

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS ABBOTT, BROCK, CARTER, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER, STEVE JOYNER, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

SHERIFF HADDOCK PROCLAIMED THE MEETING WITH ROGER HAGAN OFFERING PRAYER AND COMMISSIONER CARTER LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MR. JOYNER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GENERAL FUND REVENUES BEING \$1,180,211 LESS THAN THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WENT THROUGH THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES TO TRY AND CUT EXPENDITURES WITH COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER CARTER ROTATING ATTENDANCE AT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THE COMMITTEE WORKED WITH THE SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF AS WELL AS OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN ESTABLISHING CUTS IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS.

DUE TO THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL FUND REVENUES, THE BOARD BEGAN THEIR REVIEW OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGETS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHY THE TRAVEL LINE IN THE HUMAN RESOURCE BUDGET WAS NOT CUT AND REFERRED TO THE EXPENSES BEING \$765 IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND THEY ARE REQUESTING \$2,000 FOR THE 2011-2012.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED JUSTIFICATION WAS ASKED FOR ON EACH BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED; BUT, IT WAS NOT RECEIVED. HE ONLY SEEN A COUPLE OF JUSTIFICATIONS IN THE BUDGET PACKETS THE BOARD RECEIVED. THERE IS NO WAY A COMMITTEE OR ANYONE ELSE CAN SIT HERE AND LOOK AT THE BUDGETS WHEN THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THEY ARE REQUESTING. HE THOUGHT HUMAN RESOURCES OUGHT TO GIVE JUSTIFICATION ON WHAT THEY ARE REQUESTING.

HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, SAID THAT WAS PROBABLY AN OVERSIGHT ON HER PART. THIS COULD PROBABLY BE CUT AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE OVERSIGHT; ALL THE TRAVEL NEEDS TO BE IS WHAT IT HAS BEEN

THIS PAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT POINTED OUT HE IS NOT CRITICIZING ANYONE AS THIS IS A TEAM AND WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD LAST YEAR HEATHER SPENT \$1,704, THE YEAR BEFORE SHE SPENT \$1,620 AND THIS YEAR SHE HAS USED \$765 DUE TO HIM CUTTING DOWN THE TRAVEL EXPENSES. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO CUT TRAVEL TO \$1000 FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED THE BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS LINE ITEM IN THE HUMAN RESOURCE BUDGET. HEATHER EXPLAINED SOME OF THE EXPENSE IN THIS LINE ITEM IS FOR MEMBERSHIPS SHE UTILIZES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL BOOKS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED THE TRAVEL LINE ITEM IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2011-2012 AND ASKED IF THIS COULD BE CUT FROM \$2,000 TO \$1,500. HE THEN QUESTIONED WHAT WAS BEING SPENT ON COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COMPUTER BUDGET.

MALCOLM GAINNEY, COMPUTER DEPARTMENT, RESPONDED A T-1 LINE IS FUNDED OUT OF THIS LINE ITEM. THERE IS RECURRING MONTHLY CHARGES FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN HIS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED IF MALCOLM WAS ANTICIPATING TO SPEND \$20,000 PLUS THIS YEAR WITH AN INCREASE NEXT YEAR OF \$3,000.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED GENERALLY THE INCREASE IS FROM 3% TO 5%; BUT, IT CAN BE AS MUCH AS 10% AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD A CUSHION THERE IN CASE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED MALCOLM IF HE FELT GOOD ABOUT CUTTING HIS COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM DOWN FROM \$23,000. MALCOLM ADDRESSED THERE BEING OTHER THINGS THAT COME OUT OF COMMUNICATIONS; HIS CELL PHONE COST, BACKUP DSL LINE, ETC.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATION LINE ITEM CONSISTED OF A DSL LINE, T-1 LINE, NEXTELL, KELLY WIRELESS, A PHONE LINE, ETC. THE T-1 LINE RUNS AROUND \$1,030

A MONTH.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERRED TO THREE YEARS AGO, THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATION LINE WAS CHARGED \$21,626; IT HAS COME DOWN SOME EVERY YEAR AND NOW THEY ARE BUDGETING MORE AND THAT IS HIS QUESTION.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID IT WAS UP NOW FROM WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR AND THERE ARE TWO MORE MONTHS TO BE CHARGED TO THE LINE ITEM.

MALCOLM SAID IF HE KNEW WHAT THE INCREASE FROM THE INTERNET WAS GOING TO BE, HE WOULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT THIS; BUT, IF THEY GIVE A 10% INCREASE, HE WOULD BE SHORT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER REITERATED IF THEY WOULD HAVE HAD THE EXPLANATION ON EACH ONE OF THESE LINE ITEMS ON THEIR BUDGET REQUEST, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TRY AND DIG OUT THE ANSWER.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW PUT A LOT OF EFFORT IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET AND WHAT THE BOARD HAS IS PURE TRASH; SALARIES IS NOT EVEN IN IT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED BOARD FINANCE PUTS THE SALARY LINE ITEMS IN AND THE DEPARTMENTS ARE FURNISHED A PRINTOUT; THE BOARD DOES HAVE THE SALARIES ON THE BUDGET PRINTOUTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED WITH THE PACKAGE THEY WERE GIVEN AND THEY HAVE HAD THIS INFORMATION SINCE JULY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT CONTINUED TO QUESTIONED MALCOLM ON THE COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM AND ASKED HIM IF HE THOUGHT HE WOULD SPEND \$6,000 A YEAR MORE BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR.

MALCOLM SAID HE COULD PROBABLY GET BY WITH \$3,000 MORE; BUT, HE DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE TWO OR THREE MONTHS OF T-1 COST COMING OUT OF HIS BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF IT WAS AGREEABLE TO REDUCE THE COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM FROM \$23,000 TO \$22,000 IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED THEY HAVE HAD A BACKUP DSL LINE EVER SINCE THEY LOST THEIR T-1 LINES SINCE THE HURRICANE IN LOUISIANA WHICH COST

\$89 A MONTH AND IT HASN'T BEEN USED SINCE THE HURRICANE. HE HAS SUGGESTED TO KILL THE BACKUP DSL LINE SEVERAL TIMES AND HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TOLD NO.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO REDUCE THE COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO \$22,000.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED MALCOLM'S TRAVEL LINE ITEM; HE HAS SPENT \$1,265.41 THIS YEAR AND IT IS BUDGETED AT \$2,000 NEXT YEAR. HE ASKED ABOUT DROPPING THIS TO \$1,500.

MALCOLM SAID HE GENERALLY ATTENDS THE FACT CONFERENCE; BUT, HE DIDN'T THIS YEAR AND THAT IS WHY FUNDS ARE LEFT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS REDUCED TO \$1500 IF MALCOLM THINKS HE CAN LIVE WITH THIS AMOUNT. MALCOLM ADDRESSED HIM NEEDING TO CHECK ON SOMETHING BEFORE AGREEING TO THIS REDUCTION.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT POINTED OUT THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET IS REDUCED OVERALL 28% AND WITH THAT \$1,000 REDUCTION IN COMMUNICATIONS IT WILL BE REDUCED EVEN MORE.

MALCOLM EXPLAINED PART OF HIS COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM WAS PAYING FOR HIS ASSISTANT'S CELL PHONE ALSO AND THAT IS NO LONGER THERE; THAT IS ANOTHER \$35 A MONTH.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS IS CUT THE LINE ITEM FROM \$2,000 TO \$1,800 ON THE COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEM IN THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHAT THE EXECUTIVE SALARIES WERE.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED HIM IT WAS THE COUNTY COMMISSION SALARIES SET BY THE LEGISLATURE; BUT, THEY DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT IT. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED TO MATCH A PERCENTAGE OF EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM THAT DECIDES TO TAKE A SALARY DECREASE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE TRAVEL LINE ITEM. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THE TRAVEL LINE ITEM HAS GONE FROM \$57,500 TO \$15,000; A 73.9% THEY ARE CUTTING TRAVEL.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE CUT WAS THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL FOR

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHICH WAS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS GOING TO APPLY THE FLORIDA STATUTES ON THE TRAVEL FOR COMMISSIONERS; IF HE HAS TO GO TO MILEAGE EVERY MONTH AND TURN IT IN, HE WILL DO IT. THEY CAN'T SUPERCEDE FLORIDA STATUTE. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TURNING HIS MILEAGE IN EVERY MONTH EITHER.

CLERK COOK ASKED IF COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS GOING TO KEEP UP WITH HIS MILEAGE EACH MONTH FOR 44.5 CENTS PER MILE. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT WAS CORRECT; HE WAS TURNING IN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID LAST YEAR WHEN MILEAGE WAS TURNED IN AND BOARD FINANCE GAVE THEM A TRAVEL SHEET TO KEEP UP WITH, HOW MANY MILES DID COMMISSIONER BROCK DRIVE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE TURNED IN AROUND 2,000 MILES A MONTH IN COUNTY TRAVEL ON THE AVERAGE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID COMMISSIONER BROCK TURNED IN OVER 2,000 MILES AND HE DIDN'T KEEP A DAILY LOG. IF COMMISSIONER BROCK KEEPS UP WITH HIS DAILY TRAVEL, HE WOULD HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH EVERY MILE TRAVELLED EACH DAY FROM POINT A TO POINT B.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID RIGHT NOW AT 2500 MILES A MONTH AT 44.5 CENTS A MILE, THAT WOULD BE \$1100 A MONTH; RIGHT NOW THEY ARE GETTING \$674.00 A MONTH. THAT DOESN'T SOUND SMART TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED RIGHT NOW THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL IS PAID TO EACH BOARD MEMBER AT \$674 PER MONTH; IF THEY REDUCED IT BY 25%, THAT WOULD BE RIGHT AT \$500 A MONTH AT A FIXED RATE. BUT, AT 2500 MILES, IF THEY TURN IN THAT EACH MONTH, THAT IS \$1100 A MONTH AT A VARIABLE RATE. HE HAD RATHER HAVE A FIXED RATE AT \$500 THAN A VARIABLE RATE AT \$1100 BECAUSE ONE PERSON'S TRAVEL COULD BE TWO PERSON'S CHECKS.

