

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YEAR-END MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2000**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Clarence Williams, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Cheryl Sanders, and Jimmy Mosconis, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk.

ABSENT: Commissioner Eddie Creamer

9:00 A.M. Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-3) Chairman Williams explained this was the Year-End Meeting scheduled for the purpose of paying the year-end bills. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to pay the Year-End County bills.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-10) Mr. Wade, the Clerk, asked the Board to adopt a Budget Amendment for the Worker's Compensation claims paid and pending. He said in the Fine and Forfeiture Budget a motion needed to be made to decrease Reserve for Contingency, 120.99.584.9600, by \$170,000.00 and increase Other Current Charges/Obligations, 120.80.521.4900, by \$170,000.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting a Budget Amendment-Fine and Forfeiture Budget-Decrease Reserve for Contingency, 120.99.584.9600, by \$170,000.00-Increase Other Current Charges/Obligations, 120.80.521.4900, by \$170,000.00.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-32) Mr. Wade also presented the FY2000-2001 State Aid to Libraries Grant application, which is due by October 1, 2000. He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on this document. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the FY2000-2001 State Aid to Libraries Grant Application.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-46) Commissioner Putnal said he would like the plaque, if there were one that is supposed to be in the old Carrabelle Gym building. He stated it is the building the County is going to tear down to build the new library. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought that should be handled by the School Board and not the County Commission. Eileen Annie Ball, Library Director, said she would check to see if there was one there.

MARILYN WALKER-EMS DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-105) Mr. Wade informed the Board Ms. Walker and Ms. Ficklen, Administrator of the George E. Weems Memorial Hospital was present as requested by the Commissioners. He asked Ms. Walker if she would like to address the Board. Ms. Ficklen said she would and stated they were here, as discussed at the last meeting, to see if the Board would allocate the funds for a new ambulance. She said the amount that

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needed to be allocated was \$128,000.00. Ms. Walker said the State agreed to fund the communication systems if the County would purchase the ambulance. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the County had a good working relationship with the current operators of the hospital. He stated we did need to send a message to the State the County is going to cooperate with them in upgrading the ambulance system. Commissioner Mosconis said the new communication system would benefit the County as a whole. Ms. Ficklen informed the Board it would help the Emergency Management, the Sheriff's Office, the Police Department's, etc. Ms. Ficklen updated the Board on the new air conditioning system at the Hospital. She said the project should be completed in the next 3 to 4 weeks. She also informed the Board that Apalachicola State Bank is sponsoring a "Salute to Health Care" on October 12th. She said the Commissioners would be receiving an invitation. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make the **motion allocating \$128,000.00 to purchase a new ambulance and authorizing the Chairman to sign the EMS Rural Matching Grant Application.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis thanked Dr. Stephen J. Miniati, Medical Director at Weems, for attending this meeting as well.

(Tape 1-275) Chairman Williams said, as the Commissioners knew, the contingency from FAMU came to Franklin County last Thursday to further discuss the Center For Marine Science and Aquaculture. He stated they looked at 2 sites for the center, property on 8th Street and the Holy Family Center property in Apalachicola. He informed the Board that Mr. Willie C. Taylor, US Department of Commerce and Economic Development, was also present at the meeting. He said the Department is committed to fund up to 1 million dollars of the project as long as the County and the City of Apalachicola are willing to assist with the project. Chairman Williams stated they have agreed to have a meeting in the Courtroom at the Courthouse on October 10th, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the location of the center with the County Commission and the City Commission. He explained this meeting would be to discuss the final site to propose for the Center. He stated he wanted everyone to be aware of this meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FUTURE BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

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