

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

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

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

(Tape 1-32) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the minutes of the meetings held on August 1, 2000 and August 2, 2000.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-38) Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve the County bills.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION-JAN SCRUGGS**

(Tape 1-40) Commissioner Mosconis introduced Mr. Scruggs to the Board and the audience. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he was proud, along with Commissioner Mosconis, that Mr. Scruggs was present this morning. He stated that Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, would read the Resolution into the record.

Whereas, Jan C. Scruggs served his country honorable in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 as a member of Delta Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, United States Army, and

Whereas, in 1977, after the Vietnam War, Jan C. Scruggs wrote an opinion piece published in "The Washington Post" calling for a national memorial to "remind an ungrateful nation of what it has done to its sons" who served in Vietnam War, and

Whereas, in 1979 Jan C. Scruggs was a leader in establishing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, founded to honor and bring recognition to the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in Vietnam, and Whereas, Jan C. Scruggs has continued to serve as President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund since that time, educating the public about Vietnam veterans,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners that this Resolution of Appreciation is given to Jan C. Scruggs for his selfless service to his county and his fellow man, both during the Vietnam War and in the ensuing years.

This Resolution adopted in open regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

Commissioner Creamer made a **motion adopting the Resolution of Appreciation for Jan C. Scruggs and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution.**

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Scruggs said he appreciated the opportunity to spend some time in Franklin County. He

stated people were lucky to live here compared to where he lived in Washington, D. C. He thanked the Board for the Resolution.

**PUBLIC HEARING-AIRPORT OVERLAY ZONING ORDINANCE**

(Tape 1-141) Mr. Pierce said the Airport Advisory Committee has been working on a proper Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance for Franklin County. He stated this public hearing has been tabled for a number of times. He explained they are not ready, at this time, to present a final ordinance to the Board for adoption. Ted Mosteller, Chairman, Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, informed the Board they did have an ordinance approved by the Committee, but some of it still needs to be proofed. He said the public hearing either needed to be tabled or cancelled until they are ready with a final ordinance. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to advertise a Public Hearing to consider the final Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance for Franklin County when the Airport Advisory Committee is ready.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**9:07 A.M. COMMISSIONER MOSCONIS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.**

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-203) Mr. Mahan presented each Commissioner with a copy of the new issue of the Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission's Fishing Lines Newsletter and a copy of the 2000-2002 Florida Sea Grant Program Directory.

(Tape 1-242) He said he spoke to Mark Barrigan, Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (DACS), on the status of their evaluation of Alligator Harbor Clam Aquaculture Project. He said Mr. Barrigan informed him that he and his "boss" were going to visit the site last Wednesday and that he would report back to him. He explained Mr. Barrigan called him on Monday and left a message stating that DACS has decided on the high-density lease (HDL's) location and they were completing the area resource surveys. He said he was assured DACS would be in Franklin County in late September or early October to conduct an Aquaculture Public Workshop. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Mahan if he had sent the Resolution of Support to Mr. Barrigan as she had motioned to do at the last Board Meeting. Mr. Mahan replied the County Attorney, Mr. Shuler, had called him about some ideas and some information to include in the Resolution. He said he thought Mr. Shuler had written the Resolution. He stated he didn't know if it had been sent to DACS.

(Tape 1-283) He updated the Board of the Florida Vibrio vulnificus Working Group. He said the group is being formed by DACS. He said the group would have a series of meetings to develop a draft Vv. Management Plan for Florida, which will then be distributed for public comment and further development. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Mahan who the people are in the group. Mr. Mahan replied he knew Martha Roberts, DACS, would have a representative in the group. He informed the Board he had been asked along with Steve Otwell, UF Extension Office; Leroy Hall, Franklin County Seafood Workers Association; Bob Jones; David Heil, DACS; Roberta Hammond,

Health Department Representative; and Grady Leavins, Oyster Processor, were the only names he had been notified about. He said they are trying to get a clam aquaculture person to participate as well since clams are probably going to be hit next.

(Tape 1-374) He informed the Board he wanted them to know there will probably be limited or no funding for people who would like to pursue this Alligator Harbor Clam Aquaculture Project. He said people would have to pay for their own survey, seed clams, bags, etc. Commissioner Putnal said he had heard this and he thought the State of Florida was going to help these people get started with the project. Mr. Mahan stated the State would provide some technical assistance, but he didn't think there were any more grants available. Commissioner Sanders stated they could probably apply for Small Business Administration loans.

(Tape 1-465) Mr. Mahan informed the Board Steve Otwell, UF Extension Specialist, called him the other day to let him know there is going to be a Seafood Technology Conference in Florida (Long Boat Key) on October 8-12. He said due to the attention the Vv. Issue is getting the Gulf of Mexico; the conference is going to have a special session on the Post Harvest Treatments for oysters. He explained presentations are planned for IQF, low-temp pasteurization, irradiation, hydrostatic pressure, and offshore relaying. He said the registration fee is \$100.00 and the hotel rooms are \$99.00 per night.

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

(Tape 1-531) Mr. Chipman said he sold the 963 Track Loader at the auction for \$65,000.00. He stated the 2 Mack trucks did not sell and he brought them back to the Road Department. He said they are still good trucks.

(Tape 1-562) He informed the Board the 12G Motor Grader brakes are in desperate need of repair. He said he had informed the Board about this matter at an earlier meeting this year. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Chipman to have the Motor Grader repaired.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal asked how long the grader would be out of service. Mr. Chipman replied he didn't know, but he could get by right now and if he needed to he could rent one if something happened.

(Tape 1-620) Commissioner Putnal presented a petition from the residents and property owners on Frank McKamey Way, Lighthouse Point Estates, about the repair and maintenance of Frank McKamey Way in Carrabelle. He said they are asking the County to repair some potholes and place some lime rock on the road. Mr. Herman Schol, a resident who lives on Frank McKamey Way, appeared before the Board. He said they are asking the County to help them with this road. He stated the road is in terrible shape. He said when most of the residents on the road bought these lots they expected the County to take over the maintenance of the roads, but the developer has not brought the road up to County standards. He said the County has repaired Woodill Road and they would like the same thing done for Frank McKamey Way. Mr. Chipman said he would take care of repairing the road. Commissioner Putnal instructed Mr. Chipman to contact the developer, Gene Langston, about furnishing the lime rock to make these repairs.

**VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-703) Mr. Johnson said he didn't have anything that needed Board attention this morning. Commissioner Putnal told Mr. Johnson he was doing a great job picking up the white goods in the outlying areas. He said he appreciated the job Mr. Johnson was doing at the Landfill.

**GARY BARBER-MARKS INSURANCE**

(Tape 1-725) Mr. Barber said he had proposed, at the Budget Workshop, changing the County Employees Life Insurance-Group Life the County provides the employees. He stated he had found a carrier that could provide better benefits at a price fifty-cents per employee cheaper than what the County is presently paying. He asked the Board to adopt an effective date for the new insurance of November 1, 2000. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting November 1, 2000 as the effective date for the new County Employees Life Insurance-Group Life Policy.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CINDY CLARK-FRANKLIN COUNTY WEB SITE PROPOSAL**

(Tape 1-797) Mr. Wade, the Clerk, said he would like to introduce Ms. Cindy Clark, Bay Media Design and Marketing, to the Board. He said he contacted Ms. Clark about constructing a countywide web site, which would include the Clerk's Office, Planning and Zoning, Emergency Management, etc. He stated he felt this would be a definite asset to the County and it's residents. He said it could be a directory for the citizens. He said Mr. Pierce had informed him that the Emergency Management Grant could provide some funding for the web site. Mr. Pierce stated this web site would be very beneficial in tracking hurricanes. Mr. Wade asked Ms. Clark to make her presentation at this time. Ms. Clark said the overall purpose of a web site like this is to provide information on a 24-hour basis. She stated the web site would also alleviate a lot of the paperwork and manpower used to answer routine questions and inquiries. She said it should also cut back on the traffic in and out of the Courthouse. She encouraged the Board to approve the implementation of the Franklincountyflorida.com web site. She said she had already registered this web site name and it would become the property of Franklin County. Ms. Clark estimated the creation of the web site at approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00, which would include the initial hosting and search engine publicity. After discussion Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the expenditure of approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to create a Franklin County Web Site.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Clark informed the Board she would be seeing progress within the next six weeks.

**PUBLIC HEARING-PUBLIC COMMENT CDBG DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

(Tape 1-994) Mr. Pierce stated this public hearing was designed for the Board to take public comment about the proposed drainage projects in the County being funded by Hurricane Earl disaster funds. He said the total amount the County is eligible for is \$245,000.00. He informed the Board the number one priority for a drainage project is Wilderness Road in Eastpoint, the number two priority is the drainage problem at the Courthouse, the number three priority is the large drainage conveyance running through

Apalachicola which causes drainage problems on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. He said there was another project, but he couldn't remember this morning what it was. No one from the audience requested to make any public comments regarding the projects. Mr. Pierce said if no one had a comment then the Chairman could move on with the Agenda.

**ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 1-1090) Mr. Pierce said he would go ahead and start his report then when the scheduled time came for the public hearings on the land use changes and re-zonings he would interrupt his report and continue it after the public hearings.

(Tape 1-1098) He said the Board tabled consideration of the Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance this morning. He stated he did want to place, into the Board record, a letter from Phipps Ventures, Inc., the owners of the SGI Airport, regarding the ordinance.

(Tape 1-1115) He asked the Board to adopt a Resolution declaring the drainage projects in Eastpoint funded by the CDBG Hurricane Earl Funds to be declared "Urgent Need". He requested the Board go ahead and authorize the Chairman's signature on this Resolution. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Resolution declaring the Eastpoint Drainage Project an "Urgent Need" for the CDBG Hurricane Earl Funds.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1130) He informed the Board he was presenting them with a copy of a letter stating all of the drainage projects were a part of the Hurricane Earl impact. He said he is placing a letter verifying the local match for some other FEMA funds, which are going to be used to place new shutters on the Franklin County Senior Citizens Building in Carrabelle and a new roof on the Carrabelle Fire Station. He said this letter assures the County will provide the local match for these funds, but he is telling the Commissioners this morning these entities will provide the local match funds, the City of Carrabelle and the Senior Citizens Center.

(Tape 1-1200) He asked for Board approval to name the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce as the main contact for VISIT FLORIDA. He explained the main contact has to maintain regular business hours and be available to respond to VISIT FLORIDA inquires. He said VISIT FLORIDA is a product of the old state Department of Commerce. He assured the Board there is no money involved and the Chamber has asked the Board to appoint them as a contact point for this group. Anita Gregory, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, explained the Chamber pays a yearly fee of \$150.00 to belong to VISIT FLORIDA. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion appointing the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce as the main contract for VISIT FLORIDA in Franklin County.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1253) He presented the Board with the annual Resort Village Development report. He said this report was required according the Resort Village Development Order.

(Tape 1-1265) He said he has received the FDOT Bridge Inspection Report for the Trout Creek Bridge. He reported the document reflects the bridge is in good shape, but the wooden wing walls need repairing. He said at this time, FDOT recommends the County keep the bridge posted for a 32-ton limit. Mr. Pierce assured the Board he would send the County Engineer, David Kennedy, to the Trout Creek Bridge to inspect it to see what, if anything, the County can do to repair the wing walls.

(Tape 1-1299) He gave the Board a copy of the DEP permit for the beach pavilions at the SGI County Park. He said Mason Bean, SGI Civic Club, is still working on getting quotes for the materials.

(Tape 1-1318) Mr. Pierce informed the Board he needed Board action to consider a request by C. W. Roberts, not the contractor, to place a drain field and septic tank in the County right-of-way on Connecticut Street in Lanark Village. He submitted a copy of a letter from the Franklin County Health Department. He said the area has been developed in such a way that some of the remaining lots cannot, because of houses on each side, meet the setback requirements for a septic tank. He stated there is no sewer available in this part of Lanark Village. He said the Health Department will not allow a septic tank and drain field on the lot, therefore they are asking the County to use the right-of-way. Mr. Pierce stated he is concerned about allowing someone to do this since the Board has denied several other requests like this one. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted Mr. Pierce to look into and evaluate this request further. She made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to check into the matter and report back to the Board with his findings.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1405) He informed the Board he went with the citizens of Lanark Village who had reported at least five violations of Ordinance 91-17, Lanark Village Nuisance Ordinance, to look at the violations. He said he went with them to actually look at the violations and asked the Board for direction. Commissioner Sanders said she thought the Ordinance should be enforced. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter informing the property owners in Lanark Village of their violation of Ordinance 97-17 and asking them to correct the deficiencies.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **PH-CONSIDERATION OF LAND USE CHANGES & REZONINGS**

(Tape 1-1507) Chairman Williams announced the opening of a public hearing to hear several land use and rezoning requests. Mr. Pierce said he would present the rezoning request first. He said the first rezoning request is for Jimmy Miller, Three J's, for 14.21 acres in Eastpoint from R-4 Single Family Industry to R-2 Single Family Mobile Home. After no opposition or comment from the audience Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the rezoning of 14.21 acres on Otter Slide Road in Eastpoint in Section 29, T8S, R6W from R-4 to R-2 for Jimmy Miller.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The second rezoning request is for Quinton Herndon for Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Unit 1 East, SGI Gulf Beaches from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Commercial. After no opposition or comment

from the audience Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the rezoning of Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Unit 1 East, SGI Gulf Beaches for Quinton Herndon from C-2 to C-4.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He explained the remaining requests are for both rezonings and land use changes. The first is for Michael McLoad for 7.80 acres between Eastpoint and Carrabelle in Section 18, T8S, R5W, from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential. He said the owner would like to make this a four-lot subdivision. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting a land use change for Michael McLoad for 7.80 acres between Eastpoint and Carrabelle in Section 18, T8S, R5W from R-6 to R-1.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He asked for a motion to adopt the rezoning on this same parcel from R-6 to R-1 as well. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the rezoning of 7.80 acres between Eastpoint and Carrabelle in Section 18, T8S, R5W from R-6 to R-1.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for a rezoning and land use change for Walter Armistead for 3-10 acre parcels in Sumatra. He said the parcels are close to each other and the property is almost in Liberty County. He stated the Armistead's are asking for rezoning and a land use change from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Single Family Estate Residential. He said Mr. Armistead will record Deed Restrictions on the properties so there can be no further subdivision. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion adopting a land use change for the Armisteads, 3-10 acres parcels near Sumatra from R-6 to R-3.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the rezoning of 3-10 acres parcels near Sumatra from R-6 to R-3 as requested by the Armistead's.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for a rezoning and land use change for Tom Hoffer-Harold Stewart for 4.78 acres in Eastpoint in Section 36, T8S, R7W in Eastpoint from R-7 Multi-Family High Density to C-4 Mixed Use Commercial. Mr. Hoffer said they intend to locate the Franklin Chronicle newspaper to this location and construct a motion picture theatre on the property. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting a land use change as requested by Tom Hoffer-Harold Stewart for 4.78 acres in Eastpoint from R-7 to C-4.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the rezoning of 4.78 acres in Eastpoint from R-7 to C-4 as requested by Tom Hoffer-Harold Stewart.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said this would conclude the public hearings.

**ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED**

(Tape 1-1945) He reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session and recommends the following action: Approval for Jerry Averett to construct a private dock and boatlift on Lot 32, Alligator Point Subdivision, Alligator Point. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock and boatlift for Jerry Averett.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Douglas McIntyre to construct a private pier on Lot 7, Cara Bay Estates, SGI. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the construction of a private pier on SGI for Douglas McIntyre.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Thomas Lewis to construct a

private dock on property north of Eastpoint on Blount's Bay. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the construction of a private pier for Thomas Lewis.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Jimmy Blissett to construct a private dock on property described as Lot 15, Block 46, Unit 4, SGI. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Jimmy Blissett on SGI.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Dale Herndon to construct a private dock on a private canal on property described as Lot 5, Block 68, Unit 5, SGI. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Dale Herndon on SGI.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Randall Rust, with some discussion, to construct a private dock on Lot 12, Schooner Lander, SGI, with the condition this dock and all future development be at least fifteen feet from the USCOE property line, meaning the maintained Sikes Cut Channel. Mr. Pierce said the property owner agreed to this condition. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock on Lot 12, Schooner Lander, SGI with the condition the dock and all future development be at least fifteen feet from the USCOE property line, meaning the maintained Sikes Cut Channel.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said there was some discussion about an existing boat ramp in Bob Sikes Cut at the end of Leisure Lane. He read the following into the record: "Several members of Planning and Zoning did not remember reviewing the request for a boat ramp. After the meeting the matter was researched in the Planning and Zoning Office and in fact the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approving the boat ramp in May, 1996 and the Board approved it the same month."

He said there was one commercial site plan reviewed. It was for a Swifty Serve on the corner of Pine Avenue and Franklin Blvd. on Lots 1-21, Block I, Unit 1 East, SGI. The property is not large enough for the proposed structure without either wetlands being filled or a variance being granted to go very close to the wetlands. The Commission recommends that the site plan be approved contingent upon a variance being granted by the Board of Adjustment. He said he recommends the County Commission not act on this matter until the variance is granted and a parking plan has been submitted. Approval of a replat of Lots 1-2, Victorian Village on Yents Bayou for James Green. There is no increase in lots, just a change in the lot lines. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving a replat of Lots 1-2, Victorian Village on Yents Bayou for James Green.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a final plat for River's Edge Subdivision for William Poloronis, a subdivision at the north end of Bluff Road, north of Apalachicola. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a final plat for River's Edge Subdivision for William Poloronis.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Authorization to schedule a public hearing to consider two rezoning and land use change requests, Rickey Moseley and Finley and Jean McMillan. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing to consider the rezoning and land use change request of Rickey Moseley for six acres in Eastpoint from R-1 to C-4.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing**

**to consider the rezoning and land use change request of Finley and Jean McMillan Lots 5-12, Block T-Lots 5-16, Block S and Lots 1-14, Block R, Lanark Beach Subdivision from R-1 to C-4.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He said this concluded the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting matters.

(Tape 1-2434) He asked the Board to direct Mr. Shuler to assist him in investigating an issue regarding property, especially on SGI, where land is accreting or building up on the Bay Side of the Island. He said some of the Bay front property owners, in the Plantation, feel they own the land that has built up and wants to build a house on the land. He explained it is outside of the boundary of the plats in the Plantation, but appears to be uplands at this time. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to assist Mr. Pierce in this matter.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2473) He said there was an error in the existing contract with Dames and Moore for the work to be done at the Apalachicola Airport. He stated the Airport Committee has already approved it and is asking the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on an amendment to the task authorization showing the end date of August 26, 2001, instead of August 9, 2000, in accordance with paragraph B. Time of Task Order No. 4. He said this would allow the County as the project manager and insure Preble-Rish, Inc conducts the CEI. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Apalachicola Airport Access Road Task Authorization Amendment when it is received from Dames and Moore contingent on the County Attorney reviewing the document.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **KENDALL WADE-CLERK**

(Tape 1-2525) Mr. Wade said the Sheriff has received the standard Settlement Agreement to initiate payment of the County's invoices in the amount of \$46,656.00 for services rendered from May 15, 2000 through June 26, 2000. He explained this was the period of time the Sheriff was negotiating with DOC about keeping the inmates in the County Jail. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Settlement Agreement between the County and DOC for \$46,656.00 for services rendered from May 15, 2000 through June 26, 2000.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2556) Mr. Wade said he called some of the Commissioners last week about an old 500-gallon fuel tank being discovered, through leakage, at Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola. He said the tank was leaking and the County was under stringent scrutiny by DEP and the State of Florida Health Care Division in seeing the tank was removed immediately. He said he received an initial estimate in the amount of approximately \$6,000.00. He stated they have not finished the job yet. He said because the amount was above our bid policy of \$5,000.00 he called Mr. Shuler and Chairman Williams, as well as some of the other Commissioners to get the go ahead to remove this tank. He asked for the Board to approve the payment of the final invoice when it is

received in the Finance Office. Mr. Shuler said he concurred this was an emergency situation. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion declaring this an emergency situation when it arose, authorizing the waving of the Bid Policy, and approving the final invoice for the removal of a 500 gallon fuel tank from the area around Weems Memorial Hospital.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2643) He said the County initially approved \$50,000.00 for use by the Hospital to change the air conditioning system. He stated the County has paid Engineering Concepts a total of \$46,500.00 and another electric company \$25,000.00. He said basically there is approximately \$2,500.00 left of the original \$50,000.00. He stated the Commissioners approved an additional \$180,000.00 for this project. He said he is in receipt of another invoice for the portable air conditioning units used at the Hospital when the air conditioning system was completely out. He said without these units the Hospital would have surely had to shut down and he recommended the Board pay this invoice as well from the \$180,000.00 allowed for the new air conditioning system. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the payment of this invoice for the portable air conditioning units from the budgeted \$180,000.00.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

(Tape 1-2843) Commissioner Creamer said there had been some discussion on SGI about the Turtle Protection Ordinance. Walter Armistead, a resident of SGI, said he received a certified letter from the Apalachicola River Keepers stating he was violating this ordinance by having his inside lights turned on. Commissioner Creamer said he would like Mr. Pierce to check this ordinance to see if it did contain language directing someone to turn their inside lights off. Mr. Pierce replied he has already looked at the ordinance and it asks property owners to address interior lighting four different ways; turn the lights off, change the lighting, tint the windows, or pull the shades down when it is turtle nesting season. He said it does not require that a property owner do any of the four things listed, just whatever is most appropriate for the homeowner. He stated the ordinance only allows the County Planning and Zoning Office to send letters to the homeowners when they find a violation after being checked by DEP. He stated no one else has the authority to send certified letters such as this. Mr. Armistead said he did not have any problems with the exterior lights, but he did have a problem being told he cannot use his interior lighting.

(Tape 1-3029) Mr. Shuler updated the Board on several projects he has been working on for the Board.

(Tape 1-3156) He said he had submitted the letter he received from William N. Meggs, State Attorney for this area, for the Board's file. He stated the letter is in response to the letter he sent for the Commissioners requesting an expeditious handling of the inmate's case, in the County Jail, that was undergoing dialysis. He informed the Board Mr. Meggs would cooperate any way he could to assist the County. Mr. Shuler informed the Board the inmate has been released from the jail at this time.

(Tape 1-3163) He reported he talked to Craig McMillan, Pat Thomas Insurance Agency, who informed him the County is covered under the current liability insurance for use of School Buses owned by the School District during an emergency evacuation. He said Mr. McMillan is going to send him a letter reciting the specific area of the policy that addresses this matter. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Shuler to send a letter to the School Board as soon as he gets the letter from Mr. McMillan informing them of the County's coverage.

(Tape 1-3255) Chairman Williams said last year he asked for \$10,000.00 to place lights at the Sylvester Williams Ball Field in Apalachicola. He said the County did give him the money, but the new Mayor of Apalachicola, Mr. Pierce has different ideas. He stated Mr. Pierce wants a complex there instead of just a field. He said Mr. Pierce is going to submit a grant for the project. Chairman Williams asked the Board to allow the carry over of the remaining funds, around \$7,5000.00, into the next budget year. He said the plans are in the works and he will need the money for the project. He stated he will work with Mr. Pierce. Mr. Wade said it wouldn't really be a carry over, just that Chairman Williams would get \$7,500.00 credit out of the new Recreation Budget that he didn't get this year. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing these funds be credited or carried over into the next budget year for use by Chairman Williams on the Sylvester Williams Sports Complex.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders said she would also expect help with the proposed Carrabelle Sports Complex for Carrabelle.

**JESSIE DOYLE-LET THE CHILDREN PLAY FOUNDATION, INC.**

(Tape 1-Continued on Tape 2) Ms. Doyle asked if the Board received her letter she placed in the individual mail boxes in the Clerk's Office. They replied they did. She said her organization is asking the Commissioners to authorize a cooperative agreement between the County and Let the Children Play Foundation, Inc. stating the County is going to give them \$15,000.00 as specified in the grant for the SGI County Park. She submitted several letters from citizens on the Island who are in support of the playground. Mr. Pierce disagreed with Ms. Doyle and asked her why she needed a cooperative agreement when the grant reflects the expenditure of \$15,000.00 for the playground. He said his priorities were different in that he would complete the bathroom facilities first since that was his highest priority. He said Mr. Bean is still trying to get donated labor to build the bathrooms. He stated he can ask the State to amend the grant if needed. Joyce Timmons asked why the County couldn't give this foundation a cooperative agreement. After further discussion Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler and Mr. Pierce to check into this request and report back to the Board with their findings.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-112) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he had heard on the status of the prison in Carrabelle. She asked Mr. Pierce to contact DOC for an update. Mr. Pierce assured Commissioner Sanders he would check with DOC. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to see if there was anything the County Commissioners could do to expedite the construction of the prison.

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

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

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