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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, STRICKLAND AND PATE PRESENT. ATTORNEY GOODMAN, CLERK COOK, DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY AND INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

- I. PROCLAMATION – DEPUTY RACKARD
 - A. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN CARTER
 - B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE – ROGER HAGAN/COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND
- II. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2011

COMMISSIONER PATE MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE DECEMBER 21, 2011 MINUTES.

- III. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE CLERK OF COURT TO PAY VOUCHERS FOR DECEMBER 2011 TOTALING \$1,582,396.08.

ITEM: BOTH TONYA PIPPIN AND JIM ACKERMAN HAVE SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. CURRENTLY, TONYA PIPPIN SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN AND JIM ACKERMAN SERVES AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. BOTH TONYA PIPPIN AND JIM ACKERMAN HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- IV. AGENDA ITEMS – NONE
- V. BID AWARD - NONE
- VI. COUNTY ENGINEER - *SPOKE AFTER THE COMMISSIONERS*
- VII. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE -NONE
- VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY - ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE COUNTY THAT RHYTHM IS STILL IN CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. HE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN FEBRUARY. UNTIL THAT HAPPENS WE WILL BE IN A CONTINUED HOLDING PATTERN FOR THE BOARDS PUBLIC HEARING. AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS DONE THE BOARDS WILL BE SET FOR AN UPCOMING AGENDA.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO APPROVAL FOR AN EXTENSION ON THE LOAN WITH CAPITAL CITY BANK IN RESPECT TO THE PIPE PROJECT.

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WE ENTERED INTO A 12 MONTH LOAN LAST YEAR WITH CAPITAL CITY WITH PAYMENT ON SOME OF THE NEEDED ITEMS WITH RESPECT TO THE CSX RAIL SPUR. WE ENTERED AN AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL CITY BANK FOR A 12 MONTH, BASICALLY INTEREST ONLY LOAN FOR \$700,000. THAT LOAN NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2012.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS ALERTED THE STATE AND WE ARE READY TO PROCEED. THE HOLD UP RIGHT NOW IS THERE IS A \$2 MILLION GRANT THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY OTTED FOR THE PROJECT. THERE IS COMMUNICATION GOING ON ABOUT THE RELEASING OF THOSE FUNDS. ESSENTIALLY, THE ISSUE IS WE NEED THE MAJORITY OF THE \$2 MILLION TO BE RELEASED ON THE FRONT END OF THE PROJECT. WE HAVE TO DO SITE WORK AND RAIL TIE WORK. THE COST WILL BE ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION. TYPICALLY THE WAY THE GRANT WORKS IS THAT THE RELEASING OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MONEY HAPPENS WHERE REDEEMED VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DONE. THE UNIQUE THING ABOUT THIS PROJECT IS BEFORE YOU GO TO PHASE 2, WHICH IS THE WALLS OF THE BUILDING YOU HAVE TO BUILD DOWN. YOU HAVE TO BUILD A PIT AND CONVEYOR BELT SYSTEM AND IT ALL TIES IN. THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TCC AND THE STATE IS HOW CAN THE STATE ENSURE THAT THE \$2 MILLION WILL BE SPENT APPROPRIATELY BECAUSE IT'S TAX PAYERS MONEY AND THAT IS WHERE THE VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT COMES IN.

THE UNIQUE ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT HAS CAUSED PARTIES TO BE CREATIVE IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WASHINGTON COUNTY CAN GET \$2 MILLION DOLLARS ON THE FRONT END OF THE PROJECT BECAUSE LIKE A LOT OF RURAL COUNTY'S WE DON'T HAVE \$2/3 MILLION DOLLARS LAYING AROUND FOR SLUSH FUNDS TO TAKE CARE OF SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.

WE HAVE MADE EFFORTS WITH OTTED BY GOING TO TALLAHASSEE TO DISCUSS THE PARAMETERS OF HOW THIS CAN AND WILL BE DONE. AS THESE TALKS CONTINUE WE SHOULD HAVE AN ANSWER SOON; WHETHER IT IS OR ISN'T. WE HAVE SOME OTHER TIME LINES WITH RESPECT TO CSX AND HIGH END GRANTS THAT COME ALONG WITH IT, SHOULD OTTED FEEL LIKE THEY CAN'T RELEASE THE MONEY IN THE TIME FRAME THAT IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. AT THAT POINT IN TIME I WILL PROBABLY COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND DISCUSS THE BUY BACK OF THE PROPERTY WHICH IS TRIGGERED VIA THE CONTRACT WE EXECUTED WITH TCC. WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO TRY TO COME TO A SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THE ISSUES WITH THE NEW OTTED AND THE NEW GOVERNOR. IF IT CAN'T GET DONE IN THE CONTRACT THERE IS A BUY BACK CLAUSE AND I WILL ADDRESS THE BOARD ABOUT THAT IF IT FAILS. THAT IS PLAN B.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF THE EXTENSION IS FOR 8 MONTHS.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID THAT IT ISN'T EXACTLY 8 MONTH; THE EXACT DATE IS AUGUST 25, 2012. THAT DATE IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THAT IS BASICALLY THE EXTINGUISHMENT DATE OF THE PROJECT. WITHOUT AN EXTENSION VIA THE CDBG GRANT AND/OR THE OTTED GRANT, THAT IS WHEN THE PROJECT IS DUE TO EXPIRE. SOMETHING WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY THAT, WHICH WAS THE LONGEST CAPITAL CITY FELT LIKE THEY COULD EXTEND THE LOAN. GOOD OR BAD THE ISSUE WITH OTTED SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN THE NEXT 30-60 DAYS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED ATTORNEY GOODMAN IF HIS RECOMMENDATION IS TO EXTEND THE LOAN UNTIL AUGUST. ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID YES BECAUSE THE MONEY HASN'T BEEN SPENT AND THE MONEY IS CAPABLE OF BEING PAID BACK SHOULD THE COUNTY NEED TO PAY IT BACK, IF THE SITUATION WITH OTTED DOESN'T WORK OUT. HE BELIEVES THAT OTTED, TCC AND THE COUNTY WILL BE CREATIVE ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THE COUNTY IS UNDER A CONTRACT WITH TCC AND THEN WE WILL BE UNDER SOME CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS. PRIMARILY WHAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF INITIALLY IS THERE IS A CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT THAT IS CALLED THE BUY BACK CLAUSE WHERE WE WILL GET INTO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT BUYING THE PROPERTY BACK THAT THEY INITIALLY BOUGHT FROM US.

COMMISSIONER PATE MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO EXTEND THE LOAN AT CAPITAL CITY UNTIL AUGUST 25, 2012.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CONFIRMED WITH ATTORNEY GOODMAN THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD WAS TO EXTEND THE LOAN. ATTORNEY GOODMAN AGREED THAT IS HIS RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THAT IT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE WE NEED THAT TIME FRAME TO TRY AND FINISH NEGOTIATIONS OUT ON BOTH WITH THE OTTED AT THE STATE LEVEL AS WELL AS THE PROJECT INITIAL INVESTOR.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO THE NEW MSBU ORDINANCE. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT IN THE PAST WEEK THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY SOME BECAUSE RESPONSES REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND THE CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY MY OFFICE. AN INITIAL MEETING WILL BE SET UP BY ME ALONG WITH MR. JOYNER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012 TO GET THE ADVISORY BOARD TOGETHER AND START SETTING FORTH A PLAN AS WE GET INTO

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BUDGET TIME. I WILL REPORT TO THE BOARD ON HOW THE MEETING GOES AND CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED THE STATUS OF THE 2 ADVISORY MEMBERS BEING ON THE BOARD THAT ARE ALSO ON THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID HE ASKED FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM ALL 7 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD BUT HASN'T RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM EVERYONE YET. THE RESPONSES ARE DUE NEXT WEEK. IT'S PREMATURE TO SAY WHETHER ALL OR NOT ARE ELIGIBLE. THE SAME INFORMATION WAS SENT TO ALL CANDIDATES BECAUSE THAT WAS THE APPROPRIATE THING TO DO.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED ATTORNEY GOODMAN IF HE WAS EXPECTING BY THE FEBRUARY 2 MEETING THAT ANYONE THAT HAS NOT MET THOSE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE THIS BOARD WILL MAKE THE SELECTIONS TO FILL THE ADVISORY BOARD. ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THEY HAVE THE ABILITY UNDER THE ORDINANCE SHOULD SOMEONE BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THEM WITH WHO THE BOARD SEES FIT. THE BOARD CAN DO THAT AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WE NEED TO GET THE PEOPLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO SO WE CAN GET THE ADVISORY BOARD GOING THE WAY THE BOARD AND THE PEOPLE THERE FEEL LIKE IT NEED TO BE. THE LONGER THEY HOLD OUT THE HARDER IT IS TO GET THIS IMPLEMENTED SO IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO EVERYONE.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT MRS. MCENTYRE'S OFFICE HAVING THE BURDEN OF HANDLING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE IN HER OFFICE. MRS. MCENTYRE, MR. NAKER AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SPACE IN THE BUILDING AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE SOLUTION TO TAKE IN THE 2 BATHROOMS AND THE COMPUTER ROOM ACROSS THE HALL FROM HER OFFICE. IT WILL REQUIRE SOME RENOVATIONS TO DO SO AND SHE HAS COMMITTED TO TURN BACK \$66,000 TO US THAT WILL NEED TO BE EAR MARKED FOR THE RENOVATIONS, EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY TO DO SO.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THE STATE IS SENDING GUIDELINES ON WHAT THE FACILITY HAS TO MEET AS FAR AS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, ETC. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT MRS. MCENTYRE HAS THOSE SPECIFICATIONS.

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COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED MRS. MCENTYRE WHAT DATE DOES THE FACILITY HAVE TO BE UP AND RUNNING BY.

MRS. MCENTYRE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT ALL TAX COLLECTORS WILL HAVE TO DO IT BY 2015; HOWEVER OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE DRIVING TO OTHER COUNTY'S SO SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT WILL BE A LENGTHY PROCESS BECAUSE THERE ARE STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE MET.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED MRS. MCENTYRE ABOUT THE LICENSE OFFICE BEING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID THAT IT WILL TAKE THE RENOVATIONS AND HER STAFF WOULD HAVE TO BE TRAINED SO THAT WOULD EXTEND THE OPENING DATE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MRS. MCENTYRE IF IT WOULD BE FULL SERVICE. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID THAT SHE DOESN'T THINK SO AND PLANS TO START SLOW AND THEN MOVE FORWARD TO THAT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THERE WAS SOME TALK AT ONE TIME ABOUT HOLMES COUNTY CLOSING AND THEN THEY KEPT IT OPEN. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID THAT HOLMES COUNTY HAS A STATE OFFICE WITHIN THE TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE AND THEY WILL PROBABLY TAKE THAT OVER AT A LATER DATE AS MARIANNA HAS DONE. COMMISSIONER BROCK CONFIRMED THAT BASICALLY THE OFFICE WOULD BE FOR RENEWING. MRS. MCENTYRE AGREED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED MRS. MCENTYRE IF THE RENOVATION COULD BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY OR AS SOON AS THE DRAWINGS IS DONE TO THE STATE SPECIFICATIONS. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID THE INSPECTOR HAS ALREADY COME AND INSPECTED THE AREA. THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE TO THAT AREA AS WELL AS HER CURRENT OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER PATE MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE \$66,170.48 FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR TO BE EAR MARKED FOR THE RENOVATIONS THAT IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE AREA FOR THE DRIVER'S LICENSE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED MRS. MCENTYRE IF THE \$66,170.48 FULLY TAKE CARE OF THE RENOVATION. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID THAT SHE DOESN'T ANTICIPATE USING THE ENTIRE AMOUNT BUT WE WON'T KNOW. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED HER IF SHE ANTICIPATED THE RENOVATION NEEDED MORE THAN THE MONEY SHE HAS GIVEN TO THE BOARD TO EAR MARK. MRS. MCENTYRE SAID SHE DOESN'T ANTICIPATE THAT.

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INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT AT&T WANTING A SMALL PLOT OF PROPERTY AS FAR AS AN EASEMENT TO PUT SOME EQUIPMENT AT CAMPBELL PARK. COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS MET WITH THEM AND LOOKED AT THE AREA.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AT&T WAS INTERESTED IN A 20X20 CORNER SPOT AT CAMPBELL PARK. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN LEASING OR PURCHASING. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW AT THIS TIME BUT HE WOULD IMAGINE THEY WANTED TO PURCHASE.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ASKED THE BOARD TO GIVE HIM AND INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION WITH AT&T AND TRY TO FIND THE BEST SITUATION FOR THE BOARD. IT IS HARD TO SPECULATE WHAT IS OR ISN'T.

COMMISSIONER BROCK MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE GIVING THE ATTORNEY AND COUNTY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH AT&T AND THE BOARD APPROVE TO LET AT&T HAVE THAT PORTION IF IT MEETS THE COUNTY MANAGER AND ATTORNEY'S SATISFACTION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SUSPEND THE RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEES FOR A YEAR OR 2 TO TRY TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE WAS REFERRING TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT HE IS JUST MEANING THE RESIDENTIAL AND NOT COMMERCIAL.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF COMMISSIONER BROCK WANTED THE FEES SUSPENDED OR REDUCED. IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA 95% OF THEM HAVE DONE AWAY WITH IT ENTIRELY OR HAVE REDUCED IT MORE THAN 50%. WASHINGTON COUNTY ADDRESSED IT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO AND DECIDED TO LEAVE IT THE SAME BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE IMPACT FEES REDUCED OR CANCELLED. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT BAY COUNTY HAD DROPPED THEIRS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE COST IS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD FOR IT TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION AFTER ALL ASPECTS OF IT HAS BEEN LOOKED AT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO BE MAINTAINED AND IT'S SUPPOSE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT. IF WE SUSPEND EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET TO SEE WHERE THE COUNTY WILL COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

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COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT OTHER COUNTY'S DROPPING THEIR IMPACT FEE BUT HE WAS ASKING FOR IT TO BE SUSPENDED. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THIS ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS SOME DISSATISFACTIONS BUT HE WOULD WORK IT OUT WITH STAFF.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ABOUT AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE EMS DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR 6 PART TIME EMPLOYEES PER THE DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT. THE COUNTY HAS A HIRING FREEZE BUT IF HE IS HAVING SUCH AN ISSUE WITH STAFFING THAT HE IS CREATING HIS PEOPLE TO BE IN AN OVERTIME POSITIONS AND IT'S ACTUALLY COSTING THE COUNTY MORE HE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO GET WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE EMS AND THOSE 2 DECIDE WHETHER A COUPLE OF THOSE SPOTS NEED TO BE FILLED. HE ISN'T SAYING REMOVE THE HIRING FREEZE BUT FILL THE EMERGENCY POSITIONS THAT MAY BE NEEDED.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THAT ISSUE WITH MR. TRUETTE AND IT IS TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES THAT HE WANTS TO FILL THE POSITIONS WITH. HE HAS PICKED UP SOME ADDITIONAL TRAVEL AND LONG DISTANCE TRANSFERS BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WILL CONTINUE. TO MEET SHORT TERM NEEDS IT WILL BE ONLY TEMPORARY. THERE WAS A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH MR. TRUETTE ABOUT GETTING ME SOME NUMBERS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO FILL THE TEMPORARY POSITIONS FOR THE EMS EMERGENCY SITUATION AS NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COUNTY MANAGER ARE TRYING TO WORK THROUGH AND HOPEFULLY BY FEBRUARY THEY WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH SOME INFORMATION TO LOOK AT AS WELL AS INFORMATION FROM ATTORNEY GOODMAN IN REFERENCE TO OTTED AND OTHER ONGOING ISSUES.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO CLAYTON ROAD PLANS BEING ABOUT 90% COMPLETE AND HE HOPES TO MEET WITH DEP NEXT WEEK ON PERMITS. TOD IS WORKING ON SETTING UP A COMMUNITY MEETING. THERE ARE ABOUT 3 PEOPLE THAT HAVEN'T GIVEN RIGHT-OF-WAYS BUT THAT IS BEING WORKED ON.

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COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER TO HAVE MR. JOYNER, MR. BARFIELD AND HIM TO MEET WITH THOSE 3 INDIVIDUALS FIRST AND THEN HAVE THE COMMUNITY MEETING TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. THERE MAY BE A NEED TO GET THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HELP IF SOMETHING CAN'T BE WORKED OUT WITH THE 3 THAT ARE HOLDING BACK. MR. KNAUER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER CARTER THAT 2 RESIDENTS ARE LOCAL AND 1 IS OUT OF TOWN. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THAT HE THINKS COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IS GOING TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO SIGN. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THAT COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER WILL REVIEW THE AGREEMENTS PRIOR TO SIGNATURES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER ABOUT THE CROSSROADS AT BRICKYARD AND ORANGE HILL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A RED LIGHT, SECURING SOME RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND POSSIBLY A TURN LANE WITH SOME OF THE SAFETY MONEY. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE LETTER WRITTEN IN REQUEST OF SAFETY MONEY.

COUNTY ENGINEER CLIFF KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO D.O.T. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011 IN REFERENCE TO SOME SAFETY MONEY THAT WAS LEFT AND HE HADN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE BUT WOULD FOLLOW UP TO SEE IF ANY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED FOR AN UPDATE AS SOON AS MR. KNAUER FINDS OUT SOMETHING BECAUSE HE WANTS TO MOVE AHEAD BUT NEEDS TO KNOW IF HE NEEDS TO TAKE SOME OTHER AVENUES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER ABOUT THE STARTING DATE OF THE CROSS DRAINS ON ORANGE HILL. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT IT IS A DESIGN BUILD AND HIS COMPANY IS THE ENGINEERS FOR THE BUILD AND IT SHOULD START THE 2ND WEEK OF FEBRUARY ACCORDING TO HIS GUYS.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD IF ANYBODY WITH THE STATE HAS DONE A STUDY FOR SIGNALS AND SAFETY AT THAT LOCATION. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER PATE BY SAYING YES IT HAD BEEN DONE.

COUNTY ENGINEER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT CTST PROJECT. THE COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM IF THEY RANK THAT FIRST HE IS ALMOST POSITIVE IT WILL GET VOTED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THAT HE KNOWS THAT DR. SLOAN HAS AGREED VERBALLY TO GIVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IF THERE NEEDS TO BE AN ADDITIONAL TURNING LANE THERE.

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COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AT THIS POINT THERE ISN'T A DESIGN ON IT BUT MR. KNAUER SAID THAT HE DID A DESIGN ON IT ABOUT 5/6 YEARS AGO WHEN ORANGE HILL HWY. WAS RESURFACED.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER IF HE COULD CONTACT THE STATE AND SEE IF IT COULD BE BROUGHT IN UNDER THE ORANGE HILL UNDER DRAIN PROJECT AS AN ADDENDUM. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT HE WOULD CHECK.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL/LETTER THAT STATED THERE WAS ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND THE COUNTY NEEDED TO ASK FOR IT. A LETTER WAS SENT TO THEM FROM COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SOME TIME BACK. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED MR. KNAUER TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT AND HE AGREED.

MR. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THERE IS NO MONEY IN SAFE SCHOOL ROUTES AT THIS TIME. ANY SCHOOL THAT IS 8TH GRADE OR LESS THAT DOESN'T HAVE SIDEWALKS WITHIN A 2 MILE RADIUS OF THE SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE FOR SIDEWALKS TO BE DESIGNED, BUILT AND CONSTRUCTED BY D.O.T. THERE ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING DONE RIGHT NOW AND MONEY WILL BE LEFT OVER THAT WILL BE GOING BACK INTO THE PROGRAM. THE BRICKYARD SIDEWALK THAT IS SHORT OF 77 AND MAYBE SOME PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CROSSING 77 WILL BE ELIGIBLE AND ANY OTHER SCHOOLS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER THAT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHIPLEY USES THE AG CENTER A LOT AND THEY HAVE TO CROSS HWY 90 IN ORDER TO GET THERE. LAW ENFORCEMENTS IS CALLED TO BLOCK THE ROAD OFF SO THAT THE KIDS CAN CROSS. IF THE BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH SIDEWALKS FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS SCHOOL BE INCLUDED.

COUNTY ENGINEER CLIFF KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF ALL ELIGIBLE AREAS WHERE SIDEWALKS CAN BE ADDED FOR THE BOARD TO VIEW AND DECIDE WHICH ONES THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE AND THEN IT CAN BE BROUGHT UP TO CTST. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED MR. KNAUER TO BRING THE LIST TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND HE AGREED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER ON HOW FAR ALONG THE COUNTY IS ON THE FEMA MITIGATION PROJECT. MR. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT'S ABOUT 50/60% COMPLETE. THEY FINISHED UP HARD LABOR YESTERDAY AND THEY ARE STARTING ON A ROAD OFF OF TWO CREEK AND KING CUTTER WILL BE STARTED TOMORROW. RONNIE HOLLEY IS THE INSPECTOR ON THE PROJECTS.

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COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED MR. KNAUER THAT WHEN A ROAD IS CLOSED AND DUG OUT A ROAD CLOSED SIGN IS NOT SUFFICIENT UNLESS IT'S FLASHING. MR. KNAUER ASKED WHAT PROPERTY COMMISSIONER PATE WAS ADDRESSING AND HE SAID HARD LABOR CREEK. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT INITIALLY THERE WERE 2 BARRELS AND COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER BROUGHT IT TO HIS ATTENTION AND SOME STUFF WAS ADDED TO IT AFTER TALKING WITH THEM.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT CTST DID VOTE ON THE INTERSECTION AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING. HE BELIEVES THE SIDEWALKS ARE ALREADY ON THE PRIORITY LIST. THE BOARD MAY NEED TO RENUMBER THOSE AND MOVE THEM UP THE LIST. MR. HAGAN IS GOING TO CHECK WITH CHAIRMAN TAYLOR TO SEE WHAT THE STATUS IS.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER THE FEBRUARY REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

CLERK LINDA COOK COMMENDED THE BOARD ON HOW PLEASANT THE MEETING WAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

