

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
NOVEMBER 1, 2016
9:00 AM
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 meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2016.

Payment of County Bills

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

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

5. On Wednesday, October 26th, FEMA held their Hurricane Hermine Kickoff meeting. FEMA staff was on hand to review the policies, procedures, and documentation needed for the Project Worksheets (PW) with County staff. On Friday, Clay Kennedy of Dewberry | Preble-Rish and I accompanied FEMA's Project Worksheet specialist to Alligator Point and St. George Island to review the damaged roads. I am excited to say

that at the end of the day Mr. Kennedy's calculations and FEMA's specialist calculations were very close. Yesterday, Mr. Kennedy met with FEMA's mitigation staff to discuss the possibility of additional funding for some of the roads on Alligator Point.

Mr. Pierce was present by telephone. Mr. Moron reported no one is present from Preble-Rish as they are working on these items. He stated he will relay any requests the Board has for them. Mr. Pierce said FEMA sent a response to the letter from DOT asking for assistance for the County. He explained the County was not copied on this letter but Senator Marco Rubio's office sent a copy to the County. He reported FEMA talks about Gulf Shore Blvd. in the letter but has not contacted the County. Mr. Pierce stated the letter said they will begin discussions with the County the week of November 21st. Mr. Pierce explained the Gulf Shore Blvd. bypass road should be complete before the discussions begin with FEMA. He expressed concern that FEMA is moving so slow. He said FEMA acknowledged that the County has \$500,000 of cost estimates and they do not seem to object to the cost estimate. Mr. Pierce reported FEMA has taken so long, he feels justified in building the temporary road. He explained the letter said it will take 6-9 months for FEMA to finish their review of different options. He hoped to get notification from FEMA that they want to meet but so far they have not contacted the County. He stated Mr. Kennedy met and talked with FEMA yesterday about additional damages so they will complete additional PW's. Mr. Pierce said they need to move Gulf Shore Blvd. so they can get it finished then the County will not have to continue to maintain the road. Mr. Pierce informed the Board he will be back in town on Sunday and will meet with Mr. Nabors on site Monday. He stated Mr. Nabors did a great job on the road and most of the residents are happy.

Mr. Pierce said Mr. Kennedy met with FEMA yesterday about the main road at Alligator Point. He reported they are looking at giving the County full reimbursement to rebuild this section of the road between Tom Roberts Road and George Vause Road but the question is what going to be done about mitigation. He explained all of the options are expensive but it appears the best thing is to keep the road in the current location and get mitigation funds from FEMA. Mr. Pierce stated FEMA will double the funds immediately for mitigation to try and save the road. He went on to say FEMA is encouraging the County to rebuild the road where it is and build a bigger seawall or vertical sheet pile. He explained in the long term this is not his preference because the road could be damaged in a minor storm and then the County may not receive FEMA funds to repair it. He reported his long term goal is to purchase the 10 lots and move the road north. Mr. Pierce said he will be back next week and will meet with Mr. Kennedy and FEMA. He explained FEMA may provide money to put the road back and build the rock revetment bigger and then the County will go through a longer process to buy the 10 lots. Mr. Pierce stated he does not know if the owners are even interesting in selling.

Mr. Pierce reported, in relation to the property in front of the KOA, FEMA will write the PW's to remove the debris. He stated his preference for this section of the road in front of the KOA is to have it identified as a bike path. He stated the County had a grant that has already been paid to design a bike lane. He reported in 2017 and 2018 they will have construction money for the

bike lane. He reported the bike path is currently funded to go from the marina back to the KOA area. He said it will be paved and look similar to a road. He stated there is some resistance from FEMA to doing anything in this area.

Mr. Pierce stated Chip Morrison Drive was damaged and Mr. Kennedy suggested doing a small amount of mitigation such as placing rocks by the road. He reported in the past this road was protected by 4 houses but 3 of the houses are gone now. Mr. Pierce stated FEMA indicated they will support some mitigation along the edge of Chip Morrison Drive. Commissioner Sanders reported at the last meeting she asked the Board if they wanted to ask the Transportation Corridor Authority to support Franklin County's efforts to try and get FEMA, the state and the federal government to do something about Alligator Point Road. She stated she brought up this matter at the meeting and the Transportation Corridor Authority sent a letter to the Governor supporting Franklin County's efforts. Commissioner Sanders reported Mr. Moron will send a copy of the letter to the Commissioners. She said the County must have money to do something but they are not sure what to do at this time. Mr. Moron reported a state representative came by his office yesterday and seemed to be in favor of the bike path in front of the KOA so they will see what they can do with FEMA. Mr. Pierce estimated it could take 6 months to renegotiate with FEMA on what to do on Gulf Shore Boulevard. He stated the citizens should be prepared for a one lane road for 8 months to a year. Commissioner Sanders asked if they are more inclined to the bike path in the KOA area. Mr. Moron answered yes, and he explained they are only interested in putting back the road for a bike path.

Mr. Pierce reported the Restore Advisory Committee (RAC) had a meeting a couple of weeks ago and the cities were present. He explained Dewberry gave a presentation on the needs assessment. He said both cities felt Dewberry should have included city commission minutes as the issues of the cities were not adequately reviewed. He explained the issue is the County has already decided the first projects coming out of Restore will be county wide projects. He explained the city responsibilities are not county wide issues. Mr. Pierce reported the cities are going to want their projects to have a higher priority. He said they wanted Dewberry to review the city's minutes and see what their issues are and Dewberry agreed to review some of them. He reported there will be another RAC meeting on November 18th and they will address what is going on in the cities. He explained the cities feel their issues are as important as the county's issues.

Mr. Moron referenced Mr. Kennedy's email and said FEMA keeps repeating what good record keeping and documentation the County did for the storm. He went on to say both Mrs. Link Carroll and Mrs. Virginia Messer did a great job. Mr. Pierce stated the County is more prepared to get PW's done than FEMA. He reported the County was prepared at the applicant briefing and the kick-off meeting but FEMA was not ready.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors - Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors reported Bald Point Road is about halfway complete and will be finished in about a week and a half. He stated they are maintaining the area in front of the KOA but it is very dusty. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Nabors for monitoring this area and said she told the people this is as good as it can be at this time. Mr. Nabors stated they put out no parking signs as people are parking on the edge of the road.

Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis presented the following item from his report:

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR ONE PERMANENT PART TIME Position:

FOR BOARD ACTION: I am requesting Board approval to advertise for one permanent part time employee for Park & Recreation, at the starting pay of \$10.33 per hour, 29 hours per week.

REQUESTED ACTION: Board Approval to advertise for one permanent part time position.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for one permanent part time employee for the Parks & Recreation Department. Chairman Massey asked where this employee will be. Mr. Davis explained this will be the beach crew for the Parks & Recreation Department. He reported they have two part time positions already but this will make one permanent part time.

Mr. Davis reported the Animal Control Department and Parks & Recreation are running smoothly.

Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell said she forwarded a spreadsheet from FEMA of preliminary figures from PW's but some of the figures are wrong. She stated site visits were done yesterday. She reported the state/FEMA are in her office and will be writing the PW's for the Parks & Recreation Department and the small projects for St. George Island. She informed the Board right now the in-kind services (volunteers) credit is \$15,000. She said the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) group is very valuable.

Action Items:
NONE

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. October 26, Franklin County EOC hosted the Hurricane Hermine Project Worksheet meeting with FEMA.
3. Franklin County Emergency Management along with CERT will participating in the Florida Seafood Festival by handing out literature and re-entry information.

Erik Lovstrand - Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovstrand appeared before the Board. Commissioner Lockley asked for an update on the facility. Mr. Lovstrand said when the Commissioners decided it was too much money then the UF had no alternatives as they were maxed out on the money they could provide for the project. Mr. Moron stated they are considering another facility-the old Harbor Masters House. He explained they will have to negotiate with the City of Apalachicola and then Mr. Lovstrand will have to approach the UF but it is looking positive. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is someone in the facility now. Mr. Moron said the city had rented or leased part of the building to someone but they have assured him it will not be a problem. Mr. Lovstrand explained he has reached out to Senator Bill Montford's staff as the funds were in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) budget in a contract to the UF so the money would have to be re-purposed. He went on to say a new contract would have to be done to provide the money to the County to be used on a different project. He said Mrs. Marcia Mathis, Senator Bill Montford's Office, is the person he has been in contact with and she thought it was a positive opportunity and will talk with the senator about re-purposing the funds. He reported they can move forward once they know the money can be moved. Commissioner Watson questioned the condition of the building. Mr. Lovstrand explained the restrooms, laundry room and shower areas are in bad shape and need some work. He said there are cosmetic items that need to be addressed. Mr. Lovstrand reported Fish & Wildlife was a tenant for many years but has moved out. He stated it appears inside it needs basic things like carpet and paint. Commissioner Watson questioned if this will be the same kind of situation as the other building. Mr. Lovstrand answered no, if this project is run through the County's funds. He said it does not have the same construction issues as the building is a little newer and was built in 1989.

Franklin County Extension Activities October 19 – November 1, 2016

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Director assisted local citizens regarding pesticide licensing, lawn care, invasive plant removal, soil tests, and insect pests.
- A one-day Apalachicola River and Bay "waterschool" workshop was completed with 30 participants. This event was hosted by our NW District Extension natural resources agents. The workshop consisted of classroom presentations and a paddling trip on the river to discuss local issues of the River and Bay.
- The Extension office has initiated the annual Peanut Butter Challenge that will run through November 23. All peanut butter collected is matched by peanut producers, then

donated to local food pantries. So far groups are participating at the First Baptist School, the ABC School, and through our local 4-H Making Strides Club.

- Extension Director participated in the Carrabelle Lantern Fest with an exhibit.
- Extension Director and staff completed training through two webinars related to use of social media platforms for marketing and outreach for Extension programs.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Budget approval for year 3 of the original Franklin County turtle lighting grant has been executed. Additional agreements will be sought now for properties that need to become compliant with the County's turtle lighting ordinance.
- The new multi-county Dark Skies/turtle lighting grant agreement between UF/IFAS and DEP/FWC has been executed also. This project will focus on sea turtle nesting beaches on or near conservation lands in Franklin, Gulf and Bay counties. The stated purpose is to expand already dark-sky areas on nesting beaches to improve nesting habitat.

4-H Youth Development:

- Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet and is preparing to participate in the upcoming North Florida Fair. The group will be entering competitions and participating in the judging events as well.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant continuing to provide nutrition programs in local schools.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Extension Director participated at the UF Exhibit during the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, GA.
- Extension Director proctored pesticide licensing exam for the FDACS Core Standards with the Forgotten Coast Conservation Corps group. This certification will be a marketable job skill for the young men and woman who achieve it.

Jason Puckett – Airport Manager – Report

Mr. Puckett said the contracts are being signed and a Notice to Proceed date being formulated on the Airfield Lighting Upgrade project. He reported this project should get started the first week in January.

Mr. Puckett stated the design is complete and Avcon is working on advertising the bid on the Drainage Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Puckett explained Avcon is working on the design elements and permits for wetlands impacts for the commercial access road. He said they will apply for the permits in early January.

Mr. Puckett said in relation to the Economic Development Plan, Avcon is working regionally with some area shareholders to gather information for the plan. He stated he will meet with Ms. Beth Kirkland today about preliminary economic opportunities.

Mr. Puckett reported the Airport Advisory Committee will meet today at 6:30 p.m. He explained they will talk about the hurricane and work on a better contingency management plan moving forward.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Mrs. Lori Hines, Deputy Clerk, presented the following report:

1-) I have 6 resolutions for adoption on unanticipated revenue as part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping that involve funds that weren't included in your initial budget last year because we didn't know at the time they would be received. Approval is needed to comply with Florida Statutes 129. **The 1st resolution** deals with \$16,159 received from The Florida Dept. of State for making the loan payment relative to the acquisition of new voting equipment. \$15,232 was put in account 001.20.511.7100 –Principal – Equipment Loan and \$927.00 was put into account 001.20.511.7200 – Interest – Equipment Loan. **The 2nd resolution** deals with \$780,618 received from the State of Florida Dept. of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for payment of expenses relative to the rehabilitation of airfield pavement projects. We put \$75,203.00 into account 170.74.540.3100 – Professional Services and \$705,415.00 into account 170.74.540.4603 – Repair and Maintenance. **The 3rd resolution** deals with \$145,199 received from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the SCOP Bald Point Resurfacing Project. We put \$144,345.00 into account 141.41.541.3107- Professional Services and we put \$854.00 into account 141.41.541.4900 – Other Current Charges. **The 4th resolution** deals with \$113,000 received from loan proceeds from the Peoples South Bank for the purchase of voting equipment for the Supervisor of Elections Office and a new Ford Expedition for the Emergency Management Department. We put \$10,101.00 into account 001.20.511.6401-Machinery and Equipment, \$92,266.00 into account 001.20.511.6403-Machinery & Equipment-Voting Equipment and \$10,633 into account 001.20.511.5203-Operating Supplies Voting Equipment. **The 5th resolution** deals with \$52,456.00 received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the payment of expenses incurred in the Sea Turtle Lighting Project. We put \$19,633.00 into account 001.72.539.1300-Hourly Employee Wages, \$1,502 into 001.72.539.2100 – FICA Taxes, \$1,440 into 001.72.539.2200-Retirement, \$380 into 001.72.539.4100-Communications, and \$29,501.00 into 001.72.539.5200-Operating Supplies.. **The 6th resolution** deals with \$10,081.00 received from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses relative to the CDBG Housing Grant Program. We put \$10,000 into 150.52.539.3100 Professional Services

and \$1.00 into 150.52.539.8200- Aid to Citizens. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolutions, as follows:**

RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated Federal grant revenues in the amount of \$16,159.00 from the Florida Department of State to make the loan payment relative to the acquisition of new voting equipment for the Supervisor of Elections, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.511.7100 Principal – Equipment Loan \$ 15,232.00

001.20.511.7200 Interest – Equipment Loan \$ 927.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$16,159.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey

WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State and Federal grant revenues in the amount of \$780,618.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for the payment of expenses relative to the rehabilitation of airfield pavements project, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

170.74.540.3100 Professional Services \$ 75,203.00
170.74.540.4603 Repair & Maintenance\$ 705,415.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$780,618.00 in the AIRPORT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State grant revenues in the amount of \$145,199.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the SCOP Bald Point Resurfacing Project, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

141.41.541.3107 Professional Services	\$ 144,345.00
141.41.541.4900 Other Current Charges	\$ 854.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$145,199.00 in the LOGT ROAD PAVING FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated installment loan proceeds in the amount of \$113,000.00 from Peoples South Bank for the purchase of Voting Equipment for the Supervisor of Elections Office and a new Ford Expedition for the Emergency Management Department.

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.511.6401 Machinery & Equipment	\$10,101.00
001.20.511.6403 Machinery & Equipment Voting Equip.	\$92,266.00
001.20.511.5203 Operating Supplies Voting Equip.	\$10,633.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$113,000.00 in the General Fund in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey

WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State grant revenues in the amount of \$52,456.00 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the payment of expenses relative to the Sea Turtle Lighting Project, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.72.539.1300 Hourly Employee Wages	\$ 19,633.00
001.72.539.2100 FICA Taxes	\$ 1,502.00
001.72.539.2200 Retirement	\$ 1,440.00
001.72.539.4100 Communications	\$ 380.00

001.72.539.5200 Operating Supplies \$ 29,501.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$52,456.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated Federal grant revenues in the amount of \$10,081.00 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses relative to the CDBG Housing Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

150.52.539.3100 Professional Services	\$ 10,000.00
150.52.539.8200 Aid to Citizens	\$ 81.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$10,081.00 in the CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

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

1. Inform the Board that the Running of the Bay marathon was held on Sunday October 23 and was a successful event. There were at least 550 participants in the marathon and many of them brought family and friends. This event provided an economic boost to the County. Mark Henderson, event coordinator, made donations to Franklin's Promise and the Christmas Children's Fund. He stated that everyone had a great time and wanted me to publicly thank the law enforcements officers for their hard work and the volunteers for their support.
2. At the October 18th meeting I was asked to contact Mr. David Morse of the Florida Forest Service regarding the aerial spraying in Tate's Hell. Mr. Morse explained that the purpose of the project was to kill vegetation in those two areas that were prohibiting the growth of Southern Pines. Southern Pines are "shade intolerant" and the vegetation was blocking adequate sunlight needed for the Southern Pines to grow. Only the Titi plants in the sprayed area were affected, which was a concern expressed by the Board. Mr. Morse stated that the contractor did a very good job containing the spray to the specific areas.

Mr. Moron reported the reason for aerial spraying is ground equipment could not be used because the property was too wet.

3. Mr. Norman Freeman, at the October 18th meeting, explained to the Board that he was using a generator to power his travel/camper trailer whenever he is at his lot located 888 CC Land Road in Eastpoint. He further explained that his lot borders the Coastline RV Park and his generator was disturbing some of the RV Park's customers. Mr. Freeman asked the Board to consider authorizing power to his property, perhaps as a "grandfathered" exception since the County doesn't allow power to travel/camper trailers. County staff asked the Property Appraiser's office to provide any records of permits for power at that address. There were none, so the Board doesn't have the option to consider the "grandfathered" exception. However, I contacted Mr. Garrett Creamer of Coastline RV Park who was unaware of the situation but in a very gracious and cooperative manner is willing to provide Mr. Freeman with power when he is using his travel/camper trailer at 888 CC Land Road. Mr. Freeman is here today to discuss this matter further.

Mr. Freeman stated Mr. Creamer will provide them with temporary power but he still contends the property should be grandfathered as the power pole was installed in 1973. He questioned the permitting of current RV trailers in the County. Mr. Moron stated in the past Florida Power was authorizing power without the County's consent. He said this practice has stopped and now you have to come to the county for an inspection before the power can be connected. He explained there are some lots that legally have power and campers. He explained when an inspection is requested then the County has the ability to address the situation. Mr. Freeman discussed County Ordinance #82-6. Mr. Moron said there are specific rules and individuals must meet certain codes to get power connected. He stated temporary power can be granted for 1 year for an RV if a home is being constructed on the site. Mr. Freeman said he came to

the Planning & Building Office in May and was given a copy of this Ordinance. He reported he has letters documenting that power has been to his site since 1973. Commissioner Parrish asked if the power was never suspended or the meter taken out then why there is not power on the site now. Mr. Freeman stated the meter was taken out. Commissioner Parrish stated if there had been continuous power since 1973 then the Board would not be addressing this issue. He explained once the meter was taken out and the power was disrupted then the grandfathered status was lost and you must comply with the new regulations. Attorney Shuler agreed this is correct. Mr. Freeman reported the Ordinance says you cannot live in the trailers for more than two weeks but people are living in travel trailers and the County is not enforcing their Ordinance. He asked if the Board believes in equal rights under the law. All of the Board members answered yes. Mr. Freeman said this law is being applied to him but not to other people. Attorney Shuler stated if the Board gives him instructions to start enforcing the Ordinance then he will do it. He reported unless the Board changes the Ordinance then they cannot give power to Mr. Freeman as he has lost the grandfathered status. Attorney Shuler did not recommend changing the Ordinance. Commissioner Lockley said the County treated Mr. Freeman the same as everyone else because they did not change anything to do with his power. Commissioner Parrish asked if the Board wants to change the policy. Commissioner Sanders stated the County just had this same situation in Lanark Village and they had to make sure everyone complied with this Ordinance. Commissioner Parrish said he has told several people they cannot get power for a camper. He reported they must treat everyone the same and cannot make an exception for one person. Attorney Shuler explained a year and a half ago the Board directed him to schedule a public hearing on the RV issue but it was not to make the Ordinance more liberal but more restrictive. He stated the Board wants to encourage people to develop their real estate to enhance the tax base so they can more equitably distribute the tax burden among the citizens. He reported when the Property Appraiser's Office assesses property with an RV present, it is assessed as vacant land. Commissioner Parrish inquired if the County knows how many of these camper trailers have the grandfathered status. Attorney Shuler stated he is not aware of a list that identifies these properties. Commissioner Parrish reported there are camper trailers that have power but they do not know if the power was pre-existing before the Ordinance was put in place. Mr. Moron agreed they do not know. Commissioner Parrish stated the County may need to look at how long there has been continuous power on these lots. Attorney Shuler commented under the rules regulating the provisions of electric service, once the power is vested then there are very limited options for enforcing the removal of it. He said these provisions are regulated by the Public Service Commission not the County. Attorney Shuler reported the County's regulatory enforcement is during the initial provision of service or the denial of service. He stated this is the tool the County uses to restrict development to make sure it is done to comply with the development code and is not contrary to the code. He explained when Mr. Freeman lost the grandfathered status and now must meet the current rules. He reported right now the rules do not allow Mr. Freeman to have power service for the RV so unless the Board wants to change the Ordinance then they must deny his request. He explained the Board would have to schedule a public hearing to change the Ordinance. Commissioner Lockley asked if Mr. Freeman was trying to get an upgrade. Mr. Freeman said they have power to the pole and have not upgraded or asked for

an upgrade. Mr. Moron stated there is no service at the pole now but Mr. Freeman wants service to the pole. Mr. Freeman reported in 1992 they had power and a RV trailer there. He said when the RV left, the meter was pulled and locked. He estimated the last service was in 2003. Chairman Massey asked if Mr. Freeman is planning to build a house. Mr. Freeman answered no and said they just use the property for the RV when they visit or vacation. Commissioner Lockley asked if this is a request from Duke Energy. Mr. Moron reported if a person needs service or an upgrade then they come to the County for an inspection to make sure they meet all the rules and then an approval is issued for Duke Energy to connect the power. Chairman Massey brought into discussion the FEMA restrictions in this zone. Mr. Freeman said he talked with FEMA and they do not restrict what happens within these 1500 feet. Chairman Massey stated they would not let the County reconnect one person when they tried to move their trailer from one location to just down the street on another piece of property. Chairman Massey reported the County received a letter from FEMA about this matter. Commissioner Sanders stated they have never deviated from this Ordinance and have recently looked at tightening the rules. She said if they take this action for one then they must do it for everyone and that will result in a bad situation so they need to leave the Ordinance like it is. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Board needs to take action by motion. Attorney Shuler answered no, as the County staff has already applied the Ordinance and given an answer. Commissioner Parrish reported the County staff has taken some verbal abuse about this same issue not from Mr. Freeman but from other individuals. Mr. Moron agreed Mr. Freeman has not been disrespectful in any way. Mr. Freeman thanked Mr. Moron for being so helpful and said he appreciated the Board's time and consideration.

The meeting was recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Lisa Bretz – Area Agency on Aging – Discuss Award

Ms. Bretz provided an update on the RFP for the Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly and the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative. She reported two agencies submitted RFP's and they will continue to contract with Liberty County Senior Citizens for the next 6 years. She explained every 6 years they advertise for bids. She reported these programs are case managed programs that provide in-home services. She stated in February the RFP for Meals on Wheels will be advertised. She explained prior to releasing this RFP, they would like to work with a newly formed organization, The Elder Care Coalition. She said a meeting has been requested to see if they are interested. She explained she would like to work with them prior to the development of the RFP so it is not such a challenging system to navigate. Ms. Bretz said through the RFP process they did find out the budget system is not easy. She stated they use a unit costs methodology and need a consultant to review how to complete the budget process with individuals who are new to the program. She stated they will have a workshop next time before the RFP is issued to insure individuals who are interested in bidding understand the unit costs methodology process. Ms. Bretz said the second bidder was very close to the agency that

was awarded the contract but the unit costs methodology made the bidding process challenging. Ms. Bretz asked for continued support for the Liberty County Senior Citizens. She reported she will ask them to recruit a board from Franklin County so the citizens have input into how the services are delivered throughout the county. Ms. Bretz reported Ms. Nancy Brush is a representative of this community on her Board of Directors. She stated Ms. Harriet Beach is an Advisory Council Member from this community. Mr. Moron asked if Ms. Bretz will continue with the agreement for 1 year on an interim basis to receive the funding, disburse the funds and complete the record keeping so the Board knows how the County money is being spent. Ms. Bretz answered yes, but said it would be great if the County would submit this request. Mr. Moron asked if the Board needs to take action. Attorney Shuler said Mr. Moron can write this letter for the Board. Ms. Bretz asked to meet with Mr. Moron prior to disbursing funds to make sure they agree on how to manage and report to the Board. Mr. Moron agreed and also asked for a local office or contact number where citizens and the Senior Centers can reach the Liberty County Senior Citizens. Ms. Bretz said she will meet with the Senior Centers also. Commissioner Parrish stated he is glad to see the Alzheimer's program implemented in the County. He reported last year the money was there but was not utilized. He suggested all these services be placed on the County's website along with the contact numbers. He explained different programs are now being offered and they also need an update on the RFP that will be advertised. He said this information is needed so people know who to contact for these different programs. He commended Ms. Bretz for helping to move this program forward and tracking the funds. He explained this provides direct benefits to the seniors and the Board wanted to them to get the services. He said they hope to continue to work together. Chairman Massey reported he contacted the Liberty County Senior Citizens for a citizen here and the help they provided was excellent. Commissioner Sanders agreed with Commissioner Parrish and said now there are programs that they did not even know about. She reported there are so many families in the county affected by Alzheimer's. She stated it is a good idea to provide this information on the website. She also thanked Ms. Bretz for her work and said this is a better way for staff to track the money. Ms. Bretz said citizens can dial the Department of Elder Care Services but they do need to connect locally with someone who has a vested interest in serving their needs. Chairman Massey suggested Ms. Bretz schedule a meeting with Mr. Moron. Commissioner Lockley stated sometimes family members are taking care of the person and do not need all the services but need a little break time. Ms. Bretz agreed they need the respite care. She stated they are also working with other organizations in the community to make sure citizens know who to call for caregivers support and coaching as well as respite care services for individuals with dementia. Mr. Moron pointed out the Board's intention one day is to get all these services provided within the County.

Mr. Moron continued with his report, as follows:

4. On Tuesday, October 25th I attended the Florida Great Northwest Regional Strategy Roundtable in Panama City. Bay County was the only other county that attended but US Senator Marco Rubio, Florida Representative Halsey Beshears and Chief Financial Officer FGN's President, explained that her goal is to create a plan that would ensure BP funds

remain dedicated to Northwest Florida and to economic development initiatives, develop and implement a regional strategy to diverse and grow our economy, and develop and implement a marketing strategy to promote this area as a top business location. Among other ideas, Ms. Wiles discussed a plan to develop and promote I-10, from Pensacola to Jacksonville as a corridor for manufacturing, distribution and logistics companies. I explained to Ms. Wiles that Franklin County is too far from I-10 to benefit from that type of promotion. I suggested that she look toward developing and promoting something as similar as the study that involves Gulf County's port, the railway, and our airport. Panama City Beach Mayor Mike Thomas, former Bay County Commissioner, also discussed alternate ways to grow our economy and explained the importance of tourism to the area. Ms. Miles stated that FGN is tasked with having a regional strategic plan completed by the first quarter of 2017. She is considering having a meeting with elected officials from each of the counties in the region. I will update the Board as information is provided to me.

Mr. Moron said this region has two different set of goals. He informed the Board he suggested they divide the region to serve all the communities and then make an overall plan. Commissioner Sanders stated this was the same problem with Opportunity Florida. She went on to say the northern counties received the benefit but the southern counties did not receive anything. She reported the County has to be proactive in promoting our area. She stated this is why the Board is looking at all these items with the Restore funds. Commissioner Sanders stated they must look after Franklin County's needs as they know them best. She explained they can complete it better with a regional effect but questioned how many counties share the same demographics and inability to move products. She explained companies want to come in and develop but they can't because there is no access to a major highway and there are environmental concerns. She asked Mr. Moron to keep them updated on what FGN comes up with. Commissioner Parrish stated there are studies being done but the BP monies and Restore Act were to diversify the economies along the gulf coast in case there is another oil spill. He said there is not a lot that needs to be done on the I-10 corridor as they are right beside a major interstate. He stated if this money moves north for the I-10 corridor then it will not help Franklin County. Commissioner Lockley reported the County has things going but must sell it good. He said there is deepwater in Carrabelle and things they can do there. He explained some of the studies are focusing on Port St. Joe deep water but they need to address Franklin County. He said the airport is also a good thing and there is a lot that can be developed there. Commissioner Lockley reported the county does not have a four lane road but they can use the airport to transport items. Chairman Massey agreed Carrabelle does have deep water and said the airport is good too. Commissioner Watson suggested asking Gulf County to join Franklin County in their request as they would also be shortchanged if the study focused on I-10 development. Commissioner Watson was surprised Gulf County was not at the meeting. Mr. Moron stated the person scheduled to go had a last minute emergency. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to send a letter to Gulf County asking them to join Franklin County in emphasizing their needs are unique and need to be addressed in this study as well.**

5. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.

6. The Weems Governing Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday October 27th. At the meeting the Weems Board discussed the need for a Workshop with the Board of County Commissioners. I mention this as Mr. Cooper will attend the November 15th meeting and might discuss this further with the Board but as the holiday season is upon us, scheduling this Workshop before January 2017 might present a problem. Mr. Cooper did submit a wage increase plan, as directed by this Board, for your review. This is another item that may be discussed at November 15th meeting.

Commissioner Sanders agreed to hold off on this meeting. Chairman Massey agreed with waiting for this meeting.

7. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a request for an extension on the date for the US Fish and Wildlife Service Grant to develop the Island View Park. There are multiple jurisdictions involved in developing the site plan for the park, and it has taken longer than anticipated to coordinate all these agencies in approving the plan.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a request for an extension on the date for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Grant to develop the Island View Park.

8. Inform the Board that I received 6 applicants for the Library Director position. Ms. Kate Aguiar, Chairman of the Library Advisory Board (LAB), has copies of these applications for their review. The LAB will conduct interviews and plan to present a recommendation at your November 15th meeting. The LAB recommended, and I agreed, that until either the Library Director or the Library Assistant position is filled, the hours at the Eastpoint branch will be changed to 10am – 6pm Monday – Friday and closed on Saturday. Ads for the vacant Library Assistant position should be in the November 3rd and 10th editions of The Times and with a November 18th deadline.

Mr. Moron reminded the Board there is one employee at the Eastpoint Branch and the Library cannot be left open with a volunteer.

9. Board action to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution proclaiming Thursday November 17th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution proclaiming Thursday, November 17, 2016 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

10. Inform the Board that I received an email from Steve Shea, FWC Regional Director, asking for the County's assistance with developing a list of county stakeholders that could be used in gathering feedback on how FWC manages scallops. This list could include County and

City leaders, businesses, tourist operations, guides, boating community representatives and others of the sort. The sooner I can get this information to FWC would be better. Does the Board have any suggestions?

Mr. Moron said there are new regulations and they want to make sure each County is part of the process. Commissioner Sanders stated in the past DACS issued these permits and asked if they are involved. Mr. Moron did not know if they are involved. Commissioner Parrish stated most of the scallops are in Lanark Village so they need someone from this area. Chairman Massey reported most of the scallops are from the FSU Marine Lab to the marina in Lanark Village. Commissioner Parrish suggested they contact the person who runs the marina. Chairman Massey said he will talk with the man who runs the gas station there. Commissioner Parrish reported they need someone from that area that benefits from the economics. Chairman Massey said he will ask this individual tomorrow and send the information to Mr. Moron.

Chairman Massey asked if Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, found out about the money for the boat ramp in Eastpoint. Mr. Moron reported he will ask Mr. Curenton but he thinks there is a schedule of the funding cycle. Chairman Massey stated the County needs to check and see when they can get the money.

11. Inform the Board that the Northwest District of the Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled an Open House on December 13 from 9am to 2pm. This Open House will allow you to meet the NWD team, learn more about their programs, and share your feedback. As this was a "Save the Date" invitation, the location of the Open House was not stated. If any of the Board members are interested in attending let me know and I will get more information.

Mr. Moron was not sure where the meeting would be held. Commissioner Parrish asked him to gather information on the location. Commissioner Watson stated the County should have a representative at the meeting as they have programs the county can access.

12. Included in your agenda packet is a millage rate chart from Mr. Jimmy Harris, your Tax Collector. This chart includes a breakdown of millage rates from the different taxing authorities in the County since 1987.

T. Michael Shuler - County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler did not have any action items at this time.

Commissioners & Public Comments

There were no comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at
10:30 a.m.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts