

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 1990 Special meeting (Bcc & IDA)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

DONNELL WHITFIELD  
JAMES M. DILLARD  
ELLIS MELVIN  
MONROE COX

PRESENT AND ACTING:

GAIL O'BRYAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

IDA MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM ANDERS, GERALD CAYSON AND STEVE YODER

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS FOR A JOINT MEETING AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN BCC AND IDA MEMBERS.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD UPDATED THE BOARD AND AUDIENCE ON THE STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PARK.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD ALSO REPORTED THAT ON OCTOBER 16, 1990, A BID HAD BEEN AWARDED TO PRO STEEL FOR AQUACULTURE PROCESSING PLANT. HE SAID, AFTER MORE REVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PRO STEEL BID DID NOT INCLUDE REFRIGERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000, AND IT NOW APPEARS MC CORMICK CONTRACTING IS THE LOW BID. HE REPORTED THE LEGALITY OF THIS WAS AT THIS TIME BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE ARCHITECT.

THE IDA BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONED THE LIABILITY FOR EACH IDA MEMBER AND LIABILITY AS A WHOLE BOARD, WHAT AUTHORITY THE IDA HAS IN THE OPERATION OF THE AG PARK AND ALSO QUESTIONED IF THEY ARE COVERED ON COUNTY'S LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD EXPLAINED THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WAS SET UP BY RESOLUTION UNDER FS 159.44--159.53. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD AND IDA MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WOULD RESEARCH THE STATUTES UNDER WHICH THE IDA WAS CREATED AND PROVIDE THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRESENTED BY IDA MEMBERS.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED THE COUNTY HAD BORROWED APPROXIMATELY \$350,000 ON THE AGRICULTURAL PARK AND HAD TRANSFERRED SOME FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE TO COVER SOME OF THE BILLS ON CONTRACT. THE GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO PAY 47% OF THE MONEY BACK, THE COUNTY HAD TO MAKE UP THE REST AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY. HE STATED, "YOU MEN WERE SELECTED BECAUSE YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MEN AND WE AS COMMISSIONERS NEED YOUR HELP AND ADVICE TO MAKE THE PARK GO. THE COUNTY JUST DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO KEEP GOING."

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD DID ADJOURN.

ATTEST

*Willie D. Wise*

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S. DONNELL WHITFIELD