

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES 6-4-97

THE COMMISSIONERS MET ON JUNE 4, 1997 AT 9:15 A.M. IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE MAYOR RON MOWERY, COMMISSIONERS DAVID GLICKFIELD AND WALT WOOD AND AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL.

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN REGARD TO AREA PLAN.

MAYOR MOWERY STARTED THE MEETING BY SAYING THE FOLLOWING;

WHEN CLAY GILLEY WAS HIRED THERE WERE TWO CHOICES, CLAY AND CHUCK OSTERHOLT. THE COMMITTEE KNEW THAT CLAY WOULD BE OVERZEALOUS. CHUCK HAD ALL THE RIGHT CREDENTIALS BUT WAS KNOWN NOT TO FOLLOW THRU WITH THINGS.

SINCE AREA PLAN HAS BEEN IN THE CITY BUILDING, RON SAID AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES HE HAS CALLED CLAY IN AND TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT THE LACK OF CUSTOMER SERVICE GIVEN BY THE AREA PLAN OFFICE. HE STATED THEY HAVE A BUREAUCRATIC ATTITUDE. WHEN THINGS CAN BE SOLVED SIMPLY, THEY SEEM TO PUT UP A ROAD BLOCK.

WALT WOOD SAID THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ATTITUDE AND THESE PROBLEMS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR HAVE A STAFF MEETING WITH THE ENTIRE AREA PLAN STAFF TO DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS. HE STATED WE WANT THE COUNTY OFFICES TO BE USER FRIENDLY.

RON CONTINUED WITH SAYING THAT CLAY INHERITED A GROUP OF EMPLOYEES THAT THINK THEY DON'T ANSWER TO ANYONE. HE AGREED THAT WALT'S IDEA FOR A MEETING IS A GOOD IDEA, AND AS NOT TO SINGLE OUT ANY ONE GROUP, HE WOULD INCLUDE HIS STAFF IN THAT AREA, ALSO. HE STATED THAT WHEN THEY FIRST MOVED TO THE CITY BUILDING THE WAY THE EMPLOYEES DRESSED WAS UNBELIEVABLE, BUT THAT HAS IMPROVED. HE ALSO STATED THEY USED TO HAVE FOOD SITTING AROUND ALL THE TIME, AND LEAVE DIRTY PAPER PLATES WITH FOOD, BONES, ETC. SITTING AROUND ALSO. HE HAS PUT A STOP TO THAT.

RON ALSO STATED THAT CLAY HAD SAID TO THE MAYOR, "IF YOU GUYS (CITY) PULL OUT OF AREA PLAN, WE CAN STILL GET BY.

RON ANSWERED HIM WITH "CLAY, I WILL FIGHT YOU TOOTH AND TOENAIL IF YOU TRY TO DIVIDE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY".

HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE AS WHEN A LOCAL DEVELOPER CAME TO THE CITY FOR A PERMIT, SUSAN WAS OFF. ONE OF CLAY'S GIRLS FILLED IN. THE DEVELOPER WAS GETTING A PERMIT FOR 232 PINKERTON COURT. WHEN FINISHED HE SAID "WILL YOU MAIL THIS TO MY OFFICE WHEN ITS COMPLETED?" THE GIRL SAID, "NO, WE HAVE TO SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS WHERE YOU ARE BUILDING". THE DEVELOPER REPLIED, "YOU CAN'T SEND IT THERE, THERE IS NO BUILDING, NO MAILBOX, NOTHING'S THERE YET". SHE STILL INSISTED THAT THEY HAD TO SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS THE PERMIT WAS FOR.

RON ALSO MENTIONED A TIME WHEN DICK PERSINGER CAME INTO HIS OFFICE AND SAID, "WE NEED TO GET OUT OF AREA PLAN. THEIR MAKING EVERYONE LOOK BAD.

RON CONTINUED THAT HE TOLD CLAY THE PERCEPTION HE GIVES IS ROAD BLOCKS, NOT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT TO ANYONE. CLAY TOLD THE MAYOR

THAT HE HAD A MEETING THAT LASTED 1 1/2 HOURS THAT WAS MOSTLY ON ATTITUDE.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE DISCUSSED WAS DON MILLSPAUGH AT SHOE CITY WHO HAS BOUGHT ADDITIONAL LAND FOR AN ADDITION TO THE BUSINESS. CLAY IS TELLING HIM HE CAN'T DO IT UNLESS HE HAS 30 PARKING SPACES. DON TOLD THE MAYOR, HE WOULD NEVER NEED 30 SPACES.

HE ALSO SAID BILL PEARSON LOOKS AT REASONS WHY YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING INSTEAD OF FINDING OUT A WAY TO DO IT.

RON SAID HE WOULD BE ON VACATION NEXT WEEK, BUT HE WOULD HAVE GAYLE GET WITH COLLEEN TO SCHEDULE A MEETING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16TH.

WALT SAID THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT GAVE THEM GRIEF ABOUT MOVING THE SEPTIC PEOPLE INTO AREA PLAN. THEY WANTED TO MAKE IT SO THAT WHEN SOMEONE GETS A BUILDING PERMIT THEY CAN ALSO GET A SEPTIC PERMIT.

ANOTHER ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS THE SHERIFF'S CONTRACT. THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR AGREE THAT A CONTRACT SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO FOR THE 1998 YEAR WITH SHERIFF LAWSON IF POSSIBLE, AND DEFINITELY FOR THE YEAR 1999 BEFORE A NEW SHERIFF TAKES OFFICE.

THE OLD JAIL WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT APPEARED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 19, 1997 SHOWING INTEREST IN THE OLD JAIL. THE MAYOR AND THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED AN ORGANIZATION NAMED TRIAD THAT IS INTERESTED. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE REQUESTED ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING SO THAT MORE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT SHOW AN INTEREST IN THAT AS WELL AS OTHER PROPERTIES. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HAD MISSED THE HEARING AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THE PROPERTIES.

THE COMMISSIONERS RETURNED TO THEIR OFFICE AT 9:55 A.M.

ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE;

THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FUND HAS ALREADY SPENT ALMOST \$2 MILLION THIS YEAR. GEORGE JR. WOULD KEEP AROUND \$600,000 HERE IN THE COUNTY.

SCOTT WOOD CAME IN TO DISCUSS THE "GHOST HOTEL" AT I-69. WALT SAID HE HAD BEEN AT A MEETING WHERE A SPEAKER STARTED BY SAYING GRANT COUNTY IS A "MONUMENT TO INDECISION" BECAUSE OF THE "GHOST HOTEL". SCOTT SAID IF IT WERE CITY, HE COULD HAVE IT LEVELED IN TWO DAYS, AND GONE IN TWO WEEKS. IT COULD BE ANNEXED. SCOTT SAID CLAY GILLEY HAS THE POWER TO GET SOMETHING DONE WITH IT. IT'S A DANGEROUS BUILDING. SCOTT SAID HE'D BEEN TRYING TO FORCE HIS HAND, BUT THAT SO FAR IT WASN'T WORKING. SCOTT SAID HE PRIORITIZES HIS LIST BY THE MOST COMPLAINTS AND THAT COMPLAINTS ARE ALWAYS DOCUMENTED.

THE OLD GLOVE FACTORY AT 10TH AND BOOTS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. IT IS AN EYESORE, AND NEEDS TO COME DOWN.

WALT AND DAVE DISCUSSED THE DOG WARDEN CONTRACT. DAVID SAID HIS GOAL IS TO EVENTUALLY SEE THE HUMANE SOCIETY KEEP THE ANIMALS SAYING THE BARN IS A DETRIMENT TO GRANT COUNTY. HE KNOWS THAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS NOT CURRENTLY DOING A GOOD JOB. WALT AND DAVID AGREED THAT FEES COLLECTED BY THE DOG WARDEN SHOULD BE PUT IN A FUND, AND EXPENSES PAID FROM THAT FUND.

DAVID SAID HE HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE FREEZER NEEDS TO STAY AT WALNUT CREEK. THEY AGREED THAT JOE ISAACS NEEDS TO GET CONTRACTS FROM THE TOWNS.

THE SUPERIOR 1 COURT ROOM AND JUVENILE COURT ROOM WERE DISCUSSED. DAVID SAID THE EAST WALLS ARE HORRIBLE DUE TO A LEAK. HE SAID CHARLIE FISHER WAS TO HAVE FIXED THE LEAK. WALT SAID HE WAS OVER THERE YESTERDAY AND THE WALLS WEREN'T WET. DAVE SAID IF THE LEAK IS FIXED SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE WALLS. WALT SAID KAREN WEAVER WANTED TO MEET WITH THEM ABOUT STORAGE. THEY DECIDED TO HAVE CHARLIE ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE COURT HOUSE TO CHECK ON THE STORAGE AND TO DISCUSS THE LEAK AND WALLS.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:00 A.M.