

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

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

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

(Tape 1-26) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on October 17, 2000.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-31) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-45) Mr. Mahan reported he had attached a copy of the 2000 Clam Aquaculture Crop Insurance Fact Sheet. He said the sheet gives a general overview of the Federal Clam Crop Insurance Program.

(Tape 1-62) He said he attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Science and Technology Society of the Americas Meeting in Longboat Key, Florida on October 8-11. He stated the meeting had a special session on "Processing Controls for Vibrios in Raw Oysters." He said, in addition, post harvest treated oysters and raw Apalachicola oysters were available in a side-by-side look and taste comparison. He stated that seeing these oysters was very interesting and not at all what he expected. He said the Hydrostatic Pressure treated oysters were his favorite.

(Tape 1-241) He said he hoped every one of the Commissioners had received an invitation from the Dean of Extension Christine Waddill to attend the County Partnership Appreciation Day Program in Quincy on November 29, 2000. He asked anyone planning to attend to notify him and he will pass the information on to the Dean's Office.

(Tape 1-266) He informed the Board he had included the current edition of the UF's WaterWorks Newsletter, which highlights UF's programming efforts in the area of aquaculture and pond management. He said a feature story on clam aquaculture in Florida is featured in this issue.

(Tape 1-286) Mr. Mahan stated he had mentioned to the Board earlier this year that FAMU is considering placing Extension Agents in some of the surrounding Counties. He said he had requested they consider trying to place a Family and Community Science/ 4-H Agent position for Franklin County and Gulf County to share. He said they have identified three people they want to interview for this position and will conduct these interviews on November 28<sup>th</sup>. He said FAMU is planning to pay the full cost of the

Agent for the first year. He informed the Board all they are asking for from the Counties is office space for the Agent. Kendall Wade, Clerk, interjected that this was just the thing the County did not have. He suggested they consider placing this person out at the Airport with Mr. Mahan. The Board instructed Mr. Mahan to try and locate a suitable place. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said the Emergency Management Director might be hiring a part-time secretary. He stated Mr. Mahan needed to consider this when he was deciding on an office location.

(Tape 1-394) He said the US Coast Guard Marine Inspection Office would be offering a Commercial Fishing Vessel Drill Instruction Course in Apalachicola December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He explained that since 1994 all documented fishing vessels that operate beyond the 12-mile Boundary Line are required to conduct monthly emergency drills. He said the course would provide guidelines for conducting the required drills and to assist in developing the optimum survival plan for the boat and crew. He informed the Board the fee for the class is \$135.00.

(Tape 1-434) He said the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service is currently taking applications for its Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). He explained the FIP is a cost-share program for planting pines and/or cypress trees. He stated for program guidelines interested citizens needed to contract Brian McGraw or Cathy Davis with the USDA NRCS in Blountstown at (850) 654-8271.

(Tape 1-464) Mr. Mahan informed the Board he had received work from Ken Moore, Executive Director of the ISSC, that he had been appointed to the ISSC's Vibrio Vulnificus Education Subcommittee. He explained the committee is currently drafting a proposal for a Gulf of Mexico-wide Vv education program to be submitted to the National Sea Grant Program for consideration.

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

(Tape 1-500) Mr. Chipman said he would like the Board to know he filled his Heavy Equipment Operator 2 position in-house. He stated he was promoting Mitchell MccAlpin from Heavy Equipment Operator 1. He asked the Board for permission to fill this entry-level position, Heavy Equipment Operator 1. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing Mr. Chipman to advertise the entry-level position of Heavy Equipment Operator 1.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-522) He informed the Board Gene Langston, Langwood Industries in Carrabelle, offered to sell the County lime rock for \$5.00 a ton if the County would buy at least \$50,000.00. He asked the Board for direction. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Chipman if he really needed the lime rock. Mr. Chipman replied he did not, at least right now. Mr. Wade reminded the Board of several other items or contingencies the Board needed to address before spending this type of money on lime rock. Commissioner Mosconis suggested Mr. Chipman ask Mr. Langston if the County could only purchase \$5,000.00 worth at \$5.00 a ton and then made a **motion authorizing Mr. Chipman to**

purchase \$5,000.00 worth of lime rock at \$5.00 a ton from Mr. Langston.  
Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-662) Mr. Johnson reminded the Board the Recycling Program is still in need of a permanent location for a Recycling Drop Site in the City of Carrabelle. He said the County doesn't own any property in the City and as a temporary measure the City Council has allowed the use of a site near Tillie Miller Park. He stated, as he had at an earlier meeting, the County might need to seriously explore the possibility of leasing or purchasing some land within the City of Carrabelle. He explained he has checked to see if funds from the Solid Waste Grants could be used to purchase the property and was informed that the Florida Statutes and Grant Rules would not allow it. Mr. Pierce said St. Joe owned individual partials of land in the City of Carrabelle so maybe something could be worked out with them. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Pierce to check on this property.

(Tape 1-727) Commissioner Mosconis said he noticed illegal white goods dump beginning in Apalachicola on Airport Road. He asked Mr. Johnson to check into the matter. Mr. Johnson replied he knew there had been a problem in that area before, but the area had been cleaned up. He stated he would take care of the problem and block the area off as well.

(Tape 1-746) Commissioner Creamer told Mr. Johnson that his Animal Control Officer was doing an outstanding job. He said he thought he was a good man. Mr. Johnson thanked Commissioner Creamer for the compliment.

(Tape 1-753) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson to send the Animal Control Officer to Lanark Village. She explained there are a lot of stray animals there. Mr. Johnson replied he would send him.

(Tape 1-760) Mr. Pierce said he wanted the Board to know the Old Carrabelle Gym had been knocked down. He stated the debris is piled up and the Friends of the Library and Jimmy Crowder, the contractor who knocked the building down, are working on removing the debris. He said the County doesn't need the construction debris for fill and so they are trying to find a place for the debris. Commissioner Sanders stated some money might be left in the grant for removing the debris.

(Tape 1-834) Commissioner Putnal asked if he could discuss the Eastpoint Boat Ramp problems. Commissioner Creamer replied he had the matter under control and the trailer had already been tagged. Commissioner Sanders suggested, again, that photographs be taken of the trailers. Mr. Pierce said FEMA is essentially requiring the County to estimate costs and furnish their own disaster reports. He stated this means a camera will have to be used to take photographs of the damage done by disasters. He said the Road Department has access to a camera to use to take photographs of the trailers.

**MARK THOMAS-FDOT ASSISTANT DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER**

(Tape 1-896) Mr. Thomas introduced himself to the Board at this time. He said the FDOT had conducted a Public Workshop in August and it was agreed a representative from FDOT would come back to update the Board on FDOT matters. He stated he wanted to discuss the status of their Asset Management concept as it concerns the maintenance of State highways. He explained they have made some progress on the finalization of the project itself and the project would be bided out in late December or early January. He informed the Board FDOT would do their best to see that Franklin County residents kept their jobs. He said the FDOT is down sizing through staff reductions by retirements. He stated when someone leaves the Department or retires the position is not filled. He said they did add language to the contract to be bided to attempt to protect the jobs of the County citizens. He stated the contract would require the contractor to submit a written recruitment plan to allow the contractor to recruit current FDOT employees. He explained this contract is a management contract whereby the contractor manages a lot of different contractors for the different areas. Discussion continued. Commissioner Putnal asked what would happen if a disaster occurred while FDOT was in the process of hiring one of these contractors for Franklin County. Mr. Thomas replied there would be a disaster plan included in the contract when it is awarded that if they fail to respond in a timely fashion, returning a telephone call for assistance within 15 minutes, FDOT could bring in whatever resources are needed to fix the problem. He explained they would require that the contractor be on site within an hour. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this was FDOT's policy if a contractor is doing FDOT work. Mr. Thomas replied they have a written on-call policy now in effect where someone is on call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the level of service FDOT was giving Franklin County was pathetic. He said there are a lot of outfall ditches that are in dire need of maintenance. He assured Commissioner Mosconis he would go look at the outfall ditches. Commissioner Creamer and Commissioner Putnal said they have problems in their districts too. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Thomas to give him his telephone number for the record. Mr. Thomas replied Mr. Larry Kelley's, FDOT District Maintenance Engineer, telephone number is 850-638-0250, Ext. 233. He said his number is the same except his extension is 681. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak this morning and said this would conclude his update.

**PH-PROPOSED LONG TERM LEASE APALACHICOLA AIRPORT BY G-MAC**

(Tape 1-1538) Bruce McCormack, Gulf Maritime Assistance Center (G-MAC) Special Program Director, introduced himself to the Board. He said he represented EER Systems and presented each Commissioner with an overview of his proposal. He stated they are proposing a long-term lease for a forward operating base to be used by special operation units of the US SOCOM. He explained he is requesting a Memorandum of Agreement between EER Systems for submission to the General for approval. He said then the lease agreement could be finalized later. Ted Mosteller, Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, said there was enough room for this building and the program Mr. McCormack is proposing at the Airport. Mr. McCormack informed the Board his company would employ 17 to 20 full time people. He said these people would be hired from the employee pool of Franklin County. He explained he is looking at bringing 30 to

40 people in 45 weeks out of the year for 2 to 3 weeks at a time for training. He said they would conduct parachuting, diving, and some patrolling in the Tate's Hell Swamp. Commissioner Mosconis asked how the County would build and finance this building. He stated he understood there was an investor interested in providing the financing or the building. Mr. Mosteller responded that there was an investor waiting to fund this building. Mr. McCormack said he needed something in writing from Franklin County and the Airport Authority supporting this project. He said the next step would be to find the financing and putting the rest of the deal together. He stated he is hoping to be up and running, working closely with DEP, by April 1, 2001. He said the building might not be constructed, but he is planning on having the whole operation working by then. Commissioner Creamer said he would like to clear up that the County would have to furnish the initial infrastructure with EER paying the utility bills. Mr. McCormack agreed the County would have to furnish the infrastructure and then they would pay the monthly bills. He stated SOCOM is not going to purchase any property they just want to lease property. He explained it is easier for EER to lease the property then sublease the property to SOCOM. Mr. Pierce asked about the maintenance of the runways. Mr. McCormack replied his group would go in as is and then if any maintenance needed to be done they would do it. He said nothing major, but at least some maintenance on the runways. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion committing Franklin County to this project and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement between EER Systems, Inc. and Franklin County.** Mr. McCormack said the MOA should specify a 640,000 square foot parcel of property and a 9,750 square foot building for a period of 20 years with the payment for construction costs being arranged by EER. Commissioner Mosconis said he would seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PH-LAND USE AND REZONING R-6 TO R-1 LOT 13 EMERALD POINT**

(Tape 1-2211) Mr. Pierce said this is part of the Emerald Point Tract in Eastpoint, which has already had some rezoning granted. He stated this parcel is approximately 8 acres and will be divided into 3 single-family lots each over an acre in size. He informed the Board the owners of this lot, Lot 13, are Harold and Carol Steinke. He explained the Planning and Zoning commission recommends this rezoning and land-use change; land-use from Rural Residential to Residential; zoning from R-6, Rural Residential, to R-1, Single Family Residential. After asking for public comment and receiving none Commissioner Creamer made a **motion adopting a land-use change for Lot 13 of the unrecorded plat of Emerald Point Beach-Eastpoint-in Section 24, T8S, R6W from Rural Residential to Residential.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Creamer then made a **motion adopting a rezoning for Lot 13 of the unrecorded plat of Emerald Point Beach-Eastpoint-in Section 24, T8S, R6W from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PH-MSBU DOG ISLAND VFD AND DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

(Tape 1-2291 Continued on Tape 2) Becker Boatenreiter, Chief DIVFD, appeared before the Board as did Dr. William Stone, DICD, to discuss the current way the MSBU funds are being sent to the DICD instead of the DIVFD. Mr. Boatenreiter said he was here to

request, again, that the County send the MSBU funds for Dog Island to him and the Department. Dr. Stone presented the reasons why he thought the County should continue to send the funds to them for disbursement. Discussion continued and Commissioner Mosconis said he felt very strongly that the DIVFD should be receiving and disbursing the MSBU funds just like the other volunteer fire departments in the County. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to say she had mixed feelings about this matter. She stated she felt it primarily a personally conflict. She stated she wanted a firm promise from Mr. Boatenreider he and the DIVFD would work with the DICD and try to get along. Mr. Boatenreider assured Commissioner Sanders and the Board he would do everything he could to see the two entities worked together for the best of Dog Island. Commissioner Sanders then made a **motion directing the Finance Office to send the MSBU funds collected for Dog Island to the Dog Island Volunteer Fire Department beginning October 1, 2000 for FY 2000-01, with this matter to be reviewed at the end of this FY to see how the agreement is working out.** Commissioner Sanders instructed both the DIVFD and the DICD to assist Ruth Williams, Finance Officer, with this transition, audits, etc. She admonished them to also work together and informed them she didn't want to hear any more complaining about this matter. She said she would be keeping an ear and eye out.

#### **ALFRED SHULER-BEN WITHERS-DRIVING ON DOG ISLAND**

(Tape 2-304) Mr. Shuler said he had received a written request from Florida Power Corporation and GT COM regarding a problem they have concerning maintenance of utility services on Dog Island. He stated he had furnished a copy of the letter from GT COM to each Commissioner. Mr. Shuler said the County does have an ordinance, which prohibits driving on the beaches of Franklin County. He stated this may be an instance where the ordinance needs to be amended to allow certain vehicles to be driven on beaches in Franklin County. Ben Withers, contractor, said he thought contractors should be able to drive on the beach to get to areas where they are working. He said he is currently in litigation about this matter. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to look into this matter, prepare an amendment to the Beach Driving Ordinance and authorizing him to advertise the amendment for public hearing.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Brent Mabrey, FCPHU Environmental Health Division, said he too had problems getting to areas on Dog Island for inspections, etc. Mr. Shuler said the County could not give permission for private property to be driven across, but the County could remove certain restrictions the County has placed on driving on the beach.

#### **ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 2-740) Mr. Pierce said hopefully Al Lawson, the new State Senator for our District, will be here this afternoon to meet with some of the seafood workers. Leroy Hall, President Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, appeared before the Board and presented a copy of a letter his organization sent to Dr. Alan L. Egbert, Executive Director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, requesting the commission consider changing Chapter 68B-27, Saltwater Fishing Regulations. He stated they were recommending the rule be changed to increase the percentage for tolerance of undersized product from the existing 5% to 20%. He

explained this would allow for breakage during handling, packing, and shipping of the product along with some discretion for the oystermen who has to judge the size by eye contact. He stated he is here today to ask the County Commission adopt a Resolution supporting this request. Commissioner Putnal said he would make a **motion directing the County Attorney to prepare a Resolution supporting this request submitted to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission by the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1146) Mr. Pierce said several months ago the Board authorized the submission of 2 landscaping projects to FDOT for funding. He said the projects had to be within the FDOT right-of-way and the County had to agree to maintain the projects when built. He stated the 2 projects were: the Marks Monument across from the Courthouse, and Franklin Blvd. on SGI, where the road is divided as it comes on to the Island. He said at the time the Planning Office submitted the projects he was informed it might take years before Franklin County actually saw any work. He explained that for some reason, the time line has changed and the Marks Monument project, with a landscape designing value of \$8,000.00 will be done in early 2001 if the Board will agrees to enter into an Interlocal agreement with FDOT where the County will implement the plan, which means hire a contractor to buy and plant the bushes, and FDOT will reimburse the County. He stated if we wait for FDOT to direct the work it will be several years. He explained the project engineer for FDOT informed him he would have to respond by November 7<sup>th</sup> in order to keep the Marks Monument in the schedule. He stated he did send a letter saying the Board would enter into an inter local agreement before agreeing to it, but he said he felt he should inform the Board of what he had done. He submitted copies of the letters: 1 from FDOT and the other from him back to FDOT to the Commissioners. He explained the SGI project is not slated for completion until 2003, because of the bridge construction, but when it is built FDOT is planning on spending \$100,000.00 on developing the entrance to the Island.

(Tape 2-1231) He presented a copy of the draft management plan for the Bald Point State Park sent to him by DEP. He said he has responded, as requested by DEP, by stating the management plan does comply with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

(Tape 2-1244) He reminded the Board DEP awarded Franklin County a grant to study the erosion on Alligator Point and Bald Point, but with only \$80,000.00 in funding the study was cut to only complete Alligator Point. He said FEMA did allow the expenditure of \$80,000.00 of their funds for the study. He said he now has, months later, the DEP agreement expanding the scope of work of the study to include Bald Point. He said the study, now costing \$160,000.00, is being directed by Preble-Rish who has subcontracted the technical work to Coastal Technologies, experts in beach erosion and renourishment. He stated on May 16, 2000 the Board directed the Chairman to sign the agreement on the erosion study, but he believed that was for the original agreement. He said he would like the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the new agreement with DEP to cover the expanded scope of work. He said according to Greg Preble, Preble-Rish, the erosion study is 50% complete. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the**

**Chairman's signature on the DEP Contract No. 00FR1 Amendment #1 for the Alligator Point and Bald Point Erosion Control Study for \$160,000.00.**

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

(Tape 2-1324) He asked the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on a contract with ARPC to update the County Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEMP). He said the contract is for \$7,5000.00 and the State mandated the update, which will require a complete, re-write of the plan according to the new state guidelines-requirements. He explained ARPC received a federal grant to help cost share in the writing of the plans for several rural counties, and he asked that Franklin County be included. He informed the Board the County's cost will be funded from the State of Florida Emergency Management Grant. He assured the Board both he and Tim Turner, Emergency Management Director, strongly recommend the Board approve the contract. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the contract between ARPC and Franklin County for the revision of the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1346) He announced he has filled his clerical position in the Planning and Zoning Office. He said he has hired Amy Ham to fill the vacancy.

(Tape 2-1355) He informed the Board he is going to have to change the CDBG Drainage Project Grant since the Courthouse Drainage Project has been declined. He said they will have to amend or update those projects. He explained the Courthouse was excluded just like Lanark Village since DCA decided the area around the Courthouse does not serve low or moderate-income families. He said the plan will have to be revised. He stated it would probably be January before any of the projects were started.

**KENDALL WADE-CLERK OF COURTS**

(Tape 2-1399) Mr. Wade said he invited Susan Ficklen and David Paris, George E. Weems Memorial Hospital, to come to the meeting this morning to explain the possibility of the Hospital being considered a Critical Access Hospital(CAH). Ms. Ficklen thanked the Board for allowing her to speak this morning. She said Dr. Steven Miniati was present this morning as well. She introduced Michael A. Walsh, State of Florida Health Services and Facilities Consultant Office of Rural Health. Mr. Walsh presented a package explaining an overview of CAH to the Commissioners for their review along with his business card if they had any questions they could call him. He explained he is the CAH Coordinator for the State of Florida with the Office of Rural Health in Tallahassee. He said basically all a CAH is a hospital with no inpatients. He stated the hospital will have staff to meet the needs of the citizens and continue to operate an emergency room. He informed the Board the 1997 Balanced Budget Act almost cut the throats of statutory rural hospitals. He stated the response was to create this program which gives the State of Florida grant dollars, the first year totaled \$391,000.00-this year \$548,000.00, to be funneled into the rural hospitals to provide services. He informed the Board that the Hospital has completed several steps in this procedure. He said it will change the Hospital's reimbursement rate, to cost based reimbursement where the hospital will

actually be paid for what they do instead of getting partial costs. Mr. Wade asked how this will impact the employees. Mr. Walsh replied after 4 conversions in the State of Florida, Graceville, Shands at Live Oak, Wauchula, and Lake Butler, nothing has been cut. He stated those hospitals are functioning the same as they were a year ago, but getting more reimbursement in order to function. He said that's how it fits, a lot of the hospitals considering this, are currently operating as a CAH due to budget constraints, but becoming a CAH will mean grant dollars to help alleviate the costs. Mr. Walsh said most of the hospitals are operating on a "bare bones" basis anyway, so the staff is low anyway. He explained the hospital would still have to be staffed. Commissioner Mosconis said he could see the benefits. Mr. Walsh said the program began in Montana where so many rural hospitals were being closed and health care was a problem due to that. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Walsh what kind of time line was being considered. Mr. Walsh answered about 4 months, but it all depends on the paperwork. Commissioner Sanders said she would like to make a **motion authorizing Commissioner Mosconis to meet with the representatives from the Hospital and Mr. Walsh to discuss this matter and check into the plan.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Doctor Miniatt said he wanted the Board to know the Hospital is not going to give up anything. He explained there is a certain criteria that would have to be met before the CAH status could be achieved.

(Tape 2-2003) Mr. Wade presented the annual Lease Agreement for the Franklin County Branch Library in Eastpoint. He said the Lease is for 12 months commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2000 and expiring on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001. He said the Lease had not changed and was the very same as last year. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Lease Agreement between Richard Plessinger and Franklin County for the Franklin County Branch Library in Eastpoint commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2000 and expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2024) He announced the Courthouse will be closed Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day.

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

(Tape 2-2052) He announced a local attorney, Barbara Sanders, has filed a lawsuit styled Adams v. Burger to correct and amend a deed to a piece of property. He explained the chain of title begins with a Franklin County Tax Foreclosure. He said Ms. Sanders feels she needs to join the County in the lawsuit. He stated they are not actually asking for anything from the County just assist in clearing the title to the property. He asked the Board to direct him to represent the County in the lawsuit. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to file an appearance in the lawsuit styled Adams v. Burger filed by Attorney Barbara Sanders.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2099) He stated in the matter of using Franklin County school buses for emergency evacuations. He said the County's insurance carrier will need to furnish a

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rider to cover the use of school buses in an emergency. He said he would request the County purchase a rider for the County policy. Commissioner Mosconis directed Mr. Shuler to get with the Clerk and check into prices for the rider.

(Tape 2-2162) Mr. Shuler explained another matter that needed to be addressed was a rider for the County to defend themselves in lawsuits involving the Sheriff. He said people suing the Sheriff are joining the County in the lawsuit. He stated the County's insurance policy covers part of the defense if there is something they can say the County actually did wrong. He said a lot of times people sued the County when they sue the Sheriff and they don't even allege any wrongdoing. Commission Sanders said she would make a **motion directing Mr. Shuler and Mr. Wade to check into the price of this rider as well.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Clarence Williams CLARENCE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade KENDALL WADE, CLERK