

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2002**

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

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

ABSENT: Eddie Creamer, Chairman

(Tape 1-40) Commissioner Williams made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2002.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-45) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-52) He informed the Board the new backhoe had been received at the Road Department. He said they have already used it. He stated he is going to now pursue the purchase of his trucks the Board approved in the Budget process.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-87) He said he wanted to inform the Board the Family Nutrition Program/Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program Agent had been hired. He said her name is Shelly Allen of Tallahassee. He explained this is a new grant funded position in nutrition education for Franklin and Wakulla Counties. He said Ms. Allen's position is 50% Family Nutrition Program and 50% Expanded Food Nutrition Education. He stated Ms. Allen began work two weeks ago and is currently receiving training in her job responsibilities and learning about Franklin and Wakulla Counties.

(Tape 1-114) Commissioner Mosconis asked if the 4-H Camps were going to be open this summer. He said he had heard about all of these budget cuts, but felt somebody must have some money somewhere to have these type grants available. Mr. Mahan replied the 4-H Camps would be open due to Congressman Allen Boyd seeking and receiving some funds from the Federal Government for this year only. He said the State of Florida would probably switch responsibility for the camps to the 4-H Foundation for funding.

(Tape 1-252) He informed the Board the first in a series of "Clam Aquaculture Education Workshops" was taught at the FSU Marine Lab on April 11th. He said twice Leslie Sturmer, UF, taught the two-hour workshop titled "The Basics of Buying, Handling and Planting Clam Seed", once at 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. He said approximately 30 people attended the workshops and they are planning a second workshop on "Clam Farming Field Techniques", which will be held sometime in May.

(Tape 1-270) He said he had, at the request of the Board, studied the accessibility of boat launching sites around Alligator Harbor for these clam farmers. He explained since most of the farmers report they would use Leonard's Landing to launch their boat he has been concentrating on that site. He said he had attached a copy of a survey Arvida had completed of the area, which was sent to him by Mr. Doug Delano, St. Joe/Arvida. He said the survey shows the land adjacent to US 98, which reflects a FDOT right-of-way 100 feet wide and the remaining 42 feet of land at Leonard's Landing is owned by St. Joe. He informed the Board he also believes, in its current condition, the area can not handle more than a few boats at one time due to limited parking. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Mahan if Leonard's Landing was not sufficient to handle this new clam farming operation. Mr. Mahan replied it couldn't hold more than a couple of boats, trailers, etc. for the farmers. Commissioner Sanders said the farmers could use the Sun 'n Sand and the Alligator Harbor Marina for access if they needed too. Commissioner Sanders said when this matter was presented to the Governor and Cabinet the St. Joe/Arvida group sent a letter to the Governor stating they did not mind the clam farmers using their right-of-way to park their vehicles or boat trailers. She said she felt if the Governor and Cabinet had not thought about access to the harbor then they would not have even approved the project. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought Mr. Mahan's job was to identify these accesses. Mr. Mahan said he disagreed and thought the job belonged to DACS. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Mahan to check with Mr. Delano to see if they would mind the clam farmers using their right-of-way. Mr. Mahan said he would do that, but he did not want to overstep his authority as the County's Marine Extension Agent.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-572) He stated the contract between Franklin County and Waste Management, which permits or authorizes Waste Management to collect commercial and residential waste in unincorporated areas of the County expired April 2, 2002. He explained he is now in the process of retyping the 15-page document for legal review. He said he should have this contract completed for legal review and Board approval before the May 7th Board Meeting. He said, as it stands right now, the company does not have permission or the authority to collect waste from the unincorporated areas. He requested the Board grant Waste Management a forty-five day contract extension retroactive to April 2nd. He said, for the Commissioners review, he had attached a copy of the expired contract between the County and Waste Management. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing a 45-day contract extension between Franklin County and Waste Management for collection of waste from the unincorporated areas of Franklin County retroactive to April 2nd**. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis asked how this happened. Mr. Johnson replied he was responsible and just was not on top of the situation. Commissioner Putnal asked if this would eliminate any other individual who wanted to do the same thing as Waste Management. Mr. Johnson said the County could enter into a contract with anyone who wants to pick up trash within the unincorporated areas of the County. He stated he needs to review the status of the other contractors as well as Waste Management.

