

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2000**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Clarence Williams, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Eddie Creamer, Jimmy Mosconis, and Cheryl Sanders, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Alfred Shuler, Attorney.

9:00 A.M. Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-31) Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2000. Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-36) Commissioner Putnal made a motion to pay the County bills. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

WANDA CRUSON-FC HEALTH DEPARTMENT-FLORIDA HEALTHY KIDS

(Tape 1-48) Ms. Cruson introduced herself to the Board as the KidCare Coordinator for Healthy Kids. She said she wanted everyone to know that until March 15th Florida will be insuring children ages 5 through 18 who do not have health insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid until March 15th. She explained some of the money to fund the program is from the tobacco lawsuit settlement. She said the premiums are based on individual's income. She encouraged the Commissioners to let people know this program was available. She informed them she left some flyers in the Clerk's Office for distribution. She reminded the Board the deadline is March 15, 2000. She thanked the Board for their time this morning.

BECKER BOATENREITER-DOG ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Tape 1-93) Mr. Boatenreiter, Chief Dog Island VFD, appeared before the Board this morning to present them with a letter regarding the MSBU funds. He explained the current situation regarding the contract the DIVFD has with the Dog Island Conservation District to handle the funds. He stated he was asking the Board to send the funds directly to the DIVFD instead, as it is done with the other VFD's in the area, to manage the funds. Commissioner Putnal suggested the Board table the matter until Mr. Shuler could look into the contract or agreement the County has with the Dog Island Conservation District. At this time Mr. Shuler came into the meeting. Mr. Shuler said he didn't know if the DIVFD was incorporated as a non-profit corporation or not. He stated the County must contract with a legal entity and if they were then it would be the Board's decision who they wanted to contract with. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Shuler if it was his opinion that Mr. Boatenreiter should contact the Dog Island Conservation District about this contract. Mr. Shuler said the County did have a contract with the Dog Island Conservation District to receive and distribute the MSBU funds which has not been terminated. Commissioner Sanders finally made a motion directing Mr. Shuler to check into the matter and report back to the Board. Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-301) Mr. Mahan said he attended an in-service training session in Marianna to learn how to operate the Distance Diagnostic and Identification Systems that the County will be getting through the UF Florida FIRST Program Enhancement Grant. He said in addition to the training he received a Sony Mavica FD91 digital camera that was purchased for DDIS. He explained that hopefully he would be getting the microscope in the next few weeks so he can actually set the system up. Mr. Mahan has the camera with him to show the Commissioners.

(Tape 1-373) He said last week he received training on constructing Extension Web Pages. He attached a draft copy of the Franklin County Extension Web Page which is currently under construction. He explained UF/IFAS would like each County to develop a Web Site to be linked to the IFAS Web Page so the people can learn about the connection between the County Extension Offices and UF/IFAS. He said another reason for developing the link is that last year the IFAS Web Page had 1.5 million hits and the hope is for Florida residents to follow the link back to their home County to find out more about the Extension Program.

(Tape 1-414) He informed the Board that it was the time of year again to kickoff two of the regular 4-H School Enrichment Programs. He explained this would be the seventh year for the Seat Belt Safety Program and the sixth year for the Public Speaking Program.

(Tape 1-419) Mr. Mahan stated that this Friday on February 18th he has been invited to present a seminar at FSU on Extension and the Florida Sea Grant Program.

(Tape 1-432) Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, interjected that he wanted the Board and public to know Van Johnson, Solid Waste Director, had created a Web Page for the Franklin County Solid Waste Department.

(Tape 1-447) Kendall Wade, Clerk, stated the Florida Association of Court Clerks have been informed the Governor is going to require all Official Records of each County available on the Internet by the year 2002. He said this is going to be a major undertaking for his office. He stated then by the year 2006 it will be required that all of the Clerk's Office records be available on the Internet. He said he did foresee some privacy problems with Social Security numbers and other personal information.

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-488) Mr. Chipman said the Road Department has upgraded Lighthouse and Woodill Road in Lighthouse Point Estates. He said they would probably have to be graded again to bring them up to standards.

(Tape 1-511) Mr. Pierce said Mr. Chipman and his crew has done an excellent job at the cemetery in Apalachicola. He reported they created some more space in the cemetery.

(Tape 1-523) Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Chipman and told him he was doing a good job.

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(Tape 1-523) Commissioner Putnal said Tony Millender, Florida Forestry Service, informed him yesterday the Forestry Service is going to be hauling some heavy material into their new building at the Carrabelle Airport. He stated there was a section of pavement near where the property joins Highway 98. He asked Mr. Chipman to assist the Forestry Service with the intersection. Mr. Chipman said the Forestry Division would have to get a permit from the State DOT so the County can do the work there. Commissioner Putnal replied they are submitting the necessary paperwork. Doug Dedrick, Division of Forestry, said as far as he knew the Forestry Department was presently seeking the permit. Mr. Chipman said when the permit is received then the County can help the Division with the roadwork. Mr. Pierce reported the Division of Forestry has executed an agreement between Franklin County and the Division for the purpose of providing building inspections for the new Forestry building.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-632) Mr. Johnson said he wanted the Baird to be aware that over the past few weeks there has been a rash of reported dog bites by Pit Bulldogs in the County. He explained this past weekend Animal Control Officers responded to four reported cases of attacks on people and other dogs. He informed the Board this particular breed is aggressive by nature and most owners train their dogs to fight, so the animal is prone to attack anyone without provocation. He stated because of this growing concern, he has instructed Animal Control Officers to start the process for declaring this breed dangerous and ultimately put to sleep, should this breed attack someone without provocation. He said they have already started this process for two of the four dogs involved in attacks this weekend.

(Tape 1-674) He reported Jack Dodds of Eastpoint approached him about selling the County some cover dirt for use at the Landfill. He said Mr. Dodd informed him he was going to be dredging a pond located on the Green Point property next to the Landfill. He said Mr. Dodd anticipates dredging approximately 10,000-20,000 cubic yards of soil from the pond and would sell the County as much as the County needed for \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cubic yard. He explained that would be an estimated \$25,000-\$50,000 and equal to about 1,200-1,500 truck loads of cover dirt that will not have to be trucked to the Landfill. He said the pond is situated about 400-500 feet from the active Class III site and if the County decides to purchase some of the soil, Mr. Dodd will pump it directly near the site for ready access. He stated the Landfill is forever in need of cover and by permit the County is required to cover the Class III site once per week with six inches of intermediate cover dirt. He requested the Board give him approval to further explore the possibility of purchasing at least 10,000 cubic yards of this soil from Mr. Dodd.

Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the price was too high and instructed Mr. Johnson to negotiate with Mr. Dodd to see if he would lower the price. Mr. Johnson assured Commissioner Mosconis he would inform Mr. Dodd and try to negotiate with him about the lowering the price.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-775) Mr. Pierce appeared before the Board at this time. He informed the Board it might be necessary to put a fence around the airport USCOE disposal site to keep

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people and vehicles out. He said he did not need Board action this morning. He explained the fence length is approximately 5,400 feet, which is a little over a mile. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Pierce to make sure some posted signs were placed at the site. Ted Mosteller, Chairman Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, interjected he would also like some signs reflecting it is a Federal offense to discharge firearms on Airport property. He said two of the signs that were placed there earlier have been stolen or destroyed.

(Tape 1-825) He stated the County is going to have to engage some paving contractor to pave the soon to be relocated Franklin Blvd. segment on SGI. He explained the cost of paving this segment would be paid for from the park grant funds. He reported he anticipates having the area paved before June 1st. He asked the Commissioners if they would like to at least consider some other paving projects at this time. Commissioner Mosconis replied he knew the Cities were doing all of this water and sewer work and he didn't think it was quite time to engage a paving contractor. He stated one thing which really needs to be done is striping the major throughfares in the County. He said he thought the Road Superintendent should be checking and looking to see which ones are in the worst shape.

(Tape 1-900) Mr. Pierce asked if Jim Markwell was present at the meeting yet. After no response Mr. Pierce said Mr. Markwell was a businessman who visited his office last week. He explained Mr. Markwell wants to offer, for rent on SGI, a jet-ski type of boat, but since the boat has an outboard motor it may be considered a boat, which would mean the County's Jet-Ski Ordinance would not apply to its operation. He said he asked Mr. Markwell to come to the Board meeting to present his request to the Commissioners.

(Tape 1-922) He asked the Board for action on a Resolution proposed by the Florida Association of Counties requesting the Legislature dedicate at least \$150 million on funding for infrastructure needs in rural areas. Commissioner Creamer made a motion supporting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Resolution as requested by the FAC requesting \$150 million in funding from the Legislature for infrastructure needs in rural areas. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. MOTION CARRIED.

(Tape 1-940) He reported that Lee Edmiston, Apalachicola Estuarine Reserve, has asked for permission to allow a graduate student, working through the Reserve, to place two to three temporary wells on County right-of-way on SGI to study the surficial aquifer. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board approve the request contingent on Mr. Edmiston giving the County a specific site location. Commissioner Creamer made a motion authorizing the use of County right-of-way on SGI to place two to three temporary wells as requested by the Apalachicola Estuarine Reserve to study the surficial aquifer contingent on providing a specific site for the wells and providing the County with a Hold Harmless Agreement. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. MOTION CARRIED.

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(Tape 1-965) Mr. Pierce presented the Board with a letter he has written to Visit Florida requesting the \$1,000.00 in grant funds previously approved for the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.

(Tape 1-977) He presented the Board with the petition submitted by the Alligator Harbor/Alligator Point Home and Property Owners Association opposing a possible rerouting of CR 370 traffic along Angus Morrison Road through the Alligator Harbor Subdivision. He explained there is no action to be taken on this issue at this time.

(Tape 1-1011) He said he needed Board authorization to allow the prison contractor to build a deceleration and acceleration lane off CR 67 for access to the prison site.

Commissioner Putnal made a motion authorizing the prison contractor to build a deceleration and acceleration lane off CR 67 for access to the prison site.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He added that Preble-Rish had signed off on the design.

(Tape 1-1054) He informed the Board there is a property owner on Alligator Point wanting to change the lot lines on two lots, 74 and 75. He said he is working with Mr. Shuler to check into the matter.

(Tape 1-1105) He informed the Board that several weeks ago he sent a letter to Ms. Cherry Rankin concerning the SHIP program and its rate of expending funds. He explained to the Board they did not need to take any action today, but both he and Ms. Williams, Finance Officer, were concerned the funds to administer the SHIP program are going to be depleted before the program funds do. Commissioner Creamer said he had several telephone calls complaining about the SHIP program. He stated it seems to get worse every year. He said some people have had applications pending since 1997. Mr. Pierce said this is why he and Ms. Williams attended the meeting. He said the Sr. Citizens Center, administering the program, seem to be doing the best they can since it is difficult to get competent contractors to work within this program. Mr. Wade volunteered to check with the surrounding counties to see how they are operating their SHIP program and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

(Tape 1-1207) He said Julian Webb, Julian Webb and Associates, wants to know if the Board wants him to apply for a CDBG grant during this funding cycle which closes May 31, 2000. He explained the County has one more year of the 50-point penalty, but Mr. Webb thinks the Governor's designation of Franklin County as an area of economic critical concern might get the penalty waived. He said on action by the Board Mr. Web would put together a list of proposed projects, one of which he knows will be to seek funding to finish the sewer improvements in Sandy Acres, the development in Eastpoint, that caused the 50 point penalty against the County. He said if the Board takes action to have Mr. Webb represent the County at an application workshop, the County, according to Mr. Webb, will get an additional 10 points on the CDBG application. Commissioner Mosconis asked if anyone else did this type of work. Mr. Pierce stated the County could possibly send out some "feelers" to see if anyone else would be interested in doing CDBG work for the County. Michael Allen, WOYS, asked if a CDBG grant could be

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used for Sands Field in Carrabelle. Mr. Pierce replied he didn't know, but would check into the matter and report back to the Board.

(Tape 1-1386) He said he needed Board action on the County accepting or becoming the owner of a road segment that leads down to a Corps of Engineers developed sandbar. He explained the purpose of owning the road would be to allow the County to remove the sand off the sand bar for use on County projects. He stated Mr. William Poloronis would give the County ownership of the road in exchange for the County applying for the permit from DEP to cross a wetland area to get to the sandbar. He presented a map to each Commissioner reflecting the road. He said Mr. Poloronis would build the road if the County gets the permit. Commissioner Mosconis made a motion directing Mr. Shuler to assist Mr. Poloronis and Mr. Pierce with this matter. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1540) He informed the Board he has submitted information to SGI Utility regarding water usage at the proposed County Park so the Board would have some idea of monthly water costs. He said the bathroom facility itself will not be that much, perhaps as much as \$300.00 a month for the summer months, but the Island group, Let the Children Play, are seeking permission to build a water park within the children's play area, and the utility company is having a difficult time calculating how much water the park might use. He said some of the water toys they want to install could use water at a rate of 40 gallons per minute. He explained that at such a high rate the County could have a water bill over \$1,000.00 per month or higher again depending on usage. Teresa Kline, SGI, made a brief presentation regarding the water park area. She explained the water toys could use 10 to 40 gallons of water per minute depending on water usage. She said the water should only be used during the summer months and the fountains could be set on a schedule to use minimal water. She said there is never any standing water and they feel they have chosen the most efficient water toys as far as water usage. Commissioner Mosconis asked who was going to pay for the water and suggested they could use a well to furnish the water. Mr. Pierce replied this is what he wanted to know. Commissioner Creamer said he too was concerned about liability for the play area. Commissioner Creamer stated then this could cost the County at least \$1,300.00 a month just for the water play area and insurance. Ms. Kline said she preferred to wait until the Let the Play Foundation explored all of these issues and could provide the Board with more information. Mr. Pierce said that is what he is doing today, just making the Board aware of the pending water problems and informing the Board the County will be moving forward with the bathrooms only for the SGI County Park. Commissioner Creamer said the Board had to be careful and not commit the County to a large monthly bill like this. He stated people are so concerned on SGI about their taxes and the Board has the SGI Tax watch group watching everything they do. He said that is all the Board and Constitutional Officers have heard for the past few months and he just was not going to commit. Mr. Pierce said there is a play area in the County Park this water park was just an additional area. Commissioner Mosconis and Commissioner Sanders said they both liked the idea of using a shallow well.

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(Tape 1-2032) He said he wanted to update the Board of the Airport projects. He stated the next thing that needed to be done was considering the adoption of an airport overlay zoning ordinance. Commissioner Putnal made a motion authorizing the advertisement of a public hearing to consider an Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce informed the Board this would include all of the airports in the County. He explained the County is being asked to provide the 20% in-kind services as provided for in the grant. He said the County has been holding off until the tree cutters remove the trees. Commissioner Mosconis said the County is ready and willing to complete their portion of the project.

(Tape 1-2385) He stated the Planning and Zoning Commissioner met on February 9, 2000, and recommends the following action: Approval of a private dock for Michael Kennedy on Lake Jane on Alligator Point, which is an interior lake in the Southern Dunes Subdivision, Lots 35-39, Block 22, Unit 2. Commissioner Sanders said some of this property was included in the newly purchased DEP Bald Point Park project. She explained several people had concerns about docks on the lake. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to hold off on this discussion to try to find out where the DEP Park and Recreation part of it applies. She stated they surely had concerns about Lake Jane. Mr. Pierce said then they would hold off on this request. He said the following other developments within the Critical Shoreline, the Commission failed to have a vote for lack of a second, or failed to get a majority vote: For projects that had already received State and Federal permits, the Commission made only one motion to approve two projects, but the motion died for lack of a second. The two projects were: George Mahr to construct a boat ramp and groin on Lot 18, Schooner Landing Subdivision, SGI, and Jan Wagennar to construct a private pier on Lot 14, Schooner Landing Subdivision, SGI. Both lots front on Bob Sikes Cut and the members and the audience expressed their concerns for problems these structures might cause to navigation. For one project that has not received State and Federal permits, the Commission also only made one motion and it failed to get a majority vote. This was for George Mahr to construct a four-slip basin on Lots 9 and 10, Schooner Landing Subdivision, SGI, these lots also front on the Cut. Here the concern was also navigation as well as additional erosion that might be caused on adjoining property by Mr. Mahr having to dig out uplands to create the boat basin. Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental, said he addressed each of these issues at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He said he was just relying on past Board action. He presented his request to the Board. He stated he wanted the Board to know that during prior Board meetings requests just like these were approved. Diane Chambers, a resident of Apalachicola, said she was at the meeting for another issue, but would tell the Board she did not agree with these requests. She said she was concerned about the navigational problems these docks could cause at the Cut. Barbara Revell, a member of the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission, said one of the reasons this request was not approved was that the Bob Sikes Cut was made originally for the shrimpers to use. She explained the shrimpers expressed concerns about the safety of the boats with docks protruding out into the Cut. She said it was her understanding that the dock presently there was to be the only dock approved for that area. Discussion continued until Commissioner Creamer made a motion to table these requests until the Planning and

Zoning Commission meets next month. Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3825 Continued on Tape 2) Planning and Zoning Commission matters continued: Approval for Gary Ulrich to construct a commercial building on Lot 12, Block 2, Unit 1, SGI. The development meets all the setback and parking requirements. Commissioner Creamer made a motion approving a commercial building on SGI for Gary Ulrich. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Thomas and Mary Baird to construct a commercial building on Lots 24-30, Block 6 West, Unit 1, SGI. This project received a variance to build closer to the property line, but otherwise meets all the building requirements. Commissioner Creamer made a motion approving a commercial building on SGI for Thomas and Mary Baird. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-106) Planning and Zoning Commission matters continued: Concerning development seeking a Special Exception to construct a restaurant in the C-1 District in Eastpoint, there was considerable discussion by the audience and members of the Commission. The applicant is Mr. Whaley Hughes who was represented by his attorney Nick Yonclas. The Commission eventually recommended the granting of a Special Exception for a restaurant to the Board of Adjustment, and the Commission also recommends to the Board of County Commissioners approval of the site plan for a commercial building for a commercial building for a restaurant. The Building will be two stories, on pilings, with a building footprint of 30 X 72. Each floor will have approximately 2200 square feet for a total of 4400 square feet. This is significant reduction from the earlier application for a restaurant which was denied by the Commission. Parking and storm water will have to handled on site. The motion to recommend approval of the site plan passed 5-2. The property is described as the old Millender Seafood house on US 98 in Eastpoint. Mr. Pierce reminded the Board the Board of Adjustment (BOA) approved the project and the only way the County can deny this request is to take the BOA to Circuit Court. Diane Chambers said she would like to voice her concerns about the project. She said she didn't know where the patrons would park to use the establishment. She reported there are already two restaurants there in Eastpoint which have not met the necessary requirements. Commissioner Creamer then made a motion to deny the Special Exception as requested by Mr. Whaley Hughes. After further discussion and Mr. Yonclas presenting his concerns Mr. Shuler explained the Commissioners could take action to oppose the Special Exception and can for that reason decline to approve the site plan. He said he thought the best thing to do which would cause the less legal problems would be to approve the site plan and accept the action of the BOA because when a land owner is denied the lawful use of his property then the County will be opening itself up to litigation. He stated the litigation could not only require the Commissioners to approve the project, but it could include economic damages caused the property owner. After further discussion Commissioner Creamer withdrew his previous motion and made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Yonclas asked the Commissioners, so his client would have some

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guidance, what his client needed to do to satisfy the site plan. Commissioner Creamer answered the Commissioners did not have the answer to that question today, but maybe they would have it at the next meeting. Mr. Yonclas said then this record is going to be devoid of any reason for turning down the site plan at this point. Mr. Pierce replied the issue was tabled until questions like the traffic issue, parking issue, etc. was solved.

(Tape 2-919) Mr. Pierce said his last item concerning the last Planning and Zoning Commission was the following: Approval of a sketch plat for a five lot subdivision on Tract 8, East End, SGI submitted by Dan and Barbara Ruhl. This is a five-acre tract and each lot is at least one acre. The sketch plat lot layout meets the County requirements. Commissioner Creamer made a motion to approve a sketch plat for a five-lot subdivision owned by Dan and Barbara Ruhl named "Ruhl's Adventure". Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-958) Mr. Mosteller appeared before the Board to request authorization to advertise for the tree cutting project at the Apalachicola Airport. Mr. Pierce reminded the Board this had already been advertised and all of the bidders overbid the project. Mr. Pierce said this had already been approved and he would just prepare and advertise the bid.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK OF COURTS

(Tape 2-1021) He presented a Resolution supporting the submission of an Emergency Medical Services Grant to improve and expand the County's pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services system. Commissioner Mosconis made a motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1067) He reminded the Board they had approved payment of the construction of the helipad at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital to relocate the helipad for construction of the new health department. He requested the Board approve a budget amendment to allow for the payment of the helipad at the hospital by increasing 001.51.561.6300. Improvements Other Than Buildings, \$19,779.00, and by decreasing 001.51.561.9600, Reserve for Contingencies, \$19,779.00. Commissioner Mosconis made a motion approving a budget amendment by increasing 001.51.561.6300, Improvements Other Than Buildings, \$19,779.00 and decreasing 001.99.584.9600, Reserve for Contingencies, \$19,779.00 for the helipad at the hospital. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1094) He said he was asked by Commissioner Putnal to contact Mediacom to see when they would have the Sunshine Network available in Franklin County. He stated after numerous calls he was informed they would be including the Sunshine Network in their line-up by late summer. He said Ms. Barbara Bonowicz, a representative of Mediacom, provided him with this information.

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-1154) Mr. Shuler reported he contacted Amerigas about the property in Lanark Village. He said they would be sending the County a contract to purchase the property. He explained his research indicates he needs a motion by the Board to waive an appraisal for the property which is allowed when purchasing such a small piece of property.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion authorizing the waiver of an appraisal for the property in Lanark Village the County is seeking to purchase from Amerigas.

Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1185) He updated the Board on the All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance, and many other projects the Board assigned him.

(Tape 2-1247) He said he was informed the County's liability insurance carrier denied coverage for the claim filed against the County by the Walters family in Eastpoint. He suggested the Board authorize him to appeal this decision. Commissioner Sanders made a motion authorizing Mr. Shuler to appeal the denial of the claim filed against the County by the Walters of Eastpoint. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HARRY BITNER-ALLIGATOR POINT

(Tape 2-1886) Mr. Bitner said he would like to request the County consider condemning a house owned by B. K. Patterson, #1345. Mr. Pierce replied he would check into the matter.

(Tape 2-1644) Mr. Bitner asked the Board if a boat launch could be placed at Alligator Point. He stated at the end of Sun 'n Sand Drive there is a dirt launch, but you have to drive right into the water. Commissioner Sanders said she has checked into the boat ramp. She said Ms. Margo Armistead owns the submerged land lease in that location. She stated some property would have to be located first since this was the biggest problem. She said she realized they needed one desperately.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade KENDALL WADE, CLERK