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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 CHAIRMAN BUSH, VICE-CHAIRMAN ABBOTT, COMMISSIONERS, PATE, BROCK, AND GOTHARD PRESENT. CLERK COOK, DEPUTY CLERK ODOM, COUNTY COORDINATOR DAVID CORBIN, AND ATTORNEY JEFF GOODMAN ALSO ATTENDED.

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN BUSH

I. INVOCATION/PLEDGE - CHAIRMAN BUSH

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY IN A BUDGET SHORTFALL. HE IS AWARE THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TAX ASSESSOR TURNS MONEY BACK. HE IS UNSURE ABOUT WHAT THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OR SHERIFF WILL DO.

THE OTHER ISSUE HE HAS IS THE MINORITY OF THE CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY PAY TAXES WHETHER THEY HAVE A \$25,000.00 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OR NOT. HE IS UNSURE ON THE LEGALITIES OF IT. HE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM OF \$250.00 FOR THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION NOT PAYING ANY TAXES. EVERYONE SHOULD PAY TAXES BECAUSE EVERYONE USES THE COUNTY SERVICES.

RAISING THE MILLAGE MAY ONLY AFFECT SOME HOME OWNERS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT IT IS NOT FAIR FOR A PERSON WITH LESS INCOME AND A LOWER VALUED HOME TO PAY AS MUCH AS SOMEONE WITH MORE INCOME AND A HOME VALUED MORE.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT IS NOT WHAT HE SUGGESTED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT HE WILL FIND OUT THE HOMESTEAD IS MANDATED BY GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE ISSUE WITH REVENUE CUTS AND LOWER TAXES IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR YEARS PRIOR.

THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GET PREPARED. IT SEEMS THINGS ARE DISCUSSED BUT NO ACTION PUT BEHIND IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SUGGESTED AN INCREASED SALES TAX.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADVISED THE BOARD THE ONE CENTS SALES TAX IS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER PATE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK ABOUT NOT HAVING A STRATEGIC PLAN FROM ONE MONTH TO THE NEXT. SOMETHING CAN BE PUT ON THE AGENDA AND THAT WILL GUIDE THE BOARDS PLAN FOR THAT MONTH. IT IS HIS HOPE THAT A STRATEGIC PLAN IS STARTED IN JANUARY.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE DECREASED REVENUE CAN BE OFFSET. THE PART THAT CANNOT BE OFFSET IS THE INCREASES THE COUNTY IS PAYING BECAUSE OF ACTIONS MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE. THE LOSS OF AD VALOREM REVENUE FOR \$227,000.00 CAN BE OFF SET BY THE LOSS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET AND A FEW EMPLOYEES. THE HARD PART TO TRY TO MAKE UP IS THE EXTRA \$228,000.00 FOR THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT THAT HAS TO BE PAID TO THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, ALONG WITH OTHER SMALLER ITEMS AND THE 5% SECURITY FOR THE INSURANCE INCREASE.

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COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT COMMISSIONER BROCK AND PATE ARE RIGHT. THE TRUTH IS WHEN TIMES WERE GOOD SPENDING INCREASED BUT NOW REVENUE IS CUT DOWN CAUSING SOMETHING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. SHE EXPRESSED THAT SHE IS UNSURE ON THE TAX BECAUSE SHE IS AGAINST RAISING TAXES.

SHE BELIEVES THE BUDGET CAN BE BALANCED WITH THE CUTS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS PROVIDED, CUT ANOTHER POSITION, AND MOVE THE STAFF AROUND UTILIZING THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY.

AFTER THIS BUDGET IS BALANCED, THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT PLANNING THROUGHOUT THE NEXT YEAR AS COMMISSIONER PATE HAS STATED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF ANYBODY HAD ASKED THE SHERIFF TO DECREASE HIS BUDGET.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THE SHERIFF DID NOT INCREASE HIS BUDGET EVEN WITH THE INCREASE IN RETIREMENT.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADVISED THE BOARD OF A CORRECTION ON THE TAX COLLECTORS BUDGET. MR. NAKER ASKED FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000.00.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE PROPERTY APPRAISER HAS REFLECTED NO CHANGE AND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS INCREASED 24%.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADVISED THE BOARD THE INCREASE IN THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET IS DUE TO VOTING MACHINES.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS GETS THE VOTING MACHINES SHE IS GOING TO CUT A STAFF POSITION.

SHE BELIEVES THAT THE VOTING MACHINES SHOULD COME OUT OF HER BUDGET AND NOT NON-REOCCURRING MONEY. IN ORDER TO PUT THE \$69,000.00 BACK IN HER

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BUDGET SHE IS GOING TO HAVE TO CUT THE STAFF PERSON THAT SHE HAS NOT FILLED IN OVER A YEAR.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN BUSH WITH THE CUTS THERE IS \$102,000.00 THE GENERAL BUDGET IS STILL NOT BALANCED BY.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM REFERENCED THE VACANT POSITION AT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE THAT SOMEONE COULD BE MOVED THERE FROM GENERAL.

THE GENERAL BUDGET INCLUDES A TRANSFER TO EMPA FOR \$61,675.00.

MRS. ABEL ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD THAT AMOUNT IS REQUIRED FOR THE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

ALL EMPA POSITIONS WERE PROPOSED TO COME OUT OF STATE MONEY. THAT DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE LOCAL MONEY. IT STILL HAS TO BE MATCHED. IF THE POSITIONS COME OUT OF THE STATE MONEY, OTHER EXPENSES WILL HAVE TO BE COVERED BY THE LOCAL MONEY.

IN THE AGREEMENT, THE PAST THREE YEARS EVERYTHING RECEIVED LOCALLY BY THE MATCH HAS TO REMAIN THE SAME. THE MATCH IS REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE STATE FUNDS, WHICH IS THE LARGEST PORTION OF THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERENCED THE \$25,000.00 HOMESTEAD. HE WOULD LIKE EVERY PROPERTY OWNER THAT IS EXEMPT TO PAY A MINIMUM OF \$250.00 PER YEAR. IF YOU ARE OVER THAT IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS IT WAS.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ASKED WHAT AUTHORITY THE BOARD HAS TO SUPERSEDE A TAX. THE WAY IT WORKS IS THE CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE LAWS PROVIDES THAT A COUNTY CAN TAX IN CERTAIN AREAS. OTHERWISE TAXING IS RESERVED TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADVISED TO GET AWAY FROM THE HOMESTEAD AND ADDRESS AN MSTU.

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COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AN MSTU WOULD MEAN DOUBLE TAXING.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD IF IT IS JUST TIED TO PEOPLE THAT DO NOT GET THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IT WOULD MEAN A TAX BASED ON HOMESTEAD.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD ANY TAX THAT IS IMPLEMENTED RIGHT NOW IS NOT GOING TO HELP WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE ONLY TAX THAT HE KNOWS OF THAT CAN BE DONE VIA ORDINANCE IS THE ONE CENT, WHICH WAS DONE IN 1993.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD SHE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE COLLECTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM SOME OF THE GRANTS. THAT WOULD GENERATE ENOUGH REVENUE TO COVER THE COUNTY MANAGER SALARY.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD TO ADVISE WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE DONE.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THERE IS ABOUT \$102,000.00 LEFT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. THAT CAN BE DONE BY CUTTING AN ADDITIONAL SECRETARY SALARY OR RELOCATE, MOVE THE SOD FARM TO PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH IS \$45,639.00 FOR HIS BUDGET AND IN THE GENERAL BUDGET THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT FOR POSTAGE THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF ANYBODY HAD CONTACTED THE TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF, OR PROPERTY APPRAISER TO SEE IF THEY PLAN TO TURN MONEY BACK. HAVE THE ABOVE ELECTED OFFICIALS BEEN ASKED TO DECREASE THEIR BUDGET; THE BOARD CANNOT TAKE THE BLUNT OF THIS.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT SHE HAS NOT GONE TO ANY OF THEM. NOT EVERY YEAR THEY DO TURN MONEY BACK IN BUT FOR THIS YEARS

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IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE THE AMOUNT IT HAS BEEN IN PREVIOUS YEAR. THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS THE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND UNTIL HE GENERATES FEES FROM THAT, HE WILL NOT FEEL ANY BENEFIT.

MR. DALLAS CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT PUBLIC WORKS WILL HAVE TO ABSORB TWO ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, WHICH WILL BE THE EMPLOYEES FROM MSBU AFTER THE MOWING CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT MR. DAVID CORBIN WAS MADE COUNTY COORDINATOR BUT ONCE THE PERSONNEL ACTION WAS RECEIVED BY FINANCE, IT REFLECTED HIS TITLE TO BE COUNTY COORDINATOR/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, SPLITTING THE SALARY BETWEEN GENERAL AND PUBLIC WORKS.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK ODOM TO REMOVE THE PUBLIC WORKS PART.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK ODOM THAT MR. CORBIN WAS RECLASSIFIED AS COUNTY COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IS NOT ANY DIFFERENT FROM HIM MANAGING 911 OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WHY SHOULD PUBLIC WORKS PAY THE BULK OF THAT?

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING THE CORRECTION NEEDS TO BE MADE.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE LACK OF PLANNING IS WHAT HAS THE BOARD IN THE CURRENT CONDITION.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT REMOVING \$85,255.00 FROM THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SALARY. THERE WAS A PLAN PUT TOGETHER BY BRINGING MR. CORBIN IN TO SAVE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED WHO IS GOING TO DO THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT.

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CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THE THOUGHT PROCESS IS IF THE CURRENT COMPUTER STAFF IS MOVED TO 911 THERE IS STILL 5% - 10% OTHER DUTIES THAT CAN BE PERFORMED.

THE OTHER THOUGHT PROCESS WAS TO GET WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER AND PIGGY BACK ON THEIR IT PERSON.

INITIALLY THERE WAS AN IT PERSON THAT SERVICED ALL THE DEPARTMENTS. OVER TIME, DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE HIRED DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS TO DO THEIR IT WORK.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD WHY NOT DO AWAY WITH ALL THE CONTRACTS AND TAKE THE FUND OUT OF THEIR BUDGET AND FUND THEIR OWN IT BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ASKED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WHY ALL THOSE DEPARTMENTS LEFT THE BOARD'S IT PERSON.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN BUSH THAT WAS BEFORE HIS TIME.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT SHE IS NOT FOR DOING AWAY WITH THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENTS AS SHE FEELS THEY ARE NEEDED. WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED ARE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IF ONE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS HAS AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PERSON THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO LET THE COUNTY USE, WHY NOT DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT.

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CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT YOU CAN NOT GO ON BOTH SIDES SAYING I AM STANDING FIRM NOT INCREASING ANYTHING AND THEN ON THE OTHER SIDE SAY I DON'T WANT TO CUT ANYTHING.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE IS OPEN TO ANY IDEAS.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WAS BEING ALLOWED TO OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES REFERENCING THAT MONEY COULD COME BACK TO THE BOARDS BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT IF THOSE DEPARTMENTS WANTED TO USE THE BOARDS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE SO. THEY DO NOT WANT TO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD THINK THE DEPARTMENTS WOULD NOT OFFER THEIR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT SERVICES FOR FREE.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR HAS ALL TO DO WITH THE COURT SIDE. THE BOARD DOES NOT PAY ANY OF THAT BUT THEY DO COVER THE BOARD SIDE WITH THE CLERK FINANCE PAYING HALF.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT SHE IS NOT SURE BUT WOULD SAY AROUND \$5,000.00.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE SALARY IS, AS MUCH SHE BELIEVES OR MORE THAN WHAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IS PAID TO RUN THE COUNTY. SHE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PAYING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PERSON AS MUCH OR MORE THAN WHAT IS BEING PAID FOR SOMEONE TO MANAGE THE COUNTY.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD IT SAVE THE BOARD IF THE BUDGETS WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS THAT THEY ARE USING TO FUND THEIR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED WHO IS GOING TO DO HUMAN RESOURCE.

CLERK COOK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT MR. ALBERT DAVIS HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO HER WITH THE COURTHOUSE. SHE FEELS A HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT IS NEEDED AND IS NOT FOR DOING AWAY WITH IT. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DID WHAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD HER UNDERSTANDING WAS BEFORE HUMAN RESOURCE WAS CREATED, IT WAS DONE AT FINANCE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD, AS IT WAS BUT SINCE THEN THERE ARE CERTAIN MANDATES THAT HAVE TO BE HANDLED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK ODOM THAT THE TRAVEL LINE ITEM HAS INCREASED FROM LAST YEARS BUDGET 233.3% FOR A TOTAL OF \$55,000.00. CURRENTLY THE BOARD RECEIVES \$600.00 ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT IS FOR ANY CONFERENCE THE BOARD ATTENDS. THE INCREASE WAS \$35,000.00. THE YEARLY COST FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IS \$36,000.00.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT \$36,000.00 COULD FUND 90% OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE BUDGET OR IT COULD HELP FUND THE COMPUTER DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THE TRAVEL IS MANDATED BECAUSE IT IS A FLORIDA STATUTE. THE BOARD CANNOT TAKE IT.

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COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT IT IS ALLOWABLE BUT NOT MANDATORY.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE THINKS IF A COMMISSIONER DEMANDS REASONABLE TRAVEL THEY SHOULD RECEIVE IT.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD REFERENCED THE DEBT CAUSED BY PROJECT PIPE.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE CURRENT BUDGET REFLECTS EXPENSES THROUGH JUNE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERENCED THE LEASE LINE ITEM OF \$7,500.00.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD EVERY BUILDING HAS A COPIER.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THE COPIER RENTALS ARE TIED TO LEASES.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THROUGH A STRATEGIC PLAN THE BOARD WOULD NOT BE PAYING ON THIS STUFF NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THERE NEEDS TO BE A CONTINGENCY FOR EMERGENCIES.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD SINCE THE HUMAN RESOURCE JOB HAS TO BE ADVERTISED THAT PERSON CAN START OUT AT \$25,000.00.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD THERE ARE SOME VENDETTAS ABOUT TO COME APART AND THE BOARD DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE A BUDGET ON IT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THEM AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE THAT IS GIVEN TO THE EMPLOYEES AT NO COST, WHICH IS A LARGE LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET.

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CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE PUBLIC THERE IS AN OPTION FOR A LESSER EMPLOYEE PLAN THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CO-PAY.

THE VERY LEAST AMOUNT FOR FAMILY COVERAGE IS AROUND \$1,100.00 PER MONTH.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT SEEMS THE BOARD IS TAKING THE FULL HIT. NORMALLY THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ARE CONTACTED AND ASKED IF THEY CAN GIVE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGES TO HELP THE BOARD BALANCE THE BUDGET. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS NOT SEEN IT DONE THIS WAY. THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH INPUT FROM THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. HE DOES SUPPORT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE BOARD HE HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHE TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO GO TO FINANCE AND FIND OUT THE FIGURES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED THE COST PER EMPLOYEE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND HOW MANY.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADVISED IT IS AROUND \$579.00 AND PROVIDED A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF 160 EMPLOYEES. THAT WOULD BE A COST OF \$92,640.00 MONTHLY AND \$1,111,000.00 YEARLY WHICH IS ALSO AN ESTIMATE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT SUGGESTED CHANGING THE COUNTY COST FROM \$579.00 TO \$400.00, WHICH WOULD SAVE \$179.00 PER MONTH TO SAVE SOME CO-WORKERS JOBS.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE FEELS THAT WOULD BE A LOT TO ASK AN EMPLOYEE.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE PAYING CLOSE TO \$80.00 PER MONTH.

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COMMISSIONER GOTHARD REFERENCED EMPLOYEES NOT HAVING A RAISE IN SIX YEARS AS COMMISSIONER BROCK HAS MENTIONED.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT REFERENCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES BEING PAID FOR THEIR LUNCH HOUR.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ASKED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WHY HE WOULD DO THAT TO THE EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED DEPUTY CLERK ODOM HE WOULD NOT BUT HE IS JUST LOOKING AT WAYS TO SAVE MONEY.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT IF YOU CUT THEIR HOUR OUT FOR LUNCH THEY ARE STILL GOING TO WORK AN EXTRA HOUR TO GET EIGHT HOURS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT IF YOU CUT THEIR LUNCH THEY ARE STILL PAID. NO MONEY IS BEING SAVED.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HOURS CAN BE CUT FOR BUDGET PURPOSES.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED THE BOARD SHE IS NOT WILLING TO DO THAT TO 160 EMPLOYEES TO SAVE TWO OR THREE.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER GOTHARD HE WONDERED IF THE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER GOTHARD ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THAT HE COULD POLL THEM AND ASK.

CAROL RUDD ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IF HER BUDGET IS ADDRESSED SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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SHE HAS KEPT A TEMPORARY PERSON IN HER OFFICE BECAUSE THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE IS AT A SLOWER PACE, WHICH IS SAVING THE BOARD MONEY. THE POSITION WILL HAVE TO BE FILLED. THE TEMPORARY PERSON THAT HAS BEEN KEPT HAS BEEN WITH THE OFFICE SINCE NOVEMBER, WHICH IS AFTER THE FULL TIME PERSON WAS DISCHARGED. NORMALLY THEY WORK FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD BUT SHE IS NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING FULL TIME.

THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT SHE PLANS TO TURN BACK THE FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE VACANT POSITION THAT SHE HAS HAD SINCE NOVEMBER.

DEPUTY CLERK ODOM ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS HAS ONE PAYMENT LEFT TO COME OUT OF THE SURPLUS LAND MONEY, WHICH WOULD BE THE LAST PAYMENT OF THAT CONTACT. IF SHE RENEWS IT, THAT MONEY COULD GO TO THE NEW CONTRACT. THAT AMOUNT IS \$63,276.00.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THE NEW HOPE PRECINCT MONEY IS SET ASIDE.

MRS. RUDD ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER BROCK THAT MONEY IS STILL SET ASIDE WHICH IS \$71,000.00.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED MRS. RUDD IF THE NEW VOTING SITE COST IS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.

MRS. RUDD ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER ABBOTT THE COST TO COVER THE POLL WORKERS IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ASKED IF IT WERE NOT DONE NOW, HOW MUCH IT WOULD SAVE.

MRS. RUDD ADDRESSED HIM \$5,000.00.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MRS. RUDD THAT \$5,000.00 MAY GO A LONG WAY IN SAVING A DEPARTMENT.

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CHAIRPERSON BUSH ASKED MRS. RUDD WHAT EXPECTATIONS ARE OF THE \$10,000.00 SALARY INCREASE IN HER BUDGET, WHICH WAS \$5,000.00 IN OTHER SALARY AND \$5,000.00 IN REGULAR SALARY.

MRS. RUDD ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN BUSH THAT SHE WAS NOT PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS TODAY.

CHAIRMAN BUSH ASKED MRS. RUDD IF SHE PLANNED TO FILL THE VACANCY AT A HIGHER SALARY THAN PREVIOUS YEARS.

MRS. RUDD ADDRESSED CHAIRMAN BUSH THAT SHE DOES FEEL LIKE THE POSITION WILL REQUIRE A HIGHER PAY. THE STATE HAS PLACED A HIGHER BAR ON HER OFFICE SUCH AS REPORTS AND SECURITY PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO BE UPDATED.

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

DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY

CHAIRMAN BUSH