

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET-YEAR END MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2001**

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sanders, Vice-Chair; Bevin Putnal and Clarence Williams, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Ruth Williams, Finance Officer.

**ABSENT:** Chairman Eddie Creamer and Commissioner Jimmy Mosconis

**9:00 A.M.** Vice-Chair Sanders called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-13) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the year-end County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**SHERIFF BRUCE VARNES**

(Tape 1-20) Sheriff Varnes said he was going to defer to Ginger Coulter, Assistant Finance Officer for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Coulter said she was here to ask for a formal motion on something the Board decided on at one of the Budget Workshops. She asked the Board to amend the Sheriff's Office Budget to reflect the following: 1. Inmate Medical Reimbursement( Donna Moses) in the amount of \$18,040.89; 2. Inmate Medical Reimbursement collected throughout the 2000-2001 Fiscal Year for medical bills that were paid up-front by the F.C.S.O. totaling \$6,569.94; and 3. Women in Crisis Emergency Fund, a one-time Grand awarded to assist female victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and other violent crimes in Franklin County in the amount of \$20,000.00; for a total budget amendment of \$44,610.83. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion amending the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Budget to reflect the above listed items.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-82) Sheriff Varnes presented a proposal for the replacement cost of a new Carrier Heat Pump. He said for the past two weeks Locke's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. of Tallahassee, has been at the jail working on the air conditioning systems. He stated there were six vent fans, all of the vent fans in the jail, that were completely un-repairable and cost approximately \$14,000.00-\$15,000.00 to replace them. He said he has paid that out of this year's budget. He explained there was one unit that has to be replaced, the kitchen unit. He said he negotiated every way possible with Mr. Locke and he received a written proposal from Mr. Locke. He stated the proposal, in the amount of \$8,173.00, was as low as Mr. Locke would go. He asked the Board to pay for this replacement unit. He informed the Board he did everything he could do to try and have the unit repaired, but Mr. Locke simply would not repair it. He said the unit was as old as the jail, which was thirteen years. Sheriff Varnes informed the Board he had negotiated and begged Mr. Locke to give the County his rock bottom price. He assured the Board this was as low as Mr. Locke would go. Commissioner Putnal asked Ms. Williams if there was enough money left in Contingency to pay for this air conditioning unit. Ms. Williams replied there was. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to increase**

Courthouse Maintenance in the amount of \$8,173.00 and reducing Reserve for Contingency-General Fund in the amount of \$8,173.00. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Sheriff thanked the Board and excused himself from the meeting at this time.

**KENDALL WADE-CLERK**

(1-204) Mr. Wade asked the Board to remove the following items from the inventory list: Property #2224, IBM Typewriter; Property #A003094 and #A003095, Postage Machine; Property #A003234, Computer; Property #A003530, Air Conditioner; Property #A003487, AS-400 Computer. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to remove the above listed items from the inventory record.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-228) He informed the Board his office inventories items, which cost \$500.00 or more. He said he would like the Board to authorize his office to only inventory items costing \$750.00 or more effective October 1, 2001. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Wade's Office to list items, costing \$750.00 or more purchased by the County, to be included on the County's Inventory List, effective October 1, 2001.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-279) Mr. Wade said he had a Resolution of Unanticipated Revenues for the Board's approval. He read the following Resolution into the record: Whereas, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the state of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets and, Whereas, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and Whereas, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$266,551.46 from the FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC. for the local match for the construction of the library building in Carrabelle, Florida, and Whereas, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2000-2001, and Whereas, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and Whereas, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of :  
001.37.571.6200, Buildings, \$266,511.46 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioner appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$266,551.46 for use in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS 129.06(2)(d). THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001. Cheryl Sanders, Vice-Chair, Kendall Wade, Clerk. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Vice-Chair's signature on the Resolution of Anticipated Revenues in the amount of \$266,511.46.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

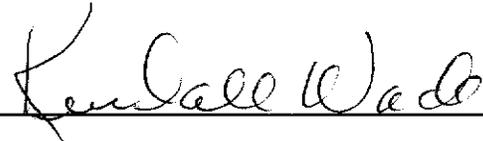
(Tape 1-327) Mr. Wade said each Commissioner was given a copy of the Memo from the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) informing everyone the State of Florida Legislature has called a special session to be scheduled as early as the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said the memo informs the counties the State of Florida's budget is expected to

be cut at least \$1.2 billion dollars because of the recent downturn in the economy and the impact on state tourism following the terrorist attacks. He said the memo also informs counties, which partner with the state in many area and receive state funding for many local purposes, will be affected. He said the state must reduce current year expenditures as much as 7%. He stated the FAC has been working to make sure the Legislature understands the counties have already set budgets for the 2001-02 fiscal year and that millage rates have been set or are in the process of being set so counties do not have the option of raising revenues for the 2001-02 fiscal year. He stated the memo, because of these events, informs counties that a special session is being scheduled at the FAC Board of Directors meeting scheduled on October 3, 2001 at the Sheraton World Resort in Orange County. He said the memo strongly encourages sending a representative to this meeting. Commissioner Sanders stated she intended on attending that meeting anyway, before all of this information came out. Mr. Wade and Ms. Williams asked the Board to be very, very careful about spending funds without checking to see if they were available. Commissioner Sanders said she would report back to the Board as to what happens at the meeting. Ms. Williams said the millage rate has been set and cannot be changed. She suggested the Board allow her to watch over the budget very carefully. Mr. Wade said he would work with Ms. Williams to try and keep the Board informed of what is being spent.

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



**CHERYL SANDERS, VICE-CHAIR**



**KENDALL WADE, CLERK**