

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2001**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmy Mosconis and Kendall Wade, Clerk

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

(Tape 1-34) Commissioner Sanders said she would like to amend the May 15, 2001 minutes. She referenced Pages 4 and 5, the request by Jean McMillan to rezone some property in Lanark Village. She said she thought the motion was just to schedule a public hearing to consider this request, not to approve the rezoning. She said in any case she would like to amend her motion from the May 15th meeting to state that before Ms. McMillan was issued any construction or building permits she would have to present her site plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. She asked the Board Secretary, Amelia Varnes to amend the May 15, 2001 minutes. Ms. Varnes assured her she would amend the minutes. Commissioner Sanders she would go ahead and make a **motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 15th with the amendment.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-72) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-79) Mr. Chipman informed the Board the sidewalk at Alligator Point had been completed.

(Tape 1-88) He also informed the Board Raymond Hall, the mechanic at the Road Department is going to retire. He asked the Board to give him a \$5,000.00 raise for his last six months of work. He said this has been done for the last three employees when they retired. Commissioner Sanders said she thought this was a set policy now and she would make the **motion giving Raymond Hall, the mechanic at the Road Department, a \$5,000.00 raise for his last six months of employment.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** She asked Mr. Chipman to inform Ms. Ruth Williams, Finance Officer, of this matter as soon as possible.

(Tape 1-108) Commissioner Sanders said there was a big problem at Alligator Point where the road washed out. She stated the area is at the eastern end of the cut. She asked Mr. Pierce to emphasize, at the meeting this afternoon; the County needs some type of

permission to fix that road. Mr. Chipman said it wouldn't even take a storm for the area to be blown away it would just take a wind. He stated his hands are tied by DEP and he can't place any fill material in the break even though it is about three feet from the edge of the pavement.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-140) He reported the 4-H School Enrichment Programs were completed successfully this year. He informed the Board this year the Extension Program completed the eighth annual 4-H/FDOT Seat Belt Safety Program, the seventh annual 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Program, and the second year of the 4-H Food Nutrition Program and the Butterfly Development Program.

(Tape 1-156) He announced 4-H County Camp would be held next week June 11th through the 15th. He said Franklin County 4-H'ers would join 4-H'ers from Holmes and Jackson County for a week of County Camp at Camp Timpoochee. He informed the Board five Franklin County youths would be attending the camp.

(Tape 1-174) He said the Clam Aquaculture Workshops are moving along. He stated the final one would be on June 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Senior Citizen Center in Carrabelle. He said the week after the workshop, June 18th, DACS would begin accepting the lease applications from Franklin County residents on a first come first serve basis. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Mahan if there were going to be any classes concerning the actual hands on process placing the PVC pipes, the grow out process, etc. Mr. Mahan replied he understood there would be a hands on class in the fall, when the sites are selected or assigned, to assist with these matters. He said the FSU Lab facilities would be used for these workshops if approved by Dr. Hittron with the FSU Lab.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-233) Mr. Johnson said Donnie Wilson, the President of the Apalachicola Dixie Youth Baseball League, is willing to donate enough scallop shells to make a suitable driveway out at Ned Porter Sports Complex in Apalachicola. He said the driveway is needed to prevent the trucks that service the concession stand from getting bogged down in the sand. He said the shells are located on Mr. Wilson's property. He asked for the Board to approve the County going onto Mr. Wilson's property to remove the shells for public use. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the County to go onto Mr. Wilson's property to remove the scallop shells for use at the Ned Porter Sports Complex in Apalachicola.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for.
MOTION CARRIED.

(Tape 1-269) He said he received a bid last night from G. Lockley for some work that needs to be done at Sylvester Williams Park in Apalachicola. He stated the total bid was \$4,900.00, but he wasn't quite sure why he received the bid and asked Commissioner Williams to inform the Board about the matter. Commissioner Williams replied he had been informed the City of Apalachicola couldn't do the work that needed to be done at the park. He said the building is rotten and he needs about \$3,000.00 to fix it up. He said the

DOC inmates could do the work if the material was furnished to them. He informed the Board he has the money in is Recreation Budget. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said the money was budgeted for the park, but he wanted to know if the City of Apalachicola Recreation Board was going to even use this field or park. He said his only concern was that the City of Apalachicola is going to be the recipient of a \$112,000 grant to rebuild Sylvester Williams Park. He stated this might include relocating everything. He stated he was wondering if there was going to be a youth program out there this year then the repairs do need to be made. Commissioner Williams said Granville Croom came to see him, since his wife Ms. Croom, is going to be responsible for the program this summer. He said Mr. Croom told him they wanted to use that field for recreation purposes this summer. Mr. Pierce said there was going to be a City Commission Meeting tonight and maybe it would be discussed there. He asked the Board to wait until the City Recreation Board made a request to the City of Apalachicola. Mr. Pierce said he would hate to spend money on a facility only to have it moved or destroyed for upgrades to the field. Mr. Johnson said he really didn't know about the situation either. Commissioner Williams said he would make a **motion authorizing the expenditure for the repairs needed at Sylvester Williams Park in Apalachicola contingent on the City of Apalachicola Recreation Board checking into the matter.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-396) Chairman Creamer asked who was responsible for the electric bill at these ballparks. Mr. Johnson replied each separate league. He explained every complex is responsible for their electric bill. He said the County budgets money for these bills.

(Tape 1-420) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson about the garbage situation on the east end of the County around Alligator Point. Mr. Johnson replied he was doing the very best he could. He explained his department was in the eastern end of the County this week. He said they were in Carrabelle yesterday and they are working their way eastward. He reminded the Board he has a skeleton crew using one truck. He said he has taken one Animal Control employee to help in the Solid Waste Department. He stated he has one employee out on workers comp and one employee at National Guard Camp. Commissioner Sanders said she understood she just wanted the public to know everything possible was being done to remedy their complaints. Mr. Johnson said he has a routine, which allows each community in the County a certain date for garbage pickup. He stated it takes approximately five weeks between each pickup since he stays in one community a week.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM-BARBARA CROSIER-MARCIA HILTY

(Tape 1-514) Ms. Crosier, Senior Deputy Court Administrator, Second Judicial Circuit, and Marcia Hilty, Circuit Director, Guardian ad Litem Program, Second Judicial Circuit, introduced themselves to the Board at this time. Ms. Crosier explained they were present this morning to request funding, \$3,337.75, to help satisfy a match requirement on an Americorps Program Grant. She said Franklin County has been identified as one of four counties targeted to benefit from the project. She said she has the endorsement of Judge F. E. Steinmeyer, III. She stated they would be visiting each rural County in the Second

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Circuit to ask each of them for their match amount also. She stated these funds would allow them to pay their volunteers in the County. She said these volunteers assist the Courts with the cases of the abused and neglected children in Franklin County. She stated there are volunteers now, but these cases usually last about a year before a final decision or order is entered in the case. She informed the Board these volunteers usually take on one or two cases a year. She said they would hire someone in Franklin County to receive \$9,300.00 a year, full health insurance, forbearance on any student loans they may have, \$4,700.00 in education benefits after they have served in the program a total of 1,700 hours, and child care benefits if needed. She said this would be an annual request, \$3,337.75, for the Franklin County budget. Commissioner Putnal said he didn't think this could be done until the new budget was considered. He stated he knew things were going to be tight. Ms. Crosier asked the Board to go ahead and approve the request contingent on the final budget decisions are made. She said the money is not actually needed until October 1st. She said if the Board approved this request she would ask that a letter of support for them to send to the Americorps Program Grant office. She stated they have to know that each of the counties is willing to participate with them for this grant. Commissioner Putnal said he was not sure that could even be done. Chairman Creamer said the Board had suggested to the Refuge House they submit a budget request to be considered at the Budget Workshops. Commissioner Putnal asked how could they promise them funding when the Board didn't even know what the budget looked like. Alfred Shuler, County Attorney, said a budget decision couldn't be made until the Budget Workshops. He suggested they send a letter of support, but in the letter state the funds would be available contingent on the availability of funds. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for Americorps Funding as requested contingent on the availability of funds.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler said this was not a binding commitment until the request was considered at the Budget Workshops. Ms. Hilty and Ms. Crosier thanked the Board for their time this morning.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-694) Mr. Pierce said he would go ahead and begin his report and then stop when the Chairman asked him to.

(Tape 1-698) Mr. Pierce introduced Doug Delano, Vice-President, St. Joe/Arvida. He said Mr. Delano would be the new contact person for Franklin County affairs. Mr. Delano said he was looking forward to working with the Board and the citizens of Franklin County.

(Tape 1-718) He asked the Board to clarify the truck route in Eastpoint. He reminded the Board that on October 19, 1999 they did approve a truck route in Eastpoint for Couch Construction to use for their concrete trucks. He said the Board talked about two different routes: one was 4th Street and the other one was 6th Street. Mr. Pierce suggested the route should travel down Avenue A and turn down 6th Street since it is already used by a lot of trucks. Chairman Creamer said that was the Board's intent. He stated they should also help maintain this route. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion designating 6th**

Street in Eastpoint as the truck route Couch Construction should use for their trucks. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said he would send a letter to Couch Construction informing them of this decision today. Chairman Creamer said he wanted the letter to inform Couch Construction of the strict speed limit in that area since there is a ball field near 6th Street.

(Tape 1-818) He informed the Board that an individual in Lanark Village has complained about the County allowing a business in a residential area. He said the individual reported the ambulance service is using one of the apartments in Lanark Village as a staging area. He said he told this individual the Board supported the ambulance service and that the ambulance service had been asked to be close to the Lanark Village area.

(Tape 1-844) He said the Board has already declared the Roof Replacement Project at the EOC-Apalachicola Airport an emergency situation at an earlier meeting. He stated he was instructed by the Board to seek bids on the roof replacement and reported he has done so. He said he has only received one bid, which is for the type of roof recommended by Preble-Rish-a rolled roof with a 12-year warrantee. He said they contacted three roofing contractors and only one bid on the project. He said he and Tim Turner, EOC Director, was asking the Board to allow them to proceed with the one bid. He stated this is the same roof that was used on the Old Jail at the back of the Courthouse. Commissioner Williams made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to proceed with the Roof Replacement Project at the EOC Building at the Apalachicola Airport and to award the bid to the company that submitted the bid proposal since this is considered an emergency project.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-899) He asked the Board to authorize him to send a letter to FDOT requesting they notify the Board if additional Small County Incentive Program funds become available since the Board would like to add Lake Morality Road to the list for paving projects. He explained the reason the road needed to be added is that he and Sheriff Varnes, at the last minute, were given an opportunity to meet with DOC Secretary Mike Moore in Port St. Joe last week. He said out of that discussion came the acknowledgement that DOC would very much like to have Lake Morality Road paved. He stated there is a possibility the County, if granted funding, could match funds available from DOC and pave the road at little or not cost to the County. He said CR 67 is going to be funded this way this year, and the County has listed CR 30A and Patton Drive in Eastpoint for funding next year. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to FDOT requesting they notify the Board if additional funds become available through the Small County Incentive Program for the purpose of paving Lake Morality Road.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Timothy Barfield, FDOT, informed the Board the deadline for requesting SCOP funds has already passed. He said those are set on a statewide priority and certain guidelines have to be met. He explained there is a 75-25 match and he wasn't sure this project would even qualify. He said FDOT would consider it. Mr. Pierce informed Mr. Barfield he was aware the deadline had passed. He said there is always a

possibility additional funds may become available or some other project might not be funded leaving additional funds. Commissioner Sanders stated she wanted it emphasized in the request that this is a Hurricane Evacuation Route for Franklin County residents. Mr. Barfield suggested Mr. Piece include the fact that this is a major evacuation route for that area.

(Tape 1-1008) He informed the Board bid openings for the Apalachicola Airport Access Road is scheduled for the June 19th meeting. He said Commissioner Mosconis had asked several times about the progress of the Apalachicola Airport Access Road. He presented a copy of the bid documents to the Board for their file.

FDOT RURAL COUNTY PLAN AGENDA

(Tape 1-1027) Mr. Thomas Shafer, Area Operations Engineer with FDOT, introduced the FDOT representatives at the meeting this morning as follows: Garrett Martin, P. E., Assistant Operations Engineer for FDOT Construction, Elizabeth Birriel, Assistant Operations Engineer for FDOT Maintenance, Tommy Barfield, FDOT Production, Mark Thomas, Assistant FDOT District Maintenance Engineer, June Coates and Fred Buchanan, FDOT. He said he would like for Mr. Barfield to address the Board first to review the work program for Franklin County. Mr. Barfield informed the Board FDOT had the following projects listed on their project list: 1. Hwy 98 from Bayshore Drive to Hwy 65-resurfacing-bid next month; 2. Hwy 98-CR 385 to CR 384-resurfacing-bid next month; and 3. Hwy 98-319 to the Ochlocknee Bay Bridge-resurfacing-bid next month. He said the bids should be opened next month and the contract awarded in about four months. Commissioner Putnal said he thought the last project was a new road. Commissioner Sanders said she thought that too. Mr. Barfield said he would go look at the section of road they were referencing and see if it needed resurfacing. He stated the funds would not be promised to Franklin County, but would be used for the next slated project.

Commissioner Putnal asked him about the stretch of road between Hwy 65 and Carrabelle. He said that section of road was in terrible shape. Mr. Barfield replied it was programmed for resurfacing in three years. Commissioner Putnal said that was the worst road in the County. Discussion continued. Commissioner Putnal said he felt keeping the millage rate down and only having a five-cents gas tax was punishing the County. Mr. Pierce told the Board the only way the FDOT would consider helping the County with road paving was if the County was at a 10 mil cap and/or had a six-cents gas tax. Mr. Barfield said when the County meets one of these qualifications it would qualify the County for several paving assistance programs. Mr. Martin said the only ongoing project he had was the SGI Bridge in Franklin County. Commissioner Putnal asked him about the drainage project on Wilderness and Ridge Road in Eastpoint. He said he promised those residents in the area something was going to be done about the drainage problem there years ago. He stated he wants to see some progress in the area there. Mr. Shuler asked when Hwy 65 was scheduled for resurfacing. Mr. Martin replied the bid date was scheduled for July, 2003. Ms. Birrell informed the Board she was responsible for the routine maintenance of Leon, Franklin, Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Liberty. She explained on July 1st the routine maintenance of Franklin, Jefferson, Wakulla and Liberty Counties would become the responsibility of VMS Maintenance Systems, Inc. She stated they have representatives at the meeting today and will leave their names and telephone numbers for anyone who needs

to be able to contact them. She explained if anyone should have any problems they would need to contact her as the FDOT Project Manager for this contract. Mr. Pierce said FDOT has an existing contract, \$5,600.00, with the City of Carrabelle for the maintenance of the right-of-way for Highway 98 through Carrabelle. He said he was wondering if the County couldn't get the same agreement for the Eastpoint area. He stated the County maintains the right-of-way there anyway. He asked whom he would contact about pursuing a contract. Ms. Birriel said he would need to contact and work with VMS. David Myzie, VMS Operations Manager, said he oversees all of VMS's operations in the Southeastern region of the United States. He explained they are finalizing a new agreement with the City of Carrabelle, their MOA, which becomes effective July 1st. He stated they would like to work with the County in a similar venture if the County is interested. He informed the Board there are some existing FDOT contracts for mowing and litter pick-up, which will not expire for a year or more. He said they would work with the County in pursuing this type of contract. He said they would formally take over July 1st. He said Doug Aarons, Project Manager, and Annette Phillips, Community Outreach Coordinator, would address the Board too. He said they would be the VMS staff the County staff would be in direct contact with. He stated these are routine maintenance contract which includes pot-hole patching, stripping, pavement markers, signs, guard rails, mowing, litter, culvert cleaning, repairs of culverts, etc. He said the installation or upgrades of culverts would still be a FDOT responsibility. He stated the contract is for seven years with a seven-year renewable option. He informed the Board the project includes management of existing FDOT contracts, driveway permits, access permits, utility permits, etc. He said the FDOT would still maintain the ultimate approval of the permits, VMS would make the recommendation to FDOT for approval or disapproval. He stated the bridge inspections would also be conducted by VMS. Chairman Creamer asked for this discussion to be interrupted at this time for the next agendaed item.

LINK CARROLL-FCSO FINANCE OFFICER-TASK FORCE GRANT

(Tape 1-2345) Ms. Carroll appeared before the Board to request the Chairman's signature on the annual application for the Narcotics Task Force Grant. She explained the grant employs three drug investigators and informed the Board the total amount of the grant is \$61,515.00, the same as last years. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the annual application for the Narcotics Task Force Grant.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2373) She presented a letter requesting the amendment of the Sheriff's Office Budget to reflect the receipt of three grants, the VOCA Grant, Resource Officer Grant, and the Block Grant as well as a delayed reimbursement from the 1999-2000 Narcotic Task Force Grant for a total amount of \$138,874.55. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to amend the Sheriff's Office Budget as requested by Ms. Carroll in the amount of \$138,874.55.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FDOT RURAL COUNTY PLAN AGENDA-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-2437) Doug Aarons, P. E. Project Manager, said VMS would have three offices in the four zones, one in Carrabelle, one in Hosford, and one in Monticello. He said they would have two "lay down" yards, one in Port St. Joe and one in Crawfordville. He said they are attempting to hire local people as well as FDOT employees displaced by the recent cutbacks. Annette Phillips, Community Outreach Coordinator for VMS, appeared before the Board and informed the Board she would be the person to contact if anyone had a concern or complaint about service. She said the other thing they would like help with is reaching local people to serve as contractors to use when there are emergency situations. She stated she expects a 24-hour turn around when a complaint or problem is called in. She explained after one phone call is made then she would set the process in motion and they were hoping for a 2-week solution to any problem. She said VMS will furnish cell phones to it's employees and anyone with a complaint or need could just dial star VMS. She said she had employment applications and contractor's applications. She stated she was looking forward to working with Franklin County. Chairman Creamer interrupted this discussion for a bid opening.

BIDS-ONE (1) GRIZZLY HEAVY DUTY ULV AEROSOL GENERATOR

(Tape 1-2819) Chairman Creamer announced the opening of bids for one Grizzly Heavy Duty ULV Aerosol Generator and the following bid was opened: Clarke Mosquito Control in the amount of \$7,700.00 each. Dewitt Polous, Mosquito Control Director, reported this amount was even less than he had anticipated and asked the Board to allow him to purchase the machine. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the purchase of a Grizzly Heavy Duty ULV Aerosol Generator from Clarke Mosquito Control in the amount of \$7,770.00.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FDOT RURAL COUNTY PLAN AGENDA-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-2871) June Coates and Fred Buchanan, FDOT Traffic Operations, appeared before the Board and presented the Board with a list of the names and telephone numbers in their Traffic Department and their particular expertise. They informed the Board this would conclude their presentation and thanked the Board for their attention this morning.

COMMISSIONER SANDERS-CAMP GORDON JOHNSON MUSEUM

(Tape 1-3190) Commissioner Sanders said the CGJ Museum was discussed at the last meeting. She stated she was trying to schedule a meeting with some of the local people in Lanark Village and the Members of the CGJ Board. She said she has been unable to do that and said she still has not heard anything about the status of the liquor license.

ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-3244) Mr. Pierce asked for the Board to approve the location of the proposed wells and easements at the Apalachicola Airport for the City of Apalachicola. He stated the Airport Advisory Committee has recommended approval of this request. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the location of the proposed wells at the Apalachicola Airport for the City of Apalachicola contingent on approval by**

Mr. Shuler reviewing and approving the easements. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler recommended the Board go ahead and approve the site so it would encourage the other agencies involved to go ahead and grant the necessary permits. He said if it works without their approval then there is no reason to hold the process up. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the location of the proposed wells and easements at the Apalachicola Airport for the City of Apalachicola as recommended by the Apalachicola Airport Committee.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3564 Continued on Tape 2) Mr. Pierce said he would interrupt his report for Joyce Estes, Eastpoint resident, who has some dynamic news for the County. Ms. Estes said she had just received the "Florida Forever 2001" five-year work plan for the Northwest Florida Water Management District. She informed the Board Franklin County would be receiving thousands of dollars for Florida Forever Capital Improvement Projects. She stated the projects are as follows: Apalachicola River Environmental Restoration, \$540,000.00; East Bay/Tates Hell Swamp Restoration, \$350,000.00; Apalachicola Bay Shoreline Restoration, \$490,000.00; and Apalachicola Bay Urban Stormwater Treatment Facilities, \$490,000.00. She presented the Board with a copy of the report and thanked the Board for allowing her to speak this morning.

(Tape 2-52) Mr. Pierce reported the Profundis Corporation has gated the Buck Siding Road, which has traditionally been used as a by-pass when a hurricane has cut Hwy 98 between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. He stated Elvis Cook, Profundis representative, said the company would be glad to let the public use the road in an emergency as long as the Board supplies a Hold Harmless Agreement for Profundis. He asked the Board to direct Mr. Shuler to prepare and furnish a Hold Harmless Agreement between the County and Profundis for using the Buck Siding Road in case of an emergency. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to prepare and furnish a Hold Harmless Agreement between Franklin County and Profundis for the use of Buck Siding Road in the event of an emergency.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He stated he wanted the Board to know the Division of Forestry is actively working to stabilize North Road, and if direct access can be made across the Carrabelle Airport, then the Buck Siding Road would not have to be used. He said the Division of Forestry is going to purchase lime rock, \$20,000.00, to help stabilize several roads with one of the roads included being the North Road.

(Tape 2-102) He presented the Board with a claim filed by St. George Cable, Inc., in the amount \$5,990.08 for digging and cutting fiber-optic trunk line at the intersection of Gulf Beach Drive and Franklin Blvd. on May 2, 2001. He said he thought the proper thing to do would be to turn it over to the insurance company for review. Commissioner Sanders said this was the second time the cable had been cut on SGI. She stated she knew the cable company was notified 48-hours ahead of time and work was not started until after that 48-hour time had passed. Commissioner Sanders said Mr. Sumner, owner of SGI Cable, Inc., needs to understand that he needs to furnish a map of where his cable is buried. She stated the County cannot wait sometimes for work to be done on the Island.

Commissioner Sanders said she would go ahead and make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to submit this claim to the County's insurance carrier.** Chairman Creamer asked Commissioner Sanders if she knew if the cable company was given a 48-hour notice on this particular cut. Commissioner Sanders replied yes he was. Mr. Pierce said he thought the insurance company would check into all of these matters. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-163) Commissioner Putnal said he was upset at the newest rate increase from the current cable company, MediaCom. He stated he didn't understand and asked when they would ever stop. Mr. Pierce replied he couldn't answer that question. Commissioner Putnal said he was going to make a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to check into the rate increase and see if anything could be done about the increases.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-317) He informed the Board he failed to mention at the last Board meeting that he needed permission to schedule a public hearing to consider a rezoning of some land in Eastpoint from R-2 to R-1, which would allow a cluster development of houses. He said he contacted three Board members after the meeting, in the hall, after the last meeting and they told him it would be all right to go ahead and advertise for a public hearing on the matter. He said he had requested this action so the Board can hear this rezoning request along with other requests previously approved. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the request, but the draft minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting failed to mention the item. He stated Jeanne Bonds and Jamie Crum, owners, submitted the request. Commissioner Putnal said he would make a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to schedule a public hearing to consider the rezoning request submitted by Jeanne Bonds and Jamie Crum for their property in Eastpoint from R-2 to R-1.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-394) He submitted the recorded ditch easements for drainage in the Southland Subdivision. He stated these ditch easements, William D. Kimbrel and Sammy and Beverly Thompson, were already approved by the Board.

(Tape 2-401) He presented the Board with a Quit Claim Deed from St. Joe Company to Franklin County for Lot 1, Block 12/35, in the City of Carrabelle to be used for a recycling area. He asked for the Board to authorize him to record the Deed. Mr. Shuler suggested Mr. Pierce send a letter expressing the County's appreciation for the land. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to record the Quit Claim Deed for a lot in Carrabelle the St. Joe Company gave to Franklin County to be used as a recycling area and directing him to send a letter of appreciation to St. Joe Company.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler suggested Mr. Pierce send a letter expressing the County's appreciation for the land.

(Tape 2-460) He asked the Board to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Apalachicola and Franklin County regarding the cooperative arrangement of the County applying for a grant for work to be done on City property. He explained, in the agreement, the City agrees to maintain and assume all liability for the work done at the Battery Park Marina, the County would simply act as applicant for the grant. He said the City would also provide all the matching funds. He stated the State of Florida is requiring the Interlocal Agreement since only the County, not the City, can apply for Boating Improvement Trust Funds, yet the project is on City property. He said the Board can approve this request contingent on Mr. Shuler's review and approval. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Apalachicola and Franklin County for grant work to be done on City property, Battery Park Marina contingent on Mr. Shuler's review and approval.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-488) Commissioner Putnal said he would like to find a place for the commercial fishermen to unload their boats. He stated he is using another man's property now. He asked Mr. Pierce if they could unload their boats at the City marina. Mr. Pierce told Commissioner Putnal that the City marina was a public boat ramp, but there would be no place to tie their boats up.

(Tape 2-537) Mr. Pierce provided the Board with a complaint package and audiocassette submitted by Ms. Tina Shiver about the SHIP Program and its administrator, Ms. Shirley Walker. He told the Board he would, in keeping with the request from the Senior Citizens Center Board, recommend the information be submitted to Ms. Cherry Rankin, President of the Senior Citizen Board. Chairman Creamer said he wanted a copy of the tape and the package kept in the Board records. Mr. Pierce replied he would see the Board had a copy of the complaint and the tape. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce give a copy of the complaint package and audiocassette submitted by Ms. Tina Shiver regarding the SHIP Program and its administrator, Ms. Shirley Walker, to Ms. Cherry Rankin, President of the Senior Citizens Center Board.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders said she wanted Ms. Rankin to know she, as well as other Commissioners, were receiving complaints similar to this same problem. Mr. Pierce assured the Board he would tell Ms. Rankin.

(Tape 2- 571) He submitted a letter from the Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company stating they did not want the tracks crossing Bluff Road, north of Apalachicola, removed as was previously thought by Commissioner Mosconis. He said he did give Commissioner Mosconis a copy of the letter.

(Tape 2-575) He asked for the Board to sign a DEP extension of six months, January 31, 2002, to complete the SGI County Park Project. He said things are just moving slower than anticipated on that project. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a six-month extension, January 31, 2002, to complete the**

SGI County Park Project. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for.
MOTION CARRIED.

(Tape 2-590) He presented the Board with a letter from DEP informing the County they intend to issue permits for the St. James Bay Project around Carrabelle.

(Tape 2-593) He submitted a copy of an ARPC notice to find the County Comprehensive Plan Change regarding the large-scale land use change from Agriculture to Residential, one unit per ten acres, for Bill Wells to not be in compliance. He said this notice then goes to DCA for review. He said this means ARPC is not recommending this land use change be approved by DCA. Mr. Pierce stated the reason for this is probably because of the threat of increased density in areas not serviced by water and sewer, increasing traffic in wildlife areas, etc. He said they used the term "urban sprawl".

(Tape 2-679) He presented two letters, one from DOC and one from Preble-Rish, regarding the flooding problem at Lake Morality Road and Highway 67. He said they are working on the problem and installing culverts.

(Tape 2-703) He submitted a letter from FDOT stating they have cleaned, as requested by the Board, the ditch along Hwy 98 at Franklin Street in Eastpoint.

(Tape 2-708) He informed the Board that he met with Chairman Creamer, Terry Jangula, USCOE, and Kent Edwards, DEP, on the Eastpoint Channel last week. He said the DEP stated that before they would look at allowing open water disposal, along the Eastpoint breakwater, or allowing disposal along the shore, between 4th Street and 10th Street, they need proof that there is no upland disposal site available. He said because the disposal area needs to be at least 20 acres, there are very few property owners in the area that own that much land and because the County is obligated to build or hire the contractor to build the dike system, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00, even then the property owner might have to pay for the right to have spoil material placed on their private property. He said they think the spoil material might enhance the property owners property. He stated he has serious doubts a property owner would be willing to allow this and then have to pay for it. He said he had already contacted one property owner, Phipps Corporation and they said "no thank you". He said he would contact two others directly, but it is likely going to be a long fight with DEP to allow disposal in the most logical option, which is either along the Breakwater or along the shoreline. He said even with using either of the logical options, the County, according to Mr. Jangula, is required to provide the disposal site, which means the County will need a large amount of money to build the necessary revetment to keep the spoil material in one place once it is pumped on the shore. He informed the Board this could change if Congress provides the USCOE with the funds to complete the total project. Mr. Pierce said if the material in the channel is sandy enough so that it would settle out then it could be placed on the Breakwater, but if the sand has too much silt, along with fine muck then it cannot be done. He stated the USCOE is going to evaluate the material and then share their results with DEP. He said the DEP representative was adamant about the County proving there were no uplands first. He

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stated he is in the process of proving that to DEP. Commissioner Putnal said he sure hoped the channel could be dredged as soon as possible. He stated the channel is so shallow you can't even run a boat on low tide.

(Tape 2-855) Mr. Pierce presented a letter from FEMA regarding the scheduled meeting on June 26, 2001 to discuss the Preliminary Countywide Flood Insurance Study (FIS). He said the meeting would be held at the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. that day. He informed the Board FEMA representatives would be present at the meeting to discuss any proposed changes to the County flood maps.

(Tape 2-870) He read a letter to DEP regarding the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds. He presented the letter to the Board for their file. He said the letter states the County intends to accept Franklin County's allocation of \$106,415.00. He said the Board intends to use all of the money towards the long-term recovery and shoreline stabilization of Alligator Point.

(Tape 2-925) He introduced George Maier to the Board at this time. He said Mr. Maier was going to ask the Board to allow him to place two electric meters on a single residential lot on River Road in Carrabelle. Mr. Pierce stated he has denied Mr. Maier's request based on his understanding that the Board has a policy, set years ago, that the County did not want to encourage the creation of rental apartments in a single family zoning. He said he has always refused to allow a single-family lot to have two electric meters for separate dwelling units. Mr. Maier said he felt differently and stated he thought the property should be "grand fathered" in since it was the River Road Fish Camp with four units available for rental. Mr. Pierce stated he is not disagreeing it was once a fish camp, but the meters were removed when the property was sold. Mr. Maier said he needed the extra meter to provide a "mother-in-law suite" for an aging family member. He presented the Board with a letter requesting the Board approve this extra meter. Mr. Shuler advised the Board that since this was considered County Policy the Board should stick to Mr. Piece's recommendation since he is responsible for administering this program. He advised the Board to sustain Mr. Piece's position. After discussion Commissioner Sanders said she would make a **motion to table this matter until the next meeting for further consideration.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1323) Earl Creamer, a resident of Bluff Road, appeared before the Board at this time and requested to speak. Mr. Creamer was allowed to address this Board. Mr. Creamer said about eight years ago he agreed to give a ditch easement to the County for the installation of a ditch on his property. He stated since then there have been other ditches completed on Gibson Road and several other places near his home causing even more flooding on his property. He said he has talked to several County Commissioners about the problem. He stated he wants the culvert under Bluff Road onto his property fixed. He said this would allow an easier way for the water to flow. He said he has had no response or nothing has been done to the ditch. He stated he is here today to inform the County he is going to rescind his ditch easement and he is going to fill the ditch in. He

said he cannot get any results from talking to people and the water problem is still there. Chairman Creamer said the Board had discussed this several times. He stated Commissioner Mosconis said he would look into several options Mr. Creamer proposed. He stated Mr. Creamer has been to the Board numerous times about this problem. He said there promises were always made, but never kept. Mr. Pierce said he had been to look at the site along with the Road Superintendent, Hubert Chipman. He stated several options have been discussed, but he admittedly had not followed through with the project. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board direct the County Engineer, David Kennedy, take Mr. Chipman and go out to look at the area. He said then they could report back to the Board at the next meeting with some suggestions. Chairman Creamer said he would abstain from voting in this matter since Mr. Creamer was his brother. He informed the Board and audience he would complete a Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and other local Public Officers. Commissioner Putnal then made a **motion directing the County Engineer and the Road Superintendent to go to Mr. Creamers property on Bluff Road in Apalachicola to look at the area and report back to the Board at the next meeting with some suggestions to remedy his problem.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DAVID BUTLER-CAMP GORDON JOHNSON MUSEUM

(Tape 2-1499) Mr. Butler said he was here today to answer any questions anyone had for him regarding the proposed rezoning for the Camp Gordon Johnson Museum in Lanark Village. He stated they are asking the Board to rezone the property to a Public Facility Zoning category. Mr. Pierce said he thought rezoning the property to the Public Facility Zoning category was fine, but he would like to know if they plan to use the museum property for anything else. He stated he heard there were a liquor license to be dealt with as well as a proposed RV campground. Mr. Butler said he thought after the rezoning request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission a public hearing would be held to discuss all of these matters. He said he understood a public hearing has been scheduled for July 3, 2001. He stated they are still gathering information about the liquor license and other matters. He presented a map of the proposed changes to the area. He said they would have a walking path, a road, a fence around the lake, and a gazebo. He stated there was nothing mentioned to them when the property was bought on the Courthouse steps and the deed recorded about a liquor license. Discussion continued. Sid Winchester, Chairman, Camp Gordon Johnson Museum, said he wanted to assure they would not build a RV campground on the property. He stated there are already several RV campgrounds around the property. He said they want to be good neighbors and get along with the Lanark Village Association.

AMELIA VARNES-DEPUTY CLERK

(Tape 2-1720) Ms. Varnes reported that Mr. Wade, the Clerk, was not here this morning. She said he was out of town. She asked the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on the annual DEP Solid Waste Grant Applications as follows: Litter Control and Prevention Grant Application; Solid Waste Tire Grant Application; Small County Solid Waste Tire Grant Application; Solid Waste Recycling and Education Grant Application, Part 1. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on**

the annual DEP Solid Waste Grant Applications; the Litter Control and Prevention Grant Application; Solid Waste Tire Grant Application; Small County Solid Waste Grant Application; and Solid Waste Recycling and Education Grant Application, Part 1. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1740) She asked the Board to authorize the removal of three items from the Supervisor of Elections Office from the County Inventory list. She listed the items as follows for the Commissioners; Compact Computer, A003444; Okidata Printer, A003480; and a Pionex Computer, A003497-A003498. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the removal of the items as submitted from the County's Inventory list.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1760) She reported Bay Media, Cindy Clark, updated her on the Franklin County Web Site. She said Ms. Clark has a hurricane preparedness link to the Red Cross in place, Planning and Zoning Minutes (when Mr. Pierce implements it), and a Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce link since the Apalachicola Bay Chamber already had a link.

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-1783) Mr. Shuler said he spoke to Pat Floyd, attorney representing the County in the GRIT lawsuit, about the filing of the amended complaints in the GRIT case. He stated Mr. Floyd is working on this matter and he would file them.

(Tape 2-1797) He stated he had a telephone conversation with Commissioner Sanders about the County be able to fund health care facilities. He said, after researching the matter, the County can fund health facilities in addition to the hospital. Commissioner Sanders said she was really concerned about the East end of the County and the closing of the clinic there. She said she there has been a lot of people call her with their concerns. She stated she wanted to look at other options the County might have to make sure there is adequate health care in Franklin County. Mr. Shuler said the County is authorized to provide health care facilities other than a hospital. Commissioner Putnal asked if it would be a conflict Tallahassee Memorial wanted to place a clinic in Franklin County. Mr. Shuler replied the hospital is leased and there is not a franchise for providing health care services in Franklin County. Commissioner Sanders said the County needed to look to the future in Franklin County not only with health care, but all of the services. She stated the County certainly needed to be moving forward.

(Tape 2-1914) He said he sent a letter to Attorney Marc Taps who represented the individuals who filed the reapportionment suit that resulted in the 1986 redistricting judgment. He said he also sent a letter to Attorney Virginia Daire who represented the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, the interveners, in the case. He said the letters asks for their opinion in whether it would be necessary to seek approval of the District Court for member district boundary changes. He said he would let the Board know when he had a reply from them. Commissioner Putnal said he received his census information, which reflected a total population of 11,000 or so. He stated he thought there were 10,000 residents before the census was taken so this is not much of an increase. Mr.

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

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AMELIA VARNES, DEPUTY CLERK