

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2000**

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

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

(Tape 1-40) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2000.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-43) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**JOHN THOMPSON**

(Tape 1-49) Commissioner Putnal stated he had would like for the Board to allow Mr. John Thompson to address them this morning. Mr. Thompson said he was here to discuss the road he lives on. He presented the Board with a petition from the residents who live and own property along West Drive, located off Highway 67, just outside the Carrabelle City limits. He said they are requesting the County open up and resurface West Drive for easier and better access to their homes. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, explained that this particular subdivision Mr. Thompson is talking about was never properly subdivided and the owner of the subdivision, Ms. Sanborn, never did subdivided or provide the proper roads as specified in the County's policy. He said the residents and owners are now suffering for this. He admitted the road is a "mess" and there is no right-of-way dedicated for public use. He explained that means the County has no ability to maintain or build any roads there. He said the County could make some improvements to the road with the understanding it would just be temporary. He stated the County did not have the right or authority to be on the road since it is considered private property. Commissioner Putnal said he wanted the Road Department to fix the road since it was so bad. Hubert Chipman, Superintendent of Public Works, said he would send a crew to fix the road. Mr. Pierce stated a right-of-way easement was needed to properly allow the County to keep the road repaired. Alfred Shuler, County Attorney, reiterated to the Board they needed a right-of-way easement for the County to legally repair the road. Mr. Chipman assured the Board he would have a crew fix the road to alleviate the immediate problem. Mr. Pierce stated that Ms. Sanborn did not even allow the proper right-of-way easement measurement of sixty-feet which made it more difficult to grant a proper easement. He said only Ms. Sanborn could solve the total problem.

**PUBLIC HEARING-REPEAL ORDINANCE 2000-3**

(Tape 1-259) Chairman Williams announced the opening of a public hearing to consider repealing Ordinance 2000-3. Mr. Pierce said Ordinance 2000-3 was adopted on January

18, 2000 rezoning 524 acres to R-1A in Eastpoint at the request of Mr. Ben Watkins. He stated the basic problem with the ordinance was the motion the Commissioners passed in January was contingent on the sale of the property and the enhancement of Eastpoint Water and Sewer to provide services to the new development. Mr. Pierce said admittedly the Ordinance was incorrect in stating the Planning and Zoning Commission had heard the matter initially. He said Mr. Watkins is not present this morning, but has requested his property be rezoned back to the original zonings of R-2 and R-4. Commissioner Putnal said he thought it should be returned to its original zoning. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if it was customary to submit the ordinance as he did originally. Mr. Pierce answered yes it was, the only thing was that he should not have the statement in the ordinance that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the rezoning. Mr. Pierce stated he would hope this would never happen again. After no further discussion from the public or the Board Commissioner Creamer made a **motion repealing Ordinance 2000-3 and reinstating the original zonings of R-2 and R-4 to the 524 acres in Eastpoint as requested by the property owner.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-458) Mr. Mahan informed the Board the 4-H/FDOT Seat Belt Safety Program and the 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contests were complete and announced the countywide winners to the Board and audience. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to send the winners a letter of congratulations from the County Commissioners.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-553) He said the First Annual Franklin County Butterfly Program has been completed. He informed the Board students from Brown, Chapman, and Carrabelle Elementary Schools raised and released Painted Lady Butterflies at their schools to celebrate the end of the school year.

(Tape 1-560) He announced the students in Franklin County earned a total of 184 4-H Awards this year for their participation in the 4-H Seat Belt Safety and Public Speaking Program. He stated 987 students received a certificate of completion from the Family Nutrition Program taught at each of the schools by Ms. Cherry Rankin, FNP Program Assistant.

(Tape 1-593) He said the Extension Office is coordinating a Shrimp Industry meeting this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve to find out about and discuss the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Foundation sponsored "Shrimp Industry" study and new research on knot orientation and turtle shooter flaps. He informed the Board the speakers at the meeting would be Benny Galloway with LGL Associates, the consulting firm conducting the shrimp industry study and Dave Harrington, Georgia Sea Grant Fishing Gear Specialist.

(Tape 1-620) He informed the Board he has left messages at both the local DACS Office and with the Division of Aquaculture in Tallahassee about holding a Clam Aquaculture Workshop in Franklin County. He said he did reach David Heil, DACS, and was told by

him they would be happy to conduct a workshop in Franklin County. Mr. Mahan stated he would let the Board know when it was scheduled.

(Tape 1-660) He said on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the representatives of the Oyster Industry Committee that was formed during the May 12<sup>th</sup> Oyster Meeting meet to discuss the draft position paper for the oyster industry. He read the following into the record: At the meeting a draft position paper from David Heil, DACS, and the position paper of the Gulf Oyster Industry Council were passed out for everyone's review. The draft contained an introduction on Vibrio vulnificus "health risks" and a statement concluding that V. vulnificus is not a public health issue. The paper then listed ten steps that the Florida raw shell stock oyster industry has voluntarily taken to reduce illnesses and five voluntary measures they are willing to consider during the meeting, each point was discussed and several new measures were added. Several days following the meeting Mr. Heil had a conversation with the Gulf Oyster Industry Council about the draft position paper being prepared and they asked the Florida position paper be sent to them to be incorporated into a "Gulfwide" Oyster Industry position paper. They told Mr. Heil they liked the general information in the Florida position paper, however, they did not want to incorporate any of the voluntary measures listed into the "Gulfwide" paper. They explained they did not want any new "ideas" to be presented at this time. Instead, the Council wants to say V. vulnificus is not a public health issue and the education of those risk is the proper way to go. Commissioner Mosconis said the Council was having a meeting in Louisiana soon. Mr. Mahan agreed saying the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Council was having a meeting in New Orleans beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> where this matter will be discussed. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought Mr. Mahan, with his expertise, should go to this meeting. Mr. Mahan stated he discussed this at the meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was decided he shouldn't go. He said it would be difficult to support both the processors and harvesters. Willard Vinson, Eastpoint, said he would encourage Mr. Mahan to go to at least hear what is going on or what direction this matter is headed. Commissioner Creamer said he wanted the seafood workers represented at the meeting. Leroy Hall, President of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, also encouraged someone from the County to go. Discussion continued and the Board instructed Mr. Mahan to go to his office and bring back the information he had on the Conference.

#### **HANK GARRETT-SGI WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

(Tape 1-1554) Mr. Garrett asked the Commissioners to adopt an ordinance specific to SGI for limiting water use on weekends for the summer months. He said he asked Mr. Wade to bring this request to the Board at the last meeting. He explained that is why he is here today to answer any questions the Board may have regarding this request. Commissioner Creamer asked if this would just apply to weekends. Mr. Garrett replied from Fridays at noon until Mondays at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Mosconis asked who would enforce this ordinance. Mr. Garrett replied they would, but would need something in the ordinance to allow law enforcement to become involved if needed. Mr. Shuler said he thought if there was a necessity for this type of ordinance then the Board could adopt one. Commissioner Mosconis expressed his concerns over the matter being a private enterprise request. Mr. Shuler stated if the overall water supply needed to be preserved then the Board could adopt an ordinance. Commissioner Mosconis asked why the Board

even needed to do this. Mr. Garrett answered they weren't having a problem yet, but with the drought conditions as they are they did not want people watering their grass or washing their cars. He stated if people did that all weekend and then a fire happened the Island would be in bad shape as far as water was concerned. He said the fire need would have to be met before lawns and cars. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion directing the County Attorney to schedule a public hearing and prepare an ordinance concerning water usage on the weekends and holidays on SGI.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler asked Mr. Garrett to telephone him with the particulars.

**MAJOR RONALD CRUM-FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT**

(Tape 1-2018) Major Crum and Link Carroll, Finance Officer, appeared before the Board at this time. He explained that Sheriff Varnes was very sick this morning and would not be at the meeting. Major Crum said he was here to ask the Board to make a formal motion to include the grant funds into the Sheriff's Department Budget. He stated Ms. Carroll and the Sheriff asked for this at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. He explained the Board approved the grants being added into the budget, but did not make a formal motion. He asked the Board to make a motion to include these grants into the budget. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion amending the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Budget in the amount of \$121,960.01 to reflect the Narcotic Task Force \$49,476.00, the Resource Office \$32,000.00, the VOCA Grant \$28,272.00, Reimbursement \$6,344.01, and the Block Grant \$5,868.00.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Major Crum then asked the Board for the Chairman's signature on the new Narcotics Task Force Grant. He reported this grant will include the City of Apalachicola and would be a multi-jurisdictional task force. He explained approximately \$6,000.00 will be provided by the City of Apalachicola for their match and the Sheriff's Department will provide approximately \$14,000.00 with the Grant providing approximately \$61,000.00. He asked for the Chairman's signature on the grant. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Narcotics Task Force Grant.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Major Crum thanked the Board for their attention this morning.

**SUSAN FICKLEN-GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL & VIRGINIA THOMAS-FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT-HCRA ISSUES**

(Tape 1-2194) Mr. Wade said the Board had instructed him to invite a representative from the Hospital and the Health Department to answer any questions the Board might have regarding the Health Care Responsibility Act (HCRA). He reminded the Board the State requires the County to fund indigent health care under HCRA. He stated recent changes in the Act allow up to one-half of the funding to be used for in-county hospital care. He said previously HCRA could only be used for out-of-county care. He said in order to use the funding in the county the Board will have to vote to spend the money in this way. He said then the state and the local hospital must be notified that the Board has agreed to use up to one-half of the funding within the county. He said Commissioner Mosconis instructed him to invite a representative from both the Hospital and the Health Department to the meeting so he could ask them their opinions on this request. Ms.

Ficklen stated the basic purpose of HCRA is to assist citizens within the county to remain in the county because the hospital meets the requirements that the hospital will provide a 3% charity contribution for patients who do not have Medicaid or any other type of insurance. She stated this would now allow people to stay in Franklin County for health care. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the use of one-half of HCRA funding to be spent within Franklin County.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Ficklen reported the Hospital had passed the State Survey and the Life Safety Survey. She stated the air-conditioning is still a problem and they are going to begin the process of replacing the old one. She said they are also going to paint the outside of the Hospital. Mr. Wade stated he received a letter from Dr. Junejo, FCPHU, informing him the Health Department would probably be relocating to their new building in December. He said the construction should be done around late September. He said the Environmental Health Department would have to remain in the old building. Ms. Ficklen stated that had been previously discussed and there would still be room for them and everything else the Hospital wants to do in that building.

**HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(Tape 1-2403) Mr. Chipman reported everything was going well. He explained the roads were in bad shape due to the fact it was so dry. He said his department is working daily to keep the roads in good condition. He informed the Board he did hire two new employees, Mitchell McAlphin, Jr. and Gary Myers, who are presently in the DOC Certification Program. He said they should be finished Friday.

(Tape 1-2446) Mr. Dewitt Polous, Mosquito Control Director, appeared before the Board to ask permission to buy a new truck for his Mosquito Control Program. He stated he would try to buy the truck off of the State Bid List. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the purchase of a new truck for the Mosquito Control Program.** Mr. Polous informed the Board he has enough money in his Mosquito Control Budget to purchase the truck. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2482) Mr. Harry Bitner, Alligator Point, asked Mr. Chipman when he was going to start the closing of the road on Gulf Shore Blvd at Alligator Point. Mr. Chipman replied probably within the next two weeks. Mr. Bitner said he just wanted some idea as to when to expect the work to begin.

(Tape 1-2507) Chairman Williams asked the Commissioners if they received the letter, unsigned, about the new requirement the Board approved which forces the Board employees to be DOC Certified so they can supervise inmates. The other Commissioners answered yes they had. Commissioner Mosconis said this was not a new requirement for the Road Department and Landfill employees. He stated they have had to work inmates since about 1986 and he felt it did not need to be changed. He said if someone can't become DOC Certified then he didn't think he wanted them working for the government anyway. Commissioner Sanders said she had a problem with requiring the employee's go be certified within thirty days after employment. She stated she thought they should

be allowed sixty or ninety days at least. Commissioner Mosconis said it was not that hard just to become DOC certified since they were not being asked to become a Correctional Officer. He stated it was not like somebody who works for the Department of Corrections and are with the inmates day and night. After discussion Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing the County Attorney to amend the Franklin County Personnel Rules to reflect the Board allow them sixty days to get their DOC Certification to supervise inmates.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-2692) Mr. Johnson informed the Board that after reviewing the bids for the purchase of some heavy equipment for the Landfill, it was his recommendation he be allowed to readvertise the bids on the equipment. He said in the original bid package he included a provision for vendor to guarantee cost to buy the equipment back at the end of 5-years or 7,500 hours. He explained after reviewing the bids he felt it would be in the County's best interest to re-advertise the bids and to exclude the buy back provision. He said by doing this the County may receive a lower up front cost. Commissioner Creamer asked why since there was one bid that met all the standards and requirements. Mr. Johnson said he met with the County Engineer and the County Attorney to discuss the best course of action and they both agreed with him that he should re bid the equipment. He said that would be his final recommendation. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to follow Mr. Johnson's recommendation and re advertise the Landfill Equipment Bids.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Chairman Williams, Commissioners Mosconis, Sanders, and Creamer for. Commissioner Putnal against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3326) He presented the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the Cities of Apalachicola and Carrabelle for Recycling Grants, which have expired. He explained he needs the Chairman's signature on the new 5-year agreement. He explained the agreement is a requirement of the 1988 Solid Waste Management Act, which requires counties and municipalities to form cooperative arrangements for carrying out solid waste recycling and education programs. He said the agreement is identical to the one signed 5-years ago and it must accompany Part I of the Recycling and Education Grant Application. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the 5-Year Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the Cities of Apalachicola and Carrabelle for Recycling Grants.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3372) He request approval from the Board to purchase the break trailer now in use at the Landfill. He said Waste Management owned the trailer and presently the Landfill staff and Waste Management staff use the trailer during break times. He reported the trailer is several years old and the purchase price is \$3,000.00. Mr. Johnson said he would like to purchase the trailer using Solid Waste Grant Funds. Commissioner Mosconis asked if the trailer was in good shape. Mr. Johnson replied yes. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the purchase of the break trailer owned by**

**Waste Management for \$3,000.00 to be purchase from the Solid Waste Grant.**

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

(Tape 1-3417) Commissioner Putnal asked if Mr. Johnson had checked into the matter he discussed with him earlier about people wanting to go to the Landfill and salvage some of the debris there. Mr. Johnson replied he had. He said he was reluctant to do that and he reminded the Board of the accident in Gulf County where a man was crushed while salvaging at the Landfill. Commissioner Mosconis stated it was too much of a liability for the County. Mr. Johnson said he was really concerned about the liability issue and was not in favor of allowing this at the Landfill.

**ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 1-3540) He reminded the Board of the meeting scheduled at 1:30 p.m. with FDOT. He said this was a public workshop and encouraged the Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Mosconis said he would not be here, but wanted Mr. Pierce to request that they finish paving Highway 98 from 12<sup>th</sup> Street out to Tilton Road. Mr. Pierce replied he would request that for Commissioner Mosconis.

(Tape 1-3609) He presented the Board a final copy of the plans for the Alligator Point curve. He said the plans have been reviewed by the traffic engineer at Preble-Rish and approved by him.

(Tape 1-3644 Continued on Tape 2) Mr. Pierce presented the Board with a copy of the Management Prospectus for Bald Point. He reminded the Board of the DEP public workshop on the management plan for Bald Point would be held on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Alligator Point Fire Station.

(Tape 2-24) He said he spoke to Mr. Keith Dantin, St. Joe/Arvida, last week and was informed by him that St. Joe would work with the county on a sand pit on Alligator Point. He said Mr. Dantin was not in favor of putting the sand pit where the county wanted it. He said he was asked by Mr. Dantin for the County to delineate a 5-acre parcel along CR 30 and adjoining Sun 'n Sand, Unit 2. He said he would go with the County Engineer to look at the area to make sure it meets the needs of the County.

(Tape 2-42) He informed the Board C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., would be paving the SGI County Park re-routed roads this week. He said Mason Bean, SGI, has offered to organize a contractor led work group to build the bathrooms and beach gazebos. He said he has sent a set of plans to Mr. Bean for him to review. He said the bathrooms would be constructed first since they will be landward of the coastal construction control line. He told the Board the County did not receive the additional grant for the county park from the DEP Land and Water Conservation Fund. He explained the County would have to build the park with the existing grant and the \$40,000.00 the Sheriff returned to the Board.

(Tape 2-67) He asked for the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and the Florida Fish and

Wildlife Conservation Commission to improve boating access for boat ramps at Bloody Bluff, Gardner's Landing, Graham Creek, and Whiskey George. He said Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, has reviewed the MOU and recommends the Board accept it. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to improve boating access for boat ramps at Bloody Bluff, Gardner's Landing, Graham Creek, and Whiskey George.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said the agreement specifies the County will not ever charge a user fee for the boat ramps without the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approval.

(Tape 2-109) He presented the Board with a copy of the DEP Permit for the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District Expansion and Upgrade Project.

(Tape 2-120) He informed the Board that Ms. Alice Marie Pearson has been able to get a contractor to build her house in accordance with FEMA guidelines; therefore he would have the Chairman sign the contract with FEMA. He explained the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the FEMA contract on April 18<sup>th</sup> contingent on Ms. Pearson providing the match for the funds. He stated he has not seen the match, FEMA wants the County to sign the contract otherwise they will kill the project. He said the County would not spend any money until Ms. Pearson provides the match in an account accessible by the county since the county will be paying the contractor.

(Tape 2-158) He said the County had received all the funds from DEP for the Ned Porter Park Project and the project has been closed out. He submitted a copy of the close out letter from DEP.

(Tape 2-165) He asked for Board approval of the revised Grammercy Plantation Master Plan. He said the revised Master Plan reflects the changes the Board approved in the Development Order adopted March 7, 2000. He stated the DO decreased the amount of residential development in the project and increased the size of the lots. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the revised Grammercy Plantation Master Plan.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce presented a copy of the revised Grammercy Plantation Master Plan.

(Tape 2-31) He asked for permission to pay the Harris Brothers \$20,000.00 for the value of the land the county gave them, but they could not use because they could not get a clear title to it. He said the county has been unable to straighten the title out on the property and so the county owes the Harris Brothers \$20,000.00 as was originally agreed. He said the money would have to be funded out of the Contingency Budget, unless the Board wants to take part of the funds from the Boating Improvement Trust Fund. He explained the Finance Officer, Ruth Williams, would prefer that all of the money come from one source. He informed the Board there was not enough money left in the Boating Improvement Trust Fund to pay the entire amount. He said the Harris Brothers would deed the property back to the County. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to pay the Harris Brothers \$20,000.00 from the Contingency Budget for their work on the**

**Eastpoint Boat Ramp.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce submitted a copy of the original Resolution adopted on March 16, 1999 reflecting the cost of construction of the Eastpoint Boat Ramp and convey the property to the Harris Brothers.

(Tape 2-284) He asked the Board to appoint a fifth person to the Lanark Village Building Permit Review Committee per the request of Mr. Ralph Dietz. He said he had not talked to Commissioner Sanders about this request and if the Board decided or wanted the matter could wait until the next meeting. Mr. Pierce stated currently there are only four members on the commission and Mr. Dietz would like to have a fifth person added. He said that person would be Mr. Hubert Sewell. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to wait on this decision until she did some research on the request.

(Tape 2-302) Mr. Pierce presented the Board with the Preble-Rish layout for speed humps, which are lower and broader than speed bumps. He explained the County Engineer, David Kennedy, estimates the cost of a speed hump is \$500.00 because of the amount of asphalt. He informed the Board the appropriate signage, "BUMP" would have to be put on the asphalt. Commissioner Mosconis suggested the Road Department experiment with one of these. He said he would like one placed out at Southland Subdivision where Ms. Deborah Moses lives. He said this is the area Ms. Moses came to the Board about complaining about the speeders on her road. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the placement of an experimental speed hump in Southland Subdivision near where Ms. Deborah Moses lives contingent on the County Engineer.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-362) He informed the Board the legislature created a new program for FDOT, which allows them to pay up to 75% of road improvements for rural counties, if the county comes up with the other 25%. He stated Franklin County is eligible for the program entitled "Small County Outreach Program". He presented the Board with a copy of the letter and suggested the Board discuss this program with the FDOT representatives who will be at the workshop this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 2-434) He asked for permission to remove the original copier used at the Planning and Zoning Office from County Inventory. He explained the copier has been sent to the Emergency Management Office at the Apalachicola Airport, but is now almost fifteen years old. He said the copier is going to be donated to the American Cancer Society if they want it. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to remove the copier used by the Planning & Zoning Office and the Emergency Management Office from the County's Inventory List and authorizing donating it to the American Cancer Society.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-449) He said he has previously reported the county is eligible for storm water drainage improvement projects to be funded by FEMA. He said the deadline is August for submission of the projects. He listed the following projects in the order they needed to be done, 1. Repair erosion around the abutments on the Crooked River Bridge on CR

76; 2. Repair or replace culvert on Oak St. and Collins ST. in Lanark Village; 3. Repair wooden headwall on large ditch on Brownsville Road; 4. Replace box culvert on Teat Road across ditch from the railroad tracks; 5. Elevate dirt roads in Unit 5, SGI, that routinely flood such as Wing St.; 6. Resubmit breakwater on Sawyer St. on SGI if it does not get funded under existing grant submission. He said Mr. Kennedy has approved these projects. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the submission of the storm water drainage improvement projects to FEMA and authorizing the County Engineer to develop the plans necessary for the grant submission.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said \$245,000.00 is available to the county. He stated the county would have to come up with the 25% match amount.

(Tape 2-508) He informed the Board he has talked to Mr. Edward Prescott, FDOT, and was told by him that no FDOT employees in Franklin County will loose their jobs in the event FDOT does reorganize the job assignments at the Carrabelle FDOT yard. He said Mr. Prescott stated FDOT is considering making existing employees into asset managers, whereby they would monitor work being done by FDOT contractors. He explained Mr. Prescott told him FDOT is considering contracting all maintenance, including mowing, pothole patching, and litter collecting out. He said if the Board is concerned about this matter they might want to mention it, as well, at the workshop this afternoon.

(Tape 2-555) He informed the Board he has submitted a budget to the Finance Office for next year with the Planning & Zoning Office reorganized as was discussed at the last Board meeting. He said in order to keep up with the increasing workload, he has authorized Ms. Rachel Ward to attend some training classes. He said this reorganization is the most feasible way for his Office to continue to provide the wide range of services the Board and the public has come to expect.

(Tape 2-631) He informed the Board he has received a copy of the St. James Bay DRI and is placing a copy of it in this Board file. He stated it has also been submitted to ARPC, DCA, and now the County has it. He said he has a copy for his office as well.

(Tape 2-664) He said FEMA has approved the \$90,000.00 reserved for the Alligator Point Revetment Project two years ago to expand the Alligator Point Erosion Control Study to include Bald Point. He said the amended contract with Preble-Rish will be forthcoming and he will then ask the Board to amend the contract when he has an approved scope of work. He stated this was just for the Board's information.

(Tape 2-678) He reported several representatives from Sverdrup Corp., the engineering company for the new SGI Bridge, are here to discuss the various drainage improvements they are proposing to make in the Eastpoint-SGI area in order to comply with DEP requirements associated with the new SGI Bridge.

(Tape 2-687) Commissioner Mosconis asked the status of the Amerigas property in Lanark Village the County is trying to purchase. Mr. Shuler said he would discuss this matter in his report to the Board this morning.

(Tape 2-696) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce about the Jet Ski Ordinance sign coming into Franklin County from Wakulla County around the Alligator Point area. She said she had some complaints about being unable to read and understand the sign. Mr. Pierce said he would purchase, at the direction of the Board, some new larger signs indicating the Jet Ski Ordinance Number and its contents. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to prepare or order a new sign reflecting the Franklin County Jet Ski Ordinance to be placed around the Alligator Point area and coming into Franklin County.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-741) She asked him about the status of the signs to be placed at the entrances to Franklin County regarding the Champion Girls Softball Team. Mr. Pierce replied he had received the signs, but they were entirely too large to be put up at the county line. Commissioner Sanders said she would like to make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to purchase some smaller signs to be placed at the entrances to Franklin County recognizing the Champion Girls Softball Team.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-801) She said Ms. Yount called her about a right-of-way problem at Lanark Village last week. She stated Ms. Yount is at the meeting this morning. Ms. Yount said she lives on Florida Street in Lanark Village and has a problem with one of her neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Staff, who has landscaped one of the county right-of-ways. She presented her problems to the Board and after which Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce and Mr. Chipman to place "Public Access" signs on this right-of-way at the end of Florida Street in Lanark Village.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1111) Mr. Pierce stated Sverdrup Corporation representatives would like to update the Board on the new SGI Bridge. Jeff Toussant, Design Project Manager for the SGI Bridge, presented the Board with a large handout, which included the proposed layout of the bridge. He said the new bridge is going to be located to the West of the existing bridge and construction is scheduled to start around the end of July, but more likely mid-August of this year. He stated the hold up is the necessary permits from DEP. He explained in order to secure that permit from DEP they have to deal with storm water mitigation and that means all of the water which falls off the new bridge will need to be mitigated by compensatory treatment on other existing local streets. He stated they couldn't collect water on the bridge since it is at a 0% grade with no way to pipe the water to treatment sites. He said they are proposing to identify sites around the bridge for treatment. He stated Bill Veon would explain what they are proposing to do. Mr. Veon said the proposed compensatory treatment sites are: a. John Gorrie Causeway-6.8 acres impervious, b. Magnolia Bluff Road-3.5 acres impervious, c. SR 300 Pond-4.4 acres impervious, d. Franklin, Washington, and Jefferson Streets in Eastpoint-1.5 acres impervious, e. Couch Property-4.4 acres impervious, f. SGI Bike Trail-3.9 acres impervious, g. on-site existing SR 300 roadway-3.0 acres impervious. He explained the package submitted this morning is just a portion of the overall plans they sent to DEP for

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the permit. He asked the Board if they had any questions. Frank Latham, SGI, asked about the retention ponds and said he was a little concerned about them. He said there are two ponds there right now that are retention ponds for overflow of water. He stated on either side of Gorrie Drive, East and West Gorrie, by the Buccaneer Inn there is a flood area. He said the same thing happens in front of the shotgun houses on the Island as well. He asked if they were going to use those two ponds for the overflow. Mr. Pierce replied they were not going to use those ponds. He said he did show them the area in front of the shotgun houses. He said he talked to Mr. Toussant about the problems there and Mr. Toussant has agreed to help the county with the problem. Mr. Veon said they would modify the area around Gorrie Drive. After further discussion and Mr. Veon's presentation Mr. Pierce said the Commissioners would need to make a formal motion approving these Proposed Compensatory Treatment Sites if they wanted to allow the permitting process to move forward. Mr. Pierce informed the Board he did have the County Engineer review the proposal. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving and accepting the Proposed Compensatory Treatment Sites as presented by Sverdrup Corporation for the new SGI Bridge.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Toussant said part of their contract with FDOT is removal of portions of the original bridge and converting the remainder into fishing piers, which will include safety measures for the piers. He said that in July they will be doing a load test of six pilings where by they will place a 52' x 52' x 16' tank filled with water to load test the pilings. He said that should be sixteen hundred tons of water on the pilings. Mr. Toussant said part of the contract, as well, is to sponsor a minimum of three and probably four oyster relays during the project. He stated he has been working with John Gunter and Joe Shields, DEP, and the FCSWA on the project.

**KENDALL WADE-CLERK**

(Tape 2-1914) He asked the Board to remove the following from the County Inventory List; Property #'s 2074, 2075, 311, 312, 1167, and 2053. He said items 2074, 2075, 311, and 312 belonged to the Ambulance service and items 1167 and 2053 belonged to the Solid Waste Department. He said the items were traded. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the removal of Property Number's, 2074, 2075, 311, 312, 1167, and 2053 from the County Inventory List.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1940) He said a few months ago William McCain, who is handicapped, came to a Board meeting asking for a handicap parking space in front of his residence in Lanark Village. He stated Mr. McCain has sent the county a letter requesting several items, one of them being placing his letter in the official meeting folder of this meeting. He informed the Board he was placing a copy of Mr. McCain's letter in the Board file this morning.

(Tape 2-1973) Mr. Wade informed the Board the Auditor General's Office has contacted the Finance Office requesting the County begin the process of eliminating the two special districts, which are considered inactive by them. He said those districts are the George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Special District and the SGI Water and Sewer District. He asked the Board to direct the County Attorney to begin this process. Commissioner

Creamer made a **motion directing the County Attorney to proceed with the elimination of these special districts, George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Special District and the SGI Water and Sewer District.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2021) He told the Board the windows at the Old Jail at the rear of the Courthouse have been blocked up. He said at the March 7, 2000 meeting the Board approved the expenditure of \$4,70.00 for a rubberized roof on the Old Jail. He explained the roof cannot be completed for \$4,700.00 and asked the Board to allow him to advertise the project for bids. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He stated the County Engineer has completed some specifications for the project. Mr. Wade said the cost for the roof should be between \$7,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

**ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(Tape 2-2070) Mr. Shuler said regarding the settlement of Jerry Lolley's workers comp claim against the county the checks have been approved to be prepared and sent to Kathryn Runco Miller, attorney working with him on the matter, to verify the amount of the check. He said they are paying the amounts as set forth in the approved stipulation.

(Tape 2-2097) He stated he spoke to the architect from Rutherford Architects in reference to the contract for services to construct the new Carrabelle Branch Library. He explained he has worked out the details of that contract and it is ready for the Chairman's signature as approved in the Special Meeting held on May 22, 2000.

(Tape 2-2136) Mr. Shuler informed the Board he spoke to another representative from Amerigas about the property the county is trying to buy in Lanark Village. He said they are making some changes to the contract for purchase, which would make it acceptable to him to approve the purchase of the property. He asked the Board to go ahead and approve the Chairman's signature on the contract for purchase of this property for \$12,000.00. He said the county would need to have a Phase I Environmental Survey on the property. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the contract for purchase of the Amerigas property in Lanark Village for \$12,000.00.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2198) He said he talked to the engineers from Sverdrup Corporation regarding the recommendation of fencing in the big holding pond north of Eastpoint Cemetery. He stated this would be for safety purposes.

(Tape 2-2248) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Shuler if he had heard anything about the lawsuit the County filed against the Old Lanark Village Officers Club. Mr. Shuler replied he had to modify the complaint and get service on the estate that owns the mortgage. He said he will get to that and should have something at the next meeting.

(Tape 2-2272) Commissioner Mosconis said he hated to harp on something, but he wanted to address underage drivers driving these illegal vehicles on the right-of-ways of this county. He said since the last meeting there was a terrible 4-wheeler accident in his neighborhood. He stated he wanted a letter sent to the Sheriff about enforcing the 4-wheeler ordinance. He said he didn't know what it was going to take to get the laws enforced. He stated this a public safety problem involving kids. He said he just sees them running wild. Commissioner Creamer said he understands what Commissioner Mosconis is saying, but the only thing is the Sheriff's Department can't be on the scene every time a 4-wheeler is seen by someone. He said by the time a deputy gets to the scene they are gone. He stated he knows for a fact when a deputy sees one they are stopped and they take the kid home. He said he sees it all the time and he knows for a fact they have written several tickets. He stated most of the time the parents just come in and pay the ticket. Commissioner Mosconis stated emphatically he wanted the Sheriff to be aware of this problem. Ms. Varnes, Board Secretary, assured the Commissioners he was very aware of the problem. Commissioner Mosconis said he hoped it didn't take some kid getting killed to wake people up. He stated he is seeing more and more go-carts now. Mr. Wade stated he agreed it was a problem and he has talked to the Sheriff as well about the problem. He said he felt some of the problem was in the home and he didn't think there was much the county could do to make people obey the laws. Commissioner Mosconis said it was against the law for a kid to be driving a 4-wheeler on county right-of-way. Mr. Wade agreed and said he understood this. Commissioner Mosconis stated he is concerned a kid is going to run under a car and get smashed. Mr. Wade said he just saw a wreck with one the day before yesterday. Commissioner Mosconis said it was like this kid that killed the teacher in Lake Worth last week. He stated he used his grandfather's gun to do it. He said there is an adult in the picture that he feels is responsible. He stated kids don't get the money to go to the store and buy guns. He said they, as well, do not get the money to go and buy a 4-wheeler, an adult is part of the picture. He said the enforcement process needs to come down on the adults. He said he felt it was a very preventable situation. He stated again he wanted the Sheriff to get the message. Ms. Varnes assured the Commissioners she would get the message to the Sheriff.

**ANDY EASTON-BERRYMAN & HENIGAR**

(Tape 2-2488) Mr. Easton introduced himself to the Board at this time. He said his company serve as grant writers & administrators and engineer firm. He asked the Board if they would like for them to assist the county in writing and applying for the Hurricane Earl Grant. Mr. Pierce informed Mr. Easton the county does its own grant writing and administering except for CDBG ones. Mr. Pierce informed Mr. Easton the county has a fifty-point penalty against the next CDBG they receive. He asked Mr. Easton if he could assist the county in getting the penalty removed. Mr. Easton replied he doubted it. He asked the Board to just consider them if and when the county was ready to apply for a new CDBG. He thanked the Board for their time this morning.

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR-ISSC CONFERENCE**

(Tape 2-3055) Mr. Mahan returned to the meeting to update the Board on the tentative agenda for the Gulf and South Atlantic Shellfish Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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He said the meeting would be held June 11-14, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Chateau LeMoyne in New Orleans., He said the meeting in Phoenix or Scottsdale will be held July 15-20, 2000. He stated the meeting in Louisiana begins this Monday. Commissioner Putnal encouraged Mr. Mahan to go to this conference. Mr. Mahan reported it would deplete his whole travel budget and he didn't think he could afford it. Mr. Pierce said the Board could schedule a special meeting if needed to address who is going and who is going to pay for it. Mr. Mahan furnished each Commissioner with a package of information regarding the conferences.

**TOM ADAMS-SGI**

(Tape 2-3249) Mr. Adams said one thing occurred to him when the discussion was being held about the storm water runoff for the new SGI Bridge. He stated the County may want to consider an outfall line since there is a direct easement across the beach on SGI. He said certainly that whole area that was mentioned is an area which during storm conditions is already overloaded. He stated this should not environmentally impact the Bay. He said an outfall line toward the beach would be a good idea. Mr. Pierce said it could easily back fire during storm surge conditions by pushing salt water right into the middle of the Island a lot faster than it might otherwise get there. He stated it was something to think about anyway.

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

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade KENDALL WADE, CLERK