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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, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY, COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER AND ATTORNEY JEFF GOODMAN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. CLERK COOK WASN'T PRESENT.

I. **PROCLAMATION - DEPUTY RACKARD**

A. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN CARTER

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE- DAVID CORBIN/COMMISSIONER
STRICKLAND

II. **ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 1, 2012 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

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**COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE
MINUTES.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE CLERK OF COURT TO PAY
VOUCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012 \$1,159,689.45
- B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
"PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"
- C. DELEGATED/PROXY SIGNATURE - MANY TIMES ACTIONS TAKEN
BY THE BCC AT MEETINGS ARE CONTINGENT UPON
DOCUMENTS, ETC. BEING PREPARED AND SIGNED. THIS
OFTEN REQUIRES THE CHAIR OR OTHER PERSON TO MAKE A
SPECIAL TRIP TO EXECUTE AND COMPLETE THE BOARD'S
WISHES. SOMETIMES TIME IS CRITICAL AND WITH THIS
ACTION NONE IS LOST. SOME GRANTS REQUIRE THE CHAIR
TO SIGN OR TO INCLUDE A COPY OF MINUTES THAT
DESIGNATE A PROXY SIGNATURE (COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR,
DEPARTMENT HEAD, ETC.). MANY YEARS AGO SUCH ACTION
WAS TAKEN BUT DESIGNATED A PERSON BY NAME. BY
DESIGNATING A TITLE ONE SET OF MINUTES WILL ALWAYS
SUFFICE. THIS AUTHORITY IS INFERRED IN THE COUNTY

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ADMINISTRATOR ORDINANCE BUT THIS ACTION SOLEMNIZES
THE BOARDS INTENT.

D. SHIP EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM - WASHINGTON COUNTY'S
SHIP EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST
THE ELDERLY AND FIXED INCOME INDIVIDUALS ON REPAIRS
TO THEIR HOMES.

**COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
AGENDA.**

IV. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. DIVISION OF FORESTRY - ANNUAL FIRE CONTROL REPORT:

SENIOR RANGER DAVID KENT (JACKSON COUNTY OFFICE)

MR. DAVID KENT ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE
30, 2012. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS ASSESSED \$.07 PER ACRE
ON ALL FOREST. THIS AMOUNT IS \$22,023.61 FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE BUDGET. LAST YEAR
THEY CONDUCTED A LARGE MITIGATION BURN IN WASHINGTON
COUNTY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ON ABOUT
35 ACRES RIGHT BESIDE THE HIGH SCHOOL. THERE WAS
ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE BURN

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TOOK ABOUT 1 DAY TO DO IT AND SEVERAL YEARS TO PLAN
IT. THE RESULTS WERE PLEASING.

**COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL FIRE
REPORT.**

V. **COUNTY MANAGER** - COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE
BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

1. EDDIE RILEY - MR. RILEY APPROACHED HIM SEEKING EARLY
RETIREMENT, LEAVING NOVEMBER 30, 2012 IF THE BOARD
AGREED TO PROVIDE HIM 12 MONTHS PAID INSURANCE. HE
HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY 27 YEARS.

**COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE
ABOVE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR MR. EDDIE RILEY.**

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IF
THERE HAVE BEEN EMPLOYEES BEFORE WHO RETIRED EARLY.
COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT HE THINKS IT WAS DONE 3 OR
4 YEARS AGO.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT IT WOULD SAVE THE
COUNTY MONEY IN THE LONG RUN.

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COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE EMPLOYEE WOULD BE REPLACED. COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT IS SOMETHING HE IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT LATER BUT HE PLANS ON FILLING THE POSITION.

2. ROGER DALE HAGAN - MR. HAGAN WOULD ALSO LIKE AN EARLY RETIREMENT WITH THE SAME PACKAGE AS MR. RILEY WITH AN ADDITION OF \$3,500.00 WHICH WOULD OFFSET HIS PAID TIME HE WAS IN THE CHAIR OF INTERIM MANAGER. THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT DECEMBER 31, 2012.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF MR. HAGAN'S EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. HIRING - COUNTY MANAGER ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO SOME RECENT VACANT POSITIONS WITH THE COUNTY THAT NEED TO BE FILLED. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PUBLIC WORKS SHOP IS SHORT HANDED AND A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AT THE AG CENTER. COMMISSIONER ABBOTT CLARIFIED THAT THE AG POSITION IS TO REPLACE A PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE THAT WAS FULL TIME WHO LEFT ABOUT 6 MONTH AGO.

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HE DOESN'T WANT TO LIFT THE HIRING FREEZE BUT WOULD LIKE MODIFICATION TO THE ON GOING HIRING FREEZE TO FILL SOME OF THE POSITIONS REFERENCED. AFTER THE POSITIONS ARE FILLED THE HIRING FREEZE SHOULD BE BACK IN FORCE.

EMS HAS SOME POSITIONS IN THEIR DEPARTMENT THAT ARE TEMPORARY AND HAS THE NEED FOR THEM TO BE TURNED INTO PART-TIME TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADVISED THAT ALL OF THIS IS CURRENTLY IN THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF THERE WERE 4 SPECIFIC JOBS THAT HE IS TRYING TO FILL.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID 4 AND POSSIBLY 5 IF THEY DO SOME IN HOUSE HIRING. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A POSITION OPEN IF MRS. BYRD IS MOVED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER TO SAY THAT REALLY WHAT HE NEEDS IS THE AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE ANY POSITION AT HIS DISCRETION WHENEVER THAT TIME COMES WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT A MONTH OR SO TO GET BOARD APPROVAL.

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COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT ROAD AND BRIDGE IS RUNNING ON A SKELETON CREW RIGHT NOW. THERE IS 1 MECHANIC AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE POSITIONS FILLED BECAUSE THE MONEY IS IN THE BUDGET FOR THAT POSITION. COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ASKED WHICH ONE. COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED TODD THAMES POSITION AND THAT POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK WAS ADVISED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT IS WHAT COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER IS TRYING TO DO. THAT IS THE AUTHORITY THIS BOARD NEEDS TO GIVE HIM.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER HAS THE AUTHORITY BUT HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO CIRCUMVENT THE HIRING FREEZE THE BOARD HAS IMPACTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE HIRING FREEZE ISN'T LIFTED. COUNTY MANGER JOYNER ADVISED HIM BECAUSE IT IS TO KEEP THINGS IN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE FOR COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER TO BE ABLE TO HIRE TO FILL POSITIONS AS LONG AS IT WAS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. MSBU - COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE OF THE MSBU COMMITTEE SPENDING \$25,000.00. THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY APPROVED THIS TO BUILD A POLE BARN FACILITY. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WILL ALSO NEED TO DRAW UP A LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE COUNTY HAS TO APPROVE OF THE BUILDING BEING PUT ON THEIR PROPERTY WHERE THE POD IS NOW. MSBU CAN'T OWN ANY PROPERTY SO THEY DON'T HAVE ANY WHERE TO PUT IT.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT WOULD BE A DE MINIMUS LEASE AS FAR AS AMOUNT GOES AND THE REAL CONSIDERATION IS THE BUILDING OF IT. THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$25,000.00 AND IT WOULD SIT ON REAL PROPERTY. FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS IT WILL BE FIXED TO THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THEY NEED SOMETHING THAT STATES IF MSBU IS DISSOLVED THE BUILDING WOULD GO TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT IF THAT WAS THE RIGHT PIECE OF PROPERTY TO PUT A POLE BARN ON.

COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER SAID THAT HE THINKS THAT IS THE MOST CONVENIENT AT THIS TIME. THEY CAN LOOK AROUND

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AND CHECK INTO MORE POSSIBILITY. RIGHT NOW HE JUST WANTS APPROVAL TO RESEARCH OPTIONS AND WORK WITH MSBU COMMITTEE TO PUT THAT BUILDING INTO PLACE.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED WHAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE BUILDING WOULD BE. MR. SAL ZURICA AND COUNTY MANGER JOYNER SAID 36 X 60.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BUILDING DOWN THE ROAD AROUND THE CORNER THAT COULD BE USED.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADVISED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT COULDN'T BE BECAUSE IT ISN'T PART OF SUNNY HILLS PLAT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SAID THAT HE WOULD JUST HATE TO TAKE THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION FOR FUTURE PLANS BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT PLACE IS GOING TO DEVELOP AND HAVE A SORE THUMB STICKING OUT THERE. HE WOULD LIKE FOR OTHER OPTIONS TO BE CHECKED INTO.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED FOR MSBU TO SPEND \$25,000.00 ON A POLE BARN AND FOR COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ALONG WITH THE MSBU BOARD TO RESEARCH LOCATIONS TO PUT THE POLE BARN.

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5. MSBU \$50,000 SOLAR LIGHTS - COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER

ADVISED THE BOARD THAT MSBU HAS APPROVED \$50,000.00 TO BE SPENT FOR SOLAR LIGHTS. MR. SAL ZURICA SAID THAT COST IS FOR 9 LIGHTS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ASKED IF THAT IS ON A BID. MR. SAL ZURICA SAID YES. CHAIRMAN CARTER SAID THAT PERSONALLY HE THINKS THAT IT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED AND PUT OUT FOR BID.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE BID.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. ZURICA HOW MUCH WAS IN THE BUDGET FOR LIGHTING, 35,000.00.

MR. ZURICA ADVISED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT THE ORIGINAL LINE ITEM WAS \$50,000.00 THAT WAS SUBMITTED THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR IT WAS \$25,000.00.

6. MILLED ASPHALT - COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THEY LACK ABOUT 8,000 - 10,000 TONS TO BE FINISHED WITH THE FIRST ALLOCATED AMOUNT OF ASPHALT WHICH WAS ABOUT 7,300 TONS PER DISTRICT. ANDERSON COLOMBIA OFFERED TO CONTINUE THE \$8.00 PER TON IF THE BOARD AGREED TO PURCHASE MORE WHICH HE THINKS IS A

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GOOD IDEA. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO USE THE SAME AMOUNT THAT WAS USED THIS TIME WHICH WAS ABOUT \$340,000.00.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO PURCHASE ASPHALT FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA AT \$8.00 PER TON UP TO \$340,000.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OPPOSED THE MOTION TO PURCHASE MORE ASPHALT FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA AT \$8.00 PER TON.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WHY NOT JUST HAUL DIRT BECAUSE IT IS FREE AND THE COUNTY OWNS IT. THERE IS EQUIPMENT THAT IS WORN OUT; MOW TRIM'S STAY BROKE DOWN ALL THE TIME. HE FEELS THE MONEY ISN'T BEING SPENT WISELY. THE DISASTER/FEMA MONEY HAS ALWAYS BEEN PUT BACK FOR COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO KEEP IT UPDATED.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT YOU CAN BUY NEW MOW TRIM AND IF THEY OPERATE THEM THE SAME WAY THEY DO NOW THEY WILL BE TORE UP IN 3 MONTH TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADVISED THE BOARD THOSE ARE ABOUT 12 YEARS OLD AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES THEY HAVE BEEN AROUND IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS PROBABLY SPENT 4 TIMES THAT MUCH ON THEM.

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VI. COUNTY ENGINEER CLIFF KNAUER -

1. GREENHEAD, HOUSTON, LUCAS & ROCHE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, WHICH HAVE PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENTS DONE ON ALL 4. COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER'S OFFICE IS GETTING READY TO SEND OUT LETTERS NOTIFYING THEM OF MOVING FORWARD ON RIGHT-OF-WAY. DOOR TO DOOR DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE PLANNED TO BE DONE.

GREENHEAD AND HOUSTON PROBABLY WON'T BE UNTIL 2016-2017 CYCLE. ROCHE AND LUCAS LAKE SHOULD BE FUNDED DEPENDING ON HOW THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS GOES, NEXT YEAR.

2. CLAYTON ROAD - ANDERSON COLUMBIA IS CURRENTLY DOING LAYOUT. GULF POWER HAS MOVED 13 OF THE 17 POLES THEY HAVE TO MOVE. THE LAST 5 THEY ARE WAITING ON ADDITIONAL CLEARING FROM ANDERSON TO COMPLETE. AT&T HAS BEEN OUT AND MOVED A COUPLE OF PEDESTALS WITH 2/3 MORE TO DO. OUT OF THE 3 MILES THERE WAS ONLY 4,000 FEET IN THE ROADWAY. THE REST OF IT WAS OUTSIDE OF THE ROADWAY. 2 OF THOSE ARE IN SOME AREAS THAT NEED SOME CLEARING DONE.

HE IS ANTICIPATING SOME CHANGES IN ALIGNMENTS AFTER COMMUNITY MEETINGS. SOME PEOPLE OWN PROPERTY ON

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BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. UNTIL ALIGNMENT IS SET IN STONE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED WHAT THE END DATE ON THE CONTRACT. COUNTY ENGINEER CLIFF KNAUER SAID IT IS MARCH 31, 2012. COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THEY WOULD MAKE IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THAT WE NEVER MAKE IT. THEY ALWAYS ASK FOR EXTENSIONS AND SOMETIMES 2.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED WHAT THE PENALTY IS OF GOING OVER THE END DATE. COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER SAID THAT IT IS \$500.00 PER DAY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED ABOUT BRICKYARD AND ORANGE HILL HWY. WILL THE CONTRACT THAT IS REQUIRED ON THE RED LIGHT BEFORE IT IS PUT IN, HINDER THE PROJECT. COUNTY ENGINEER SAID NO. HE AND COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER HAD A DISCUSSION WITH HIS ENGINEERS HANDLING THE PROJECT AND THEY INDICATED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT TO TRY AND PIGGY BACK ON ANOTHER CONTRACT OR TO ADVERTISE SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT SERVICE.

VII. **DEPUTY CLERK** - NONE

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VIII. COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 45 ON FANNING BRANCH ROAD. HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY THOSE LIVING ON THAT ROAD IF HE COULD GET IT REDUCED TO 25 MPH THROUGH THE RESIDENTIAL.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT WHEN HE HAS DEALT WITH SITUATIONS LIKE THAT HE WILL GET THE ENGINEER TO GO ASSESS IT AND SEE THE FEASIBILITY OF CHANGING THE SPEED LIMIT. HE ASKED IF IT WAS A COUNTY DIRT ROAD. COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID NO IT IS ON TOP OF THE HILL JUST PASSED THE HIGHWAY.

THE BOARD ADVISED THAT COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER WOULD GET COUNTY ENGINEER KNAUER TO GO OUT AND LOOK AT THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER PATE - NONE

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT - NONE

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND - NONE

IX. **COUNTY ATTORNEY** - ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THEY WOULD BE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES:

SHVFD V. WCBCC 67-09-CA-522

HAL KIRK V. WCBCC 11-CA-450

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YATES V. WCBCC

11-CA-185

THE MEETING WILL CONSIST OF THE 5 COMMISSIONERS, HIMSELF,
COUNTY MANAGER JOYNER AND A COURT REPORTER.

CHAIRMAN CARTER CALLED A RECESS.

CHAIRMAN CARTER RECONVENED THE MEETING.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THINKS THEY
ARE CLOSE TO A SETTLEMENT FOR YATES V. WASHINGTON COUNTY.
HE HAS SOME DETAILS HE NEEDS TO WORK OUT WITH OPPOSING
COUNSEL, JOE FIXEL. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A SPECIAL
SESSION CALLED IN 2 OR 3 WEEKS.

THE ACEY ROAD CASE, WHICH WAS FILED BY MR. PALMER A
COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND THE COUNTY, WON THAT MOTION.
THAT WAS A SUCCESS FOR THE COUNTY AND ACEY ROAD WILL BE
MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY.

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

ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN