

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 BROCK, CARTER, ABBOTT, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER, STEVE JOYNER, CLERK LINDA COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

DEPUTY RACKARD PROCLAIMED THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES-JULY 28, 2011; THE BOARD HAD NO COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THESE MINUTES.

CONSENT AGENDA-ITEM B-ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST TO GRANT FL-DOT RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT RIVER ROAD PROJECT ACCORDING TO CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND ALLOWING FL-DOT TO TEMPORARILY USE CERTAIN LAND NOW OWNED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED HIS CONCERNS WITH THE PRICE OF A BOX CULVERT ON THE PROJECT; FOR THIS PRICE, THEY COULD HAVE PAVED THE WHOLE ROAD.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 MEETING.

AGENDA ITEMS: ROGER HAGAN, FPDM, ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN-WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, MR. HAGAN SAID THIS COULD BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH MEETING. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON EVERY FIVE YEARS WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS TO SUBMIT A CEMP APPROVED BY THE STATE AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE REVIEW PROCESS; THE PLAN ITSELF COVERS ALL THE ANNEXES, ALL THE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDES, THE RESPONSE, RECOVERY, ETC. THE BOARD HAS ADOPTED A NUMBER OF PLANS OVER THE YEARS THAT WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE CEMP. THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN RULE 9G7 OF THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; THE CRITERIA FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION IS INCLUDED

IN 9G6 OF THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND 9G6.006(9) ALSO REQUIRES IT BE ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY BY A RESOLUTION. WHAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN THEIR PACKET WILL BE A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THE ONE THEY ADOPTED FIVE YEARS AGO, FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THAT, ETC.

HE TOLD THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE CEMP OR HAVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADDRESS ANY PARTICULAR PART OF IT, THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO DO THAT. IF THEY WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE PLAN ITSELF, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAN PROVIDE THAT. THE PLAN SETS FORTH THE ORDER OF AUTHORITY, GETS THE BOARD IN SESSION, IN ABSENCE OF THE BOARD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN, IT IS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE COUNTY MANAGER AND IN HIS ABSENCE, THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR CAN CALL A STATE OF EMERGENCY. IN THE EXTREME CASE, THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR OR COUNTY MANAGER CALL A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SET IN MOTION THE CEMP.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REQUESTED A DISC OF THE CEMP.

COUNTY MANAGER-STEVE JOYNER-

A. CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, AUDITORS FOR COUNTY, PROVIDED A NEW PROPOSAL OFFERING TO DO THE AUDIT FOR THE SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER CARTER QUESTIONED DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW AND CLERK LINDA COOK IF THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM. BOTH RESPONDED THEY WERE SATISFIED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT QUESTIONED IF THE AUDITORS COST WAS IN LINE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADDRESSED IT BASICALLY IS IN LINE; WHEN IT WAS BID OUT BEFORE, IT SEEMED TO BE IN LINE. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID IF THEY WERE HAPPY WITH THE AUDITORS, HE WAS HAPPY.

B. ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DOG ORDINANCE.

MR. JOYNER REPORTED HE AND ATTORNEY GOODMAN WILL DISCUSS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING THE CONCERNS OF HOG HUNTERS; THE HOGS THEY HUNT IS NOT SPECIFIED UNDER A HUNTING SEASON.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THERE BEING A SITUATION WHERE A LOT OF THE HOGS ARE DOING A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE FARM CROPS; THEY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE NOT PUTTING ANYTHING IN THE ORDINANCE THAT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE HOG HUNTERS TO HELP CONTROL THAT SITUATION.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY SOME CONCERNED PEOPLE AND HE HAS HIGHLIGHTED THEIR CONCERNS AND DELIVERED IT BACK TO THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE ATTORNEY GOODMAN HAD ADDRESSED THESE CONCERNS WITH MR. JOYNER.

MR. JOYNER ADVISED ATTORNEY GOODMAN HAD NOT ADDRESSED THOSE CONCERNS WITH HIM YET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS GOTTEN A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH AND THEY COULD PICK UP A COPY FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

MR. JOYNER READ SECTION 6 IN THE DOG ORDINANCE:

ANY DOG IN THE ACT OF HUNTING MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THIS CHAPTER UNLESS THE DOG HAS BITTEN SOMEONE, DESTROYED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS A CONTINUED NUISANCE OR IS CONSIDERED VICIOUS. THIS EXEMPTION PERTAINS ONLY DURING PRACTICE AND OPEN DOG HUNTING SEASON.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED THERE IS NOT A SEASON FOR HOG HUNTING. THE COUNTY DON'T WANT TO CAUSE THEM ANY PROBLEMS BECAUSE THOSE HUNTERS ARE A BIG HELP TO THE FARMERS BECAUSE THOSE HOGS ARE A BIG NUISANCE TO PEANUT FARMERS. HE WILL HAVE ATTORNEY GOODMAN REVIEW THE ORDINANCE TO SEE IF ANOTHER PARAGRAPH MAY NEED TO BE ADDED TO ADDRESS HOG HUNTERS.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED BASICALLY THE DOG ORDINANCE WAS TO CONTROL DOGS THAT AREN'T BEING CONTROLLED BY THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THEM. THE COUNTY IS HAVING MORE AND MORE CALLS ON SO CALLED PETS THAT PEOPLE DON'T CONTROL. HE THOUGHT THE ORDINANCE WAS JUST MAKING PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED BASICALLY WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS

THEY ARE PUTTING IN A LEASH LAW IN THE COUNTY.

MR. JOYNER DISAGREED AND POINTED OUT HIS DOG WOULDN'T ON A LEASH BUT HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. THE ORDINANCE IS GOING TO CLARIFY A PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS AND IS GIVING THE COUNTY ENOUGH TEETH TO ENFORCE THAT.

CHAIRMAN PATE ASKED DAVID CORBIN TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE NUMBER OF DANGEROUS DOG CASES THAT HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT AND SETTLED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

DAVID REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT CASES THE ANIMAL BOARD HAS SAT AND RULED ON. MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED NONE OF THESE CASES INVOLVED HUNTING DOGS; IT WAS CASES ON SO CALLED PETS.

DAVID ADDRESSED WHEN A BITE CASE HAPPENS, STATE LAWS OUTRIDES COUNTY LAWS; THEY HAVE TO GO BY WHAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA SAYS ON A BITE CASE. THEY HAVE TO SUBDUCE THAT DOG IF IT LAYS IN THEIR POWER; IF THE DOG IS NOT VACCINATED, HE HAS TO BE QUARANTINED FOR A INCUBATION PERIOD OF TEN DAYS TO MAKE SURE THE DOG IS OKAY AND THE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE SHOT PROCESS. THE MAIN THING THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEALS WITH IS DOGS WITH OTHER ANIMALS. HE REFERRED TO A CASE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BAY COUNTY WHERE DOGS GOT IN AMIDST SOME COWS. THERE WAS A CASE AT FITZUGH CARTER'S PASTURE WHERE TWO OFFICERS WERE ATTACKED BY A WILD PACK OF DOGS. HE ADDRESSED THERE HAVING BEEN SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN ATTACKS ON NOT ONLY LIVESTOCK BUT HUMAN BEINGS. THEY NEED A TOOL TO GOVERN THESE INCIDENTS. HE POINTED OUT ANIMAL CONTROL MAKES A LOT OF TRIPS THE BOARD DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE TO END THE DOG EVERYTIME. THE ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW ANIMAL CONTROL MORE TOOLS; IT WAS NOT SET UP AS A LEASH LAW. IT WAS SET UP TO MAKE PEOPLE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANIMALS.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO A CASE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD; IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE A DANGEROUS DOG AND THE CASE DRUG ON AND ON AND THE OWNERS DIDN'T

COME GET THE DOG AND THE FEES BECAME ABOUT \$1200. THE OWNER THEN WANTED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND NEGOTIATE IT.

MR. JOYNER SAID MOST OF THE HUNTERS IN THE COUNTY ARE PRETTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS. HE DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ON HUNTING DOGS.

DAVID EXPLAINED THE COMMITTEE WAS REAL CAREFUL, WHEN SETTING THE ORDINANCE UP, TO COVER THE HUNTERS. IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT A PERSON HOG HUNTING, DEER HUNTING, QUAIL HUNTING, THESE WERE ALL EXEMPT. IF IT NEEDS READDRESSING AND PUTTING IN THE ORDINANCE ABOUT FARROW HOGS; THIS IS A CALENDAR YEAR HUNT AND THESE CAN BE HUNTED YEAR ROUND. THE ONLY WAY ANIMAL CONTROL WOULD EVER GET INVOLVED WITH A DOG WITH A HUNTER IS IF THAT DOG BIT SOMEBODY; STATE LAW SAYS IF A DOG BITES SOMEONE, NO MATTER IF IT IS A HUNTING DOG, IT WILL BE QUARANTINED IF HE IS NOT VACCINATED.

MR. JOYNER ADDRESSED THERE BEING AN INCREASE IN FEES THAT WERE CHARGED TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T CONTROL THEIR DOGS TO HELP COVER THE TRAVEL EXPENSES SINCE THE GAS PRICES HAVE INCREASED SO HIGH.

DAVID UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS HAVING THE TICKET WRITING ABILITIES IN THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID WHEN THE COUNTY STARTED THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND TRIED TO PUT LANGUAGE IN IT, YOU CAN DEFINE NUISANCE AS A MIGHTY BIG WORD IN THIS COUNTY. THE LANGUAGE ON THE DEFINITION OF NUISANCE NEEDS TO BE REVISED AND LOOKED AT AGAIN BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF ANIMALS BEING PICKED UP, IN HIS OPINION, THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON THAT OWNS IT AND THERE SHOULD BE SOME FEE.

MR. JOYNER EXPLAINED THEY HAVE TO FIND THE OWNER BEFORE THEY CAN IMPLY THE FEE WHEN THEY DO PICK UP A NUISANCE ANIMAL.

COMMISSIONER CARTER THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD CORRECT THAT PROBLEM IS PUT IT IN THE ORDINANCE EVERYBODY HAS TO HAVE THEIR ANIMALS IDENTIFIED IN SOME WAY. MR. JOYNER SAID THAT IS ALREADY IN THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK FELT 2/3 OF THE ANIMALS PICKED UP IN THIS COUNTY RIGHT NOW IS UNIDENTIFIED. MR. JOYNER SAID IF THE ANIMAL IS UNIDENTIFIED, IT IS CONSIDERED A STRAY ANIMAL.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE BIG EXPENSE WITH ANIMAL CONTROL WITH VET FEES, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED MR. JOYNER CHECK ON THE CASE HE REFERRED TO EARLIER TO MAKE SURE THAT PERSON PAID THE FEES CHARGED.

DAVID EXPLAINED THERE IS NO WAY ON THE CASE MR. PATE IS TALKING ABOUT WITHOUT THE ATTORNEY; IT IS CIVIL ACTION. MR. PATE ADDRESSED THE POINT HE WAS MAKING IT WAS A CIVIL CASE THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE GOT THERE; OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEARTS, THE BOARD ALLOWED THE PERSON TO MAKE PAYMENT PLANS INSTEAD OF MAKING HER PAY IT ALL AT ONE TIME. DAVID OFFERED TO SIT DOWN INDIVIDUALLY WITH ANY OF THE BOARD WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS ON THE MATTER.

MR. JOYNER UPDATED THE BOARD ON HE, ATTORNEY GOODMAN AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAVING SEVERAL MEETINGS ON THE PROPOSED DOG ORDINANCE AND DAVID WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN IT. IT HAS BEEN REWRITTEN THREE TIMES SINCE THEY STARTED REVIEWING IT AND THEY HAVE HAD SOME GOOD INPUT ON IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED, IN HIS COMMUNITY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CONFLICT OVER A DOG ABOUT NOTHING; THEY ARE ALL PETS.

MR. JOYNER SAID IT WAS THAT WAY IN HIS COMMUNITY. BASICALLY, THE KIND OF PEOPLE COMMISSIONER BROCK IS TALKING ABOUT, THEY DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS OUT OF THEM BECAUSE PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE DOGS BELONG AND ARE NOT KEEPING VICIOUS DOGS. HOWEVER, IF THERE WAS A VICIOUS DOG THAT BIT A CHILD, THEY WOULD WANT SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT SITUATION REGARDLESS OF WHO IT BELONGS TO. THAT IS WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS DESIGNED TO DO; TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT DO TRY TO MAINTAIN THEIR ANIMALS AND KEEP THEM.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID REALLY THE ORDINANCE IS GIVING ANIMAL CONTROL THE AUTHORITY TO PICK UP A LOT OF THE DOGS THAT PEOPLE DON'T OWN THAT BELONGS TO SOMEBODY THAT DECIDED THEY DIDN'T WANT IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IN HIS COMMUNITY THEY STILL GET STRAY DOGS DROPPED OFF. HE HAS A NEIGHBOR AND IF HIS DOG KEEPS RAMBLING AROUND, HIS DOG MAY GET PICKED UP IN ONE OF THESE ROUNDUPS OF STRAY DOGS BECAUSE HE IS GETTING DOWN IN THE AREA WHERE EVERYBODY DUMPS DOGS. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE'S PETS. HE ADDRESSED THE ORDINANCE PROBABLY DOESN'T AFFECT MORE THAN PROBABLY ABOUT 5% OF THIS POPULATION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NOBODY REALLY UNDERSTANDS HOW BAD THE ANIMAL CONTROL PROBLEM IS UNTIL THEY SIT AT AN ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING AND LISTEN TO A FRIGHTENED ELDERLY PERSON OR A KID WHO COULDN'T GO OUT TO A MAILBOX WITHOUT THEIR NEIGHBORS DOG CHASING THEM BACK TO THE HOUSE AND SOMETIMES THE DOGS KEEP THEM FROM GOING TO THEIR MAILBOX.

MR. JOYNER SAID THEY HAVE HAD CHILDREN ATTACKED IN THIS COUNTY. COMMISSIONER PATE REFERRED TO ONE CHILD HAVING DIED FROM AN ATTACK.

MR. JOYNER TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK AND THE BOARD IF THEY HAD ANYTHING IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE THEY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT, EITHER HE OR THE ATTORNEY WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER THEM. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DOG ORDINANCE ON SEPTEMBER 26TH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK THOUGHT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THEY HAVE WITH THE PET ISSUE, AND HE HAS NOTICED THIS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE THE ORDINANCE GOT IN, IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PEOPLE ARE FEUDING, DON'T GET ALONG, ONE HAS TO GO TO WORK, THE DOG COMES OVER AND THE PERSON CALLS THE POUND AND THE DOG GOES MISSING. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WHERE NEIGHBORS DON'T GET ALONG.

MR. JOYNER REITERATED THE MAN THAT OWNS THE DOG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ANIMAL.

COUNTY ENGINEER REPORT:

1. CLIFF KNAUER REPORTED THERE WERE NO BID AWARDS THIS MONTH.
2. THEY ARE WORKING ON THE TIGER III GRANT.
3. THEY ARE SEEING IF THEY CAN TIE UP SOME SAFETY MONEY FL-DOT MAY HAVE LEFT OVER.
4. C. W. ROBERTS SHOULD BE DOING PUNCH LIST ITEMS ON BONNETT POND AND BAHOMA ROAD; THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED CLIFF IF HE HAD LOOKED AT THE CROSSDRAIN ON THE SOUTH END OF BONNETT POND AT THE PAINT AND BODY SHOP. CLIFF SAID HE AND MR. BARFIELD DID GO AND LOOK AT THIS CROSSDRAIN AND THE CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO CLEAN OUT ALL THE CULVERTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN HE DIDN'T WANT SAND TO GET IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SPRING THERE BECAUSE THAT WAS CLARIFIED WITH THE LANDOWNER WHENEVER HE GAVE AN EASEMENT.

CLIFF EXPLAINED WHERE MOST OF THE SAND AT THAT CROSSING CAME FROM IS THE SWALE ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REQUESTED A LIST OF THE PROJECTS CLIFF WAS TRYING TO TIE UP FL-DOT SAFETY MONEY FOR AND ALSO HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH CLIFF ABOUT A LETTER HE HAD WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR SOME OF THAT SAFETY MONEY. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE AND CLIFF WERE ON THE SAME PAGE. HE ALSO REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH THE INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER.

CLIFF POINTED OUT THIS ONLY CAME UP ON FRIDAY AND HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY TYPE OF MONEY THEY MAY BE ABLE TO GET UNTIL FRIDAY. HE SPOKE WITH TODD ABOUT IT AND HE WILL BE HAPPY TO GO THROUGH IT WITH MR. ABBOTT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK TOLD CLIFF BONNETT POND WAS READY FOR STRIPING AS IT HAD BEEN SIXTY DAYS NOW. CLIFF THOUGHT MR. BARFIELD HAD GIVEN NOTICE TO PROCEED TO THE CONTRACTOR TO HANDLE THAT.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REMINDED THE BOARD THE FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 5:05 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 15TH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED WHY THE BOARD MEETS SO EARLY FOR THEIR WORKSHOPS; TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING. HE THOUGHT THEY MET A WEEK BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED HE THOUGHT WHEN THEY STARTED SHIFTING IT AROUND BECAUSE OF HIS DUTIES WITH THE FAC, THEY SHOULD HAVE SHIFTED THAT BACK. HE WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND THE WORKSHOP AND BOARD MEETING BE CLOSER TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED WHEN SOMEBODY HAS SOMETHING NEXT WEEK FOR THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA, COULD THEY GET ON THE AGENDA. HE WAS ASKING THE CUT OFF DATE TO GET SOMETHING ON THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED NORMALLY THEY WOULDN'T; BUT, THE WAY THEY SPREAD OUT NOW HE FAVORS THE WORKSHOP BEING CLOSER TO THE BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CARTER THOUGHT THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT THE INFORMATION; FOR A WORKSHOP, HE FELT IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING ON A PER BASIS IF THEY HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY NEEDING A WORKSHOP. BUT, AS FAR AS ALL THE STUFF THEY HAVE HERE TODAY, IF EVERYBODY HAD READ ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THEM, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A MATTER AT THE BOARD MEETING OF AGREEING TO THE CONSENT AGENDA AND MOVING ON BECAUSE IT IS PRETTY STANDARD STUFF. HE DEFINITELY CAN'T SEE PAYING AN ATTORNEY TWO OR THREE HOURS TO SIT HERE AND DEAL WITH WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TODAY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT UPDATED THE BOARD WHEN HE WAS ELECTED INTO OFFICE, HE GUESSED HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE WORKSHOPS BACK. IN HIS THOUGHT PROCESS, HE WANTED, THE SUNSHINE LAWS BEING THE WAY THEY ARE, TO BE IN FRONT OF THIS BOARD MORE OFTEN THAN ONCE A MONTH. HE IS SATISFIED AT ANY TIME AT THIS POINT IF THEY WANT TO DO AWAY WITH THE WORKSHOPS AND BRING THEM BACK ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. HE DID RUN ACROSS SOME RESISTANCE FOR OPENING THE WORKSHOPS BACK UP; WITH

THE ATTORNEY AND ALL THE COSTS INVOLVED, THE BOARD MAY WANT TO LOOK AT HAVING WORKSHOPS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER FELT THE BOARD NEEDED TO LET MR. JOYNER HAVE THE LEADWAY IF HE SEES ANYTHING ON THE BOARD AGENDA, HE CAN TELL THE ATTORNEY TO COME OR NOT COME. THE ATTORNEY IS OUT OF TOWN TODAY; BUT, IF HE WERE HERE, HE WOULD BE CHARGING THE BOARD THREE HOURS FOR SITTING HERE AND REALLY NOT EVEN HAVING ANYTHING TO SAY BECAUSE IT WAS NOTHING FOR HIM TO DETERMINE.

MR. JOYNER AGREES WITH THE AS NEEDED WORKSHOP; CALL A WORKSHOP IF NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE WORKSHOP GIVES THE BOARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THINGS AND PEOPLE COME LISTEN TO THEM. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN THEY DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS THE BOARD'S WORKSHOP AND IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION, THEY NEED TO SEND IT IN TO THE COUNTY MANAGER TO GET IT ON THE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER PATE THANKED THE BOARD FOR WORKING WITH HIM. HE HAS HAD SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS. HE WILL BE AROUND AND SUPPORT THE BOARD; BUT, HE DON'T WANT A LEADERSHIP POSITION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN