

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2001**

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

**ABSENT:** Kendall Wade, Clerk

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

(Tape 1-29) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2001.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-32) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUFORD FLOWERS-EASTPOINT**

(Tape 1-38) Mr. Flowers introduced himself to the Board and announced he had lived in Eastpoint for sixty years. He said he needed the Board's help with a matter today. He stated he along with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Braxton and his wife went to Wright's Lake to camp. He explained they do this at least two or three times a year and they have done this for many, many years. He said the park hosts this year were very rude to them. He stated they arrived at the park and was there only ten minutes before these people came over to them issuing orders and demands not in a nice tone, but in a forceful way. He said he tried to pass this off, but on Saturday afternoon Jim and Pat McWhinnie came to the park to deliver a message to them about 8:00 p.m. He stated Mr. and Mrs. McWhinnie were there for just a few minutes before the hosts came over to the campsite acting very arrogant and demanding. He said the hosts told them no one comes into the campground or leaves the campground after 8:00 p.m. unless it is an emergency. He stated the McWhinnies left at that time. He explained the gates were padlocked at 8:00 p.m., which is before it even gets dark, and no one can come or go after that time. He suggested the Board send a letter to Congressman Boyd asking him to remove this couple and replace them with another couple. He informed the Board he has camped at Wrights Lake many years and with other hosts who did not behave in this manner. He said he also wanted the Board to request a combination lock be placed on the gate so campers could come and go as needed. He stated he has traveled all over the United States and has always had the use of a combination lock. He said if you go fishing or out to eat there is no way you can make it back in time. He stated if anyone became ill and had to leave the campground the hosts would have to be awakened so they could let you out of the gate. He said this was the only reason he was at the Board meeting today. He said he almost decided not to go back to Wrights Lake, but then he thought about how his tax dollars pay for the roads, the law enforcement, etc. for that area. He stated the people of Franklin County deserve for these people to be removed and replaced by more congenial

hosts. Chairman Creamer said he knew the SGI State Park had a combination lock on their gate so people can come and go, as they need. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a letter to the District Ranger in Bristol asking them to remove the current hosts at Wrights Lake and replace them with more congenial hosts.** Commissioner Putnal said he wanted a copy of the letter sent to Congressman Boyd and anyone else who could help with this problem. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-218) Chairman Creamer said he had appointed and asked Ms. Annie Mae Flowers to serve as his representative on the Hospital Advisory Board.

**HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(Tape 1-224) Mr. Chipman informed the Board the Road Department is catching up with all of the road repairs in the County.

(Tape 1-240) Commissioner Putnal said he wanted to make sure the culvert pipes under Highway 67 are in good shape before any paving is done. Mr. Chipman said he would check the culverts before they were paved over. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he would ask the County Engineer, David Kennedy, to inspect the culvert pipes as well.

(Tape 1-270) Mr. Pierce said he would like Board action to approve the repairs needed for the Stormwater retention pond at the Carrabelle Public Health Unit. He stated the washed out sand needs to be replaced, a concrete spillway needs to be built for the overflow of the pond and rocks need to be placed at the bottom of the spillway to slow the water down. Commissioner Putnal asked if a culvert pipe wouldn't help this problem. Mr. Pierce said it very well could, but the County Engineer had already prepared a recommendation for correcting the problem. Mr. Pierce explained he did not need a motion from the Board just direction. He did inform the Board the Road Department could do most of the work. The Commissioners agreed they did not see a problem with Mr. Pierce, with the assistance of the Road Department, repairing the problem.

(Tape 1-340) He presented a copy of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application to the Board. He informed the Board the County is eligible for \$23,000.00 in mitigation funds. He explained this amount would increase as more disaster recovery funds are approved by FEMA. He said the deadline to apply for the grant is July 30, 2001. He asked the Board what proposed projects they would like to consider. He said it would be possible for the Board to use the \$23,000.00 to buy culvert pipe to correct the failing storm drains in Lanark Village. He stated, while the design is not yet complete, David Kennedy thought the County could do the work, and that \$23,000.00 would probably buy enough pipe. He said the Board could use the money to fix part of the current problems on the Alligator Point Road or the Board could use the funds to mitigate against other problems. He informed the Board they didn't have to make a decision today, but should provide at least some direction for use of the grant funds. He read the following into the record: The Alligator Point Road and revetment is suffering problems at both the east and west end. At the west end, 48 feet of the concrete cap needs to be removed, more sand

filled in and the cap replaced and rejoined to the asphalt road. David Kennedy calculates, with the County doing the work, it would cost approximately \$1,000.00 for the necessary concrete, 48' X 8' X 6". This action may not solve the underlying problem, a tear in the filter fabric, but investigation where there might be a tear under several tons of rock that cannot be moved by County equipment is the problem. This relatively inexpensive solution needs to be done because this part of the cap has dropped approximately one foot and represents a traffic hazard, for cars on the road and users of the concrete cap. Mr. Kennedy has already marked the part of the cap, which needs to be replaced. At the east end, the end you come to first, the County has approximately 200 feet of road, which will be undermined by even the slightest series of high water. Part of the road was threatened last September and the County placed rock and sand in an emergency action, which I reported to you was challenged by DEP. Last week the County placed just fill material in another section of the road and the County is going to be cited by DEP for placing fill seaward of the CCCL that is not compatible beach material. The sand is too yellow. I was informed compatible sand is available at Mexico Beach. He presented a letter he has written to DEP, Jim Martinello, regarding the matter. David Kennedy is researching the feasibility of placing sand along this 200-foot section of road, covering with a geotechnical fabric impregnated with seeds of various grasses to germinate and help stabilize the shore. The County would then plant sea oats to further vegetate the area. This is the only feasible idea since the County does not have the funds to build a properly designed revetment stretching 200 feet. Mr. Kennedy does not have the total cost at this time. Mr. Pierce said DEP is asking the County to either apply for the necessary permits to use the yellow sand or remove the sand. He asked the Board for direction.

Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to seek the necessary DEP permit to leave the yellow sand at the site and pursue the idea of using geotechnical fabric with seeds and the planting of sea oats afterward to shore up this section of road at Alligator Point.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-682) Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to say one thing. He said he hated to bring this matter up, but someone had too. He asked Mr. Chipman if he had talked to the Board about the problem that arose at the Road Department. He said he didn't know how to approach this subject. He stated he felt this was an issue that needed to be dealt with in a firm manner. He said the County Attorney knew about it as well. He asked Mr. Shuler if he knew what he was talking about. Mr. Shuler replied he had not been briefed on the matter. Commissioner Mosconis informed the Board and Mr. Shuler it involved the suspicion that one of the Road Department employees had carried a gun to work with him. Mr. Chipman said one of his supervisors came and told him that he was cleaning another supervisor's truck and he found a gun holster in the truck. Commissioner Putnal asked whom they were talking about. Mr. Chipman replied one of his supervisors. He said the gun holster was lying in the seat. He said Sgt. Randy Cook, DOC, came to address the situation. He stated he felt he, as Superintendent, could not legally search the truck. He said he didn't know why he should even have to be searching a County truck for a gun or gun holster anyway. He said he went to the supervisor and asked him if he had a gun. He stated he was told by the supervisor he did not, but that he had found the holster either beside the road or at the Landfill. He stated he took the man at his word.

He said Sgt. Cook investigated the matter and determined nothing had happened. Commissioner Mosconis said one of the issues is that those trucks belong to the County and those supervisors have the right, if suspected, to search the trucks. He stated he felt this matter needed to be addressed today. Mr. Shuler said he was unaware of anything in the County's Personnel Rules regarding carrying weapons on the job. Mr. Chipman stated guns would not be tolerated around DOC inmates. He said he at no time has seen anyone with a gun. Commissioner Mosconis said, in any case, he wanted a clear policy on the matter. Chairman Creamer said Mr. Chipman should schedule an employee meeting and inform them of the seriousness of this matter and let each of them know the County would not tolerate any weapons on the job. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Chipman if when he consulted this supervisor where did he say he got the holster from. Mr. Chipman replied he was told by the supervisor he found it at the Landfill or beside the road. Chairman Creamer said there should be no weapons at all on County property. Mr. Shuler said he would like to consult with Carson and Adkins, the County's labor attorneys, about this matter. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to contact the County's Labor Attorneys, Carson and Adkins, regarding searching County vehicles and weapons on County property.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Chipman said the DOC inmate supervisors are informed of all the requirements such as this when they attend DOC Supervisory Certification. Commissioner Mosconis made another **motion directing Mr. Chipman to schedule a meeting with his employees to inform them the County would not tolerate weapons in the workplace.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1125) Commissioner Putnal said he told Mr. Johnson, Solid Waste-Animal Control Director, a couple of weeks ago he wanted something done about all of these stray dogs. He stated the dogs are chasing people in Carrabelle. He said he felt there was a real problem in Eastpoint and Carrabelle. He informed the Board a man was attacked yesterday in Carrabelle. He said the dogs pulled him off of his bicycle and chewed his foot up. He stated if the man had not been strong the dogs probably would have killed him. He said a child or an older person wouldn't have stood a chance. He stated he is really concerned about these dogs, especially around the Kiddy Park in Carrabelle. He said if Mr. Johnson can't get the job done then the Board would have to find somebody who would catch the stray dogs in the County. He stated he was angry this morning about this serious situation. He said the County is liable for these dogs especially since the County has a leash ordinance. Chairman Creamer told of a similar story about a dog around an area in Eastpoint. Commissioner Mosconis said Mr. Johnson told him he would not be at the meeting this morning since he was short handed in his department. He suggested someone call Mr. Johnson and inform him how serious the Board thought this matter was. Commissioner Putnal said he thought the County was spending quite a bit of money on Animal Control and if it is not working better than this then something else needs to be considered. Chairman Creamer said he wanted Mr. Johnson informed that this matter was serious. He stated the Officers need to be told emphatically that if they see a stray dog then pick it up, don't just keep driving by. Chairman Creamer said if a dog is loose on the roads then it is considered a stray dog and should be picked up. Commissioner Putnal said he felt it was unsafe for people to walk around their

neighborhoods. Mr. Pierce said he would talk to Mr. Johnson and inform him of this discussion.

**ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 1-1279) Mr. Pierce presented the new SHIP plan to the Board. He introduced Beth Bohannon, an attorney who helped write the plan for the SHIP Committee. He informed the Board the Local Housing Assistance Plan was for FYs 2001-2004 and had to be approved by May 2, 2001. Ms. Bohannon addressed the Board at this time and informed them of the progress she felt the SHIP Committee had made. Ms. Bohannon said the SHIP program would not be accepting any new applications; they would just try to deal with the ones they already had. She said they intended to send letters to applicants and ask them to respond within thirty days as to whether they are still interested in the SHIP funds. She stated for the next three years they would not be able to service any new applications because they needed to assist the citizens who have already applied and are waiting on funds. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Local Housing Assistance Plan FYs 2001-2004 submitted by the SHIP Advisory Committee and the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center, Inc.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1517) Mr. Pierce interrupted his report for the 9:30 agenda item.

**TEMOLYNN WINTONS-SWAT COORDINATOR**

(Tape 1-1529) Brittney Simmons, AHS, introduced herself to the Board. She read an Ordinance adopted by the City of Leesburg regarding the merchandising of tobacco products, prohibiting placement of tobacco products in self-service displays accessible to minors, providing for enforcement and an effective date. She said she, as well as her fellow students, wanted to present several different ordinances and resolutions adopted by several surrounding Counties regarding the merchandising of tobacco products especially to minors. Hannah Heyser, Brad Johnson, and McKenzie Williams read portions of other ordinances adopted by several Counties in the State of Florida. The group and Ms. Wintons asked the Board to consider advertising and adopting a similar ordinance. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to work with Ms. Wintons in composing a suitable ordinance for Franklin County, which addresses the merchandising of tobacco products and the placement of tobacco products in self-service displays accessible to minors for presentation and consideration at the next Board meeting.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1949) Commissioner Williams said he would like the Board to recognize Brittney Simmons at this time. He informed the Board Ms. Simmons was selected to attend the World Conference of Florida's PRIDE, a state-wide drug prevention program for high school youth. He stated the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners voted to donate \$400.00 to defray her cost for her trip to Louisville, Kentucky. Ms. Simmons read a "Thank You" letter from her to the Board. She thanked the Board for all

of their assistance and especially her commissioner from District 3, Commissioner Clarence Williams for his continuous support of the youth of Franklin County.

**DONNA HANSELL-RURAL COORDINATOR REFUGE HOUSE**

(Tape 1-2024) Ms. Hansell presented each Commissioner with a proposed budget request. He introduced Rob Langford, Refuge House Financial Director, to the Board. She said she was present today to ask the Board allow Refuge House to submit a funding request to Franklin County for the next Fiscal Year Budget when the funding requests are considered for approval. She informed the Board of all of the services Refuge House provides to Franklin County. She said Refuge House has been in Franklin County for four years. She stated Jeannie Taylor is the representative for Franklin County. She said Ms. Taylor saw 134 clients from July, 1999 to July, 2000 and has seen 118 clients just this year. She stated they really need the County's financial assistance to keep Ms. Taylor employed on a full-time basis. Commissioner Mosconis asked Ms. Hansell if this was the same program the Sheriff's Department had with the Victim Advocate. Ms. Hansell explained that it was not, but they were similar in some ways. She explained Clarice Gross, Victim Advocate, sees all victims of crimes while Ms. Taylor only deals with domestic violence cases. Chairman Creamer said he didn't think the County could fund anything extra since this was going to be a tight budget year. Commissioner Mosconis told Ms. Hansell she could apply for funds, but her request would not be considered until the budget hearings were held. Ms. Hansell thanked the Board for their time this morning.

**KURT SPITZER-KURT SPITZER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.**

(Tape 1-2295) Mr. Spritzer introduced himself to the Board. He said he owns a consulting business in Tallahassee. He stated he has worked with the Florida Association of Counties in reapportionment of School Districts and County Governments. He informed the Board of his background. He said the Florida Statutes provide that after the Census numbers have been distributed a county can from time to time redistrict. He said this must be done during an odd numbered year. He stated whether or not Franklin County needs to redistrict is something he cannot answer right now. He said in theory if the population increase realized over the past ten to fourteen years has been exactly equally distributed within the existing districts then there would be no need to redistrict. He said he knew Franklin County had to redistrict before as a result of a Federal lawsuit. He said the target figures would be no more of a deviation in population than 3%. He stated Federal Case Law reflects that if the deviation is more than 10% it would trigger a redrawing of the district lines. He stated he didn't know what Franklin County had as far as the population distribution was. The discussion continued and Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Spitzer if the County had to redraw or reconsider the district lines. Mr. Spitzer replied it was not required or mandated unless a suit was filed to force the issue. He suggested the Commissioners allow him to do a study to determine even if the County needed to redistrict. Chairman Creamer said he knew Commissioner Putnal did not want his district lines redrawn, but the people who live from Highway 65 to 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Eastpoint do. He said they feel they do not have any representation from Commissioner Putnal since he lives in Carrabelle. He stated they have voiced their request to have them included in his District. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Spitzer how much he would

charge the County to do a study like he recommended. He replied a couple of thousand dollars. Commissioner Mosconis said he realized this had to be done by December 31, 2001. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Shuler if he had written a letter to the School Board as directed in the previous meeting. Mr. Shuler replied he had, but had not received a reply. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the study should be conducted and the School Board should have to pay half the costs. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Spitzer to conduct a population-area study to determine if Franklin County needs to consider redrawing the district lines.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. Chairman Creamer, Commissioners Mosconis, Williams, and Sanders for. Commissioner Putnal against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED**

(Tape 1-3550) He asked the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on the maintenance agreement for the Eastpoint Sidewalk Project the County previously requested. He said the maintenance agreement must be executed before design work can proceed. He informed the Board the agreement is between Franklin County and FDOT and would use ICETA funds. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Eastpoint Sidewalk Project Maintenance Agreement.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3581 Continued on Tape 2) He provided the Board with a copy of a letter from the URS Corporation, previously Dames & Moore, regarding FDOT Discretionary Funds for public lands. He stated he has decided to resubmit the same request he did last year, the paving of CR 67. He explained the County Engineer has informed him it would be unlikely the County would receive any of these funds because the amount available to the State under this grant is so small. He stated these funds could only be used to pave roads in federally owned property. He said CR 67 ran through the Apalachicola National Forest. He said he doubted the County would actually receive any of these funds, but it didn't hurt to apply for them.

**ED BLANTON-ATTORNEY ARPC-REVOLVING LOAN FUND ISSUES**

(Tape 2-40) Mr. Blanton said back in 1995 Franklin County started a Revolving Loan Fund, which was administered by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. He reported there were 32 loans originally made in 1995; 3 of them are paid off; 6 loans are paid regularly; 4 loans are bankrupt; and 19 of the loans are delinquent, with some of the loans not having had payments made on them in 6 years. He said the question before the Commissioners is, what does the Commissioners want done with these loans. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Blanton what they told him the last time he was here. Mr. Blanton replied he was told to make some recommendations regarding the loan and they did that with no further direction from the Board. He said their administrative funds have long been depleted and they have been doing this for the Commissioners gratis for the last couple of years. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought ARPC was told to take whatever steps were necessary to take these claims to court to pursue legal steps to collect this money. Mr. Blanton said there is no money left to do that. He stated there are funds remaining in the Revolving Loan Fund at this time and the Commission could use some of the \$149,000.00 to file lawsuits to try and collect some of this money. He

stated the costs would depend on how many lawsuits are filed. He gave the Commissioners the following options: use the \$149,000.00 to file claims in court, stay further payments of the loans, or the County could hire a collection agency to try and collect on the loans before filing suit. Commissioner Mosconis said the County should be aggressive in collecting this money since it was Federal funds. He stated if the Federal Government ever conducted an audit on these funds the County may be in trouble. Mr. Blanton said for ARPC to file suit, because his practice is in Tallahassee, would cost a considerable amount, but if the County used someone locally it wouldn't cost as much. Charles Blume, Executive Director, was present at the meeting as well. Commissioner Mosconis said the County needed to close this chapter and move on. Mr. Blanton asked if the Board would like for either him or Mr. Blume to come back to the Board next month with a final plan or recommendation for the Commissioners to either approve or not. Chairman Creamer asked Mr. Blume whom these people still owing on their loans could contact about catching their payments up. Mr. Blume replied they would need to call Janice Guilford at ARPC.

**RUTH WILLIAMS-FINANCE OFFICER**

(Tape 2-324) Ms. Williams said she would like to ask the Board this morning if they have any specific instructions regarding budget requests. She informed the Board it wouldn't be long before the budget for next year would have to be considered. Chairman Creamer said he wanted everyone to know it was going to be extremely tight this year. Commissioner Mosconis said funds would be tight on the State level as well. Commissioner Putnal said he wanted everyone to be aware this could be the worst year yet. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted people to know they weren't playing games. Chairman Creamer said no pay raises or no increase in budgets should be included. Ms. Williams asked if they wanted her to instruct the Department Heads to try and trim their budgets due to the cutbacks imposed by the State. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to return to the zero based budget.

**ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED**

(Tape 2-502) Mr. Pierce continued his report at this time. He provided the Board with a copy of the DEP permit issued to David Wilder, SGI Utilities and Resort Village, for the continued construction of the sewage treatment plant at Resort Village. He said this appears only to clarify the ownership of the sewage plant and the absorption beds.

(Tape 2-547) He informed the Board the producers of the movie "Coastlines", which is being filmed in Franklin County, has sent a Location Agreement to the Board for the Chairman's signature. He said they plan to use the Courthouse and the Franklin County Public Health Unit in Carrabelle. He stated Mr. Shuler had reviewed and approved the agreement. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Location Agreement between Franklin County and Fly Over, LC, the group producing the movie "Coastlines", to use the Courthouse and the FCPHU in Carrabelle to film scenes for the movie.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler said he reviewed the contract and said the company also had liability insurance.

(Tape 2-572) He said the Board previously authorized the Chairman to sign the FDOT agreement to pave CR 67 with Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) funds. He said he has the agreements for the Chairman to sign, but the Board has not acted on the billing schedule for Preble-Rish to supervise and design work for the project. He said he had a proposal from Preble-Rish reflecting their work would include surveying, design engineering, bidding and inspection of CR 67 from SR 30 to the Gully Branch Road. He said the proposal stated Preble-Rish would provide this service for 10% of the actual total construction cost of the project. He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on this proposal if they wanted to go ahead with the project. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the SCOP Road Paving Engineering Proposal for CR 67 from Preble-Rish, Inc.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce estimated the cost of the project to be around \$700,000.00 or \$70,000.00 for Preble-Rish. He said FDOT would pay for 75% of these services.

(Tape 2-729) He asked the Board to allow BMI, Mike Krehl of SGI, to pave a 250-foot section of West Sawyer Street at his own expense. He explained the area is directly in front of Mr. Krehl's house and Mr. Krehl's and his wife hoped it will cut down on the dust in front of their house. He said he advised Mr. Krehl that it depended on the direction of the wind and cautioned Mr. Krehl this may not solve his problem. He said Mr. Krehl is willing to try to resolve the dust problem by paving this section of his street. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Krehl to pave a 250-foot section of West Sawyer Street, in front of his house on SGI, at his own expense.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-787) He asked the Board to direct Mr. Shuler to investigate options for the Board following the death of Ms. Addie Mae Stephens, a SHIP recipient with a repayment schedule. He explained the estate of Ms. Stephens has not made a payment since December. Commissioner Williams asked the Board to allow him to talk to the family of Ms. Stephens to see what can be done to bring the payments current on the loan. Mr. Pierce said he would wait until he heard something from Commissioner Williams before he pursued this matter any further.

(Tape 2-836) He said the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on April 10, 2001 and recommends the following action: Approval for James Troyan to construct a private dock on Lot 2, Bay Cove Village, SGI. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for James Troyan.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Stephen Gross to construct a private dock on Lot 74, St. James Island Park Subdivision. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Stephen Gross.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Dan Stallings to construct a private dock and boatlift on Lot 63A, Alligator Point Subdivision. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock and boatlift for Dan Stallings.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On Commercial Site Plan review the Commission recommends approval of a site plan for

Tom Tiffin to build an addition to his existing building on Island Drive in Eastpoint. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving of a site plan for Tom Tiffin to build an addition to his existing building on Island Drive in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a sketch plat for "Marina Sunset", a 5-lot subdivision in Lanark Village, submitted by Shawn Logan-the property was the subject of last month's rezoning request and will be serviced by water and sewer. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving a sketch plat for the subdivision "Marina Sunset" in Lanark Village submitted by Shawn Logan.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-890) He presented the Board with a letter from the USDA informing local Fire Departments FEMA has \$3 million available for a new program to make grants directly to fire departments of a State or tribal nation. He stated he would be faxing or sending each volunteer fire department in Franklin County a copy of this letter.

(Tape 2-928) Mr. Pierce informed the Board the County has the opportunity to apply for a Derelict Vessel Grant. He said Larry Hale, SGI, has asked him to apply for the grant so some derelict vessels on the river can be removed. He recommended the Board direct the Planning Office to apply for one of these grants. Commissioner Williams made a **motion directing and authorizing the Planning Office to apply for a Derelict Vessel Grant.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-981) He said he received a letter from John G. Hentz of Panama City about preserving Ft. Gadsden State Park. He stated Mr. Hentz is Alice Leavins', a resident of Apalachicola, uncle. He explained he was just placing the letter in the Board file this morning.

(Tape 2-1013) He stated there are some ditches in the area of the "Southland" subdivision northwest of Apalachicola, which are under or beside County roads. He said he had ditch easements for these areas, since they are on private property, for the County. He stated the Board needs to accept these easements from Lamar Thompson and Will Kembro to maintain these ditches. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion accepting ditch easements from Lamar Thompson and Will Kembro.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **TED MOSTELLER-AIRPORT MATTERS**

(Tape 2-1045) Mr. Mosteller presented a letter from Larry Parker, URS Project Manager-the Apalachicola Municipal Airport Access Road, which contained the support documentation needed for approval of the expenditure of an additional \$16,650.00. He stated the additional money was needed for the Environmental Permitting resulting from the staking and surveying of the proposed wetlands mitigation areas for the conservation easement on the access road project. He said the survey cost also includes the boundary work on Section 2 sufficient to establish and monument the east line of the airport property. Larry Parker appeared before the Board at this time and said Charles Chase, Senior Wetlands Ecologist with Preble-Rish, Inc. completed the flagging of the wetlands. He said they had to have a conservation easement to offset the wetlands that will be used

for the access road. He stated the surveying costs and Preble-Rish's costs are included in this figure. He stated this amount would be funded through the contingency budget so they won't have to ask FDOT for a new JPA. Mr. Parker stated he thought the access road should be completed soon.

(Tape 2-1137) Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the Airport Advisory Committee was an active committee and expressed his appreciation for them. He stated he had a person who wanted to serve on this committee. He said Dan Garlick wanted to be a member of the committee and therefore he would like to make him an alternate member. He stated if someone leaves or retires from the committee Mr. Garlick could take their place. Commissioner Mosconis then made a **motion appointing Dan Garlick to the Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee as an alternate on the committee.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1186) Mr. Parker said he would like a motion approving the expenditure of the additional \$16,650.00 for environmental permitting for the access road at the airport. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the expenditure of the additional \$16,650.00 for environmental permitting from the FDOT FIN. No. 40613718401 Contingency Fund for this project.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1208) Mr. Mosteller said the next item he would ask the Board to consider is the construction of an addition to the maintenance hangar at the airport. He stated this project request was submitted to the State for funding and has been funded by them. He asked the Board to approve this and authorize him to send a letter to the State FDOT Aviation Department. He said the State would fund \$53,600.00 of the total project, \$67,000.00, and they would have to come up with the matching funds. Commissioner Mosconis and Mr. Mosteller said these matching funds would not come from County taxpayers. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion approving the request to FDOT for the funds to construct an addition to the maintenance hangar at the Apalachicola Airport.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1250) Mr. Parker asked the Board to go ahead and authorize the bidding of the construction of the access road for the airport. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board go ahead and approve the advertisement of bids for this project. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the advertisement of bids for the Apalachicola Airport Access Road Project.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Parker said they would do the ad for consideration.

#### **ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED**

(Tape 2-1313) Mr. Pierce said Ms. Williams sent a copy of the Administrative Services Agreement between the County and ARPC regarding the Revolving Loan Fund. He said the part she highlighted in the agreement states "This agreement shall begin on the last date of signing and shall end upon the repayment of all loans made under this program." He said ARPC has an agreement with the County until all of the loans are paid off or

settled. Commissioner Mosconis stated he felt Mr. Shuler should research this agreement and be up to par on the matter when Mr. Blanton or Mr. Blume comes back to the meeting. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to send a copy of this agreement to Mr. Blume, ARPC, and then contact him regarding this agreement.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**EMERGYSTAT, INC.-MIKE RILEY-ATTORNEY FOR DASSEE, INC.**

(Tape 2-1410) Mr. Riley said he was here today to represent DasSee Health Care, Inc. He stated his firm has notified the Board that DasSee intends to sub contract the ambulance service for Franklin County to Emergystat, Inc. He said he realized this was a two-step process. DasSee is under contract with the Board to provide EMS Services to Franklin County and under the contract the Board has recognized DasSees right to subcontract the actual operation of the EMS Service to a subcontractor. He informed the Board this is what DasSee intends to do, however under State law the Commissioners are bound to issue Emergystat a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience to the actual operator of the EMS service. He stated he had hoped to have a representative from Emergystat at the meeting today. He explained Mr. Robertson from Emergystat is running late this morning and ask the Commissioners to allow the Clerk and County Attorney to give their reports to allow Mr. Robertson to make it to the meeting. Chairman Creamer agreed to move on the agenda.

**AMELIA VARNES-DEPUTY CLERK**

(Tape 2-1609) Ms. Varnes said the Clerk, Mr. Wade, was not present this morning. She stated he was at a Clerk's Conference in Tampa. She reported she had nothing to bring to the Board's attention this morning.

**ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(Tape 2-1619) Mr. Shuler updated the Board on several issues he is working on.

(Tape 2-1776) He explained he has asked the Federal Court to bring the old Federal Case filed against Franklin County regarding voting districts back in 1987 from the Archive Department. He said he, on the County's behalf, would have to submit a request so it could be moved from the archives back to the Courthouse for copying. He asked the Board for a motion to authorize him to ask the Federal Court to do this for Franklin County. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Shuler to request the Federal Court to locate and remove from archives the old Federal court case involving voting districts in Franklin County filed in 1987.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1836) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Shuler for an update on the Harris Brothers property in Apalachicola. Mr. Shuler said he should have that real soon. He stated he was preparing to file that. He stated he had been so busy lately and he would have it filed within the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought it had already been filed. Mr. Shuler replied he was working on the matter.

**EMERGYSAT, INC.-CONTINUED**

(Tape 2-1912) Mr. Riley announced that Mr. Robertson was here at this time. Mr. Robertson gave another presentation to the Board regarding Emergystat taking over the EMS service. Mr. Riley said he needed to get with Mr. Shuler after the meeting to inform him when he would have the corporate documents the Board would require from Emergystat, Inc. before they can proceed any further with this take over. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Mosconis make a **motion authorizing Emergystat, Inc. to begin the process of acquiring a license from the State of Florida.** Chairman Creamer and Commissioner Sanders said they weren't agreeing to anything until they spoke to their representatives on the Hospital Advisory Committee. Commissioner Putnal said he would go ahead and second the motion. Commissioner Putnal, Mosconis, and Williams for. Chairman Creamer and Commissioner Sanders against. 3-2 **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis said this was just to allow Emergystat to begin the process. He stated the final decision and a firm decision could be made at the next meeting after each Commissioner had talked to the Hospital Advisory Committee representatives. He suggested the Hospital Advisory Committee check into the references Emergystat provided to the Board. He said the Calhoun County Commission approved the contract with Emergystat so they must have been pleased with them. Mr. Robertson said he encouraged the Board to check their reference as well as contact the Chairman and Board of the Calhoun County Commission.

**CONGRESSMAN ALLEN BOYD**

(Tape 2-3357) Chairman Creamer thanked Congressman Boyd for stopping by to this morning. Congressman Boyd said he was in the area and decided to stop by since there was a Board meeting this morning. Congressman Boyd said the dredging at Sikes Cut should begin any day now. Chairman Creamer thanked Congressman Boyd for all of the work he does for Franklin County.

(Tape 2-3685 Continued on Tape 3) Commissioner Putnal and Commissioner Sanders asked Congressman Boyd to see if he could help with the Eastpoint Channel dredging problem. Congressman Boyd said he understood the problem was with DEP and finding a suitable spoil site. Chairman Creamer said every place the Board has found for a spoil site has not been suitable according to DEP. Congressman Boyd said he would certainly assist the County in any way he could.

(Tape 2-3770) Commissioner Sanders informed Congressman Boyd he had a fantastic aid, Jim Norton. She said he is always accessible and has always answered her questions. Congressman Boyd thanked the Board.

**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

(Tape 2-147) Chairman Creamer said he had a question for Ms. Ficklen, Weems Memorial Hospital Administrator. He asked her when the air-conditioning repairs were going to be completed at the hospital. She replied she thought the project should be complete in about four to five weeks. She told Chairman Creamer the entire project should be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> in any case.

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

Eddie Creamer EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN

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