CLERK COOK TOLD THE BOARD SHE DIDN'T THINK ANY OF THEM HAD EVER BEEN PRESENTED WITH A 1099 FORM; IF THEY CHOOSE TO GO THAT ROUTE

BY KEEPING UP MILEAGE DAILY AND GETTING THE 44.5 CENTS PER MILE, THEY WOULD NEED TO GET A 1099 FORM FOR INCOME AND IT BE COUNTED ON THEIR INCOME TAX. SHE POINTED OUT THAT IS JUST HER OPINION.

CLERK COOK ASKED IF ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FEEL LIKE THEY DRIVE \$500 A MONTH WORTH. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HIS FIGURED OUT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, HE TRAVELLED ABOUT \$300 WORTH; LAST YEAR, HE DIDN'T TURN IN ANY MILEAGE FOR IN COUNTY TRAVEL.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID WHAT THAT DOES, IT BRINGS THE AVERAGE DOWN ON THOSE WHO DO A LOT OF IN COUNTY TRAVEL. MR. BROCK LIVES A LONG WAY FROM HERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED AND EXPLAINED HE GETS OUT EVERY DAY; HE IS A WORKING COMMISSIONER. HE WAS OUT 2/3 OF THE DAY YESTERDAY; HE HAD TREE LIMBS DOWN EVERYWHERE, HE HAS WASHOUTS, LUCAS LAKE ROAD IS A MUD BOG AND HE HAD ALL KIND OF ISSUES GOING ON. HE CALLED IN A BUNCH OF WORK ORDERS THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE KNEW WHERE THE ISSUES WERE FOR THE SCHOOL BUSES TO PICK UP KIDS. HE DOES PUT IN A LOT OF MILES. WHEN HE WAS ELECTED HE PROMISED THE PEOPLE HE WOULD BE A WORKING COMMISSIONER AND HE IS OUT THERE FIVE TO SIX DAYS A WEEK.

CLERK COOK ASKED WHAT DID THE COMMISSIONERS THINK WAS FAIR TO THE COUNTY TO PAY THEM. IF THEY THINK IT IS 44.5 CENTS PER MILE, THEY ARE THE COMMISSIONERS. SHE SAID SHE WAS LIKE COMMISSIONER ABBOTT; SHE IS JUST QUESTIONING AND ASKING WHAT DO THEY FEEL GOOD ABOUT TAKING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID JUST BEFORE HE CAME ON THE BOARD, THEY WERE GETTING \$1100 A MONTH FOR IN COUNTY TRAVEL; IT WAS THEN DROPPED TO \$800 A MONTH AND THE NEXT YEAR IT WAS DROPPED TO \$674. IT HAS BEEN DROPPED SEVERAL TIMES.

CLERK COOK SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT THINK THEY DON'T WANT THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL OR DON'T THINK THEY NEED IT, DON'T GET IT; THE ONES THAT THINK THEY NEED IT, TURN IN THEIR TRAVEL EVERY MONTH AND GET IT. HOWEVER, SHE DOESN'T THINK IT IS FAIR TO ASK EVERYBODY

ELSE IN THE COUNTY TO CUT THE BUDGET IF THEY AREN'T WILLING TO HELP.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED WITH CLERK COOK 100% AND REFERRED TO PEOPLE GOING HOME BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY AND THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO HANG ONTO THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL MONEY.

CLERK COOK SAID IT IS NOT A MATTER OF HANGING ON AND ASKED WHAT DOES THE COMMISSIONERS THINK IS FAIR. CAN THEY ALL DO IN COUNTY TRAVEL FOR \$300 A MONTH. SHE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY RUN FOR OFFICE DID ANYBODY SAY THAT IS WHAT THEY WERE RUNNING FOR IS TO GET MONEY TO TRAVEL. THE COMMISSIONERS GETS A SALARY AND MAYBE THAT DOESN'T COVER THEIR TRAVEL. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT; SHE IS NOT A COMMISSIONER AND DON'T WANT TO BE ONE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS HE WASN'T EXPECTING BEING IN OFFICE THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHILE HE WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR PRIOR TO. A LOT OF MEETINGS, A LOT OF TRIPS, ETC. HE WASN'T EXPECTING. CLERK COOK SAID THAT IS WHY IT IS GOOD NOT TO SAY WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET IN OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AGREED AND SAID HE WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT WAS ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN. HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER IS AS HE IS HAPPY WITH WHATEVER NUMBER THIS BOARD DECIDES; BUT, HE DOES AGREE THIS IS INCOME. HE WILL SAY THERE IS MORE TRAVEL INVOLVED THAN WHAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT; WHEN LOOKING AT ALL THE BUDGETS, EVERYBODY'S TRAVEL IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IT WAS IN THE PAST.

CLERK COOK SAID FOR PURPOSES OF MOVING ON WITH THE BUDGET WORKSHOP, THE BOARD NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. SHE DOESN'T THINK THEY NEED MORE TIME TO DECIDE WHAT THEY NEED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN BOARD FINANCE A LETTER SAYING HE IS NOT GOING TO TAKE HIS MILEAGE; EVERYBODY ELSE CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. BUT, IF THEY DO IT RIGHT, THEY WILL HAVE TO ELIMINATE ANY PERSONAL VISITS THEY HAD WITHIN THOSE MILES THEY TRAVEL.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID IF IT IS BOARD POLICY THERE BE NO IN COUNTY TRAVEL, SHE DOESN'T THINK IT IS AGAINST FLORIDA STATUTES

FOR THE BOARD TO NOT GET IN COUNTY TRAVEL. HOWEVER, THAT IS SOMETHING THE ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK INTO. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ADVOCATE AND DIDN'T BELIEVE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DESERVED IN COUNTY TRAVEL; THEY GET PAID ALMOST \$29,000 A YEAR AND ASKED WHAT DO THEY EXPECT FOR \$29,000 A YEAR. THE BOARD IS SUPPOSE TO BE AT THE TABLE SETTING POLICY.

CLERK COOK TOLD THE BOARD TO READ FLORIDA STATUTE 117 ON TRAVEL.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE STATUTE ALLOWS THE COMMISSIONERS TO CHARGE PER MILE IF THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD DESIRES. CLERK COOK AGREED AND SAID THEY COULD DO PER MILE OR BY SET AMOUNT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE MADE HIS DECISION; HE DON'T WANT THE PAPERWORK BECAUSE HE MAY STOP AN HOUR OR TWO ON HIS OWN TIME SOMEWHERE ELSE. IF IT IS ROADWORK, THEY HAVE DALLAS, ROBERT AND MR. BARFIELD TO TAKE CARE OF IT; HE CAN'T SEE IT HIMSELF. HE KNOWS CHARLES DOES HIS AREA DIFFERENT AND HE KNOWS WHAT HE TOLD THE PEOPLE. SO EVERYBODY TO THEIR OWN.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM LEAVING IT LIKE IT IS. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM; IF EVERYBODY ELSE WANTS IT, THEY CAN TAKE IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO THERE BEING A HECK OF A BATTLE LAST YEAR AT THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING OVER \$250 IN THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL AND THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMS. THEY HAD A LOWER MILLAGE RATE; BUT, THEY STILL DIDN'T SETTLE THIS ISSUE. LAST YEAR HE JUST CHOSE NOT TO FILL OUT ANYTHING MAINLY TO GET THE COST OF THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL DOWN BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO NEED THAT FUNDING. HE SAID NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO BE A WORSE BUDGET THAN THIS ONE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED EVERYTHING HE HAS HEARD APPLIES TO THE ROAD SITUATION; IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE IN COUNTY TRAVEL ON ROAD ISSUES, IT NEEDS TO COME OUT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET AND NOT THE GENERAL FUND IF THAT IS THE BUSINESS BEING DONE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND POINTED OUT COMMISSIONER PATE KEEPS

BRINGING UP HE PUT DOWN "0" MILES LAST YEAR; BY PUTTING DOWN "0", HE STILL GOT A CHECK EVERY MONTH LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE DID. PATE HAD A CHANCE TO TURN IT BACK IN; ANYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO TURN IT BACK IN.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED; BUT, WHEN EVERY COMMISSIONER IS MAKING A REAL CONSERVATIVE EFFORT TO BRING THIS DOWN, HE WILL TURN HIS IN. BUT, HE IS NOT GOING TO TURN HIS CHECK IN WHEN 2500 MILES IS TURNED IN BY A COMMISSIONER; THAT IS A LOT OF MILES AND HE DON'T THINK YOU CAN BE ON THE ROAD ALL THE TIME LIKE THAT AND DO THE JOB THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE DOING AND NOT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

KATHY FOSTER ASKED HOW MANY COMMISSIONERS ARE TAKING THE IN COUNTY MILEAGE. SHE WAS ADVISED THERE WERE FOUR COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING IT; BUT, COMMISSIONER CARTER WAS NOT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY ALL GOT A MILEAGE CHECK THIS LAST MONTH INCLUDING MR. CARTER. MR. CARTER AGREED AND SAID THAT ONE WAS OUT BEFORE HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON; HE HAS SINCE WROTE A LETTER TO BOARD FINANCE AND HE IS NOT TAKING IT ANY MORE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IF THEY ARE GOING TO CUT THE TRAVEL 25%, CUT IT 25%. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IT IS COSTING HIM \$1,000 A MONTH FOR IN COUNTY TRAVEL. HE BURNS SEVEN TO EIGHT TANKS OF GAS A MONTH. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE KNOWS THAT AND IT COST HIM \$100 WHEN HE FILLS HIS TRUCK UP.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REITERATED THE BOARD GETS \$29,000 A YEAR SALARY; IF HE IS SPENDING \$1,000 A MONTH ON GAS, THEY DON'T NEED A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR TWO PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS. HE NEEDS TO JUST TAKE OVER. IF THE BOARD WOULD SET POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO OPERATE BY, THEY SHOULD FOLLOW POLICY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED; BUT, TOLD DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW UNTIL SHE GETS IN THE SHOES HE IS IN, SHE WILL SEE A DIFFERENT SIDE OF IT. HE CAN'T TELL PEOPLE HE IS NOT COMING TO CHECK ON THEIR PROBLEM; HE HAS TO GO.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED SHERIFF HADDOCK HOW MUCH GAS HE

PUT IN HIS VEHICLE A MONTH WORK RELATED. SHERIFF HADDOCK STATED IT WASN'T MUCH; BUT, UNDERSTAND HE IS AN ADMINISTRATOR TOO. HE WORKS SOME CASES WHEN THEY ARE SHORTHANDED; HE DOESN'T GO AS MUCH AS THE COMMISSIONERS SO THEY CAN'T COMPARE WHAT HE SPENDS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED DAVID CORBIN HOW MUCH GAS HE BURNS IN HIS WORK VEHICLE. DAVID ADVISED HE BURNS TWO TANKS A WEEK AT A COST OF \$160 A WEEK.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED MR. HAGAN HOW MUCH GAS HE BURNS IN HIS WORK VEHICLE. MR. HAGAN ADVISED ABOUT TWO TANKS A MONTH IF THEY HAVE CALL OUTS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED RANDY TRUETTE HOW MUCH GAS HE BURNED THAT IS WORK RELATED. RANDY SAID ABOUT A TANK A WEEK.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO MOVE ON AND LET EVERYBODY THINK ABOUT THE IN COUNTY TRAVEL.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHAT WAS THE BOARD RENTING UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE RENTAL AND ASKED IF IT WAS THE COPYING MACHINES AND IF THERE WAS ANYWAY TO GET OUT OF THIS.

MR. JOYNER ADVISED THEY HAD A SIGNED LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE COPYING MACHINES; THEY CAN BUY THEM OUT IF THEY WANT TO BUT IT WILL COST A LOT OF MONEY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BUDGET CUTS UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET UNDER CHIPLEY AND VERNON HIGH SCHOOL, WATERMELON FESTIVAL AND POSSUM FESTIVAL.

CLERK COOK ADVISED IT WAS FOR ADVERTISING. COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COULD MAKE THIS UP IF THEY WANTED TO.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THEY HAVE CURRENTLY SPENT \$1750 ON CHILD PROTECTION ADVOCACY AND QUESTIONED WHAT THIS WAS; THEY HAVE \$4500 BUDGETED.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED THE AGENCY GOES OUT AND HELPS CHILDREN IN TROUBLED HOMES; THE BOARD IS MANDATED TO FUND IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHAT FIRE FEES WERE. DEPUTY

CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THIS WAS FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS OF COUNTY BUILDINGS.

MR. JOYNER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM GETTING WITH MR. FLOYD AYCOCK TO SEE IF HE CAN'T PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICES AND PAY HIM FOR IT; THEY HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED TO DO THE FIRE INSPECTIONS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADVISED KEVAN PARKER IS ALSO CERTIFIED TO DO FIRE INSPECTIONS.

MR. JOYNER SAID HE WOULD NEED TO NEGOTIATE TO SEE IF HE CAN GET THE FIRE INSPECTIONS REDUCED AS WELL AS THE COST FOR MAINTAINING THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. HE AGREED TO ADDRESS THIS WITH THE BOARD WHEN HE DETERMINES IF THE FIRE SERVICE FEES CAN BE REDUCED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERRED TO THE PROJECTED LEVEL FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BUDGET BEING \$5,000. HE ASKED WHAT IS THIS.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED MR. JOYNER PROVIDED THIS FIGURE ON WHAT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE NEEDED AS DAVID CORBIN WILL BE TAKING OVER CODE ENFORCEMENT.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED CODE ENFORCEMENT HAD BEEN FUNDED UNDER THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY; BUT, THAT IS A REDUCTION OF \$25,000. THE \$5,000 IS IF THEY HAVE TO HAVE ANY COURT CASES, ETC. THEY DIVIDED CODE ENFORCEMENT UP BETWEEN HIM AND MR. CORBIN TO TRY AND ELIMINATE SOME COST ON IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED OFFICE SUPPLIES UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THIS IS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON OFFICE SUPPLIES AND OPERATING SUPPLIES.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED A LOT OF TIMES THEY HAVE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF GUESTIMATE IN SOME AREAS TO COVER THEMSELVES; IT IS BETTER TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE BUDGETED THAN TO HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT ALL THIS IN ONE POT AND COME WITH A RECEIPT AND GET IT OUT OF THERE; BUT, IT IS NOT WORKING THAT EASY.

WHEN COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID MR. JOYNER WAS A BUSINESS OWNER

JUST LIKE HE IS AND IF THIS WERE HIS BUSINESS. MR. JOYNER INTERRUPTED AND SAID HE AND MR. ABBOTT WOULD HAVE A SAVINGS ACCOUNT; BUT, UNFORTUNATELY THE PAST HISTORY OF THE BOARD HAS NOT BEEN TO HAVE A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

MR. JOYNER SAID HE WOULD CALL WHAT SOME OF THESE BUDGETS DO IS PUT SOME PROTECTION IN THEIR BUDGET; JUST LIKE WITH MALCOLM. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A LITTLE FAT IN THE TRAVEL, IF HE HAS TO COME BACK TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR AND ASK FOR SOME MONEY FOR SOMETHING, IT WOULD BE THERE. NOBODY IS SPENDING ANYMORE THAN THEY HAVE TO AND EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THIS. HE TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THE BOARD COULD GO THROUGH THIS BUDGET LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM AND FIND PENNIES TO CUT RIGHT ON; BUT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL HAVE THAT COMFORT ZONE OF BEING WITHIN THAT IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED THERE WILL BE SOME UNKNOWNNS COME UP IN THE YEAR THAT WILL HIT THEM AND THEY BETTER HAVE SOMETHING TO PULL FROM.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THAT IS WHY HE ASKED IN THE VERY BEGINNING IF HE WAS OUT OF LINE TO TELL HIM.

MR. JOYNER TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT HE COULD ASK ALL THE QUESTIONS HE WANTS TO; BUT, NONE OF US ARE PERFECT. THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED ON THE BUDGET FOR WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THAT AND HE IS NOT TAKING AWAY FROM THAT; THE COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN A LOT OF FAT OUT WHERE THEY ARE NOT LOOKING.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERRED TO \$680.77 BEING SPENT IN OFFICE SUPPLIES AND THERE IS THREE MONTHS LEFT; WITH A \$3,000 BUDGET, THAT ATTRACTS HIS EYE. MR. JOYNER ASKED ABBOTT TO GO BACK TO LAST YEAR WHEN THEY SPENT \$3,237; HE TOLD HIM TO CUT IT BY \$500. THAT WOULD BE FINE WITH HIM; IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF HE COULD CUT OFFICE SUPPLIES BY \$500. MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED IT IS THE BOARD'S BUDGET; THEY CAN CUT

IT WHATEVER THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER CARTER WHAT WAS THE HISTORY OF BUDGET REVIEW; ARE THEY SUPPOSE TO GO LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM. WHEN HE IS MAKING A BUDGET FOR HIS BUSINESSES, HE GOES LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM. HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE SECOND YEAR HE WAS ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THEY HAD A HUGE FUEL BUDGET AT PUBLIC WORKS. SOME THINGS CAME UP AND THE REFLECTIONS ON THE COST OF FUEL DIDN'T GET AS HIGH AS BUDGETED. IF THEY HADN'T HAD A LITTLE EXTRA IN THERE, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH THEIR BUDGET AT LEAST TWICE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AGREED IF HE HAD A LITTLE EXTRA EXPENSE, THAT IS WHEN HE WOULD REACH INTO HIS SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

CLERK COOK TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SHE THOUGHT WHAT MR. JOYNER WAS SAYING WAS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS BEEN OVER THIS BUDGET LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM WITH EVERYBODY'S BUDGET FOR WEEKS NOW. HER SUGGESTION WOULD BE FOR COMMISSIONER ABBOTT TO BE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE NEXT YEAR. THE BOARD APPOINTED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A SAY IN THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. CLERK COOK POINTED OUT HE WOULD HAVE A SAY NEXT TIME.

SHERIFF HADDOCK TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THEY HAVE TO PROJECT THINGS OUT; THIS IS NOT LIKE THEIR PRIVATE BUSINESS WHERE THEY CAN REACH OUT THERE AND GRAB IT. THEREFORE, THEY HAVE TO PROJECT LIKE THE CHAIRMAN SAID ABOUT THEIR GAS, ETC. IF YOU PUT IT OVER HERE IN A PILE, YOU DON'T SEE IT NO MORE; IT GETS SPENT AND WASTED SOME PLACE ELSE. THEY BETTER PROJECT AND LISTEN TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. HE SUGGESTED LISTEN TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IF THEY SAY THEY NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT. THE BOARD CAN QUESTION WHAT THEY PROJECT AS THAT IS THEIR RIGHT. IF YOU DON'T PROJECT IT AND PULL IT AND IT IS OVER HERE AND IT IS SPENT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE MONEY FROM BECAUSE THE HISTORY HERE IS THE MONEY IS GONE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS HOPING THEY WERE CHANGING THINGS.
SHERIFF HADDOCK TOLD MR. ABBOTT HE WAS ONE PERSON AND EXPLAINED

