

MARCH 7, 2012

BCC - MEETING WORKSHOP

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS ABBOTT, BROCK, CARTER, STRICKLAND AND PATE PRESENT. COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN, CLERK COOK AND INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WORKSHOP WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN CARTER.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE- ROGER HAGAN/COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND

FEMA

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO FEMA AND HE PROVIDED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND CLERK WITH A SPREADSHEET. THE SPREADSHEET SHOWED THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR FEMA WHICH IS \$5.5 MILLION. \$3.4 MILLION WENT INTO THE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR LABOR, ROCK, MATERIAL, ETC. USED TO DO THE FEMA WORK. ALMOST \$1.3 MILLION WAS SPENT ON THE SPECIAL ROAD PROJECTS LISTED BELOW:

RIVER ROAD	-	\$610,771.88
BONNET POND	-	\$514,428.43
BAHOMA ROAD	-	\$172,182.45

\$379,066.00 WAS SPENT ON HAZARD MITIGATION. \$60,556.95 WAS SPENT ON THE PARKS AND LANDINGS THAT WERE REPAIRED WITH THE FEMA MONEY. AFTER ALL OF THESE EXPENSES THE BALANCE IS \$359,538.14. WE HAVE \$2.2 MILLION THAT IS BILLED OUT AND WE'RE LOOKING TO RECEIVE THAT IF EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH LIKE IT SHOULD AND ALL OF THAT IS APPROVED. THAT WILL LEAVE A ROUGH BALANCE OF ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION TO THE GOOD IF EVERYTHING IS RECEIVED AND THERE AREN'T ANY OUTSTANDING BILLS. THIS IS AS CLOSE AS WE COULD COME AT THIS POINT WITHOUT HAVING EVERYTHING FINALIZED. MR. JOYNER OFFERED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT ANYONE MAY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOYNER IF THERE WAS STILL SOME COST COMING OUT AGAINST THIS. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOYNER SAID YES BUT WE DON'T HAVE EVERYTHING TO FINALIZE; THIS IS PROBABLY WITHIN A 10%-20% ACCURACY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF THERE WAS STILL SOME OBLIGATED FUNDS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN PAID TO US. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID YES WE HAVE SEVERAL AND THOSE OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE \$2.2 MILLION. THIS IS WHAT MRS. DEBBIE HAS COME UP WITH AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE EVERYTHING CLOSED OUT BUT THEY ARE WORKING ON IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF SHE GAVE HIM A FIGURE OF WHAT IS OWED TO US. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT FIGURE IS THE \$2.2 MILLION. AFTER EVERYTHING IS COMPLETE WE ARE LOOKING AT ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION TO THE GOOD.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF THERE ARE STILL SOME OUTSTANDING EXPENSES. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID YES WE STILL HAVE SOME HIDDEN STUFF AND IF YOU ACTUALLY FIGURE THE WEAR AND TEAR AND DEPRECIATION ON THE EQUIPMENT YOU ARE REALLY AT ABOUT \$0.00 BY THE TIME YOU REPLACE WHAT EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN USED. WE DO HAVE A LOT OF IMPROVED ROADS WITH ROCK, ETC.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER THAT THE INFORMATION HE HAS PROVIDED IS GOOD.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOYNER THAT HE SAW SOMEWHERE ON FIGURES WHERE AT 1 TIME THE TOTAL WAS \$7 MILLION WITH \$3 MILLION BEING DEDUCTED FOR MATERIALS, WHICH WAS ROCK.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT ONCE IT IS SAID AND DONE THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF \$7 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED. \$3.4 SO FAR AND THERE IS MORE YET TO BE PAID. \$1.3 MILLION WAS BOARD APPROVED TO USE THE FEMA MONEY FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS ON THE ROADS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE 12% WAS DEDUCTED.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THE 12% WAS DEDUCTED FROM THAT AMOUNT. COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF IT WAS A LITTLE OVER A MILLION. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOYNER SAID THAT IT IS ACTUALLY \$788,000.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED HOW MUCH WAS PENDING. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SAID THAT THERE IS ABOUT \$600,000.00 PENDING. \$2.2 MILLION IS WHAT IS OWED TO US, BUT THAT DOESN'T ENCUMBER ALL THE EXPENSES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE OUTSTANDING FEMA MONEY CAN'T BE BANKED ON. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER AGREED SAYING THE MONEY ISN'T IN THE BANK. THAT IS THE BEST ESTIMATE OF WHAT IS DUE TO US THAT HE COULD COME UP WITH AS OF 3/7/12.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE \$2 MILLION COULDN'T BE BANKED ON. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID YES BECAUSE WE HADN'T ACTUALLY COLLECTED IT YET. WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY MAY DECIDE TO CUT IT OUT AND NOT GIVE US WHAT WE ARE PROJECTING BECAUSE THINGS ARE GETTING TIGHT.

COMMISSIONER PATE RECALLS WHEN HE FIRST CAME ON THE BOARD THE BOARD HAD A LITTLE OVER \$2 MILLION THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED DUE TO STORMS AND IT TOOK 2-3 YEARS TO RECEIVE IT ALL AND EVERYBODY KEPT TRYING TO SPEND IT.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE THING ABOUT IT IS AS WE GET INTO HURRICANE SEASON THIS YEAR AND THERE IS A BUNCH OF DAMAGE WE DON'T KNOW IF WE WILL RECEIVE FEMA MONEY OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THOUGHT THAT WE HAD SOME MONEY. HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING INVOICES AND VOUCHERS SHOWING PAID. HE HAS SEEN UP TO ABOUT \$5 MILLION AND WE ARE RECEIVING THESE ABOUT EVERY 3-4 WEEKS. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS ALL OF THE INVOICES HAVE BEEN PAID.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT \$5.5 MILLION.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THE FIGURES THAT HE HAS PRESENTED WERE RECEIVED FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE YESTERDAY. HE ASKED CLERK COOK IF THAT WAS CORRECT. CLERK COOK AGREED AND SAID THAT SHE IS ON BASE WITH ALL OF THIS AND SHE BROUGHT SHEETS FROM HER OFFICE TO SHOW ALL THE ITEMIZATIONS. HE HAS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A SUMMARY SHEET.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN PAID \$5.5 MILLION TO DATE BUT OVERTIME, LABOR, ROCK, MATERIALS, FUEL, ETC. HAS COME OUT OF IT. THERE

WAS \$1.3 MILLION SPENT FOR ROAD PROJECTS AND YOU STILL HAVE A BALANCE OF \$2.2 MILLION THAT IS YET TO BE PAID.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER THAT HE WOULD AGREE BUT YOUR LABOR, TRUCKS AND ALL OF THAT WAS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET WHICH ALL THIS IS A REIMBURSEMENT. SO THERE IS MONEY THERE SOMEWHERE.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET WE ARE JUST ABOUT RIGHT ON POINT. THERE IS ABOUT \$600,000.00 PLUS IN THAT FUND.

SUNTRUST

INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE SUNTRUST INFORMATION THAT WAS HANDED OUT. THIS IS A HUGE LOAN THAT WAS TAKEN OUT AND REFINANCED IN 2009. COMMISSIONER PATE WAS HERE WHEN THAT HAPPENED. IT WAS ABOUT AN \$8.5 MILLION LOAN THAT WAS TAKEN OUT TO COVER THE JAIL, THE COUNTY ANNEX AND SOME OTHER LOANS THAT GO BACK TO 1994. ALL THIS STUFF WAS COMPILED AND AS FAR AS THE \$8.5 MILLION THIS NOTE IS DUE FOR RENEWAL IN 2014. WE NEED TO START SOON WITH A PLAN TO REFINANCE THIS. PERSONALLY HE FEELS THE BOARD SHOULD START COMING UP WITH A PLAN TO ATTACK THE PRINCIPAL ON THIS LOAN TO TRY AND GET IT DOWN AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED CLERK COOK/INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IN REFERENCE TO THE \$2 MILLION LOAN BEING ELECTED TO PAY DOWN THE PRINCIPAL ON; WAS THAT DONE BECAUSE IT WAS THE LOWER AMOUNT OR WAS THERE ANY SPECIFIC REASON IT WAS DONE. CLERK COOK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER CARTER THAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC REASON.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL IS GOING TOWARD THE \$2.18 MILLION INSTEAD OF THE \$5.5; THERE ARE 2 SEPARATE LOANS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE CHOICE TO PAY ON THE PRINCIPAL OF THE \$2.18 MILLION LOAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THE INTEREST RATE ON THE OTHER LOAN WAS THE HIGHER OF THE 2.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE REMEMBERS THERE WAS LONG NEGOTIATIONS DONE ON THIS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THINKS THEY ARE GOING TO FIND THAT IT IS GOING TO BE JUST AS HARD TO GET THIS

LOAN REFINANCED AS IT WAS TO FINANCE IT THE FIRST TIME. WE NEED TO START LOOKING BY NEXT YEAR BECAUSE HE THINKS IT IS DUE BY OCTOBER 2013.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER RECAPS SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT THE LOAN WAS USED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

CLOSING THE LANDFILL	- ABOUT \$1 MILLION
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	- \$100,000.00
BUILDING RENOVATIONS (ANNEX)	- \$170,000.00
ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	- \$266,000.00
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	- \$198,000.00

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER THAT HE THOUGHT THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WAS PAID OFF IN 1994. COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT YES SOME OF THIS GOES BACK TO 1994 AND THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE REFINANCE.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT NOT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF THE LOAN AND A LOT OF INTEREST HAS BEEN PAID. HE POINTED OUT THE INTEREST PAYMENT AND THAT IT IS FAIRLY HEFTY. WITH THE BANKING INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY THE WAY IT IS NOW IT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT AHEAD OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE REALIZES CERTAIN THINGS CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH CERTAIN FUNDS BUT ANYBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE \$8,958,000.00 WORTH OF DEBT TO THINK THAT WE HAVE MONEY IS MISTAKEN.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE THEM AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEBT AND THIS PARTICULAR LOAN HAS BEEN QUESTIONED SEVERAL TIMES SO HE WENT AND GOT THE NOTE AND THE MINUTES ON IT. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TERM ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THEY REALLY NEED TO PUSH TO GET THE PRINCIPLE PAID.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX IS WHAT IS USED TO PAY THE NOTE ON THIS LOAN. HE THINKS IT IS \$551,000 IN EXCESS FUND THAT HE WILL PROBABLY BRING BEFORE THE BOARD AND ASK FOR THAT TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE PRINCIPAL, IT ISN'T USED FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

LEGAL

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT HIS CONCERN OF THE LEGAL LINE ITEM BEING EXPENDED -600.00 AND THERE ARE MORE UP COMING LEGAL ISSUES TO BE CHARGED TO THIS LINE ITEM BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT MR.HADDOCK NOTIFIED HIM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WILL BE PULLING THEIR INMATES FROM THE COUNTY JAIL, WHICH WILL RESULT IN ABOUT A \$300,000.00 INCOME LOSS IN THE JAIL. THAT WILL AFFECT THIS YEAR BY \$150,000.00. SOME OF THAT OFFSET WILL BE THOSE FIGURES WE WON'T HAVE TO PAY THEM. IT WILL PROBABLY END UP BEING \$125,000.00 BEFORE THE BUDGET YEAR IS OUT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF THAT WOULD AFFECT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT IT AFFECTS THE JAIL.

MEDICAID

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE HAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION GOING ON ABOUT BACK CHARGING THE COUNTY WITH UNPAID MEDICAID AND THERE IS A LOT OF IT; ABOUT \$150,000 CURRENTLY. THEY HAVE AN OPTION TO HOLD OUR FUNDS TO GET THAT AMOUNT BUT THEY HAVEN'T SET THE CRITERIA SPECIFICALLY OF HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE AUDIT OF 2008-2010 IT WOULD COME UP TO BE \$150,000.00.

SHIP

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL YESTERDAY AND WAS ADVISED THAT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE SHIP PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE FUNDED NEXT YEAR.

THE BOARD IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT MORE THINGS COMING OUT OF THE STATE AS THE YEAR GOES BY BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING AT BALANCING THEIR BUDGET AND THEIR MONEY IS SHORT AND THAT AFFECTS US RESULTING IN A SHORTAGE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THINKS WE WILL FIND OUT ON MEDICAID BEFORE THEY SEND ANY MONEY THEY ARE GOING TO WITHHOLD WHAT THEY NEED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED THE BOARD WOULD HE BE CORRECT IN SAYING THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY ON A SHORTFALL ON OUR MEDICAID PAYMENTS AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT RIGHT NOW THEY SAY THAT THE BOARD OWES \$150,000 BACK TO THE STATE. WE ARE RUNNING SHORT TECHNICALLY IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT IT ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS. WITH 7 MORE MONTHS REMAINING WE WILL PROBABLY RUN SHORT WITH WHAT IS BUDGETED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING IS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME FALSE CLAIMS. THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED BUT WHEN IT IS SENT TO US WE NEED TO BE REAL INTERESTED. HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT EVERY CLAIM SENT NEEDS TO BE A LEGITIMATE CLAIM FROM A WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER AGREED.

#### EQUIPMENT

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO 4 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT THAT WE OWE ABOUT \$296,000; KOMATSU DOZIER, KOMATSU EXCAVATOR, CATERPILLAR EXCAVATOR AND A CATERPILLAR SCRAPER.

AS THE FEMA MONEY COMES IN WE NEED TO LOOK AT GETTING THAT DEBT OUT OF THE WAY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A LOT OF WEAR ON THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: 2 LOADERS IN THE PIT THAT ARE GETTING A LOT OF HOURS ON THEM, 2 MOW TRIMS THAT ARE BASICALLY USED UP AND MOTOR GRADERS THAT HAVE A LOT OF HOURS BUT HAVE BEEN KEPT UP PRETTY GOOD.

WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT PUTTING SOME OF IT BACK IN THE CASE WE HAVE A STORM COME THROUGH LIKE THE OTHER NIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ROADS EVER SINCE.

#### CONTINGENCY

THE BOARD DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONTINGENCY AND HE FEELS LIKE THE BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE A GOOD CONTINGENCY FUND TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND NOT DEPEND ON FEMA BECAUSE HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE FEMA IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP US.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANGER JOYNER WHEN SOME MORE OF THE FEMA MONEY IS COLLECTED AT WHAT POINT ARE YOU GOING TO COME TO THE BOARD AND ASK US TO PAY OFF THIS EQUIPMENT. HE

WOULD LIKE TO GET THE \$196,000 DEBT ON THE EQUIPMENT PAID OFF IMMEDIATELY.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT THE BOARD IS PROBABLY CLOSE TO HAVING ENOUGH IN THERE TO PAY THAT IN EXCESS. WE ARE GOING TO START WATCHING \$2 MILLION AND AS IT COMES IN HE IS GOING TO KEEP HIS HANDS ON IT BECAUSE BASICALLY THAT IS WHAT THE BOARD HAS IN EXCESS TO SPEND. ALL THE BUDGET LINE ITEMS RIGHT NOW LOOK GOOD EXCEPT THE LEGAL AND HE WARNED EVERYONE BEFORE HAND ABOUT THE LEGAL.

THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BUILDING'S ROOF HAS STARTED LEAKING AND SO WE ARE PUTTING A ROOF ON IT NOW AND THAT WASN'T BUDGETED SO MONEY HAS TO BE FOUND FOR THAT.

#### INMATE MEDICAL

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT INMATE MEDICAL BEING ABOUT 60% SPENT RIGHT NOW. THAT IS ANOTHER THING THAT HAS TO BE CONTROLLED A LITTLE BETTER. WHEN SOMEONE GOES IN THAT JAIL WE CAN'T TELL WHAT HEALTH PROBLEMS THEY HAVE AND WE INHERIT THEM. WE CAN'T DENY THEM MEDICAL CARE. WE ARE LIMITED TO THE INMATE MEDICAL CARE THAT WE CAN GET AND IT DOESN'T DO A LOT FOR US. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE LOCAL HOSPITAL AND THE ONES IN PANAMA CITY TO HELP GET SOME OF THAT DOWN.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT NORTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HAS AGREED TO CUT 40% AND THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS CASH PAY.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE TALKED WITH INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER YESTERDAY AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM GULF COAST FOR THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT AND WE DON'T OWE THEM ANYTHING ELSE. THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT HE TALKED ABOUT WITH MR. JOYNER WITH THINGS THEY HAVE AND HAVEN'T PAID AS FAR AS OUR OBLIGATION TO GULF COAST ON THAT INMATE WE OWE NOTHING ELSE ON THAT.

#### AD VALOREM

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE SPOKE WITH PROPERTY APPRAISER, GIL CARTER AND THE BEST HE CAN TELL WE ARE LOOKING AT A 55% DEDUCTION IN AD VALOREM THIS YEAR.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT BUDGET.



COMMISSIONER CARTER SUGGESTED TO INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER THAT HE INSTRUCT HIS DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GO AHEAD AND START WORKING ON THEIR BUDGET AS SOON AS THEY CAN WITH THE 5% REDUCTION.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT HE HAS ALREADY TALKED TO A FEW OF THEM AND HE WILL GO AHEAD AND GATHER THEM UP AND START WORKING ON THIS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED THE BOARD, AS TO WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE 5% BUDGET CUT PREPARATIONS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT HE IS REFERRING TO THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK DIRECTLY UNDER INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER AT THIS POINT IN TIME. THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ARE AWARE OF THAT SO THEY SHOULD TAKE THAT UPON THEMSELVES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LETTER SENT OUT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ABOUT THE 5% BUDGET REDUCTION.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED IT WITH THEM VERBALLY AND THEY ALL EXPECT IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS COMING DOWN THE PIPE AND EVERY YEAR SINCE HE HAS BEEN ON THIS BOARD WE HAVE MONEY OUT THERE, BUT IT IS MONEY OUT THERE THAT IS SET ASIDE FOR SOMETHING ELSE AND WE CAN'T TOUCH IT. WE NEED TO START DEALING IN REAL DOLLARS; WHAT WE HAVE OUR HANDS ON AND BUDGET FROM THAT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WE CAN'T WORK FROM ANTICIPATION.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNORS OFFICE THAT HAVE BEEN THERE 30 PLUS YEARS SAID THAT THESE TIMES RIGHT NOW ARE THE WORST THAT THEY HAVE EVER SEEN IN THEIR CAREER.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE AGREES AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT OUT OF THE STATE. LAST YEAR THEY CUT THE LIBRARY INITIALLY BUT FOR THIS YEAR HE HASN'T SEEN ANYTHING ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT UNDER MS. COOK HAS FLAGGED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

MEDICAID

INMATE MEDICAL

MS. COOK HAS INSTRUCTED HER EMPLOYEES TO WATCH THE LINE ITEMS AND ANYTHING THAT GETS CLOSE TO GOING OVER BUDGET TO ADVISE INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE BOARD NOT CUTTING ALL SERVICES OUT BUT CUT THEM TO A CERTAIN LEVEL. HIS SUGGESTION WAS TO LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON THE SERVICES WHETHER IT'S LIBRARY, FIRE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADVISED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT AN OPTION TO HELPING SOME OF THIS IS CONTRACTING SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT WE DO AND PUT A LIMIT ON THEM. TAXATION IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE HARD TO PUT ON THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER THAT A LOT OF COUNTIES HAVE INCREASED SALES TAX TO AT LEAST 8 ½ TO BRING THE LEVEL OF SERVICE UP AND TRY TO KEEP THEM IN THE COUNTY. SOMETIMES YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT BUT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES YOU HAVE TO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THINKS IF THE BOARD AGREES TO GO UP ON THE SALES TAX THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET BLISTERED AND NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO RAISE TAXES.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> CENT GAS TAX WAS GIVEN TO US BY THE STATE TO KEEP UP ROADS. THAT GOES INTO THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AND IT IS SPENT; NOTHING PUT ASIDE. HE FEELS LIKE THAT MONEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE YEARS AGO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO LEARN TO OPERATE ON WHAT IT HAS INSTEAD OF SHIFTING THE LOAD ON THE TAX PAYERS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT SINCE HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE THAT MONEY HAS BEEN USED FOR THAT YELLOW EQUIPMENT AT ROAD AND BRIDGE. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW IT WAS STARTED BUT DIANNE WAS USING ALL THAT MONEY TO PAY OFF THAT YELLOW EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WHENEVER YOU MAKE A DEBT YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO PAY IT.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HIS OPINION ON EMS IS TO SPLIT THE AD VALOREM TAX THEY RECEIVE BETWEEN THEM AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE FEELS LIKE EMS SHOULD BE BLANKET CHARGED FOR EVERY RESIDENT THE COUNTY A FLAT FEE OF \$30/40 A YEAR TO PAY FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICES. THAT WOULD GIVE YOU A ½ A MIL TO APPLY SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT THE SAME WAY FOR EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY SHARED THE EXPENSE FOR SERVICES OF THOSE 2 ENTITIES.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WHERE HE HAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THE ELDERLY THAT ARE ON A FIXED INCOME/LOW INCOME AND DOING WITHOUT NOW AND THEY CAN'T EVEN PROVIDE SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED RIGHT NOW, LIKE MEDICINE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE REALIZES THAT THE ELDERLY IS SHORT AS FAR AS MONEY BUT THOSE ELDERLY IN MOST CASES ARE A LOT MORE DILIGENT IN GETTING BY ON LESS THAN A LOT OF THE YOUNGER ONES CAN AND THEY ARE WILLING.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE ISN'T ADVOCATING CUTTING ANY SERVICES OUT BUT WE HAVE BEEN FINALLY FORCED TO THE POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY WE LOOK AT IT AND HOW WE FUND THEM. IF WE ARE GOING TO CUT OUT IMPACT FEES WE SHOULD CUT OUT SALES TAX.

**COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED FOR INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER TO LOOK INTO THE FUNDING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE EMS ON A DIFFERENT PROGRAM.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO CLARIFY THAT THIS IS A WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING AND NOT JUST A WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN THAT WHEN HE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER HE CALLED IT A MEETING WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE CANNING CENTER IN VERNON AND HE SAID THE PEOPLE THAT HE IS MEETING WITH IN THE MORNING AT THE CENTER ASKED HIM TO ASK THE BOARD FOR THEIR HELP WITH SALARY FOR 5 MONTHS, 3 DAYS A WEEK TO GET THE CANNING CENTER BACK OPEN.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT HE THINKS TRI-COUNTY SHOULD BE THE 1 TO PUT THE MONEY UP TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE MORE MONEY IN THERE POCKET. HE ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK WHERE WOULD HE GET THE MONEY FROM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS INTENTIONS ON RECREATION FOR THE KIDS OF THIS COUNTY. WASTE MANAGEMENT CAME IN FRONT OF THE BOARD AND THE BOARD AGREED FOR \$40,000 PER YEAR, \$200,000.00 FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS AND HE WAS LOOKING FOR PART OF THAT MONEY SAVED TO GO TO RECREATION.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT THOSE SAVINGS HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN YET. IT HAS TO BE BUILT UP BEFORE IT CAN BE SPENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER WHEN WAS THE CONTRACT SIGNED. HE ADVISED IT WAS SIGNED LAST MONTH AND HE'S WORKING UP THE DETAILS WITH THE CITY RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT HE WAS WITH HIM AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS REQUESTING TO HAVE THE CANNING CENTER OPENED. HE DOES THINK THERE IS A WORLD OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WANTS TO UTILIZE THAT FACILITY. HE ASKED HIM TO GET BACK ON THAT BOARD PERSONALLY BECAUSE HE KNEW THE INNER WORKINGS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT HE GOT BACK ON THE BOARD BECAUSE HE CARES AND HE WORKS HARD AT THIS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK IF HE HAD A DOLLAR FIGURE IN MIND AND WHO WOULD THE EMPLOYEE WORK FOR. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID TRI-COUNTY. HE ASKED WHO PAID FOR THE SERVICES WHEN THEY WERE OPEN LAST YEAR. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID TRI-COUNTY. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED WHY COULDN'T THEY DO IT THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE CANNING CENTER CAN BE OPENED FOR 5 MONTHS, 3 DAYS A WEEK FOR \$6,000.00 AND THE EMPLOYEE WOULD WORK FOR TRI-COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT \$12,750.00 WAS BUDGETED FOR TRI-COUNTY IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. THERE ISN'T ANY STIPULATION ON WHAT THEY DO WITH THE MONEY. HE ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO GO TO HIS MEETING WITH TRI-COUNTY AND SEE IF THEY CAN FIND THE \$6,000.00 THERE BUT IF THEY CAN'T BRING THE ISSUE UP AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING AND LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND SEE WHERE HE CAN TAKE IT FROM BECAUSE THERE ISN'T THE CONTINGENCY IN THERE TO CONTINUOUSLY TAKE OUT OF. IF YOU WILL READ THE LAST AUDIT, THE FINANCE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB BUT THIS BOARD DIDN'T GET A GOOD REPORT BECAUSE YOU WENT OVER ON SEVERAL FUNDS. THE REASON IS BECAUSE YOU KEEP ADDING TO AND NOT FINDING OUT WHERE YOU CAN TAKE FROM.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE THAT WAS ADOPTED JULY 2007. THE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE GIVES THIS BOARD THE ABILITY TO SUBJECT IMPACT FEES ON THE BASIS DICTATED IN THE ORDINANCE. IF THE BOARD CANCELS THE IMPACT FEES WE WILL NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE ORDINANCE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE ORDINANCE IS DEALT WITH. IF YOU AMEND THE IMPACT FEES THERE IS A SECTION 7-11 THAT GIVES THE BOARD THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE IMPACT FEES AND THERE ARE NOTICE PROCEDURES THAT HAS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME TO GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO RESPOND. HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS 90 DAYS. THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE AWARE WHETHER IT RESTRICTS THE IMPACT FEE OR COMPLETELY ELIMINATES THE FEE THERE ARE SOME NOTICE PROCEDURES AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE FROM A LEGAL SIDE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S EFFECTUATED. IT'S HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD BE AWARE IF THEY ARE GOING TO ELIMINATE THE IMPACT FEE THAT IF THEY EVER WANT TO COME BACK AND START AN IMPACT FEE AGAIN WE WILL NOT BE REINVENTING BUT STARTING CLOSER TO SCRATCH. IT MAY BE EASIER IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE ORDINANCE IN EXISTENCE TO LIMIT OR LOWER THE IMPACT FEE VERSUS ELIMINATING IT ALL TOGETHER. IT IS THE BOARDS DISCRETION.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD NO INTENTIONS ON ELIMINATING THE IMPACT FEES, BUT SUSPENDING THE RESIDENTIAL PART OF IT FOR 2 YEARS AND LEAVE THE COMMERCIAL AS IT IS.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN OFFERED TO PUBLISH THE BOARDS PLAN TO SUSPEND THE RESIDENTIAL PART OF IMPACT FEES FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD IS TO LET COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN GO THROUGH WITH AMENDING THE IMPACT ORDINANCE AND BRINGING IT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, SUSPENDING THE RESIDENTIAL FOR 2 YEARS WHILE KEEPING THE COMMERCIAL AS IS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO ROAD AND BRIDGE GOING BACK TO 4, 10 HOUR DAYS. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THAT HE FEELS LIKE THIS SHOULD BE A DECISION THAT INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER MAKES.

**COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO GO BACK TO WORKING 4, 10 HOUR DAYS WHEN TIME CHANGES.** COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED; COMMISSIONER PATE CALLED DISCUSSION AND SAID THAT HE REMEMBERS WHEN THIS BOARD VOTED GIVING FULL

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER TO RUN ROAD AND BRIDGE AND HERE WE ARE MEDDLING AGAIN AFTER WE HAVE GIVEN HIM AUTHORITY. IT IS NEVER GOING TO WORK IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DON'T STAY OUT OF THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT - NO COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND - NO COMMENTS

**COMMISSIONER CARTER CALLED FOR A VOTE ON COMMISSIONER BROCK'S PREVIOUS MOTION -**

**COMMISSIONER BROCK - YES**

**COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND - YES**

**COMMISSIONER ABBOTT - NO**

**COMMISSIONER CARTER - NO**

**COMMISSIONER PATE - NO**

**VOTE 3-2 MOTION FAILED**

COMMISSIONER CARTER CALLED A 15 MINUTE RECESS.

COMMISSIONER CARTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS LOOKED AT SOME OF THE FEMA STUFF BUT ISN'T FINISHED WITH IT. HE REITERATED THAT IF THE MONEY ISN'T IN THE BANK THE BOARD DOESN'T NEED TO LOOK AT IT AND TO PREPARE TO MAKE A CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT DEBT THE COUNTY HAS WITH SUNTRUST BANK AND HE DOESN'T SEE WHERE THE BOARD HAS ANY MONEY TO CARRY FORWARD OR PUT IN CONTINGENCY.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER TO CONTACT MR. HAGAN ABOUT THE SINK HOLE. ALSO HE WOULD LIKE TO HELP A LADY THAT IS BLIND WITH HER DRIVEWAY. THE POLICY STATES 50 FEET AND IT IS JUST BEYOND THAT.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT WOULD BE A COST OF ABOUT \$155.00. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WOULD COME UP TO ABOUT \$30.00 PER COMMISSIONER AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE THAT PORTION OUT OF HIS POCKET TO HELP IF THE REST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT BUT HE DOESN'T WANT THE ISSUE OF YOU DONE IT FOR THIS PERSON

SO WHY CAN'T YOU DO IT FOR ME. COMMISSIONER CARTER SAID THAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT YOU ARE GOING TO RUN INTO. COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN IF SOMEONE COULD GIVE THE BOARD A RIGHT OF ENTRY.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT YOU CAN GET A RIGHT OF ENTRY BUT THE QUESTION WOULD BE FROM THE LEGAL PERSPECTIVE ARE YOU USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO FURTHER IMPROVE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WHAT COUNTY PURPOSE CAN YOU LOOK TO IN JUSTIFICATION OF YOUR IMPROVEMENT. IF YOU ARE GOING ON A PIECE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO FILL IN A SWIMMING POOL THAT WOULD BE JUST THE BENEFIT OF THE SWIMMING POOL, BUT IF YOU CAN POINT TO A PUBLIC PURPOSE YOU HAVE A BETTER ARGUMENT OF WHY IT WAS DONE. YOU CAN GET A RIGHT OF ENTRY ON ANYONE'S PROPERTY AS LONG AS THEY WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO LET HIM GO TALK WITH THE LADY AND LET HER KNOW WHAT COULD AND COULDN'T BE DONE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT MAYBE HE COULD SEE IF SOMEONE WILL DONATE A LOAD OF MILLED ASPHALT TO FIX THE ROAD.

COUNTY ENGINEER CLIFF KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO AN OPEN WELL THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY MR. JOHNNY QUATTLEBAUM. THE WELL IS 3 FT. X 3 FT. BY ABOUT 30/40 FT. STRAIGHT DOWN. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF IT. HE CONTACTED WATER MANAGEMENT AND THEY CAME OUT AND LOOKED AT IT ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND HAVE AGREED TO DONATE THE PERMIT FEES AND A CERTIFIED WELL DRILLER THAT HAS TO BE ON SIGHT WHEN IT IS CLOSED. IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE ABOUT A LOAD OF SAND CLAY AND POSSIBLY A BACKHOE THIS CAN BE DONE. IT'S ABOUT 10 FEET OUTSIDE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT MR. QUATTLEBAUM DONATED.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IF WE ARE WORKING THROUGH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THEN THE BOARD CAN CERTAINLY DONATE DIRT TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER IF HE COULD GET A LETTER FROM WATER MANAGEMENT STATING WHAT HE PREVIOUSLY TOLD THE BOARD. HE AGREED.

**COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER THAT THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD IS FOR HIM TO PROCEED WITH THE WELL ISSUE HE SPOKE ABOUT WITH WATER MANAGEMENT PENDING THE LETTER FROM THEM THAT COMMISSIONER PATE REQUESTED.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE DRUG FREE WORK PLACE POLICY THAT HE HANDED OUT AT THE FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING. THE IDEA OF THE POLICY WAS TO GIVE THE HUMAN RESOURCE AND THE COUNTY STAFF THE ABILITY TO THROW A BROADER NET AT WHAT DRUGS COULD BE TESTED FOR. OUR DRUG FREE POLICY IS LIKE A LOT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THAT THE SCOPE OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO TEST FOR KEEPS EXPANDING BY CREATIVE PEOPLE AND SO EVERY FEW YEARS IT IS GOOD TO UPDATE THIS POLICY. HE ASKED THE BOARD IF HE OR HEATHER FINCH, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR COULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FOR THEM TODAY.

