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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 BUSH (CHAIRMAN), ABBOTT (VICE-CHAIRMAN), PATE, BROCK AND GOTHARD PRESENT. DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY, COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER AND COUNTY ATTORNEY JEFF GOODMAN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN BUSH

AGENDA ITEM

JIM PALMER, GREENHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

THIS HAS BEEN LISTED AS A SPECIAL MEETING BECAUSE MR. PALMER HAS PUT A BINDER ON THE TRUCK TO HOLD IT.

MR. JIM PALMER REQUESTED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD REQUESTING TO EXPEND FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MONEY NECESSARY TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE. THE NEED FOR THE TRUCK IN A RURAL FIRE FIGHTING SITUATION AS THEY DEAL WITH ONE OF THE BIGGEST HURDLES

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IS GETTING WATER TO THE SCENES BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE HYDRANTS
AND RELY ON TANKERS TO AUGMENT THE PUMPERS.

HE PROVIDED THE BOARD AN OVERVIEW OF HOW THEY CURRENTLY OPERATE
IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. HIS CURRENT PUMPER PUTS OUT 125
GALLONS PER MINUTE AND IT IS CRITICAL THE COUNTY HAVE RELIABLE
TANKERS.

HISTORICALLY THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS USED A WATER TENDER
THAT HAS BEEN ALTERED IN ORDER TO SHUTTLE WATER BUT THIS ISN'T
THE MOST RELIABLE OR FASTEST.

THE TRUCK REQUESTED FOR PURCHASE WAS SPECIFICALLY BUILT AND
DESIGNED FOR FIRE SERVICE. IT IS A DIESEL, AUTOMATIC, SHORT
WHEEL BASED, HOLDS 2100 GALLONS OF WATER, 2200 GALLON DROP TANK
WITH ELECTRICALLY ASSIST ARMS, 12,780 MILES AND 3 10 INCH DUMP
VALVES WHICH ARE REMOTELY CONTROLLED FROM THE CAB.

HE HIRED MR. GREG HUGHES A MECHANIC FROM HUBCAPS WELDING TO GO
THROUGH THE TRUCK AND HIS FINDINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. FRONT BRAKES - 80%
2. REAR BRAKES - 60%
3. FRONT TIRES - 40%
4. REAR TIRES - BRAND NEW

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HE ALSO HIRED SOMEONE TO DO A PUMP TEST AND THE FINDINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. 100% TEST - PASSED
2. OVERLOAD TEST - PASSED
3. 70% TEST - PASSED
4. 50% TEST - FAILED

IN REFERENCE TO THE 50% TEST MR. PALMER SPOKE WITH THE MECHANIC ABOUT THIS AND HE ADVISED HIM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT COULD BE BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE THE RPM'S NECESSARY TO MEET THE 500 GALLON PER MINUTE FLOW RATE.

MR. PALMER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT IF HE WAS BUYING THE TRUCK AS A FRONT LINE ENGINE HE WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUMP TEST BUT HE IS PRIMARILY GOING TO BE USING IT AS A TANKER.

HE ASKED FOR THE BOARDS APPROVAL TO SPEND \$45,000.00 OUT OF HIS BUDGET. THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE IS \$55,000.00 WHICH INCLUDES A 7% BROKERAGE FEE. THIS WILL BE THE 1ST TRUCK THAT HAS REQUIRED BOARD APPROVAL AND WILL BE DUAL TITLED. \$13,850.00 WILL BE PAID OUT OF THEIR OWN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ASKED IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS A WORKING TANKER. DUE TO THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY SHE ASKED IF

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HE WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEM SIGNING A WAIVER FOR THE TRUCK TO BE PUT 100% IN THE COUNTY'S NAME.

MR. PALMER PROVIDED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS CURRENT TANKER. THE CURRENT TANKER HOLDS 2,000 GALLONS OF WATER, 1978, 10 SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION AND A TRASH PUMP ON THE BACK WHICH IS VERY SLOW. PERSONALLY HE DOESN'T CARE HOW IT IS TITLED HOWEVER BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT IN PLACE THAT IS THE WAY IT HAS TO BE DONE.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT ANY PARTY CAN SIGN A WAIVER. THE WAY THE CONTRACT READ IS FOR IT TO BE JOINTLY TITLED BUT A WAIVER CAN ALTER THAT.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE AGREEMENT THE COUNTY NOW HAS WITH THE CORPORATE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IS IF THE AGREEMENT EVER CEASES TO BE THE COUNTY HAS TO BUY THE EQUIPMENT BACK AT 50% OF THE APPRAISED VALUE.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IF MR. PALMER DOESN'T MIND SIGNING A WAIVER TO PUT THE TRUCK 100% IN THE COUNTIES NAME THEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PURCHASE.

MR. PALMER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE THE FUNDING AGREEMENT ALSO STATES THAT IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CEASES TO EXIST THE BOARD CAN'T AUTOMATICALLY PURCHASE THE VEHICLE. IT IS GOING TO BE A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN

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THE CORPORATION AND THE COUNTY. THE TRUCK CAN'T BE MOVED
WITHOUT MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE KEY IS WHAT
THE WAIVER SAYS. HE BELIEVES THAT WHAT COMMISSIONER GOTHARD IS
REQUESTING IS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL
RIGHTS TO TITLE OR VALUE OF THE TRUCK NOW AND FOREVER WITH
RESPECT TO THIS TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADVISED ATTORNEY GOODMAN THAT IS CORRECT.

MR. PALMER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE DOESN'T CARE WHO OWNS THE
TRUCK BUT JUST WOULD LIKE IT STILL IN THE AGREEMENT THAT IT
CAN'T BE MOVED WITHOUT EVERYBODY'S PERMISSION.

COMMISSIONER BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE FEELS A
CONTRACTOR, MR. PALMER SHOULDN'T HAVE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR
THE MONEY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN HIS CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BUSH ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD THAT HE KNOWS
WHERE SHE IS GOING BUT UNTIL THE CHANGE OCCURS WITH OTHER FIRE
DEPARTMENTS BECOMING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO
TURN THE TRUCK COMPLETELY OVER TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD HOPE THAT
NOBODY ON THE BOARD OR MANAGEMENT WOULD GO AND SNATCH IT AWAY
FROM THEM AND SEND IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD, AS A CONTACTOR THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED AND FOR SOMEONE TO DICTATE WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THE CONTRACT HE WOULD HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THAT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN THROWN AROUND ABOUT THE COUNTY GOING TO COUNTY WIDE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. IN THE FUTURE WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO BE FACED WITH THIS AND HIS CONCERN IS WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVING TO BUY ALL NEW EQUIPMENT TO PUT IN THE PLACES BECAUSE OF THE EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO CORPORATIONS OR CONTRACTORS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED MR. PALMER IF THEY HAD THE MAN POWER DURING THE DAY TO RESPOND TO FIRES.

MR. PALMER ADVISED HIM NO, THAT DURING THE DAY TIME EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTY IS FACED WITH THE SAME PROBLEM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHIPLEY.

COMMISSIONER PATE REFERENCED THE CONTRACTS COMING UP IN OCTOBER AND IF THIS IS DONE NOW IT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AND GET IT WORKED IN THE NEW CONTRACTS.

COMMISSIONER BUSH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT COMMISSIONER GOTHARD TRYING TO CHANGE THE CONTRACT MID STREAM AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AGREED TO THE CONTRACT BACK THEN. IT IS SOMETHING THAT SHE WOULD BE A PART OF AN UPDATED CONTRACTED.

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COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY PAYS THE INSURANCE AND THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS. THAT IS DIFFERENT THAT A CONTRACTOR.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE FACT THAT MR. PALMER IS USING SOME OF HIS FUNDS. IN ORDER TO DO WHAT COMMISSIONER GOTHARD IS ASKING HE FEELS IT WOULD BE THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL \$13,850.00.

MR. PALMER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY TALKED WITH MRS. CONNIE AND THEY FIGURED UP THAT HE WOULD HAVE ABOUT \$4,000.00 AVAILABLE TO PULL WITHOUT TOUCHING ANY FIXED EXPENSES. HE CARRIED OVER \$32,800.00 LAST BUDGET YEAR.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO START WORKING ON A NEW CONTRACT.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT PER THE CONTRACT IF THERE IS A SPLIT AND THERE IS NO WAIVER THEY WOULD BOTH BE 50% OWNERS AND SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE TO BUY IT BACK AT THE APPRAISED VALUE.

MR. PALMER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS NO PROBLEM SIGNING A WAIVER PUTTING IT IN THE COUNTY'S NAME. HE REQUESTED THE WAIVER INCLUDE THE TRUCK IS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO GREENHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNLESS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT IT IS MOVED SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH THE FOLLOWING 2
OPTIONS:

1. INCLUDE A CLAUSE WHERE THEY WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO IT ANYMORE
2. GIVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SOME CREDIT FOR THE \$13,850

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED MR. PALMER WHAT HE'D BE WILLING TO DO FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE TODAY. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TRUCK WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SIGN A WAIVER ON OR WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE TRUCK CONTINGENT UPON THE SIGNATURE OF THE WAIVER THAT ATTORNEY GOODMAN IS GOING TO CREATE.

MR. PALMER SUGGESTED TO THE BOARD IF THE PURCHASE IS APPROVED, THE MONEY IS MOVED INTO ATTORNEY GOODMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT SO THAT THERE WILL BE ONE CHECK WRITTEN WHICH WILL COME OUT OF THE ATTORNEY'S TRUST ACCOUNT.

MR. PALMER HAS PREVIOUSLY DEPOSITED \$2,500.00 IN ATTORNEY GOODMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT AS A GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT/BINDER.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL DRAFT A WAIVER WHERE BY THE CURRENT AGREEMENT IS AMENDED SO THERE IS A PERCENTAGE GREENHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OWNS BASED ON THE

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\$13,850.00 THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PUT INTO THE PURCHASE PRICE
PERCENTAGE WISE OUT OF THE \$55,000.00. THAT PERCENTAGE WILL BE
WORKED IN AND IT WILL PAY WHAT THE EXACT FIGURES TURN OUT TO BE
INSTEAD OF 50/50 UPON LIQUIDATION.

MR. PALMER ADVISED ATTORNEY GOODMAN THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THE
BROKERAGE FEE CAN BE INCLUDED.

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

ATTEST: _____

RISHA BRANTLEY, DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN BUSH