HE WASN'T TRYING TO BE CONFRONTATIONAL; BUT, HE IS TRYING TO ENLIGHTEN HIM ON HISTORY.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER CARTER RECOMMENDED THEY GO OVER THE REVISED BUDGET NOTES FIRST; THEN, THEY CAN DROP BACK ON THE LINE ITEMS. THIS WAY THEY CAN GET INFORMATION ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE UP TO THIS POINT, WHERE THE SAVINGS WERE AT AND THEN THEY COULD SKIP THOSE LINE ITEMS WHEN THEY GET TO THEM.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW READ THE BUDGET NOTES WHICH ARE ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED THE PUBLIC DEFENDER INCREASING THEIR BUDGET BY \$609 WHILE THE STATE ATTORNEY, CIRCUIT JUDGE AND COUNTY JUDGE WERE FUNDED THE SAME AS CURRENT LEVEL.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED THE BUDGET NOTES SHOW ARTICLE V FUNDS THE STATE ATTORNEY, CIRCUIT JUDGE, COUNTY JUDGE AND PUBLIC DEFENDER AT \$26,618 WITH THEIR TOTAL BUDGETS BEING: STATE ATTORNEY-\$16,365; PUBLIC DEFENDER-\$20,857; CIRCUIT JUDGE-\$2,911 AND COUNTY JUDGE-\$3,202.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED WHAT THE \$609 INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S BUDGET WAS FOR.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED THE CITY RECREATION NOT BEING FUNDED AND ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WERE OKAY WITH THAT. HE REFERRED TO BAY CARE NOT BEING FUNDED AS NO BUDGET REQUEST WAS RECEIVED. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT BAY CARE IS AND ASKED DID THEY HAVE A CHANGE IN EMPLOYEES OR THE WAY THEY NORMALLY WOULD REQUEST A BUDGET. IS THE BOARD GOING TO PUT THEIR SEAL ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND THEN ALLOW THESE AGENCIES TO COME BEFORE THEM REQUESTING FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED WHEN THIS BUDGET IS FINALIZED, THAT IS IT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW TOLD THE BOARD THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR BUDGET REQUEST WAS IN THEIR PACKET. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THE PACKET WASN'T TOTALLY TRASH THEN.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THIS WAS THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED

BY ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND ALL BOARD FINANCE CAN DO IS PUT IN THE BUDGET PACKET WHAT THEY ARE PROVIDED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THROUGH THE YEARS IN GENERAL, THE BOARD HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO HELP THE COUNTY RECREATION; THERE ARE SEVERAL CITIES SUCH AS WAUSAU, CHIPLEY, EBRO, VERNON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED HOW THE COMMITTEE CAME UP WITH THE LEGAL FEES; HE KNOWS THE ATTORNEY FEES ARE INCLUDED.

MR. JOYNER TOLD THE BOARD THE COUNTY HAD THIRTEEN LAWSUITS AND HE DOESN'T THINK THEY HAVE ENOUGH FUNDED IN LEGAL FEES STILL. THAT IS ONE OF THOSE LINE ITEMS THERE IS A BIG IF IN. HE REITERATED NO ONE HERE CAN PREDICT HOW A LAWSUIT IS GOING TO TURN OUT OR WHAT THE FINAL PAYMENT ON ANY OF THEM WILL BE. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE PAYMENTS COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THIS COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID WHAT THE BOARD HAS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THESE LAWSUITS IS JUST BECAUSE WE ARE A COUNTY DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE GOING TO WIN THEM.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED HE WASN'T SURE THERE WAS ENOUGH IN LEGAL FEES TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF THE LAWSUITS AND WHO IS TO SAY HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH. MR. JOYNER SAID THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS; BUT, WE DON'T. WHEN YOU START PAYING ATTORNEYS TO ARGUE A CASE, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE.

MR. JOYNER ADDRESSED THE AMOUNT FUNDED FOR LEGAL FEES WAS BASED OFF THE PROJECTED ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT PLUS THEY PUT SOME MONEY IN THERE THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT SHOULD BE IN THERE. HE THINKS MR. CARTER AND MR. PATE WERE HELPFUL WITH ISSUES THEY HAD DEALT WITH IN THE PAST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED INMATE CREW SUPERVISORS DECREASED IN SALARIES WHICH WAS TWO THAT WAS DROPPED. HE SAW A LINE ITEM IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS IN RECREATION, \$90,000 FOR INMATE CEW SUPERVISOR SALARIES. HE BELIEVES THEY ONLY HAD FOUR INMATE CREWS; HE DON'T THINK DISTRICT I HAS EVER HAD ONE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THOUGHT HE HAD ONE; BUT, WHEN HE LEFT

THEY NEVER HIRED ANYBODY. MR. JOYNER SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE DISTRICTS HIRED THEM NOR THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO A DISTRICT.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEM HAVING FOUR COUNTY PAID, NON DC CREW MEMBERS; DONNIE PUGH, GENE WILFORD, WAYNE MCKAY, ROBERT DAVID.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REITERATED HIS QUESTION ON BAY CARE. HE POINTED OUT AGAIN WHEN THE BOARD PUTS THEIR SEAL ON THE BUDGET AND BAY CARE COMES AND REQUEST MONIES, WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO PULL THEIR MONIES FROM. HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BE APPROVING A BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THERE IS NOTHING THAT MANDATES THE COUNTY TO FUND BAY CARE AND IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT IN THE BUDGET, IT IS NOT FUNDED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF THIS BOARD WAS PREPARED TO NOT FUND CITY RECREATION WHERE 70% OF THE KIDS IN THE COUNTY ARE THE ONES PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY PROGRAMS. HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THAT. HE SAID GOING LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM TO FIND THE MONEY TO FUND IT IS WHAT HE WILL HAVE TO DO AND HE HASN'T BEEN EXPOSED TO THAT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REITERATED THE BOARD HAS HAD A PRINTOUT OF THE BUDGETS SUBMITTED.

COMMISSIONER PATE REMINDED THE BOARD ON JULY 28TH, THEY ACCEPTED THE LOWEST MILLAGE RATE AND HE REMINDED THEM BEFORE THAT VOTE, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME HARD DECISIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE IS GOOD WITH THAT. HE QUESTIONED THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S BUDGET INCREASE. HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY IS RENEGOTIATING WITH BAY COUNTY.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER CARTER TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WASHINGTON COUNTY IS PRORATED OUT PER POPULATION PER COUNTY ON THE MEDICAL EXAMINER AND IT IS AS GOOD A DEAL AS YOU WILL GET.

KATHY FOSTER, FOSTER FOLLIES, QUESTIONED THE MILLAGE RATE THAT WAS APPROVED. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE MILLAGE RATE

WAS 8.9195. MS. FOSTER ASKED IS THE BUDGET BALANCED AS PRESENTED TODAY. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE BUDGET WAS BALANCED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE FIRE FUNDING BEING CUT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED THE BOARD THE AMOUNT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS WERE BUDGETED IS BASED ON A HALF MIL. RANDY TRUETTE, EMS DIRECTOR, MET WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND WAS ASKED IF EMS COULD WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE HALF MIL. MR. TRUETTE RESUBMITTED A BUDGET REQUEST AND GAVE HIS EXPLANATIONS ON WHAT THIS WOULD DO FOR EMS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVED A CUT TO AN ACTUAL HALF MIL.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS HAS ACTUALLY GOTTEN MORE THAN THE HALF MIL THE BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND THE BOARD HAS MADE UP THE DIFFERENCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS ASKING THE RATIO OF THE CUTS. MR. HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE GSG FUNDING FORMULA THEY APPROVED IN 1999 AND IT HAS BEEN UPDATED EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS SINCE THEN. THE FUNDING FORMULA WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY LEFT AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION. THE BOARD NEEDS TO CONSIDER THEY AGREED A FEW YEARS AGO TO STAND GOOD FOR A TRUCK FIVE POINTS FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS. THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN HAVING \$3,000 TAKEN OUT TO GO BACK INTO AN MSBU PAYOFF THAT IS TIED UP IN A LAWSUIT. THERE IS SEVERAL THINGS THE BOARD HAS ALLOWED THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS DO THAT WHEN THESE PROPOSED CUTS ARE MADE, THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS MADE LIKE IN THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION LINE ITEMS, ETC. THE BOARD ALSO HAS FORESTRY AND IF THEY FUND FORESTRY AT THE STATE MANDATED LEVEL, THAT WILL COME OFF THEIR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS TOO.

MR. HAGAN REFERRED TO THE BOARD ALWAYS COMING BACK TO RECREATION; IF THE COUNTY IS IN THE DESPARATE TIMES THEY ARE IN, THE KIDS MAY HAVE TO QUIT PLAYING BALL. THEY MAY HAVE TO START MOWING YARDS OR HOEING PEAS, ETC. HE WOULD HATE TO SEE THE COUNTY GIVE THEIR MONEY TO ANYBODY TO PLAY BALL, ETC. AND NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION, JOBS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD MR. HAGAN HE THOUGHT IT WAS HIS OBLIGATION TO TRY AND KEEP THE KIDS OFF THE STREET AND HE IS FOR FIRE PROTECTION 100%. WHEN THEY GIVE MONEY FOR FIRE PROTECTION, HE WANTS THE MONEY USED AND NOT PUT IN A BANK ACCOUNT AND SET.

MR. HAGAN TOLD MR. BROCK THE MONIES DON'T GO TO THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS NOW; THE COUNTY HANDLES THE MONEY NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT USES ALL ITS MONEY. MR. HAGAN SAID THAT WAS RIGHT. COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO IN THE PAST THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE COUNTY GIVING MONEY AND IT JUST SET THERE.

MR. HAGAN ADDRESSED THERE BEING A CITY THAT MAY NOT BE PROVIDING ALL THE MONEY THEY GET FOR FIRE SERVICES; THIS IS BEING CHECKED ON NOW. THE RURAL DEPARTMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED BY PURCHASE ORDER, EOC WRITES THE PURCHASE ORDER AND FINANCE PAYS THE BILL, ETC; THE MONEY DOESN'T GO TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE POINTED OUT HE IS NOT AGAINST THE KIDS RECREATION AS HE HAS THREE GRANDKIDS; BUT, IF THEY NEED TO PLAY BALL HE WILL GET OUT BEHIND THE HOUSE AND PLAY BALL WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE LIKES FOR THE COUNTY TO DO WHAT THEY CAN FOR THE KIDS RECREATION. HE POINTED OUT THIS PAST YEAR THERE WAS PEOPLE GOING AROUND BEGGING AND PLEADING WANTING MONEY TO GO TO TOURNAMENTS, ETC. AND HE KNOWS THIS BOARD PROBABLY DONATED MONEY. HE KNOWS IT IS A CRISIS; BUT, HE WANTS TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THE DOLLARS THAT LEAVE HERE GOES TO BENEFIT. HE IS LIKE MR. ABBOTT, IF THERE IS ANYWAY POSSIBLE THEY COULD FIND THE MONEY, HE WOULD LIKE A LITTLE OF IT TO GO TOWARD RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THE HALF MIL IS GOING TO BE BROKEN DOWN FOR EACH FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. HAGAN TOLD THE BOARD WHEN THEY TELL THEM WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO FUND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THEY WILL GIVE THEM THE BREAK DOWN BACK QUICKLY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED WHEN EMS WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL WHEN THE FUNDING WAS ALLOCATED BY USING THE HALF MIL, IT

WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO GET A HALF MIL AND EMS TO GET A HALF MIL. THAT ESTABLISHED AN AMOUNT OF DOLLARS ORIGINALLY AND WHAT ESTABLISHED THAT DOLLARS WAS IT BEING A HALF MIL. AS THE HALF MIL INCOME WAS DECREASING RATHER THAN ASKING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMS TO DECREASE, THEY WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING AND GROWING PAINS THAT THIS BOARD FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE HAD SUPPLEMENTED THESE MISSING DOLLARS. NOW FOUR YEARS LATER WHERE THEY ARE SITTING IS \$76,000 FOR EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS IN THE HOLE. SO RANDY HAS BEEN ASKED TO BRING THE EMS BUDGET BACK TO A HALF MIL WHERE IT WAS ORIGINALLY STARTED WHICH HURT THEIR BUDGET \$76,000; THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE BEING ASKED TO DO THE SAME THING. THE FUNDING STRUCTURE HASN'T CHANGED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS; THEY ARE STILL GETTING THE HALF MIL.

MR. HAGAN EXPLAINED THE HALF MIL IS NOT WORTH WHAT IT USE TO BE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE CHAMBER WAS CUT BACK TO \$25,000. COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE CHAMBER IS NOW THE EDC; THERE IS A MOVE NOW TO SEPARATE THE EDC FROM THE CHAMBER. IT WILL BASICALLY BECOME LIKE THE TDC.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED WHAT THE CHAMBER OR EDC HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE POINTED OUT THEY HAD A SIX YEAR PROJECT, PROJECT PIPE, THEY HOPE TO HAVE.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AGREED THEY HAD BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT FOR SIX OR SEVEN YEARS; WHAT HAS THE CHAMBER OR EDA DONE FOR THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED IN THE SMALLER COUNTIES LIKE WASHINGTON COUNTY, IT IS HARD TO GET THESE COMPANIES TO COME TO THEM. HE THOUGHT THE COUNTY'S TARGETED AREA IS MEDICAL, SPACE, ETC. AND REQUIRES QUITE A BIT OF EXPERTISE AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT EXPERTISE HERE. THEY NEED TO GET SOMEBODY IN HERE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT HELPS TRAIN THE EMPLOYEES, HIRE THEM ON WITH INCENTIVES. THE COUNTY HAS A WONDERFUL VO-TECH SCHOOL BUT IT IS NOT GEARED UP TO TRAIN THE KIND

OF PEOPLE EDC HAS TARGETED FOR THIS AREA.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SUGGESTED MR. JIM TOWN SPEAK ON COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S QUESTION.

MR. TOWN, MEMBER OF THE EDC COMMITTEE, UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE CHAMBER ARE INTERTWINED AND THEY HAVE BEEN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. TO SEPARATE THE EDA FROM THE THE CHAMBER, THEY FUND THE EDA COUNCIL FROM THE CHAMBER DUES; THEY HAVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THOSE PEOPLE PAY EXTRA DUES FOR THAT FUNCTION FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THAT PROVIDES AN OPERATING BUDGET TO GO OUT AND TRY TO STAY IN TUNE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN BAY COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES DO A VERY MINIMAL AMOUNT OF ADVERTISING, MAINLY TELEPHONE AND FACE TO FACE FOLLOW UP. THE \$25,000 IS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; THE BOARD LAST YEAR APPROVED THE ED ELEMENT OF THE COMP PLAN. PART OF THAT PROCESS WAS TO DEVELOP A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH A PROVIDER TO DO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A DEPARTMENT FOR ED. THEY HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS TO ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THAT CONTRACT AND \$25,000 DOESN'T BEGIN TO GET TO IT. TO ACTUALLY MOVE ED FORWARD, IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE MONEY THAN THAT; BUT, THIS YEAR IS NOT THE YEAR TO TALK ABOUT THAT. HE BELIEVES WHAT WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD IS THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT THE EDC WILL MEET IN TERMS OF PRODUCING AN ED ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. THE CHAMBER IS TAKING SOME OF THE BUDGET THEY NORMALLY ALLOCATE TO THE EDC AND PUTTING THAT WITH THE COUNTY'S \$25,000 TO BEGIN TO FORMALIZE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COUNTY.

WHAT HAS THE CHAMBER DONE. MR. TOWN POINTED OUT WAL MART, IT ADMINISTERS THE CRA'S, THE ENTERPRISE ZONES, THE PIPE PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED TOMMY MCDONALD DONE ALL OF THAT.

MR. TOWN AGREED; BUT, IT IS ALL PART OF THE SAME THING. THEY REALLY HAVEN'T HAD A SPARK PLUG THROUGH THE CHAMBER SINCE TOMMY

DIED OTHER THAN TED. TED HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY IN SPITE OF THE FACT IT HAS TAKEN SIX YEARS TO GET PROJECT PIPE TO THE POINT IT WILL INCREASE THE JOBS IN THE COUNTY. IN HIS MIND, THE BIGGEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED THIS YEAR IN THE ED WAS PRESERVING THE 400 PLUS JOBS AT WEST POINT; THAT WAS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING BETWEEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE AND THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT, TERRY ELLIS. THEY HAVE GOOD LIASON OF OTTED WHICH IS NOW CALLED THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THERE ARE SOME GRANTS THAT COME THROUGH PERIODICALLY BECAUSE OF ACTIVITY BY THE EDC AND THE CHAMBER. HE THINKS THE COUNTY IS GETTING MORE THAN THEIR MONEY'S WORTH.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ASKED IF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY DONATES ANYTHING TO THE CHAMBER OR EDA. MR. TOWN RESPONDED HE DIDN'T KNOW; THEY DID AT ONE TIME. HOWEVER, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT LEVEL THEY ARE AT THIS YEAR.

MR. TOWN EXPLAINED ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS GOING TO COME OUT OF THE ED GROUP WHEN THEY GET TO THE POINT OF APPROVING THIS CONTRACT IS A COUNTY WIDE SYSTEM WHERE EVERYONE WILL CONTRIBUTE ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITY AND THAT WILL FUND A GREATER EFFORT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY HAVE TO GET ACROSS THE COUNTY ONE SET OF LEGISLATION BETWEEN THESE MUNICIPALITIES SO ALL THE INCENTIVES ARE STANDARDIZED ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT IS IN AN EVOLUTIONARY STATE; BUT, HE THINKS THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED A GOOD BENEFIT FOR THE INVESTMENT IT HAS MADE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THAT MONEY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR IS SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED WITHIN THE CHAMBER PROCESS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND DIDN'T THINK THE CHAMBER OR EDA DESERVES \$25,000.

MR. TOWN ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND HOW MUCH HIS FUTURE WAS WORTH TO HIM. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAS BEEN HERE ALL HIS LIFE AND THE COUNTY IS STILL FORTY YEARS BEHIND TIMES.

MR. TOWN SAID SOMEONE HAS TO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SOMETHING.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE FEELS ONE FIFTH RESPONSIBLE FOR BALANCING THE BUDGET FOR THIS COUNTY. HE CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE BUDGET; HE HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING DONE QUITE LIKE THIS TO BE HONEST WITH THEM. FOR HIM TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUDGET PRESENTED, HE HAS TO GO THROUGH IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THIS BUDGET PROCESS IS THEY HAD A BUDGET COMMITTEE WHICH HE WAS NO PART OF; THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE BOARD AND THEY HAVE DONE THAT. THE BUDGET CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET HE GOT THURSDAY. HIS UNDERSTANDING AT THIS MEETING WE WERE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE BUDGET; NOW, HE IS UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH IT. HIS QUESTION IS PERCENTAGE AND CHANGES IS WHAT HE HAD IN HIS MIND HE WAS GOING TO LOOK AT.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD MR. ABBOTT WHATEVER THE BOARD WANTS TO DO IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO.

COMMISSIONER CARTER RECOMMENDED THE BOARD RESCHEDULE ANOTHER BUDGET MEETING; LET MR. ABBOTT GO THROUGH EACH ONE OF THE LINE ITEM BUDGETS AND HIGHLIGHT WHERE HIS OPINIONS, ETC. ARE ON EACH ONE OF THEM. THEN COME BACK IN ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP; THIS WILL NARROW IT DOWN A LOT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER CARTER IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT THEY HAVE; BUT, HE ALSO KNOWS IT IS BALANCED AS IT IS WITH NO CONTINGENCY. HOWEVER, HE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO GO BACK AND GET A GREAT AMOUNT OF CONTINGENCY. HE IS LIKE MR. JOYNER; HE WOULD HAVE PROBABLY PLUGGED IN ANOTHER \$150,000 INTO LEGAL. THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF BALANCE THEN. IF COMMISSIONER ABBOTT GOES THROUGH AND LINE ITEMS THOSE HE HAS CONCERNS WITH, IT WILL MAKE IT A LOT SIMPLER WHEN THEY COME BACK TO A WORKSHOP JUST TO ADDRESS THOSE LINE ITEMS BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY CONSISTENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH WITH EACH DEPARTMENT.

IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE BOARD COULD GET THOSE AS EARLY AS THEY COULD SO EACH DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE US JUSTIFICATION WHY THEY PLUGGED IN THIS PARTICULAR AMOUNT. THAT IS WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE AND THE COMMITTEE DIDN'T HAVE IT; THE COMMITTEE WAS IN THE DARK ABOUT LIKE THE BOARD IS IN THE DARK NOW BECAUSE NO JUSTIFICATION WAS PROVIDED WHY THEY WERE REQUESTING THIS OR THAT. THERE WAS A COUPLE OF DEPARTMENTS THAT DID PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION. WHENEVER YOU ARE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET, YOU NEED JUSTIFICATION AND POINTED OUT MS. DIANNE HAD SENT NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED MR. JOYNER WAS THE ONE THAT SENT OUT THE NOTIFICATION REQUESTING JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET REQUESTS. THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED DETAILED INFORMATION BE SUBMITTED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS NEED AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS IN THE DARK AND THE LAW REQUIRES HIM TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE LAW REQUIRES THE BOARD TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER POINTED OUT THE BUDGET IS BALANCED AS IT IS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID IN HISTORY, DO THEY JUST SAY LETS BALANCE THE BUDGET AND INTERNALLY MAKE CHANGES NEEDED AS THEY GO ALONG.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID "NO;" BUT, THEY HAD TO BALANCE IT ON THE \$1.2 MILLION THEY WERE SHY AND THEY DID THAT AND THAT IS WHERE THEY ARE NOW. TO GO BACK THROUGH IT, HE STILL COULDN'T SAY WHY LINE ITEM PER LINE ITEM THE DEPARTMENTS REQUESTED WHAT THEY DID. HE KNOWS DIANNE HAS THE ACTUAL; BUT, IF THERE IS AN INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEARS, HE DON'T KNOW WHY THE DEPARTMENTS REQUESTED IT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW EXPLAINED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON LINE ITEMS, WHAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE LINE ITEMS, WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT OUT OF THE LINE ITEMS. THEY DID GO OVER THE LINE

ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER EXPLAINED EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD SHOULD KNOW WHY THEY REQUESTED MORE THAN THEY DID LAST YEAR IF THERE IS A REASON.

MR. JOYNER AGREED THEY DID BRING MOST OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN AND TALK WITH THEM ON THEIR BUDGET REQUEST; SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE ACTUALLY ON THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE GOT DOWN TO CUTTING \$200 PER LINE ITEM IN SOME AREAS; THEY WENT THROUGH THE BUDGET LINE ITEM PER LINE ITEM TIME AFTER TIME. THEY CAN GO BACK THROUGH IT NOW AND THERE MAY BE A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS HERE AND THERE THE BOARD COULD CUT OUT OF IT; BUT, THEY STAND A CHANCE OF GOING BACK AND HAVING TO ASK FOR IT AGAIN. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMISSIONER ABBOTT DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THESE LINE ITEMS; BUT, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WENT THROUGH MOST OF THEM. EVERYTHING THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD CUT SOMETHING OUT OF, THEY CUT IT. THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD AND WHEN THEY WERE HANDED THIS \$1.2 MILLION TO CUT, THERE WAS A LOT OF CUTTING. HE DEFENDED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S SIDE; BUT, HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY KNOW AND HE IS ASKED TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET. HE CAN'T DO THAT BASED ON WHAT HE SAID SHE SAID.

MR. JOYNER TOLD COMMISSIONER ABBOTT HE HOPED HE RESPECTED THE COMMITTEE FOR WHAT THEY DID. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE DID RESPECT WHAT THEY DID; HE KNOWS THEY WORKED HARD AND IT WASN'T EASY DECISIONS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. BARFIELD IF THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW EXPLAINED MR. BARFIELD HAD A BALANCED BUDGET; BUT, HE JUST PRESENTED A REVISED BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE KNOWS INSURANCE WENT BACK TO ROAD AND BRIDGE AND IT SHOULD HAVE. HE ALSO THOUGHT INMATE SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE BUDGETED AT ROAD AND BRIDGE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT IS WHAT THEY DO, ROADWORK. HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY'S INMATE CREWS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT EXPLAINED THE INMATE CREWS MAINTAIN PARKS TOO. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE STATE CREWS MAINTAIN THE PARKS. HE ASKED DAVID IF HE WAS CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER PATE TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK HE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR HIS OPINION; CUT ALL THE INMATE CREWS OUT.

DAVID SAID A LOT OF PEOPLE SAYS TO CUT THE INMATE CREWS OUT; BUT, HE IS NOT GOING TO VOICE HIS OPINION ON THAT. THERE IS NOT A DAY GOES BY THE INMATE CREWS DON'T HAVE SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE. HE THINKS THE INMATE PROGRAM IS A GREAT PROGRAM. IT DON'T MATTER WHERE YOU TAKE THE MONEY TO FUND THE CREWS. HE EXPLAINED YOU CAN'T HAVE THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; THEY LIKE DEALING WITH ONE PERSON. HE REITERATED IT DON'T MATTER WHERE YOU TAKE THE MONEY FROM; HE THINKS THAT IS ONE OF THE COUNTY'S WRONG PARTS WITH THIS ONE PAYING THIS, THIS PAYS THIS. WE ALL WORK FOR THE TAX BASE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC EXPECTS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SERVICE BECAUSE THEY PAY THE PROPERTY TAXES. HE SIDES WITH THE PUBLIC; IF THEY WANT THEIR TRASH PICKED UP, THEY NEED THEIR TRASH PICKED UP. DAVID SAID THEY COULD TAKE THE FUNDING FOR THE INMATE CREWS OUT OF TRANSPORTATION IF THEY WANT TO; BUT, THEY DO PARKS TOO. HE PUTS THE CREWS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED AND AS LONG AS HE IS IN CHARGE OF THEM, THAT IS WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO. THEY CAN TAKE IT OUT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE IF THEY WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED HE WAS JUST ASKING A QUESTION IF IT WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE TO TAKE IT OUT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE AND FREE UP A LITTLE AD VALOREM MONIES.

MR. BARFIELD SAID, FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SIDE OF THAT, HE UNDERSTANDS WHERE COMMISSIONER BROCK IS COMING FROM. IF THEY DID THAT, IT WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE FOUR POSITIONS THEY HAVE DOWN AT ROAD AND BRIDGE BECAUSE THEY JUST ABSORBED THE INSURANCE AND LOST FOUR POSITIONS. IN DOING SO, ROAD AND BRIDGE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE FOUR INMATE CREW SUPERVISORS RIGHT NOW. THEY COULD

USE THE DC OFFICERS. ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS TALKED ABOUT ABSORBING SOME OF THE FUEL COST, ETC; BUT, TO TRY AND FUND THOSE FOUR POSITIONS RIGHT NOW, THEY COULDN'T DO THAT WITHOUT LOSING FOUR TO TAKE THOSE FOUR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THOUGHT MR. BARFIELD POSSIBLY COULD FIND THE MONEY AT PUBLIC WORKS. MR. BARFIELD SAID HOPEFULLY THEY CAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS; BUT, RIGHT NOW HE HAS REALLY CUT AND SCRAPED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET TO ABSORB THE INSURANCE. BASICALLY HE HAS \$280,000 TO ABSORB THE INSURANCE; SO TO TRY AND CUT ENOUGH TO FUND FOUR MORE POSITIONS WOULD BE TOUGH. THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT AROUND \$150,000.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE FUEL BUDGET IN TRANSPORTATION WAS GENERALLY THE SAME. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THE CURRENT YEAR ACTUAL IS \$612,520.85; THE PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET IS \$485,000 SO THAT IS A 9.4% DECREASE.

MR. BARFIELD SAID THAT IS SHOWING AN INCREASE; BUT, ACTUALLY THIS YEAR IS ALREADY AT \$614,000. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW EXPLAINED THAT MAY BE DUE TO FEMA AND SOME OF THIS EXPENSE COULD BE REIMBURSED BACK TO THE FUEL LINE ITEM.

MR. BARFIELD SAID THEY HAVE BURNT MORE FUEL THAN THEY WILL IN 2011-2012 UNLESS THEY HAVE A DISASTER. THEY ALSO HAVE A FEMA BUDGET AND A FEW FEMA PROJECTS LEFT TO DO WHICH ARE NOT OBLIGATED YET; THEY HAVE TAKEN A BREAK FROM FEMA TO TRY AND CATCH UP WITH MAINTENANCE. THEY DO STILL HAVE ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION WORTH OF FEMA WORK TO DO THAT IS GOING TO CARRY OVER INTO THE 2011-2012 YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID MR. BARFIELD COULD SAY THAT; BUT, HE DOESN'T THINK THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE THAT MUCH. HE DON'T LOOK FOR THEM TO BE OBLIGATED WITH ANYMORE FEMA MONEY. THAT NEEDS TO BE FORGOT ABOUT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET IT IN HIS OPINION WITH WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

MR. BARFIELD UNDERSTANDS THAT AND AGREES WITH THAT; IF THEY HAVE ANY INCREASES ON FUEL, IT WILL BE EASY TO EXCEED THE \$450,000.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT, TO ANSWER COMMISSIONER BROCK'S QUESTION, SAID THIS YEAR ROAD AND BRIDGE HAS BUDGETED \$443,409 AND HE IS ASKING FOR THE NEW BUDGET TO BE \$485,000.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THE NEW BUDGET MR. BARFIELD JUST PROVIDED SHOWED \$461,000 BUDGETED FOR FUEL.

MR. BARFIELD POINTED OUT WHEN LOOKING AT THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS, THEIR AVERAGE ON THE FUEL LINE ITEM IS OVER \$550,000. THERE HAS BEEN SOME FEMA INCLUDED IN TWO OF THOSE YEARS. FUEL PRICES HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE VOLUME OF FUEL THEY BURN. ABOUT A \$28,000 INCREASE IS WHAT HE HAS PROJECTED AND THAT IS A PRETTY GOOD CUT OFF OF WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO PROJECT JUST ASSUMING THERE WOULD BE SOME FUEL PRICE INCREASES. THAT DON'T ACCOUNT FOR ANY FUEL PRICE INCREASES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID, AFTER MR. BARFIELD DID HIS CUTS, HE HADN'T ASKED BUT FOR A 9.4% INCREASE; THAT WAS PRIOR TO HIM CUTTING IT BACK TO \$460,000.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW TOLD THE BOARD THE BUDGET THAT WAS PROVIDED IN THEIR PACKET FOR TRANSPORTATION WAS NOT THE SAME AS THE ONE MR. BARFIELD PROVIDED THEM TODAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE BOARD HASN'T HEARD MUCH ABOUT FEMA MONEY. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW TOLD MR. BROCK BOARD FINANCE HAS NOT RECEIVED A FEMA BUDGET YET. MR. BARFIELD SAID HE HAD ONE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO THERE BEING SOME EQUIPMENT THAT WAS BOUGHT AND ARE MAKING PAYMENTS ON; SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS BOUGHT TO DO FEMA WITH. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE DEBTS PAID AND CLEARED UP WITH FEMA MONEY WHATEVER IT TAKES.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW SAID THEY HAD AN EXCAVATOR, KAMATSU AND A SCRAPER THAT IS BEING PAID FOR OUT OF THE 5TH AND 6TH CENT GAS TAX MONIES. SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS ONE MORE PAYMENT DUE ON THE EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THEY COULD PAY THE DEBT OFF WITH FEMA AND THEN PUT THE MONEY BACK IN AD VALOREM. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW

INFORMED COMMISSIONER BROCK THEY COULDN'T PUT THE 5TH AND 6TH CENT GAS TAX MONIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND. EVEN IF THEY PAY THE DEBT OFF WITH FEMA, THEY CAN'T PUT THE GAS TAX MONIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND. THEY CAN PUT GENERAL FUND MONIES INTO TRANSPORTATION; BUT, THEY CAN'T PUT GAS TAX MONEY INTO GENERAL.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THAT IS WHY GENERAL FUND HAS BEEN PAYING ROAD AND BRIDGE'S INSURANCE ALL THOSE YEARS; NOW, THEY ARE GETTING THOSE MONIES BACK.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THIS GOES BACK TO GAS TAX WHICH GOES BACK TO ROAD AND BRIDGE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW EXPLAINED ROAD AND BRIDGE GETS ALL THE 5TH AND 6TH GAS TAX EXCEPT FOR WHAT IS USED FOR DEBT SERVICE. THE REASON THEY ARE HAVING TO USE THE 5TH AND 6TH CENT GAS TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION IS BECAUSE THE BOARD IN THE PAST HAS BUDGETED FEMA MONEY FOR REOCCURRING THINGS AND EVENTUALLY IT RUNS OUT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REMINDED THE BOARD THEY DIDN'T NEED TO PUT ANY OF THE FEMA MONEY INTO REOCCURRING EXPENSES BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE HERE NEXT YEAR.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WELCOMED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT TO COME BY BOARD FINANCE TO GET ANY QUESTIONS HE MAY HAVE ON PARTICULAR LINE ITEMS ANSWERED; THEY WILL PROVIDE HIM A DETAIL PRINTOUT OF WHAT HAS BEEN PAID OUT OF A LINE ITEM. THEY WILL PRESENT THIS INFORMATION AT THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID IT IS NOT COMPLICATED; IT IS VERY SIMPLE AS HE DEALS WITH BUDGET ISSUES EVERY YEAR HIMSELF. HE ASKED IF THIS BOARD HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED HE HAD QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED HE HAD QUESTIONS; BUT, THEY WILL NEVER GET A BUDGET TOGETHER THAT THEY DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS. THEY ARE UNDER THE GUN TO TRY AND GET THIS READY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID EVERYONE OF US IS GOING TO COME BACK TO THIS QUESTION RIGHT HERE; DAVID CORBIN'S SMALL TOOLS, WEEDEATERS,

ETC. THEY HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH AS THEY CAN'T SEND THE MEN OUT WITH NOTHING TO WORK WITH. THERE IS NOTHING IN DAVID'S BUDGET FOR SMALL TOOLS AND QUESTIONED HOW DO THEY EXPECT DAVID TO GET ANY WORK DONE IF THERE IS NOTHING TO WORK WITH.

SHERIFF HADDOCK TOLD THE BOARD HIS OFFICE DOORS IS OPEN AND HAVE BEEN OPEN SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS BUDGET. COMMISSIONER BROCK AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THANKED SHERIFF HADDOCK FOR HIS COOPERATION IN CUTTING HIS BUDGET.

MR. HAGAN SAID, WITH ALL RESPECT TO THE BOARD AND MR. JOYNER, MANY YEARS WHEN HE SERVED AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WHEN THEY GOT A NEW COMMISSIONER, HE WOULD ASK THAT COMMISSIONER TO COME BY AND HE WOULD GO OVER EVERYTHING. HE WOULD GIVE THEM A PACKAGE OF A YEAR'S WORTH OF MINUTES, A BUDGET, FL STATUTES, ETC. HE ENCOURAGED BOTH MR. HERBERT AND MR. PITTS AND NOW MR. JOYNER NOW AS ELECTIONS GO. AS THEY LOOK AT THIS BUDGET, CHAPTER 125 FL STATUTES SAYS IT IS THE COUNTY MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A BALANCED BUDGET AND THEN MANAGE IT; NOT THE BOARD'S. IF THE BOARD HAS HAD THIS INFORMATION SINCE JULY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS HEARD SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS. HE POINTED OUT HE IS AWARE THE BOARD HASN'T HAD EVERYTHING SINCE JULY; BUT, TO GO BACK COMMITTEE WORK GETS TO BEING FRUITLESS AFTER THIS. THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW CAN RECALL AND HE THINKS MS. LINDA HAS COME ON SINCE THEN WHEN THE BOARD HAS SAT UNTIL 1:00 A.M. IN THE OLD BOARD ROOM TRYING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. A FEW YEARS AGO SOMEBODY THOUGHT MAYBE IF THEY HAD A COMMITTEE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT. THE COMMITTEE GETS TO BE MORE USELESS AND MORE USELESS IF THE WORK THEY DO IS DISMISSED OUT OF HAND, ETC. SOMETIMES TRAVEL AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT IS WORTH AS MUCH AS A TANK OF GAS OR A TIRE OR ANY OTHER PROGRAM THEY HAVE. HIS BUDGET IN PARTICULAR SAYS IF HE GETS THIS \$160,000 PLUS BUDGET, WHAT CONFERENCES HE WILL ATTEND. EACH ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS OUGHT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR DEPARTMENT THAN THE BOARD MEMBERS; THAT IS

WHAT THEY HAVE THEM HIRED TO DO. BUT, IF THE BOARD DON'T COME BY AND SPEAK TO THEM INDIVIDUALLY OR THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR QUESTIONS ARE AHEAD OF TIME WHEN WE GET HERE, WE FUMBLE AROUND AND STUTTER, ETC. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO GIVE THE BOARD THE ANSWER BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION, BACKUP, ETC. HE THINKS IT IS A GOOD BUDGET. CAN THEY FIND A \$100 ON EVERY LINE ITEM, THEY PROBABLY CAN. IF YOU DON'T TAKE THOSE LINE ITEMS AND MOVE IT DOWN TO THE CONTINGENCY, WHAT IS THE BOARD GOING TO DO WITH THE MONEY. IT IS KIND OF LIKE IF YOU SAVE ANY MORE NOW, THEY ARE OUT OF BALANCE AGAIN; NOW THEY HAVE MORE MONEY THAN THEY DO BUDGET AND HAVE TO PUT THAT MONEY SOMEWHERE AND A CONTINGENCY IS A GOOD PLACE. THOSE ARE JUST SOME SUGGESTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS. THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD AND APPRECIATES THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMITTEE; IT IS DIFFICULT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WANTED TO RESPOND TO MR. HAGAN. MR. HAGAN SAID HIS COMMENTS WEREN'T DIRECTED AT COMMISSISONER ABBOTT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THAT AND HE DOESN'T TAKE ANY OF WHAT MR. HAGAN SAID AS NEGATIVE. ABBOTT SAID HE BUILDS BUDGETS AND LIVES BY BUDGETS EVERYDAY. IF HE IS HIDING MONEY, HE IS HIDING FROM HIMSELF. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE COUNTY AND HIS BUSINESS IS HE HAS A SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A CONTINGENCY BECAUSE THEY HAVE MULTIPLE PEOPLE TRYING TO SPEND THE SAME DOLLARS. HE HAS NEVER BUILT A COUNTY BUDGET NOR WAS HE EXPOSED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS. WITHIN ABOUT TEN MINUTES, HE SAVED ABOUT \$2200 BY QUESTIONING SOME OF THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE; BUT, HIS POINT SHOULD BE MADE HERE BY GOING BY LINE ITEMS, \$100 HERE AND \$100 THERE IS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR.

MR. HAGAN SAID MR. ABBOTT DOESN'T KNOW IF HE HAS SAVED THAT OR NOT; HE CUT IT OFF A LINE ITEM. HE WON'T KNOW IF HE SAVED IT OR NOT UNTIL THEY GET OUT HERE THIS TIME NEXT YEAR TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THEY SPENT IT. IF THEY COME BACK AND THAT GAS HAS GONE UP OR THAT TELEPHONE BILL HAS GONE UP, THEY HAVEN'T SAVED THAT MONEY. THEY JUST TOOK IT OFF A LINE ITEM TODAY. IF THE BUDGET IS BALANCED, THEY

HAVEN'T SAVED ANY MONEY; THEY JUST REARRANGED IT. SO, MR. ABBOTT DIDN'T SAVE \$2200 THIS MORNING. HE JUST TOOK IT OFF A LINE ITEM.

CHAIRMAN PATE SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW GET TOGETHER AND GO THROUGH THE BUDGET, MARK WHAT HIS CONCERNS ARE. HE AGREED THEY COULD SAVE MONEY BY GOING OVER LINE ITEMS; BUT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE GOING TO SAVE ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING AND HISTORICALLY IF THEY PUT IT IN A CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM, IT DON'T STAY THERE BECAUSE THEY WILL FIND SOME WAY TO SPEND IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER CARTER WHEN HE LEFT HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN A CONTINGENCY LINE ITEM. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE DON'T REMEMBER.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THEY HAD \$4 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION IN THE BANK. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID PROBABLY SO; THERE MAY BE THAT MUCH THERE NOW FOR ALL HE KNOWS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THIS BUDGET THIS BUDGET COMMITTEE WENT THROUGH INCLUDES WHAT THE CUTBACKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE; THIS IS WHAT THEY USED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. HE ASKED IF EVERYBODY IS OKAY WITH WHAT IS ON IT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID HE WAS ON THE \$1.2 MILLION THEY CUT. HE SUGGESTED ALSO COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW GET TOGETHER AND ABBOTT GO THROUGH THE BUDGET, TOTAL UP EVERYTHING HE FEELS LIKE COULD BE CUT AND SEE WHAT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, COME BACK AND SAY HE HAS SALVAGED WHATEVER THE AMOUNT IS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND IF HE WAS HAPPY WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET NOTES. IS THERE ANYTHING THEY NEED TO HASH OUT TODAY OR DO THEY NEED TO TAKE IT ON TO THE NEXT MEETING.

SHERIFF HADDOCK RECOMMENDED NEXT YEAR THE BOARD NOT HAVE A BUDGET COMMITTEE; IF THE BOARD CAN'T TAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATION AND THE WORK THEY DID ON THE BUDGET, DON'T HAVE A BUDGET COMMITTEE. LET THE BOARD DO THE BUDGET AND THAT IS IT. THEY DON'T NEED A BUDGET COMMITTEE AS THEY ARE JUST WASTING TIME. WHAT THE BOARD IS SAYING

AND WHAT HE IS HEARING MAY BE TWO SEPARATE THINGS; IT MAY NOT BE COMING OUT OF THEIR MOUTH THAT WAY. BUT, IT IS LIKE THEY ARE HIDING MONEY SOMEWHERE SO LETS FIND WHERE THEY ARE HIDING THAT MONEY. IF HE WERE TO STEP UP BEFORE THE BOARD AND SAY HE HAS TO HAVE \$3.8 MILLION THAT IS WHAT HE HAS GOT TO HAVE AND THEY CAN TAKE IT TO THE BANK. IF THE BOARD CAN'T TRUST THE HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT TO WORK THEIR BUDGET, THEY NEED TO GET SOME MORE HEADS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID "OR ANOTHER ANGLE TO LOOK AT IT."

SHERIFF HADDOCK ADDRESSED THEY HAVE PICKED AND CHOSED, PICKED AND CHOSED; THEY CAME BACK AND WANTED MORE MONEY FROM HIM. HE THOUGHT HE COULD GIVE MR. JOYNER MORE MONEY THAN WHAT HE COULD; BUT, HE SAT DOWN AND LOOKED AT IT AND HE COULDN'T. WE NEED TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THIS COUNTY HAS GOT PROBLEMS, HEADING DOWN A SLIPPERY SLOPE AND IF THE BOARD DOESN'T GRAB A HOLD OF THIS THING RIGHT NOW WHILE THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE FIRE SERVICE, AMBULANCE SERVICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION, BASEBALL FIELDS, ETC. THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO GRAB THIS BULL BY THE HORN AND DRIVE THE TRUCK. IF THEY DON'T TRUST THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE, WHEN THEY COME IN WITH THEIR BUDGET, THEY NEED TO FIRE THEM AND GET RID OF THEM. LETS QUIT DOING ALL THIS BICKERING, GET TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN THE CUTS THEY HAVE MADE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHERIFF HADDOCK WAS THINKING; BUT, COMMITTEE OR NO COMMITTEE, MR. JOYNER COME AND ASKED HADDOCK HOW MUCH COULD HE SAVE. WITHOUT A COMMITTEE, SHERIFF HADDOCK'S BUDGET RIGHT NOW IS \$206,000 LESS THAN WHAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR. IF THE COMMITTEE HADN'T ASKED FOR THAT, SHERIFF HADDOCK WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN IT TO THEM.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID "NOT NECESSARILY." HE NEEDS THAT \$206,000. HIS GUYS ARE WORKED AND OVERWORKED. HE CUT PLACES HE SHOULDN'T HAVE CUT; HE IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS OFFICERS SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE

PUBLIC AS THAT IS HIS JOB AS A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER, ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY. SHERIFF HADDOCK ASKED AGAIN WHY DOES THE BOARD NEED THIS COMMITTEE IF THE BOARD CAN'T GO BY THESE GUIDELINES. HE REFERRED TO THE BOARD HAVING A DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEM TODAY THAT SAID THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO CUT, MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THIS. IT WAS ALL CONTINGENT ON WHAT THE PHONE LINE SERVICE IS. MR. ABBOTT MIGHT HAVE SAVED THAT AND THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE. THEY HAVE TO BUDGET SOMETHING FOR THAT LINE ITEM JUST IN CASE BECAUSE OF THE UNKNOWN. IF THEY HAD THE KNOWNS LIKE THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOES AND HAD THAT ABILITY, HE WOULD DO THAT. BUT, IN GOVERNMENT YOU DEAL WITH TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT. WITH HIS EXPERIENCE IN BUDGETING, AGAIN; IF YOU HAVE ONLY SPENT \$900 THIS YEAR, HOW COULD YOU ASK ME FOR \$2,000.

SHERIFF HADDOCK POINTED OUT HE ONLY SPENT SO MUCH MONEY IN GAS LAST YEAR; BUT, HE HAD TO INCREASE IT BY \$75,000. HE IS ABSORBING THAT. IT IS AN UNKNOWN. HE HAS SO MANY PEOPLE HE HAS TO FEED AT THE JAIL WHICH IS AN UNKNOWN. EVERYTHING THEY DEAL WITH IS AN UNKNOWN. THEY MAY HAVE A CATASTROPHE OR A STORM NEXT YEAR; THEY WILL BE IN A PICKLE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY OR CONTINGENCY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THEY TRUST WHAT THE COUNTY MANAGER SAYS AND LOOKS AT IT, MS. COOK, MS. DIANNE AND THOSE THAT ARE ON THE COMMITTEE OR JUST DO AWAY WITH IT AND QUIT THIS PROCESS BECAUSE IT IS A WASTE OF EVERYBODY'S TIME. HIS DOOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPEN AND THEY CAN ASK HIM AT ANYTIME ABOUT HIS BUDGET.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID LETS GET ON WITH BUSINESS; LETS ACCEPT WHAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, IN DEFENSE OF HIMSELF, AT ONE TIME THE COUNTY HAD TO BORROW MONEY TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. AS A TRADITION THROUGH THE YEARS, THE COMMITTEE OR WHOEVER GOT TOGETHER AND BROUGHT THE BOARD A BUDGET. THERE HAS BEEN A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HE KNOWS OF ONE TIME WHERE THE BOARD MET, MET AND MET TRYING TO BALANCE THE

BUDGET. HE HAS NEVER HAD A BUDGET COME TO HIM THE FIRST TIME AND SAY APPROVED IT. THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME IF THAT HAPPENS.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID THEY CAN TRIP OVER A DOLLAR TO SAVE A DIME TOO; HE UNDERSTANDS THE PROCESS AND HAS BEEN AROUND IT FOR THIRTY THREE YEARS. HE REMEMBERS WHEN THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT HAD TO PARK A CAR BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE NO GAS; HE REMEMBERS WHEN ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS SHUT DOWN AND COULDN'T MOVE NO EQUIPMENT. HE REMEMBERS THOSE TIGHT YEARS AND NOBODY GOT ANYTHING. THE COMMITTEE IS A GOOD THING; BUT, IF THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED AS THAT PUTS THE PACKAGE TOGETHER. SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE PREPARED BEFORE THEY COME IN HERE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO USUALLY SEPTEMBER IS A ROUGH MONTH BECAUSE HE HAS SEEN BOARDS MEET TEN TIMES, TWELVE TIMES TRYING TO BALANCE A BUDGET.

SHERIFF HADDOCK SAID, AS BUSINESS PEOPLE, HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE BETTER PREPARED BEFORE THEY COME TO A WORKSHOP.

MR. JOYNER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET REFLECTING A DECLINE IN SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY. YOU CAN'T CUT \$1.2 MILLION FROM THE BUDGET WITHOUT CUTTING SERVICES TO MAKE IT WORK. IF YOU GO BACK AND CUT A FEW THINGS HERE AND THERE, IT STILL REFLECTS A DECLINE IN SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THAT WAS HIS POINT AND SHERIFF HADDOCK'S TOO; WHERE HE WOULD CHOOSE TO CUT, OR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD CHOOSE TO CUT, ETC. COULD BE IN THREE DIFFERENT PLACES. HE HAS TO ANSWER TO THE PEOPLE WHO ASK HIM THE QUESTIONS. HE KNOWS THE \$206,000 CUT IS GOING TO AFFECT SHERIFF HADDOCK DRAMATICALLY. BUT, WHERE HE WOULD CHOOSE THE \$206,000 AND WHERE SHERIFF HADDOCK WOULD CHOOSE IT WOULD BE IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES. ALL HE IS SAYING IS HE ANSWERS FOR HIS BELIEF SYSTEM AND HE HAS TO FEEL GOOD THEY ARE TAKING IT FROM THE RIGHT PLACES. HE KNOWS IT IS GOING TO HURT EVERYBODY

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AND HE KNOWS THE SERVICES; BUT, HE HAS TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHERE HE IS TAKING IT FROM. HE DON'T KNOW IN A STATEMENT HE AND COMMISSIONER BROCK MADE AND THE STATEMENT MR. HAGAN MADE ABOUT PLAYING BALL WITH HIS GRANDKIDS AT THE HOUSE; IT IS TIME TO GET TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND. HE ANSWERS TO THE KIDS AND THE MORE MONEY THEY HAVE IN RECREATION MAY BE THE MORE CALLS THAT HIS OPERATIONS WON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TOO. WHERE IS THE BALANCE; HE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO RECESS UNTIL 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN