

JUNE 29, 2011

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 2 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA. COMMISSIONERS ABBOTT, BROCK, PATE AND STRICKLAND WERE PRESENT. ATTORNEY GOODMAN, INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

DEPUTY RACKARD PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN PATE OFFERING PRAYER AND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WAS TO ADDRESS OUTSTANDING PIPE PROJECT BID AWARDS FOR EARTH WORK AND RAIL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROPOSED AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE CONCRETE COMPANY.

TED EVERETT ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO DISCUSS GOING FORWARD WITH PROJECT PIPE; THE PROJECT PIPE OFFICIALS HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE COUNTY THEY BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE TEN EXTRA ACRES OF LAND THEY WILL BE USING ON THE PROJECT. PROJECT PIPE IS READY TO COMMIT WITH BUILDING THEIR PIT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31ST. THEY ARE READY TO CREATE TWENTY TWO FULL TIME JOBS WITHIN A SIX MONTH PERIOD AND THEN RAP UP FROM THERE. TED UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE AND ATTORNEY GOODMAN TALKING TO PROJECT PIPE AS OF LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON THE PRICE OF THE LAND AND THEY RECEIVED A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THIS MORNING. PROJECT PIPE IS PREPARED TO OFFER \$7500 PER ACRE FOR THE TEN ACRES. THIS LAND BASICALLY HAS THE COUNTY'S OLD BUILDINGS ON IT; THEY CAN'T TAKE A RAIL SPUR TO THAT SITE. IT IS GOING TO BE BASICALLY LANDLOCKED BY MR. FOLEY, THE DEAL FAMILY AND THE SPRAY FIELD. HE NEEDS A DECISION FROM THE BOARD ON THE SALE OF THE TEN ACRES TO PROJECT PIPE. HE ALSO NEEDS A DECISION ON A TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE CONCRETE COMPANY. HE AND ATTORNEY GOODMAN HAVE BEEN TALKING TO PROJECT PIPE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THEY HAVE SUBSCRIBED THEY GET A TAX ABATEMENT OF 70% IN YEAR ONE AND TWO, 65% IN YEAR THREE AND FOUR AND A 50% ABATEMENT IN YEARS FIVE THROUGH TEN ON THE TOTAL VALUE

OF THE CONCRETE COMPANY'S MANUFACTURING FACILITY, WHICH IS \$12.5 MILLION OR IT COULD BE MORE. BUT, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS SO THEY CAN GET THEM READY TO BUILD THE PIT WHICH WILL THEN TRIGGER THE OTTED FUNDS BEING RELEASED.

TED CORRECTED THE LOCATION OF THE TEN ACRES SAYING IT IS NOT THE BUILDINGS; IT IS JUST TO THE EAST OF THAT. IT IS TEN ACRES BELOW THAT; NO FISH PONDS, NOT PARK AND RECREATION AND IT REALLY DOESN'T HAVE MUCH SITE ON IT EITHER. THE COUNTY IS REALLY NOT USING IT FOR ANYTHING.

CLIFF SHOWED THE BOARD ON A MAP THE LOCATION OF THE SITE PROJECT PIPE IS WANTING TO PURCHASE. HE ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO BUILDINGS ON THE TEN ACRE PIECE OF PROPERTY PROJECT PIPE IS WANTING TO PURCHASE. HE ALSO TOLD THE BOARD THEY LEFT A 100' RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHIPLEY PROPERTY AND THE CONCRETE COMPANY PROPERTY SO THE COUNTY WOULD ALWAYS HAVE ACCESS THROUGH THERE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED IF THEY KNEW APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH PROPERTY THE COUNTY HAD LEFT AT THE SOD FARM AREA. GARY CLARK SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS INITIALLY A 70, A 10 AND A 10; THEY CUT TWO TEN ACRE BLOCKS OFF THE ORIGINAL NINETY ACRES THAT THEY KEPT FROM THE CITY. THEY CUT IT INTO TWO TEN ACRE BLOCKS AND THAT IS HOW THEY INTENDED TO REMARKET IT.

TO ANSWER COMMISSIONER ABBOTT'S QUESTION ABOUT HOW MUCH PROPERTY THE COUNTY STILL OWNS AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE, CLIFF ESTIMATED IT WOULD BE BETWEEN TEN AND TWELVE ACRES. IT IS THE BALANCE OF THE 98 ACRES FROM THE CITY PROPERTY, WHAT WOULD BE LEFT OVER FROM THE SEVENTY PLUS THE TEN ACRES. HE REITERATED THERE WERE ABSOLUTELY NO STRUCTURES ON THE SITE PROJECT PIPE IS WANTING TO PURCHASE.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN PROVIDED THE BOARD THE OUTLINE TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OPTION AGREEMENT; OBVIOUSLY THESE ARE THE KEY BULLET POINTS THAT ARE INCLUDED. THIS IS WHAT THE COUNTY IS GIVING UP AND WHAT THEY ARE GETTING AS WELL. THERE WILL BE SOME LANGUAGE IN THE ADDENDUM THE ATTORNEYS, AND ONE OF THE ATTORNEY'S FOR FOWLER WHITE

WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HE AND TED IS HERE TODAY AND GOODMAN COMMENDED HIM FOR COMING UP FROM JACKSONVILLE, WILL WORK OUT THE KEY, THE LEGAL EASE IN THE CONTRACT BUT WHAT HE PROVIDED IS WHAT THE COUNTY IS GIVING UP AND GETTING.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID THERE WOULD ALSO BE A KICKER; THEY ARE DOING THIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GETTING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM OTTED. THERE WILL BE LANGUAGE IN THE CONTRACT AS WELL ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR THE RELEASING OF FUNDS FROM OTTED TO MAKE THIS EFFECTIVE AND TO MAKE THIS BECOME OBLIGATED. PROJECT PIPE HAS RESOURCES OVER FOWLER WHITE TO HELP THE COUNTY WITH OTTED IN GETTING THESE FUNDS THROUGH. HE, TED AND COUNTY STAFF HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FOLKS AT OTTED ABOUT GETTING THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS; THE REASON THEY NEED THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS FROM OTTED IS THEY HAVE OUTSTANDING BIDS ON RAIL TIES AND EARTH WORK. THEY ARE IN A POSITION RIGHT NOW THAT EVERYBODY IS SOMEWHAT MOTIVATED. MR. FOLEY AND HIS COMPANY IS MOTIVATED AND READY TO PRESS FORWARD AND READY TO BIRTH THIS BABY SO TO SPEAK. THE COUNTY IS READY TO AWARD THESE BIDS TO GET THE EARTH WORK AND THE RAIL TIES GOING AND OTTED IS READY TO SEE SOME DIGGING OF THE PIT AND THE CONVEYOR SYSTEM IN ORDER TO RELEASE FUNDS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PAY FOR THIS WORK. THEY HAVE DONE THE BEST THEY CAN IN NEGOTIATING A DEAL WHEREBY ALL OF THOSE INTERESTS ARE MET BY ALL THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND AFTER A LOT OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS, THIS IS WHAT THEY HAVE COME UP WITH THAT MR. FOLEY AND HIS COMPANY, TCC ARE COMFORTABLE WITH AND THIS IS THE PROPOSAL THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BRING TO THE BOARD TODAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHAT THE POSSIBILITY WAS ABOUT MOVING THE STARTING DATE UP TO THE 20TH OF JULY SO THEY CAN GET THAT TIED DOWN.

PROJECT PIPE'S ATTORNEY ASKED IF COMMISSIONER PATE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE DATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIT BEING MOVED UP TO THE 20TH OF JULY AND EXPLAINED HE WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO MR. FOLEY AND HIS CONTRACTORS; HE DON'T KNOW OFF THE TOP OF HIS HEAD THE ANSWER TO

PATE'S QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE QUICKER THEY CAN GET THE PIT DONE AND STARTED, THIS WOULD HELP THE COUNTY OUT WITH THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM OTTED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED, FOR CLARIFICATION, IF THE BOARD SENT OUT FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIDS FOR THE RAIL SPUR AND THE EARTHWORK. HE SAID NEVER BEFORE HAS HE HEARD THIS OTHER TEN ACRES WAS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THEY COULD ACCEPT THESE BIDS; IT WAS THE RELEASE OF MONIES THEY COULD GET BACK FROM OTTED. NOW THEY ARE COMING BACK TODAY, THEY HAVE SENT OUT BIDS AND RECEIVED BIDS OVER A MONTH AGO, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO, AND HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE HOLDING THEM TRYING TO NEGOTIATE GETTING MONIES FROM OTTED SO THEY COULD START THIS. NOW TODAY, PROJECT PIPE IS REQUESTING ANOTHER TEN ACRES OF PROPERTY.

TED SAID, IF HE REMEMBERS CORRECTLY, THIS ISSUE OF THE TEN ACRES CAME UP APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN EXPLAINED THE ISSUE COMMISSIONER ABBOTT IS TALKING ABOUT, HE BELIEVES IS CORRECT. FROM A HISTORICAL BASIS, THE COUNTY BID OUT AND DIDN'T HAVE THE ASSURANCES THEY NEEDED TO HAVE THAT OTTED WOULD RELEASE THE FUNDS TO DO THE WORK. THE COUNTY TRIED SEVERAL METHODS TO URGE OTTED TO GET CERTAIN FUNDS RELEASED FOR THE RAIL TIES AND THE EARTH WORK. OTTED HAS COME BACK AND SAID THE ONLY WAY THE FUNDS WERE GOING TO BE RELEASED IS BY TCC DIGGING THAT PIT AND CONVEYOR SYSTEM. SO, TCC NEEDS TO DIG THAT PIT AND CONVEYOR SYSTEM PRIOR TO OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT EARTH WORK OR RAIL TIES. SO, WASHINGTON COUNTY YOU FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET TCC MOTIVATED TO DIG THAT PIT BECAUSE THAT IS HOW YOU ARE GOING TO GET YOUR MONEY. THAT IS WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED WITH THE COUNSEL FOR TCC AND BASICALLY IT WENT LIKE THIS; WE NEED YOU TO DIG NOW. WE DON'T NEED YOU TO WAIT FOUR MONTHS AFTER THEY START THE RAIL TIES AND THE EARTH WORK BECAUSE WE NEED OUR MONEY RELEASED. THAT WAS THE BASIS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF "ALRIGHT WE WILL CONSIDER EXPEDITING WHAT

WE NEED TO DO ON OUR END AND TAKING A RISK ON IF WE CAN GET "X, Y AND Z." THAT X, Y AND Z HAS BEEN WHITTLED DOWN INTO WHAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN PROVIDED TODAY. THAT IS HISTORICALLY WHERE THEY HAVE GONE IN THE LAST FIVE TO SIX WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS TED HAD SAID TCC WOULD START DIGGING IF THE COUNTY WOULD SELL THEM THIS OTHER TEN ACRES. ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GIVE TCC THE TEN ACRES.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED IF THE COUNTY DON'T SELL MR. FOLEY THE TEN ACRES AND OBLIGE WITH THE OTHER FIXTURES IN THE OUTLINE FOR THE SECOND OPTION AGREEMENT, THEY WILL BE AT A STAND STILL. THEY WILL BE READY TO AWARD BIDS WITHOUT THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THE BIDS AND THEY WILL BE IN A POSITION WHERE THEY ARE IN A STARE DOWN WITH OTTED; OTTED WILL BE IN A STARE DOWN WITH THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY WILL BE IN A STARE DOWN WITH TCC AND TCC WILL BE STARING AT THE COUNTY. THAT IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN. THERE WILL BE THE POSSIBILITY AND RISK THE PROJECT IS LOST AND THEN THE RAMNIFICATIONS THAT FLOW TO EVERYBODY FROM THAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WISHED THERE WERE PEOPLE OUT THERE WORKING; HE WAS TOLD MONTHS AGO THEY WOULD BE. HE INHERITED THIS PROBLEM FROM THE PREVIOUS BOARD. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED; THE PROJECT SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONE.

TED TOLD THE BOARD HE UNDERSTANDS THAT FULLY AND IS OFFERING NO EXCUSES EXCEPT FOR THE FACT HERE IS WHERE THE COUNTY IS AT TODAY; TCC IS READY TO COMMIT THEIR RESOURCES, READY TO CREATE THE JOBS AND READY TO PAY THE COUNTY \$75,000 FOR THE TEN ACRES TO BE CLOSED ON WITHIN THIRTY TO FORTY FIVE DAYS OR AS SOON AS THE WORK CAN BE DONE AND START CREATING JOBS. WITH THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE PANHANDLE, THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL NEED TO BE REMINDED OF; WE NEED TO CREATE JOBS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED TED IF HE HAD A GUARANTEE ON THAT. TCC'S ATTORNEY ADVISED IT WAS A CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE WANTED TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR; THERE IS ONLY ONE MEMBER OF THIS BOARD THAT WAS AROUND WHEN PROJECT PIPE STARTED AND THAT IS COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND. HE SAID WHEN HE CAME ON BOARD, AND REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER BROCK SAYING HE INHERITED IT, HE INHERITED IT AND HE IS IN HIS FIFTH YEAR. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENED THEN; TODAY IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT THOSE 160 JOBS OUT THERE OR IF THEY WANT TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID, IN FAIRNESS, THIS PROJECT HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE OCTOBER; THEY PROBABLY HAVE GOTTEN MORE DONE SINCE OCTOBER SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD IN THANKS TO ATTORNEY GOODMAN. TED AGREED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THANKS TO TED ALSO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID STILL THE PROBLEM IS NOT FIXED. TED ADDRESSED THE SECOND ADDENDUM HELPS FIX THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD TED IF HE WOULD GUARANTEE HIM JOBS WILL START ROLLING IN JULY. TED SAID HE KNOWS WHERE MR. FOLEY'S COMPANY IS AND BROCK HAS HIS WORD THERE IS CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATIONS NOT JUST WITH THE COUNTY; BUT, WITH THE STATE AS WELL. THE STATE HAS GIVEN THE COUNTY A CDBG GRANT AND IT IS TIED TO JOB CREATION; IT IS A CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT AND HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET THERE. TED SAID THEY HAD ALL BEEN TRYING TO GET THERE AND AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK'S ASSESSMENT THEY ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THIS IS A TOUGH ONE; THIS IS A HARD ONE. HE IS READY TO GO THROUGH AND GET THROUGH WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED TED IF HE FELT 100% GOOD ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THEM. TED SAID HE FEELS VERY GOOD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS; HE FEELS EXTREMELY GOOD WITH MR. GOODMAN INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ASKED TO TELL THE BOARD WHERE HE SITS ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T NECESSARILY SAY HE FEELS GOOD ABOUT WHERE

THE COUNTY SITS OR THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE DON'T THINK THE COUNTY IS IN AN ENVIOUS PLACE AND HE DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE BOARD BELIEVE THEY ARE IN AN ENVIOUS PLACE. HE LOOKS AT THIS FROM, SITTING WHERE HE SITS RIGHT NOW AND UNDERSTANDING WHERE THE COUNTY IS AT AND THEY ARE AT THAT FORK IN THE ROAD WHERE THEY HAVE TO TAKE A LEFT OR TAKE A RIGHT. HE WISHED THE PATH, WHETHER THEY TOOK THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT, WAS EASIER AND IT HADN'T BEEN DRUG ON FOR FIVE YEARS AND THERE WAS 150 JOBS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW. BUT, SITTING HERE TODAY HE HAS GOT FAITH IN THE ATTORNEYS HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO GET PUSHED THROUGH. HE ADDRESSED IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS HE THINKS THERE HAS BEEN MOTIVATION BY ALL PARTIES TO WORK IN A MANNER TO GET SOMETHING DONE AND GET THIS PROJECT GOING. HE ALSO UNDERSTANDS BUSINESS AND UNDERSTANDS WHEN YOU NEGOTIATE YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP SOMETHING TO GET SOMETHING. HE CAN'T SIT HERE AND TELL THE BOARD HE IS FIRED UP AND DOING CARTWHEELS ABOUT BRINGING THIS TO THEM TODAY. HE CAN TELL THEM HE FEELS GOOD ABOUT THE COMMITMENT AND THE AGREEMENT THEY WILL HAVE STRUCTURED; HE WISHED THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO STRUCTURE IT. HE DOES FEEL LIKE THE \$7500 PER ACRE IS A REASONABLE PRICE THAT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED. TCC IS UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THE BOARD WASN'T NECESSARILY LOOKING TO GIVE THAT TEN ACRES UP AND THEY HAVE BASICALLY STARED AT EACH OTHER AND SAID "IS THAT THE KICKER." THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT AND THIS IS THE AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO BRING TO THE BOARD TO GET THIS THING ROLLING. BUT, HE DOESN'T WANT TO MISLEAD THIS BOARD INTO THEM THINKING HE IS PUMPED UP ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT. HE DOES THINK, WHERE THEY SIT TODAY FOR WHAT THEY ARE GIVING UP AND WHAT THEY ARE GETTING, THIS IS SOMETHING THEY CAN LIVE WITH FOR THE CREATION OF JOBS. HE HAS BEEN TOLD AND HE BELIEVES TCC WANTS THE TEN ACRES FOR EXPANSION; IF THEY DO EXPAND, HE THINKS IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY BECAUSE THAT WOULD MEAN THERE WOULD BE JOBS CREATED IF THEY WANT MORE. HE WISHES THE COUNTY HAD 100 ACRES ADJOINING THIS PROPERTY SO THEY COULD REAP THE BENEFITS MORE THAN WHAT THEY PROBABLY ARE. BUT, HE DOES THINK FOR

THE LAND PRICE, THAT IS A FAIR OFFER AND FOR THE ABATEMENT AND WHAT TCC IS RISKING TO START EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER, IT IS SOMETHING TO AT LEAST CHEW ON.

TED TOLD THE BOARD THERE IS GOING TO BE OTHER HICCUPS; BUT, HE THINKS THEY ARE ALL MANAGEABLE. TO MANAGE THOSE, THEY HAVE TO GO FORWARD. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF COMMITMENT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LIST SINCE OCTOBER. \$7500 AN ACRE WAS NOT DONE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M. LAST NIGHT; HE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH THE ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THE COUNTY NEEDED THIS AND IT IS FAIR.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NEXT TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND, HE IS THE LONGEST SERVING THAT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH PROJECT PIPE. HE IS NOT JUMPING WITH JOY; BUT, HE DOESN'T WANT THOSE 160 JOBS TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE COUNTY NEEDS THE JOBS; THEY HAVE VIRTUALLY NO TAX BASE HERE AND HE IS READY TO MOVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE IS ONE OTHER ELEMENT THAT COULD BE CRITICAL TO THE COUNTY IN SAVINGS FOR MATERIALS. HE UNDERSTANDS TCC COULD PROBABLY PRODUCE MATERIALS THE COUNTY USES WHETHER IT IS CONCRETE, ASPHALT, ETC. AND THEY NEED TO TIE IT UP SOMEWHERE WHERE THE COUNTY WILL GET SOME REDUCED PRICES ON THESE MATERIALS.

TED AGREED THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TALK TO MR. FOLEY ABOUT SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY ON MATERIALS THEY COULD PROBABLY PRODUCE THAT THE COUNTY USES.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND REFERRED TO WHEN HE CAME ON THE BOARD SIX YEARS AGO, HE, TED AND GARY MET TO GET HIM UP TO SPEED ON WHAT WAS GOING ON. HE TOLD TED HE KNEW MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT THAN HE DID. IT TOOK SIX YEARS TO GET HERE; BUT, HOPEFULLY, THEY ARE MOVING AHEAD. HE HAS TAKEN TED'S AND GARY'S ADVICE THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. HE TOLD THEM NOT TO LET HIM DOWN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR OVER FIVE YEARS TRYING TO GET A ROAD PAVED AT BONNETT POND AND HE IS FINALLY GOING TO GET THE CAP ON IT MAYBE NEXT WEEK. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET A BOAT LANDING IN FOR WATER MANAGEMENT DOWN THERE FOR SEVEN YEARS.

TED AGREED THIS PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN EASY.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR A MOTION ON THIS ISSUE IF THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE MOTION TO BE TO APPROVE THE OPTION AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL WITH THE ABILITY FOR HIM TO HAMMER OUT THE DETAILS AND LEGALITIES TO BRING TO THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. IF THE BOARD WOULD MAKE THEIR MOTION IN PRINCIPAL, TCC HAS SENT HIM A DRAFT OF AN OPTION AGREEMENT AND HE WOULD LIKE THE ABILITY TO GET IT WHERE HE WANTS IT.

CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED IF THEY COULD MAKE THE MOTION A LITTLE SIMPLER. ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID THEY COULD MAKE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPTION AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE OUTLINED SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY HAVING THE ABILITY TO PUT HIS CHANGES ON IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THEY STILL HAVE THE EARTH WORK AND RAIL TIES THAT HAVE BEEN BID OUT. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTING THESE AT THIS TIME AND ASKED IF THAT WAS CORRECT.

CLIFF SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO MOTION MADE AT THIS TIME TO DO THAT YET THAT HE IS AWARE OF. ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID HE WOULD ANTICIPATE THEY WILL HAVE ANOTHER SPECIAL HEARING EARLY NEXT WEEK AFTER THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OPTION AGREEMENT IS HAMMERED TO COMPLETION.

STACY WEBB UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER HAVING AN EXTENSION ON THE RAIL CONTRACT SHE HAS BEEN HOLDING. SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT NEEDS BOARD ACTION; BUT, THEY PROBABLY NEED TO GO AHEAD AND GET THAT SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO TALLAHASSEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN RECOMMENDED THE BOARD MAKE A MOTION AND VOTE TO DO THE EXTENSION ON THE RAIL CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION FOR THE OTTED RAIL GRANT EXTENDING IT TO THE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF FEBRUARY 2012.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO ADJOURN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON BONNETT POND FIXING TO BE PAVED; THAT ROAD IS NOT CARRYING SUFFICIENT ASPHALT FOR THE HEAVY TRAFFIC THAT IS GOING TO BE ON IT BETWEEN THE PITS, THE DUMP TRUCKS. THAT ROAD NEEDS AT LEAST ANOTHER TWENTY POUNDS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THIS BEING A SPECIAL MEETING AND COMMISSIONER BROCK NEEDS TO ADDRESS THIS WITH THE COUNTY MANAGER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF HE WAS JUST TO GET WITH MR. JOYNER AND GET IT DONE. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT IS RIGHT IF COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS THE MONEY.

MR. JOYNER ASKED IF IT INVOLVED MONEY. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY AND GOOD CREDIT; JUST SPEND IT AND THEN WORRY ABOUT IT.

THE MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN