

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

PURSUANT TO A RECESS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS ABBOTT, BROCK, STRICKLAND AND CARTER PRESENT.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THERE BEING SOME SUGGESTIONS, DIRECTIONS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS AT THE SEPTEMBER 6TH BUDGET WORKSHOP COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO WORK ON. HE UNDERSTANDS MR. BROCK AND MR. ABBOTT HAS DONE SOME INVESTIGATION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED IF EVERYONE HAD READ INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER'S SUGGESTIONS ON WHERE THEY COME UP WITH THE \$30,000 TO PUT BACK IN THE TRAVEL FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AT \$500 A MONTH. MR. JOYNER SAID IT SHOULD BE \$36,000 ADDED TO THE BUDGET FOR IN COUNTY TRAVEL OR \$600 A MONTH PER COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER CARTER READ THE SUGGESTION:

TAKE THE \$30,000 FROM THE FUEL LINE ITEM IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO PUT IN THE TRAVEL LINE ITEM TO GIVE THE COMMISSIONERS A SET AMOUNT OF \$600 PER MONTH FOR IN COUNTY TRAVEL. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REITERATED IT WOULD BE \$36,000; SHE WAS TOLD IT WOULD BE \$500 PER MONTH PER COMMISSIONER YESTERDAY.

THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO APPROVE OF THE \$36,000 OUT OF THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TRANSFERRED TO THE LINE ITEM IN COUNTY TRAVEL.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CARTER UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TRANSPORTATION FUND II SUBMITTED BY MR. BARFIELD AT PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH IS CASH CARRY FORWARD TO BE USED FOR ROAD MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. IT IS FUNDED AT \$2,200,000. HE ASKED MR. JOYNER IF TECHNICALLY THIS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE BUDGET.

MR. JOYNER SAID NOT ON THIS CASH CARRY FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY. IF NOT, HE RECOMMENDED THE BUDGET BE BALANCED AT THIS TIME AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES ON THIS \$36,000 IN COUNTY TRAVEL.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THANKED MR. JOYNER AS HE UNDERSTANDS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTY PLUS YEARS THE BUDGET HAS BEEN BALANCED WITHOUT ANY CASH CARRY FORWARD AND IT WAS CUT \$1.18 MILLION DOLLARS IN A JOINT EFFORT OF ALL THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THIS COUNTY. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR ANY COUNTY TO CUT \$1.18 MILLION FROM A BUDGET. HE REITERATED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTY YEARS THEY HAVE BALANCED THE BUDGET WITHOUT BORROWING MONEY OR USING CASH CARRY FORWARD. THAT IS OUTSTANDING.

CLERK COOK THANKED DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW; SHE REALLY IS A CREDIT TO HER OFFICE AS WELL AS JOHNNIE ODOM. MR. JOYNER AGREED AND SAID MS. GLASGOW IS A CREDIT TO THE BOARD.

VICE CHAIRMAN CARTER TOLD MS. COOK SHE DID HAVE A GOOD STAFF IN BOARD FINANCE.

SHERIFF HADDOCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON LOOKING AT SHORTFALLS NEXT YEAR AND SUGGESTED, ONCE THE DUST SETTLES ON THE 2011-2012 BUDGET, THE COUNTY MANAGER, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND MS. DIANNE NEEDS TO SET DOWN AND LOOK AT SOME FORMULA OF PROVIDING SERVICES BACK FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES. IF THEY KEEP GOING THE WAY THEY ARE GOING, THERE IS NO WAY, THE AMBULANCE, FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN HANDLE WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON A DAILY BASIS DO NOT PAY THE TAXES IN THIS COUNTY. THAT IS SOMETHING HE HOPES THE BOARD ENTERTAINS. THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. HE REFERRED TO HIM CONTINUING TO LOSE STAFF; HE JUST LOST ANOTHER ONE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE INSURANCE. THAT IS THE FIRST THING THEY HAD TO HIT BECAUSE THEY WERE ON A DEADLINE; DIDN'T KNOW HOW DETRIMENTAL THAT WAS GOING TO BE TO THEM. HE STATED FIVE PEOPLE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS HAS LEFT HIS OFFICE BECAUSE OF INSURANCE; THEY CAN GO TO THE CITY OF CHIPLEY AND WORK FOR \$1500 LESS IN SALARY BUT STILL MAKE MORE MONEY BECAUSE OF THE INSURANCE. HE

GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG MAN WHO STARTED WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THROUGH AN EXPLORER PROGRAM, BROUGHT HIM ALL THE WAY UP AND HAVE BEEN TRAINING HIM TO COME TO WORK WITH THEM. THIS PERSON'S STARTING SALARY WAS \$28,500; BUT, WHEN YOU TAKE ALL HIS FICA, INSURANCE, ETC. OUT, HE WAS TAKING HOME \$24,000. SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE EMPLOYEE HAVING TO PAY 3% RETIREMENT AND THE INSURANCE HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY BECAUSE OF FAMILY COVERAGE, WOULD ONLY BE BRINGING HOME \$17,000. THAT IS OVER A \$7,000 HIT IN THREE MONTHS TIME. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO ENTERTAIN, LOOK, THINK OUT OF THE BOX, BE FAIR TO THE TAXPAYER; THEY STILL HAVE TO FUND EMERGENCY SERVICES. THEY CAN NOT KEEP GOING THE WAY THEY ARE GOING AND THAT IS BACKWARDS. HE HOPES THE COMMUNITY OUT THERE REALIZES WHEN HIS OFFICE GETS THAT CALL, HE ONLY HAS TWO PEOPLE ON, IT TAKES 45 MINUTES FOR THEM TO GET THERE BECAUSE TWO OF THEM ARE TIED UP ON THE SAME CALL BACKING EACH OTHER UP BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GO RIGHT THEN. THAT IS THE KIND OF THINGS HIS OFFICE IS UP AGAINST. HE WANTED TO EDUCATE THE BOARD A LITTLE BIT. HE KNOWS THEY HAVE A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS; BUT, THEY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO TRY TO COME TO A CONSENSUS OF WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO HELP THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER TOLD SHERIFF HADDOCK HE THOUGHT HE WOULD SEE SOME SUGGESTIONS BEING MADE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. MR. JOYNER IS WORKING ON SOME THINGS THAT SOME WILL THINK IS BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY AND BALANCE EVERYTHING OUT TO A FAIRER BASIS.

MR. JOYNER THANKED MR. HADDOCK AND HIS STAFF FOR HELPING WITH THE INSURANCE; HE HAS BEEN A BIG HELP WORKING WITH HIS BUDGET AND THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND HELPING GET IT BALANCED. SHERIFF HADDOCK AND HIS STAFF IS TO BE COMMENDED ALSO.

COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED THE ENTIRE BOARD APPRECIATES ALL THE STAFF AND ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FOR REALIZING THE COUNTY WAS IN KIND OF TOUGH TIMES. THEY DID THEIR SHARE ON WHAT THEY COULD AFFORD TO DO. EVERYBODY IN THE WHOLE COUNTY AND

COMMUNITY SHOULD BE APPRECIATIVE WITH THE STRUGGLE THEY ARE HAVING. SERVICES WILL BE TIGHT; SOME PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET THE SAME SERVICES THEY WOULD LIKE, HOPE OR THINK THEY SHOULD GET. BUT, WE ALWAYS BUCKLE DOWN IN THIS COUNTRY AND EVERYBODY PUTS THEIR SHARE OUT; THE COUNTY WILL COME OUT ALRIGHT. IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE WHILE TO DO IT; BUT, THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE AND THEY CAN DO IT BY WORKING TOGETHER. IF ANYBODY HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS, HE IS SURE MR. JOYNER WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LISTEN.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH FOR THEIR WORKSHOP. HE REMINDED THE BOARD OF A MEETING TONIGHT IN VERNON AT 6:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION ON THE WELL SYSTEM AND AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:00 P.M. TODAY.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CARTER ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THIS DATE AT 4:00 P.M. TO ADDRESS THE WELL SITUATION IN BAY COUNTY THAT AFFECTS THE KNIGHT PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT, CARTER, PATE, STRICKLAND AND BROCK PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE BAY WELL SITUATION. THE PUBLIC WAS ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING.

THE PUBLIC SESSION WAS RECONVENED. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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