

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2002**

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

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

(Tape 1-29) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 19, 2002 and March 22 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-33) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-37) Mr. Chipman stated he did not have anything he needed to bring to the Board's attention this morning. Commissioner Sanders said she would like to thank Mr. Chipman and his Department for their assistance in repairing the parking lot at Sands Field in Carrabelle. She stated she would also like to thank Van Johnson, Solid Waste Director, and his Department for cleaning up the side of the road.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-50) He informed the Board he, along with Leslie Sturmer, Shellfish Aquaculture Extension Agent, would be conducting Clam Aquaculture Educational Workshops on the basics of buying, handling, and planting clam seed for the new clam farmers participating in the new Alligator Harbor Aquaculture Program. He said the date is Thursday, April 11th and the times are 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the FSU Marine Laboratory at Turkey Point, Building 407. He explained he had attached a flier to the Commissioner's packages so they could refer to it if they needed too.

(Tape 1-73) He said, as part of the same subject, he has attached a brochure that FDACS has developed to help market Florida's farm-raised clams.

(Tape 1-82) Commissioner Mosconis said he was concerned about the discussion about the Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve Management Plan held at the Public Hearing to discuss St. Joe/Arvida's "Summer Camp" proposal. He stated the Management Plan contained some "troubling" language to him. He explained he was really concerned about water access especially after all this time and effort has gone into this new clam aquaculture project right in Alligator Harbor. He asked Mr. Mahan to make sure these new clam farmers have a way to get their product in without having to go all the way to Carrabelle or Panacea. Commissioner Sanders informed the Board one of stipulations for this project made by the Governor and Cabinet was adequate water access. She said, at this time, there are accessible boat ramps at Sun 'n Sands in Alligator Point, Leonard's

Landing, and then the Alligator Point Marina. She said they decided this was adequate water access. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Mahan to contact Tammy Summer, Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve Manager, about the language in the plan. He said he certainly wanted to make sure this was a coordinated effort and nothing stopped this project. Mr. Mahan said he thought aquaculture projects were included in the Management Plan as an acceptable use in a preserve. Commissioner Mosconis again said he wanted everyone to be absolutely certain these farmers could get their boats and product in and out of the water. Commissioner Sanders stated she wanted to discuss the boat ramp at Leonard's Landing. She said the ramp is covered with sand. She said she would check to see what needed to be done to clean this boat ramp up for use by the clam farmers.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-200) Mr. Johnson said he had several items for discussion this morning. He informed the Commissioners the Landfill began the Summer Operating Hours yesterday, April 1, 2002. He reminded the Commissioners the Summer Hours are: Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He said these hours are effective until September 30th when the Winter Hours would begin. He stated the Department, during this time, would be operating for 54-hours per week.

(Tape 1-213) He stated he wanted to let the Commissioners and public know the local Dixie Youth Baseball League would be holding the annual "Day of Baseball" on April 13th at Sand's Field in Carrabelle. He explained the "Day of Baseball" would start the season for more than 300 boys and girls ages 5-12, throughout the County.

(Tape 1-223) He informed the Board the Animal Control Department removed two neglected wolf-hybrids from the Eastern end of the County last Friday. He said the next step in this process is to petition the County Court for a hearing for custody of the animals. He stated the County Commission needs, because of this, to review or implement a plan to ban or regulate this breed of animals in Franklin County. He said the breed is known for its predatory nature and has become very popular in the last 10-years. He said one of these same animals, from the same owner, was involved in an attack on a child in Franklin County. He asked the Board to allow the County Attorney to petition the County Court for custody of these two neglected wolf-hybrids and directing the County Attorney to assist him in preparing a procedure that would ban or regulate this breed in Franklin County. He said he really didn't want to discuss this matter since it would probably become an involved legal case. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing the County Attorney to petition the County Court for custody of these two neglected wolf-hybrids and to assist the Animal Control Department in preparing a procedure that would ban or regulate this wolf-hybrid breed of animal in Franklin County.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-273) Mr. Pierce said he would ask the Board for action to oppose the proposed redistricting plan, which was approved by the Florida Legislature. He said the current plan would remove the City of Apalachicola out of the Franklin County District. He said

the approved plan would have Representative Will Kendrick representing all of Franklin County except the City of Apalachicola, and then Representative Alan Bense of Panama City would be representing the City. He said the Board would need to adopt a Resolution opposing these changes. Commissioner Sanders said she and Mr. Willie Speed, a resident of Apalachicola, went to Tallahassee when the Legislature began these redistricting discussions and told the Legislature Franklin County did not need to be split in any way. Chairman Creamer said the County needs to stay intact and not be split into separate districts. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Resolution opposing the current redistricting plans proposed by the State of Florida Legislature, which would take the City of Apalachicola out of the Franklin County District.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said a Resolution would be sent to Representative Kendrick's office and then if there is litigation about redistricting all of these Resolution's are sent with the file for litigation as part of their records. Commissioner Sanders said she attended the last day of the regular Legislative Session on March 22nd and she was informed there were already two lawsuits filed in the Court system. Michael Shuler, acting County Attorney, said the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce met last night and voted to send a letter opposing these redistricting plans to the State as well. Anita Gregory, Executive Director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted the press to make sure the public was informed of these plans and urged everyone to send letters opposing these plans and urge their representatives to keep Franklin County united as one County in a district.

(Tape 1-360) He asked for the Board to approve a six-month extension for the FDOT JPA Airport Access Road Relocation Project, FIN #40613718401. He said the JPA is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2002. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to request a six-month extension for the FDOT JPA Airport Access Road Relocation Project, FIN #40613718401.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis asked about the status of the FDOT connection for this road to US Highway 98. Mr. Pierce replied he spoke to the County Engineer, David Kennedy, about this matter. He said Mr. Kennedy informed him he was going to meet with the FDOT maintenance representative from VMS. He said Mr. Kennedy is going to try to have this matter expedited since everything is associated with FDOT.

(Tape 1-381) He presented a letter from Donna M. Butterfield, Eastpoint, requesting or volunteering to serve as a member on the Franklin County Board of Adjustment to the Board Secretary for the Board Minute file. He informed the Commissioners there is not an opening on the BOA at this time.

(Tape 1-388) Mr. Pierce said he received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with Tallahassee Life Flight to continue Helicopter Emergency Transport. He said there is an expiration date for this COPCN of March 31, 2005. He stated this COPCN has been requested by Bobby Bailey, Director of Life-Flight, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. He explained he didn't even know the County had one of these signed or approved previously. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the County had

done this several years ago. Mr. Pierce said he received a sample, Madison County, to use for Franklin County. Michael Shuler said he would like to advise the Commissioners to wait until he had time to review this COPCN. He stated unless there is some immediate deadline he would like to take this information back to his office for review. He said then he could make a recommendation at the next Board Meeting. He stated sometimes these COPCN are not normal everyday items the County deals with. Commissioner Putnal said he would make a **motion to direct the County Attorney's Office to review this document and make a recommendation to the Board at the next Board Meeting.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-449) He asked the Board to approve an amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Derelict Vessel Removal Grant to add \$8,000.00. He said the additional money would be used to fund the removal of 2 additional boats, the Miss Fran and the Bonita. He explained the Fish and Wildlife Department authorized these 2 specific boats for this amount. He informed the Board they also need to include amending the existing contract with Townsend Marine because the money must be utilized by May 31st so there is no time allowed to advertise for bids. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on an amendment to the current Fish and Wildlife Derelict Vessel Removal Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 and amending the existing contract the County has with Townsend Marine for the removal of the vessels to include these additional ones.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-462) He said he had received the annual membership invoice in the amount of \$50.00 for the County's membership in the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference. He said, in the past year, the County has sent Commissioners to this conference, but this year it appears there will not be an ISSC General Conference. Chairman Creamer informed the Board the conferences had been scheduled for every other year instead of every year. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to pay the annual ISSC membership dues in the amount of \$50.00.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-476) He presented, for the Board file, the "Review of Second Draft of the Apalachicola-Chipola Basin Status Report". He said the report was submitted by DEP.

(Tape 1-484) He submitted a letter from Attorney J. Stanley Chapman, attorney for Elliott and Diane Smith, who own the Alligator Point KOA Campground Resort. He said the letter informs the County Commission they should not be commenting on this campground regarding the potential acquisition of the campground in the event the County ever relocates the Alligator Point Road. He said no action needs to be taken by the Commissioners. He said he thought Mr. Shuler had sent a response to Mr. Chapman to his letter. Mr. Pierce said the attorney and the Smiths are concerned about their long-term leases they have. He stated they do not want the County or their staff to make statements about the County pursuing the purchase of the campground.

(Tape 1-568) He presented a copy of a letter he had sent to George Wilson, St. Joe Company, regarding the Commissioners direction to ask St. Joe about purchasing 45-acres on SR 65 in Eastpoint. He said the property could be used as a disposal area for the Eastpoint Channel Dredging Project. He reminded the Board they had authorized him to send this letter and he was just letting the Board know he has sent the letter and is now awaiting a reply.

(Tape 1-577) He informed the Board a Dr. Clements has requested the Board not consider the 22 letters of support for removal of the beach viewing platforms at St. Teresa Beach he faxed to the Board for the last Board meeting. He said those letters, according to Dr. Clements, were sent prematurely and do not necessarily reflect the views of the individuals whose names appear on the letters. He said the letters were intended to be approved by the individuals, but were sent before their approval was obtained.

(Tape 1-602) He asked the Board to authorize the submission, to Ms. Nelda Parker of the Department of Motor Vehicles, of the following offer: The Commissioners take responsibility for the old Eastpoint Highway Patrol building and the land around the building for \$1.00 a year plus maintenance and utilities. He said the Board could then sublease half of the building to EmergyStat for their ambulance service to use. He said the other half of the building is being used by DMV to issue drivers license at least 2 days a week. He said, on a separate issue, Ms. Parker said DMV would like for the County to assume responsibility of handling drivers license. He said he has asked her and Mr. Tommy Edwards, DMV, to provide the County with some information regarding the amount of revenue the drivers license offices generates. He stated the Franklin County Tax Collector would have to assume this service if the County's agrees to issue drivers license. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to let everybody know she was informed the School Board is also trying to get this building for their use. Commissioner Putnal said he would go ahead and made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to pursue the Old Florida Highway Patrol Station in Eastpoint for use by the County.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Creamer said he thought the County should jump at the chance to get this building. Commissioner Mosconis said he didn't like the part about the County having to take over the issuance of drivers license. He stated that is what the DMV is and has always done for the State of Florida. Mr. Pierce said he would include, in his letter, the County is not interested in taking over the issuance of drivers license.

(Tape 1-713) He said he needed the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on a "Resolution Reappointing an Enterprise Zone Development Agency; Making Appointments, Setting Forth Terms of Members, Appointing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Providing an Effective Date." He said the Board has previously approved all the members except the member from Carrabelle. He stated Mr. Paul Marxsen has been selected to fill this vacancy. He explained the Resolution also sets out the terms for each member in accordance with the Florida Statutes. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a "Resolution Reappointing an Enterprise Zone Development Agency; Making Appointments, Setting Forth Terms of Members, Appointing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Providing an**

Effective Date.” and appointing Paul Marxsen to the Enterprise Zone Development Agency. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He read the following names as members of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency: Joe Knight, Earl Solomon, Cliff Butler, Jerry Thompson, Curt Blair, David Butler, Ron Walters, Dean Vail, Betty Crooms, Chuck Marks, Rachel Ward, Ronald Crum, and now Paul Marxsen.

(Tape 1-754) He asked the Board to direct the County Attorney to prepare a contract for the acquisition of Dr. Robert Gomez’s house on Alligator Point. He reminded the Board this is one of the houses FEMA funds will purchase for demolition. He said the amount offered and accepted by Dr. Gomez is \$97,500.00. He stated he had a letter from Dr. Gomez formally accepting the offer of \$97,500.00. He said the formal address of the house is 1343 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Florida. He stated there is \$81,000.00 in funds set aside by DEP for Hurricane Opal damages. He said the County is going to use this money to demolish the 3 houses the Board has previously discussed. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing the County Attorney to prepare a contract for the acquisition of Dr. Robert Gomez’s house on Alligator Point at the agreed price of \$97,500.00.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-867) Mr. Pierce reminded the Board there are 3 houses at Alligator Point the County is trying to buy with these FEMA funds. He said the houses belonged to Dr. Gomez, Mr. Middlebrooks, and Ms. Mary Lee Jolley. He said Dr. Gomez and Ms. Jolly have agreed to sell their houses for the offer the County made them. He stated Mr. Middlebrooks is willing to accept the offer as long as the County buys the vacant lot next to the house. He said Mr. Middlebrooks wants to sell the vacant lot for \$22,750.00. He stated Mr. Middlebrooks believes the County would need the vacant lot and should pay something for this lot. He explained FEMA does not buy or fund the purchase of vacant property, so it would be up to the County to use local funds if the County wants to buy the property. He suggested the Board use funds accumulated in the Bald Point Trust Fund. He said he wasn’t sure how much of this vacant lot was left and had not eroded away. He stated he has not seen a survey of the property and does not know what the lots lists for on the Property Appraiser’s Tax Roll. He said Mr. Middlebrooks has an appraisal of the lot in the amount of \$37,500.00. He asked the Board if they wanted to accept Mr. Middlebrooks offer, or counter the offer, perhaps using the amount on the tax roll. He stated, at this point, Mr. Middlebrooks house is not in danger of collapsing, but would eventually. He said the Board also needs to consider the USCOE is continuing to work on a design for a vinyl sheet pile revetment, which may or may not require the acquisition of Mr. Middlebrooks property. He stated it certainly would be easier if the County owns all of this property, but it is not clear now if the Board would support the USCOE’s plan or even if it would impact Mr. Middlebrooks property in any way. Chairman Creamer asked if there was any property there or was it just water. He said if there is no land there then the County definitely doesn’t need to spend money on it. Commissioner Mosconis suggested and instructed Mr. Pierce to contact the Franklin County Property Appraiser’s Office to see how much taxes is paid on this property. Mr. Pierce said he would do this and report back to the Board. He stated at least this would

give him and the Board some idea on how much the property is really worth. Mr. Pierce said he would also check into buying this property with funds from the Bald Point Trust Fund.

(Tape 1-998) Mr. Pierce said Ms. Mary Lee Jolley just walked into the meeting. He stated Ms. Jolley desperately wants the Board to close on her property by this Friday, April 5th. He said the Board has received verification from DEP that leftover Hurricane Opal funds can be used to demolish the remainder of Ms. Jolley's house "My Blue Heaven" at Alligator Point. He informed the Board the problem is the County has not received the signed contract back from DCA for the acquisition money. He said, he supposed, the County could move to close this transaction on the Jolley house as soon as the signed contract is received. He said he is positive the contract would be returned with all the signatures needed from the State. He explained Ms. Jolley needs the money, and does not want to continue to pay for insurance on the structure. He presented the Board with copies of the DEP letter approving use of these Hurricane Opal funds for demolition of these houses. He stated so this is not a question or a problem. He said since the Mr. Shuler is not here today and his son, Michael, is not that familiar with this matter the Board could wait for closing until a later date. Mr. Pierce stated if the house is closed on he didn't think the County was ready to demolish it. He said, therefore, we would then own this house, which is about to fall completely down. He said he has not advertised for bids for the demolition project for these 3 houses. He stated he didn't know how much it would cost to remove one of these houses. Commissioner Sanders said she thought the matter hinged on how fast Mr. Shuler gets back to work after his illness. Michael Shuler replied he could handle the paperwork and suggested going ahead and ordering the title search on the Jolley property. He said then all the documents for closing could be prepared just not signed or finalized until the final contract from DCA is in Mr. Pierce's hand. Mr. Pierce informed the Board this was a reimbursement type program and the County couldn't get any money from DCA until the County expended the money. Michael Shuler said his office could go ahead and proceed with the paperwork. Commissioner Sanders said she would make a **motion to follow the recommendation of Michael Shuler, representing the County Attorney, and go ahead and prepare the title search, contracts, deeds, etc. to expedite the closing on the Jolley house "My Blue Heaven" in Alligator Point with closing contingent on the County receiving the signed contracts back from DCA.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Jolley said her problem was that she had been basically homeless since the first of August. She stated she lived in this house it was not her vacation home. She said she is still paying the mortgage payments, the insurance payments, etc. on this house and she has not had use of the house since August. She stated she is living somewhere else with all those added expenses. Mr. Shuler said the paperwork could be prepared and ready when the contract from DCA is received by the County. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to contact DCA about the contract. Mr. Pierce said he called DCA yesterday and left a message. He stated no one has called him or contacted him. Mr. Pierce said the contract was signed as soon as he received it from DCA and he returned it to them for their final signatures. He stated he does not know what the hold-up is. He said he contacted Ms. Sonja Murray of DCA yesterday and she has not returned his call either. He said this lady is the new contact person since the

other gentlemen he was working with left. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shuler said they would try to take care of this matter as soon as they could and informed Ms. Jolley of this.

(Tape 1-1240) He said he has two options of colors for the carpeting, tile, and base molding to be used in the Courthouse Annex. He asked the Commissioners which option they would like to choose. The Commissioners looked at both options and instructed Mr. Pierce to review the color combinations with some of the ladies in the Courthouse. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted something with blue in it if possible. Mr. Pierce replied there were thousands of combinations, but he would check with some of the ladies in the Courthouse to see what they thought. Kendall Wade, Clerk, said while the Board was discussing this he would like to ask the Board for permission to contact Executive Office Supply, Harry Arnold, regarding the furniture for the new annex. He informed the Board Executive Office Supply was on the State Contract for purchasing these type items. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Wade to contact Executive Office Supply regarding the furniture for the new Courthouse Annex using the State Contract pricing list.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1373) Mr. Pierce said a gentleman, Jeff Lawson, North Florida Medical, called him this morning about appearing before the Board. He stated Mr. Lawson informed him he was stuck in traffic backed up from an accident. He said Mr. Lawson told him he would be here between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mr. Pierce stated he didn't think the meeting would even last that long this morning. He said Mr. Lawson is going to ask the County for help in obtaining some Federal funds to construct a medical clinic in Franklin County. He stated he really didn't know everything about this request and would wait until Mr. Lawson called to schedule his presentation on the regular agenda. Commissioner Mosconis said he did talk to Mr. Lawson about this matter. He said his group has been very successful in other counties. He stated they had a clinic in Wakulla County. He said the clinics mostly serve clients without insurance and is Federally funded. He stated Franklin County would certainly meet the criteria.

(Tape 1-1503) Barry Gilbert, Weems Hospital Administrator, said he would like to speak on a matter. He said there is a group called "Franklin Promise". He said this group is going to seek the County's assistance in obtaining Federal funding as well. He stated he and Dr. Junejo, FCPHU, were here today, at the meeting, seeking this same type of support. He explained this is part of the Rural Health Care Initiative. He said this is not a hospital matter, but a County issue. He stated the members of "Franklin Promise" consist of a cross section of many people in Franklin County. He said a lot of different agencies within the County are represented as well. He said this group is raising money to seek a \$1.5 million dollar Federal grant for Franklin County. He said the first step is the development of a "Needs Assessment" for Franklin County. He stated this would be the first step in moving to the second step, which would involve the Rural Health Initiative. He said the 2 grants do not conflict one another, but enhance each other. Mr. Gilbert said he would like for Dr. Junejo to address the Board at this time. Dr. Junejo informed the Board this was Public Health Week in Florida. She thanked the Commissioners for all of the support they have always given the public health system in

Franklin County. She said there are many health services in Franklin County that were not previously available. She informed the Board there were 116 deaths in the community with 35 of these deaths occurring in the younger population, less than 65 years of age. She stated these 35 deaths were people older than 20 years of age. She explained this would be considered above the pediatric age medium, but young people nevertheless. She said the causes of death range from cancers, cardio-vascular diseases, and strokes. She stated she realized this was the working population, but she didn't understand why the working population should be dying at this rate. She said she felt it was because the health services are just not available in the community and people just would not travel as far as they need to be tested, diagnosed, etc. She stated there are excellent physicians in Franklin County, but the insurance coverage level was just not available here. She said this age group did not have insurance either because they could not afford it or their employers could not afford it. She stated these health services are extremely expensive. She said the medications are extremely expensive as well. She stated the cost of health care is rising so fast. She stated the Commissioners' responsibility to Franklin County was to have a productive, healthy young working population. She said something the Commissioners could think about was supporting this new effort by the Health Department to bring new elements to the community. She stated they have brought many people together under this group "Franklin Promise" from all over the County with different occupations. She said they have discussed what the health needs are, what the unmet needs are, what population group needs these services and how everybody can work together to bring the resources to Franklin County to solve this health care crisis. She stated the Health Department is losing some of their grants and State funding. She said this new Federal grant opportunity is going to help the County. She stated this group and the County is going to have to design their own health care system since this County is so very unique. She said this group is a cross section of the County serving as a group. She asked the Commissioners to attend one of their meetings. She said she has talked to most of the Commissioners and wants to see them at these meetings. She stated this a Federal based program and there is a lot of interest in the business, health and general members of the community. She said they have hired a qualified person to assist in writing this Federal grant. Commissioner Mosconis asked Dr. Junejo if the grant writer was from Quincy. Dr. Junejo replied he was. He asked if the money, \$1.5 million, was just going to be used for a study or for real health care items. Mr. Gilbert replied this study or assessment had to be done. He said there is a lot in the grant proposal, but as he understands it there has to be an initial step and that is to establish an infrastructure for all of these different agencies. He stated, in the proposal, it outlines the specific pieces relating to Franklin County such as indigent pharmacy care, disease management, etc. Commissioner Mosconis said he did not want to just go through some "bureaucratic" exercise and then the money disappears. He stated then the people who really need the medical care do not get what they need. Mr. Gilbert said there is also a wide cross-section of accountability on this grant. He stated these same people would oversee this grant. Dr. Junejo informed the Board this initiative has the support of the medical community. She stated she has asked the physicians and hospital staff to support this grant and they have all reviewed it and agreed to support it. Commissioner Mosconis asked what the County could do. Dr. Junejo said she is asking the Board, this morning, to support and approve this grant initiative. She stated then she

could move forward with the submission of the grant proposal. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to endorse and support the "Franklin Promise" initiative and supporting the submission of this Federal grant proposal.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal said he knew Dr. Junejo was correct about people in this County not being able to afford health care.

(Tape 1-2028) Dr. Junejo said she would like to update the Board on the request for her to seek a kidney dialysis machine for Franklin County. She stated after the survey the Health Department and the Hospital disseminated in the County she discovered there were approximately 10 patients in Franklin County who needed dialysis and wanted to use a service closer to the County. She said she communicated with the Gulf County Health Department and they disseminated a similar survey. She stated Gulf County has approximately 12 patients for a total of 22 patients in the area needing dialysis. She said she thought this would justify bringing a mobile dialysis to Gulf County and then Franklin County patients could travel to Port St. Joe, which is a lot closer than Panama City or Tallahassee. She explained this would be a mobile unit. She informed the Board they have contacted several companies that provide these services. She said she is encouraged by the support of Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. She stated she is expecting a written proposal from them sometime within the next couple of weeks. She assured the Board when she received this proposal she would come back to share the information with the Commissioners. She stated the up front costs would be divided between the Gulf County Health Department and the Franklin County Health Department. She said they would, within reasonable costs, support the proposal. She reminded the Board they had instructed her to pursue this matter. She said hopefully these patients would soon only have to travel to Port St. Joe for dialysis.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 1-2094) Mr. Wade said he wanted to inform the Board the Catastrophic Inmate Medical insurance quote for this year reflected a rate per inmate, per day, increase from sixty-eight cents to seventy-four cents, an increase of six cents per inmate. He stated the annual premium is \$14,856.00. He said the insurance has gone up a little bit. He explained there is a \$10,000.00 deductible.

(Tape 1-2122) He said the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer, Link Carroll, has submitted the "Certificate of Participation" Federal Fiscal Year 2002 for the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program. He said this is an annual grant for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the "Certificate of Participation" Federal Fiscal Year 2002 for the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Funds Grant Program as requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2150) He presented a Resolution of Unanticipated Revenue to the Board for 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 \$8,419.00 from the State of Florida, Department of Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement Equipment Grant 02-CJ-2M-02-29-01-063, and Whereas, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and Whereas, FS 1129.06(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 Commissioners to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of: 120.80.581.9100 Budget Transfer Sheriff \$8,419.00 Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$8,419.00 in the FINE & FORFEITURE FUND in order to comply with FS 129.06(2)(d). THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 2nd day of April 2002. Eddie Creamer, Chairman-Attest: Kendall Wade, Clerk. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution of Unanticipated Revenues in the amount of \$8,419.00 from the State of Florida, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement Equipment Grant 02-CJ-2M-02-01-063.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MICHAEL SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(Tape 1-2216) Mr. Shuler stated the County Attorney's report would have to wait until the next meeting. He said his father, Alfred Shuler; the County Attorney became ill last night and had to be taken to the hospital. He informed the Board his father would have a full report at the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 1-2235) Commissioner Mosconis announced there was a press conference at 2:00 p.m. today at the Press Center in Tallahassee, 336 East College Avenue. He said the announcement would be that the Apalachicola River has been listed among the "10 most endangered rivers in America". He informed the Board he would be attending this press conference.

(Tape 1-2310) Commissioner Putnal asked if anyone had heard anything about the dredging of the Eastpoint Channel. Mr. Pierce replied Representative Kendrick's office had been overwhelmed with the current session. He said Representative Kendrick has assured him he is going to schedule a meeting between County representatives, USCOE, DEP, and Senator Al Lawson as soon as he can.

(Tape 1-2330) Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to discuss the issue of "Sector Mapping" with regards to St. Joe/Arvida and all of the property they own in Franklin County. She explained this was mentioned at the March 19, 2002 during the transmittal hearing regarding the "Summer Camp" project St. Joe/Arvida was proposing. She stated this is something she thinks the Commission needs to pursue. She said she knew Bay County was doing it and Walton County had done it. She explained this would require St. Joe/Arvida to give some long-range plans as to what they propose for this property.

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She said this would be the only just, fair thing to do for the residents in Franklin County. She stated then the County would have a guide to go by. Mr. Pierce informed the Board "Sector Planning" is not included in the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan. He said it is the process of taking large sections of land, mostly owned by private companies, and making more specific plans for the property. Commissioner Sanders said St. James Island, owned by St. Joe/Arvida, consists of 55,000 acres and she sure thought this would warrant some type of "Sector Planning". She asked the Board to think about this matter since it was so very important.

(Tape 1-2436) Barry Gilbert, Weems Hospital Administrator, asked the Board, at this time, for their guidance. He said he wanted to know if the Board wanted him to schedule a specific time on the next agenda to discuss the ambulance coverage for Franklin County. He stated if the Board wanted him to wait he would, but he wanted to discuss the different proposals that had been made. He stated the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee had made 2 recommendations and he wanted to present them to the Board. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Gilbert to schedule a time on the next agenda so he could furnish all of the Commissioners with any paperwork he needed to get to them within the next 2 weeks before the next meeting. Mr. Gilbert informed the Commissioners he would schedule a time on the next Board agenda.

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

Eddie Creamer **EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN**

Kendall Wade **KENDALL WADE, CLERK**