

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
9:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Michael Morón – County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Massey called the public hearing to Order.

Mr. Moron presented a final bill list. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the final bill list.** Mr. Pierce said he received the bill from Roberts & Roberts in the amount of \$4,594.00 for the emergency repair on Alligator Point Road. He reported the bill has been submitted to the Finance Department and he recommended paying this bill next Tuesday. He pointed out this is a reasonable price because in the past these repairs have cost much more. He said they do not need to wait for FEMA reimbursement because there was not a contract and the County may not get reimbursement anyway. Commissioner Lockley asked if the County received a disaster declaration. Mr. Pierce reported the County received a declaration and FEMA will probably visit in about two weeks and hold a kickoff meeting. He explained at this meeting the Chairman will sign a document making an official request from the County.

Commissioner Sanders stated today is Mr. Pierce's official last day with the County after 28 years and he will now be a part-time consultant. She thanked Mr. Pierce for all the good years and said he is one of the most knowledgeable people about Franklin County.

Mrs. Pam Brownell, Emergency Management Director, said they do not have a date for the kickoff yet. She reported she did not like the way the declaration was worded but she verified it was a major declaration and all categories will be covered. Commissioner Sanders expressed concern that Taylor County was left out of the declaration when Keaton Beach is located there. Mrs. Brownell explained they may be like our county and did not get the I-8 declaration as many of the homes damaged were secondary homes and FEMA does not count secondary homes. She stated most of the secondary homes have insurance and the insurance has to pay

first according to FEMA. Commissioner Watson inquired if primary homes are covered. Mrs. Brownell answered yes, but said very few primary homes had enough damage. She explained anything underneath the house does not count and docks and pools do not qualify. Commissioner Watson asked why Franklin County was not mentioned in one article. Mrs. Brownell stated Franklin County is not in the I-8 declaration only the Public Assistance (PA) category. Mrs. Brownell said she sent out spreadsheets telling the departments they need to start collecting data so they have information when the meeting occurs. Mrs. Brownell stated she will let Board know when the kickoff date is set.

Mr. Moron presented the following item:

Inform the Board that Ms. Anne Birchwell retired as the Library Director due to health reasons. I have been in contact with employees from both branches and Mrs. Kate Aguiar, the Chairman of the Library Advisory Board (LAB). The LAB met yesterday and will be at your Tuesday regular meeting to discuss their recommendations regarding the operation of the libraries until a new director is hired. Due to the lack of personnel to cover all of the necessary shifts, the Eastpoint Branch will be closed on Saturdays until further notice. Board action to advertise for a Library Director. The Library Advisory Board sent this job ad to me yesterday evening.

Commissioner Sanders asked if Attorney Shuler has reviewed the ad. Mr. Moron said he will have Attorney Shuler review the ad. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for a Library Director.** Commissioner Parrish said the County also needs to come up with protocol and procedures for how the Library operates just like every other department. He stated these policies need to be implemented before the new director is hired. He asked Mr. Moron to contact surrounding counties and find out how their libraries are operated. He reported the person hired is to run the whole Franklin County Library system. He reported if one of the libraries wants to break away they can but the Board will not fund the facility. Mr. Moron agreed to work with the labor attorneys on the policies and procedures. Commissioner Parrish stated there are qualifications for the library director position that are required for the County to be eligible for grants. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Moron for being proactive in working with Mrs. Birchwell to get these procedures. Chairman Massey suggested writing her a letter thanking her for her work. Mr. Moron said the Board may wish to authorize a letter or Resolution on Tuesday.

Mr. Moron stated Tuesday, October 4th the Board meeting will be here in Apalachicola. He explained there was an advertised bid opening that day that prevented us from having the meeting in Carrabelle. He said the Board can determine on Tuesday which day the meeting will be held in Carrabelle.

Commissioner Parrish asked if there are any budget amendments. Mr. Moron said the amendments will be presented later.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts