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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, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND PATE PRESENT. CHAIRMAN BUSH, COMMISSIONER BROCK AND GOTHARD WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE. DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY JEFF GOODMAN AND BOCC POINT OF CONTACT MR. DAVID CORBIN WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. CLERK COOK WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

CALL TO ORDER - VICE-CHAIRMAN ABBOTT

PROCLAMATION - DEPUTY RACKARD

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A PROJECT THAT WILL BRING VERY FAST HIGH SPEED BROADBAND TO THE UF/IFAS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 2014.

MRS. JULIE DILLARD ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM AT THE AGRICULTURAL CENTER IS LESS THAN ADEQUATE. WHEN THE POLYCOM IS IN USE IT PULLS ALL OF THE BROADBAND IN THE OFFICE WHEN IT IS USED. THE OVERALL PROGRAM HAS FOUR GOALS THAT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY.

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1. MINIMIZE AGENT TIME OUT OF THE COUNTY
2. UTILIZE AGENT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE ACROSS THE NORTHWEST  
EXTENSION DISTRICT
3. UTILIZE SUBJECT MATTER OF EXPERTISE OF OTHER AGENTS IN THE NWED
4. REDUCE CLIENTELE BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

THERE ARE POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS WITH THE PROGRAM.

VICE-CHAIRMAN ABBOTT ADDRESSED THE AUDIENCE THAT THIS IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. THEY ARE PROVIDING THIS TO FOUR COUNTIES AT AN EXPENSE OF \$495,000.00 TO THE UNIVERSITIES OVER AN 18 MONTH PERIOD AT NO COST.

ATTORNEY GOODMAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION EARLIER THAT THERE MIGHT NOT BE A QUORUM AT TODAY'S MEETING. HE CONTACTED THE OVERSIGHT PARTIES WITH IFAS WHO ALLOWED HIM TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN WHICH HE DID, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY AND MAKE THE LETTER CONTINGENT UPON THE BOARD TAKING ACTION ON IT BY THE END OF MAY IN A REGULAR MEETING.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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DEPUTY CLERK BRANTLEY

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CHAIRMAN BUSH