

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2001**

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

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

(Tape 1-25) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2001.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-30) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-36) Mr. Chipman said his employees had completed the Department of Corrections Inmate Certification Program. He stated he is very proud of this accomplishment and is happy they will all be able to supervise inmates.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-60) He said he attached the new UF/IFAS for sale publication cards to the Commissioners package this morning. He said the University of Florida Extension Program has two new for sale publications, "Vegetable Gardening in Florida" for \$15.95 and "Your Florida Guide to Butterfly Gardening" for \$14.95.

(Tape 1-83) He informed the Board that last week he talked to David Heil, DACS, about the status of the Florida Draft Vv Risk Reduction Plan. He said Mr. Heil reported to him the draft plan and the comments received during the public workshops have been submitted to Dr. Martha Roberts and Sherman Wilhelm for final comments. He said upon their approval the voluntary plan would then be put into effect.

(Tape 1-111) He said the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference's Vv Education Subcommittee is meeting at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi on February 22nd and 23rd, which would be the first meeting of the committee that will develop the ISSC's Vv Education Plan to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Virginia. He announced the Sea Grant Program and the ISSC notified him they would pay his travel expenses for this trip. He reminded the Commissioners he had asked the County to cover his travel expenses if these entities did not pay them.

(Tape 1-197) He also informed the Board the ISSC's Annual Gulf and Southeast Regional Meeting has been scheduled for April 23rd through April 25th in Biloxi, Mississippi. He said he ISSC's Vv Subcommittee would be meeting at the same site either just before or after the regional meeting.

(Tape 1-200) Mr. Mahan said this year's ISSC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 21st through July 27th in Norfolk, Virginia. He stated the meeting would be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott and informed the Board the conference rate would be \$109.00 per room plus 11.5% tax for single or double occupancy. He said the meeting would be a bi-annual one next year instead of just meeting annually.

(Tape 1-226) Commissioner Creamer asked Mr. Mahan to update the Board on the status of the Alligator Harbor Clam Aquaculture Project. He replied it seems to be moving along. Commissioner Sanders stated she had received a message from Mark Barrigan, DACS, informing her that the matter would be discussed at the Governor's Cabinet Aide Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in Tallahassee. She said, if the Board didn't mind, she planned to go to this meeting. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion authorizing Commissioner Sanders to go to the Governor's Cabinet Aide Meeting in Tallahassee tomorrow morning to represent the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners in the Alligator Harbor Clam Aquaculture Project matter.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. MOTION CARRIED.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-265) Mr. Johnson said this past Friday the DEP and the Division of Forestry held a workshop to discuss the proper disposal of land clearing debris in Franklin County. He informed the Board the representatives from DEP confirmed that disposing of debris at a non-permitted site was illegal. He stated the representatives also said the land clearing contractors could apply for a land clearing disposal permit or a permit for an Air Curtain Incinerator. He said they also informed the group the City of Carrabelle could apply for a permit to stage yard trash for pickup by the County.

(Tape 1-292) He said the Landfill's Biennial Water Quality Report is due in June of this year. He stated the County's engineering firm, Preble-Rish, prepared the last report for \$4,900.00. He explained the firm has already verbally agreed to charge the same for this reporting period and will be preparing a formal proposal for the Board. He said because of the time constraints, he has given the firm permission to prepare the report.

(Tape 1-309) He reported this past Friday Recycling Coordinators from small counties throughout North Florida met in Jefferson County to discuss the impact of the Governors proposed budget cuts to the Solid Waste Grants Program. He informed the Board he sent the Assistant Solid Waste Director, Fonda Davis, to the meeting to represent Franklin County. He said Mr. Davis reported to him that, like our counterparts, Franklin County uses the grants to fund the disposal of waste tires and household hazardous waste collected during Amnesty Days. He stated the grants are also used to purchase trucks and maintain recycling equipment. He said if the Governors proposed budget should be adopted the County will have to cut back or totally fund the Recycling Program from other sources. He stated it was his recommendation the Board follow the lead of Baker and Liberty Counties and follow up the letter approved by the Board at the last meeting with a Resolution opposing the reduction of funding for the Recycling and Solid Waste Grants. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting and authorizing a Resolution**

Opposing the Reduction of Funding for Recycling and Education Grants in Franklin County. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-404) He said, as a follow up from the discussion at the last Board meeting regarding insurance for soccer players, he called the Board's insurance carrier, Pat Thomas Agency, to be informed by them that should a soccer event exceed the million dollar general liability coverage already in place they would automatically provide secondary coverage without affecting the County's current premium or the County's general liability policy.

(Tape 1-420) He said Jimmy and Betty Richards of Apalachicola have registered a complaint with him and Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, concerning the noise and light coming from Ned Porter Park on Bluff Road in Apalachicola. He stated the Richards are neighbors of the complex and have stated the noise and lights are disturbing the sleep of Mr. Richards who works at the Arizona Chemical Plant in Port St. Joe and doesn't get home until 8:00 p.m. He informed the Board they are also concerned about the new soccer field at the complex. Mr. Richards said he was told the County would leave some of the trees in the park area to alleviate some of the noise and lights. He stated all of the trees have been cut down. He said he was also told there would not be any games at night. He stated they have played at night and now they are adding a soccer field. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Johnson why the County Engineers couldn't prepare some type of recommendation for the Board to consider. He said maybe they could use some type of screen or other mechanism to help. Mr. Johnson said the soccer field has already been planned and approved. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Johnson to contact David Kennedy, Preble-Rish, and ask him to give the Board some ideas on how to solve this problem.

(Tape 1-495) Mr. Johnson informed the Board the lights should be installed at Ned Porter Park any day now. Commissioner Mosconis asked if a timer would control them. Mr. Johnson replied he would address that issue.

(Tape 1-590) Kendall Wade, Clerk, said he would like to publicly thank Mr. Johnson and his department for responding to several requests he has received from people who need help in debris removal from the homes that have burned down. He stated this is done to help the citizens and Mr. Johnson has done a wonderful job.

MARK CURENTON-ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER

(Tape 1-615) Mr. Curenton informed the Board Mason Bean, SGI Civic Club, is going to start on the bathrooms at SGI County Park around February 25, 2001.

(Tape 1-629) He asked the Board if they wanted a sign placed at the SGI County Park indicating where the parking area is? He reminded the Board this was the area where lime rock had been placed specifically for parking on the Beach. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the placement of signs indicating the parking area at the**

SGI County Park. Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-657) He informed the Board the Planning and Building Department personnel are working with insurance representatives in the County and the building industry to revise what is allowed under houses on pilings in the flood zones. He said they are trying to limit the under story construction to be consistent with FEMA guidelines. He explained the biggest change is that the County is no longer approving plans, which have finished entranceway and foyers. He presented each Commissioner with several of the proposed changes or revisions. He said there is a workshop scheduled with the Construction Industry Licensing Board of Franklin County to explain to the contractors what is being proposed.

(Tape 1-742) He said the State of Florida Building Code Administrator and Inspector Board has rejected both Robin Brinkley and Rachel Ward's applications to take the State test called "Principles and Practices of Building Construction". He explained both of them were rejected because they did not have enough experience, however, both have passed the Southern Building Code exams for competency in their field. He stated Mr. Pierce believes the State Board is trying to limit entry into the Building Official and Inspection business in order to limit the number of State qualified officials, which would then dramatically drive up the salary for such employees. He stated Mr. Pierce wanted him to ask the Board to direct the County Attorney, Alfred Shuler, to assist him in getting to the bottom of this impasse. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the County Attorney to assist Mr. Pierce in assisting him to check into this matter.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler said he would call Mr. Pierce to see what exactly needed to be done.

(Tape 1-777) Mr. Curenton announced that Josephine Krehl, Let The Children Play Foundation, would like the Board to know the Foundation is no longer interested in putting playground equipment on the beach. He said they are considering asking the Board to allow them to use the Old Luau site on SGI to place some playground equipment. He stated any equipment placed on County property would have to be installed correctly and be placed on the County insurance. He asked the Board if they were interested in allowing them to use this area? Chairman Creamer said he felt this matter could not be addressed at this time. He stated he would have to go look at the site. Mr. Curenton said Ms. Krehl just wanted the Board to be informed of this proposal and to think about it. Chairman Creamer said the Board would revisit this matter at a later date.

(Tape 1-814) He stated the Building Official, Robin Brinkley, and Florida Power Corporation would like the Board to adopt an ordinance or resolution requiring new homes to install their 911 numbers before approval for final electric power is issued. He explained this would help in getting houses numbered correctly throughout the County. He said this would only apply to new construction, and he asked the Board if they would be interested in adopting this measure. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the Planning Department and Mr. Shuler to check into the best way to implement**

this policy. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-841) He presented a letter from the City of Carrabelle requesting his assistance in FRDAP grant writing. He asked the Board if they wanted to allow him to assist the City of Carrabelle in writing a FRDAP grant for recreational improvements on city property. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Curenton if he felt he had the time to do this? Commissioner Sanders said she didn't have a problem with this, but they could use the Florida League of Cities, which assist in these matters if requested. Mr. Curenton stated he didn't mind helping. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Curenton to assist the City of Carrabelle in writing a FRDAP grant for recreational improvements in the City of Carrabelle.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-873) He presented a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Terry Jangula, USCOE, regarding the Eastpoint Channel. He said the letter requests that Mr. Jangula schedule a meeting between the USCOE, DEP, and the County so a spoil site can be determined.

(Tape 1-898) He submitted a copy of a letter sent to Congressman Allen Boyd requesting immediate dredging at Sikes Cut. He said there had been numerous complaints about boats getting stuck at the Cut.

(Tape 1-901) He presented the original Release signed by Arthur Hollenbeck regarding his mobile home in Eastpoint. He said the mobile home has been moved into the mobile home park and Mr. Hollenbeck is satisfied with everything.

(Tape 1-909) He provided the Board a copy of Mr. Shuler's letter stating it is lawful for the Board to award additional engineering services to Preble-Rish since the County has a contract with them to provide engineering services. He presented the proposal from Preble-Rish for the New Franklin County Courthouse and Annex, Preble-Rish Project No. 7.26 to each Commissioner. He informed the Board the total proposed fee was \$82,000.00, which included Architectural Services in the amount of \$72,000.00 and Civil Engineer Services in the amount of \$10,000.00, but would not include geotechnical soil investigations, permit fees, boundary and topographic surveyings, interior design (furniture selection), Audio/Visual/Structured Cabling Design, Threshold Inspection Services, and Reimbursable Expenses such as printing, photos, mileage, etc. Commissioner Putnal said he would like the Clerk to offer an opinion on this matter. Mr. Wade said this sounded kind of high, but if, like earlier mentioned, you calculate 8 or 9% of the total contract then this seems about right. Mr. Curenton agreed saying he thought this amount was correct since the construction costs are estimated to be one million dollars. Mr. Wade said the County did need to proceed with this project since the Article V monies were available and had to be encumbered before June 1st. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the Engineering and Architectural Proposal for the New Franklin County Courthouse and Annex, Preble-Rish Project No. 7.26 in the amount of \$82,000.00.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PH-CHANGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-WETLANDS DEFINITION

(Tape 1-988) Mr. Curenton said this matter had been discussed before and that is why the Public Hearing had been rescheduled for today. He explained the County has a definition of wetlands in the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan and the State of Florida has implemented another one, which became effective in 1994. He introduced Dan Tonsmiere, NFWMD, John Tobe, Administrator of the DEP Wetland Evaluation Delineation Section, and Jeff Rabinowitz, DEP Training Coordinator for the Program Development and Support Section. He stated these two gentlemen are the "horses mouth" on this subject. John Tobe presented a book entitled "The Florida Wetlands Delineation Manual" to the Board. He said this book was basically "the Bible" for Wetland definitions. He also gave a lengthy slide presentation. Chairman Creamer interrupted the presentation due to time constraints. Dan Garlick, Garlick's Environmental, reminded the Board there are Federal Wetland Guidelines as well as State Guidelines. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought this was valuable information for County staff and asked Mr. Tobe to schedule another public hearing to finish his presentation. Bill Hartley, a member of the River Keepers, asked Mr. Tobe if he thought the County was adhering to the 1994 State of Florida Wetland Definition. The County Attorney answered Mr. Hartley's question and informed him that Franklin County has been following the State's guidelines since the County is bound by the State's definition of a wetland. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to table this Public Hearing until March 6, 2001 at 1 p.m.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Freda White asked if the Board would discuss and finalize this setback issue, which can be determined by the County. The Board agreed and informed Ms. White they would try to finalize this issue at that time. Chairman Creamer thanked all of the various representatives for attending the meeting this morning and their presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING-REZONING REQUEST-JERRY JOHNSON

(Tape 1-2452) Mr. Curenton introduced Mr. Johnson to the Board this morning. He said this too had been rescheduled from a previous meeting. He stated this property is where Finni's Restaurant is currently located on SGI. He said Mr. Johnson wants the property rezoned from C-2, General Commercial, to C-4, Commercial and Residential. Mr. Johnson stated he would like the property rezoned so that he can have the flexibility, if needed, to convert the property from commercial use to something else. He informed the Board he has nothing planned at this time for changing the property. He said he has leased the building, but if his tenants decide to leave he would like the flexibility to change what is on the property. He said there have been ten re-zonings on SGI since 1993, two since last year from C-2 to C-4. Chairman Creamer said he had talked to Mr. Johnson about this matter and informed him he would not be comfortable in making a decision today. He stated he asked Mr. Johnson to come today to make his formal presentation. Chairman Creamer said he thought the Board had a lot to discuss today and this matter would have to be postponed. Commissioner Putnal asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved this request. Mr. Curenton replied they did recommend Board approval. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to table this Public Hearing until March 6, 2001 at 10:15 a.m.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING-LEASE AGREEMENT OLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(Tape 1-2924) Mr. Shuler informed the Board the County was required to advertise for bids on the office space at the Old Health Department building located at 137 12th Street, Apalachicola, Florida. He said this was the public hearing scheduled to open bids for the building. He also informed the Board this building, since it was an old medical building, must be used for a physician's office. Mr. Wade opened the following bid: Stephen J. Miniatt, M. D. in the amount of \$1,200.00 per month including utilities. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to award the lease of the County owned building at 137 12th Street, Apalachicola, Florida to Stephen J. Miniatt, M. D. for a period of one year at \$1,200.00 per month including utilities.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MARK CURENTON-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-3002) Mr. Curenton continued his report at this time. He said at the last Board meeting, Mr. Pierce reported the County had received a FEMA grant to put a new roof on the Carrabelle Fire Department, but asked the Board to withhold approving the grant until he determined if the funds could be shifted to the Carrabelle Library. He said Mr. Pierce has learned the funds cannot be shifted to the Library. He stated he needed Board action to approve the FEMA grant of \$15,000.00 to place a new roof on the Carrabelle Fire Department. He informed the Board the City of Carrabelle will have to provide \$2,500.00 in match funds. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the FEMA grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to place a new roof on the Carrabelle Fire Department.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3042) He told the Board that Ms. Barbara Revell has resigned her position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said Ms. Revell represented Lanark Village and was an alternate on the Commission. Commissioner Sanders said she didn't want to take any action on this matter this morning.

(Tape 1-3076) He informed the Board the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on February 13th and recommends the following action: Approval for Lisa Thorpe and James Crenshaw to construct a private dock on Lot 7, Tract 44, East End, SGI. All State and Federal permits have been issued. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving construction of a private dock for Lisa Thorpe and James Crenshaw.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Marty Ard to construct a private dock on Lot 19, Magnolia Bay Subdivision, which is at the end of North Bayshore Drive in Eastpoint. All State and Federal permits have been issued. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving construction of a private dock for Marty Ard.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Stan Ward to construct a boardwalk and platform for a non-motorized vessel (i.e., canoe or kayak) on Lot 14, Windjammer Village, SGI. All State and Federal permits have been issued. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving construction of a boardwalk and platform for a non-motorized vessel for Stan Ward.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a site plan for Dr.

Stephen Miniati to construct a 36' X 36' commercial office building on a parcel of land west of Apalachicola on US 98. The parcel currently has one commercial building, Harbor Electric. The Commission approved the site plan in concept, contingent on Dan Garlick, agent for Dr. Miniati, returning with a permit from the Health Department for the joint use of the septic tank by Harbor Electric and the doctor, and a Stormwater permit for the doctor's office. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a site plan for Dr. Stephen Miniati to construct a 36' X 36' commercial office building on a parcel of land west of Apalachicola on US 98 contingent on the septic tank and Stormwater issue being resolved.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a site plan for Bill and Carol Robinson to build a miniature golf course across the street from the one the Board heard about last month. The Robinson's were unable to reach an agreement with the owner at the first site, and have now moved to a site on the south side of US 98 between Begonia Street and Island Drive. All parking and Stormwater will be on site. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving a site plan for Bill and Carol Robinson to build a miniature golf course in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Creamer asked how people would enter the golf course since the nursing home is next to the proposed site. He said he has suggested the County easement not be opened to Begonia Street. Mr. Curenton agreed and said there is a right-of-way already there. Recommends amending the zoning code to allow for the zoning of R-1a property in the Coastal Building Zone, which is essentially the land south of US 98, if it is a downsizing from commercial zoning. The reason that R-1a, at 3 units per acre, is a down zoning from commercial, is that commercial property can have up to 80% lot coverage, which is a great deal more than 3 houses per acre. The area would have to be served by central sewer and water. If the Board is interested in this then a public hearing will have to be approved and scheduled by the Board. Mr. Shuler had recommended such a procedure if the Board wants to allow R-1a south of US 98. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing to discuss amending the zoning code to allow for the zoning of R-1a property in the Coastal Building Zone-land south of US 98 if it is down zoning from commercial zoning.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** If the Board approves the scheduling of the public hearing then the Board needs to also schedule a public hearing to consider rezoning of a 1.7 acre tract of land in Lanark Village, adjacent to the Yacht Club, from C-4 to R-1a. The Commission recommends the rezoning, as residential is more compatible in the Lanark area than commercial development. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing to consider rezoning 1.7 acres of land in Lanark Village, adjacent to the Yacht Club, from C-4 to R-1a.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a final plat for Willie Norred for a subdivision known as "Tract 10, East End Beaches". This is a 5-acre, 5 lot, subdivision on SGI that was initially approved in 1984 by the County Commissioners, but the plat was never recorded. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a final plat for Willie Norred known as "Tract 10, East End Beaches".** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a final plat for a subdivision called "New River Forest", on the New River, west of Carrabelle. Initially, the Board had approved preliminary plat of a 10-lot subdivision for Kelwin Langston, but it has

been reconfigured into a 9-lot subdivision to avoid some wetlands. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a final plat for Kelwin Langston known as "New River Forest"**. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3590 Continued on Tape 2) Commissioner Sanders said some of the residents in Lanark Village have asked her to see if the speed limit of 45 MPH could be extended further to the east. She said she would like to make a **motion directing Mr. Curenton to send a letter to Mr. Edward Prescott, FDOT, requesting the speed limit of 45 MPH be extended further to the east in Lanark Village.** Chairman Creamer asked Commissioner Sanders to add to her motion a request to create a "No Passing" zone from 4th Street to 10th Street on US 98 in Eastpoint. Commissioner Sanders said she would add to her motion **requesting a "No Passing" zone from 4th Street to 10th Street on US 98 in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-4) Commissioner Sanders said last spring or summer the board made a motion to go ahead and place a larger "Jet Ski Ordinance" sign placed on the road as you are going into Alligator Point. She stated she would like for this sign to be put up before this spring. Mr. Curenton said there was a sign already there. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted a larger sign put there. Mr. Curenton said he would take care of this matter.

KIM SHOEMAKER-GCCC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(Tape 2-34) Ms. Shoemaker, Director of the GCCC Workforce Development Board, said she was present this morning to comply with the agreement they have with the County Commissioners in that she must attend a meeting periodically to make the Board aware of their budget. She stated this is to let everyone know exactly what they are doing. She presented each Commissioner with a copy of their WIA, Welfare Transition & WTW Budget Allocations for FY 2000-2001. She explained their current programs to the Board. Chairman Creamer asked Ms. Shoemaker if they could assist Franklin County's Literacy Program. Ms. Shoemaker said if the group applies for the funds then they stand a good chance of getting the funds. She stated they use a formal rating committee to rate the Request for Proposals (RFP's) to determine who and how much money is given to the applicants. She informed the Board the Governor is probably going to cut their budget just like everyone else's.

CHAIRMAN CREAMER-STORMWATER MATTERS-NEW SGI BRIDGE

(Tape 2-400) Chairman Creamer said he had talked to Mr. Curenton about the runoff from the SGI Bridge. He stated Frank Venable, Eastpoint Resident, was here this morning to address this issue. Mr. Curenton said, it was his understanding, there is some questions about the stormwater mitigation work the bridge contractors are doing around Eastpoint and SGI. He stated someone asked him if they were going to pump the stormwater runoff from the bridge out to these areas. He explained they are not going to do that. He said there is no practical way to treat the stormwater running off the bridge since it is two miles out into the Bay. He stated FDOT has required the contractors to complete some mitigation work by treating other stormwater problems in the surrounding area. He said they decided to do some work in Eastpoint and on SGI to improve the

stormwater treatment in those areas; North Bayshore, Franklin Blvd., etc. He stated they are not going to be pumping stormwater from elsewhere into these areas, just treating the runoff from those particular roads. Mr. Venable said he was concerned about the end results of these swales and weirs. He stated he was concerned about the impact and selection of these residential streets in Eastpoint. He said he thought it would also cause a safety hazard. He explained the mitigation process. He stated when these projects are completed it would create 23 to 24 acres of mosquito habitat. Commissioner Mosconis said he felt this type of information Mr. Venable had received was inaccurate and totally untrue. He suggested the Board ask the contractors to come to the meeting to assure the citizens of Eastpoint and SGI these types of things would not happen. Chairman Creamer said maybe they could paint a complete picture of what is going to happen. Chairman Creamer asked Mr. Curenton to ask the SGI Bridge contractors to a future meeting. Mr. Curenton assured the Board he would take care of this matter.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-689) Mr. Wade informed the Board the renovation of the top floor of the Old Jail behind the Courthouse has been completed. He said the dumbwaiter has not been installed, but he is going to start to move files over there this week. He invited the Commissioners to go over to look at the renovation. He said all of the shelving, given to the County by representatives of the St. James Bay Development-Freda White, has been installed.

(Tape 2-711) He reminded the Board about the meeting this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. scheduled to discuss the hospital lease. He suggested the Board announce moving the meeting to the Courtroom. Chairman Creamer said he agreed and announced the meeting would convene at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-727) Mr. Shuler said the attorney for the mortgage holder for the Old Lanark Village Officers Club site contacted him and asked him to notify him when the clearing at this site had been finished. He stated he understood the project is almost complete.

(Tape 2-740) He stated he sent the three property owners in Lanark Village who are violating the Lanark Village Special Ordinance a letter as instructed by the Board informing them of their particular violations. He said he has heard from one of them with a promise to correct his violation. He said he would have an update at the next meeting to see where the Board wanted him to go from here with this problem.

(Tape 2-759) He said he had a request from Mr. Andrews, SGI, regarding the fence dispute between Mr. Troy and Mr. Andrews, to go and look at the fence on SGI. He stated he went to the area and he is still of the opinion the Board of County Commissioners doesn't need to get involved in this situation or take any action at this time.

(Tape 2-770) He said he had a communication from Collier County about FS Chapter 202. He stated they want Franklin County to participate in a lawsuit and adopt a

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Resolution to get the State out of this loop. He stated he did not suggest the County enter into a lawsuit with them against the Communications Services Tax Simplification Act, but the Board might want to pass a Resolution. He informed the Board he placed the information regarding this matter into their individual mailboxes in the Clerk's Office on February 12th.

(Tape 2-804) He stated he is advertising the public hearing for the Beach and Dune Driving Ordinance in Franklin County. He said the basic change would be for the County not to regulate those beaches that are already regulated by State Statute. He explained this is of interest to Dog Island, but will effect all of the coastal beaches, not the interior beaches the County now regulates.

(Tape 2-822) He informed the Board he wrote letters, as instructed by the Commissioners, to Centennial and DaSee Management Groups inviting them to the meeting this afternoon and asking them to furnish the County with financial statements, resumes, etc. for the managing individuals. He said he did have some resumes submitted, but no financial statements.

(Tape 2-840) He said the Franklin County Food Bank organization has not yet furnished him with the necessary documentation to prepare a lease for them to use the County building on Bluff Road. He stated he has not heard anything from these individuals. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought that was now a dead issue. He said he thought all along the building was in too bad of shape to be used by them.

(Tape 2-873) He stated he sent a letter to each Commissioner regarding Courthouse security. He said he strongly felt and recommended the Board authorize hiring an expert to study and make recommendations to the Board as to security for the existing Courthouse and the proposed judicial/administrative building. Mr. Shuler said the need was not apparent since what would make it apparent is for something to happen. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the County Engineer, David Kennedy, and his company, Preble-Rish could prepare a recommendation for the Commissioner to consider. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Preble-Rish to prepare a recommendation for the Board as to security for the existing Courthouse and the proposed judicial/administrative building.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-922) Mr. Shuler said he reviewed the Engineering Services Contract the County has with Preble-Rish as instructed by the Board. He said he was advising the Board they could select them, according to the existing contract, to do the engineering, etc. work on the new judicial/administrative building.

(Tape 2-941) Mr. Wade said he would like to take a minute to thank Ms. Freda White, St. James Bay Development, for donating the shelving to Franklin County. He stated it saved the County a lot of money.

(Tape 2-958) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Shuler what the status was of the land dispute between the County and Curt Allen. He said the property was on 24th or 25th Street in Apalachicola. Mr. Shuler replied he is still working on the title search, but he should have something to report to the Board at the next meeting.

BRUCE HALL-STORMWATER ISSUES

(Tape 2-978) Ms. Hall informed the Board she lived in Apalachicola. She stated she understood there was a study done a couple of months ago by the NFWMD reflecting there was a major problem with Stormwater runoff in Franklin County. Commissioner Mosconis said the County had already started this process. Mr. Tonsmiere informed Ms. Hall the County has applied for a low interest loan in the amount of 10 million dollars. He said the money would be used to deal with stormwater issues on SGI, Eastpoint, and several other areas. He stated the City of Apalachicola has applied for 5 million dollars to complete their stormwater projects. He said the City of Carrabelle is currently working on their application. Commissioner Mosconis said this was a problem that just didn't happen, but took years and years. Chairman Creamer said this was not a problem unique to Franklin County it was happening all over the Country.

TED MOSTELLER-APALACHICOLA AIRPORT COMMITTEE

(Tape 2-1225) Mr. Mosteller said he found a bullet in front of the fuel truck at the Airport. He stated they continue to have a problem with hunters in the Airport area. He informed the Board it is a federal offense to discharge a firearm on airport property. He said there are signs around the area. Mr. Mosteller said he just wanted the Board to know about this matter.

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

Eddie Creamer

EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade

KENDALL WADE, CLERK