(Tape 1-740) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson the status of the wolf-hybrid animals. She stated, at the last meeting, the Board made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to assist Mr. Johnson in petitioning the Court for custody of two wolf-hybrid animals. Mr. Johnson replied nothing has been done since he hasn't heard from the County Attorney's Office. Michael Shuler, representing the County Attorney's Office, said his father has been out of the office due to illness since the last Board Meeting. He said as soon as he finds something out about this matter he would report back to the Board about the status of the matter. Mr. Johnson informed the Board Animal Control still has custody of the animals, but the owner calls everyday asking when and if she is going to get her animals back. He stated he really needs to get this matter before the Judge as soon as possible for a decision. He said he has the animals and can't keep them indefinitely. He stated the County needed to petition the Judge for a hearing to consider this matter. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Shuler to see this matter is addressed. Mr. Shuler said he would see this procedure is started.

(Tape 1-810) Commissioner Putnal said he wanted to personally thank Mr. Johnson and his staff for all of their assistance in making the "Annual Day of Baseball" at Sands Field a huge success.

BARRY GILBERT-ADMINISTRATOR WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(Tape 1-835) Mr. Gilbert said he was here to follow-up from the last Board Meeting. He said the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee met and reviewed the ambulance situation. He stated he has distributed some information to each Commissioner about this matter. He asked the Board to assist the corporation, DasSee, with an additional \$3,000.00 per month for the ambulance service, Emergystat, Inc. He stated the County currently subsidizes the ambulance service with \$7,500.00 per month and DasSee subsidizes them \$5,000.00 per month. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Gilbert if this was the Committee's recommendation. He replied their actual recommendation was, recognizing there is a significant need in the County for an ambulance service, to request an additional subsidy from the County in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Sanders said she had a real concern about this and read the following into the record: "Currently, DasSee pays \$5,000.00 per month and the County pays \$7,500.00 per month. Both of the above recommendations advocate a \$3,000.00 per month increase and remove the financial burden from DasSee temporarily. They are short-term working solutions designed to establish adequate time to develop long-term financial agreements." She said her representative on this Committee called her last night and told her about this recommendation. She stated she didn't think the County had this kind of money left in the budget. Kendall Wade, Clerk, said he didn't think the County had a lot of money left for this type of thing. Commissioner Sanders said the Commissioners "nit picked" all of the other budgets during the budget process. Mr. Wade said the Board was pretty tight at the Budget Workshops. He stated to ask for another \$3,000.00 a month was going to be tough. He said he noticed on the Income Statement Emergystat, Inc. submitted they had listed \$18,617.36 annually for building/land rent. He said he thought that was kind of excessive. He stated if the County could get the old Driver's License building in Eastpoint that would cut their rent to zero, which would help. Commissioner Putnal stated he thought Emergystat, Inc., DasSee, and the County should at least split the

\$3,000.00 and only pay \$1,000.00 each. Mr. Gilbert said this was discussed, but he thought Emergystat, Inc. wanted to be sure they are paid each month. He stated it is no secret DasSee is having financial difficulties. He said he felt Emergystat, Inc. just simply wants to deal directly with the County. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Gilbert if he was aware the 2001 Real Estate Ad Valorem Taxes in the amount of \$25,185.98 are past due and delinquent. Mr. Gilbert said he just received the letter and invoice this week. Commissioner Mosconis suggested, after meeting with Joe Donovan of Emergystat, Inc., the County does provide this additional subsidy for them. He said Mr. Donovan told him their rent was just costing them so much money. He stated he informed Mr. Donovan the County did not have the money in their Contingency Budget to double what the County is already paying Emergystat. He said he informed Mr. Donovan he would try to have the subsidy increased \$3,000.00 per month. He said then he informed Mr. Donovan the County would try to help him get the building in Eastpoint so they can use part of it for their station. He stated Emergystat is trying to expand in Florida and the more they expand the more cost efficient they should become. He said he would recommend the County give Emergystat, Inc. an additional \$3,000.00 per month. He stated he still did not want to let DasSee off the hook. He said the County would also provide Emergystat, Inc. a place, at the old Driver's License Office in Eastpoint, for them to use so they would not have to pay rent. Dr. Photis Nichols, a retired local physician, said it seemed to him DasSee is having difficulty meeting their financial obligations. He stated the County has a contract with Centennial HealthCare, which subleased the hospital to DasSee. He says, as he sees it, Centennial HealthCare is still responsible for these financial problems. He said he thought it was time to contact Centennial HealthCare and hold them responsible for these debts. He stated they should have a lot of money. He said the taxpayers should not be subsidizing something that results from a contract with private companies. He stated these companies should have to pay and not the taxpayers. He said the County can cancel these contracts and look for someone else to run the hospital and ambulance service. He stated the ambulance service is very important, but the parent company or contract holder should be meeting their obligations with the ambulance service. He said this is what lawyers are for to make sure these contractual obligations are met. He strongly encouraged the Commissioners to hold Centennial responsible for these debts. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to make a **motion to increase Emergystat, Inc.'s subsidy by \$3,000.00 for the remaining budget year-October 1, 2002; provide Emergystat, Inc. a place in the old Driver's License Building in Eastpoint when and if the County gets it and directing the County Attorney's Office to send a letter to Centennial HealthCare Investment Corporation informing them of these obligations to pay for the ambulance service and the delinquent property taxes on the hospital.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce explained it could take two or three months until the County receives an answer on whether the State of Florida would give the old Driver's License building to the County. Commissioner Mosconis said then everyone would have to just "sit tight" since the Commissioners have made a good faith effort to keep everything up and operating. Commissioner Mosconis said if the ambulance service wants their funding continued after the current budget year then they would have to submit a detailed budget analysis for consideration at the Budget Workshops. Mr. Shuler said, after listening to this

discussion, Centennial has a contingent obligation to pay this debt. He stated he would send them a letter asking and reminding them to pay all of these outstanding debts.

JEFF LAWSON-DEVELOP DIRECTOR NORTH FL MEDICAL CENTERS, INC.

(Tape 1-1421) Mr. Lawson introduced himself to the Board. He said his group is based in Tallahassee, Florida. He stated he is here today to request the Board's endorsement and support of a Federal Grant Application promoting health services in Franklin County. He said they would open a qualified health center in Franklin County with these grant funds. He explained this clinic, a Federal Qualified Health Center, FQHC, would be a Federal subsidized clinic furnishing primary health care for medically underserved or medically uninsured. He said the service area would be Franklin County and the immediate surrounding areas. He explained the NFMC, Inc. presently operates seven centers in six rural counties with a high degree of success. He said they have been operating this type of clinics for a very long time. He stated they have been asked by the Bureau of Primary Health Care to come to Franklin County and attempt to work the Board to see a FQHC in the County. He said they are in the final process of the application process, which requires involvement from the local government through in-kind donations and the Board's full support. He asked for a Resolution of Support from the Commissioners for the pending application for a FQHC for Franklin County. He said they also would need help in locating a suitable facility here. Commissioner Mosconis said he had talked to Mr. Lawson several times about this matter. He stated the Federal Government supplies all of the funding. Mr. Lawson replied it would in the approximate amount of \$650,000.00 a year. He stated this would not be enough to fund the clinic so they rely on Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. He said they run this as a business. He said there is a high percentage of uninsured and underinsured citizens in the area. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this is the group this program targets. Mr. Lawson replied yes it was. He said the clinic would charge on a sliding scale and according to a person's salary, etc. He said they would provide dental and physician services. He explained they do not compete or duplicate the local Health Department's services. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this program would jeopardize some of the local doctors. He replied they did not want to bring in doctors from out of the area, but if they couldn't find one they would need to. He said they would also like to hire support staff living in Franklin County. He assured the Board they would not try to compete with the local medical community. Dr. Shazad Shanaullah, a local physician, appeared before the Board and asked that he be allowed to address the Board on this issue. Dr. Shanaullah said he has done his best to provide care for all of the indigent population in Franklin County. He stated he thought there was a need for this type of clinic, but he does have reservations about the presence of a FQHC, which is not currently being utilized in conjunction with the local physicians. He said he has talked to most of the local providers and each one has great concern about the location of a FQHC in Franklin County. He said a FQHC could see patients who have Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. He explained this would hurt the local physicians. He said they claim FQHC's are not-for-profit organizations when they are since they are funded by the Federal Government and private funds or patient care. He stated this an inherent competition for local patients who are fully insured. He explained this would benefit him since he is a specialist and probably would contract with FQHC to provide his special

services to them, but it could hurt primary providing physicians in the County. He said most of them have established a practice, which has taken years to build. He stated he felt it would be an extreme financial hardship on the local physicians. He suggested the Commissioners check with other communities who have FQHC's in their area. He said there weren't enough places for physician's wanting to move to the area. He stated he didn't know where these people thought they were going to build or rent a structure large enough for them to operate the clinic. Commissioner Putnal said he knew this County had a lot of indigent people who need quality health care. He said he knew most of the doctors in the County work with these people already. Dr. Nichols said he had been in practice for fifty-years in Franklin County and nobody had to tell him about providing medical care for the people here. Dana Holton, Physicians Assistant, said he has a clinic in Carrabelle and said he agreed with Dr. Shanaullah about this matter being "sprung" on them. He stated he sees patients who cannot pay for his services all the time. He said he didn't think the clinic could operate without taking patients from the local physicians. He informed the Board he thought much more planning and thinking needed to be done before the Commission agrees to this. Commissioner Putnal asked Dr. Shanaullah along with Mr. Holton to meet with Mr. Lawson to discuss the clinic and then come back to the Board with a recommendation. Dr. Nichols said there were nine physicians, seven in Apalachicola, one in Eastpoint and one in Carrabelle. He stated he visited one of these clinics in Jacksonville and was not impressed with it. He said the indigent problem is not that big of a deal in Franklin County. He stated he is against Federal Bureaucracies and this is what this amounts to. He said this was another bureaucratic infringement in the County. He stated the County does not need this clinic. He stated he has always treated sick people whether they had insurance, money, etc. for many, many years.

Commissioner Mosconis said he really wanted to work this matter out. He said he would make a **motion requesting Mr. Lawson to meet with Dr. Junejo, Dr. Shanaullah, Dana Holton, P. A., and any other health care professional interested to see if an agreement or mutual understanding can be reached regarding this proposed Federal Qualified Health Center for Franklin County.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis said after this group meets then they can come back to the Board with their recommendations and thoughts.

(Tape 1-3116) Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted the Board to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Nichols. He stated he knew the Board had already adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for his fifty-year anniversary of practicing medicine. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion adopting a Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Photis Nichols.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-3180) Mr. Pierce said he was left a message by Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, reminding him the Bald Point State Park would like the County to install a pedestrian crosswalk across Bald Point Road at 467 Bald Point Road. He said Mr. Curenton has asked the County Engineer, David Kennedy, to check into the matter. He said the park is going to put a parking lot at this location and wants people to be able to

safely cross the road to get to the beach. He asked the Board to direct the Road Department to install the crosswalk with directions from the County Engineer. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Road Department to install a crosswalk at the Bald Point State Park at 467 Bald Point Road as directed by the County Engineer.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3220) He informed the Commissioners he had received the legal description from St. Joe/Arvida for the 49-acres of land the County wants to purchase in Eastpoint on Highway 65. He stated he has contacted an appraiser, which estimates his costs for the appraisal to be \$2,500.00. He explained St. Joe/Arvida is satisfied with this appraiser and feels he is fair so they are prepared to accept his appraisal. He asked the Board if they wanted to go ahead and approve this expenditure for an appraisal of this property. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Pierce if this was the property the County might be able to use for a spoil site for the dredge material from the Eastpoint Channel. Mr. Pierce replied it was. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the appraisal of 49-acres, owned by St. Joe/Arvida, on Highway 65 by Boutin Brown Realty Advisors, Inc.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3295) He said he is awaiting information from Ms. Pat McWhinnie, 911 Coordinator for Franklin County, regarding the Board's consideration of Dictaphone as a sole source provider for the County's 911 equipment. He explained the County currently uses Dictaphone and Ms. McWhinnie wants to purchase some additional equipment using 911 rollover funds. He explained since the County is already using Dictaphone it would only make sense to use compatible equipment from Dictaphone. He said he would keep the Board updated on this matter.

(Tape 1-3320) He said Ms. Debbie Brett, Lanark Village, asked him to schedule her on his report. He stated Ms. Brett was not present at the meeting this morning. Commissioner Sanders said Ms. Brett informed her on Saturday, she would not be at the meeting today.

(Tape 1-3331) Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Joe Felice, SGI resident, is present this morning. He said Mr. Felice is concerned about the continued use of an illegal boat ramp on Porter Street on SGI. He explained Mr. Felice is concerned the dirt ramp is causing damage to the street. He said the Board has not wanted to close the boat ramp. He said he was not aware Chairman Creamer would not be at the Board Meeting today and since this is in his District the other Commissioners might want to wait until the next meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Felice said there were twelve boats launched from this boat ramp from 6:30 until 9:00 and four trucks and boat trailers left in the street all day long. He said the street is eroding and there is a drop off on the County right-of-way. The Commissioners decided to wait until Chairman Creamer came to the next meeting to decide how to handle this problem.

(Tape 1-3568) He submitted a letter from Kimberly Norgren, with the Community Foundation of North Florida requesting the use of a portion of the pedestrian mall on SGI

for a small carnival on May 25, 2002. He said this is a non-profit organization. He explained the funds raised from this event would benefit a community playground. He informed the Board the participants would include the Estuarine Research Reserve, the Library, Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing The Community Foundation of North Florida to use a portion of the pedestrian mall on SGI for a small carnival on May 25, 2002 as requested by Kimberly Norgren.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1) He asked the Board for direction on whether the Commissioners want the Road Department to open a beach access path between beachfront lots on SGI. He said the access has been surveyed, and the obstacles to be removed are Spanish Bayonets. He said the access is between Lots 4 and 5, Block D, Unit 3 on SGI. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Road Department to open a beach access path between Lots 4 and 5, Block D, Unit 3 on SGI and the removal of the Spanish Bayonets in the access path.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-98) He informed the Board the USCOE is conducting some clean up or maintenance dredging on the Two-Mile Channel. He said they are going to extend the channel to the west to allow for better flushing. He submitted a letter he sent to Mr. Bernice Constantin, Department of Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife Service about monitoring the bird activity at the spoil site. He reminded the Board the County had to hire a group to keep the birds from the spoil site since it was so close to the airport.

(Tape 2-137) He submitted a letter from DEP regarding the Stormwater swales at Timberwood Court in Franklin County. He said the DEP advises the Board the swales originally constructed there have been modified without the approval of the DEP. He said the County is responsible for bringing the swales back into compliance since Timberwood Court is a County road. He stated the County Engineer has already advised the Road Department on what needs to be done.

(Tape 2-152) He informed the Board he has asked the County Engineer and Mike Dombrowski of Coastal Technologies for assistance in applying for a DEP Florida Beach Erosion Control Program project, which are due by May 31st. He said all Beach Erosion Control Program projects require a local government commitment usually in the form of matching funds and proof the County has the ability to maintain whatever is built. He stated these programs are usually used for beach renourishment. He assured the Board when he had further information from the engineer and Mr. Dombrowski about the costs to the County he would inform the Board so the Commissioners could decide if the County can afford to pursue the project.

(Tape 2-188) Commissioner Mosconis asked what was going on with the outfall ditch around Timberwood Court around Mr. Ganders, Mr. Brown, etc. Mr. Pierce replied the USCOE cancelled their meeting with the County and has never rescheduled it. Commissioner Mosconis urged Mr. Pierce to try and work on this project.

(Tape 2-227) He reminded the Board they directed him to amend the County Flood Mitigation Ordinance to be consistent with Federal Guidelines to allow 300-square feet of enclosed space in V-Zones. He stated the County Ordinance only allowed a 200-square feet of enclosed space in V-Zones. He said he has finally gotten around to preparing the amendment. He presented each Commissioner with a copy of the proposed ordinance. He said the Board had already approved advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider amending this ordinance at an earlier meeting.

(Tape 2-242) He informed the Board the County is prepared to give Ms. Mary Lee Jolley a check for her house on Alligator Point. He said he has just learned Ms. Jolly has an outstanding mortgage on the property and she has not provided a pay-off statement to the County, nor has she paid last year's taxes. He stated as soon as these issues are resolved the County would close on her property.

(Tape 2-258) He asked the Board to approve advertisement of a Public Hearing scheduled for May 7, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the proposed CDBG Project. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to advertise a Public Hearing for May 7, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the proposed CDBG Project.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-270) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Pierce if he had heard anything from FDOT about the culverts on Wilderness and Ridge Roads in Eastpoint they had promised to purchase for the County. Mr. Pierce replied he had heard from them and they had decided they were not going to provide any help for the County on these roads. Commissioner Putnal said he knew this would happen and nothing would get done. Mr. Pierce said the CDBG Project funds for the Eastpoint area would probably be used to pay for these culverts.

(Tape 2-298) He informed the Board the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on April 9, 2002 and recommends the following action: Approval for Thomas Griffith to construct a private dock on Lot 1, Block 54, SGI, Unit 5. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Thomas Griffith on SGI.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Roger Martin to construct a private dock on Lot 23, Shell Harbor, SGI. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Roger Martin on SGI.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Augustus and Ruthann Winchester to construct a private dock at 2425 Hwy 98 West, Carrabelle. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Augustus and Ruthann Winchester in Carrabelle.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Lee Mullis to construct a private dock on Lots 10 and 11, Sandpiper Village, SGI. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Lee Mullis on SGI.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Ralph Ed Proctor to construct a private dock on Lot 6, Driftwood Subdivision in the

St. James area. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the construction of a private dock for Ralph Ed Proctor in the St. James area.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On rezoning requests, P&Z recommends rezoning 22-acres in Section 3, T8S, R5W from R-2 to R-1 submitted by Nick Saporito-the change does not change the density, but prohibits mobile homes. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing to consider rezoning 22-acres in Section 3, T8S, R5W from R-2 to R-1 as submitted by Nick Saporito.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On small scale land use changes and associated rezonings, the Commission recommends Lot 6, Block 5, David Brown Estates, submitted by Joyce Estes and Lot 5, Block 6, David Brown Estates, submitted by Marci Vaselinda from R-1 to C-4. This is in the area of the property Chairman Creamer had changed a few weeks ago. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing to consider small scale land use changes and associated rezonings for Joyce Estes and Marci Vaselinda from R-1 to C-4.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** An additional small-scale land use change on Bald Point was not discussed at the request of the agent. On commercial review approval of a site plan for Home Adventures Furniture Store located at 117 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint next to the Mexican Restaurant submitted by Larry Taylor, agent. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a site plan for Home Adventures Furniture Store in Eastpoint submitted by Larry Taylor, agent.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for a site plan submitted by Tiffin's Furniture Warehouse located at 256 Hatfield Street in Eastpoint. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a site plan for Tiffin's Furniture Warehouse in Eastpoint submitted by the Tiffin's.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On subdivision approval P&Z tabled action on two subdivisions for the following reasons: on the request for final plat approval of a four lot subdivision known as Doc's Sea Shores, Section 35, T7S, R5W, P&Z tabled the final plat in order to give the developer's agent an opportunity to talk to the developer about placing one community dock on the south side of US 98 for use by all four lots, instead of single docks. P&Z supports the creation of community docks instead of individual docks. In this case, the structure to be built will most likely be an observation platform rather than a dock, because there is not enough water for a boat to be tied up at a dock. On a request for sketch plat approval for a nine lot subdivision known as Tarpon Run in Section 18, T8S, R5W, the Commission tabled action in order for the developer's agent to discuss the issue of a community dock instead of individual docks, and in order for the developer to reconsider the size of one of the lots. The Commission also wanted information on how the developer was going to restrict development on the south side of US 98. On a request for a sketch plat approval for Magnolia Ridge Phase 2, in Eastpoint, the Commission discussed several issues with the developer, Mr. Jamie Crum, and after this discussion Mr. Crum withdrew the request until two things could be verified: 1. The designation of the critical shoreline being placed on the sketch plat because some of the lots appeared to be too small, but the scale was such it was hard to tell for sure. 2. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the implementation of the requirement that a lot be 100 feet wide. The Zoning Code states the lot width should be measured at the front setback. The County has not enforced this requirement because of the impact it could

have on lots on a cul-de-sac. The County has required all lots be at least one acre in size, and the lot must be at least 100 feet wide at one end of the lot. This allows for the creation of one-acre pie shaped lots and lots on curves. However, depending on the cul-de-sac, requiring a 100-foot width at the front setback might mean a lot would be significantly larger than one acre. As an example some lots in the Plantation are only about 40-feet wide at the setback, but do widen out to at least 100-feet. At least one P&Z member is concerned the County is violating its own Comp Plan by not requiring the 100-foot width. He said he had researched the particular policy in the Comp Plan, Policy 2.1(a) and it states: "Minimum lot size shall be one-acre, with at least 100-feet of road frontage, and 100-feet in depth, unless the lot is part of a recorded subdivision approved under Franklin County Ordinance 89-7, the Subdivision Ordinance." Magnolia Ridge is going through the subdivision process so the Comp Plan does not require 100-feet of road frontage for these lots. This will be discussed at the next Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. P&Z disagreed with the property owner on SGI on whether the County would allow a mobile barbeque kitchen to be set up on a commercial lot without a bathroom available for either the employees or the public. The property owner says that State of Florida does not require mobile units to have bathrooms, but P&Z believes that while the structure is mobile, it is going to be parked on the same lot and is therefore more permanent and should have a bathroom. Further, the County Zoning Code reflects proof of septic tank permit in order to get a building permit. The property owner is willing to pursue a building permit because he wants to build a nice screen enclosure for people to wait in while their carry out order is being prepared. Mr. Pierce said this concluded the matters from the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

(Tape 2-822) He informed the Board the USCOE permit for the Apalachicola Airport Access Road has finally arrived. He said this allows the County to go back and complete the grubbing and root raking of the entire right-of-way. He stated it also requires mitigation, some of which the County is supposed to do. He presented the Commissioners with the permit for the Board Meeting record.

(Tape 2-838) He said the FDOT access permit for the road mentioned above has been issued. He submitted a fax from Larry Parker, URS Engineers, explaining the status of the access permit.

(Tape 2-879) Commissioner Sanders said there are contractors clearing all the way down to the waters edge at Alligator Point. She stated she went to look at the area and was disturbed about these developers clearing all of the trees, grasses, etc. off of the property. She said the area was from Pelican Street all the way over to Harbor Circle. Mr. Pierce said, he too, had received a telephone call about a similar matter. He stated his Department tracked down the owner and developer and sent them a letter informing them they could not destroy all of the vegetation. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to go down to this area and check on the matter. Mr. Pierce assured he would go to Alligator Point and look at the area. Debbie Brett, Lanark Village, said the name of the building company was "Renegade Builders". She stated this same company has done this before.

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(Tape 2-936) Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to take a tour of the new Courthouse Annex facility being constructed next door. He asked Mr. Pierce to arrange the tour. Mr. Pierce stated he would take care of this.

(Tape 2-949) Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to read a fax sent to her by Elliott Smith, Alligator Point KOA in Alligator Point. She read the following into the record: "Road re-pavement in front of KOA Campground, 1320 Alligator Drive. When we last spoke you stated there were no paving projects in Franklin County. However, I noticed a pavement project at Eastpoint on 98 can you get them to come over hear and repave if front of the KOA." Mr. Pierce said, the Board recalled, the Board received a letter from Mr. Smith's attorney instructing the board not to discuss the KOA Campground during their meetings. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted everyone to know and understand the State and Federal Government own some of these highways in Franklin County and they are the ones doing the paving projects. Commissioner Putnal said he would like to make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to Mr. Smith explaining to him the paving project he mentioned in his fax is a State funded paving project and informing Mr. Smith the State and Federal Government own most of the roads and they are the ones funding all of the paving programs currently being done in the County.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-997) Commissioner Williams asked Mr. Pierce about the "Big Ditch". Mr. Pierce said he would go to his office and get a map that reflect the progress on the "Big Ditch" from the Bay to 12th Street project.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-1027) Mr. Wade said he had received the actual contract for the inmate insurance for the jail from Hunt Insurance Group. He said he presented this matter to the Board at the last meeting and the County has now received the actual contract to be signed by the Chairman. Commissioner Williams made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Inmate Medical Insurance Renewal 5/1/02 as requested by Hunt Insurance Group, Inc., which reflects a per inmate premium of 74-cents.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1041) He reminded the Board the FCPHU was having a dedication ceremony of their new facility at 139 12th Street in Apalachicola on Wednesday, April 24, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. He said everyone was invited.

(Tape 2-1057) Mr. Wade said the Board made a motion earlier in the meeting to provide Emergystat, Inc., the County's ambulance service, an additional \$3,000.00 per month subsidy. He asked the Board which budget the Commissioners would like for the Finance Office to pay this subsidy from. He said he would need a motion instructing the Finance Office the budget from which this subsidy should be paid. He informed the Board the only budget he thought the County could use would be the Reserve for Contingency Budget. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the County Finance Office to pay an additional \$3,000.00 subsidy to Emergystat, Inc., the**

County's ambulance service, from the Reserve for Contingency Budget.

Commissioner Putnal said he didn't think the Commissioners voted to give Emergystat, Inc. any more money. Mr. Wade said Commissioner Mosconis made the motion earlier in the meeting. He stated there was no opposition to the motion. Commissioner Putnal said he thought the Commissioners decided to let Centennial pay the bill. Mr. Wade said the Commissioners directed the County Attorney to write Centennial about these financial problems and about these additional expenses the County was paying. Commissioner Mosconis said all of the Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Williams asked how long was the County going to pay this additional subsidy to Emergystat, Inc. He stated he thought it should only be until the end of this fiscal year, September 30th. The Board Secretary said the motion was simply to pay Emergystat, Inc. an additional \$3,000.00 subsidy, but no one mentioned or motioned for a specific time period. Commissioner Mosconis said he would think it would probably be for the remainder of this budget cycle. He stated Emergystat wants more, but the County just does not have this kind of money. The Board Secretary asked if they were instructing the Finance Office to pay this subsidy until the end of this fiscal year. Commissioner Mosconis said he would add to his **motion to pay this subsidy until the end of this budget year- September 30, 2002.** Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to bring up a subject. She stated the people in Alligator Point are going to the extreme and forming their own ambulance service. She stated the VFD is training their own EMT's and sending them to school to help service Alligator Point. She said they would have their own ambulance service since it takes so long for an ambulance to even get to Alligator Point. Commissioner Sanders said they had First Responders and they were also going to have EMT's. Commissioner Sanders called for a second and vote on the motion. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioners Putnal, Mosconis, and Williams voted for. Vice-Chair Sanders opposed the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1150) Mr. Wade reminded the Board the budget workshops would be coming up soon. He asked the Commissioners if they had any specific instructions to be included in the letters and budget requests being sent to the Department Heads and Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Mosconis said the same letters could be sent as was sent last year. He stated no one should ask for a raise. He stated the ambulance service and their budget is going to have to be considered in addition to other budgets. He said the new annex is also going to have to be budgeted. He stated everyone has enough computers, copy machines, type writers, etc. Commissioner Sanders said she agreed and did not want anyone to ask for a raise. Mr. Wade thanked the Board for their instructions.

(Tape 2-1197) Mr. Pierce said he was ready to address the "Big Ditch". He showed a map of the area he was discussing. He stated the main problem is the culverts and driveways are not large enough causing Stormwater to back up and cause flooding problems. He stated the County Engineer suggested the culverts and ditches be cleaned out and larger culverts installed. He said all vegetation needs to be cleaned out and then the area needs to be regraded all the way from the Bay to 12th Street in Apalachicola. He said then the same thing should be done all the way up to 17th Street in Apalachicola. He stated the County would replace the culverts that are too small, the driveway culverts just past the high school and David Kelley's driveway culvert. He said the County would

also be rebuilding the head walls on The Prado and all the main streets so all of the Stormwater run off would not be coming into those areas. He said all of the vegetation is going to be cleaned out and some of the higher mounds are going to be graded down. He assured the Board the County Engineer, David Kennedy, is working with his company Preble-Rish Engineering, Inc. to make sure this project is designed properly. He assured the Board Mr. Curenton and Mr. Kennedy were working continuously on this project.

MICHAEL SHULER-REPRESENTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(Tape 2-1465) Mr. Shuler said he was unaware he would be acting County Attorney today. He stated his dad, Alfred Shuler, was not feeling well today and was unable to come to the meeting.

(Tape 2-1470) Commissioner Sanders said she just wanted to be sure he assisted Mr. Johnson with the wolf-hybrid animal situation. Mr. Shuler stated he would make a personal commitment to help Mr. Johnson with this matter.

(Tape 2-1479) Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted the letter to go out today or tomorrow to DasSee. He stated he wanted Centennial sent a copy of the letter as well. Mr. Shuler assured Commissioner Mosconis he would get with the Clerk and send a letter to them as soon as possible.

(Tape 2-1487) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Shuler if he had received any information or update on the title search the Board ordered several meetings ago on the Sumatra Cemetery. Mr. Shuler replied he knew some work had been done on that, but he really didn't have any detailed information to report this morning. Commissioner Putnal said he wanted Mr. Shuler to contact Mr. Willie B. Lewis, a member of the Sumatra Cemetery Committee, regarding information he has received from another family located in the Sumatra Cemetery vicinity.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 2-1541) Mr. Wade reminded the Commissioners, Press and audience about the Ralph G. Kendrick Dwarf Cypress Boardwalk Dedication was scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. He presented each Commissioner with directions a map of how to get to the dedication area.

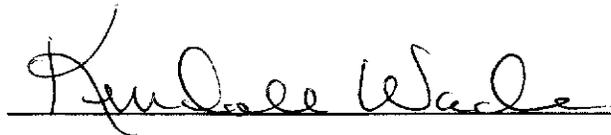
(Tape 2-1600) Commissioner Sanders said she had an item that needed approval this morning. She said there was a vacancy on the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Board. She stated Jack DePriest, owner of Gulf Waters Motel and Campground in Carrabelle, had submitted a letter requesting he be appointed to this vacancy. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion appointing Jack DePriest, Hwy 98 Star Route 13, Carrabelle, Florida 32322, owner of Gulf Waters Motel and Campground to the vacant position on the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Board.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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



CHERYL SANDERS, VICE-CHAIR



KENDALL WADE, CLERK