

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 5, 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 1-15) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2000.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-18) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LLOYD SUMMER-APALACHICOLA BAY & RIVER KEEPERS**

(Tape 1-28) Mr. Summer informed the Board he was a resident of SGI representing the Apalachicola Bay and River Keepers. He asked the Board for permission to have an oyster roast at the basketball court on the Island. He said the event was scheduled for Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. and would be over at about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. He stated they would like the County Commissioners to allow them to use the area for this event. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, replied to Mr. Summer that the Apalachicola Bay and River Keepers would have to purchase liability insurance to protect the County. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Summer to check with the County Attorney to see how much coverage they should purchase. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the use of county property, the basketball court, on SGI by the Apalachicola Bay and River Keepers on Saturday, July 8, 2000, contingent on checking with the County Attorney regarding liability insurance, etc.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING-LAND-USE AND REZONING REQUEST-GEORGE ALLEN**

(Tape 1-89) Chairman Williams announced the opening of a public hearing to discuss the rezoning and land use change request submitted by George Allen. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Commissioner should wait until the County Attorney was here. She asked where he was this morning. Mr. Pierce replied it would certainly be a good idea to have the attorney present. He said he had already called County Attorney Shuler's office to ask where he was and was informed Mr. Shuler was on his way. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board move ahead with the public hearing contingent on Mr. Shuler reviewing the discussion. Chairman Williams asked Mr. Pierce to go ahead with his presentation. Mr. Pierce said this public hearing was for the Board to hear public input on the request of George Allen to rezone 2 acres in Eastpoint, South Bayshore Drive, from R-1, Single Family Residential District to C-2, Commercial Business District and change the land use from Residential to Commercial. Mr. Allen said he was pursuing a full line grocery store for this property. **Mr. Shuler came into the meeting at this time.** He stated he had

discussed this matter with the Planning and Zoning Commission and they had approved this request. Mr. Pierce read a letter from the contiguous property owner, Leigh Chapman, informing the Board if they granted Mr. Allen's request then he too would want his property viewed as a "buffer zone" between the R-1 property on South Bayshore and Mr. Allen's proposed C-2 property and allow him the appropriate rezoning of his parcel. Commissioner Sanders said Mr. Chapman's request should have no bearing on Mr. Allen's rezoning request. She stated they were separate issues. Mr. Allen said he would stipulate that he would allow a right turn only into the property, which would bring the traffic back to Highway 98. After no further public input Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the land use change for a parcel of private real property containing 2 acres belonging to George Allen in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 West from Residential to Commercial.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Creamer then made a **motion authorizing the rezoning for a parcel of private property containing 2 acres belonging to George Allen in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 West from R-1, Single Family Residential District, to C-2, Commercial Business District.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE RESTRICTING WATER USE ON SGI**

(Tape 1-264) Mr. Shuler said the proposed ordinance was requested by the SGI Water Management Services, Inc., because they fear they could exceed their water capacity if some restrictions on water usage are not implemented. He said the ordinance restricts water use for watering lawns or landscaping on SGI during the following times: weekends from 5:00 a.m. Monday during May, June, July, August, and September, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Hank Garrett, Operations Manager, said he would not be here today if he was not concerned about water conservation on the Island. Frank Latham, Tommy Day, Barbara Sanders, and Molly Reed appeared to voice their concerns and complaints against adopting the ordinance. Bill Hess, General Manager, SGI Plantation Homeowners Association, said he would be willing to work with the water company to try and implement some type of water conservation, but he did not want to see the ordinance adopted either. Ms. Sanders said if a person from the water company saw someone using water for something they thought was excessive if they would just ask the people nicely they would probably cooperate with the water company. Mr. Day said he didn't want the water company to have police powers to just simply tell some to cut their water off and if they didn't they could be arrested. After further discussion the Board unanimously decided, without motion, not to take any action on this matter.

**SUSAN FICKLEN-ADMINISTRATOR-WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

(Tape 1-1681) Ms. Ficklen said the Board asked for some information, financial statements, from Centennial Healthcare Investment Corporation, the company renting the hospital. She said she had given Mr. Wade, the Clerk, a copy of the financial statements. Mr. Wade stated he made a copy of the statements for each Commissioner and presented the statements to them at this time. Ms. Ficklen stated she just wanted the Commissioners to know she was still pursuing the new air conditioning system. She said she would be back for the Budget Workshop in August to discuss the needs of the

Hospital. She said she was going to ask for \$300,000.00 for the project. She said she still did not have an answer on where the company was with the USDA Loan Application, but she did have a copy of the loan application. She stated she would be completing it today.

(Tape 1-1838) Commissioner Putnal said he thought they needed to locate a helipad in or around Carrabelle for patients being picked up by Life Flight. Ms. Ficklen said she and Marilyn Walker, EMS Director, would be happy to work with Commissioner Putnal and the City of Carrabelle to pursue this.

**GARY BARBER-MARKS INSURANCE COMPANY-DENTAL INSURANCE**

(Tape 1-1932) Mr. Barber presented each Commissioner with a Dental Proposal for the Employees of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. He said the Board was the only publicly funded entity that did not furnish its employees dental insurance. He explained the insurance is with Blue Cross and Blue Shield the same company the county uses for the medical insurance for it's employees. Mr. Barber said they choose BC&BS because the Board is very familiar with them and their payment history. He stated they are the only insurance company in the county with a PPO network. He went over the proposal with the Commissioners and informed them the premium would be \$18.31 per employee, \$35.00 employee plus dependent less the \$18.31 paid by the county for the employee so it would be \$16.69. Commissioner Putnal said this matter would need to be discussed at the Budget Workshop in August as well. Mr. Barber said he wanted to make sure the Commissioners understood this would not include any orthodontic services. Commissioner Creamer said he talked to the Finance Officer, Ruth Williams, about a dental plan for County Employees and he felt this was one of the most attractive ones he has seen. Mr. Wade said he would like for Mr. Barber to see Ms. Williams to make sure it was considered at the Budget Workshop.

**BRIAN ESTOCK, PARSONS- BRINKERHOFF-SGI BRIDGE**

(Tape 1-2299) Mr. Estock said he worked for Parsons-Brinkeroff, the construction engineers and inspection firm hired by FDOT to oversee the SGI Bridge Project. He stated FDOT has requested that he come to a Board meeting once a month to update the Commissioners on the project. He informed the Board currently they are expecting the designer to submit 100% plans around July 15<sup>th</sup>. He said the designer is currently awaiting a letter allowing him to modify a permit so he can begin his load test program. He stated the load test program is scheduled around mid August. He explained this is when people will begin to see a lot of barges and cranes appear at the site. He said construction itself would not begin until around October. He stated they would be moving their office trailer down this month to SR 300 next to the blue storage area lot. He informed the Board the project is scheduled to end in October 2003. Commissioner Putnal asked about the proposed storm water projects and when they would begin. Mr. Estock replied FDOT would begin on SGI with those projects since this would coincide with the new bridge. He said they would then move on to the Eastpoint projects. Mr. Pierce said he was informed earlier it would be around 6 to 8 months before they get to Eastpoint. Commissioner Mosconis asked how many local people they anticipated hiring for this project. Mr. Estock replied he didn't know, but the contractor would know. He

said the contractor will bring the top-level people needed with him, but they will be hiring a lot of carpenters, framers, etc. locally. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Estock to check on this and report back to them when he comes to the next meeting.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING-AIRPORT OVERLAY ORDINANCE**

(Tape 1-2434) Mr. Pierce asked the Board to table this issue until August 15, 2000 at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to table this issue until August 15, 2000 at 9:05 a.m.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal asked Ted Mosteller, Airport Advisory Committee Chairman, if he had notified the Carrabelle Airport about this ordinance. Mr. Mosteller replied he had been communicating with Carrabelle. Mr. Pierce submitted a letter to the Board from Phipps Ventures, Inc., SGI Airport, asking the Committee to postpone or table the consideration of the ordinance to a later date.

#### **BIDS-OLD JAIL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

(Tape 1-2482) Mr. Pierce said there was some confusion about a bid submitted this morning. He stated the advertisement clearly stated the bids had to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on July 3, 2000. He said Randy Brown, Big B Contractors, Inc., called him and told him he would bring his bid in Wednesday morning. Mr. Pierce stated he didn't see the ad because he didn't prepare it and therefore didn't think about the bid deadline on Monday. Mr. Brown said he would think any bid received before the other bids were opened would be allowed. He stated he didn't know if he was high or low bid, but he felt his bid should be considered. Mr. Shuler, after looking at a copy of the ad, said the Board had a right to waive informalities or minor errors. He said the Board would have to decide whether this was an informality and/or a minor error and waive the time deadline. He stated since none of the bids have been opened yet this bid did not have any more benefit than the other bidders. Commissioner Mosconis said the bid should be considered and made a **motion to declare the time deadline a minor informality and to waive it.**

Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Wade opened the bids as follows: Southland Contracting, Inc.-Tallahassee-\$7,969.00; Greg's Roofing of Bay County, Inc.-Panama City-\$11,200.00 with an alternate bid of \$9,880.00; Harrell Roofing, Inc.-Tallahassee-\$16,500.00; Big "B" Contractors, Inc.-Tallahassee-\$6,800.00. Mr. Pierce asked the Board to turn the bids over to the County Engineer, David Kennedy, for consideration, review, and award. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the County Engineer, David Kennedy, to review and award the bid for the Old Jail Roof Replacement Project.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **MAJOR RON CRUM-FCSO-INMATE MEDICAL ISSUES**

(Tape 1-2964) Mr. Crum said he was here this morning to inform the Board of a possible situation at their County Jail. He explained an inmate who committed a crime and was released only to commit another crime a few days later. He informed the Board this man is on Kidney dialysis and has to be taken to dialysis 3 times a week to Panama City. He said Medicaid took care of him for 30 days, but according to the law after 30 days he becomes the responsibility of the county since he is in the County Jail. He stated the Sheriff's Department has been paying all of these bills since June 14, 2000. He said the

inmate was booked on May 16, 2000 and since June 14, 2000 the Sheriff has been paying for his medical care. He informed the Board it costs approximately \$2,600.00 a week not including his medication, food for the trip for him and the Correctional Officer who accompanies him, gas, the salary of the Correctional Office for these 3 days. He said he has spoke with the Assistant State Attorney and due to the seriousness of the crime and the fact the case load is so large there was no way to expedite this inmate through the system. Major Crum said it looks like he is going to belong to the county for a good while. He said it costs around \$12,000.00 a month to house and care for this one inmate. He reminded the Board of the previous medical problems with Tammy Stanley and Jessica Poole. He said it cost approximately \$30,000.00 for their medical problems just several months ago. He stated the Sheriff has been doing the best he can to cover these expenses, but it is getting to the place, especially if this lingers on for several months, there will be a serious deficit in the budget for medical expenses for the inmates. He said he was hoping the cases could be expedited, but he has been informed there was no way this could be done. Commissioner Mosconis asked whom they needed to talk to have the matter expedited. Major Crum stated what makes it so difficult is the case involves a Domestic Battery-Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon charge, which makes it a serious offense. He said he talked to the Assistant State Attorney and was informed by him he had offered the Public Defender handling the case a plea bargain, but the Public Defender had refused it. He said he knew the Public Defender would be trying to get the best deal for his client while the ASO would want to prosecute the crime. He stated the Judge, as well, couldn't help that much since it was a Domestic Violence case. Major Crum said it only took this inmate 6 or 7 days to commit this new crime after he was released from the County Jail earlier so the liability of releasing him is just to great. Commissioner Mosconis asked if the person was on probation. Major Crum replied he was just released on his own recognizance. Major Crum said the insurance would not cover an outpatient bill. Commissioner Mosconis said then they should put him in the hospital. Major Crum said he had asked them to do just that, but the insurance company had a \$10,000.00 deductible every time an inmate is put in the hospital. He said he talked to the hospital representatives and was informed by them it would cost the county a lot more money. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing the County Attorney to write a letter to the State Attorney, Willie Meggs, encouraging him to do everything possible to expedite this matter.** Commissioner Mosconis said he thought Mr. Meggs would do all he could. Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-3252) Mr. Mahan informed the Board his office had moved to the Apalachicola Airport at the Emergency Management. He said his first official day at the new office was June 29<sup>th</sup>. He stated June 29<sup>th</sup> was his seventh anniversary with the county. He said his telephone number is the same, however they are using the Emergency Management Office Fax. He explained he is trying to work out something on a Carrabelle Toll Free Line.

(Tape 1-3404) He said the Natural Resource Leadership Institute class of 2000 visited Franklin County to study the Tri-State A-C-F River Water War issues. He said 22 people

middle and upper management natural resource professionals from around the state spent 3 days in the county learning more about the area and specifically on regional water allocation issues. Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Putnal expressed their concerns about these issues and how they will affect Franklin County.

(Tape 1-3592) He presented the Florida Cooperative Extension Service publication that explains the Extension Service and its programs to the public.

(Tape 1-3615 Continued on Tape 2) He said he sent a copy of the position paper prepared by the Florida Oyster Industry to each Commissioner. He stated this was the latest copy from the recent meeting. He said everyone is in agreement with what the position paper contains. He stated this is something Lt. Governor Brogan encouraged the Oyster Industry to do, an alternative proposal to the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference. He said he didn't know if this was the final draft since he did send some minor editorial comments to David Heil, DEP, for his consideration. Commissioner Putnal asked if the Board could do anything to right now. He said, after speaking to a lot of people in the oyster business, they informed him they are willing to do whatever it takes to keep the bay open to oystering. He stated it has to be stopped before they close the Bay. Mr. Mahan stated he didn't feel they really did not want to close the industry entirely, but he did feel the heat and oystering during the summer was going to have to be dealt with. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to make a **motion to adopt or concur with this position paper subject to change by the Committee and David Heil.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders asked if Congressman Boyd would be able to attend the meeting in Arizona. Mr. Mahan replied Congressman Boyd will be in full session in Washington at that time, but his representative Jim Norton would attend the meeting in Arizona. Commissioner Creamer said he wanted to see that at risk individuals with these illnesses such as liver disease, diabetes, etc. were specifically identified in the position paper. He said these illnesses had to be listed so people would specifically know they are at risk if they have these listed illnesses. Mr. Mahan stated they wanted the States to be able to list the illnesses. He said if the ISSC adopts this reduction illness goal and the percentage is not met then requires the warning be used nationwide in restaurants, etc. and not just in the few states where oysters are prevalent.

#### **HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(Tape 2-407) Mr. Chipman said he didn't have anything that needed Board attention this morning.

(Tape 2-414) Frank Gibson, Alligator Point, said he wanted to personally thank Mr. Chipman and the Road Department Crew for the job they did in getting Gulf Shore Blvd. closed on the West End of Alligator Point. He stated they even worked the Fourth of July putting signs up.

(Tape 2-428) Barbara Revell, Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, said she wanted to thank Mr. Chipman for his wonderful cooperation from him and the Road Department for their assistance to them as well.

(Tape 2-441) Commissioner Mosconis said a few years ago the Board agreed to have Mr. Chipman, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Mahan moved down on the agenda. He stated he thought they needed to be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting so they can get back to their jobs and employees. He said he felt the Board was doing them a disservice by keeping them here so late in the meeting. He stated they should be able to present their reports and get back to their supervisory positions. Commissioner Mosconis said he would like to make a **motion to schedule Bill Mahan, Hubert Chipman, and Van Johnson on the Board Agenda for 9:05 a.m. each meeting date.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 2-504) Mr. Johnson appeared before the Board to inform them the Florida Legislature has appropriated 1.5 million dollars for FY 2000-01 to establish a grant program to improve playground safety and promote waste tires recycling. He said the DEP will administer the grant and provide them with participating counties to purchase playground-surfacing material made from whole waste tires collected and processed in Florida. He said the grant will only cover 50% of the direct cost of the playground surfacing material and not any other material, installation or equipment. He explained the DEP will distribute the grant to participating counties based on population, however, each county that applies will receive \$4,000.00 for the county to pass the funds through to other county agencies, school boards, local governments, and, at your discretion, non-profit organizations, for specific projects. He said recipients of the funds must match the funds 50/50. He said the grant will not allow in kind matches, however, a match from the Waste Tire Grant, other Federal, State, or local sources will be allowed. He explained the surfacing material used will be ground up whole tires that meets the National Playground Safety Guidelines. He asked the Board to allow him to apply for this grant. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Johnson to submit an application to DEP for the Playground Surfacing Grant to be used to improve playground safety and promote waste tire recycling.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-594) He said he received a letter, a copy of which was presented to the Commissioners, from Jack McNulty, DEP, concerning the deficiencies reported in the semi-annual Landfill Groundwater Sampling Report. He explained the report states iron was detected above state standards in both the Landfill's groundwater and surface water. He stated Mr. McNulty reported in his letter the elevated levels of iron in the groundwater might indicate a metal plume, poorly constructed wells, and inadequate sampling or sediment infiltration. He said the worse case scenario could be to replace the monitoring wells. He stated he has notified the County Engineer and informed him DEP has given the county 14-day to submit a written response to them. He said after contacting Mr. Kennedy he suggested the county ask for a 30-day extension to research and conduct additional testing at the Landfill. He said they would like to consult with Savannah Labs regarding the deficiencies also. He explained there may be some additional cost involved while investing this problem. He asked the Board to authorize the Clerk to send a letter to DEP requesting a 30-day extension to provide a written

response to the report. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Clerk, with the assistance of Mr. Johnson, to send a letter to DEP, Mr. Jack McNulty, PE, requesting a 30-day extension to address the concerns listed in Mr. McNulty's letter.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-687) He said after reviewing the bids for the new equipment, a wheel loader and trash compactor, he awarded the bid to Tractor and Equipment Company, Panama City, Florida. He explained, in his opinion, it was the lowest and best bidder.

(Tape 2-698) He informed the Board the Franklin County Dixie Girls All-star Softball team has again won another district title at the State competition in Pasco County last Thursday. He said he also wanted to inform the Board the walking path at Ned Porter Park in Apalachicola has been paved. He stated the fence work at Sand's Field in Carrabelle has been completed as well.

(Tape 2-736) Commissioner Mosconis asked about the warranty on the new Landfill equipment. Mr. Johnson replied the bid included the price of extended warranties on the equipment. He said an additional 5 years or 7,500 hours whichever comes first was purchased, included in the price.

(Tape 2-755) Commissioner Creamer asked about the grass being cut at the Eastpoint Baseball Field. Mr. Johnson said he specifically instructed his crew to take care of Eastpoint since the girl's softball team was using those fields to practice on. He stated he would check into the matter.

(Tape 2-809) He said he would like the Board, due to a recent event, to consider a policy that deals with the expenditure of county funds outside the current method of paying on the first and third Tuesday of every month. He said the current method works fine when a vendor bills the county net 15 or net 30, however, problems arise when the vendor requests a COD payment or completion of work payment. He said there is no flexibility in the current method to allow anything other than paying vendors on the first and third Tuesday. He said as a Department Head he has been faced with this on other occasions and most recently last week while trying to get a check to help the Dixie Girls All-star Softball team go to the State competition. He explained he is not advocating a circumvention of established accounting procedures, just some flexibility in the current method. Mr. Wade asked the Board to allow him to schedule a meeting with the Finance Officer and Mr. Johnson to discuss this matter. He said if the procedure is changed the Finance Office would be preparing checks every day and they just couldn't do that. He said maybe they could for the convenience of one or two once in a while, but it just can't be done frequently. Mr. Wade said he would schedule a meeting between Mr. Johnson and Ms. Williams.

**ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 2-886) Mr. Pierce presented a copy of a report that David Heil gave Lt. Governor Brogan last week on the oyster situation.



(Tape 2-895) He presented a copy of a letter from Preble-Rish to FDOT regarding the county's Small County Outreach Program (SCOP).

(Tape 2-913) Mr. Pierce said he regrets to inform the Board that Ms. Alice Marie Pearson called him to tell him she would not be able to use the FEMA grant the Board approved for her. He stated she is eligible to receive some \$58,000.00 in FEMA funds to elevate her house, but construction costs to rebuild the house, as she wanted was going to be approximately \$140,000.00 and this was beyond the amount of money she had expected it would cost. He stated unless FEMA is willing to transfer the grant to another type of project, the grant will be cancelled. He stated since this grant was specifically for Ms. Pearson he did not think the county would be able to use the money on something totally unrelated. He said he would ask and check to see if the county could use the money for something else.

(Tape 2-946) He informed the Board he expects the Emergency Management Director, Tim Turner, to lift the outdoor burn ban today. He said Ordinance 2000-6 states he is the one who will need to announce it as being lifted.

(Tape 2-963) Mr. Pierce said David Kennedy has calculating the costs associated with fixing the drainage in the Ridge-Wilderness Road area for application for the CDBG Hurricane Earl funds. He read the following into the record; Since the Board is running out of time he has asked Mr. Kennedy to look at the following drainage problems: rebuilding the headwall over a major drainage ditch on Brownsville Road the Board has previously agreed to submit, rebuilding the French drain for the Courthouse parking lot and side street to keep this area from flooding; and in Apalachicola, 2 intersections on Market Street which flood and are a danger to the seafood houses and commercial fishermen using Scipio Creek Board Basin. The intersections are Market St. and Martin Luther King Blvd. (Ave J), and the end of Market St. at the Scipio Creek Boat Basin. He asked the Board for approval to submit at least these projects, and any others within Carrabelle and Apalachicola that are legitimate drainage problems, until Preble-Rish estimates a cost of \$245,000.00. He said \$245,000.00 is the amount of money the county is eligible to receive. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce and Mr. Kennedy to submit the projects he listed this morning on the CDBG Hurricane Earl Funds application.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders expressed her concern about the drainage problems in Lanark Village and stated something is going to have to be done in the future about them. Mr. Pierce said he was informed Lanark Village would not be eligible to submit any projects in this grant application.

#### **MS. VARNES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME**

(Tape 2-1073) He said he wanted Mr. Johnson to hear this discussion about the recreation property the County was trying to purchase from Mr. Jackson and Mr. Flowers around Carrabelle for a sports complex. He stated Preble-Rish has completed a report on the use of the Jackson-Flowers property in Carrabelle for the baseball complex. He said because of the narrowness of the property and the large extent of wetlands, a

conventional layout of fields is barely possible, and only if the fields are limited to little league fields. He said the Board needs to decide what sort of recreational facilities it wants to build before it moves forward with the purchase. He said he has not had an appraisal done. He stated over half of the property is jurisdictional wetlands. He presented a copy of a plan view prepared by Preble-Rish reflecting the placement of baseball fields on the property. He said the only thing he felt could be done was to just work on Sands Field to bring it up to standards. Michael Allen, WOYS, said the field is substandard to say the least. He stated the whole area would need to be completely dug up and the dirt replaced. Commissioner Sanders said she would try to find some other property for consideration. The Board took no action on this matter.

(Tape 2-1359) He informed the Board he and Robin Brinkley, the Building Inspector, inspected the Ordonia property in Carrabelle last week. He reminded the Board of the discussion from the last meeting with a neighbor of the Ordonia's came to the Commissioners complaining about their being 2 trailers and a house on the property. He said the Ordonia's are currently living in 2 trailers while the house is being repaired. He stated the property is completely filled with junked cars and dogs. He stated because of the work to be done on the house and the limited funds the Ordonia's have, it will be months before they are able to live in the house. He said he could see no way to make any improvements in the property at this time. Commissioner Sanders said she thought Ms. Cox wanted to be sure they didn't have 2 dwellings on the same piece of property. Mr. Pierce responded the Ordonia's do have 2 dwellings at this time, but he didn't know how long it would take to fix the house. He reiterated they are not living in the house. Commissioner Sanders said if they start living in the house and the mobile home then there is a problem.

#### **KENDALL WADE-CLERK OF COURTS**

(Tape 2-1440) Mr. Wade presented a list of costs for Willard Vinson and Leroy Hall to attend the ISSC meeting in Arizona. He said the total was \$2,739.00 for them both to attend the meeting. He stated he had to give the check to the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce so they could in turn give the money to the Seafood Workers Association. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the expenditure of \$2,739.00 for Mr. Vinson and Mr. Hall, Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, to attend the ISSC Meeting in Arizona.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1525) He presented the annual contract between Franklin County and the Department of Corrections for housing inmates in the County Jail. He said the contract had to be signed and sent back to Tallahassee as soon as it was received therefore the Chairman had already signed it. He asked the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on the contract. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on Contract #C1784 between Franklin County and the Department of Corrections to provide bed space for DOC inmates in the County Jail.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1560) He asked for the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on a resolution supporting the EMS Grant application. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution supporting the EMS Grant application to be used to improve and expand the County's pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services system.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1631) He presented a letter from the Big Bend Health Council asking the Board to reappoint JoAnne Thomason, whose term expires September 30, 2000, to the Big Bend Health Council. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion reappointing JoAnne Thomason to the Big Bend Health Council beginning October 1, 2000.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1708) Mr. Wade said he would like to ask the Commissioners to adjust the County's Bid Policy. He said anything over \$5,000.00 must be bided according to the policy. He stated the reason he is asking for this is because the county is losing some good prices on half-ton trucks. He said if a vehicle is purchased from the state contract the county can come out cheaper, but if the local car dealership is not on the state contract list then the vehicle cannot be purchased from the local dealership even though you could get it cheaper from him. He stated the thing is the department heads should be able to just call around and get the best price. He said they could still buy from the state list if the vehicle could be found at a cheaper price. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing the County Attorney to check into this matter and if he agrees then authorizing him to adjust or amend the Franklin County Bid Policy to reflect this change.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(Tape 2-1805) He said he received an amended contract from Amerigas and he approved it for the Chairman's signature. He stated the Board had approved the Chairman's signature on April 18, 2000 and so he had the Chairman sign the contract. He explained the contract was then sent back to Amerigas for processing.

(Tape 2-1828) He informed the Board the county has paid the Harris Brothers \$20,000.00 to compensate them for their work on the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. He said he has obtained a deed, which conveys the property the county originally gave them in lieu of cash for the project back to the county. He reminded the Board the Harris Brothers had problems with the title to the property and therefore asked the county to just pay them, as agreed, their \$20,000.00. He stated he does think the county needs to resolve the title issue with this property, but he is not recommending any action being taken at this time.

(Tape 2-1843) He said the Florida Association of Counties Trust has sent him a final letter declining coverage in the claim of Ronald and Dora Walters. He stated this claim is the result of a car chase where the people fleeing the police landed in the Walter's living room. He stated he needs permission to pursue and defend this lawsuit. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Shuler to defend the county, if necessary,**

**in the lawsuit Ronald and Dora Walters are filing against the county.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2018) He said the signed contracts for the Carrabelle Branch Library were sent to the Architects, Rutherford-Clemons, as requested by them. He stated this was the final agreement to be reached before actual work begins on the Library.

(Tape 2-2037) Mr. Shuler said Mr. and Mrs. Garland have been sent a deed for the property they are giving the county around Carrabelle Beach. He stated they requested some changes and he is preparing a new deed for mailing this week.

(Tape 2-2112) He presented a invoice from Attorney Kathryn Ronco Miller for the work she did for the County in assisting in the settlement of the Workman's Compensation Claim Lawsuit filed by Jerry Lolley. He recommended the Board approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$997.24 for her services. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving payment in the amount of \$997.24 to Attorney Kathryn Ronco Miller for her services in the Jerry Lolley Worker's Compensation Lawsuit.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2215) Commissioner Creamer said he is still receiving complaints about boat trailers being parked at the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. Mr. Pierce stated this has been discussed before that if the county moves one of these trailers and they are damaged then the county would be responsible for paying for the damages. Commissioner Creamer said he had gotten complaints too. He asked if there was an ordinance to address this problem. Mr. Pierce said he would check into the ordinances to see if the county had one to address the problem.

#### **RUTH WILLIAMS-FINANCE OFFICER**

(Tape 2-2296) Ms. Williams and Mr. Wade presented the Commissioners with their Budget Workshop Notebooks. He read the following into the record: You are being provided with the tentative budget for the FY 2000-01. This budget has been prepared without current projected dollar amounts for state revenue sharing and state grants. These figures were not available as of Friday, June 30, 2000. As this information is made available the necessary changes to the tentative budget will be made. Hopefully, all of the necessary information will be available before our Budget Workshop. The Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room. Commissioner Creamer asked Mr. Shuler "This is a County Workshop do we have to have public input at a County Workshop or is it only for Public Hearings?" Mr. Shuler replied they do not have to receive comments at the workshop. Commissioner Creamer said he is concerned about the amount of people who are planning to attend the workshop and being inundated with a lot of confusing questions. He stated he is not going to allow them to interrupt and cause a lot of confusion when the Commissioners are trying to work on the budget. He said they should not be allowed to asked Ms. Williams questions. He stated they should have to ask the Commissioners questions not Ms. Williams. He said she is here to assist the Board not the public. Commissioner Mosconis said he felt public input was needed at the

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workshop and not the final public hearing. Commissioner Sanders said she doesn't have any problem with the public having input, but not to the point of harassing Ms. Williams like they did last year. Mr. Wade agreed and said he is not going to tolerate it. Commissioner Sanders said she is not either. The Board agreed the public could address their questions to the Board or Mr. Wade not Ms. Williams.

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

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade KENDALL WADE, CLERK