

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2000**

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

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

(Tape 1-28) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2000.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-33) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DORENE BARKER-FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

(Tape 1-39) Ms. Barker, Florida Legal Services, Inc., appeared before the Board at this time to request the Board consider adopting a County-wide Title Loan Ordinance. She informed the Board that many Counties in Florida had adopted such an ordinance. She encouraged the Board to consider, for the protection of its citizens, adopting an ordinance. After discussion Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the County Attorney to prepare and present a draft Title Loan Ordinance to the Board.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-530) Mr. Mahan updated the Board on several aquaculture projects. He presented the Commissioners with a package containing the newest issue of Florida Aquaculture, the new DACS newsletter on aquaculture, and the new issue of Shellfish Aquaculture, a UF newsletter for the shellfish aquaculture industry in Florida.

(Tape 1-593) He said he was finally able to speak with representatives with the Division of Aquaculture about the status of Alligator Harbor water quality testing and said he was given the following information: The pollution source survey has been completed, a preliminary draft of a management plan has been written, and water testing continues. Preliminary findings of the water quality look very good and it appears that the area can be approved for leasing. One finding of the water quality data is that due to the dry conditions during the past year the greatest three-day rainfall event recorded in Alligator Harbor has been just over 2 inches. Therefore, due to the lack of data for heavier rainfall events the area would need to be closed down if more than 2+ inches of rain fell over three days. They hope that continued monitoring will result in increasing the rainfall event closure limit. At this point, public workshops still need to be scheduled to get public input on the clam leases. I was unable to find out when these meetings might begin.

(Tape 1-674) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Mahan if he had been in contact with the Director at Turkey Point about aquaculture. Mr. Mahan replied he had talked to Dr. Marcus, Director at Turkey Point, about it. He said she informed him about the grant FSU and Harbor Branch had received to do the Distance Education Training Classes. Commissioner Mosconis asked if the Board needed to take any action today. Mr. Mahan replied he would check with her to see what exactly needed to be done at the local level.

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-770) Mr. Chipman said he would like to brag on his crew. He stated the supervisors as well as the crew have been doing an excellent job. He explained he knew they had been moved all over the County since the Road Department is short handed.

(Tape 1-782) He informed the Board Mitchell McAlphin, a heavy equipment operator, was out sick. He said he was going to place Mr. McAlphin in the Sick Pool when he uses all of his accumulated sick leave. He asked the Board if he could hire a temporary employee to replace Mr. McAlphin. He requested the Board approve a temporary position for an Equipment Operator 2, beginning salary of \$8.15 an hour effective immediately. Mr. Pierce stated it would be a good ideal to hire someone who can operate all of the equipment and an Equipment Operator 2 should be sufficient. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Chipman to hire an Equipment Operator 2 on a temporary employee basis on an hourly basis of \$8.15 per hour.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal asked how long the temporary position would have to be advertised. Mr. Pierce replied since it is a temporary position it did not need to be advertised. He stated a temporary employee cannot work longer than 6 months and the position must be advertised when it becomes a permanent position. Commissioner Mosconis said if Mr. McAlphin is not going to come back to work he needs to be receiving some type of help. Mr. Pierce replied he could use the current Sick Pool. He stated the employees need to use the Sick Pool time anyway. Mr. Chipman said Mr. McAlphin's coworkers would donate time if he needed it. Commissioner Mosconis asked if Mr. Shuler should help Mr. McAlphin with filing his paperwork. Mr. Shuler replied he would and had talked to Mr. McAlphin already. He said he could help him with his Social Security, but he couldn't help him with the State Retirement. He stated that relates to the County and could potentially lead to a conflict unless the Board directed him to. Kendall Wade, the Clerk, interjected he would be glad to assist Mr. McAlphin with his State Retirement. He said he used to work in the Division of Retirement and continues to be in contact with the people there. Mr. Pierce said the Board should probably be careful about how much additional assistance they give any one particular employee solving their own problems as it relates to retirement. Commissioner Mosconis said a lot of them don't even know where to go to begin the process or get help. He stated he knew both the Clerk and Mr. Pierce would help. Mr. Wade asked Commissioner Mosconis to tell Mr. McAlphin to come see him. Commissioner Sanders asked if the temporary employee would have to be Department of Corrections (DOC) certified for inmate supervision. Mr. Chipman replied he didn't think a temporary employee had to meet that certified requirement. He said he would get them certified if he could. Commissioner Sanders said she knew there would be days equipment didn't need to be used, but inmates supervised. Mr. Chipman stated that

would be okay since he needed equipment operators badly. Mr. Pierce said as a temporary employee Mr. Chipman may schedule him to work only when he needed him as an equipment operator only. He stated the temporary employee does not have to work the full 40-hour workweek. Mr. Pierce reminded Mr. Chipman the person he intends to hire will have to report to Ms. Ethel Jenkins, Finance Office, for a drug test and to fill out the necessary paperwork.

(Tape 1-1005) DeWitt Polous, Mosquito Control Director, asked for permission to advertise and purchase a Grizzly Heavy Duty ULV Aerosol Generator. He said he needs it for the Mosquito Control Department. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Polous to advertise and purchase a Grizzly Heavy Duty ULV Aerosol Generator to be paid for with Mosquito Control Budget funds.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1036) Commissioner Creamer said he has a ditch in his District that runs through private property, but is a County maintained ditch. He asked if the County cleans the ditch, which is full of bamboo, would the property owners need to give the County a Hold Harmless Agreement. Mr. Shuler replied the preferable thing to do would be to ask the property owners for a written easement. He said if the County has been maintaining the ditch for a long period of time the County would then have a prescriptive right to clean the ditch. He stated the law is not always clear on these matters, but it would be good to have an easement. Commissioner Creamer asked if he should have to property owners come to see him. Mr. Shuler replied yes he would be glad to do it.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

(Tape 1-1080) Mr. Pierce said Mr. Shuler had drafted the ordinance and so he would ask him to present the ordinance to the Commissioners. Mr. Shuler read the ordinance and asked the Board if they had any questions. Becker Boatenreider, Dog Island, asked Mr. Shuler if this included Dog Island. Mr. Shuler informed Mr. Boatenreider the County did not own the roads on Dog Island therefore the ordinance would not apply. Mr. Pierce said the official name of the Airport was Apalachicola Municipal not Franklin County Airport as stated in the draft ordinance. Mr. Shuler replied he would correct the name in the final ordinance. Mr. Pierce said Ted Mosteller, Chairman Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, asked that the ordinance allow some use of all terrain vehicles on airport property. He explained people use them to do maintenance work or to pull airplanes out of the hangars. Mr. Shuler said he would put something in the ordinance, which would give the Fixed Based Operator or Airport Manager authorization to grant permission to use these type machines on airport property. Warren Rabinowitz, Airport Advisory Committee, said they do sometimes use these vehicles to pull his helicopter out of the hangar. He said if it was work related to the airport then it should be okay. Sheriff Bruce Varnes asked Mr. Shuler if this included license and insurance on these vehicles. Mr. Shuler replied it requires they have a driver's license, but he did not put anything in the ordinance about insurance. Commissioner Mosconis asked if Florida covered that issue. Mr. Shuler replied he believed it did. After no further public comment Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to adopt and authorizing the Chairman's signature on "An Ordinance Of Franklin County Regulating Use Of All-Terrain**

Vehicles, Providing Penalties And An Effective Date. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEBORAH MOSES-REQUEST FOR SPEED BUMP ON HATHCOCK ROAD

(Tape 1-1577) Ms. Moses stated she lived on Hathcock Road in Apalachicola. She explained the neighborhood is experiencing a high number of speeders. She said there are approximately 21 children in that neighborhood. She stated they live in a secluded neighborhood. She said there is also an after school daycare located there. She informed the Board the law has been called to come out there to assess the situation. She stated speeding cars have almost hit some children. She said they are requesting the County place some speed bumps in the area to stop cars from going so fast in the neighborhood. Commissioner Mosconis suggested the County Engineer, David Kennedy, go out to look at the area to make some recommendations to the Board as to what would best serve the area. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing the County Engineer to visit Hathcock Road and return to the Board at the next meeting with some recommendations for the traffic problem there.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-1632) Mr. Johnson said the contract with Governmental Consulting Services to prepare the County's annual Solid Waste Full Cost Accounting Report is ready to renew. He said the report is managerial accounting exercise requiring the application of demographic data and the construction of program performance information. He explained it is a requirement of the State, and the County must report it annually to the DEP. He said the contact covers a three-year period for a cost of \$4,500.00 annually. He informed the Board the cost will be paid out of the Small County Solid Waste Grant. He said the County Attorney has reviewed the contract and asked for Board approval for the Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Contract for Consultant Services between Franklin County and Governmental Consulting Services for preparation of the annual Solid Waste Full Cost Accounting Report.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1675) He explained the County Engineer informed him that the landfill monitoring wells need to have a certified elevation and a sealed survey performed. He said this need was brought to light during the recent application process of renewing the Landfill Permit. He stated during the process the engineers discovered some well elevations were off. He informed the Board the County Engineer suggested he contact Thurman Roddenberry, a professional land surveyor, to submit an estimate. He stated the fees could be paid from the Landfill Closure and Long Term Care Budget. The Commissioners asked Mr. Johnson to check into the cost of this survey with other surveyors around the area.

(Tape 1-1750) He stated he has talked, as requested by the Board, to Jack Dodd concerning the possible purchase of cover dirt for the Landfill. He said Mr. Dodd would be willing to charge the County \$2.25 per yard for the first 10,000 cubic yards and \$2.00

per yard for any subsequent amounts. He recommended the Board consider accepting Mr. Dodd's offer, because the Landfill is in desperate need of cover dirt. He explained this too could be paid out of the Landfill Closure and Long Term Care Budget. After discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the purchase of cover dirt for the Landfill from Jack Dodd at \$2.25 per yard for the first 10,000 cubic yards and \$2.00 per yard for any subsequent amounts.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1850) Mr. Johnson said he attached a memo to his report he submitted this morning regarding Margaret Barber, Animal Control Officer, who abruptly walked off the job yesterday. He encouraged the Board to read the memo and asked the Board for permission to advertise for the vacant position. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the advertisement of the vacant Animal Control Officer position.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1865) Mr. Wade asked the Board to formally appoint Gayle Dodd, as the Board's representative, to the Animal Adjudicatory Board. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to appoint Gayle Dodd to represent the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners on the Animal Adjudicatory Board.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BIDS-APALACHICOLA AIRPORT TREE CUTTING PROJECT

(Tape 1-1913) Chairman Williams announced the opening of the bids submitted for the Apalachicola Airport Tree Cutting Project and the following bids were opened: R. L. Ingram, E. N. Ingram and B. R. Ingram-including the ditches-\$490.00 per acre for a total of \$154,350.00; R. L. Ingram, E. N. Ingram and B. R. Ingram-excluding the ditches-\$339.48 per acre for a total of \$106,935.00. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to submit the bids to the Chairman of the Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee and Mr. Pierce for review and recommendation.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce pointed out that these amounts exceed the budgeted amount for this project, but he would speak to Mr. Ingram and see if he could negotiate with him about the price.

KATHERINE JOHNS-COMPLAINT ABOUT JAIL

(Tape 1-1988) Ms. Johns said she appeared before the Board recently to complain about her daughter's, Jessica Poole, medical care at the jail and her need for a gall bladder operation. Chairman Williams stopped Ms. Johns and informed her that if she had a complaint about the Sheriff, who is an elected official, she needed, if he is in violation of anything, to take them to FDLE or the Ethics Commission. He explained to her how the Sheriff is elected just as they are. Chairman Williams informed her the Board had no control over him. Ms. Johns said the Board told her they would take care of it. Chairman Williams said once the Sheriff's Budget is approved then they have no control since he is a duly elected Constitutional Officer. Ms. Johns said her daughter was incarcerated and in their care and custody. Sheriff Varnes said he would certainly like to address the Board about this matter. He stated the County taxpayers have paid \$5,398.56 in medical bills for her daughter so far. He said he anticipates the County will have to pay at least

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\$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in medical bills for Ms. Poole. He stated his office has not even received the hospital or doctor bills for her gall bladder surgery. He encouraged Ms. Johns, if she felt it necessary; to come to his office to discuss payment with he and his Finance Officer since the County had paid a "ton" of bills for her daughter. Ms. Johns said last time she talked to him he was very rude. Sheriff Varnes stated last time he talked to Ms. Johns was before the surgery. He said, at that time, he was waiting to see if Ms. Poole was going to be released, but since has been sentenced to a year in the County Jail so, therefore, the taxpayers had to pay for her medical bills. He said according to Florida Statue 951.032 he is allowed to take all of an inmates canteen money deposited into their account at the jail to pay any medical care treatment, hospitalization, or transportation costs for medical treatment. He said he does not do this; he only takes 50% of their canteen monies deposited into their individual inmate accounts. Ms. Johns said if the Sheriff couldn't take care of his inmates then he may need another job. Sheriff Varnes informed Ms. Johns he takes care of his inmates and she needed to come see him to make financial arrangements for these medical bills. He said he would like for her to come to his office at 2:00 p.m. today to meet with him and his staff. Ms. Johns left the meeting at this time.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-2146) Mr. Pierce said he would like to discuss the 2-Mile Channel Project since Terry Jangula, USCOE, was present at this time. He stated the USCOE now has the funds to dredge the 2-Mile Channel, but are unable to get the DEP permit to actual begin dredging because of a controversy about the possibility of birds being attracted to the spoil site and the site being so close to the Apalachicola Airport. He said he has met with FAA, USCOE, and numerous other individuals at the site to discuss a solution to the problem. He stated the County received a letter from USDA, Bernice Constantin, informing the County USDA will require the County, and has offered, to have a person with the sole responsibility of controlling bird activity at the site. He said the person should be able to identify birds and know how to harass them with pyrotechnics and other control methods when they enter the disposal area. He said they could provide this person for approximately \$10,000.00 and submitted a Cooperative Service Agreement between the Board and USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. After discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Cooperative Service Agreement between the FCBCC and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from Reserve for Contingencies.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3002) He informed the Board that, just as in past years, the County, through the Recreation Budget, is paying for insurance for Dixie League Baseball activities. He explained this included Little League, Girl's Softball and Pony League. Michael Allen, WOYS, said Mr. Pierce needed to contact the Carrabelle coaches since they are charging people for insurance. Mr. Pierce said he would pass the word on.

(Tape 1-3088) He said he needed Board approval to submit a matching grant to the Bureau of Medical Services to buy 2 new ambulances for the County. He said the total

grant is for \$218,000.00 and the County's match will come from the Hospital Fund. He stated this fund receives its money from Centennial Healthcare, the company that rents the hospital. He stated the match would either be 50/50 or 25/75 depending on how the State scores our grant. He informed the Board Mark Curenton, Grants Coordinator, has reviewed the application. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the grant application to the Bureau of Medical Services to purchase 2 new ambulances in the amount of \$218,000.00.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3135) He presented the Board with the DEP Landfill Renewal Permit that is good for 5 years.

(Tape 1-3140) He presented the Board with a copy of a letter from DEP asking the Board to check into striping the Bald Point Road. Mr. Pierce said this is something the Board has discussed at previous meetings. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted, as he mentioned before in earlier meetings, to have all of the major through fares in Franklin County striped. He asked Mr. Pierce if he asked Mr. Kennedy to identify these roads. Mr. Pierce replied he did not, but he would. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted this information made available at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Putnal asked if the interest from the Bald Point Trust Fund to do this striping project. Mr. Pierce replied the Board could use it for whatever they decide to use it on.

(Tape 1-3212) He informed the Board that due in part to the County funded brochure promoting the U. S. Census, 20 people have been trained and hired as census takers. He explained 40 more people are to be considered in March.

(Tape 1-3230) Mr. Pierce reminded the Board that several months ago he asked how much land the Board wanted to obtain from St. Joe/Arvida on SR 65. He stated the Board informed him they would think about it and get back to him. He said no one has talked to him and asked the Board for direction. He said he was informed by some of the Commissioners that the front 45 acres on SR 65 would be the most desirable. The Board instructed Mr. Pierce to send a letter to St. Joe/Arvida requesting the 45 acre parcel that borders the west side of SR 65. He assured the Board he would send a letter out today.

(Tape 1-3328) He said Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Kennedy to investigate the problem of trucks slipping on the top of the Timber Island Boat Ramp. He said Mr. Kennedy would prefer to use concrete, but he believes the ramp might have to be closed for a week to allow for construction. He reminded the Board this is fishing season and asked the Board if they wanted to close the ramp for repairs now or wait a little while? He said Mr. Chipman believes the ramp would only have to be closed for 2 days. Mr. Pierce informed the Board it would cost \$2,400.00 for asphalt or \$1,800.00 for concrete to complete the necessary repairs. Mr. Pierce also informed the Board this project could be funded from the Boaters Improvement Trust Fund. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the expenditure of \$1,800.00 for concrete improvements at the Timber Island Boat Ramp to be paid for out of Boaters Improvement Trust Fund.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3400) He asked the Board to approve a topographic survey for the road on Alligator Point where there is a boat ramp, which appears the County may be able to improve. He said he and Mr. Kennedy inspected the site and there appears to be enough water to warrant make the boat ramp better. He said the road name is Sun 'N Sand Blvd. He explained the topographic survey should include a 150' right-of-way on the uplands, and out into the water 75 feet. He said at this time Mr. Kennedy recommends the Board place some rocks at the site to help stabilize the sand. He asked for Board approval to use the Boaters Improvement Trust Fund to pay for the survey. He said if the Board did not want to do that they could pay for it from Reserve for Contingencies. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the use of Boaters Improvement Trust Fund monies to pay for a topographic survey boat ramp improvement at the end of Sun 'N Sand Blvd in Alligator Point.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3481) He asked for Board action to allow Tom and Mary Baird to landscape on County right-of-way to keep people from parking as the County BOA granted a variance to allow their building to be closer to the road so long as people did not park where it block vision at the intersection of Pine Street and First Street on SGI. He said the bottom steps from their building may encroach into the right-of-way. He asked for Board action to allow vegetation and steps if necessary, contingent upon Mr. Shuler's approval. Commissioner Creamer asked Mr. Shuler if the County allows the Baird's to landscape would there be a liability for the County. Mr. Shuler replied it would be up to the Engineer to whether there would be more danger involved. He said personally he did not see any increase in the liability. He suggested the Board require a Hold Harmless Agreement from the Baird's. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the use of County right-of-way by Tom and Mary Baird contingent on the County receiving a Hold Harmless Agreement from them.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3601) He presented letters from the US Surplus Property Administration informing the County the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Apalachicola, and the Crooked River Lighthouse, a/k/a Crooked River Lighthouse Reservation have been determined to be surplus Government property. He said he was just informing the Board of this.

(Tape 1-3646) He asked the Board to approve the expenditure of \$5,000.00 above the maximum \$25,000.00 for the rehabilitation of Ms. Louise Richardson's house, in Apalachicola, through the SHIP program. He said the SHIP program allows for additional expenditures if the County Commission approves. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the additional expenditure of \$5,000.00 for use by the SHIP program for rehabilitation of Ms. Louise Richardson's house.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3702 Continued on Tape 2) He said he needed Board action to accept the resignation of Tom Browning from the Construction Licensing Board and to move Carl Hoffman from alternate member to member. He said the CLB has approved this change. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to accept the**

resignation of Tom Browning from the Construction Licensing Board to promote Carl Hoffman from alternate member to member. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said this will leave an alternate member position vacant, but the CLB will find someone and then come back to the Commissioners for approval.

(Tape 2-81) Mr. Pierce requested Board action on a site plan submitted by Whaley Hughes for a tourist oriented commercial facility in the C-1 District of Eastpoint. He said the Board tabled this issue from the last meeting. He stated Nick Yonclas, attorney for Mr. Hughes, was present this morning. He presented the Board with a diagram of the parking plan Mr. Hughes plans to use at the facility. He said both he and Mr. Shuler had looked over the site plan and the parking plan. He stated he would recommend the Board approve the site plan. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the site plan submitted by Whaley Hughes for a tourist orient commercial facility in the C-1 District of Eastpoint.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. Chairman Williams, Commissioners Creamer and Mosconis for. Commissioners Putnal and Sanders against. 3-2 **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-488) He informed the Board that ARPC held a pre-application meeting last week in Lanark Village concerning the St. James Bay Golf Course. He said Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, attended the meeting. He said the actual DRI application has not yet been submitted to the County so there is really nothing for him to review and bring to the Board. He said he does anticipate this before the end of March.

(Tape 2-505) Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to address the issue of how the County is going to handle these developments and the impact on infrastructure. Mr. Pierce replied that traditionally when a developer presents their DRI they have contacted the schools, law enforcement, etc. to see what they expect the impact to be. He said when the Green Point development began they contacted each of these entities. He stated this development was going to be mostly a retirement development so therefore it would not have impacted the schools or law enforcement very much. He said this is handled when the DRI is presented.

(Tape 2-554) He said Anchor Realty has requested the Commissioners approve a Development Order, already approved by DCA, for the new Gramercy Plantation, L. C. He stated the DO reduces the number of residential units from 162 to 110 single-family units on 198 acres. He said the DO still holds the lots to one acre or more. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature and adopting the Amended DO for Gramercy Plantation, L. C. to reduce the number of residential units from 162 to 110 as approved by DCA.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-670) Mr. Pierce said he needed Board action to adopt a Resolution adopting the Local Mitigation Strategy as developed by the County and ARPC jointly. He said the state is putting a great deal of faith in the LMS and in order to maximize our ability to get recovery money from FEMA the Board needs to adopt the Resolution. He said he, Mark

Curenton, Rachel Ward, Jim Philyaw, and Butch Baker all participated in drafting the LMS. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution adopting the Local Mitigation Strategy.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-723) He said he needed Board action to adopt a modification to a grant to put permanently mounted shutters, known more precisely as storm shields, on various County and City facilities at no cost to the County. He explained these are left over funds from Hurricane Opal. He said the State has provided the County the money to put shutters on the 2 City Halls, the Sheriff's Office, and the Planning Office. He stated the initial grant application covered all of the fire stations, but there was not enough money to put the shutters on all of them. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing and adopting a modification to a grant to place permanently mounted shutters on the 2 City Halls, the Sheriff's Office, and the Planning Office.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-757) He said the County Road Department is going to begin work on the County Park on SGI. He stated this will be to relocate the roads as specified in the plan. He explained they will start next week. Teresa Kline, SGI, asked if they were going to begin tearing up all of the roads. Mr. Pierce replied nothing is going to be torn up until the new road's in place. He said his hope and plan is to relocate the roads during the weeks leading up to summer vacation and then when summer vacation is here they will be able to have Gorrie Drive closed off.

(Tape 2-809) He asked for Board action on the final plat for Driftwood Subdivision submitted by St. Joe/Arvida near Lanark Village. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion adopting the final Driftwood Subdivision plat as submitted by St. Joe/Arvida.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-827) Commissioner Sanders said she talked to Frank Gibson regarding the Old Alligator Point Road. She introduced Frank Gibson to the Board. Mr. Gibson presented a petition asking the Board to close the western most intersection of Gulf Shore Blvd. and Alligator Drive (CR 370) and reroute traffic through the intersection of Gulf Shore Blvd. and Alligator Drive on the east side of the Welcome Garden and the Welcome to Alligator Point sign. Commissioner Sanders said she would make a **motion directing the County Engineer to go down to the area and look at the situation and report back to the Board at the next meeting with some recommendations.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-959) Commissioner Sanders stated there had been quite a few accidents on the eastern end of the County in this location Mr. Gibson was talking about. She asked if the Board could send a letter to FDOT asking a blinking light or something be placed at the intersection of US 98 and 319. Sheriff Varnes interjected that he had FDOT to actually come down and visit that site with him. He said he asked them to do a traffic study and when it was completed FDOT still felt there was not a need for any type of traffic signal device. He suggested resubmitting a letter to them and inform them of these recent

accidents. Commissioner Sanders said she would make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send another letter to FDOT asking them to reexamine that area to see what can be done to alleviate some of these accidents.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-1062) Mr. Wade asked the Board to appoint either Commissioner Mosconis or Commissioner Sanders, since they are not up for reelection, to the Canvassing Board as requested by the Supervisor of Elections. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to appoint Commissioner Cheryl Sanders to the Canvassing Board for the elections to be held this year.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1081) He said he, as instructed by the Board, checked with other counties about how they operate the SHIP Program. He said it is done many different ways. He said some counties allot each Commissioner a certain amount of money; in other counties they hire someone to handle the program. He stated it is done and can be done many different ways. He said he is just reporting to the Board what he found out. The Commissioners thanked him.

(Tape 2-1145) He stated he wanted the Board to know that there is a real problem with inmates on Court days. He explained the Courthouse does not have a holding cell for these inmates to sit in while Court is being conducted. He informed the Board the Circuit Judge has requested a holding cell for the Courtroom. He stated the Judge has requested this before, but it had not gotten to the point it has now so he put it on hold. Sheriff Varnes said when you have as many inmates coming to Court at one time it is very difficult to keep them quite, etc. He stated he felt there was also a safety issue to be considered. He stated they currently sit in the jury box on the side of the Courtroom and await their turn on the docket. Mr. Wade stated this is very disruptive to both the Judge and the Court staff. He said he was just informing the Board there were going to have to be some changes made and some offices may have to be moved to Emergency Management Office at the Airport and the Health Department when the new Health Department is finished in September.

(Tape 2-1227) He said the other problem is with storage room. He stated there are currently records stored under the stairs and in every available empty spot that can be found in the Courthouse. He said there is a possibility a new roof could be put on the old jail behind the Courthouse, a humidifier installed, and the windows closed up to create a storage building. He stated he has talked and meet with both Mr. Pierce and Mr. Kennedy about this matter. He asked for permission to pursue this new roof for the old jail. He said it should cost approximately \$4,300.00 to put a new rubberized roof on the building. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the expenditure of approximately \$4,300.00 for a new rubberized roof for the old jail at the back of the Courthouse.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-1371) Mr. Shuler said he reviewed the Driftwood Subdivision plat and the plat letters and approved them.

(Tape 2-131382) He stated he reviewed, with members of the Sheriff's Department, the law that applies to complaints from Ms. Johns about the jail assessments. He said there are statutes enacted by the Legislature that are very clear on the matter. He explained the Sheriff is well within his right to do this. He stated the statutes were enacted for the purpose of taking some of the expense of maintaining inmates off the taxpayers. He informed the Board the statutes authorize the Sheriff to assess the monies an inmate may have on hand in an account at the jail to pay for medical treatment, transportation, etc. for that inmate. He stated these things cost the taxpayers a lot of money and the Sheriff was well within his rights to do this. He said he also thought it was the proper avenue to take in an attempt to remove some of that burden from the taxpayers.

(Tape 2-1436) He stated he received a deed from Leisure Properties to the park area in Unit 5, SGI. He said this was the property in litigation.

(Tape 2-1747) Commissioner Putnal brought into discussion the letter from the City of Carrabelle regarding a request for the County to help remove trash from property owned by Bud Ammons. He said Mr. Ammons would get the trash out to the County right-of-way for the County to then haul off. Commissioner Sanders said this was private property. Mr. Pierce stated the problem is that this is private property Mr. Ammons is wanting to clean and then put the trash on County right-of-way for the County to remove. Commissioner Sanders said the County was not in the land clearing business. She stated if the County did this for one person then there would be a lot of other people up here to have the property cleaned and push the trash to the County right-of-way for removal. Mr. Pierce stated the Board should be very careful regarding this type of request.

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

Clarence Williams

CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade

KENDALL WADE, CLERK