

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 5, 2016
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: William Massey – Chairman, Joseph Parrish – Vice Chairman, Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders, Rick Watson

Others Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Morón – County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Massey called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the County's bills.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors - Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors said they are getting a lot of calls about the grass so they just make a pass through the county and then start over.

Mr. Nabors stated they have a problem with people running over their signs and it cost \$60.00-\$80.00 to replace the post and the sign. He estimated this problem has been occurring for a

year or more. Chairman Massey said sometimes the signs cost \$100.00. Mr. Nabors agreed it depends on the kind of sign.

Mr. Nabors reported they also have an issue with log trucks tearing up the roads and sides of the roads. He said they have been going back and fixing Mill Road. Chairman Massey said he talked to this man and told him they want to move him and he was supposed to move. Mr. Nabors stated other people are reporting the problems with the roads. Chairman Massey reported the road is fixed and then an hour later it is torn up again. He explained he took the state out there and they are supposed to move. Commissioner Sanders asked about Lake Morality Road. Mr. Nabors said they have been logging in there also and they have fixed one spot in the road. He stated they are logging in another spot now and they went out this morning to see if they can fix the road. Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Pierce received any request from forestry asking for permission to use Lake Morality Road. Mr. Pierce answered no. Commissioner Sanders expressed concern that they have made a loading ramp off Lake Morality Road and scraped out all the grass on the sides and blocked the ditches. She said this is located on the bad curve in the road. She explained it is a truck route but forestry is supposed to ask permission to do this. Commissioner Sanders directed Attorney Shuler to meet with Mr. Nabors, Mr. David Morse, Division of Forestry, and Mr. Clint Davis, Operations Manager for Tate's Hell, and tell them they are going to have to pay for whatever damage they are doing to the road. She explained they are undermining the road and the County has already had problems and had to repave a section of the road. She said this is the truck route so they have to be careful with how they do it. Chairman Massey stated this is also happened on Mill Road and River Road. Commissioner Sanders reported forestry sent a letter requesting permission to log off of county roads and these roads were not included. She said they were told at that time they needed to request a bond from the logging company to repair any damages. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Attorney Shuler to get with Mr. Nabors, Mr. Morse and Mr. Davis and let them know they are going to have to pay for whatever damage they are doing to the road.** Commissioner Sanders reported Black Logging Company may be the company but she is not sure what company is working on Mill Road.

Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis requested the Chairman's signature on the Small County Solid Waste Grant Application. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Small County Solid Waste Grant Application.** Commissioner Lockley asked how much the grant is for. Mr. Davis said the grant is for \$90,909.00. Commissioner Watson asked if the County receives this grant every year. Mr. Davis answered yes, but said they just found out they are getting the full amount as they thought it was going to be cut in half. Mr. Pierce

reported this is a grant the Legislature funds and it used to be half a million or more but has been cut every year. Commissioner Sanders said the grant was \$200,000 but went down to \$77,000 and now it is back to \$90,000 so they are working on it. She stated there was some language in the Solid Waste Grant concerning DEP and that caused the grant money to be reduced but now it is going back up.

Mr. Davis requested Board approval to take vacation from July 10th-19th. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the vacation request of Mr. Davis.** Mr. Davis said Mr. Albert Floyd will be in charge during his absence and he provided his telephone number 899-4003.

Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

Action Items:

1. Approval of The Management Experts LLC & Signing of contract for the Homeland Security Grant Money for \$9,500.00.

Mrs. Brownell said she thought the contract would be ready for approval today but she attended a procurement class on Friday and some new language will be required in the contract. She presented a copy of the new procurement process to the Clerk's Office. She stated this plan does not just apply to Emergency Management in a disaster but to any federal monies that are used. She said copies will be provided to each department head. Mrs. Brownell reported normally during a disaster they must have Board approval to spend \$10,000 but now FEMA said it is \$3,000. She stated they will need to request 3 quotes even during a disaster. Mrs. Brownell explained this will be applied to any federal dollars that are being spent. She stated they will also have to document bids for gasoline. Attorney Shuler questioned if Mrs. Brownell is asking the Board to approve the award of the bid today and the contract will be submitted later. Mrs. Brownell stated she will need Attorney Shuler's help in adding the language to the contract and will bring the contract back to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve awarding the bid for the Homeland Security Exercise to The Management Experts, LLC.**

Mrs. Brownell reported she is trying to set up a meeting with the Sheriff about dispatch as she has a new scope of work in the EMPA grant. She stated this grant is over \$100,000 and is used to run her office. She explained if dispatch does not answer the NAWAS (National Warning System) line and EM net when the state calls, they are going to take 10% of her grant per quarter. Mrs. Brownell said she has no control over the Sheriff's Office but will talk to them.

She stated if there is a problem and they need training then they need to let her know because these calls need to be answered. Mrs. Brownell explained she gets a report showing EM net offline and NAWAS is off line. Mrs. Brownell stated the NAWAS line has needed to be fixed since she has been director. She reported she is going out today to try and see what is wrong with the line. Mrs. Brownell stated they are not answering the phone when the state calls. She said she will talk with Mr. Brian Koons, State Emergency Management Director, as the State has now added this scope of work and our County is not the only county that does not have the Emergency Management Department under the sheriff's office. She reported this grant is being tied to the Sheriff's office but the same grant says she cannot spend money for 911, fire or law enforcement. Commissioner Lockley asked if they will allow this call to come to the Sheriff's Office and her office. Mrs. Brownell said she has a backup system but not a backup NAWAS. She stated this is the County warning point and has to be answered for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She commented she will contact Mr. Koons but she will also meet today with the Sheriff's Office to see if the equipment is offline or needs repairs as she needs to know. Commissioner Sanders agreed she need to find out as the majority of her operations money comes from this grant. She reported the State will get some contact from other counties who are concerned. She informed the Board it is unfair to tie this grant to the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Lockley asked the situation with the other counties. Mrs. Brownell said Gulf County and Liberty County are also under the Commissioners but it is mainly the small counties. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Brownell to see what she can find out and report back to the Board. Mrs. Brownell expressed concern about her budget being approved and then the State may take part of her grant money. She questioned how they will adjust the budget. Commissioner Sanders suggested Mrs. Brownell contact Mr. Koons, meet with the Sheriff, and see if she can work it out. She explained if the Board needs to get involved then she can let them know.

Information Items:

1. Franklin County EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag.
2. Franklin County EOC Staff will be attending the FL-604 Procurement Training on June 30. An email was sent out to all Departments Heads encouraging them to send staff who handles purchasing. You can register for this class via SERTrac.
3. June 27th Jennifer Daniels assisted Fairpoint Communications with the Text 911 Validation Testing.
4. June 28 was the final inspection for the RCMP Grant.
5. June 28 EOC Staff attended the County Base Grant Webinar/Conference Call.
6. June 27th EOC Staff held our ESF 17 Meeting.
7. July 6 EOC Staff with participate in the Zika Exercise with Department of Health.
8. July 7 EOC Staff will attend the FMAP meeting at ANEER.

Erik Lovstrand - Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovstrand reported he attended the ANREP (Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals) national meeting. He said it was funded through Sea Grant and the district director's office. He said they received a Gold Award for promotional materials produced during the first year of the sea turtle lighting retrofit. He explained this is a top award at the national level in this category.

Mr. Lovstrand provided an update on the 22 youth planning to attend 4-H Camp. He stated \$2,300 has been committed in donations for camp. He thanked Ms. Michele Huber, Office Manager and Commissioner Watson for their work on this project. Mr. Lovstrand reported there has also been good information in the newspaper. He said people have been sending donations and requesting information about the camp and this is important for the youth. He stated this is the best year they have had to date.

Commissioner Sanders thanked UF for their support to the Florida Counties Foundation for Advanced Commissioner, Certifying County Commissioners and Torchbearers programs. She said these programs were needed and used and they are ecstatic to say \$100,000 was pledged by UF. She said she talked with Dr. Nick Place and he said to tell Mr. Lovstrand hello.

Franklin County Extension Activities June 22 – July 5, 2016

UF/IFAS Extension Faculty have been involved in the following Extension activities this period.

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Staff assisted local clientele in the areas of tree health, soil testing procedures, sea turtle nests, 4-H summer camp registration, injured wildlife assistance, beekeeping, and turf grass issues.
- Extension Director and Office Manager/Program Assistant continue to take on-line training regarding UF Purchasing Card use.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Sea turtle lighting equipment continues to be distributed to beachfront property owners in the County.
- Extension Director met with Gulf and Bay County Extension Faculty regarding multi-county sea turtle lighting grant coordination with FWC. This grant will be executed between UF/IFAS and FWC/DEP. It will involve many structures in Franklin County that are located either on conservation lands in the County or within 1,000 feet of those conservation lands. This project is being done to improve habitat on turtle nesting beaches and also to increase the "dark sky" area around our conservation lands.
- Extension Director attended the biennial conference for the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professional in Burlington VT. Travel was funded through Florida Sea Grant, an ANREP scholarship, and the NW District Extension Director. The work

being done in Franklin County on improving compliance with the County turtle lighting ordinance was recognized with first place award for the promotional materials developed during the first year of our turtle lighting grant.

4-H Youth Development:

- Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet.
- Currently, we have 20 youth planning to attend 4-H summer camp and almost \$2,000 of committed donations from businesses and individuals to offset camp costs.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant continuing to implement in-school curriculum in 2nd-4th grade Franklin County classrooms.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Wakulla County Extension Director provided another gardening program at Eastpoint library branch.
- Extension Director assisted local clientele with information on local lawns.
 - Extension Staff provided information about restricted pesticide licensing to the Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast as a means of gaining a certification that can help these young people build job skills and improve opportunities for employment.

Mr. Moron said Ms. Lisa Bretz is running a little late so the Board can continue with Mr. Cooper and they will address her when she appears.

Mike Cooper - CEO - Weems- Report

Mr. Mike Cooper, Weems Memorial Hospital, appeared before the Board. He called Mr. Jarod Wester, EMS Director, forward to address the Board. Mr. Wester said he is proud of the EMS team and said the talent is great. He stated they are seeing good stories and try to focus on the team but he wants to recognize two individuals. He asked Mr. Travis Osborne, EMT, and Mr. Joe Daniels, Paramedic, to come forward. He explained on July 2nd they were transporting a patient from Weems Memorial to Tallahassee when the Wakulla County ambulance came by them. He reported they came upon a horrific scene of an accident involving a bus carrying over 30 passengers colliding with an 18 wheel truck. He said this accident was all over the news. Mr. Wester stated some law enforcement arrived on scene but Franklin County EMS pulled up right behind the Wakulla County EMS. He explained Mr. Osborne got out and surveyed the scene and people were everywhere. He said the scene was bad and they came up with a plan. He stated they took care of their patient and then jumped out to help. He reported this wreck involved a very full bus, a communication barrier, damage to the bus, fire and power lines involved. He stated they jumped on the burning bus and pulled multiple patients off the bus. He explained they deserve praise for their actions. He said shortly after this the tank on the bus

exploded and the fire got bigger. Mr. Wester reported they treated 10-15 patients on scene and took 2 critical patients and their own patient to Tallahassee. Mr. Wester stated this is not a singular incident and this type of dedication is true for this team as a whole. He said he wanted to recognize them for their efforts. Commissioner Sanders reported she heard about this and this is what they are about- saving lives. She said they appreciate their work and going to the aid of a fellow county and she commended them for their work.

Mr. Wester informed the Board they drove to Houston, Texas and picked up the new ambulance. He stated this is a wonderful truck that has all the safety upgrades which makes a big difference. He explained the other truck to replace the wrecked truck will be here in November.

Mr. Wester said the County was awarded a county grant last month in the amount of \$12,000 with a 90-10 match. He showed the Board one of the pieces of equipment purchased with this grant. He said this equipment is on every ambulance in Franklin County. He explained this is a video laryngoscope and the cost is upwards of \$2,000. He reported this scope goes down the throat to visualize where they put the tubes. He reported this is a piece of life saving equipment. He said great things are happening with EMS.

Mr. Cooper stated last week Mr. John Graham proposed an upgraded budget to maintain the full time third truck. He said this represents about a \$250,000 addition to keep this truck as a full time ALS truck.

Mr. Cooper said, in relation to LIP funding, people from the Florida Hospital Association informed him they are about \$30 million short on the budget for the entire LIP program for the state. He stated there is approximately \$750 million in the LIP program. He explained they think it will be fully funded and then they will decide how to disburse the money. He stated the disbursement item is what the federal and state government are clashing about. Mr. Cooper said this will mean an additional \$600,000 a year for Weems. He reported this year between LIP and DISH they received about \$300,000. He stated this program would give them over a million in revenue. Mr. Cooper explained the LIP program reimburses hospitals for indigent patients. He explained Weems is the first or second hospital in the state as far as a percentage for overall business being indigent. He reported the LIP funding is critical for the hospital.

Mr. Cooper informed the Board he does not have much of an update from Mr. Mark O'Bryant, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He stated this week or next week Mr. O'Bryant will be meeting with the president of the third party organization.

Mr. Cooper said Mrs. Ginger Coulter, Sheriff's Department, was on vacation and then he was on vacation so they will meet again and get back to the Board about the inmate medical costs.

Commissioner Watson asked if there are figures for the ambulance calls for last year. He asked if the calls fluctuate for high season. Mr. Cooper said yes, the overall volume is up 12% for the last year and it also go up for the tourist season.

Commissioner Watson asked if the LIP funds are received as a lump sum or monthly. Mr. Cooper said the funds are received monthly. He explained he thinks the funding will come through but because of the delays they are not obligated to disburse the money until the end of the quarter. He reported they would normally get an allocation every month but they will not receive the allocation for July-September until October. Mr. John Graham, Weems Memorial Hospital, said \$111,000 was received in June. Mr. Cooper pointed out that was for 3 months. He explained they will not receive any of these funds for three months but then they will receive all three months in October. Commissioner Parrish inquired if these funds are based on documented indigent people the hospital has seen. Mr. Cooper answered yes.

Mr. Graham presented the report on the financials for May. He referenced the first page of the balance sheet relating to cash. He explained they received \$111,000 of LIP and DISH payments the end of June that covers the last quarter. He stated they also received part of the cost report settlement for 2016 and a temporary settlement the month of June. Mr. Graham reported June's cash will be a little better. He stated they had 7 days cash on hand and still had 6 days cash on hand after payroll. He said 1 day cash on hand represents \$23,000. Mr. Graham stated the way he determines this is the average over the last three months of what is being paid to vendors and to payroll. He reported the a/r days were 83 in May. He explained they have had some good Medicare payments lately but he can't say all the problems are going away. He said the trend is up now on Medicare and commercial payments coming in. Mr. Graham discussed page 2 where the units are broken out individually. He said there is a \$25,000 profit for the month and they are \$126,000 in the red for the last 8 months. Chairman Massey asked if the figures for both clinics are together. Mr. Graham answered yes, but said there is another page further back that separates the clinics. Commissioner Sanders reported it would be a good thing if the clinics were separated so they can tell how many patients and how much money is there. Mr. Graham agreed to separate the items. Mr. Graham explained the last page separates everything for the clinics except the volumes. Commissioner Sanders stated she would like the operating money for EMS to be separated out of the general fund and the clinics. She reported until this is done there is not a true picture of what general revenue the hospital is bringing in. She explained these figures will be needed when they make the decision to build or not to build. She said they are going to build something but they need to know what areas to look at. Chairman Massey stated the ambulance stays busy and he would like to know what they make. Commissioner Lockley asked if the ambulance is taking care of itself. Mr. Graham answered yes. Commissioner Lockley stated he wants to see a breakdown of a couple of things such as the money coming in from the surtax for the building. He said he wants to know the difference for the building part and the part for operations and he needs to

look at all of this. Commissioner Sander agreed and said they need to see what is being allocated for operations as it automatically goes there. She said they only money they see in the trust fund is the capital outlay money. Chairman Massey reported the ambulance stays busy and the money gets moved to other areas. He said some of these people are working for low wages. Commissioner Sanders agreed, in comparison with EMT's and paramedics in other counties, they are underpaid. She thanked all the people who work in the Weems' family, EMT's and paramedics because they all give their best and the Board appreciates it.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Lisa Bretz - Executive Director - Area Agency on Aging – Update

Ms. Lisa Bretz, Area Agency on Aging, appeared before the Board and said they have a plan. She reported after meeting with several organizations within and surrounding the community, they have decided it is best to have the Request for Proposals (RFP) separated so there is one for the Community Care for the Elderly program and a separate one for the Older Americans Act. She explained the Community Care for the Elderly program is basically home and community based services and the Older Americans Act is primarily the home delivered meals, congregate meal programs and other senior supported services. She said within the next couple of weeks the RFP will be released for the Community Care for the Elderly program which will designate a lead agency for the community. She stated a workshop was conducted in April and they have received feedback and questions so she anticipates there will be some competition. Ms. Bretz reported in the 2015-2016 budget \$16,215 was allocated for what the County calls meals on wheels but it is actually a 10% match for both Community Care for the Elderly program and the Older Americans Act. She stated when they release the RFP for Community Care for the Elderly program it will be for January 1st through June 30th. She explained the contract year with the state for this program is July 1st through June 30th. She stated this will give 6 months to see if they performs well and then it can be renewed for a 12 month period. She said the Older Americans Act will be put out for bid in the spring. She reported it will run from July through December and this program runs on the calendar year January through December so then will be back on track with the funding cycle. Ms. Bretz reported the current provider for the Older Americans Act is Liberty County Senior Citizens . She informed the Board if they do not bid on the Community Care for the Elderly program then the County may have at least two different providers. She requested the Board consider allocating at least 10% of what they are currently budgeting for Liberty County to continue to provide meals for the community. She reported the other 10% would be allocated to whoever is designated the new lead agency. Ms. Bretz stated they will be able to tell the Board in September who this contract will be awarded to. Commissioner Lockley clarified if Ms. Bretz

would like the whole amount but divided between two providers. Mr. Moron stated this is the \$16,000 for the meals on wheels. Ms. Bretz said the \$16,000 is actually going for meals and home based services. Mr. Moron stated the RFP will be for a lead agency. He said there are two other agencies that are also funded. Mr. Moron reported the Board wanted one lead agency and then everyone would work through them. He asked if this will work as the Board has their first budget workshop in 2 weeks. Ms. Bretz reported she has no fiduciary oversight so it will be a decision for the Board. She explained how they budget the money will be between the board and the lead agency. Mr. Moron reported they will have one lead agency in place and they will disburse the money to whoever provides the services. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Moron to get the information from Ms. Bretz and explain it to the Board at the budget workshop. He reported the lead agency will not be over everything but they Board needs to stipulate what the lead agency will do with the money. He said the money must be used to fund the two different programs so the Board has to give the lead agency the details on what the money is going for and what it is to be used for. He reported they need more staff leadership to make recommendations to the Board. Commissioner Parrish reported he does not mind allocating the money to one agency but they must have stipulations on what the money can be used for. He suggested Mr. Moron get with Ms. Bretz and get the specifics. Ms. Bretz said the agencies that bid on the programs will come before the Board with match commitment papers. She stated Liberty County has agreed to continue to provide meals until June of next year and that will give her time to get together a RFP and work with potential providers in the community. Commissioner Parrish reported they need to see this broken out on paper so they will know what to do. He said they need to know what to do from October 1st forward. Mr. Moron stated Ms. Bretz is only addressing the one allocation they call meals on wheels but Ms. Bretz does not have anything to do with the other two allocations. Ms. Bretz said they will need to consider what is best for the community. Commissioner Lockley inquired if the money given is for salaries or services. Ms. Bretz answered it is 100% for services. Mr. Pierce reported on July 19th the non-governmental agencies will have a budget workshop. He questioned if they will allocate the money but not know who the agency will be receiving the money. Mr. Moron reported they will not commit the funds until the RFP is completed. Ms. Bretz commended the community for coming forward and developing the volunteer base. She explained this will provide an in-kind match. She agreed to provide the figures to Mr. Moron by next Friday. Commissioner Lockley asked why they decided it is better to split the programs. Ms. Bretz said in talking with the different entities, no one expressed an interest in taking all the programs. Commissioner Parrish reported some have expertise in some areas but not in all. Ms. Bretz stated there are many federal and state requirements for handling a meal program. She said with the home based services, it is pretty straight forward. She reported her preference would be to have them co-located and they may be able to move toward that but her primary goal is to make sure the clients are being served in the community. Mr. Moron stated the Board always like to trend toward local providers. Ms. Bretz said they have expressed that and points will be given if the organization is locally based. Commissioner

Sanders agreed the money needs to be for services for the elderly and not for administrative costs. Ms. Bretz said it does not go for administrative costs and the Board can clarify this in the match commitment. Commissioner Lockley discussed providing meals when they are covering 65 miles. He said the State is cutting money and it will be hard to provide for the whole county. Ms. Bretz stated different agencies are expressing this concern about serving both ends of the community.

Open Bids - Armory Warming Kitchen Equipment

At this time Mr. Moron and Mr. Pierce opened the bids, as follows:

Kitchen Hoods Unlimited	Hattisburg, MS	\$21,441.00
Douglas Equipment	Blue Field, WV	\$23,711.09
Strategic Equipment	Albany, GA	\$22,066.02

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to turn the bids over to Mr. Curenton and the committee to make sure the low bid is consistent with what they requested and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting. Commissioner Parrish asked if the bid is only for the equipment and not the installation. Mr. Pierce said the bid also includes installation. Commissioner Sanders asked if this will complete this part. Mr. Pierce stated the warming kitchen was not part of the initial bid as they did not have enough money but now it is back in. He said the contractor did not want to complete this item.

Open Bids - Upgrade Airport Airfield Lighting System

Mr. Moron and Mr. Pierce opened the bids, as follows:

	BASE BID	ALT.	TOTAL
TCA Electrical Contractors Omega, GA	\$ 893,670.00	\$537,535.95	\$1,431,205.95
Poloronis Construction Co. Apalachicola, FL	\$1,446,224.04	\$934,409.27	\$2,380,633.31

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to turn the bids over to Mr. John Collins, Avcon, for review and a recommendation.

Marcia Johnson - Clerk of Courts - Report

Mrs. Johnson did not have a report at this time. Commissioner Sanders recognized Mrs. Johnson for being voted in as the Vice President of the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers. She thanked Mrs. Johnson for representing Franklin County and the small counties.

Alan Pierce - RESTORE Coordinator - Report

Mr. Pierce appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

1- Inform the Board that Friday, June 24, I received a telephone call from US Treasury personnel. They informed me that due to some internal complications at Treasury Franklin County's RESTORE planning grant is now slated to be effective August 1. I had previously informed the Board that it was expected by July 1. Treasury staff is finalizing the Planning grant documents. The documents should be delivered in time for the Board to approve them at the July 19th Board meeting. I will not be at the meeting but Stella Wilson, from Dewberry, will present the documents.

2- Inform the Board that also on June 24, the Consortium received notice that its planning grant was approved. As the Board may recall, the Consortium has already voted that the funds coming to the Consortium Pot (known as Pot 3) will be divided equally among the 23 counties; each county, including Franklin will get some \$11.7M. The challenge for the Consortium is to decide how to disburse the funds as the funds coming to Pot 3 will come over a 15 year period, because what county is going to be willing to wait 10-15 years to get its allocation? The Consortium should be discussing this dilemma at its next meeting. Commissioner Sanders may have an update on this.

Commissioner Sanders said there is nothing new.

I have been informed that the Consortium consultants will soon be sending out forms to each of the counties requesting guidance on how each county expects to spend its money. As I understand it, this will be a big picture request, as it is possible counties will have projects that are not yet designed or permitted, and therefore will not need funds immediately, which will help in the allocation. The Pot 3 funds will also be handled as a reimbursement so the Board will need to have high assurance from the Consortium that reimbursements will be rapidly processed because the Franklin County does not have vast cash reserves to finance projects.

Mr. Pierce reported the County needs to make sure the money is in the bank first.

For the \$11.7M coming to Franklin County through the Consortium, Franklin County will not be dealing with the US Treasury directly, as each county will be considered a sub-recipient. The funds first go to the State of Florida, or the Consortium, who will then enter into contracts with each of the 23 counties on how the funds will be spent. So, over the next 10 to 15 years, the Board will be dealing with two sets of projects, projects funded by Consortium rules and guidelines, and a set of projects funded by Pot 1 funds and controlled directly by the US Treasury.

In discussion with other county RESTORE Coordinators, the trend appears to be that counties are developing plans for a few large projects, because counties are learning that the Treasury requirements and administrative responsibilities are such that the counties are calculating they will exceed the 3% administrative cost allowed for RESTORE projects if they have too many small projects.

Mr. Pierce explained the other counties ahead of Franklin County in the planning timeline are realizing they will need to supplement the administrative costs out of ad valorem taxes unless they put projects together. He stated hopefully by August they will get notice from the Consortium. Commissioner Sanders said their next meeting is in September. Mr. Pierce said he does not have guidance on what Consortium money can be spent for. Commissioner Sanders reported they did not address what the money can be spent for. She explained ESA provided an update about receiving the \$4 million for the planning grant. Mr. Pierce reported they will get more guidelines and by September ESA would like to have a general idea about what the county is considering so they can guide them. He said with the money coming in over this timeline, everyone is going to want their projects first. He explained the Triumph money could possibly be used as a funding source and then over time the money would go back in to replace Triumph. Commissioner Sanders said she does not know how this is going to evolve since they have disbanded the 8 and the 15 counties. She reported they are trying to cut down on the rift in the program but this does not keep them from meeting. Commissioner Parrish inquired if the \$300 million coming to the Legislature is the Triumph Fund. Mr. Pierce answered yes, and stated there is \$1.5 billion and the first \$300 million will come in the next Legislative session. He stated the Legislature has promised this money will go to the 8 impacted counties. Commissioner Parrish reported the County needs to get their projects vetted so they have a list to come out of Triumph when the Legislature convenes. He stated Mr. Pierce has suggested the Committee start meeting. Commissioner Parrish said Triumph is different from the Consortium money. He stated they need to have the projects vetted, public hearings conducted and have a list of projects ready to go. Commissioner Parrish reported if the projects are not ready, other counties will have projects ready and deplete the fund. He explained the County needs to have some projects aside from the Consortium pot as that money will come each year but this money is available this year. He informed the Board he talked with Mr. Bryon Griffith, Dewberry, about this matter and the county needs to move forward and not with small projects. Chairman Massey asked if the Restore Committee is starting to meet. Commissioner Parrish said the Restore Committee is going to govern the county money. Commissioner Sanders said the three things they are looking at are regionalization of the projects, economic benefits and environmental benefits. Mr. Pierce reported Triumph is promoting economic development. Commissioner Parrish stated one study is being done for the airport and Mr. Holley is doing a regional study on Liberty County, Gulf County and Franklin County. He explained when they get the results of the study; they need to come together on the regional projects. Commissioner Parrish said they have the port and we have the airport so they need to work together to create some jobs. Commissioner Lockley said he is confused about the different pots of money and some of them have not set any guidelines. Mr. Pierce stated generally the Triumph money is for economic development.

He explained the Triumph board has not met in an official setting as the Legislature has not given them any money. He reported there are a lot of questions about what Triumph is going to require of the counties as they have not met as a Board yet. He said in the few meetings he attended about Triumph, Senator Gates has insisted the counties need to come up with projects that have other money in them and not only use Triumph as the funding source. Mr. Pierce stated the County does not run the big infrastructure other counties run so they will need to be inventive in finding the matching funds. He reported this is where Dewberry can help find the matching funds. Chairman Massey asked if they can do drainage projects. Mr. Pierce said stormwater drainage is not as directly related to economic development as sewer and water lines. Commissioner Watson inquired if the Consortium money will address economic and environmental matters. Mr. Pierce answered Pot 1 and 3 are both Treasury/Restore monies and have similar guidelines but Triumph is different and addresses economic development. Commissioner Sanders reported the County has to be careful that the projects benefit the environment and economy and that they join their sister counties in doing these projects. She explained Gulf County is working to get the rail spur going and that will help the airport here. Chairman Massey stated Mr. Warren Yeager, Gulf County, said they are on task and close to getting this done. Commissioner Lockley asked what they can do to get some jobs for this county. Mr. Pierce said that is the challenge. Commissioner Sanders stated one of the best things was moving the industrial park at the airport to the front side. Commissioner Watson reported the County is lucky to have the airport as there is a great opportunity for regional work with Gulf County as they are pushing their port. Chairman Massey stated he talked with Mr. Yeager as Carrabelle also has an airport and a port. Commissioner Lockley stated the railroad spur will be regional as it runs to Chattahoochee through other counties. Mr. Pierce said the railway is still there but the spur that was taken out was at the airport and that is why they are trying to get it re-established. He explained the County's limitations are infrastructure, in relation to transportation, and the work force. He said the County needs to look for industry that will serve the community they have. Mr. Moron reported one of the ideas discussed with DEO was helping the seafood workers with training. He said they need funding from DEO as a match. He explained DEO had a panel of 7-9 people and almost all the people were familiar with Franklin County. Commissioner Sanders stated the Governor was there at the conference and told her they would help with whatever Franklin County needs. Mr. Pierce said the county has a valuable natural resource in Apalachicola Bay. He said it is a difficult road to support and promote the bay but also have economic development that will not harm the bay.

3- Inform the Board that it appears the Univ. of West Florida (UWF) will be the recipient of a \$500,000 federal grant designed to assist all the Panhandle counties diversify their economies. This was a project that at one point Florida's Great Northwest, a regional economic development agency for which Franklin, Gulf, and Wakulla counties are not members, was going to receive. If the grant does go to UWF we will have to see how much outreach UWF does to Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla counties. This grant could be one of the tools used to develop ideas that eventually will be submitted to TRIUMPH.

Commissioner Parrish said they are trying to help diversify economies and they are getting money to make the changes. He stated they need to make sure they come here and listen and see what they can do to help. Mr. Pierce said they will know in 2-3 months if UWF is getting the money. Commissioner Watson suggested Gulf County, Wakulla County and Franklin County get together and approach UWF. Mr. Pierce said he met with the Wakulla County Restore Coordinator and they are trying to work on this as well as Mr. Yeager in Gulf County. He stated Mr. Bill Williams was a Gulf County Commissioner and was also one of the promoters of the \$500,000 federal grant.

4- Unrelated to RESTORE, Mr. Moron asked me to investigate the ability for the county to receive some newly authorized FWC Derelict Vessel funds. I did make contact with FWC staff. Sometime in late July the official notice of availability of funds will be released; there will be about 45 days for all counties in Florida to submit a request to receive funds for derelict vessel removal. FWC is sure the demand will far exceed the supply so each county will most likely only get a portion of the funds it needs. FWC staff is providing a list to the county on all the boats on its derelict vessel list that are eligible for removal. The county then must contact a qualified contractor and get a price for each vessel we want removed. When the application period opens, the county will then submit a letter with the name of the vessel, and the removal cost, to FWC. FWC will award the county funds and we will go down the list to remove the vessels for as far as the money goes. FWC funds 75% of the removal cost, but Franklin County can add tipping fees to the cost, and then waive those tipping fees to make up at least part of the county's 25% cost. Considering there is only \$1.4M statewide for derelict vessel removal, it is unlikely Franklin County would receive more than \$100K in FWC funds.

Mr. Pierce reported Captain John Allen, FWC, is assisting the County in getting the list of derelict vessels and evaluating the boats. He explained last time they did derelict vessel removal there was a local contractor-Harris Brothers but they are no longer in business so the county will have to find a contractor. Chairman Massey said there is one contractor in Carrabelle and he will provide the name to Mr. Pierce. Commissioner Parrish asked if the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund can be used to remove these vessels. Mr. Pierce said this is a great idea. Commissioner Parrish stated they received \$10,000 last time and there are a lot of vessels that need to be removed. He said they can apply for these funds to clean up vessels and improve the water quality. Mr. Pierce reported he will call Dewberry about this suggestion. Commissioner Watson asked when the list will be ready of the derelict vessels and the timeframe for the grants. Mr. Pierce said the County will receive the letter from the State the end of July and then there are 45 days from receipt of the letter to apply so it will probably be in September. He said FWC will then review all the applications and he estimated it will be sometime in the fall when the process is finished. Commissioner Parrish stated derelict vessels are a huge issue down south and that is where most of the money goes. He reported last time the County received \$10,000 and moved 2 boats. He stated there are about 14-16 that need to be removed. Commissioner Parrish said if this funding does not work out then the County could use some Consortium funds. He said this project needs to be looked at from all the different funding mechanisms until they find one that fits. He stated they should put this aside as a big project and get the boats out of the water system. Chairman Massey asked Mr. Pierce

to check on the boat ramp money. He said the information was given to Mr. Curenton and they may be able to get one done in Eastpoint. Ms. Anita Grove, Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, said the Coast Guard effort is going on this week or next week to pull one boat out of Saul's Creek and one in Carrabelle. She agreed to send the list of vessels to Mr. Pierce. Mr. Pierce stated the Coast Guard is very restrictive on what they do. He explained they must have an environmental hazard as they use oil pollution money. He reported they may pump the bilges on one of the vessels and place the vessel back down. Chairman Massey stated one of them will be pumped out and then FWC money will help remove the vessel.

5- Inform the Board that Dewberry did submit 3 grants to the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund as approved by the Board. The dredging of Eastpoint Channel; the dredging of Two Mile Channel; and the development of a Tri-County Artificial Reef Plan, for Wakulla, Franklin, and Gulf Counties. I have provided the Clerk's Office with electronic copies of the grant applications; the Eastpoint application had 93 pages of attachments so I have not printed it out. I do not know the timeline of review of projects submitted to the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, but Ms. Wilson, on July 19, can probably give you an update. Hundreds, if not thousands, of projects statewide have been submitted.

6- Inform the Board that Commissioner Sanders and I will be attending a meeting at 10 AM on July 9 on Alligator Point to listen to public input about the possible acquisition of the old KOA for some sort of public use. The State of Florida has additional NRDA funds to spend on land acquisition and one of the projects proposed is the acquisition of the land currently owned by Capital City Bank. If the project were to be purchased improvements would be made in a similar manner as to what is being done at Island View. Funds would be used to buy the land, make improvements, and then provide the county with 10 year's worth of maintenance funds. No determination has been made on what improvements would be made on the property.

Mr. Pierce said he and Commissioner Sanders will attend this meeting to listen to what the public has to say. Mr. Pierce reported this is the project the County is involved in litigation on. Commissioner Sanders said this information comes from emails opposing a project the Trust for Public Lands wants to do but there is not even a plan yet. She reported DEP wanted to set up a meeting with her but she told them there was no reason to do that as she would go to Alligator Point and listen to what the people say. She explained one of the things that could be beneficial if this happened would be if part of Tom Roberts Road ever starts washing out; they will have access to another part of property so they can still keep the roads going. She said she gets emails and phone calls every month from residents of Alligator Point complaining about people using the bathroom on the beach and that there is only one public bathroom. Commissioner Sanders stated there are no plans and she informed DEP they do not want to tie beach re-nourishment to this. She reported the people of Alligator Point voted down beach re-nourishment a number of years ago and until the people on Alligator Point change their mind, there will not be any beach renourishment in her way of thinking. She reported they are going to listen to what the people would accept and want there. She said if she lived on a place that had miles of public beach, she would want a bathroom closer than Bald Point. She said she will listen and see what they want and there is no commitment on the County's behalf. Commissioner Sanders stated if the people are unanimously against this then it is not a go. Commissioner Watson asked where this is coming from. Mr. Pierce explained the State of

Florida negotiated with BP for early restoration money and BP gave the State \$100 million as an early effort to start restoring the Gulf of Mexico and the state. Mr. Pierce reported the State used this money in various locations to buy land for public benefit. Mr. Pierce stated they purchase tracts of land, made improvements and the land ended up going to local governments. He explained in the case of Franklin County, the County had already bought the Island View Campground property. He said the State wanted to make it a better project by placing some NRTA money there so the County agreed. Mr. Pierce reported then they contacted him and wanted to know if he had any other projects. He explained he told them to go to Alligator Point and look at the end of Gulf Shore Blvd. where 7 houses have no access. He suggested the State buy the 7 lots and 3 houses. Mr. Pierce stated he asked Mr. Doug Hattaway to go look at this property and the old KOA Campground site. He explained they were in litigation with Capital City Bank so he suggested they look at this site too. He stated they visited the Gulf Shore Blvd. site and dismissed this project as they were not interested in negotiating with 7 property owners. He explained the old KOA site had 7 acres with one owner and Capital City Bank was easier to negotiate with. Mr. Pierce reported he was trying to find solutions for these two problems. He said without the County knowing, the State looked at the property, thought it was a good idea and had negotiations with DEP and Capital City Bank. He said they called him and said this is a good project. He reported DEP had NRDA money and needed to spend it fast so they were looking at small acquisitions. Mr. Pierce stated Gulf Shore Blvd. was his number one project. Mr. Pierce reported Attorney Shuler is aware of other sites were suggested that had value to the County and NRDA funds could be used for but they had their own ideas and were focused on one site.

Public Hearing - Ordinance - Regulating the Time of Sale of Alcohol

At this time the Board conducted the public hearing for the Ordinance regulating the time of sale of alcohol. Attorney Shuler explained the Board directed him to prepare an ordinance extending, during the tourist season, the time period for the sale of alcohol in the unincorporated areas of the County. He said the direction was to extend the sale period from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. He explained outside of tourist season, the regular regulations will remain in place. He said the off peak season is September 6th-May 29th and this is where the regular regulations would remain in effect. Attorney Shuler stated during peak tourist season, May 30th -September 5th, the extended hours would apply if this ordinance is adopted. He said both Ordinances still have times for certain designated holidays and weekends and there were no instructions to change this schedule so he did not change it. He reported in the existing ordinance there were no penalty provisions for violating the Ordinance so he added some for the Board's consideration. He read the penalties for the Board. Attorney Shuler asked if the Board has any questions. There were no questions. He asked for any public comment. There was no public comment. Attorney Shuler advised the Board they can adopt the Ordinance as submitted, amend the Ordinance or choose not to adopt the ordinance. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by the following vote of the Board, it was agreed to adopt the Ordinance:**

AYE: WATSON, LOCKLEY, PARRISH, MASSEY

NAY: SANDERS

The meeting was recessed at 10:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

Public Hearing - Ordinance - Litter Control

Attorney Shuler stated this public hearing is to consider an amendment to the Litter Control Ordinance. He explained the only thing being changed is the method of penalizing violations. He said under the current Ordinance the principle method for penalizing individuals who violate the Ordinance is felony prosecution or possibly in some cases a possibility of misdemeanor prosecution. Attorney Shuler said Clerk Johnson raised the issue of a range of monetary civil penalties as opposed to a specific number. He explained the Board's instruction to him was to come back with a specific penalty provision and he read this section. He stated he added an option for a warning but it is at the discretion of the officer. He explained it allows 3 business days to clean up the site and properly dispose of the litter in lieu of the issuance of a citation. Attorney Shuler reported under the penalties provision of the Ordinance, the court always has the authority, in addition to the penalties, to require clean up of the litter on the right-of-ways. He said the other issue that came up was an apparent conflict between this ordinance and a policy the Board had adopted regulating yard trash. He explained a provision was added stating yard trash and yard debris on residential property are exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. He explained the ordinance also addresses disposal of the exempted yard trash and yard debris. He inquired if the Board wanted any changes to the civil penalties. Commissioner Lockley asked if this Ordinance takes care of the unincorporated areas. Attorney Shuler answered only the unincorporated areas. He explained unless the Board specifically directs him to, he does not normally try to impose county regulations on the municipalities even though they do have some limited authority. He said if there is a question or concern they communicate it to the local government. Commissioner Parrish asked if this will alleviate problems with commercial construction companies throwing the litter on right-of-ways. Attorney Shuler answered yes, but said it will now become an enforcement issue. He reported the Sheriff can address the enforcement and some of solid waste employees are also authorized to issue citations. He explained the employees went through the training and received a certification. Commissioner Sanders inquired if this addresses white goods on the side of the road. Attorney Shuler stated appliances are included in the definition of prohibited litter. Attorney Shuler called for public comments. There were no public comments. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Litter Control Ordinance.**

Public Hearing - Ordinance - Animal Control

Attorney Shuler said he was going to present an updated animal control ordinance and there are no major structure changes to the ordinance but it has been updated with current state law. He asked the Board to table consideration of the ordinance because at annual conference part of the presentation was about a new state law effective July 1st concerning the classification of dangerous dogs. He went on to say there has been a change to the manner in which the animal has to be confined. He said he has not read the law yet and would like the Board to table the Ordinance so he can update the Ordinance to include this latest change to the law. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to table the Ordinance until the Attorney has time to update it to comply to the new state law that has just been enacted.**

Commissioner Lockley asked if this Ordinance is for the unincorporated areas. Attorney Shuler answered yes.

Michael Shuler - County Attorney - Report

Attorney Shuler presented a Staging Area Agreement which is a proposed limited license to allow Duke Energy to stage their equipment at the Apalachicola Airport during times of declared states of emergency. He said this is a renewal of an existing agreement and the only difference is the change of location. He said it will be for 350 pieces of equipment that used to be stored on a grassy field along Airport Road but now will be stored at the airport proper on the concrete apron. He reported this agreement was sent to the Airport Committee and Mr. Jason Puckett, Airport Manager, for their review. He stated Mr. Puckett has approved adopting this agreement. He stated the Airport Committee did not have a quorum at the last meeting but the members who were present were in favor of the agreement. Attorney Shuler recommended authorizing the Chairman to execute the Staging Area Agreement.

Commissioner Parrish asked if they are responsible if they cause any damage. Attorney Shuler answered yes, and said there is an indemnification provision in the agreement. Commissioner Parrish said this is a good idea as their equipment is here if there is an emergency. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Staging Area Agreement with Duke Energy.**

Attorney Shuler said he is also negotiating another agreement for the Carrabelle area. He said they used to stage the equipment at Kendrick Park. He said he will bring back the Staging Area agreement for this area.

Michael Morón - County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron discussed Commissioner Parrish's idea for using funds for the derelict vessels. He stated this was a very good idea.

Mr. Moron presented his reports, as follows:

1. Commissioners and staff attended the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Summer Conference, held last week from June 28th to July 1st. Franklin County was well recognized as Commissioner Sanders received three awards. The FAC Presidential Advocate Award, the Torchbearer award, and an Outstanding Leadership Service award from the Small County Coalition. In addition to attending workshops and sessions, Commissioners and staff were able to sit with the Department of Economic Opportunity and discuss potential projects.

Mr. Moron reported Commissioner Sanders was reappointed to the FAC Board of Directors. Commissioner Sanders stated she has been on the Board of Directors and the Small County Coalition since 2002. She stated she is the Chairman for the second year of the Rural Caucus and this means a lot to the small counties. She said it is good because everyone is included and they are networking to find solutions to problems everyone has. He reported Chairman Massey and Commissioner Parrish did an excellent job of speaking with DEO.

2. Inform the Board that Commissioner Watson was able to arrange a meeting with himself, Mr. Mark Curenton and the Director of Historical Resources relating to the match for the current \$180,000 grant for additional renovations to the Armory. I am happy to report that this meeting resulted in the reduction of the County's required match from 50% to 10%. Board action to sign resolution for grant.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution:

RESOLUTION

FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, The Fort Coombs Armory in Apalachicola was built in 1901, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County leased the Fort Coombs Armory from the State of Florida in 2009,
and

WHEREAS, this lease makes Franklin County responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Fort Coombs Armory, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is applying for a Special Category Grant from the Florida Department of State to fund needed repairs and improvements to the Fort Coombs Armory, and

WHEREAS, this Special Category Grant requires a 10% match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the Board does support the grant application for a Special Category Grant to repair and improve the Fort Coombs Armory and hereby pledges \$50,000.00 in cash to provide the match if Franklin County is awarded the grant by the Florida Department of State.

This Resolution adopted by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of July 2016.

BY: s/William Massey

William Massey, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk

Commissioner Parrish stated the request for the 10% match needs to be submitted to TDC and he has talked with Mr. Blair about this. He said the County needs to move forward with some other items with the Armory. Mr. Moron agreed to submit this to TDC. Commissioner Parrish said Commissioner Sanders sits on TDC so maybe she can bring it up. Commissioner Sanders agreed. Mr. Moron reported the next cycle for funding was delayed a couple of weeks but Mr. Curenton is in the process of submitting another request. He said the next one will be a 10% match. Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Watson for helping with the match for the grant. Commissioner Lockley suggested the County get started with the Chapman Building when they are through with the Armory, as it is also a historic building. Mr. Moron agreed to talk with Mr. Curenton about this request.

3. Inform the Board that at a previous meeting I was directed to amend the timeline for the Carrabelle Beach Park and St. George Island Beach bathroom renovation projects so that construction would start after Labor Day. After conferring with Mr. Doug Shuler, the project manager, there will be two advertisements for bids during the month of July, a pre-bid meeting scheduled (if necessary) by the end of the third week in July, and bids will be accepted by July 29th and opened at your August 2nd regular meeting.

Mr. Moron pointed out this will be handled as two projects but Mr. Shuler said it will be cheaper to have one contractor. Commissioner Parrish asked if these will start in September. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Parrish asked if they will be finished by the next March. Mr. Pierce said these are 90 day projects.

4. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Certificate of Participation form. This is an annual grant for the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the form is attached.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Certificate of Participation form.

5. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for the City of Carrabelle and the Carrabelle History Museum 2018 Special Category Grant application for \$150,000 to complete the renovation of the historic Marvin Justiss Building (Old City Hall). The Board supported a similar request for a 2017 – 2018 \$60,000 Small Matching Grant application in May.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for the City of Carrabelle and Carrabelle History Museum 2018 Special Category Grant application. Commissioner Watson asked if they got the grant last year. Chairman Massey said they got a small grant.

6. Board action to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution proclaiming Monday September 12, 2016 as Florida Missing Children's Day. This is a request from the Florida Missing Children's Day Foundation. A sample proclamation and additional information are attached.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution proclaiming Monday, September 12, 2016 as Florida Missing Children's Day.

7. Inform the Board that Ms. Deborah Belcher has submitted the Franklin County Housing CDBG Quarterly Report. A copy is attached and if you have any questions let me know and I will forward them to Ms. Belcher.

Commissioner Sanders reported the Florida Counties Foundation came up a program to certify county staff and County Coordinators. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve Mr. Michael Moron being able to partake in this program and approve his travel.**

Mr. Moron said the budget workshop for grants and non-government entities will be Tuesday, July 19th at 1:30 p.m. and the constitution officers and other departments will be the next day beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners & Public Comments

Ms. Anna Anthuis, owner of the property on St. George Island at East 7th Street and East Pine, asked the Board to consider adding a boardwalk on the end of East 7th and East Gorrie Drive to allow easier access to the disabled, elderly and cancer patients. She explained her home is donated through a non-profit to cancer patients and they have to drive to the boardwalk on 8th Street. She said the funds are not currently in the budget but she requested the Board add

these funds for the boardwalk to the new budget. Commissioner Parrish said he received an email about this boardwalk. Ms. Anthuis said they understand it is expensive but her family will help. She stated she is a cancer survivor and knows what it feels like to have treatment. Commissioner Parrish said he received the email and talked with the Parks & Recreation Director and it is not expensive to add something to get up the boardwalk and to the end. Mr. Pierce explained this is a beach access but there is no boardwalk. He said this is a level area but the other areas had dunes so this is the reason they did not build a dune walkover. He reported this is approximately 100 feet of soft sand. He said he reviewed options and the State of Florida has a blue mat that rolls out for handicapped accessibility but it is fairly expensive. He stated they have not found an inexpensive solution. Commissioner Parrish said they will try to do something but have to be careful how far out they go with the boardwalk. He suggested they try to get TDC to help fund this item. Ms. Anthuis reported she understands the limitations of trying to protect the vegetation but is just trying to make it easier for people to get to the beach. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion that staff get together and find out what this will cost and let the Board know. Commissioner Watson seconded by motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts