

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 18, 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

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from September 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., September 30, 2016 and October 4, 2016.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, 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 stated Alligator Point Road is holding up good and they are still maintaining it. He said the Road Department is hopefully making the last pass in the County for

grass cutting. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to provide an update on Alligator Point Road. Mr. Pierce read the following item from his report:

4- As Pam has probably already announced, Franklin County had its FEMA Applicant Briefing on Oct. 13. The meeting to begin writing up the damages will occur within 30 days. I have already requested Clay Smallwood prepare cost estimates on what it will take to put Alligator Point Road and the revetment back to its pre-storm condition. We will also inquire with FEMA as to what mitigation funds would be available to make that section of road less vulnerable. Options will include sheet pile and more rocks, moving the road north by acquiring a new right of way, or building a pile supported road. The section of road I am referring to is from George Vause to Tom Roberts. The section of Alligator Point Road in front of the KOA will not be rebuilt as a road as FEMA has already provided funds to relocate that section of the road to Tom Roberts.

The Board may receive some emails from Point residents who are just now realizing Tom Roberts will be the only road running east and west. The residents are concerned about the number of turns and degree of turns driving on Tom Roberts. The worst turn will be eliminated if FEMA allows us to relocate the section of road leading up to Tom Roberts. But the county, the state, and FEMA agreed that the relocation to Tom Roberts provided the most secure evacuation route for the residents and that is why the road has been moved so far off the coast. What FEMA allows us to rebuild in the area in front of the old KOA remains to be determined. It might be a bike lane and it might not be anything.

Mr. Pierce presented a map and discussed placement of the road. He explained this section of road is 1,008 feet long. He stated the County just spent \$150,000 in July on the revetment and it completely failed so just putting back rocks without something else will not be adequate. He said they could just take what FEMA says or look at options. He said the cost of sheet pile is about \$1,000 a linear foot but a recent estimate to protect A1A in Flagler Beach was \$3,500 a linear foot. He explained, based on those figures, it will cost between \$1 million and \$35 million to build a revetment to protect this road. Mr. Pierce stated another option is to buy the 10 lots and relocate the road which would also straighten the curve. He pointed out 3 of the lots have houses on them and he does not know how difficult it would be to purchase these parcels. He said they can work with the Alligator Point Water District as they own property near the road and he pointed out this property on the map. Mr. Pierce stated another option is a pile supported bridge but he was not sure of the costs. He explained they can fix this section but the next 1,000 feet will be the next section that is vulnerable. He reported the people placed seawalls and now they have been damaged. Commissioner Sanders explained to the west there is also a problem at Chip Morrison Road. She said the best bet may be the bridge but the County does not have the funds. She stated they appreciate DOT writing the letter to FEMA but they need someone that will help find a

solution. Commissioner Sanders reported all these years later there is still not a solution. Mr. Pierce said the County does not want a one lane road servicing the citizens in this area but the County is limited in solving this problem. Commissioner Sanders stated this road is not the only problem as the County also has Gulf Shore Blvd. She said a letter was sent to the Legislative Delegation asking the state to take back Alligator Point Road. She said there will be a Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority meeting on Thursday at Santa Rosa Beach and she sits on the Board representing the County. She asked if the Board would like to ask the Transportation Corridor Authority to support Franklin County's position on the state taking back this road. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ask the Transportation Corridor Authority to support Franklin County's stand on the state taking back Alligator Point Road.** Commissioner Sanders reported they were trying to take Franklin County and Wakulla County out of this group and she is concerned they will not have a voice on items relating to Highway 98.

Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis stated Mr. Maurice Miller is doing well.

Commissioner Sanders reported hunting season is starting and she asked Mr. Davis to fix the carcass containers and place them around the County. Mr. Davis agreed to take care of this item.

Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director

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

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. The Tower at the EOC is completed on October 13, 2016.
3. On October 13, 2016 EOC staff hosted the Project Worksheet Information meeting
4. Franklin County Emergency Management along with CERT will participate in the Florida Seafood Festival by handing out literature and re-entry information.

Mrs. Brownell said FEMA has 30 days to appear and write the pw's but she does not know when they will appear. She reported everyone is working on their documentation for FEMA. Commissioner Lockley asked how the cities reacted. Mrs. Brownell said it was a good meeting

and the State also went over the new super circular at the applicant briefing. She explained they discussed with the State the cities requesting help from the County. She reported the County will file all the cities' debris as their own since they have the request. Mr. Pierce pointed out it is easier for the County as they have the debris separated and the documentation. Mr. Pierce said Mrs. Brownell did a good job of informing the cities that the County may not be able to help if there is a big storm. Mrs. Brownell reported the cities have asked for a copy of the County's Debris Management Plan as the County has a FEMA approved Plan. She said she sent it before and tried to get the cities to get one. She explained the County will qualify at some point for the 2% discount which is a onetime thing but they will not use it on this storm. Mrs. Brownell stated she also sent the cities the RFP's for debris monitors and debris removal so maybe they will move forward. She reported they were told the County will not complete this work next time. She stated her office will help them any way they can. Mrs. Brownell said the city police departments are eligible for reimbursement for work performed during the storm but she does not know if they will file. She pointed out the cities have to be their own applicant but they can document and file for reimbursement. She stated they have a better understanding now about these issues. Mrs. Brownell said the County departments are aware of what they need to have to file for reimbursement. Mr. Pierce stated the Alligator Point Water District was present at this meeting and is looking out for their interest. He said he talked with Mr. Skip Cook, Alligator Point Water District, and they will make a request as they had a break on Alligator Point Drive and other damage on Gulf Shore Blvd. He reported the water line will be relocated when the new road is put in.

Erik Lovestrand - Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovestrand appeared before the Board. He requested the Board approve the Year 3 Amendment for the Turtle Lighting Grant. Mr. Lovestrand reported this is a 4 year project and the County is moving into the third year. Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

7. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the DEP agreement to provide funding for Year 3 of the sea turtle friendly lighting grant to the County. The budget that will be provided for Year 3 will total \$64,837.00 for the project personnel and purchase of additional sea turtle friendly lighting. Including the additional funding the total amount of this grant to-date is \$158,733.00. FWC is also a party to this agreement. The grant funders for the project have included a salary upgrade to \$17/hour for the permanent part-time position that serves the project so that there would be parity with the new Dark Skies turtle lighting grant personnel that will be hired by UF/IFAS soon. The Dark Skies project will also have a person working in Franklin County doing the same type of work, but focused on properties around our coastal conservation lands to improve sea turtle nesting beaches. There is no cost to the County for these salary dollars. The Extension Director suggests that this salary is warranted due to the specialized nature of this work that requires significant computer and organizational skills, ability to work with minimal supervision, and extremely

good interpersonal skills. In addition, working during the weekends and after hours is necessary to connect with clientele, property management companies and electricians. Thus far during the project staff have facilitated 74 property owner agreements and 59 completed property lighting retrofits, bringing these properties into compliance with the County's lighting ordinance.

Mr. Lovestrang stated this was put into the budget request and approved by DEP and FWC. Mr. Lovestrang said he will be in Tallahassee tomorrow and will take this Amendment to the FWC Office. He explained Year 2 funding will end on 10/22/16 so he will move this Amendment through as fast as possible. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman to sign the DEP Agreement to provide funding for Year 3 of the sea turtle friendly lighting grant.**

Franklin County Extension Activities October 5 – October 18, 2016

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Director assisted 4th grade students at FCS with an educational class about butterflies and met with faculty regarding establishing an aquaponics system on campus.
- Registration is full (30) for participation in the Apalachicola River and Bay "waterschool" program that will focus on issues related to the Apalachicola River and Bay on October 21. Program will involve a morning session with presentations and an afternoon paddling trip on the River hosted by NW District Extension natural resource agents.
- Extension office has initiated the annual Peanut Butter Challenge for participation by local schools. All peanut butter collected is matched by peanut producers, and then donated to local food pantries.
- Extension Director participated in RESTORE Council meeting.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participated in webinar related to branding ideas for oyster producers.
- Sea turtle lighting grant has almost completed year 2 of the 4-year project to improve compliance with the County's lighting ordinance. So far there have been 59 properties that have received assistance to retrofit outdoor lighting with turtle friendly beachfront lighting.
- Budget approval for year 3 of the turtle lighting grant is being routed for signatures presently.
- New multi-county Dark Skies/turtle lighting grant agreement between UF/IFAS and DEP/FWC is being routed for signatures presently as well. This is the project that will focus on sea turtle nesting beaches on or near conservation lands in Franklin, Gulf and Bay counties.

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.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant back to conducting nutrition programs in local schools.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Extension Staff assisted homeowners with conducting and interpreting soil tests.

Alan Pierce — RESTORE Coordinator — Report

Mr. Pierce said he will leave the meeting after his report to meet with Mr. Nabors on Alligator Point as they are going to get Gulf Shore Blvd. cut through. He informed the Board he will then be out of town for the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Sanders asked if the historical study was already done on this site. Mr. Pierce answered yes and said they did not find any artifacts. He said all the legal documents are being completed and they are moving ahead. Mr. Pierce presented the following report:

1- On Monday, Oct. 10, the Consortium consultants, ESA, made a site visit to Franklin County to discuss Consortium funding. This is a summary of what was discussed.

ESA is visiting every Consortium member, which are the 23 counties, so that they can gather firsthand the type of projects each member is thinking about submitting to the State Expenditure Plan. ESA plans to report on these 23 site visits at the Dec. 2 Consortium meeting. Then at the April 2017 Consortium meeting they hope to make a formal presentation to the Consortium on a basic structure of all the county's proposed projects. Sometime in the fall of 2017, the consultants hope the Consortium will vote to send the State Expenditure Plan (SEP) to the Governor for approval, and then in 2018 the Governor would agree to submit the SEP to the Gulf Council for approval. Once the Gulf Council approves Florida's Plan, then it would come back to the Governor for implementation. The Governor has the authority to use DEP to implement the SEP, or the Governor could send the SEP to the Consortium and let it implement the plan. It is not known when the Governor would make that decision. In either case, ESA told me that the SEP will have to have a mechanism for periodic revisions as every county is concerned about being locked into a set of projects for 15 years.

In the case of Franklin County, I did go over the types of projects I had mentioned at the Oct. 4 Board meeting. ESA thought the enhancement of the county's emergency management system was a valid project. We talked about expanding the project to include a hardened evacuation shelter if possible. Since the county does not have any plans for such a building, it is possible that Consortium funds could be made available for design and engineering that would not come out of Franklin County's share of funds.

We also talked about the main priority of the county was the rebuilding of the Apalachicola Bay as a fishery. Until the US Supreme Court case is settled we do not know exactly what sort of

projects the county would submit as part of our package of SEP projects. Commissioner Parrish attended the meeting and spoke extensively about the uncertain future of Bay and how it all depends on the outcome of this 20 year litigation.

We also talked about Franklin County's participation in 3 economic development studies and the timing and expected outcome of those studies. The 3 studies are the FDOT airport study being done by AVCON; the 4 county regional study being done by Gulf County, and the regional study being done by Florida's Great Northwest.

In summary, it will be at least 2018 before the SEP is approved, and then once the Plan is approved the priority of projects still has to be resolved. ESA is hoping that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) will undertake bonding the list of projects so that all counties will be able to start implementing their projects. I personally do not think that the 67 members of the FAC are going to put the FAC at risk for funding projects in only 23 counties. The consultants acknowledge that without a bonding mechanism to provide enough funds the debate about which projects would get funded first is going to be very intense.

And, to address Commissioner Lockley's question from last time. A city cannot submit a project directly to the State Expenditure Plan. At this time the Governor has authorized the Consortium to come up with the State Expenditure Plan. Only counties are members of the Consortium, so only counties can submit projects to be included. A county can submit a project for a city but the city has to make a request through the county.

Commissioner Sanders agreed with Mr. Pierce that the FAC will not approve projects ahead of time. Mr. Pierce discussed an option of bonding the money for a certain number of years and then revisiting the issue. Commissioner Sanders reported the FAC may not have this much bonding ability. Mr. Pierce reported he does not think the other counties will risk their credit rating for a few counties. Mr. Pierce commented the Consortium is structured so the members can only discuss these issues at meetings but ESA can discuss these matters with anyone and is in a pivotal role in these proceedings. Commissioner Parrish reported there is only a certain allocation each year over the next 15 years and big counties have staff and will have projects ready but small counties do not have the staff to handle these items. He stated our county will be behind every year because they will not be prepared due to a lack of staff. He said he expressed this problem to ESA. Mr. Pierce pointed out that now ESA has design/engineering funds so they could design the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) for the county.

Commissioner Parrish said that will help the County have something to submit this first year. He explained they will get outvoted every time as there are 8 affected counties and 15 disportional counties. He explained if the 23 counties fight then the Governor may take over the whole State Expenditure Plan. Mr. Pierce reported the money belongs to the state and the Consortium has no right to it unless the Governor gives it to them. Commissioner Sanders said there is also Governor appointed members on the Consortium. She stated they also do not know what is going to happen with the Legislature and Triumph either as every year the Legislation seems to change. She said it will be a long time before this money comes to the County.

2- Inform the Board that I represented Franklin County at the 4 county Economic Development Summit sponsored by Gulf County as part of its regional economic development study. I learned that a firm has leased the old Arizona Chemical site, and that same firm is in negotiations to lease part of the old St. Joe mill site. The company is in the wood industry and plans to export wood products, both lumber and chipped, out of St. Joe. However, at this time the railroad south of Telogia is not active. The railroad company said it will cost \$8-10M to make the last 40 miles of track operational. The company has the funds but it will not begin to make improvements until it has a firm agreement with a client who needs to use the rail line into St. Joe. Gulf County is continuing to work on re-dredging the port.

3- Inform the Board that it needs to send a representative to the Panama City on Oct. 25 to represent the county at a summit being held by Florida's Great Northwest as it works on its regional economic development plan for the Panhandle. There is a special workshop for the leaders of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties that we need to attend if at all possible. I will be out of town and unable to attend. The workshop is noon to 2 PM Central time.

Mr. Pierce said the meeting will be held at the Gulf Coast State College site. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Mr. Moron to attend this meeting and represent the County.**

Commissioner Watson asked if the railroad Mr. Pierce referenced is the line that runs near the Apalachicola Airport. Mr. Pierce said it is the Apalachicola Northern Railroad (ANR) line that goes by the airport to Telogia and it is mostly the bridges that were not maintained.

4- This item was handled earlier in the meeting.

Curt Blair — TDC — Report

Mr. Blair stated the Board received the collections reports through July. He said the monthly reports fluctuate but the July report shows a 13% increase in revenues for the fiscal year. He explained they will not know the exact figures until the final report for September is received which will be in November or December. He reported they expect at least an 8% increase over last year.

Mr. Blair stated there were 2 hurricanes this year and one impacted the area directly and required some evacuations. He said the other hurricane resulted in visitors traveling here to avoid the storm. He reported they used some weather protocols they have been developing. He explained during Hurricane Hermine they provided guidance to visitors about the availability of services and appropriate hurricane preparations. He stated during Hurricane Matthew they worked to identify more lodging for visitors. He went on to say they also worked with the cities and RV facilities about alternate parking and pumpout facilities. Mr. Blair stated they will be working more with the Visitor's Centers on protocols so they are prepared for these situations.

Mr. Blair said the Board is receiving regular reports of visitors traveling through the Visitor's Centers. He reported there have been over 20,000 visitors this fiscal year.

Mr. Blair stated they are providing the final touches on their promotions campaign for next fiscal year. He said they have approved a series of getaways. He explained this allows them to advertise the merits of visiting Franklin County but also is a substantial contributor to the increase of the email database. He reported one area they have not explored is increasing the mobile market. Mr. Blair stated they are moving forward with two endeavors for advertising for Florida markets on mobile phones. He said there will be a Pokémon Event on Thursday, November 3rd, and participants will capture Pokémon creatures on their smart phones. He explained this event will be focused in Apalachicola and will coordinate with the Florida Seafood Festival. He said they have requested using the Armory as the check in location. He said the Florida Seafood Festival is expanding from Thursday to Sunday. He reported they will also be providing free tickets to some of the rides. Mr. Blair explained the second event will be focused on GEO Cache and containers will be located around the county. He stated the event will be on December 17th and will also be promoted by mobile phones. He explained the participants will find cash around the county and will be eligible for prizes. Mr. Blair thanked Ms. Lois Swoboda and her volunteers for putting these events together.

Mr. Blair reported the adopted meeting schedule for the year has been included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Blair stated they are beginning the 2016-17 promotions with a variety of campaigns under the theme of "Discover or Rediscover the Forgotten Coast". He explained they are targeting specific markets and desired demographic populations including Florida markets. He reported their mascot will be used at local events, in themed advertising and in videos. He stated they are completing the first phase of a planning effort including counties from here to Cedar Key to promote the historic and coastal old Florida communities that can be accessed by U.S. 98.

Commissioner Watson inquired about the status of the seafood memorial. Mr. Blair explained once the survey was completed the area was narrower than they expected and could not be used for this memorial so they are trying to identify another parcel on the site.

Commissioner Watson asked about the benches being placed in the County. Mr. Blair stated they have some proposals for benches and they talked about it at a meeting but the TDC Board did not take any action. Mr. Blair said he would like to bring proposals for the benches and the Commission can decide where they will be placed. Commissioner Watson stated this is a great project and he sees people using the benches. Mr. Blair reported the Board can request the TDC Board allocate some funds for this project. **Commissioner Watson made a motion to ask the TDC Board to allocate funds for this project. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.** Commissioner Lockley asked where the benches will be located. Chairman Massey answered there are 4 in Eastpoint and more are needed to the east. Commissioner Sanders asked if these benches came from St. George Island. Chairman Massey answered yes. Commissioner Watson stated some of the benches were donated. He explained Mr. Blair suggested some of the other Commissioners may want some of the benches. Commissioner Sanders commented she has not been asked about this project but her understanding is the cost of the benches is \$500-\$800 which is high. Mr. Blair stated all of the benches have been

donated. Commissioner Sanders reported at the last TDC meeting some benches were priced for Carrabelle and they were \$800 a piece. She expressed concern that if only \$5,000 is allocated for benches then someone will be left out. Chairman Massey said there are other benches that are cheaper. Commissioner Watson reported the benches in the Plantation are heavy plastic and only cost \$250 a piece and suggested amending the motion to include bringing in additional proposals. Mr. Blair said there are cheaper benches but the concrete benches cost \$800. He stated a list can be presented and the Board can decide on what works for their areas. Commissioner Lockley stated these benches should be placed across the county and not just in the middle.

Commissioner Watson asked if the zika virus had any impact on tourism. Mr. Blair answered no because it was mostly down south. He reported they are also targeting audiences that are not generally affected such as senior populations. He said they are also increasing their marketing in Florida.

The meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Jay Abbott/George Pruitt — Firefighters Association — Discussion

Mr. George Pruitt, Franklin County United Firefighters Association, appeared before the Board. He presented a letter about the resignation of Mr. Jarod Wester, EMS Director. Mr. Pruitt said he has been an EMT with the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department for 20+ years and every couple of years they have to be recertified to renew their state license. He explained the recertification was done by Mr. Wester this year and it is one of the best recertifications he has ever had. Mr. Pruitt said this kind of resource is rare and now Mr. Wester has resigned. He stated rarely does the County get someone here like him. He explained the class was provided free of charge and saved the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department over \$800. Mr. Pruitt reported he wanted to attend this meeting and make their position known about Mr. Wester. He said the County needs to do something to retain people of this caliber that want to help improve the situation here. Chairman Massey stated Mr. Wester is not present but he talked with him about some of the things that happened. Mr. Pruitt explained they felt Mr. Wester was a good resource and the EMS Service is always there when they have a fire call or when they do a mutual aid call. Mr. Pruitt reported he found out about the resignation and briefly spoke to Mr. Wester. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Board has a copy of his resignation as she did not know anything about this until Thursday or Friday and did not receive anything. She reported Mr. Wester is above reproach and has brought the ambulance service up to par and beyond and the County needs people like him. She said in some areas they have older fire departments and there may be new regulations coming down. Commissioner Sanders stated she is concerned about Mr. Wester tendering his resignation. Mr. Pruitt said he will be 60 years old next year and is still the lead man on the entry team and this is a problem. He explained recruitment/retention is a problem when a person must do 260 hours to be able to volunteer. He stated they hate to see this resource go and he signed the letter and submitted it to the Board.

Mike Cooper — Weems — Report

Mr. Cooper said Mr. Wester has resigned and it is a great loss. He explained Mr. Wester brought a lot of certifications that the County has not had before. He stated Mr. Wester will stay on in a PRN capacity for training of the staff once or twice a year. He explained since Mr. Wester's resignation, he has spent time with him and staff and they have an interim plan to move forward that is budget neutral. He reported they will maintain the current level of service with 3 ambulances and a paramedic in the chase vehicle. Mr. Cooper stated they are sorry to see Mr. Wester go as he made a lot of improvements over the last 10 months.

Mr. Cooper said the revenue and collections are still strong. He explained if October continues at the current pace, they will have hit \$400,000 in their patient collections for 3 out of the last 4 months. He stated in the 18 months prior, there was only 1 month like that. He reported the collections portion of the computer system is working correctly at this point. Mr. Cooper stated the meaningful use money came in and they caught up on several other payments that they had fallen behind on the last several months. He said they have 23 days cash on hand and it may be more.

Mr. Cooper stated he is attending the second meeting of the month due to the meeting with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH). He explained last Friday TMH and Alliant did meet and he was present and the meeting was very positive. He reported Mr. Mark O'Bryant, TMH, indicated he hopes to be in this community in a more meaningful way. He said Alliant and TMH agreed conceptually to a model between them that would satisfy both parties. Mr. Cooper explained the process now is to get the conceptual model on paper and that will take several weeks. He reported once this is done then Mr. O'Bryant will be approaching the County about what he needs and what the County needs. He estimated this meeting could occur in mid December. Mr. Cooper asked for the Board's permission at this time to consult with Attorney Shuler on the county's response to legal issues. Chairman Massey reported he would like Attorney Shuler to review everything. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Attorney Shuler to work with Mr. Cooper, Alliant and TMH to review the contracts before they come to the County.** Mr. Cooper informed the Board Mr. O'Bryant made it clear at the meeting that this will be TMH's show and Alliant will work for them. He said TMH wants their input and needs the specialized help Alliant can provide. Mr. Cooper stated Alliant started in 1978 and has had 3 CEO's. He reported they have managed 32 hospitals but now have about 20-22. He said all but 2 of their hospitals are critical access facilities. He stated the company is owned by Blue & Co. and they are one of the top accounting firms in the county. Mr. Cooper reported one of the representatives from Blue & Co. was present at the meeting last Friday and over 70% of their business is health care. Mr. Cooper stated Alliant agreed to do the cost report this year at a substantial savings. He said he believes this combination will make a good partnership.

Mr. Cooper stated last week they had 7 members of Athena, their computer company, on site and many things were worked out. He said they prioritized high level items that need to be done and could not be done on site and a lot of problems were fixed last week. He reported they can provide financials and the system is fully functioning now.

Chairman Massey questioned if raises were given last year on September 1st and September

30th. Mr. Cooper answered there was only one set of raises and it was given on September 1st. He clarified that September 3rd was the first day of the payroll. Chairman Massey reported he received information that raises were given on September 1st and then another set was given on September 30th. Mr. Cooper said all the raises were given at the same time. Commissioner Sanders explained when the raises were discussed and Attorney Shuler asked what effective day they wanted to go back to and they said September 30th. She reported the Board was told the raises did not go into effect until October but they went into effect the first part of September. Chairman Massey said the EMS workers were cut back to \$9.79 and the new employees start at \$10.00 or \$10.50 an hour. He questioned why the new employees were not put at the start out pay. Mr. Cooper reported this action put the employees that had been there 3-4 years at less than the new employees because the raises were removed. Chairman Massey questioned when Mr. Cooper asked the Hospital Board for approval of the raises. Mr. Cooper stated he thinks the raises were approved at the August Board meeting but went into effect the next payroll. Mr. Moron reported when the Board did a records request for the salaries, the Board was provided a spreadsheet and the final column said salaries approved for October, 2015. He said it appears there were two different raises and some were in September and some in October. Commissioner Sanders asked why the spreadsheet was done this way and said this is why they went back to September 30th. Mr. Cooper explained the letter from Attorney Shuler included the date of 9/30/15. He said he knew the Board's intentions so he took back the raises from September 1st and he knew they meant all raises so all were taken. Mr. Moron stated the confusion is the date in the spreadsheet. Commissioner Watson said the discussion was about eliminating the high raises but the advice of counsel was the Board could not take that action and must take all the raises so that was why all the raises were taken. Commissioner Parrish reported he would like Mr. Cooper to go back and re-assess the raises and not to the point of the national survey but based on what the hospital can afford to pay. He stated these raises have been a big problem with the public as the Hospital keeps asking for money from the Healthcare Trust Fund. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct Mr. Cooper to re-assess the raises based on what the Hospital can afford. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish reported these big amounts got everyone upset and the Board was pushed into taking action. He stated they are trying to build a new facility and make some changes but they are not at that point yet. He explained as the revenues increase then they can look at other things. Commissioner Lockley said he does not like the way the raises were done and there should not be that much of a difference in the raises. He stated some people received \$25,000 and some received \$.14 and they do not need to be done like this. Commissioner Lockley said they were advised by the attorney to take all of the raises back to do it right. He stated they want them to have their money back but it needs to be done across the board for everyone just like they do it for the County. Mr. Cooper reported historically they have not gotten any raises so his intent was to straighten out the inequity. He reported the big raises were like the market suggested they should be. He stated they can change the model and give the same money but it will not fix the inequity. Commissioner Lockley said the timing was bad and there have been 5 or 6 CEO's and he has never seen this happen. Commissioner Parrish stated he understands but it is hard to rectify all this at one time. He explained they cannot overextend their revenues or it will put the whole organization in danger. He reported he supports the hospital and wants to see the employees get a raise. Commissioner Parrish said he has done some research on Alliant and they are operating all these hospitals and not going under. Mr. Cooper explained Alliant are cost report experts and have a whole department that work on cost reports. He reported they do 4 cost reports for every facility and they know how

to maximize the money. He said they have a group of vendors that cater to critical access hospitals. He discussed an outpatient geriatric site and Free 40B which is a pharmacy program. He said Alliant has vendors that will implement this program in the hospital because it is designed to maximize money that comes out of the cost report or additional lines of revenue. Mr. Cooper said the actual billing and collection will still be done the same way. He said the computer system is now collecting at a higher level than they have ever collected. Chairman Massey stated some employees are at a good level but they need to help the individuals at the lower level get up. Commissioner Watson pointed out this is the same issue that came up in the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Sanders said some of those raises were promotions. Chairman Massey reported some people are not making very much. Commissioner Sanders stated they need to be fair and equitable and need more consistency. Commissioner Sanders reported she was contacted by the family of the late Mr. Milton Houseman and they wanted to commend the hospital staff and nurses that took care of him and wanted to thank them publicly. Commissioner Lockley asked if they can put a time frame on this raises. Commissioner Parrish said they need to determine if they can sustain the raises. He stated this is what Mr. Cooper is paid to do. He said they may determine there is not money to spend as they can only do what they have the revenue to do and sustain. Chairman Massey asked Mr. Cooper to look at the raises and let the Board know what he decides. Attorney Shuler questioned which category of employees the Board wants Mr. Cooper to look at as there are direct hourly employees, salaried employees or all the employees. Commissioner Parrish asked how the Board can handle the groups differently. He said his motion was to have Mr. Cooper re-assess the raises. Commissioner Sanders agreed it was for everyone. Chairman Massey reported when Mr. Cooper is done then he can let Mr. Moron know and he will inform the Board. Commissioner Lockley asked what the difference was in the payroll system with the raises. Mr. Cooper answered the raises cost about \$200,000 per year. Commissioner Lockley asked how much the payroll is. Mr. Cooper stated about \$4 million per year. Chairman Massey instructed Mr. Cooper to try and help the ones who are not making much money. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Commissioner Lockley brought into discussion complaints they are receiving about the doctor. He questioned why they are turning patients away in Carrabelle. Mr. Cooper said this situation will be addressed by the time he is here next time. Chairman Massey talked about a person who came to his house crying about their situation. Mr. Cooper stated he will address this matter. Commissioner Lockley asked if they are set up to see everyone. Commissioner Sanders reported she has had contact from people who have been turned away and last week a couple on hospice was turned away. She stated they need to work on providers and asked what has been done. Mr. Cooper said they are talking with 3 people now. Commissioner Sanders asked how much meaningful use money was received. Mr. Cooper answered \$340,000. Commissioner Sanders asked if any vendors were paid. Mr. Cooper said some vendors were paid and \$360,000 was placed in the money market. Commissioner Sanders asked if a payment was made to the Healthcare Trust Fund capital outlay fund. Mr. Cooper answered no. Commissioner Sanders questioned if they have received the LIP funding yet. Mr. Cooper replied no. Commissioner Sanders asked how much will be received in LIP funding. Mr. Cooper estimated \$1.25 million for the fiscal year. Commissioner Sanders reported LIP funding has not been distributed in a while and inquired if Mr. Cooper was aware LIP funding may stop next year unless certain legislation gets passed. Mr. Cooper answered yes, and commented the state is now trying to get eligible counties to participate in the program instead of hospitals. He explained the biggest issue is between the Governor and the federal government.

Commissioner Sanders said she is concerned about the resignation of Mr. Wester. She asked Mr. Cooper if there is any way he can talk to Mr. Wester about possibly staying in his position. She asked Mr. Cooper to sit down with Mr. Wester and try to talk him out of leaving because he is a great asset to Franklin County. Mr. Cooper said he talked with him and will talk with him again. Mr. Cooper reported at this point the issues may be too great. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Cooper to send them an email letting them know what is going on.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Cooper to take care of the complaints about the doctor and come back with an answer. She inquired what kind of clinic Weems East is. Mr. Cooper answered a free standing provider. Commissioner Sanders asked if it is a primary care free standing provider. Mr. Cooper answered yes. Commissioner Sanders read from the Health Care Tax referendum and said there is no urgent care so they have broken the terms of the interlocal agreement with the City of Carrabelle. She asked Attorney Shuler to comment on this matter. Attorney Shuler said it sounds like it but he is not sure what a primary care free standing provider is. Commissioner Sanders stated a primary facility is not urgent care. She reported this agreement was signed in November 13, 2007 and she would like the terms of the agreement to be acknowledged. She explained there is no reason for the local people to be turned away from any facility and it was voted on in Carrabelle. Commissioner Sanders said it requires an urgent care facility that will have extended weekdays and weekends. She reported Dr. Charbonneau and Mrs. Dana Whaley ran the clinic that way. She said thereafter that portion will go for the rebuilding and renovation of Weems Memorial Hospital. She reported she is expecting something to get done between now and the next time Mr. Cooper appears before the Board. Mr. Cooper said this facility has never been an urgent care facility and has never been licensed as an urgent care facility. Commissioner Sanders questioned where the rural health clinic status is. Mr. Cooper answered it has moved back from CMS to the state. Mr. Cooper explained an urgent care facility is basically an emergency room (ER) with off hours. Commissioner Sanders stated the people in Carrabelle are going to the clinic and being turned away or they are giving them the number for the emergency room. She instructed Mr. Cooper to do whatever he needs to do as this needs to be an urgent care facility. She stated the County may be facing a lawsuit from the City of Carrabelle. Commissioner Sanders reported they need to go by the language the people voted on. Commissioner Parrish said there is a difference between primary care and an urgent care clinic. Mr. Cooper answered yes, and said the clinic is providing primary care. Commissioner Parrish stated they would then do away with primary care and go to urgent care. He said urgent care is like a free standing emergency room. Commissioner Parrish reported the Carrabelle Health Department closed and did not provide primary care so this facility started to address primary care. He questioned if the facility would then stop primary care and go back to urgent care. Mr. Cooper said it was never operated as an urgent care facility. Commissioner Sanders reported it was urgent care with primary care. Chairman Massey explained one side was urgent care and one side was primary care. She stated this is in the ballot language and it also references the agreement with the City of Apalachicola. Commissioner Sanders said they cannot move ahead on anything else until this is addressed. She stated they must look at this language voted on by the people and do what it says. Commissioner Watson said they should look at the history if the County never had a license to operate an urgent care facility. Commissioner Sanders reported they may not have had a license but it was done. Mr. Cooper explained it should be a walk in clinic but was never an urgent care facility. Mr. Moron said the problem seems to be the Stay Well insurance. He explained it will allow them to go to an urgent care facility but if there is not one then they must

go to their doctor of record or another urgent care facility. He said some of the residents have this insurance and it is only accepted at an urgent care facility. Mr. Cooper questioned if this is a Medicaid program and said all their facilities should be providers. He said it may be easier to get someone set up as a provider in the program than to change the license of the clinic. Chairman Massey asked if the facility is a walk in clinic. Mr. Cooper stated both facilities accept walk ins but there are some issues. Mr. Cooper reported he will look at the Stay Well program and if they have providers then it will not make a difference. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to move forward on the Hospital.** Commissioner Parrish expressed his opinion that they are not ready to move forward yet. Mr. Cooper said he has the guarantee maximum price (GMP) but it is on hold pending the TMH decision. He stated the only thing moving forward is the required variances which addresses the percentage of ground coverage. Mr. Cooper reported they shut design down but all they have to do is convert the plans to design ready and they are ready to go. He explained the contractor is ready to go and the project is in budget and scope. Commissioner Sanders said the sign on Weems Medical East says primary and urgent care. Mr. Cooper reported the license is what matters. **Motion failed for lack of a second.** Mr. John Graham, Weems Memorial Hospital, presented the September financials for the Board. He discussed the income statement and said there is a \$143,000 profit for the month of September. He reported this is the result of a \$94,000 Medicare payment and \$340,000 of meaningful use monies being received. He said the hospital has had two break even years. Mr. Graham stated year to date they are having to write off about 52% of the revenue due to contractual adjustments and uncollectible accounts. He said the operating expenses are listed and the first line item is payroll. Mr. Graham pointed out on the balance sheet they have 23 days cash on hand. He said there are some liabilities and also the Health Care Trust Fund. Mr. Graham reported there is \$513,000 cash in the operating account and they are anticipating LIP and DISH funds. Commissioner Watson left the meeting at this time. Mr. Graham said the LIP funding will go up \$600,000 this year. Mr. Cooper stated about 2 weeks ago he called the Florida Hospital Association requesting an update on the LIP funding and whether they should be making a contingency plan for the money not coming in or when it would come in. He reported no Hospital has received LIP or DISH funding since June. Mr. Cooper explained no one has received money for this fiscal year and for Weems Memorial Hospital it represents about \$120,000 a month. Mr. Cooper stated the Florida Hospital Association called the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and they do not expect any money in October but it may be received in December. Commissioner Watson returned to the meeting at this time. Commissioner Lockley asked if they have the money to pay. Mr. Cooper answered yes, because the money is matched by the federal government. He said the funds will be received this year. Mr. Graham stated \$360,000 was placed in the money market account which will cover 2 payrolls and 2 payments to the emergency room doctor. He reported they are meeting payroll now without going into the money and they have about \$60,000 left. Mr. Graham stated the Trust Fund is owed \$890,000 and accounts payable is trending downward. Mr. Graham explained they will have a better idea now where they are as the general ledger is working. He stated they learned yesterday how to generate a departmental income statement so he will send them an email about the ambulance service. Commissioner Sanders asked if the new ambulance will still arrive in November. Mr. Cooper said he talked with Mr. Wester after he gave his resignation and he does not have an arrival date for the ambulance but has been in contact with the company about adding the logos. Mr. Cooper did not have a date when the ambulance will arrive. Commissioner Lockley asked about the hospital vendors. Mr. Graham stated they

caught up some of the vendors and stay in contact with the vendors and try to give correct information.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Wendell Barfield, Jr. said he works at the Hospital but is here as a concerned citizen. He stated he set up the clinic in Apalachicola and worked extensively at the clinic in Carrabelle with Mrs. Dana Whaley and Dr. Charbonneau and it was an urgent care clinic. He described the services that were provided at the clinic. He explained if the injury was extensive then the person was sent to Weems Memorial Hospital. Mr. Barfield stated the current doctor has said horrible things about his cousin, Mrs. Whaley. He said the doctor has also refused patients. He reported he has worked at the clinic and the doctor said terrible things about people and she needs to go. Mr. Barfield said since Dr. Charbonneau left they had a doctor that was going to come that could not pass a drug test and did not show up to take one. He said in the interim they had agency doctors they were paying exorbitant amounts of money to on a daily basis before finally selecting Dr. Emma Stohl. Mr. Barfield stated citizens have approached him about how Dr. Stohl has treated them. He asked the Board to consider bringing Dr. Charbonneau back because he is a good asset for the community and he would like to come back.

Ms. Kristen Bell, RN at Weems Memorial Hospital, said the Hospital is not going to have any staff because they are leaving. She explained they do not get retirement or lunch breaks and she has emailed the management team about these issues. She explained they work 12 hour shifts without eating and this is when medication errors occur when nurses are tired and hungry. She reported the raises were taken back and she understands why. Ms. Bell stated there is no incentive to come here to work. She stated they cannot build a new facility because they cannot fix what is broken at the old hospital. Ms. Bell said she is worried about the residents because they cannot take care of them with a skeleton crew. She asked the Board to please reconsider and give the raises back. She stated they have lost the EMS Director, Dr. Charbonneau, a receptionist, 2 nurses and a housekeeper. She reported the health care system is failing and she asked the Board to help before the Hospital closes and they have no way to take care of the residents of the community.

Marcia Johnson — Clerk of Courts — Report

Clerk Johnson appeared before the Board and 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 \$9,000 received from Duke Energy for payment of

expenses relative to the Sea Oats Initiative Grant. The money was put in account 001.20.572.5203 – Sea Oat Project Operating Supplies. **The 2nd resolution** deals with \$50,000 received from the State of Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection for payment of expenses incurred for the FRDAP Vrooman Park Improvements. We put the money into account 001.20.572.6303, Infrastructure – Upgrades to Vrooman Park. **The 3rd resolution** deals with \$5,720 received from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the payment of expenses relative to the CERT Program. We put \$200 into account 001.45.525.5400, Books, Publications, Membership, and we put \$5,520 into account 001.45.525.5200 Operating Supplies. **The 4th resolution** deals with \$63,658 received from the Florida Dept. of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the Local Area Program Sidewalk Projects. We put \$1,795 into account 001.20.572.6311, Infrastructure – Bayshore Drive Sidewalk and \$61,863 into account 001.20.572.6312, Infrastructure – Tallahassee Street Sidewalk. **The 5th resolution** deals with \$25,000 received from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses incurred in the GIS Mapping Project. We put the money into account 001.20.511.3403 Other Contract Services – GIS Mapping. **The 6th resolution** deals with \$238,601 received from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the payment of expenses relative to the Residential Construction Mitigation Program. We put the money into the following accounts: \$1,200 to 001.45.525.3100– Professional Services; \$49 to 001.45.525.4200 – Postage & Delivery; \$859 to 001.45.525.4900 – Other Current Charges; \$660 to 001.45.525.5100-Office Supplies; \$763 to 001.45.525.5200-Operating Supplies; and \$235,070 to 001.45.525.8200- Aid to Citizens.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, 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 grant revenues in the amount of \$9,000.00 from Duke Energy for the payment of expenses relative to the Sea Oats Initiative Grant, 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:

001.20.572.5203 Sea Oat Project Operating Supplies \$ 9,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$9,000.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State grant revenues in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the payment of expenses relative to the FRDAP Vrooman Park Improvements, 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:

001.20.572.6303 Infrastructure Upgrades to Vrooman Park \$50,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$50,000.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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

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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:

001.45.525.5400	Books, Publications, Memberships	\$ 200.00
001.45.525.5200	Operating Supplies	\$ 5,520.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$5,720.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey

WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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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 \$63,658.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the Local Area Program Sidewalk Projects, 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:

001.20.572.6311	Infrastructure – Bayshore Drive Sidewalk	\$ 1,795.00
001.20.572.6312	Infrastructure – Tallahassee Street Sidewalk	\$ 61,863.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$63,658.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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

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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 State grant revenues in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses relative to the GIS Mapping 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:

001.20.511.3403	Other Contract Services – GIS Mapping	\$ 25,000.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$25,000.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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

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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 grant revenues in the amount of \$238,601.00 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the payment of expenses relative to the Residential Construction Mitigation Programs, 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:

001.45.525.3100	Professional Services	\$	1,200.00
001.45.525.4200	Postage & Delivery	\$	49.00
001.45.525.4900	Other Current Charges	\$	859.00
001.45.525.5100	Office Supplies	\$	660.00
001.45.525.5200	Operating Supplies	\$	763.00
001.45.525.8200	Aid to Citizens	\$	235,070.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$238,601.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18th day of OCTOBER 2016.

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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

Clerk Johnson said she may present more Resolutions at upcoming meetings as Finance is trying to close out the year.

Michael Morón — Planning & Zoning — Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

- 1- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving the Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock at 4042 St. Teresa Avenue, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Has applied for State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. The dock walkway will be 423' x 4' with a 20' x 8' terminal platform and (2) boatlifts. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Services, Inc., agent for Russell and Susan Turner, applicants. (Has House)

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

- 2- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving the Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock on Lot 11, Block 57, Unit 5, 315 Bruce Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Has applied for State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. There will be a 6' x 4' boardwalk over wetlands, 14' x 4' access walkway and 10' x 20' terminal platform with a step down to a 12' x 20' un-covered boatlift. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Teresa Chason & Diane Young, applicants. (Proposed House)

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

- 3- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving the DEP & Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock on Lot 18, Block 71, Unit 5, 315 West 8th Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Has applied for State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. There will be a 49' x 12' Deck with attached 10' x 8' finger pier between the (2) Covered Boatlifts. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for CU@The Canal, Joel Ulrich, applicants. (Has House)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Commissioner Sanders asked what the County's position is on covered boat lifts and docks. She pointed out they do not have covered docks at Alligator Point. Attorney Shuler said the Board passed an Ordinance about 3 years ago specifically for the Alligator Point area. Mr. Garlick stated some are limited by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Alligator Point is a unique situation. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

- 4- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving the DEP & Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock on Lot 1, Block 57, Unit 5, 355 Bruce Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Has applied for State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. There will be a 145' x 4' walkway with a 26' x 6' terminal platform with (2) 17' x 20' boatlifts. Request submitted by Garlick

Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Billy and Judy Blackburn, applicants. (House is 260 feet from home across the street along with future proposed house)

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

- 5- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving the DEP & Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Pier at 109 South Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County Florida. Has applied for State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. There will be a 200' x 4' walkway with a 16' x 10' terminal platform. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Jessica Lewis Garcia, applicant. (Proposed House)

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

Michael Morón — Board of Adjustment — Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report:

1. **Recommended Approval (Unanimous):** Consideration of a variance request to construct a seawall within the 50 ft. Critical Habitat Zone, as well as, placing 5,497 sq. feet / .013 AC/ 102 C.Y. (based on average of 6" of fill) of clean sand within the CHZ setback. The sand will fill in areas impacted by Hurricane Hermine. The property is located at 315 & 319 Bruce St., also known as Lots 10 & 11, Block 57, Unit 5, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The property is owned by Benjamin & Teresa Chason. The request is submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc, agent for the home owners.

Attorney Shuler pointed out one of the conditions of the Board of Adjustment was that the sand was clean, consistent in size, material and color. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

2. **County Attorney Michael Shuler and County Planner Mark Curenton recommended denial. Board of Adjustment Members Recommended Approval (2-1 Vote):** Consideration of a request to appeal an administrative decision regarding a Non-Conforming Use in a C-4 Zoning District to allow for 2 Residential Rentals Units and to allow two separate electrical meters and two separate water and sewer meters. The property is located at 4-3rd Street, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The request for appeal is presented by the property owner Margarita De Arellano.

Mrs. Kristy Branch Banks, attorney for the property owner, appeared before the Board. She presented copies of items to the Board and described the location of the property. Attorney Shuler said typically the job of the Board of Adjustment (BOA) is to grant variances from the building code. He explained in this case the BOA is not sitting in that capacity but is providing

an appellate function for decisions made by the planning staff. He explained Mr. Curenton recommended denial of the application and an appeal was filed of the administration decision to the BOA. He reported this Board has to determine whether to approve the overturning of Mr. Curenton's decision or affirm the decision of the BOA. Mr. Curenton explained he recommended not issuing the permit because this is a duplex in a C-4 area which allows single family houses but it does not allow multi-family residences. He said there is an existing duplex but it is on one meter and adding a second meter will make it even more non-conforming so this is why he recommended denying the application to add another meter. He stated at this time the property is operating under one meter. Commissioner Parrish asked if this is the same reason Attorney Shuler recommended denial. Attorney Shuler stated yes for this reason and also he feels like this action will set a precedent for other C-4 areas in the county. He said there are two residential uses on this current non-conforming use and C-4 does not allow for two residential uses. He went on to say it can be a mix of residential and commercial, pure commercial or one single family residence but it cannot be two. He explained right now it is two and that is why it is a non-conforming use that pre-dates the current code. Attorney Shuler said the reason for the denial is two residential uses are not allowed. Commissioner Parrish asked if the property is grandfathered in as is. Attorney Shuler stated under the zoning code owners are allowed on non-conforming uses to complete reasonable repairs and maintenance but not improvements. He said in Mr. Curenton's view, which he supports, adding another meter, water line or sewer line is an improvement. He stated the BOA may have been a little confused in their role in this matter. He said if Mr. Curenton has made the correct interpretation of the code and if there is not a basis to overturn it, then the Board will uphold his decision or if there is a basis for him to have made a mistake then they would overturn his decision. Attorney Shuler reported he joins Mr. Curenton in his recommendation as he correctly applied the code. Commissioner Lockley asked if they added a meter base. Attorney Shuler stated there is a second meter base but there is no evidence there was ever a permit for it. He reported at the time the property was purchased it had one meter base. Mrs. Banks said the property was subject to a foreclosure action and had subsequent owners but her client purchased it last month. She said the property is in a C-4 mixed use/residential area and referenced the section for non-conforming uses. She discussed the section that gives the Board the discretion to make the decision her client is requesting. She said the mixed use will allow two commercial uses or one commercial/residential use and in this case it is grandfathered in because the County views the uses as residential. Mrs. Banks asked the Board to consider the 2 tenants who have expressed an interest in utilizing the two separate boxes. She said the Edwards family that resides downstairs operates J & W Edwards Construction, LLC out of his home so there is some commercial use which the zoning allows. Mrs. Banks stated the second tenant upstairs is much more a hospitality type accommodation and she referenced a page from the lease agreement. She informed the Board her client cannot have keys or access to the property as 3 Fish & Wildlife Officers use these premises when they work in the area. She compared this situation to the Sellers Title building where EMS rents space and people reside there when they are on duty. She reported the Board has the authority to grant this request. Mrs. Banks said the landlord is not allowed to access the premises as law enforcement officers are present. She reported in talking with someone in personnel at FWC this will be a long term

situation. She stated at some point there were two meters on this property. Mrs. Banks explained her client hired an electrician and both meters are functional but for some reason at some point everything was put in one meter. She reported they just need permission so the meters can be separated. Mrs. Banks explained not allowing them to separate the meters is denying them what the Board intended in the Ordinance and she read this section. She stated her client wants to be fair and equitable to the tenants and is asking for permission to separate the utilities. Commissioner Watson asked how they are separating the bill now. Mrs. Banks was not sure. She stated her client is not sure how to fairly allocate the bill. She pointed out that the BOA asked some questions about the density. Mrs. Banks reported there are no septic tanks and no issues about density. Mrs. Banks pointed out that BOA recommended approval. Commissioner Sanders asked if this property is grandfathered in as a duplex. Mr. Curenton replied the records do not show when this became a duplex so he presumes it was grandfathered in. Commissioner Sanders asked if the property was purchased as C-4 and grandfathered as a duplex. Mrs. Banks explained when her client closed on this property; it was her understanding that there were two boxes in use on the property and it was grandfathered in. She reported her client is assisting the tenants at her own expense. Commissioner Watson asked about the precedent they would be setting. Attorney Shuler commented C-4 allows 1 residential, 1 commercial or mixed use with 1 commercial use and 1 residential and this property now has 2 residential uses. Attorney Shuler explained planning decisions are not made on the current occupant of the land. He said the land use decisions are based on the zoning is and what the code provides. He expressed concern that the C-4 properties on St. George Island that might like to be treated the same way. He stated the Board can avoid this problem by applying the language of the zoning code because they are not sitting in the capacity of making a decision on a variance based on hardship. Attorney Shuler reported they are here in an appellate capacity to determine if Mr. Curenton correctly interpreted and applied the code. He said his recommendation is Mr. Curenton has correctly applied the code. He explained if the Board feels like Mr. Curenton is incorrect and his recommendation is incorrect then they have the authority to move forward and grant the request. Commissioner Lockley asked if there are two water meters. Attorney Shuler said the request was for two electric and two water and sewer meters. Mr. Curenton said his understanding is there is only one water meter. Mrs. Banks reported they have withdrawn the request for the water and sewer meters as it has been resolved. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to deny the application and recommendation from the Board of Adjustment.**

3. **Recommended Approval (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a rip rap revetment landward of the mean high water on property described as 310 Seafoam Circle, also known as Lot 70, Summer Camp West, Franklin County, Florida. The property owner is 310 Seafoam, LLC, c/o Matthew Gleason. The request is submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for the owners.

Commissioner Sanders said she does not like this. Mr. Garlick stated they have a hardship as they have a house out in the water that the County permitted. Mr. Garlick said he looked at

Alligator Point and the smaller rocks are gone but the big rocks remain. He reported it will cost more but she is willing to put all big rocks. He said about 3 years ago the Board approved about 900 feet of rock and it is holding. He stated they will come up with a master plan.

Commissioner Sanders reported they need to check the lot lines and have Planning & Zoning physically look at the area because this area is eroding pretty fast. Mr. Garlick said since 2005 the property has lost 80 feet. Mr. Garlick reported they are looking at breakwaters and for the properties that do not have homes they are looking at moving back. Commissioner Sanders said her concern is the impact to the sea grass beds. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

Michael Morón — County Coordinator — Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report:

1. Inform the Board that Commissioners Parrish and Watson and I attend the meet and greet luncheon on Friday, sponsored by the County and the City of Apalachicola. This event was organized to meet the new US Army Corps of Engineers Commander and District Engineer Colonel James A. Delapp. Commissioner Parrish gave a very heartfelt and compassionate speech on the importance of the Apalachicola Bay to Franklin County. There were additional speakers that supported and expanded on Commissioner Parrish's speech. I included a couple pictures from the event in your packet.
2. I regret to inform the Board of the passing of long-time Washington County Commissioner Charles Brock. Commissioner Brock served as a commissioner from November 1992 until November 2004. And again from November 2008 until he passed on October 7, 2016. Commissioner Sanders attend the services that were held on Thursday October 13 at 10 a.m. in Vernon at the Vernon Community Center.
3. Inform the Board that the Armory kitchen equipment has been installed. The equipment includes an icemaker, convection oven, warming cabinet, insulated storage cabinets, a warming serving table, and storage racks. We are still waiting for some work (prep) tables to be delivered.
4. Inform the Board that staff has advertised the Invitation to Bid for Phase II of the Armory Renovation project. This phase of the project will address foundation and floor structural remediation, window renovations, ADA improvements, front door renovations, and interior renovation/restoration to allow for ADA improvements. The deadline to receive bids will be on Monday November 14th at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened at your November 15th regular meeting.

5. Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on a grant application for derelict vessel removal funds to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Franklin County's proposal is to remove fifteen vessels for a total cost of \$287,410. The County is required to put up a 25% match, so the actual grant application is for \$215,557. The County's match will come from its Boating Improvement Funds. The application period closes on October 27th. The County needs to pass a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the grant application.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Chairman's signature on the grant application.

6. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on an amendment to the Camp Gordon Johnston contract. This amendment increases the amount of funding from the Camp Gordon Johnston Association by \$12,428.00 making their total contribution to \$133,728.00. The County's contribution will remain at \$250,000. The total construction cost will now be \$383,728.00. Attorney Shuler has reviewed the amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the amendment to the Camp Gordon Johnson contract and authorize the Chairman's signature on the amendment.

7. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
8. Inform the Board that Mrs. Eugenia Butler gave notice of her intent to retire from her position as Library Assistant on October 28, 2016. Mrs. Butler has served the County's Library system since January 29, 2010. The retirement of Mrs. Birchwell, who started in October 9, 2007, and Mrs. Butler creates a staffing shortage. With that in mind, I posted a notice of vacant position that allows qualified county employees to apply for this vacant position. If no County employees are interested by the posted closing date of October 24th, I will advertise for a full-time library assistant position in the local newspaper.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for a full-time library assistant. Mr. Moron said Ms. Kate Aquiar, Library Advisory Board, is present and they have some justified issues as Ms. Eugenia Butler has learned a lot and is also considered a technical support person. He explained she was hired as a library assistant and that is what they have to advertise for. Mr. Moron said they hope to have a Library Director in place to interview the applicants for the library assistant position. He reported as of the 28th Ms. Wren Rickerson will be the only staff in place at the Eastpoint Library so if she is not at work, the library will be

closed. Mr. Moron stated volunteers cannot man the library. Commissioner Sanders questioned if they have closed in the past when they needed to. Ms. Aquiar answered yes. Chairman Massey reported the Carrabelle Library had 20,000 visitors in the past year and Eastpoint Library had 15,000 visitors and Carrabelle has been short of staff. Mr. Moron stated these are the figures provided by Wilderness Coast Library. Mr. Moron said so far they have 2 applications for the library director position and the ad closes on the 21st so he will submit the applications to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to give Resolutions for Ms. Anne Birchwell and Mrs. Eugenia Butler thanking them for their service.**

9. Board action to close Highway 98 on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for the Eastpoint Christmas Parade. The route is the same as previous years, with the parade beginning at CA Gillespie Street and turning east onto Highway 98. The parade will then turn onto Bay Street then turn left onto Patton Drive, ending at the Eastpoint Pavilion. The traffic will detour from Highway 98 onto North Bayshore Drive, then turn east onto Old Ferry Dock Road up to Highway 98 and then turn east onto Highway 98.

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to close Highway 98 on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for the Eastpoint Christmas Parade.

10. Board action to authorize the "Running for the Bay" marathon event on Sunday October 23rd. This is the 6th year of the event. Mr. Curt Blair, TDC Administrator, informed me that the only other event that weekend is the Carrabelle Lighthouse Lantern Festival on Saturday October 22nd. A copy of the Certificate of Liability Insurance is attached.

Commissioner Sanders reported one time they marked numbers on the bridge and they cannot do that. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Running for the Bay marathon event on Sunday, October 23rd.**

11. Inform the Board that I submitted a grant to FWC for BearWise funding. With this grant FWC will provide retrofit kits for residents trash containers. These kits will not add any cost to the resident's trash pickup monthly bill. The kits are easy to install and do not pose a problem for the resident or Waste Pro's use of the container. Most of these retrofit kits will be used in Eastpoint. There is separate grant funding that will provide retrofit kits for the residents of Lanark Village.

Mr. Moron said they should have them installed the last weekend of October or the first weekend in November.

12. Board action to approve travel and expenses for Commissioners and staff to attend the FAC Legislative Conference. This Conference is schedule from November 30th to December 2nd. There is no need to register any of you for the ethics classes since each of you have fulfilled the necessary requirements.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve travel and expenses for Commissioners and staff to attend the FAC Legislative Conference.

13. Inform the Board and public that Forbes Street, next to the Courthouse, will be closed later this week. A crane will be on that street to remove the old HVAC unit and frame from the roof of the Courthouse. There will be traffic cones placed on both ends of the street.

Mr. Norman Freeman, a property owner at 888 C.C. Land Road, said they have had continuous power to this property since 1972. He explained they have used the property as rental property in the past and there have been trailers present. He said they need to have Duke Energy put a meter in for service. Mr. Moron stated Duke Energy wants the County to put a sticker on the site before they will provide the power. Mr. Moron explained they have a travel trailer and the County Ordinance restricts power to a travel trailer. He went on to say there must be a standard trailer or a house on this site. Mr. Moron stated they use a generator for their travel trailer but Coastline RV Park is complaining about the noise. Commissioner Parrish reported the County has been dealing with this same issue in other areas of the county and they cannot help with this situation. Mr. Moron said the Board has made the other individuals move. Commissioner Parrish stated the Board would have to change their ordinance. Mr. Freeman said they have no intention of living here but are currently in town to help his sister who is ill. He stated they occasionally visit and use their land. He said there has been power on this site for 40 years. He stated if the Ordinance was adopted in 1985 then they should be grandfathered in. Mr. Moron agreed to get more information about this property. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ask Attorney Shuler and Mr. Moron to get together and see if they can help these people and report back at the next Board meeting.**

Commissioner Parrish said he met with FWC last Friday on the check stations and they want to implement them from December 1st-March 1st. He stated at this time the County has no way to fund these check stations so FWC will fund the check stations. He reported they would like the County to help build floating barges like the ones used in 1985. Commissioner Parrish stated they need one barge constructed to use when they

implement the check stations. He reported they were in the boat ramp areas but need to get them out of those areas so people can still use the boat ramps. He said they need to find someone who can build these platforms and he questioned if the Board wants to move forward with this. Chairman Massey asked how large the platforms will be. Commissioner Parrish estimated 16' or 18' x 12' on styrofoam. Chairman Massey stated the prison may be able to build the platforms. Commissioner Parrish said then the county will only have to pay for the materials. He suggested the Board let Chairman Massey and Mr. Moron work together and coordinate this project. Commissioner Parrish reported they need one platform to start with on December 1st. He stated there will be one in Eastpoint and one at Lombardi's in Apalachicola. He stated they have hired 6 local men to bring the oysters from the boats to the officers so each officer will have 2 men to help. Commissioner Parrish reported the County's contribution will be to get the barge built. He said they need to move forward as it will take 30 days if they have to bid. Chairman Massey said they know how to build the platforms and will just need to pay for the materials. Commissioner Parrish estimated the cost of the materials to be \$5,000. Commissioner Sanders stated this amount is under the bid policy. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Mr. Michael Moron and Chairman Massey to get the materials and try to get the prison to build the barge and authorize an expenditure of up to \$5,000 for materials.** Commissioner Parrish said they will need to find the funds to pay for the materials.

Commissioner Sanders said at the last meeting they were informed the Forestry Department was going to do some aerial spraying and she wanted to know if Mr. Moron has heard anything more from them. Mr. Moron reported he has not heard any additional information. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron to find out as they do not need to do aerial spraying in Tates Hell Forest. She expressed her concern about the garlon contaminating the water. Commissioner Sanders stated her understanding is forestry is trying to eradicate tyty but she disagrees because this helps the bees with honey. She asked Mr. Moron to contact forestry about this issue. She reported they may have to come back and make a motion opposing the aerial spraying.

Commissioner Sanders inquired when the Bungalows by the Bay is scheduled for a public hearing. Attorney Shuler said it is not scheduled yet but he talked with Attorney Jeremy Anderson about a week ago. He explained they are trying to get an answer from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) on the occupation and licensing issues. He explained they are trying to get an answer on how long they have to rent the units each year and there is a question about whether they have to rent or simply advertise to rent but they do not have an answer yet. Attorney Shuler reported he has talked with Mr. David Theriaque about this issue. He stated he drafted another alternate proposal into the Ordinance that includes reporting requirements but he has not provided this information to Attorney Anderson yet. Commissioner Sanders asked if he is ready to go when he

hears from DBPR. Attorney Shuler answered yes. Commissioner Parrish stated there are for sale signs up on the property and he is concerned because what was presented to them was different. He explained they came and asked for the ability to stay in their units but the signs are not on the units for rent but for sale. He reported his concern is they are trying to sell the units and are having problems because there is no residential use which is different than what was presented to the Board. Attorney Shuler agreed the Board's prospective action in amending the zoning code will substantially up the value of their property but the Board's instruction was to find a way for the owners to occupy the units. He said right now it is a non-conforming use and does act as a restriction on use, occupation and trying to re-sell and obtain financing.

T. Michael Shuler — County Attorney — Report

Attorney Shuler did not have a report at this time.

Commissioners & Public Comments

Commissioner Watson asked if Attorney Shuler is checking with the labor attorneys for job descriptions for the library. Attorney Shuler said the draft of the policies and procedures should be ready this week and it will be ready for Board action the first meeting in November. He stated they can submit a draft to the Board but he thinks it will be better to let the attorneys work the document into final form and send it to the Board next week. Mr. Moron said he did not submit any changes to job descriptions. Attorney Shuler reported there are policies and procedures and a chain of command.

Commissioner Lockley said the County is going to receive the BP money and may need to start looking for an economic development person. Commissioner Sanders said she made a motion several years ago for this same thing but there was no second. Commissioner Lockley stated they probably would have had more jobs and the rest of the counties have these people. He explained the bay is sick and they need to provide jobs. He stated this may help bring businesses in. Commissioner Lockley reported he will bring this up again later. Mr. Alan Feifer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, stated he would like to echo the need for an economic development person that is dedicated only to Franklin County. He said a conflict of interest problem has hurt the county in the past and projects go elsewhere.

Mr. Feifer asked if these bear retrofits are for trash cans to keep bears out. Chairman Massey stated some were delivered to the City of Carrabelle last week. Mr. Feifer asked if these kits are available for sale to the public. Mr. Moron reported the kits are free. Mr. Feifer said there are many people in the County who are paying \$5.00 a month for a bear proof container and would love to have one of these kits. Mr. Moron commented that FWC will provide the containers. Mr. Moron stated if the County volunteers help install the kits in certain neighborhoods then they receive a match credit.

Mr. Feifer reported the end of 2014 the Hospital was \$786,000 in debt; at the end of 2015 it increased to \$993,000. He explained on the financial balance sheet that was just presented today, the amount was \$2,397,000. He reported they have lost \$1.4 million in cash over the last fiscal year. He explained he pulled the payroll records for 3 years and completed an

analysis and was shocked to see raises from \$.25 an hour to \$25,000 a year. He reported the top 1/3 of employees got 75% of the raises. He suggested a minimum wage at the hospital to keep individuals from being below the poverty line when they work a full time job. He asked the Board to consider instructing Mr. Cooper and the Board to institute a minimum \$11.00 an hour wage. Commissioner Sanders stated she does not have a problem with this. Commissioner Lockley said it makes sense to him. Commissioner Watson stated they should wait and see what the recommendation is. Mr. Moron agreed they should see what they can afford first. Mr. Feifer reported they should not give any raises until other people are brought up. Commissioner Parrish agreed they should wait and see what Mr. Cooper comes up with.

Ms. Aguiar said there has been some discussion about job descriptions but when Mrs. Butler leaves there will be a huge gap in skill set and knowledge. She explained if they only advertise for a library assistant then they will be left with a large gap in the library system. She said the position is already posted to County employees but she asked that they do not post the ad in the local paper until the new director is in place. She explained the new director can be tasked with where the resources are best used and what staff is needed. Ms. Aguiar asked if the ad can be held until the library director applications are reviewed to see if they will be able to hire someone this time around. Commissioner Parrish said he understands Mr. Moron's actions as they have lost the director, Mrs. Butler is leaving and now there will only be one person to take care of everything until more help is hired. He reported they are asking not to advertise but this one person will be handling everything at the Eastpoint Library and if she gets sick then the Library will be closed. Ms. Aguiar said the earliest this could be advertised is the day before Mrs. Butler leaves so this situation will only be for a minimum of time and this will be after the applications for the director position have been received. Ms. Aguiar reported the Library Advisory Board would like time to review the applications for the Library Director to see if there will be a qualified candidate in this group and hopefully they will have someone in place within 2-3 weeks. She explained the staff shortage would only be for an additional 2 weeks. She explained this will give the new person a chance to see where the staff needs to be allocated. Ms. Aguiar said there is some discussion of whether Carrabelle or Eastpoint has the greater need and what the positions are. She pointed out Eastpoint Library completes a lot of the administrative duties for the Carrabelle Branch and it is unfair to rush and fill the position and have the director come in later and try to make sense of what has happened. Mr. Moron stated he understands and at this time there are only 2 applicants for the Library Director position. He discussed the time involved with placing the ad. Mrs. Aguiar asked them to hold off placing the ad in the local paper until after the first meeting in November. She said she will come back to the meeting as they will have had time to review the applications and see if they will have someone in place in a reasonable amount of time. Ms. Aguiar commented they may have even had time to conduct interviews so by November 1st there will be a clearer path. Commissioner Sanders reported under the time restraints they have already made a motion and voted on it so they will not do anything else. Commissioner Parrish reported the County is under financial restraints with the director position. He said Ms. Butler also had skills and they may not get another person with this skill set. Mr. Moron reported he is trying to do his best to keep the two libraries open but he does understand what Ms. Aguiar is suggesting. Commissioner Sanders questioned if Mr. Moron presented the Board with the direction he felt like they should go in. Mr. Moron answered yes, so they would have additional staff to keep the libraries open. Commissioner Sanders said this is why she made the motion. Mr. Moron reported he will work with Ms. Aguiar. Ms. Aguiar

said there is no way they can move forward in the time line without a week or two when the Eastpoint Library will be severely understaffed and they have had this concern in Carrabelle as well. Chairman Massey reported there will also be another person leaving in Carrabelle soon.

Ms. Dottie Thornburg, Eastpoint Christmas Parade Event Coordinator, thanked the Board and Mr. Moron for getting them on the agenda.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts