

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AUGUST 1, 2017
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Noah Lockley-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

Payment of County Bills

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

Richard Watson – Tax Collector – Resolution

Mr. Richard Watson, Tax Collector, appeared before the Board. He explained the Department of Revenue (DOR) requested the Board adopt a Resolution confirming the Tax Collector's Office is a budget entity under the Franklin County Commission. He reported his predecessor had a Resolution and he thought that was adequate but DOR requested an additional one and it has been included in the Board packet. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution.**

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors reported everything is good and he does not have anything for the Board.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis said everything is going good. Chairman Parrish brought into discussion the job advertisement he discussed with Mr. Davis yesterday. Mr. Davis reported they offered the position in house for a knuckle boom operator but no one wanted to transfer into this position. He explained he would like to advertise in the newspaper for a scale house operator. He went on to say he would like to move Mrs. Link Carroll, Solid Waste Department, into the office to do more administrative work and this would allow him to be on the road more to see what is going on throughout the County. He said they would then put someone else with secretarial skills in the scale house. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is money in the budget for this position. Mr. Davis said they would use the position that was for the knuckle boom operator. Commissioner Sanders asked what Mrs. Carroll is doing. Mr. Davis answered right now she is doing some administrative work and the scales but she would be full time administrative. Commissioner Sanders asked what Mr. Davis is doing. Mr. Davis reported right now he is doing administrative work and is on the road and this will allow him to be out on the road more. Commissioner Sanders stated she would like more time to think about this as this is the first time she has heard about it. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to table this item until the next Board meeting.**

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Davis to start utilizing the parks more. She explained in 2012-2013 they were doing a lot of state and regional tournaments and she would like Mr. Davis and staff to promote the fields and parks because they have invested a lot of money in them. She reported they need to bring the revenue into the county and make sure the youth are having projects and playing. She directed him to look into tournaments they may consider in the future and provide a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Moron read the following item:

9. Inform the Board that FWC notified staff that the retrofit kits to convert trash containers to bear proof trash containers are in. Mr. Fonda Davis met with Mrs. Kaitlin Goode of FWC to discuss installing the kits. A copy of the press release is included in your packet.
Staff was also notified that there is additional funding (\$515,000) to purchase more bear-resistant equipment for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. "Applications will be ranked and priority will be given to communities who have passed ordinances requiring residents and businesses in all or parts of their jurisdiction to keep secure from bears." Currently Franklin County doesn't have this type of ordinance in place.

Mr. Moron stated people complained the County should receive more money but the County would need to have this type of ordinance. He reported they will also give priority to counties that have mandatory garbage collection. He said the County can try to apply for more money but he is not sure how much they will get. Commissioner Sanders asked if they would just have to retrofit the containers used by businesses. Mr. Moron answered yes. He said the press release provides the dates they can come to have their garbage cans retrofitted.

Mr. Moron provided the following item from his report:

15. Ms. Caitlin Smith contacted Commissioner Jones about a planned beach clean-up on St. George Island on Saturday August 5th from 8am – 9am. Ms. Smith, who is the granddaughter of Mrs. Charlotte Bacher, stated that this is the 5th beach cleanup she has organized. Ms. Smith would like board support by authorizing the Solid Waste department to place a small dumpster in front of her grandmother's store, Sometimes It's Hotter, so that all the trash from the cleanup could be dumped there. One concern I have is because Solid Waste is closed on Saturday and Sunday, the dumpster could be dropped off on Friday but will not be picked up until Monday morning sometime. Board discussion.

Mr. Moron said this may be a problem because people will see an open dumpster and other items will be placed in the dumpster. He explained the dumpster will be left from Friday until Monday and could affect the business. Commissioner Sanders asked how the County takes care of the beach cleanup they have every September. Mr. Davis stated last year they set up a dumpster and called someone in on Saturday to get it. He reported they could have someone come in before 9:00 a.m. to pick up the dumpster but he does not want to tie up someone's weekend for longer than that. Commissioner Sanders said it should be okay as long as they are aware of the length of time the dumpster will be there. Commissioner Jones stated when the Forgotten Coast Parrothead Club picks up trash on Island Drive, it is common for them to pick up trash on Saturday and leave it for pickup on Monday. He did not think this would create a problem. Chairman Parrish suggested Mr. Davis work with this group and let them know how long the dumpster will be there. He stated the County does not have a problem with assisting them for a beach cleanup. Commissioner Massey reported they set up in Carrabelle and have not had any problems. Chairman Parrish said Mr. Davis should set this dumpster.

Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

1. State Representative Emily Slosberg from the 91st District contacted Commissioner Jones and asked that the Board consider passing a Resolution supporting legislation that would make texting while driving a primary offense. Representative Slosberg is here this morning to discuss the Resolution with the Board. A draft copy of the Resolution is included in your agenda packet.

Representative Slosberg stated in 1996 she lost her twin sister in a car crash and she was almost killed. She reported 4 of her friends were also killed in that crash. She commented she is traveling county by county and to cities to get public input because she does not want any other families to go through this. She said they want the County to pass a Resolution that would urge the Legislature to make primary enforcement of the texting while driving law. She stated the number one cause of death for teen drivers is traffic crashes. She explained the current law is set up so officers can watch someone texting and driving but the officer cannot pull the person over unless they commit some other offense. She stated it is a secondary offense at this time and the ban on texting and driving is unenforceable. She stated Florida is only one in four states that enforce texting and driving as a secondary offense. Representative Slosberg read the statistics for texting and driving accidents. She explained last session the bill

passed two committees in the Senate but the House did not give the bill one hearing. She said they filed it for drivers under 18 years of age, for everyone, and in school zones and none of it got a hearing. She reported they got a hearing in the Governmental Accountability Committee and everyone agreed the only way to prevent the injuries and fatalities is to make texting and driving a primary offense. She stated that was the end and there were no more hearings. Representative Slosberg explained this session she is hoping to have better luck but she is not going to take any chances so she is going to every county and city in the state to make sure this issue gets an opportunity for public input because the deaths are preventable with proper legislation. Representative Slosberg asked the Board to pass this Resolution urging the Legislature to adopt primary enforcement of the texting while driving ban. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She said there has been an outpouring of comments from residents wanting to know why this has not been done. Representative Slosberg said this is common sense legislation as it saves lives and is a matter of public safety. Commissioner Sanders stated Representative Slosberg's father served with her brother in the House of Representatives and she knows her father tried to get this done. She said this is a problem and if one person gets killed then that is too many. She stated something needs to be done. Commissioner Sanders reported she is concerned because there are so many young drivers. She wished Representative Slosberg luck with trying to get this legislation passed and offered to do anything she could to help. Commissioner Jones thanked her for coming today and said he understands about tragedy in families. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to pass the Resolution. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey thanked her for attending the meeting. Mr. Moron stated he sent this Resolution to Sheriff A.J. Smith and he fully supports the Resolution. He suggested this action be contingent upon Attorney Shuler reviewing the final form of the Resolution. **Commissioner Jones amended his motion to make this action contingent upon Attorney Shuler reviewing the final form of the Resolution.** Commissioner Sanders suggested the Sheriff also offer a letter of support and Representative Slosberg can take it to the other Sheriff departments. She stated they need as many numbers as possible. Mr. Moron agreed to send the final Resolution and a copy of the letter from the Sheriff to Representative Slosberg. **Commissioner Jones amended his motion to ask Sheriff Smith for a letter of support. Commissioner Lockley amended his second.** Commissioner Lockley wished her luck with this bill. Chairman Parrish thanked her for attending the meeting and said he also supports this Resolution. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

The meeting recessed at 9:26 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 am

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell reminded the Board she will be in Panama City on Wednesday for the FEPA Mid-Year and there will be a workshop on the EMPA grant. She said her staff attended a webinar. She explained some things that were promised are not going to happen so what is in the grant will govern what happens. She said on the webinar they suggested the counties strike through some items on the grant but she is not doing that and the state will have to send her a new document. She stated it is a legal document and she does not think they should strike through items.

Action Items:
NONE

Information Items:

1. EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag. Staff are also encouraging all residents to sign up for Alert Franklin our new County Alert system.
2. 07/06/17 Jennifer Daniels presented information at the Holy Family Senior Center regarding the Special Needs Program, Re-Entry, and being prepared for hurricane season.
3. 07/11/17 Tress Dameron met with the State Inspector for the Final Closeout of the RCMP Grant.
4. 07/14/17 Staff attended/held a CERT exercise at the City Complex in Apalachicola.
5. 07/19/17 EMPA/EMPG Regional Webinar attended by EOC Staff.
6. 08/02/17-08/04/17 EOC Staff will be attending FEPA Mid-Year in Panama City.

Commissioner Sanders informed Mrs. Brownell if at some point she feels the Board needs to intervene on behalf of the Emergency Management Department, she needs to let them know. Mrs. Brownell said she wrote the letter the Board directed her to write. She reported Ms. Rhonda Lewis, Liberty County, spoke directly with the Governor and he said he will look into this matter. She explained there are two huge workshops this week on the things that were promised but are not included in the contract. Commissioner Sanders reported they need to remind them of these items.

Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovestrand appeared before the Board but did not have any additional items to report.

County Extension Activities July 6 – July 18, 2017

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Staff assisted local citizens regarding invasive weeds, water testing, tree diseases, sea turtle lighting, poison ivy, and other topics.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participated in the weekly planning calls for the Dark Skies turtle lighting project. Turtle project staff coordinated with Duke Energy and Gulf Power staff regarding utility light retrofits near turtle nesting beaches.
- Met with Extension NW District faculty regarding collaborative projects between natural resources agents.
- Conferenced with FWC staff regarding grant progress on the two turtle grants funding lighting retrofits.

4-H Youth Development:

- Working with 2 teens from County who will be attending week-long 4-H University program on Campus in Gainesville this year.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Franklin County FNP Program Assistant continues to conduct nutrition programming in the schools.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- County Extension staff conducted a second release of the parasitoid wasp (*Tamarixia radiata*) at a property in Apalachicola where numerous Asian citrus psyllids were found. This was part of a program where individual homeowners may acquire wasps for release near dooryard citrus at home.
- Extension Director collected palm tree samples on St. George Island to send to the Disease Diagnostics Lab in Gainesville. Testing for suspected fusarium wilt outbreak.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce appeared via telephone and presented his report:

1. Inform the Board that Mr. Jeff Stauffer, of the FSU Real Estate Foundation, has offered to donate an eroded lot on Alligator Point to the county. It is Lot 13, Block V, Unit 6, Peninsula Point subdivision. The county already owns the adjoining lot, being Lot 12. The county acquired that lot in 2002 through a FEMA project. I have discussed this with Commissioner Sanders, and I have inspected the lot. No part of the lot is left so there is not issue of a septic tank or any material above mean high tide. The lot is directly in front of the Alligator Point Fire Station and will provide the county additional room for road repairs on the west end of the eroding area if we ever need it. FSU will prepare the deed and send it to the county for recording. Commissioner Sanders and I recommend the Board accept the lot. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the lot and direct staff to follow through on the process.

2. Consortium update. The consultants to the Consortium are continuing to develop the State Expenditure Plan (SEP). The first challenge in developing the plan is to include projects that the Governor will accept, and then the second challenge is to provide justification for those projects so that they are funded near the beginning of the Plan, and not at the end. The SEP has the same restriction on funding as the county's RESTORE funds. The SEP will receive funds over a 15 year period, so unless the state is going to bond the SEP and provide all the money upfront, projects in the SEP will be approved over a 15 year time line. No county wants to wait 15 years for their projects to get funded.

On Thursday, Aug. 20, I had a long telephone conversation with the Consortium consultants. The Chairman was in my office for part of the conversation. It appears that the county's projects have passed the first hurdle in that the projects the county has proposed are ones the Governor will include in the SEP. Those projects include a new EOC, dredging the Eastpoint channel, designing and dredging the Two Mile Channel, and a large Apalachicola Bay Oyster Restoration project. On Thursday's conference call I was faced with convincing the consultants that the county's projects have enough state wide merit to include being funded near the top of the list. In a very frank conversation with the consultants, and considering

other factors that I will mention next, I came to the conclusion that the county's project with the greatest chance of being funded near the top would be the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Project. The county had previously wanted an EOC to be the first priority, but I believe if we look at issues from a state wide perspective an oyster restoration project is going to have traction and will climb to the top of a state funding list faster than an EOC for one county. I made this statement to the Consortium consultants, and I did so in consideration of the fact that the county is trying to obtain funds from TRIUMPH and the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund for an oyster project. The Apalachicola Bay oyster industry already has state wide recognition. Mike Sole, one of the Governor's appointments on the Consortium has told me, and I am sure he has told Commissioner Sanders, that he believes the SEP needs to include an Apalachicola Bay Recovery project. We all certainly agree that it does, and in order to take advantage of the natural visibility of the Bay I told the consultants that the Bay project should be the first priority of the county. I told the consultants that while the county has not discussed an allocation of the TRIUMPH funds it expects to receive; it would be my expectation that we would seek \$5M from the Consortium, \$5M from TRIUMPH and \$5M from the Gulf Environmental Benefit fund for a total oyster restoration project value of \$15M. Considering the size of the project, and the need to keep putting shells in the Bay I believe the oyster recovery project should be the county's first priority on the Consortium list.

While the Board does not need to vote on anything at this time, I wanted the Board to be aware of the discussion I had with the consultants. The next Consortium meeting is not until sometime in September, and it will be in conjunction with the FAC fall conference in Orlando.

Mr. Pierce stated when they met with Mr. Shoaf he also suggested including an Apalachicola Bay restoration project. Mr. Pierce reported the State of Florida has one more reshelling project for Apalachicola Bay in September in the amount of \$4 million. He stated his understanding is this is a barge shelling project and it is the last oyster shelling project that the state is proposing for Apalachicola Bay. He explained there is a lot of recovery to do in the bay and he hates to have a multiyear gap in reshelling. Mr. Pierce said if he understood Mr. Kal Knickerbocker, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, this is the last reshelling project then it is a change in the state management of Apalachicola Bay. He suggested the Board reach out to constituents and find out what is going on about the state's management of Apalachicola Bay. He said if they will not fund any more projects then the Board needs to act to keep the reshelling going as a way to restore the bay. He stated the Board does not have to make a decision today but he felt they should know. Commissioner Lockley asked if the county goes to the bottom of the list once they are funded for one project. Mr. Pierce was not sure how the governor will rank the projects. He said it is possible all four projects could be in the top for funding but he felt like politically they will spread the money around. He pointed out the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) project still has to be designed. He stated the County must have the \$200,000 for engineering and design for the EOC. He reported the County does not have any plans at this time so they could not build the facility even if it was funded. Chairman Parrish reported Mr. Sole also recommended the County submit an oyster recovery project. Mr. Pierce explained the Governor has 4 appointments on the Consortium Board and Mr. Sole is one of his appointees. He reported Mr. Sole is the County's best ally from the Governor's appointees. He explained Mr. Sole ran the oil recovery for the state and wants the SEP to have an oyster restoration project. Mr. Pierce stated he feels like Mr. Sole will help push this project. Chairman Parrish reported putting this project at the top also allows them to use

funds from three different pots of money as it will take \$15 million to fund this plan. Mr. Pierce said Mr. Shoaf also supports the Apalachicola Bay restoration project because there are so many people involved and it is a good project. Chairman Parrish explained there are also counties to the west that want oysters from Apalachicola Bay for their tourists. He stated the Board members from those counties will be supportive of using money to move this project along. He said in August the Triumph Board will be setting up the application process and he would like to attend the meeting on behalf of the Board and let them know there are people in Franklin County interested in the Triumph funds. He asked if the Board would allow him to travel to Pensacola to attend this meeting so they will know the needs of a small rural county.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to send the Chairman to Pensacola to speak to the Triumph Board on behalf of Franklin County and pay his travel expenses. Commissioner Sanders said the DACS representative in the aquaculture area alluded to the fact that there will be less emphasis on wild oyster bars and more on aquaculture. Commissioner Sanders stated this is a problem. Mr. Pierce agreed it felt that way and they will have to battle for the future of Apalachicola Bay. He explained the Secretary of the DACS may be running for Governor and believes aquaculture is the way to go. Mr. Pierce explained it has some valid points but has some negative points for Apalachicola Bay as it has natural oyster bars that can produce oysters if the state helps maintain the bay. He explained the Secretary of DACS is focused on aquaculture as the future for seafood production so it will be a battle. Chairman Parrish reported aquaculture is fine at Alligator Harbor but it is not right to come in amongst the public bars and set up leases and grow oysters where there are guide fishermen, shrimpers and crabbers. Commissioner Sanders said the Division of Aquaculture is having meetings around the area and held a meeting in Cedar Key last week about the aquaculture management plan for that area. She stated they are holding an Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve (AHAP) meeting for Alligator Harbor and it is prudent to send a letter to the DACS, Division of Aquaculture and copy the legislative delegation and the Governor letting them know the Board fully supports wild caught oysters. She reported they also need to let them know the County agrees with the aquaculture at Alligator Harbor but that they have producing oyster bars and they support that effort 100%. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to send a letter to the DACS, Division of Aquaculture, the Legislative Delegation and the Governor that the County fully supports wild caught oysters and agrees with the aquaculture at Alligator Harbor but knows they have producing oysters bars and support that effort 100%.** Commissioner Lockley said they work to reshell the bay but questioned why they don't reseed the bay. Chairman Parrish agreed they could and maybe should reseed the bay and they may look at that when they develop the \$15 million project. He said the Consortium consultants stated they got some suggestions from the DACS as to what oysters bars need to be replenished that have not already been worked on. He stated some suggestions include large barge shelling and some used the oysterman to reshell.

3- TRIUMPH update. Inform the Board that the Chairman and I met with Jason Shoaf, TRIUMPH Board member on July 19, 2018. Mr. Shoaf drove over from St. Joe to introduce himself. Mr. Shoaf is our closest appointee and he told us he wanted to look out for our interests. He provided us with some insights as to how he sees the TRIUMPH Board working. He stated that it is his goal to have Franklin county receive more than the \$15M allocated by the Legislature.

To that end I have started compiling a list of infrastructure projects for the Board to review, and the Board should be considering projects as well. Mr. Shoaf said the TRIUMPH Board is trying to get the application process resolved at the August meeting, so that they can begin accepting applications in September. It is my goal to have a list of infrastructure projects for the county commission to consider at their Sept. 5 meeting, so that the county is ready to submit projects if in fact the TRIUMPH Board is ready in September.

The strategy that Mr. Shoaf, the Chairman, and I spoke about was to provide the TRIUMPH Board with a list of projects greater than \$15M so that the TRIUMPH Board knows up front that the eastern end of the Panhandle have needs as urgent as the west end. I mentioned in the previous item the idea of seeking \$5M of TRIUMPH funds for oyster recovery, and I mentioned that idea to Mr. Shoaf. He agrees that the Apalachicola Bay has a lot of visibility and that the county should be submitting for TRIUMPH funds for an oyster recovery project. I have also asked the county airport engineers for a list of infrastructure projects that need to be completed at the airport. Since the state of Florida has listed aviation as a targeted industry, meaning it is an industry the state is promoting, projects which will enhance the viability of the county airport should also have some significance to the TRIUMPH Board. Mr. Shoaf said that are forces at work around Pensacola to land a large aviation related industry, and if the Apalachicola airport is properly prepared it is possible some economic opportunities could come this way, because from flight time Pensacola and Apalachicola is not that far apart.

Board discussion on possible TRIUMPH projects.

Mr. Pierce explained he thought there was money reserved for Franklin County to use and then they could go after the money not allocated to other counties but that is not the way it works. He said the county can turn in a list of projects for more than \$15 million but they have to show they have more than \$15 million in needs in order to stop all the money from going to the west. He reported some of the counties to the west will have major employment plans to submit. Mr. Pierce said he will be at the first meeting in September and he will present some infrastructure projects but he would like the Board to think of infrastructure projects that Triumph would support so Franklin County can submit a larger list of projects than just the \$15 million. Chairman Parrish reported Mr. Shoaf said he would like to see the County get more than the \$15 million but until they expend the \$15 million they are not entitled to more. He said the County needs to move forward with submitting some projects.

Mr. Pierce stated he has discussed this matter with Mrs. Brownell and Mr. Clay Kennedy, Preble-Rish. He pointed out the County has used Preble-Rish for years and they have been good engineers and he has no complaints about the quality of their work. He went on to say since they have been under contract so long the County is falling out of the range of what FEMA thinks is a competitive contract. He suggested the Board move forward with advertising for a consulting engineer for hurricane recovery efforts so they have a current document with current advertising that will be acceptable to FEMA for reimbursements. He explained this is critical now because they cannot start the recovery on Alligator Point Road because the project worksheet (PW) has not been written. He reported the PW for designing the Alligator Point recovery could easily be \$200,000 and they want to make sure this money is reimbursed from FEMA. He stated FEMA might disallow the costs if they feel this is not competitive enough since the agreement with Preble-Rish is 25 years old. Mr. Pierce suggested advertising for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for hurricane recovery to be consistent

with the current FEMA regulations. He said Mrs. Brownell will get the exact language needed. He stated this is their recommendation to protect the County's interest in getting reimbursed from FEMA. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to advertise for an RFQ for engineering services for hurricane recovery efforts. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.** Attorney Shuler asked to review the RFQ before it is published. **Commissioner Sanders amended her motion to make this action contingent upon Attorney Shuler's approval. Commissioner Jones amended his second. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Sharon Tyler – Red Cross – Update

Ms. Tyler reported the Red Cross has been in the big bend area for 100 years and outlying counties have their own chapters. She explained for the last 30 years Franklin County has been under the footprint of the Capital Area Chapter. She reported this year they have added 4 more counties to the east. Ms. Tyler reported single family house fires are the biggest thing they address. She explained if firefighters call the Red Cross then volunteers come and work with the families and see that their emergency needs are met. She stated they provide a pre-loaded debit card with the amount they determine is needed. She reported over the last two years they have spent \$6,000 in Franklin County. Ms. Tyler said they help restock supplies or assist with lodging to keep them here. She reported some citizens were sheltered in Wakulla County during Hurricane Hermine. Ms. Tyler said most citizens stayed in the County stayed in their homes and the Red Cross provided bulk items such as gloves, shovels and rakes. She reported there was damage in Dixie County and 500 volunteers were brought in to help with sheltering and damage assessment. She stated during Hurricane Hermine they fed Wakulla County and Franklin County residents 6,000 meals and snacks during the time the shelter was open in Wakulla County. She reported in 2014 they started the Home Fire Campaign nationwide to try and reduce home fire deaths by 25% and they have documented 258 lives that were saved by this campaign. She explained they canvassed the neighborhoods and installed free smoke alarms. She said they go over a family safety plan with families which determine how long it takes to get out of the house and what door to use in addition to where to meet after the fire. Ms. Tyler stated September 23rd-October 15th will be the nationwide Sound the Alarm, Save a Life campaign. She reported during this 3 week period, they plan to install the 1 millionth smoke alarm. Ms. Tyler said in less than 3 years they will have installed 1 million smoke alarms across the country. She explained they will work with Mrs. Brownell and their Disaster Program Manager, who is responsible for this county will work to recruit volunteers to help with this effort. She went on to say they reached out to schools to do pillowcase projects with 3rd-5th grade students. She explained the pillowcase project came out of Hurricane Katrina and it teaches children what to do in the event of an emergency. She said they partnered with Disney and they are providing the pillow cases. Ms. Tyler reported this project will be going on this fall and they are hoping to hear back from the schools. She said Red Cross got started with services to armed forces during the Civil War and this program is still very active. She reported they are working to identify the veterans in different counties and see what their needs are. Ms. Tyler offered to answer any questions. Chairman Parrish thanked Ms. Tyler for appearing and providing an update on the services provided by the Red Cross. Ms. Tyler stated they will meet with Sheriff Smith and he will help her figure out how to have recruit volunteers here. She reported they would like the Red Cross volunteers to be here and Tallahassee Red Cross to just support and become a resource.

Mike Cooper – Weems CEO – Report

Mr. Cooper started to provide the financials for June but the Board did not have the information in their packet. He reported there was a \$65,000 net income for June and year to date total for 9 months of \$292,000. Commissioner Sanders asked for a copy of the financials. Mr. Moron agreed to make copies since they were not included in the Board packet.

Mr. Cooper mentioned the x-ray equipment and said they are not looking for a decision yet. He informed the Board he is trying to get two more quotes. He said there is some question as to whether or not they are within their GPO so he has to validate it before it comes back to the Board. He stated they have to make sure the Hospital gets credit for the money. He reported they can get new equipment, refurbished equipment or put money into existing equipment. He said there are also costs for de-installing and re-installing if the equipment is moved to another location. He informed the Board hopefully by the September meeting he will have a strategy to go along with a recommendation.

Mr. Cooper stated the EMS cameras have been installed in the ambulances and they are still trying to figure out the technology. He stated anytime an ambulance goes over 55 mph it starts recording to the cloud so if he receives a complaint, he can then access this recording. He explained they are still trying to figure out how to monitor the cameras in real time. Commissioner Lockley asked why the company did not show them now to use the cameras. Mr. Cooper stated there was a webinar. Mr. Cooper said last year the City of Apalachicola gave them a good deal on a location in Apalachicola to house the Apalachicola ambulance but about 2 months ago they started having some utility issues with this location. He said the issues made the station unsuitable for staff to stay in so for the last month the Apalachicola ambulance has been stationed in Eastpoint with the Eastpoint station. He reported now they have made arrangements for the Apalachicola ambulance to be on site, on campus at the hospital and this will happen in a couple of weeks. He said the ambulance will be permanently stationed in Apalachicola. He explained if there were any extended run times in Apalachicola before it was because the ambulance was stationed in Eastpoint.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

10. At the July 18th meeting while discussing the need for a new generator at Weems, the Chairman suggested, and the Board agreed, that we should ask the Sheriff for a quote from the Sheriff's Association. That turned out to be a very cost-effective idea as it was the best quote received. I forwarded the quote to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Craig Gibson and they both recommended purchasing the generator based on this quote. The base bid is \$40,618 with additional cost for accessories and options. Mr. Cooper is not sure how much of the accessories and options will be needed. At your June 20th meeting the Board motioned to declare a "state of emergency" and authorize up to \$65,000 from the HealthCare Trust Fund to purchase a new generator. Mr. Cooper will inform me if it becomes necessary to go beyond the authorized \$65,000.

Mr. Moron stated the Board is relying on Mr. Cooper and Mr. Gibson to make sure this is the correct size generator for the building that is there now. Mr. Cooper said they do not need an

option to do an aluminum cover as they do a good job of maintaining the one they have now. He explained the cover is treated every quarter and does not have any rust now. He estimated the cost of this cover to be \$5,000.

Mr. Cooper reported Mr. Moron will be getting a call from Community Hospital Corporation (CHC) saying they are prepared to come down and have a conversation with the Board. He said they will have a strategy and a plan of action they would like to implement. He stated he does not know the details but by the next meeting, the Board should have some clarity on where they are at. Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Cooper is a representative for them. Mr. Cooper answered no, but CHC plans to be here at the next meeting.

Mr. Cooper stated in relation to the financial statements, this was another month with over \$1 million in gross revenue. He said it generated a gain of \$68,000 for the month and year to date for nine months \$292,000 to the positive. He reported on the balance sheet side the days cash on hand went from 35 days to 30 days generally due to having 3 payrolls in June and the third payroll being the last day of the month. He commented these figures should rebound in July. Mr. Cooper said the current ratio went from 2.7 to 3.2. He stated in July there was a \$50,000 payment made to the Clerk's Office as well as Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH). He said the collection trend lines are very strong. Commissioner Sanders asked what the balance is owed to the County after this \$50,000 payment. Mr. Cooper answered \$690,000 for the Health Care Trust fund. Commissioner Sanders asked what the balance is to TMH after this payment. Mr. Cooper stated around \$400,000 is owed to TMH.

Commissioner Sanders questioned the requirements to the state for audits and if the audit was submitted to the state. Mr. Cooper stated it was submitted this week. Commissioner Sanders asked if it was on time or late. Mr. Cooper said it was late as the audit is done 10 months into the next year and they are required to have it filed 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Sanders inquired if the hospital was cited with any penalties. Mr. Cooper answered yes; it is cited \$5,000 every year.

Commissioner Lockley asked if they made sure the generator will accommodate the new building. Mr. Cooper said there will be a second generator for that building. Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Cooper to make sure they accommodate that building.

Commissioner Jones asked about the hospital audit. Mr. Cooper explained they are audited as a department of the county. He explained normally a hospital has their audit done 60-90 days after the end of the fiscal year but the County's process is they do not submit the audit until the end of the next year so they just got the audit at the end of June. He reported once they are past the state deadline, the hospital is fined \$20 a day until the audit is submitted. He stated they submit the audit as soon as they receive it from the County Auditors. Commissioner Sanders stated if that is causing the hospital to pay a \$5,000 fine to the state then the Board needs to rectify the situation. She reported she does not want there to be deficiencies with anything to do with the hospital as that is jeopardizing their ability to operate the hospital. Chairman Parrish said the Board needs to inquire with the county auditor why it takes so long to get the audit done every year. Commissioner Sanders agreed they need to find out why they do not have this audit in a timely fashion to meet the guidelines of the state as set forth for the

hospital. She stated she does not want the Hospital to be in deficiency with the state and being accessed a fine. Commissioner Massey said the County should not have to pay this penalty. Commissioner Sanders stated the auditor needs to pay if they caused this issue. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to tell the auditor and make sure they get with the dates and that the auditor knows the deadline and has the audit finished before it causes the hospital to miss their deadline.** Clerk Johnson stated the County audit is due by June 30th and they received the audit on time but she is not sure what happened with the hospital. Mr. Cooper explained they received the audit at the same time but the state requires the Hospital's part of the audit to be done 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. He stated their fiscal year ends September 30th and by December 1st the audit should be filed. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Cooper to bring these things to the Board so they can correct them if they can. She said if the Board does not know then they cannot take care of these things. Clerk Johnson reported she does not know if the auditors are aware of this requirement or not. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.** Clerk Johnson asked who the Board is directing to contact the auditors. Mr. Moron said he will contact the auditors. Commissioner Sanders agreed Mr. Moron can contact the auditors but he needs to notify the Clerk of what he finds out. Chairman Parrish said there may be a reason it is late but the Board needs to know the reason. Commissioner Jones stated hopefully this will help with whatever needs to be done to try and get it presented on time. He agreed it needs to be rectified if it is a problem.

Deborah Belcher – CDBG – Bid Awards

Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Belcher will appear at the next meeting because she has issues with some of the bids that were opened on Thursday.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report at this time.

The meeting recessed at 10: 30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron provided his report to the Board:

1. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
2. On Thursday July 27th, the White House hosted an event for Florida County Commissioners. Commissioner Sanders was the designated spokesperson for Franklin County. She will update the Board on the event. A copy of the information “white paper” that was left at the White House is included in your packet.

Commissioner Sanders said she will provide an update at the end of the meeting.

3. The Sheriff's Office informed me last week that the HVAC system for the Jail cafeteria isn't working. This system is one of two original units that were installed when the jail was built and is located on the roof of the jail. I have received one proposal that includes material and labor but exceeds our \$10,000 bid limit and awaiting a copy of another that was submitted to staff at the jail. As we are in a hot and humid mid-summer, would the Board consider declaring this "a state of emergency" which would allow him and the Chairman to select one of the proposals and proceed with installing the HVAC system?

Chairman Parrish explained the problem is they do not have all the proposals and it will be two more weeks before another Board meeting so in order to move forward this action is being requested. He explained the jail gets the meals for the inmates but does not have any air conditioning in the cafeteria. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to declare a state of emergency and move forward with the bid before the next Board meeting.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Attorney Shuler said state law does not require the Board to bid this item but he suggested the Board waive the local bid policy. **Commissioner Massey amended the motion to waive the local bid policy and authorize Mr. Moron to make the bid selection. Commissioner Lockley amended his second. Motion carried; 5-0.** Commissioner Massey inquired about a contractor providing a bid for this job. Mr. Moron said the issue is the contractor will have to get a crane to lift the old unit off the roof and place the new unit on the roof.

4. The County advertised for Request for Qualifications (RFQs) seeking a firm to provide Construction Engineering Inspections for widening and resurfacing on approximately 0.65 miles of Ellis Van Vleet and 17th Street. After the name of the firms are announced today, Board action is needed to send the RFQs to a review committee consisting of Mrs. Erin Griffith (Assistant Finance Director), Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly (Floodplain & Zoning Administrator) and myself for ranking. The review committee's rankings and recommendation will be presented at your August 15th meeting.

Company	Location of Company
Southeastern Consulting Engineers	Wewahitchka, Florida
Anchor CEI, Inc. (Attorney Shuler explained this package was accidentally opened by the Clerk's Office but this is not a defect that would require the Board to reject the bid.)	Panama City, Florida
Panhandle Engineers, Inc.	Lynn Haven, Florida

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to turn over the RFQ's to the committee for review and a recommendation.

5. The County also advertised for Request for Qualifications (RFQs) seeking a firm to provide Construction Engineering Inspections for widening, resurfacing, and new

construction on approximately 4.25 miles of Mill Road. The County will defer the opening of these RFQs until your August 15th meeting. County staff didn't receive the plans for this project in time to distribute to interested firms.

6. County staff was notified that ReliantSouth Construction Group is the construction manager for the Island View Park project. This project is a collaborative effort of the Trust for Public Land, Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, and Franklin County. ReliantSouth is in the process of soliciting proposals from potential subcontractors and suppliers. Some of the scopes includes, but are not limited to, landscaping, site work, pavers, concrete, masonry, framing, docks & boardwalks, electrical, and roofing. This should be a good opportunity for local contractors. Interested bidders should contact Brian Baxley at (850) 215-5540 or email Mr. Baxley at Baxley@ReliantSouth.com.

Mr. Moron stated the local contractors can also call his office. Chairman Parrish asked about the deadline for local contractors. Mr. Moron was not sure of the deadline but said they want as many local contractors as possible. Chairman Parrish said he would like to see this ad run in the newspaper. Commissioner Lockley said it should also be on the radio. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to advertise the project.** She said they need to make sure it is advertised everywhere and if anyone local meets the requirements, they give them a preference. **Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

7. Inform the Board that the closing date to submit applications for the Assistant Grant Manager position was yesterday Monday July 31st. Six applications were submitted. Mr. Curenton is in the process of reviewing the applications and scheduling interviews.
8. Area Agency on Aging (AAA) held a Community Collaboration Meeting on Wednesday, July 26 at 10:30am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss coordinated outreach, fund-raising ideas, and services to the County's seniors. AAA would like as much community input as possible as they develop a plan to provide services and make the most efficient use of the funds provided by the County for these services. In attendance were representatives from Elder Care Community Council, Liberty County Senior Services, and Franklin County Senior Center. There was productive discussion with a realization that the local agencies need additional guidance from AAA. With that in mind, AAA will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each party that will spell out how they will contribute toward the coordination of services to Franklin County seniors. Hopefully this will result in establishing a united front to address the needs of the senior community. There is another meeting scheduled on August 15th at 2pm at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. At this meeting, the MOUs will be finalized for all parties to sign.

Mr. Moron said at the meeting he explained no disrespect to Liberty County but the Board wants a local agency providing the services to the seniors in this county. He reported the Carrabelle Senior Center and the ECCC are working together to try and come up with a plan. He stated hopefully later they will be the local lead agency. Chairman Parrish reported he had a

telephone call from a lady who would like to be involved and he will provide this contact information to Mr. Moron so she can be advised when these meetings are held.

9. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
10. The Board addressed this item earlier in the meeting.
11. Inform the Board that Preble-Rish notified staff last week that the City of Apalachicola stopped the paving contractor, Roberts and Roberts, from paving Sawyer Lane. I contacted the City and was informed the Sawyer Lane is a City alley, and even though the alley is named and the City has allowed houses to be built whose only access is Sawyer Lane, the City's policy is not to pave alleys. Sawyer Lane is in Commissioner Lockley's district. If the City sticks with this decision, I would ask Commissioner Lockley along with the other Board members to consider paving the grass area in front of the Chapman Building (which faces Highway 98) or Weems Emergency Room parking lot as alternate projects. Board discussion.

Mr. Moron suggested if the Board would like to consider this item then Preble-Rish could review the projects and see which one the County could afford to do. Commissioner Lockley said they were stopped from paving and the City stated they do not pave alleys but part of Sawyer Lane is already paved. He explained he is not going to argue with them but the Mayor of the City of Apalachicola said since they made a motion to stop the paving they will have to change it with a motion at their meeting tonight. Attorney Shuler stated their meeting will be next week. Commissioner Lockley reported if they do not change their action at the next meeting then the County will move on to one of these projects. Chairman Parrish said a person fell recently in the Emergency Room parking lot and there is some rough pavement there. He expressed his opinion that he would lean towards that project. Commissioner Lockley stated the people on Sawyer Lane want their road paved. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion if the City does not make a decision at their meeting then they will get the engineers to go ahead and do the hospital parking lot. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley stated one or two people oppose the Sawyer Street project but it should move forward. Mr. Moron questioned the impact this has on the Ellis Van Vleet and 17th Street projects that are also in the City of Apalachicola. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Parrish reported this is a state grant and before the County awards the bid for Ellis Van Vleet and 17th Street; they need to know if the City intends to stop these projects. He said the County needs to contact the City and let them know they have a state grant to pave Ellis Van Vleet and make sure they are going to allow the County to do it before they award this bid. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to send Commissioner Lockley and Attorney Shuler to the next City Commission meeting.** Attorney Shuler declined to attend this meeting. Commissioner Sander suggested sending Commissioner Lockley to this meeting. Attorney Shuler stated it is up to the Board but his recommendation is this is the City's meeting and they know the Board's request and Commissioner Lockley's request. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Moron to make the request so the City Commission will address this matter and let the Board know their findings before they award this bid. Attorney Shuler explained Mr. Curenton has contacted the City after the Sawyer Street event and still does not have an answer back from the City as of this time but they are aware of the project because Mr. Curenton sent them the plans for the 17th Street and

Ellis Van Vleet paving project. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Moron to follow up and get a documented letter or email from the City stating the County can move forward with the project or not move forward with the project before the County awards this bid. **Commissioner Sanders amended her motion to follow up and get a documented letter or email from the City of Apalachicola about the 17th Street and Ellis Van Vleet projects.** Commissioner Sanders reported in the Carrabelle area they all work together and they need to start working together as a whole county because they all serve the same people. Commissioner Lockley stated he has paved every street in District 3. He said the City gave \$10,000 one time on 24th Avenue and they receive the same money as the County. **Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Public Hearing (Local Planning Agency) – Six Month Moratorium on All Applications for Development on an area generally described as the area between 3rd Street West and 3rd Street East, St. George Island

Attorney Shuler reported this is the first public hearing on a proposed moratorium for a portion of property on St. George Island essentially between 3rd Street West and 3rd Street East. He stated he requested outside counsel, Mr. David Theriaque's Office, is present today to make the presentation. He reported Mr. Terrell Arline, former County Attorney for Bay County who is now employed by Mr. David Theriaque's Law Office is present. He explained Attorney Theriaque had a scheduling conflict. The Board recessed the regular meeting and reconvened the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners acting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) was convened at 11:03 a.m. Attorney Arline said he works for Theriaque & Spain and sometimes they assist the County with land use matters. He pointed out the moratorium is a temporary moratorium for 6 months and is limited in location. He said the purpose is to plan. He explained Florida law says the LPA is supposed to convene and consider all land use matters. He reported the Florida courts have said a moratorium has the effect of a land use change and it needs to be considered by the LPA and adopted like a comprehensive plan amendment. He informed the Board his office worked with Attorney Shuler and helped draft an ordinance for the Board's consideration. He reported the advertisements were published in the newspaper as large ads similar to plan advertisements. Attorney Arline said the Board will have to hold two public hearings for comment. He reported the Board is sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA). He stated their recommendation is the Board hear from the public on this matter and discuss the matter but they do not recommend the LPA takes a vote. He said after the public comments they will close the LPA meeting and open the Board of County Commissioners meeting and process the requested ordinance and vote if they wish and then hold another public hearing. At this time Chairman Parrish called for public comment. Mrs. Donna Butterfield, a resident of St. George Island, read a prepared letter addressing the proposed projects near the terminus of the bridge. She urged the Board to pass the moratorium and give everyone time to review these proposals. Mr. Mason Bean, a resident of St. George Island, stated he hopes during this planning session the Board might have a workshop to rewrite the C-4 wording. He explained people are buying inexpensive commercial lots and then building houses in the middle of the commercial zone. He reported when there is a commercial development there is a plan for stormwater, parking, garbage, signage and access but when a residential house is built on a 25 ft. commercial lot then everything is waived. He explained the higher densities and all the built in protections are eliminated. He said commercial ventures

should be awarded for the jobs they are going to provide and there are built in protections. He stated the Island needs a marina and he offered to sit on a committee and be part of a workshop. Mr. David Duncan, a resident of Eastpoint, reported he has a construction business in the county and has 8 full time employees and does a lot of subcontracting. He explained the affect this planning pause is having on his ability to pull permits. He went on to say the border heading on every permit in the county says application for development. He reported this will shut down every permit in this area. He encouraged the Board to evaluate the wording of the moratorium and consider putting the moratorium on zoning changes and variances. He said there has only been one project in the commercial district on St. George Island in years. Mr. Duncan asked the Board to look at everything that happens under the application for development title. He stated this has shut down every permit in this location with the exception of R-1. Mr. Billy Blackburn, owner of B.J.'s Pizza, said he agrees with Mr. Duncan. He went on to say he was planning to upgrade his electric service in the fall and will need permits. He said yesterday he thought there were problems with his aerobic system and he would have needed a permit. He reported if this happens down the road, it will hurt the businesses that are there right now. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Board can address this issue. Attorney Shuler answered yes there can be discussion but there is not going to be a vote of the LPA during this session. He explained when the LPA recesses and the Board reconvenes then there will be another opportunity for public comment and discussion. Attorney Shuler said as they can see from documentation presented to the Board, the attorneys are already aware of this issue and have recommended making certain, limited changes to the proposed moratorium to allow for building permits to be issued for repairs and maintenance of existing structures. Commissioner Massey stated they cannot shut down the contractors. Attorney Shuler said this was an oversight on his part and he recognizes it and it has been corrected. Mr. Duncan stated his understanding was maintenance would not be affected but under the law and code major improvements would need to pull permits. He said even if this is rewritten it does not include applications for development and this will shut down construction completely for 6 months from 3rd Street to 3rd Street . He reported this new language will not change the application for development situation. Commissioner Lockley asked if this job is a remodeling job. Mr. Duncan said the building is in place but they are also looking to do an additional building for storage for maintenance of all of his properties on St. George Island. He said they could not pull a permit to put in a driveway or anything else for 6 months. Mr. Duncan reported the Planning & Zoning Department will accept the application but will not do anything with it for 6 months. He stated it says an individual can make a written request to the Board and that may be the case in this situation. He questioned if the land use is already there, why they are stopping the work. He stated the language is not changing anything because no one is pulling permits for maintenance. Mr. Roger Crawford, a resident of St. George Island, said he will need a roof on his building and will need a permit. Commissioner Lockley stated he does not go along with this because it is holding up too many things. He questioned why everyone should suffer for one or two projects. He stated this needs to be written so it does not affect all these people and he is not in favor of this action. He explained these people have been there and they are stopping the workers in Franklin County. Commissioner Jones said he represents this district and in talking to people in the district, the people are concerned Franklin County does not have a Code Enforcement Officer for the unincorporated areas. He stated it has been expressed to him that things are good now but no one can legislate or regulate who buys property in what place. He said if something is not done by the County to try to help organize all future plans for the

business district on the Island then it will be whoever has the most money wins. Commissioner Jones reported they are trying to help and make things better there and this is a step in the right direction. He explained they have been informed by legal counsel that it will take 6 months. He said the Board cannot come up with a 6 month period that will make everyone happy. At this time the LPA session closed.

Public Hearing (Board of County Commissioners) – Six Month Moratorium on All Applications for Development on an area generally described as the area between 3rd Street West and 3rd Street East, St. George Island

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:22 a.m. Chairman Parrish called for public comment. There was no public comment. Commissioner Massey asked if they will be able to pull a permit to replace a roof. Attorney Shuler advised the Board they are still in the public hearing and when the public hearing is closed, he will suggest the Board by motion amend the planning pause to allow people to pull permits to do repair and maintenance. He stated they will clarify the planning pause. Chairman Parrish said the moratorium addresses all applications for development and he read the description of the area involved. Commissioner Lockley reported all people who put in applications during this 6 month period have to wait and asked who will pay them while they are unemployed. He said this action is stopping them from working. Attorney Shuler reported this is one of two public hearings that will occur. He said the LPA and the County Commission were the first set of public hearings and there will not be a vote taken today. He explained the second public hearing will be September 5th and the Board will be in a procedural position to vote if the Board chooses to enact the moratorium for a 6 month period. He reported the planning pause will remain in effect and he will suggest an amendment to the planning pause to address these issues. At this time the Board closed the public hearing. Chairman Parrish asked if the next public hearing will be on September 5th. Attorney Shuler reported unless the Board by a supermajority vote authorizes him to schedule the second public hearing at a time other than after 5:00 p.m., he would have to schedule this second hearing after 5:00 p.m. He recommended the Board by motion and vote authorize him to conduct the second public hearing during the regular County Commission meeting at 11:00 a.m. on September 5th. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize Attorney Shuler to conduct the second public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on September 5th. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said the public hearing will be held when most people that are being affected are working. He advised the Board if they do not hear from these people now then they will hear from them later. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron in the last 6 months how many applications for large developments in Franklin County have been filed. Mr. Moron agreed to go to his office and find out. Commissioner Sanders clarified they need to know if any new applications for development have been filed because she does not see a whole lot of applications for development. She said Attorney Shuler has already said they are going to fix this to allow people to fix roofs, heating and air conditioning and any of these items. She explained the only thing that will be held up is any new development applications. She explained this will give the Board time to do what they need to do according to Attorney Shuler. Mr. Moron said the definition of development applications is anyone who pulls a permit. Attorney Shuler said he is suggesting a correction so instead of having the absolute ban (planning pause) that is in affect now for existing structures they would be able to repair, replace and maintain those existing structures and ancillary facilities such as

septic tanks and things of that nature. He reported the moratorium would halt all new development within 3rd Street to 3rd Street. Attorney Shuler stated the exception he is proposing that the Board will consider for the planning pause that is in affect now is the same exception that will be built into the moratorium ordinance that the Board will be considering on September 5th. Commissioner Sanders stated it is not about stopping development but the Board needs time to look at these things. She explained this is why they instructed the attorney to try to fix this to keeps things going while the Board is looking at what they need to do for this district. She stated the Board does need to consider that it is a barrier island and there is limited space for commercial development. Mr. Moron said they will need to pull the number of development applications from their software and he can send it to the Board. He presented a permit and said at the top it says application for development. He explained the permit is based on the zoning code and it has a list of things that are considered development. Attorney Shuler agreed and said development is not necessarily limited to bricks and mortar. Chairman Parrish reported they cannot do a driveway or anything else and asked if the Board wanted to reconsider this motion. **The following vote was taken:**

AYE: JONES, SANDERS, PARRISH

NAY: LOCKLEY, MASSEY

Motion failed for lack of a supermajority vote. Attorney Shuler said the meeting will be held after 5:00 p.m. Clerk Johnson reported the first Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 5th at 5:15 p.m. Commissioner Jones said this is why he made the motion. Mr. Moron said the motion was just about the time for the public hearing. Commissioner Massey said he was confused about the motion and thought it was about the moratorium. Attorney Shuler clarified the motion was just for the Board to authorize him to schedule the public hearing at a time before 5:00 p.m. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by the following vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Attorney Shuler to schedule the second of two public hearings at a time before 5:00 p.m. on September 5th:**

AYE: SANDERS, JONES, MASSEY, PARRISH

NAY: LOCKLEY

Attorney Shuler reported the second public hearing will be on September 5th at the regular meeting probably around 11:00 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Mr. Moron stated it will be at 11:00 a.m. Attorney Shuler said another advertisement will be placed in the newspaper.

Mr. Moron continued his report at this time:

12. Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on agreements with the Department of Corrections. These agreements, which due date fell between Board meetings, allow the County's departments to receive inmates. Attorney Shuler reviewed the agreements prior to the Chairman signing.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on agreements with DOC for receiving inmates.

13. In a discussion with Mr. Chris Rietow, Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) Executive Director, asked if the Board would consider rotating its representatives to the ARPC. Mr. Rietow stated that Franklin County is very important to the ARPC, however he understands that the Commissioners have many commitments that creates scheduling conflicts and makes it difficult to attend the ARPC meetings. ARPC meets on the third Thursday, once every two months. Currently, Commissioner Massey serves as the appointee and Chairman Parrish is the alternate. Commissioner Jones is interested in serving. Would the Board consider appointing Commissioner Jones? Board discussion.

Commissioner Jones said he is interested in serving. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Commissioner Jones to the ARPC.** Commissioner Sanders informed Commissioner Jones that ARPC will pay his travel expenses.

14. Inform the Board that the Florida Association of Counties sent letters to each of Florida's Congressional delegation opposing bills related to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that recently passed the House Financial Committee. A copy of the attached letter explains how detrimental the package of bills approved by the Committee will be to Florida consumers and local governments. Board discussion.

Commissioner Sanders reported the national flood item came up in the discussions they attended at the White House.

15. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

16. Inform the Board that the 2018 Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Calendar Photo contest is open. This is the fifth year of the FAC calendar photo contest and the theme this year is "Florida Bodies of Water". Last year the TDC ran the contest on behalf of the Board. Would the County consider allowing the TDC to advertise the contest, accept the photos, and forward the recommended pictures to the Board for submission? Board discussion.

Mr. Moron said he talked with Mr. Blair and they will be glad to do this contest again. Commissioner Sanders reported TDC has a lot of pictures.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Moron for his work in getting them to Washington and back. She said it was a hard trip but a unique trip. Commissioner Lockley asked if the Board members saw the President. Commissioner Massey stated he saw him at a distance. Commissioner Sanders said she got a glimpse of him.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler informed the Board he is presenting the Clerk's Office with the original proof of publication for today's public hearing on the moratorium.

Attorney Shuler reported the Board has in place presently a planning pause or a zoning in progress and has heard some adverse comments about it today by people wanting to pull permits to replace existing structures. He suggested by motion and vote the Board amend the planning pause by allowing the issuance of building permits for repairs and maintenance of existing structures and replacement of existing structures. He went on to say it still would not authorize building permits for new development. Chairman Parrish said this would allow them to do septic tanks and heating and air conditioning. Attorney Shuler answered yes and roofs. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to amend the planning pause by allowing the issuance of building permits for repairs and maintenance of existing structures and replacement of existing structures.** Chairman Parrish reported it would not allow them to build a new building. Commissioner Jones asked if it would allow someone to add on to a building. Attorney Shuler answered no that would be considered new construction. He explained they are talking about repairs and maintenance of existing structures and even the replacement of existing structures. **Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Mr. Blackburn asked if he can get a permit if he has to purchase a lot to increase the size of his drain field to comply with what the state is requiring him to do. Attorney Shuler asked if the restaurant is being expanded. Mr. Blackburn answered no, and explained the situation with the property for the drain field. Attorney Shuler said he would like to talk with Mr. Blackburn outside of the meeting to get more information. Commissioner Lockley asked what happens if a disaster occurs. Attorney Shuler said this is when replacement of the existing structures comes in. Chairman Parrish reported this is only for 6 months. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Jonathan Brucker, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Aquatic Preserve Manager, said as part of the management plan process they have been reviewing and updating a lot of management plans across the state, including the Alligator Harbor Management Plan. He said they are having public meetings and asking for public comment and concerns about the Alligator Harbor area. He presented a flyer announcing the public meetings and said anyone can submit comments via email or call him and his contact information is on the flyer. He reported the new management plans are also online. He encouraged public comments that will make the aquatic preserve better. Commissioner Lockley asked if this is about aquaculture. Mr. Brucker said yes, the aquaculture leases in Alligator Harbor and they are also complete oyster monitoring in Apalachicola Bay. Commissioner Sanders stated when the aquaculture project was originally started there was 46 leases and asked if they are all being worked. Mr. Brucker reported the information he received from DACS said there are 43 leases and each is 1 ½ acres and he thinks most are in use. He stated a lot of them have been converted from the clam aquaculture to the water column for oysters. He said they are pretty regularly worked. He stated he does not know if they are all currently in use because DACS would have the answer. Commissioner Lockley asked who makes decisions about shelling in the bay. Mr. Brucker reported they are involved in the monitoring process and attend the meetings sometimes but most of the time DACS decides what reefs to shell on. He stated in Apalachicola Bay the first round of shelling that occurred a year ago is now a 10 year monitoring project. He said there will another project coming up with Restore funds to address

some additional reefs on the eastern side of the bay and they will be involved with the monitoring process. Commissioner Lockley inquired who is monitoring the western end. Mr. Brucker said there is a lot less activity on this western side of the bay. Commissioner Lockley stated it used to be the best place to work. Chairman Parrish commented there has not been any reshelling in this area. Chairman Parrish thanked Mr. Bruckin for bringing the Board this information.

Commissioners' & Public Comments

Commissioner Sanders reported Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Massey accompanied her on the trip to the White House. She said this was her first trip to Washington D.C. and she came out of the meetings at the White House enthusiastic that the White House and the federal government want to listen to the people. She reported they went on the White House tour and it was remarkable. Commissioner Sanders said the panhandle of Florida was well represented by small counties. She explained there were also large counties there. She reported around 125 County Commissioners statewide attended this event. Commissioner Sanders said there were representatives from the following counties: Levy, Suwannee, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla, Leon, Franklin, Liberty, Calhoun, Gulf, Bay, Jackson, and Holmes. She stated that morning they were able to go to the Capitol and Congressman Neal Dunn treated them to breakfast. She said they got into the Eisenhower Building and said Mr. Billy Kirkland, Intergovernmental Affairs person for the administration, organized this meeting and made it clear the administration wanted to speak to the Commissioners from the different states. She reported they are having different states visit each week and they want to have a better working relationship with the local government. She said there were representatives from the USDA, Department of the Interior-US Fish & Wildlife, FEMA, Department of State, Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Department of Import and Export. Commissioner Sanders reported the Corps of Engineers was not present. She explained the biggest thing she learned was during the first 6 months of this administration they have been able to do away with 14 regulations at the federal level. Commissioner Sanders said the administration's wish is for every one new regulation they get rid of two regulations. She reported this means there will be more local control. She stated she was concerned that the county submitted some items for the COE and they were not present to address them but Mr. Kirkland said he has a round table discussion with all the intergovernmental affairs representatives every Wednesday and he will take these issues to those meetings and ask for updates. Commissioner Sanders reported when Mr. Kirkland has updates, he will notify the County's staff. She explained he wants a relationship with the County staff so the County will know where they are in the process. She said they visited the war rooms and the National Security Council. She said it was an amazing trip and she thanked people for supporting them and sending them. Commissioner Sanders reported she has been a Commissioner for 20 years and they have never been invited to the White House before but hopefully they will be included more now. She stated they found out Veterans Affairs in Florida is further along than other states. She asked Mr. Moron and Mr. Pierce to stay in contact with Mr. Kirkland and make sure they get a response from the COE. Mr. Moron informed the Board he got an email sent to Mr. Pierce that said the COE received a time extension on dredging the Eastpoint Channel until 2023. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron to forward this email to Mr. Kirkland.

Commissioner Lockley asked if Mr. Moron has contacted the Fire College. Mr. Moron said he is trying to get this on the agenda for the next meeting or the meeting in September.

Adjourn

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

Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts