

DECEMBER 23, 2013  
SPECIAL MEETING



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 CHAIRMAN BUSH, VICE-CHAIRMAN PATE, COMMISSIONERS BROCK, ABBOTT, AND GOTHARD. DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY, COUNTY COORDINATOR CORBIN, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ATTENDED. CLERK COOK WAS NOT PRESENT.

I.

A. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN BUSH

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE - MR. DAVID CORBIN/CHAIRMAN BUSH

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDED DR. SAMUEL WARD'S AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS D/B/A WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

III. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013, FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0114 MANDATES THAT "MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE GIVEN A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON A PROPOSITION BEFORE A BOARD OR COMMISSION." EACH INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES TO SPEAK ON THE PROPOSITION BEFORE THE BOARD.

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

CHAIRMAN BUSH CLOSED THE NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE AGREEMENT WITH DR. SAMUEL WARD AND EMS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADVISED THE BOARD THE AMOUNT IS \$750.00 PER MONTH AND HE IS NOT AWARE OF IT GOING ABOVE THAT.

DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY AGREED.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ASKED IF ANY OTHER PHYSICIANS IN THE AREA HAD BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AS THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ASKED FOR THE RECORD, THAT ITEMS BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING.

COUNTY COORDINATOR CORBIN ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD HE WILL ENSURE THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - STRATEGY SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: FINCH V. WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ATTORNEYS JEFF GOODMAN AND JOHN DICKINSON, AND A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER.
- V. BOARD RECONVENE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION - CHAIRMAN BUSH CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING BACK IN SESSION.
- A. SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION
- ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXITED AROUND 11:10.

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A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN GENERAL RELEASE IN THE MATTER OF  
HEATHER FINCH V. WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS, WAS PROPOSED TO THE BOARD BY ATTORNEY JOHN  
DICKENSON AND COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN AND ATTORNEY JOHN DICKENSON RECOMMENDED  
THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER GOTHARD AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT.  
COMMISSIONER BROCK VOTED AGAINST, MAKING THE VOTE 4-1.

VI. ADJOURN -

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

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DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY

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CHAIRMAN BUSH