COMMISSIONERS PATE, CARTER AND STRICKLAND DIDN'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT RECOMMENDED IT BE PUT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN FOR CLARIFICATION. COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN SAID THE BIG CHANGE TO THE POLICY IS LOCATED ON PAGE 4. DRUGS THAT WE CAN TEST FOR ARE MORE SPECIFIC. UNDER THE DRUG TESTING POLICY THE BOARD HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE PAST WITH LIMITATIONS ON WHAT COULD BE TESTED FOR. AS THE DRUG MARKET EXPANDS THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE THE ABILITY OR THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION UNDER THE CURRENT POLICY TO TEST FOR THOSE DRUGS. THIS WILL GIVE A BROADER NET TO TEST FOR TO MAKE SURE THAT MORE DRUG USE CAN BE CAUGHT UNDER THE BOARD'S POLICY.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HIS OFFICE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO ANYTHING THAT THEY MAY NEED TO TALK ABOUT. THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2012 AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING.

HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH UPDATING THE EMPLOYEE MANUAL WORK POLICY. THERE HAVE BEEN TALKS WITH MR. JOYNER, THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR. HE HOPES TO HAVE A DRAFT READY FOR REVIEW BY THE END OF THE MONTH AND IF IT'S SATISFACTORY TO EVERYONE MAYBE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON IT AT THE APRIL MEETING. HE THINKS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD DIGEST THE CHANGES. THE BOARD WILL BE GIVEN A RED LINE CHANGE, WHICH WILL SHOW WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY AND WHAT HAS BEEN ADDED SO THE INTENT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WILL BE CLEAR.

THERE IS A COUPLE OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES THAT HE AND MR. JOYNER HAVE WORKED ON BUT THOSE HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP.

HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS. THE BOARD DIDN'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.



COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT UP TO THIS POINT HAS BEEN BASICALLY COVERED DUE TO 1 LARGE PERMIT. AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT AS FAR AS WHAT THE BOARD CAN DO TO ADJUST SOME OVER RUNS THAT ARE GOING TO OCCUR. HE ADVISED THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE CAUTIOUS ON SPENDING.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO SINK HOLES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. MAYBE WATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE SINK HOLES BECAUSE THAT IS A NATURAL HAPPENING.

COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE SINK HOLES WITH WATER MANAGEMENT. THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WELLS AND THE SINKS HOLES IS HE DOESN'T THINK THE SINK HOLES ARE REGULATED LIKE THE WELLS. IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY'S TO PROTECT OUR GROUND WATER AND WHEN YOU HAVE A SINK HOLE THAT HAS DROPPED DOWN TO THE GROUND WATER TABLE IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST TO GET THAT FIXED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. A DRILL RIG WILL BE NEEDED TO TEST A POSSIBLE SINK HOLE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER AND INTERIM COUNTY MANGER JOYNER EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THINGS BEING LOOKED INTO BEFORE DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE SINK HOLE.

MR. HAGAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STILL RECEIVES A LOT OF CALLS ABOUT SINK HOLES AND HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO DIRECT THEM.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN RESPECT TO A LEGAL POSITION, HE IS ALL FOR IT IF THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT THE BOARD CAN POINT TO AS A PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH ISSUE HE AGREES WITH THE BOARD TAKING ACTION TO FIX IT, IF THEY CHOOSE TO. THERE ARE TIMES AS A COUNTY YOU CAN ACT. YOU JUST CAN'T BE FLIPPANT ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND MAKE A WAY OF LEFT FIELD ARGUMENTS TO WHY YOU ARE DOING IT. THE COUNTY HAS EVERY RIGHT TO ACT TO FIX A SAFETY OR HEALTH ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AS LONG AS IT GOES THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS AND MR. JOYNER AND MR. KNAUER SEE FIT FOR IT TO BE FIXED THEN IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME KIND OF POLICY OR GUIDELINES SET UP IDENTIFYING THESE THINGS IN ORDER TO PRESENT FAIRNESS.

COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER ADVISED THE BOARD THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS HAVE BEEN STAKED OUT ON CLAYTON ROAD. HE MET WITH 4 LAND OWNERS YESTERDAY AND THEY WERE SATISFIED. ALL ISSUES AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. HE IS READY TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER COMMUNITY MEETING TO GET EVERYONE TO SIGN AND HE NEEDS A NOTARY PUBLIC THERE. THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LEGAL DESCRIPTION HASN'T BEEN SENT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE HE HAS 1 LAST LANDOWNER THAT ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO CHECK WITH HIS BANK TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T GOING TO BE A PROBLEM. AFTER HE GIVES THE OKAY HE IS GOING TO GET HIS SURVEYORS TO DO THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION, FORWARD IT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN FOR HIM TO DO THE EASEMENT AND THEN CALL A COMMUNITY MEETING FOR SIGNATURES.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN TO CONTACT INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SO THAT HE CAN GET THE MEETING SET UP. COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT ONCE HE RECEIVES IT FROM MR. KNAUER HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK TO HIM AND MR. JOYNER WITH IN A WEEK.

COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE WERE 3 LAND OWNERS THAT DONATED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF PROPERTY; MR. CHESTNUT MADE THE LARGEST. AS A RESULT OF THAT 2 AREAS NEED TO HAVE SOME CLEARING DONE AND WITH THE TIGHT BUDGET ON CONSTRUCTION IT MAY BE WORTH WHILE TO GET PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THE CLEARING IN THOSE TO AREAS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE PINES AND MR. CHESTNUT ASKED FOR THE PLANTED PINES TO BE STACKED UP SO THAT HE CAN HAVE SOMEONE PICK THEM UP.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ADVISED MR. KNAUER TO CONTACT MR. JOYNER AND LET HIM PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH IT WILL COST PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THAT AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER MEETING.

COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT 2 GRANTS COMING UP IN APRIL THAT ARE NO MATCH FOR THE COUNTY. 1 IS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT THAT IS TOTALLY FUNDED THIS YEAR. IT TAKES ABOUT 4 YEARS FROM THE TIME D.O.T. APPROVES YOUR GRANT, TO THE TIME IT GETS FUNDED. MR. KNAUER PLANS TO PASS OUT INFORMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING ON WHAT PROJECTS QUALIFY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADVISED MR. KNAUER THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE FIXING TO ATTACH THAT PARK AND RIDE

TO THAT SIDEWALK ON STATE PARK ROAD. HE ASKED WHAT THE CHANCES WERE OF EXTENDING THAT DOWN HWY. 77 AND MAKING A FULL LOOP.

COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER SAID THAT IT WOULD BE SMART IF IT WAS A LOOP. SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD BE HANDLED THROUGH C.T.S.T. FAIRLY EASY. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED FOR THAT INFORMATION TO BE BROUGHT TO THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COUNTY ENGINEER ABOUT A RED LIGHT AT BRICKYARD AND ORANGE HILL TO PREPARE FOR GROWTH THAT IS SOON TO COME. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE ROAD BEING FIXED AFTER BEING DUG OUT FOR THE CROSS DRAINS. MR. KNAUER SAID THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO DO 1 LANE AT A TIME BUT THERE ARE SOME PLACES WHERE THE ROAD WILL BE ENTIRELY SHUT DOWN. HE PLANS TO GET TRAVIS TO COME TO THE NEXT MEETING TO PROVIDE BETTER DETAIL. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED HIM TO GIVE HIS CELL PHONE NUMBER TO HIM. COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER SAID THE CONTRACTOR IS LIABLE FOR HIS MAINTENANCE TO TRAFFIC.

FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT GRANT - THE GRANT OPENS APRIL 2012 AND THE COUNTY HAS DONE SEVERAL BOAT RAMP THROUGH THIS PROGRAM AND THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED. THE COUNTY EARNS SIGNIFICANT POINTS IF THE PERMITS ARE ALREADY IN HAND FOR THOSE TYPES OF PROJECTS. THE GRANT CAN BE USED FOR BOAT RAMPS, PARKING LOTS, RESTROOMS OR RETAINING WALLS AT BOAT RAMPS. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WANTED TO STATE ON RECORD THAT HE DIDN'T WANT ANYMORE BATHROOMS BUILT THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO MAINTAIN.

FEMA MITIGATION - THE PROJECTS ARE BEING WRAPPED UP AND THE FINAL PAY REQUEST SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY NEXT WEEK. AFTER THAT IS RECEIVED THEN THEY WILL START CLOSING OUT FEMA PROJECTS WITH STACEY WEBB, GRANTS COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER IF HE HAD BEEN TO HARD LABOR SINCE THE LAST RAIN AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WORKED GOOD BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME ON THE NORTH SIDE. THE ONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE IS STILL THERE AND WORKING GOOD.

COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER IF HE WOULD BE READY TO PUT CLAYTON ROAD OUT FOR BID AT THE UPCOMING MEETING. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT HE CAN PUT IT OUT FOR BID BUT THE ONLY ISSUE THAT HE HAS IS THE GENTLEMEN HE MET WITH YESTERDAY HE NEEDS HIS FINAL ANSWER. COMMISSIONER CARTER ASKED IF IT WOULD CHANGE THE DESIGN OF THE ROADWAY ITSELF. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT IT WOULD IF HE SAID NO.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. KNAUER ABOUT THE RESURFACING DATE ON WILDERNESS ROAD. MR. KNAUER SAID THAT HE THINKS IT IS 2015. IT SHOULD BE ON THE 5 YEAR WORK SCHEDULE THAT HE PASSED OUT. HE THINKS THAT ROCHE ROAD, LUCAS LAKE AND WILDERNESS ARE LINED UP NEXT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF HE HAD WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. MR. JOYNER SAID THAT HE HASN'T SET UP A MEETING WITH MR. BARFIELD YET, BUT HE WILL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE REMEMBERS ON RESURFACING THERE WERE ROADS DONE EVERY 2 YEARS. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WAS BACK WHEN THERE WAS S.C.R.A.P. MR. KNAUER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT S.C.O.P USED TO BE ONLY RESURFACING AND THEN THEY CHANGED IT SO THAT IT CAN BE NEW CONSTRUCTION. EVEN THOUGH ROCHE ROAD, LUCAS LAKE AND WILDERNESS ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF PROJECTS THEY ARE STILL THROUGH THE SAME PROGRAMS WITH DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HIM AND MR. JOYNER WENT AND LOOKED AT SHAKY JOE ROAD AND IT'S IN TERRIBLE CONDITION; FULL OF PATCHES AND CLAY SHOWING THROUGH THE ASPHALT. IT'S A DISGRACE FOR THAT ROAD TO LOOK THAT WAY. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO TAKE SOME FEMA MONEY AND RESURFACE IT. MONROE SHEFFIELD ROAD GETS 2/3 HOLES IN IT AND IT'S RESURFACED THE NEXT MONTH. IT'S ACCORDING TO WHERE A ROAD IS LOCATED. THIS ROAD HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED FOR 15 YEARS. HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD GO LOOK AT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A ROAD WHERE THE DRIVING SCHOOL GOES OVER EVERY DAY AND YOU CAN'T HARDLY SEE THE STRIPING OUT THERE. GRIFFIN ROAD GOES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND IT IS BEGINNING TO CRACK UP. IT HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED IN 20 YEARS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN