHEN THEY START WORKING ONE. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM HE UNDERSTANDS DEBBIE IS HAVING IS IF THEY DON'T FINISH THE PW'S, SHE HAS TO COME BACK AND PUT IT TOGETHER SOMETIME AFTER PART OF THE WORK IS DONE; THEN, WHEN YOU SEND IT TO FEMA, THEY GO TO ASKING SILLY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY DID

IT TAKE ALL THIS TIME, ETC. THEY HAVE TO HAVE THAT MONEY MOVING SMOOTH THROUGH THERE AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS IS TO BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC WORKS FINISHING A PW ONCE THEY START IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS NOT WORK IN DISTRICTS ANYMORE; JUST WORK COUNTYWIDE AND BE DONE WITH IT. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT.

DEBBIE EXPLAINED THE WAY THEY HAVE BEEN HANDLING THE PW'S SINCE THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO WORK ON FEMA FOUR DAYS A WEEK IS WHEN THEY DO HAVE TO MOVE, WHEN THEY GO BACK, THEY PICK BACK UP ON THE ROAD THEY LEFT ON INSTEAD OF STARTING ON ANOTHER ROAD. THIS HAS HELPED SOME.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY HAD TWO CREWS WORKING FULL TIME FEMA EVERYDAY AND HOW MANY PEOPLE IS THIS. DEBBIE AND DALLAS ADVISED HIM THEY DID HAVE TWO CREWS WORKING FULL TIME ON FEMA EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY THEY HAVE IS WORKING ON FEMA.

DEBBIE SAID THAT INCLUDES ALL THE DUMPTRUCKS THEY HAVE AVAILABLE, TWO GRADERS, THE EXCAVATORS, LOADERS. THE LIST OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC WORKS HAD PUT TOGETHER WHICH IS JUST POSITIONS THAT ARE PROPERLY LICENSED OR KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

1. 14 DUMPTRUCKS AT 7 PER SIDE; THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE TRUCKS THAT WORK WITH THE EXCAVATORS AND THE BACKHOE TRUCKS.

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2. TWO MOTORGRADERS; ONE ON EACH SIDE
3. FOUR EXCAVATORS; ONE PER SIDE DOING ROAD WORK AND ONE PER SIDE DIGGING AND MIXING DIRT IN THE BARROW PIT
4. TWO BACKHOES; ONE PER SIDE AND THAT WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
5. TWO FRONT END LOADERS; ONE PER SIDE TO LOAD TRUCKS AT THE NEAREST BARROW PIT
6. TWO MECHANICS
7. FOUR FLAGMEN; DEPENDING ON THE JOB SITES, THEY MAY NOT BE NEEDED.
8. TWO ROLLER OPERATORS; THEY NEED TO HAVE A CLASS A LICENSE SO THEY CAN TRANSPORT THE MACHINES
9. TWO SUPERVISORS; ONE FOR EACH SIDE
10. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF; THE TWO SECRETARIES, THE TEMP CLERICAL AND TWO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WORK EMPLOYEES

DEBBIE SAID THEY WOULD RECOMMEND A SIGN UP ROSTER TO ENSURE ALL POSITIONS ARE COVERED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND SUGGESTED THE OVERTIME WORK BE MADE MANDATORY FOR THOSE POSITIONS.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS HAVING PRETTY MUCH THE CREWS THEY NEED ON FRIDAYS; BUT, ON SATURDAYS IT TAPERS OFF. HE SAID IF THEY ARE GOING TO WORK ON FRIDAYS, THEY NEED TO WORK ON SATURDAYS.

DALLAS AGREED; BUT, SAID IT IS GETTING TO BE HUNTING SEASON AND IF THEY DON'T MAKE IT MANDATORY, THEY MAY NOT SHOW UP. THEY NEED TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THEY HAVE ABOUT \$7,000,000 WORTH OF WORK YET TO DO AND SIXTEEN MONTHS TO DO IT. HE SAID IT IS BUCKLE DOWN TIME, LETS GET IT DONE OR LOSE IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID WE DO UNDERSTAND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE STRICTLY FEMA; THERE WILL BE NO OTHER WORK DONE ON THOSE TWO DAYS. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY IS WHEN THEIR OTHER PROBLEMS WILL

BE DEALT WITH AND IF NOTHING IS BEING DEALT WITH, THEY WILL WORK ON

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FEMA DURING THE WEEK ALSO.

DALLAS SAID THEY NEED TO CONCENTRATE AS MUCH AS THEY CAN ON THE FEMA WORK AND GET IT COMPLETED.

DEBBIE ADDRESSED WHEN THEY GET TO THE PLACE WHERE THEY CAN BEGIN AGGREGATE REPLACEMENT, DUE TO THE LONG ONE WAY HAUL DISTANCE FROM THE VENDORS IN JACKSON COUNTY THAT HAVE AGGREGATE, THEY THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ADVERTISE IN ORDER TO COMPETITIVELY BID FOR DRIVERS AND DUMPTRUCKS TO ASSIST WITH HAULING THE AGGREGATE FROM THE VENDOR DIRECTLY TO THE WORK SITE. SHE HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE STATE PACK, THEY SHOULD NOT STOCKPILE THE FEMA MATERIALS; THEY NEED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE ROAD. BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE, IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO HAVE SOME ASSISTANCE AS LONG AS THEY CAN HAUL DIRECTLY TO THE ROAD AND WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS.

COMMISSIONER PATE FELT THEY COULD PROBABLY GET SOME PRETTY GOOD PRICES SINCE MOST OF THEIR EQUIPMENT IS SITTING IDLE MOST OF THE TIME.

DEBBIE SAID THE FEMA PROJECTS ARE REIMBURSEMENT TYPE GRANTS:

1. FOR LARGE PROJECTS, WORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION COMPILED AND SUBMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL DOCUMENTED COST INCURRED. THEY CAN REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT PERIODICALLY. FEMA ASKS THE COUNTY TO COMPLETE ALL THE FILL OR ALL THE AGGREGATE ON A PW AND NOT JUST AS THEY FINISH THE WORK ON JUST ONE ROAD OF THE TEN THAT MIGHT BE ON THE PW.

2. THE SMALL PROJECTS FEMA PAYS THE COUNTY IN ADVANCE 75%; HOWEVER, THE WORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD FINANCE BEFORE THE FUNDS ARE MOVED TO TRANSPORTATION TRUST.

SHE SAID THERE WERE MORE LARGE PROJECTS THAN THEY HAVE SMALL PROJECTS. THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED ALL THE SMALL PROJECTS; THEY HAVE COMPLETED ONE IN THAT FIRST BATCH OF PW'S THAT WAS OBLIGATED. THERE IS SOME WORK COMPLETED ON ALL THE PW'S; THEY WERE HAVING TO MOVE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THERE WAS SOME PIPE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE DUG UP AND REPLACED. DEBBIE SAID THAT

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WAS CORRECT AND PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN WORKING ON SOME OF THE PIPE REPLACEMENT SINCE THE FIRST OF OCTOBER.

COMMISSIONER PATE THOUGHT SOME OF THE WORK HAD BEEN DONE ON THE BUDDY ROAD PW. DALLAS SAID HE THOUGHT ALL THEY LIKE ON BUDDY ROAD IS TO GET THE ROCK ON IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THEY HAD REQUESTED ADVANCED FUNDING FROM FEMA AND IF NOT, WHY THEY DON'T AS OTHER COUNTIES AROUND HERE HAVE AND HAVE GOTTEN THE FUNDING.

DEBBIE SAID IT IS ALLOWABLE TO REQUEST ADVANCED FUNDING; PUBLIC WORKS HAS NEVER DONE THAT. THEY HAVE JUST ALWAYS GOT REIMBURSED AS THEY WENT. SHE IS NOT SURE WHY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME TRY TO SPEND MONEY THEY DIDN'T HAVE; HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WANT TO GET ADVANCED FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD THEM THEY COULD JUST PUT THE MONEY ON A LINE ITEM AND LEAVE IT THERE.

DEBBIE SAID THEY CAN ASK FOR ADVANCED FUNDING. THEY CAN COMPETITIVELY BID FOR THE AGGREGATE, ETC, SUBMIT ALL OF THAT AND ASK FOR ADVANCED FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL FELT IF THEY HAD THE MONEY UPFRONT, CONTRACTORS COULD BID ON THE PW'S AND GET THEM DONE. THEN, IT WOULDN'T BE NEAR AS MUCH WORK FOR THE COUNTY TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT BECAUSE THE GUYS HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AND IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME; THEY NEED TO WORK ALL THE OVERTIME THEY CAN GET.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE AGREED 100%; BUT, IF THEY DON'T GET ALL THESE PW'S DONE THEY MAY NOT GET ANOTHER EXTENSION AND QUESTIONED THEN WHAT WOULD THEY DO SITTING THERE WITH \$3,000,000 OR \$4,000,000 WORTH OF WORK THAT HASN'T BEEN DONE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THOUGHT THEY SHOULD SEE IF THE COUNTY COULDN'T DO THE PW'S, GET A BIG JUMP ON IT BEFORE THEY GO OUT THERE

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AND ADVERTISE AND BRING OTHER PEOPLE IN HERE.

MR. PITTS TOLD THE BOARD THEY NEEDED TO KEEP IN MIND SOME OF THESE FUNDS THEY ARE COUNTING ON HAVE ALREADY BEEN OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR ROAD PAVING.

DALLAS SAID IF THE COUNTY CONTRACTS OUT ALL THE WORK, THE MONEY IS GOING TO THE CONTRACTORS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED HIM NOT MEANING TO CONTRACT OUT ALL THE PW'S.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THEY COULD FIND SOMEBODY TO HELP WITH THE ROCK HAULING AND THE COUNTY CAN DO THE REST.

MR. PITTS ASKED IF ANYBODY KNOWS IF THEY CAN GET THE ROCK AS HE KNOWS AWHILE BACK, IT WAS HARD TO GET.

DEBBIE SAID THEY HAVE DEALT MOSTLY ON THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE FINISHED WITH NORTH FLORIDA ROCK; SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE THERE WAS A TIME THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE ROCK.

MR. PITTS SAID AT ONE TIME IT GOT DOWN TO TWO OR THREE LOADS A DAY AND THEY HAD TO CALL AHEAD OF TIME TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET IT THAT DAY.

ROBERT AND DALLAS BOTH AGREED THIS WAS BEFORE THEY FOUND NORTH FLORIDA ROCK; THEY KEEP THESE MATERIALS.

MR. PITTS SAID HE JUST DIDN'T WANT IT TO GET NEAR THE END WHERE THEY WERE READY TO DO ALL THE ROCK AND NOT BE ABLE TO GET THE ROCK.

CLIFF KNAUER, COUNTY ENGINEER, ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IF THEY TAKE TWO DAYS A WEEK, WHICH IS EIGHT DAYS A MONTH X SIXTEEN MONTHS, THEY WOULD HAVE ABOUT 120 WORKING DAYS TO DO \$7,000,000 WORTH OF WORK. HE SAID FEMA PAYS FOR ALL COSTS RELATED TO LARGE PROJECTS. IN THE CASE OF THE COUNTY DOING THE WORK THEMSELVES, FEMA IS PAYING THEM BACK OR REIMBURSING THEM BASED ON THE FEMA COST CODES FOR THEIR

EQUIPMENT JUST LIKE DEBBIE EXPLAINED EARLIER. IF YOU CONTRACTED OUT SOME OF THE WORK, FEMA WOULD PAY FOR THE OVERSIGHT, THE INSPECTIONS AND THEY WOULD HAVE A VERY GOOD ACCOUNTING OF RECORDS TO SUBMIT BACK TO FEMA BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A CONTRACT TO HAND THEM THEY

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ARE GOING TO REIMBURSE THEM BASED ON. FOR INSTANCE, CLIFF SAID IF THEY HAD A LARGE PROJECT THAT WAS \$200,000, THEY PUT IT OUT FOR BID AND IT CAME IN AT \$250,000, THEY COULD GET APPROVAL FROM FEMA TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT AND FEMA WOULD REIMBURSE THEM THAT AMOUNT. IF THE PROJECT CAME IN AT HALF THE COST OF THE PW, FEMA WOULD STILL REIMBURSE THEM THAT AMOUNT. AS FAR AS THE CONTRACTING PART OF IT GOES, THERE IS REALLY NO WAY FOR THE COUNTY TO LOSE ANY MONEY. HE SAID THE KEY IS TO MAKE SURE WHATEVER PART OF THE PROJECT THE COUNTY WANTS TO DO THEMSELVES, THEY DON'T GET IN A BIND AT THE END AND RUN OUT OF TIME BECAUSE ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS BEYOND WHAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN SINCE OCTOBER ARE GOING TO BE VERY STRINGENTLY REVIEWED FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS FROM FEMA.

CLIFF SAID HE WAS NOT SAYING TO CONTRACT ALL OF IT; CERTAINLY PUBLIC WORKS IS CAPABLE OF DOING THE WORK AS THEY HAVE DONE IT IN THE PAST. BUT, THEY MAY WANT TO THINK ABOUT TAKING A CHUNK OF THE FEMA WORK AND HAVING IT CONTRACTED OUT SO THEY DON'T END UP WITH \$7,000,000 WORTH OF WORK TO DO IN 128 DAYS. THAT IS WHAT A LOT OF THE OTHER COUNTIES AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY ARE DOING. THE SMALL PROJECTS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO RECOUP SOME FUNDING; THE LARGE PROJECTS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE FEMA RATES AND THE COUNTY'S ACTUAL COST WHICH IS A SMALL PERCENTAGE. HE SAID IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO CONTRACT OUT SOME OF THE PW'S, PREBLE-RISH COULD CERTAINLY HELP THEM WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY TO TAKE THESE COMMENTS WRONG; BUT, FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS. HE WOULD NOT BE THE ONE TO SAY THEY ARE GOING TO BID EVERYONE OF THE PW'S OUT; BUT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT \$9,000,000 AND THEY HAVE ONLY A LITTLE OVER \$2,000,000 DONE IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. HE DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS; IT MAY BE A COMBINATION OF ANSWERS.

DEBBIE EXPLAINED IT'S NOT THAT IS ALL THEY GOT DONE; FEMA FROZE THE FUNDS. THE FOURTEEN PW'S THEY HAVE COMPLETED IN THE

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MEANTIME, THEY COULDN'T ASK FOR REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE THERE WERE NO FUNDS THERE TO ASK FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM AND THE MONEY IS THERE NOW.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT; BUT, THERE ARE 275 ROADS LEFT. DEBBIE EXPLAINED THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY 275

PROJECTS; IT IS 275 ROADS THAT HAVE SOME WORK DONE ON THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE HAS LOOKED AT A LOT OF THIS STUFF AND HE UNDERSTANDS IT IS HARD TO GET A HANDLE ON IT. HOWEVER, HIS CONCERN IS ARE THEY GOING TO GET DOWN TO THE END OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND HAVE A BUNCH OF THE PW WORK HANGING OVER THEIR HEADS AND NOT GET PAID FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY NEED TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTRACT SOME OF IT OUT.

DALLAS SAID THEY WOULDN'T JUST BE WORKING ON THE FEMA TWO DAYS A WEEK; THEY WOULD BE WORKING ON FEMA FIVE OR SIX DAYS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY HAVE TO HAVE COOPERATION OF THE BOARD FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO DO IT THAT WAY AND ASKED IF THAT IS RIGHT. DALLAS SAID THAT WAS EXACTLY RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE BOARD TO STEP UP; EVERY TWO WEEKS THEY HAVE THE SAME DISCUSSION AND THIS COMES UP. THE BOARD HAS TO BE COMMITTED TO LET THEM DO THIS JOB; IF THEY AREN'T DOING IT RIGHT, THEN STEP IN AND TELL THEM THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU ALL TOLD THEM TO DO. HE SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY AND LET THEM DO THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL VOICED HIS FEELING THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MANPOWER TO DO ALL THESE JOBS IN THE TIME FRAME THEY HAVE. HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD PICK SOME OF THE LARGE PROJECTS AND CONTRACT THEM OUT. LET DALLAS AND ROBERT PICK SOME OF THE LARGE PROJECTS THEY DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH.

ROBERT EXPLAINED A LOT OF THE LARGE PROJECTS, THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME WORK ON. DALLAS SAID IT IS JUST AN EVERY DAY JOB; THERE ISN'T NOTHING THEY DON'T WANT TO DO.

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COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHY WOULD THEY START A PROJECT AND NOT FINISH IT; HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID THERE WERE PROJECTS THEY STARTED AND THE BOARD CUT IT OUT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THAT WAS SOMETHING WE SHOULDN'T BE DOING. WE KNOW WHAT WAS HERE AND WE KNOW WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO AND YET, WE HAVEN'T DONE IT. HE IS AFRAID IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN; IF THEY DON'T CONTRACT SOME OF IT OUT, THEY WON'T GET IT DONE.

DEBBIE SAID FROM HISTORICAL REFERENCE, THIS IS THE SIXTH OR SEVENTH DISASTER THE COUNTY HAS HAD SINCE SHE STARTED WORKING WITH THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE HAD AS MUCH WORK; THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS HIGHER ON THIS ONE BECAUSE COSTS HAVE WENT UP OVER THE YEARS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE ALWAYS FINISHED WITHIN THE INITIAL THIRTY SIX MONTHS. THEY HAD TO GET AN EXTENSION AFTER THE FIRST EIGHTEEN MONTHS; BUT, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO FINISH.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID BY THE BOARD STOPPING THEM FROM WORKING OVERTIME IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS NOW THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE SITUATION AND HAVING TO DEAL WITH IT AGAIN. HIS RECOMMENDATION IS LET THE COUNTY DO THE PW'S; IN THREE MONTHS IF THEY HAVEN'T MADE NO HEADWAY, THE NEXT BOARD CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE REASON THE BOARD STOPPED THE OVERTIME WAS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY FUNDS TO PAY THE OVERTIME AND REIMBURSEMENT MONIES WERE COMING IN SLOWLY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AT TWO MORE DAYS, TWENTY MORE HOURS A WEEK; THEY WOULD BE WORKING SIXTY HOURS A WEEK

AND THAT IS GOING TO GET OLD PRETTY QUICK. IT DID LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID IF IT FALLS APART, THEY CAN CONTRACT IT OUT.

CLIFF SAID ANOTHER THING THE BOARD MIGHT CONSIDER IS WITH THE ADVANCED FUNDING, THAT MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MONEY SET UP IN AN ACCOUNT FOR THE CONTRACTING OF THE PROJECTS SO AS PAY REQUEST COME IN, THERE IS MONEY TO PAY FOR THEM.

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COMMISSIONER PATE THOUGHT THE LEASING TRUCKS TO HAUL THE ROCK, ETC. IS A GOOD IDEA SINCE THEY CAN'T STOCKPILE IT.

CLIFF OFFERED TO HELP THE BOARD ANY WAY HE CAN; WHATEVER ROLE HE CAN TRY AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY IN IS WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. WHATEVER DIRECTION THE BOARD SENDS HIM IS WHAT DIRECTION HE WILL RUN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF CLIFF ALREADY HAD SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS DESIGNED.

CLIFF STATED THERE WERE SOME OF THE LOW WATER CROSSINGS THAT HAVE HAZARD MITIGATION ON THE PROJECTS THAT DO ALREADY HAVE A PRELIMINARY DESIGN THAT WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FEMA. THERE WAS ACTUALLY A LOT OF PW'S THAT ALREADY HAVE ENGINEERING INCLUDED IN THE PW'S.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED CLIFF PULL THE PROJECTS THAT ALREADY HAVE A PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND GET THE BOARD A COPY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD OUGHT TO LOOK AT CONTRACTING THOSE PROJECTS OUT FOR SURE.

DALLAS SAID THAT WAS THE PLAN TO BEGIN WITH; THE MITIGATION LOW WATER CROSSINGS WERE TO BE CONTRACTED OUT. HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THE MITIGATION HAS ALL BEEN APPROVED OR NOT.

DEBBIE SAID THEY NORMALLY APPROVE THE MITIGATION LAST.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED HOW MANY PW'S ARE APPROVED TO WORK ON RIGHT NOW. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME NUMBERS ON PAPER SHOWING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING, WHAT THEIR HOURLY RATE IS, HOW MUCH MONEY ITS GOING TO COST AND WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM. HE IS ALL FOR DOING THE PROJECTS; BUT, HE WANTS TO SEE THE NUMBERS SHOWING IT IS ALL GOING TO WORK.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WORKING ON SATURDAYS STARTED DROPPING OFF; BUT, HE DOES KNOW THERE WERE SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHERE IT DROPPED OFF PRETTY DRASTIC ON SATURDAYS FROM WHAT WAS WORKING ON FRIDAY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SUGGESTED LETTING THEM WORK ON FRIDAYS ON THE FEMA WORK AND LET THEM HAVE SATURDAYS OFF; THEY NEED TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES ANYWAY.

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DEBBIE SAID THERE WERE 58 PW'S. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THIS INCLUDED LOW WATER CROSSINGS.

DEBBIE SAID THE HAZARD MITIGATION PROPOSAL SUBMITTED WITH THE PW IS APPROVED SEPARATELY FROM THE PW AND WHAT FEMA HAS TOLD HER IS THESE ARE USUALLY APPROVED LAST. SHE HASN'T SEEN ANYTHING BACK WHERE THESE HAVE BEEN APPROVED; SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED BECAUSE THEY WERE COST EFFECTIVE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THE MONEY WAS THERE TO WORK FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS. DEBBIE ADVISED IT WAS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID IT IS IF WHEN PUBLIC WORKS DOES THE PROJECTS, THEY GET REIMBURSED IMMEDIATELY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FEMA PROJECTS, PICK OUT THE MITIGATION PROJECTS CLIFF IS TO DO AND CONTRACT THOSE AND WORK ON FRIDAYS ONLY AND SEE WHERE THEY ARE IN FEBRUARY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR A PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR OR A DIRECTOR AT PUBLIC WORKS. IT IS SOMETHING THEY TALKED ABOUT; THERE IS MONEY TO DO IT WITH AND HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THIS TODAY THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING AHEAD AND ADVERTISING THIS POSITION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, AUTHORIZE MR. PITTS TO COME UP WITH A MATCHING SALARY TO GO WITH THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND ADVERTISE THAT POSITION.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED IF THEY WANTED TO COME UP WITH A SALARY FOR THE POSITION. MR. PITTS SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A SALARY PREVIOUSLY SET WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS \$57,000.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID LET MR. PITTS LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES IN THE AREA THAT HAVE THOSE POSITIONS. MR. PITTS SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS DONE BEFORE WHEN THE SALARY WAS PREVIOUSLY SET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND QUESTIONED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM.

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COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED IT WOULD COME FROM PUBLIC WORKS. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; BUT, HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE IS WILLING TO STEP OUT ON IT RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THEY HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY ALL THIS OVERTIME, THEY HAVE MONEY TO HIRE A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

ROBERT SAID OVERTIME IS REIMBURSABLE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN PASSED HIS GAVEL TO VICE-CHAIRMAN HOWELL AND SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND HOLMAN VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND PATE OPPOSING. THE MOTION FAILED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

MR. PITTS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE DISCUSSION THAT WAS HELD ON THE CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AT THEIR WEDNESDAY MORNING PUBLIC WORKS MEETING. THEY HAVE SOME MOTORGRADERS THAT ARE GETTING EXTREMELY HIGH HOURS ON THEM. THEY HAD ASKED EDDIE JERNIGAN TO DO SOME RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT HE COULD BUY MOTORGRADERS FOR. MR. JERNIGAN HAS GONE OUT AND GOTTEN BIDS ON WHAT SIX OF THE OLDER GRADERS WOULD BE WORTH. HE CAME BACK WITH A QUOTE FROM AN AUCTION COMPANY OUT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA; THE BID ON THE SIX TRACTORS WAS \$555,000. THEY

HAVE GOTTEN QUOTES FROM JOHN DEERE AND CATERPILLAR AND IN TALKING WITH THE EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS LOOKING AT THE RESALE VALUE OF THE MACHINES, THEY FEEL THE CATERPILLAR IS THE BEST BUY EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE. THEY ARE TYPICALLY \$30,000 TO \$40,000 MORE A PIECE MORE EXPENSIVE; BUT, A SIX OR SEVEN YEAR OLD MACHINE SUCH AS WHAT THEY ARE GETTING RID OF NOW IS TYPICALLY \$30,000 PLUS LESS IN VALUE THAN THE JOHN DEERE IS WHEN YOU GET READY TO GET RID OF THEM. THEY HAVE CERTAINLY HAD GOOD SERVICE OUT OF THE CATS; THEY CURRENTLY HAVE TWO JOHN DEERE.

MR. PITTS SAID HE IS NOT SUGGESTING THEY BUY THEM BECAUSE HE

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DON'T HAVE FIRM NUMBERS ON FINANCING THE EQUIPMENT. HE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH NUMBERS. THEY ARE SHOWING A DOWN PAYMENT OF MORE THAN THE VALUE OF THE MACHINES THEY WOULD BE SELLING; IT WOULD LEAVE THE COUNTY COMING UP WITH ABOUT \$30,000 EACH ON THE TRACTORS.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN SAID HE KNOWS THE COUNTY NEEDS EQUIPMENT AND THE EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE IS WEARING OUT; BUT, HIS SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW BOARD COMES ON AND LET THEM DEAL WITH IT.

MR. PITTS SAID THE ONLY REASON HE BROUGHT IT BEFORE THE BOARD IS HE HAD A QUOTE FROM THE AUCTION THAT HAD TO BE ANSWERED BY NOVEMBER 15TH; THAT BID GOES AWAY AFTER THAT DATE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THAT IS SOMETHING THE NEW BOARD WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

MR. JERNIGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING THE ONLY REASON HE PUT THIS TOGETHER IS BECAUSE CATERPILLAR CAME TO HIM PROBABLY FOUR WEEKS AGO AND HAD SOME 2009 MODEL GRADERS THEY WERE WANTING TO GET RID OF AT PRETTY GOOD PRICES. HE BROUGHT IT TO MR. PITTS ATTENTION AND HE TOLD HIM TO PURSUE IT. THE \$555,000 IS THROUGH AN AUCTION COMPANY; THEY ARE PLANNING ON THE BOARD MAKING A DECISION RELATIVELY SOON. THE REASON HE ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION SOON IS BECAUSE IN 2012 THE GOVERNMENT HAS MANDATED NEW EMISSIONS FOR ALL EQUIPMENT; THAT IS GOING TO RAISE THE PRICES FOR GRADERS TREMENDOUSLY. THE QUOTES HE HAS GOTTEN NOW IS 2011 MODEL GRADERS FOR 2009 PRICES. HE DON'T BELIEVE THEY WILL EVER SEE THESE PRICES AGAIN. THE PRICE IS \$238,000 PER GRADER.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY COULD ACTUALLY BUY SOME 2009 MODELS AT ABOUT \$10,000 CHEAPER; WHEN YOU ARE GIVING UP TWO YEARS FOR \$10,000 AND THE RESALE VALUE ON THE OTHER END, HE DOESN'T THINK IT IS WORTH THE \$10,000 SAVINGS.

MR. JERNIGAN SAID CATERPILLAR HAS BEEN REAL GOOD EQUIPMENT AND HOLDS ITS RESALE VALUE A LOT BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE. HE SUPPLIED MR. PITTS WITH AN INTERNET COPY OF THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS

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VERSUS CATERPILLAR VERSUS JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT WHAT THE RESALE VALUE IS. ALL HE CAN DO IS ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO REALLY LOOK SERIOUSLY INTO THIS BECAUSE IT IS GETTING TIME AT THE END OF EVERY YEAR HE HAS A MAJOR EXPENSE WITH THE EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD THREE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT DOWN AND IT HAS RUN ANYWHERE FROM \$9,000 TO \$20,000 TO FIX THEM. IT WAS BASICALLY THE SAME PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED HOW MANY NEW GRADERS WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT WANTING.

MR. JERNIGAN EXPLAINED THEY HAD DISCUSSED PURCHASING FOUR NEW GRADERS AND SIX NEW GRADERS.

MR. PITTS SAID THEY DISCUSSED AN OPTION OF SELLING SIX GRADERS AND PURCHASING FOUR GRADERS; BUT, THAT IS NOT GOING TO WORK IF THEY ARE GOING TO WORK FEMA EVERYDAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE SIX GRADERS THEY ARE WANTING TO SELL IS THE SIX WORST GRADERS AND THERE ARE SOME THAT AREN'T VERY FAR BEHIND THEM IN HOURS AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS.

MR. JERNIGAN SAID THESE WERE THE SIX OLDEST GRADERS IN THE FLEET AND EACH ONE OF THEM HAS A MINIMUM OF 8000 HOURS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT SPENT ON MAINTENANCE OF GRADERS THIS YEAR. MR. PITTS SAID ON MAJOR REPAIRS, THEY HAVE SPENT \$50,000; HE THINKS MOST OF THIS HAS BEEN SPENT IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

MR. JERNIGAN SAID IT HAS BEEN A TREND THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS, AT THE END OF EVERY YEAR WHEN HE THINKS HE HAS SMOOTH SAILING UNTIL THE NEW BUDGET COMES IN, HE HAS A MAJOR BREAKDOWN. IT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO WITH AN EXCAVATOR AND THIS YEAR IT HAPPENED WITH TWO GRADERS AND HE CAN'T TELL THEM WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THERE BEING ABOUT \$50,000 IN THE EXCAVATOR WHEN THEY GOT IT TO WORKING; THEY GOT IT BACK AND IT WORKED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AND SPENT TWO OR THREE WEEKS IN THE SHOP.

HEATHER, FROM A WORK COMP POINT, UPDATED THE BOARD ON AN EMPLOYEE

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BEING HURT BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATION OF ONE OF THOSE MACHINES AND SHE HAS HEARD OTHER EMPLOYEES EXPRESS IN SAFETY MEETINGS THEIR CONCERN. THE EMPLOYEE WAS HURT BECAUSE THERE WAS A STEP THAT BROKE; IT WAS DETERIORATED INSIDE. THE EMPLOYEES DO A GOOD JOB INSPECTING THEIR MACHINES BEFORE THEY GO OUT; BUT, THIS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN SEEN. IT WAS NOT THE EMPLOYEE'S FAULT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED ABOUT THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE NEW GRADERS.

MR. PITTS REPORTED THAT CATERPILLAR SHOWED \$123,750 BEING PLACED DOWN ON EACH MACHINE AND THAT IS WHAT HAS MESSED HIM UP ON THE PRICING. THEY WOULD BE GETTING \$90,000 PER MACHINE THEY WOULD BE SELLING AT AUCTION. THE JOHN DEERE TRACTOR IS \$175,000 LESS MONEY; BUT, THEY ARE SHOWING ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF \$52,000 A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS.

MR. JERNIGAN SAID THE QUOTE FROM CATERPILLAR WAS FOR TWO GRADERS; NOT JUST FOR ONE. MR. PITTS REITERATED CATERPILLAR SHOWED A QUOTE ON EACH MACHINE OF \$123,750; HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE THEY GOT THAT FROM.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID WHEN THEY WERE DISCUSSING THIS, CATER-

PILLAR DIDN'T MENTION A DOWN PAYMENT IF THEY GIVE THEM THE \$550,000 FROM THE AUCTION.

MR. PITTS SAID CATERPILLAR OR JOHN DEERE HAS MADE A MISTAKE; CATERPILLAR IS SHOWING \$50,000 A YEAR FOR TWO MACHINES AND JOHN DEER IS SHOWING A PAYMENT OF \$50,000 A YEAR FOR SIX MACHINES. HE SAID SOMETHING DON'T ADD UP.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED WITH MR. JERNIGAN THAT CATERPILLAR IS A WHOLE LOT BETTER MACHINE.

MR. JERNIGAN SAID HE WAS LOOKING AT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD WHEN THE BOARD DECIDES THEY NEEDED TO REPLACE THE MACHINES. THEY ARE GOING TO GET MORE MONEY RESALE VALUE FOR A CATERPILLAR THAN THEY ARE FOR JOHN DEERE. HE STATED HE WAS NOT KNOCKING EITHER EQUIPMENT BRAND; BUT, THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE. THEY ARE GOING TO GET

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MORE MONEY FOR A CATERPILLAR THAN THEY ARE FOR A JOHN DEERE.

CHAIRMAN HOLMAN REQUESTED MR. PITTS LOOK INTO THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FURTHER.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON A MEETING HE HAD WITH FL-DEP TODAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND FRIDAY, THEY WILL BE DEEMING THE COUNTY'S DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT COMPLETE FOR THE 70 ACRE SITE FOR PROJECT PIPE. DUE TO THEM MAKING IT THROUGH THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEW RULES FOR THE PHASE II ERP, THIS SHOULD SAVE THEM ABOUT FOUR MONTHS IN TIME ON GETTING THEIR PERMITS IN HAND.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX BEING POURED TODAY ON FIRE TOWER ROAD; THEY WILL HAVE THE WALLS FORMED UP AND POURED PROBABLY BY NEXT WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY AND PROBABLY HAVE THE BOX COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON GILBERTS MILL ROAD; THEY HAVE THE SOD DOWN ON IT AND IT TURNED OUT GREAT. THE PROJECT IS MOVING ALONG.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REQUESTED MR. PITTS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND MR. JERNIGAN LOOK OVER THE PAPERWORK ON THE GRADERS SO THEY CAN GET IT IN BEFORE THE AUCTION DEADLINE. COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING; HE SAT IN ON THE MEETINGS WHEN THE GRADERS WERE DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN