

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2000**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jimmy Mosconis

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

(Tape 1-10) Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, opened the meeting by stating this meeting was scheduled to discuss the County sending some representatives to the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. He said he talked to David Heil, DEP, and Mr. Heil recommended the county provide good representation at the meeting in New Orleans. He informed the portion of the conference pertaining to the Vibrio vulnificus begins at 2:30 CST on Monday afternoon and continues through the next day, Tuesday. He explained the critical time, according to Mr. Heil, is Monday afternoon and Tuesday and he said Mr. Heil strongly encouraged him to get someone from the county to go to the meetings. Mr. Pierce said the Lt. Governor, as well, was going to meet with the seafood workers and county representatives on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He said then the next meeting would be in July in Arizona. Willard Vinson, seafood representative, asked the Board to contact State Representative Allen Boyd about the matter and ask him to send Jim Norton, his District Representative for this area, to this meeting. Mr. Pierce agreed and said he did want this to be a productive meeting. Commissioner Creamer said he and Commissioner Sanders had decided to go to the meeting. Mr. Pierce stated Commissioner Mosconis may or may not go. Commissioner Creamer said the county couldn't depend on maybe or maybe not. He said he was for sure going. Commissioner Sanders said she too was definitely going. Commissioner Sanders said she and Commissioner Creamer would leave Monday morning. Mr. Wade, the Clerk, said he would need a motion allowing him to pay the travel expenses for Commissioner Creamer and Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the payment of expenses for Commissioner Creamer and Commissioner Sanders to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana for the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference for Monday, June 12, 2000, and Tuesday, June 13, 2000.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Commissioners then discussed paying for the travel expenses of the County Extension Director, Bill Mahan. The Commissioners decided it was important for him to attend the meeting and Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the payment of expenses for Mr. Mahan to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana for the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference for Monday, June 12, 2000, and Tuesday, June 13, 2000.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Wade then asked if the Board was going to contribute any funds to the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association so some of them could attend the meeting also. Leroy Hall, President FCSWA, replied they were going to take five of their

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representatives. Mr. Hall and Mr. Vinson said they had decided, at the FCSWA meeting last night, to ask for \$3,000.00. After discussion Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing \$1,000.00 for the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association to use for travel expenses to the meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Board explained that if the FCSWA had to go on to Arizona the County might give them additional money for expenses. Mr. Pierce agreed that if they had to go to Arizona then it would take additional money. Mr. Wade asked who would the FCSWA like the check made payable to since the county had to give the money to a 5013C, a non-profit group, such as the Chamber of Commerce or the Florida Fishermen's Federation. After discussion the Board directed the Clerk to give the check to the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce. Ray Pringle, Jr., President of the Florida Fishermen's Federation, asked the Board why the ISSC was having a meeting regarding the industry in the middle of the country in Arizona. He said the Board could send a letter to ISSC or ask Congressman Boyd to lean on them a little to make it easier for the fishing industry to travel to these meeting. He stated they sure did need to be held in one of our more accessible areas. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a letter to Congressman Boyd asking his assistance in this matter.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said the Board could possibly join the ISSC as an industry representative member. He informed the Board only state agencies could join the ISSC. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to check into the county becoming a member of this organization and directing him to see that the county becomes a member as soon as possible.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **DEWITT POLOUS-DIRECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL**

(Tape 1-655) Mr. Wade informed the Board that at the meeting the other day, June 6, 2000, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Polous to buy a truck for Mosquito Control off of the State Bid List. He said they would be unable to use the bid list since the county has a bid policy. He asked for permission to advertise bids for the new truck. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Polous to advertise for submission of bids for a new Mosquito Control truck.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-683) Mr. Pierce explained he was going immediately to his office to begin the process of rescheduling the meeting with the Lt. Governor for a week after the meeting in New Orleans instead of June 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked the Commissioners to check with either him or his office regarding this important matter. Commissioner Sanders reminded Mr. Pierce she and Chairman Williams will be at a Board of County Commissioners Conference in Orlando June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>. She asked him to try not to schedule a meeting for those dates. Mr. Pierce said he would do the best he could.

(Tape 1-721) Mr. Mahan asked the Board if the county wanted him to stay for the entire conference. Mr. Pierce suggested he just go to the Monday and Tuesday meetings. The Board agreed.

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

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

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