

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2002**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Creamer, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Jimmy Mosconis, Cheryl Sanders, and Clarence Williams, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Gordon Shuler, representing the County Attorney's Office.

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

(Tape 1-28) Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he would like to make a few comments regarding the new Courthouse Annex the meeting was being held in this morning. He announced the building has microphones for the Commissioners and the audience. He said there is approximately 10,000 square feet in the building. He explained the Commissioner's chairs they were sitting in today just came in, but the audience benches, etc. was not delivered so therefore the audience would be sitting in folding chairs today. Kendall Wade, Clerk, announced the other furniture should be installed in approximately two weeks. Mr. Pierce stated there would be a dedication ceremony at a later date.

(Tape 1-163) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 6, 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-166) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

KIM NORGRN-SGI PLAYGROUND FUND

(Tape 1-173) Mr. Pierce announced Ms. Norgren was present this morning to ask permission for their group to use the SGI County Park on October 5, 2002 for a fundraiser for the SGI Playground. Ms. Norgren said the fundraising event was titled "St. George Island Endless Summer Celebration". She stated the main SGI Playground Fund partners and sponsors would be the Michelob-Budweiser companies. She reviewed the events with the Commissioners. Chairman Creamer said he had concerns about an event for children serving alcoholic beverages. He stated he knew how alcohol could cause problems at an event such as this. Ms. Norgren said the group was conducting this event with the assistance of Michelob-Budweiser to try and collect enough money to complete the SGI Playground. Chairman Creamer said he thought this would cause law enforcement problems especially if people were drinking alcohol. Ms. Norgren presented a map to the Commissioners reflecting the area where alcohol is being served as a privately owned area with temporary fencing around the area. She said no one would be allowed to leave this area with alcohol in his or her possession. Gordon Shuler, County Attorney's Office, said he would like to review the liability insurance and any other documents provided to the County. He said the County would need a "Hold Harmless Agreement" and a liability insurance policy for use of County property. Mr. Shuler asked

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who was going to provide the agreement and the insurance policy. Ms. Norgren said the "Keep Franklin County Beautiful" would be furnishing all of these documents. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to be sure Mr. Shuler had the documents in time to review them thoroughly. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion authorizing the use of the St. George Island County Park by the St. George Island Playground Fund on October 5, 2002 for the St. George Island Endless Summer Celebration to benefit the St. George Island Playground contingent on the County Attorney reviewing and approving the "Hold Harmless Agreement" and the liability insurance policy.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioners Putnal, Mosconis, Williams, and Sanders for. Chairman Creamer opposed. 4-1
MOTION CARRIED.

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-645) Mr. Chipman said he didn't have anything to report to the Board this morning.

(Tape 1-668) Commissioner Putnal said everybody knew how bad the roads in Franklin County were. He stated he knew Apalachicola and Carrabelle were in the process of installing new water and sewer systems. He said he would like for Mr. Shuler to meet with the Supervisor of Elections, Doris Shiver-Gibbs, to consider adding a one-cent sales tax amendment on the ballot in November. He said this way the people can decide. He stated the money could only be used for road paving and possibly ambulance upgrades, etc. Commissioner Putnal said he would make a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to prepare the paperwork for the Supervisor of Elections, because time is of the essence, to place this proposal, a one-cent sales tax to be used for road improvements and emergency, ambulance, hospital, etc. only, on the November ballot.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He said again, time is very important so it can be placed on the November ballot.

(Tape 1-790) Mr. Chipman announced the pending delivery of the culvert pipes promised to Commissioner Putnal by the SGI Bridge engineers. He said they should be here by the end of the week. He stated they were going to deliver twenty-eight culvert pipes, in twenty-foot sections, to the County. He said they were being delivered to the State Yard on Bluff Road.

(Tape 1-818) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Chipman to check and see if there were other access roads that could be used to get into the state yard on Bluff Road. He stated the people who live across the road, the Moons' are in bad health and the dust from the road is bothering them. Mr. Chipman said he would check into the matter for Commissioner Mosconis.

(Tape 1-852) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he had found out the status of the milled asphalt from Tom Shaffer, FDOT. Mr. Pierce replied he called Mr. Shaffer and he was supposed to contact Commissioner Sanders directly. He said he talked to him about the one hundred loads of milled asphalt and was informed by Mr. Shaffer he would contact Commissioner Sanders directly. Commissioner Sanders said she had not heard

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from Mr. Shaffer. Mr. Pierce stated he did tell Mr. Shaffer the County was still expecting the milled asphalt. He informed the Board Mr. Shaffer told him he would see the County got the milled asphalt. Mr. Pierce said Mr. Shaffer also told him they were not doing any asphalt work in Franklin County. Commissioner Mosconis said he knew they had a lot of it stockpiled. Mr. Chipman said he saw a lot of milled asphalt stored at Camp Weed on the Eastern end of the County.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-894) Mr. Johnson said he wanted to ask the Board to postpone the discussion of the supervisors pay increase scheduled for the Budget Workshop today. He stated it would be in the interest of everybody to wait until September 3, 2002 Workshop. He said he is waiting on some additional information. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to table this issue until September 3, 2002 at the Budget Workshop.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-921) Mr. Pierce said he had something to discuss with the Board regarding FRDAP Grants. He explained the County could only have three FRDAP applications at one time. He said the Board has one approved for the purchase of land around Carrabelle for a recreation complex. He said the County Commission had directed the Planning Office to apply for FRDAP Grants for tennis courts at Ned Porter Park in Apalachicola and Vrooman Park in Eastpoint, and also apply for a construction grant to build the recreation complex in Carrabelle. He explained FRDAP rules do not allow for one grant to cover different sites, so the County cannot use one FRDAP to build tennis courts in Apalachicola and Eastpoint. He said a tennis court could be built for approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. He recommended the Board approve using County funds and manpower to build a tennis court in Eastpoint. He stated, at this time, there is only room for one tennis court on County owned property and there is additional land at Vrooman Park, but it is controlled either by the Fire Department of the Eastpoint Action Committee. He asked the Board to specify which projects are going to receive FRDAP applications. He said the County could use some of the Parks and Recreation Budget to build the tennis court in Eastpoint. He said he would recommend the Board allow him to move forward with three FRDAP applications: 1. To purchase land for a complex in Carrabelle, 2. To build a complex in Carrabelle after purchasing the land, and 3. To build tennis courts in Apalachicola at Ned Porter Park. Chairman Creamer said he knew there wasn't room at Vrooman Park for two tennis courts. He stated he would be satisfied with one tennis court. Commissioner Putnal mentioned the public hearing they had last night to discuss the Carrabelle Complex. He said there would be a soccer field at the complex. He said there are two sites they are looking at, but the preferred site was behind Sun 'n Sands adjacent to the Carrabelle Sewer Plant near the Isle of Rest Cemetery. She said she talked to Billy Buzzett, St. Joe Development, and was informed by him if the County could furnish an agreement to him, he probably could have everything ready by August 31, 2002 on the property. She said the application deadline for the second phase of the FRDAP process was September 13, 2002. She stated the County needed to move quickly on this request. Mr. Pierce said the application, in order to be complete, had to have either a lease or title to the property. He stated he would need a legal description from

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Mr. Buzzett. He said the lease should contain a clause stating the County would purchase the land.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-1101) He reminded the Board about the UF-IFAS Sea Grant Clam Workshops scheduled for August 24th and 25th at the FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point. He explained these workshops would focus on sieving seed clams, estimating numbers of seed, stocking rates, "clam belts", and planting nursery and grow-out bags.

(Tape 1-1120) He provided an example of the Boater Education Signs. He said during discussions with Mark Berrigan, DACS, to finalize the wording on the proposed clam aquaculture "Boater Education" signs for Alligator Harbor he recommended Mr. Mahan get approval for the signs from the Board of County Commissioners. He read the following from the signs into the record: Attention Boaters! Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Areas; When a dive flag is present shellfish growers are in water tending crops stay clear; Restricted anchoring. Avoid anchoring in clam beds and any other contact with the bottom; Shellfish harvesting prohibited except by leaseholder. Commissioner Sanders said she would like for the County Attorney's Office to review the signs and said she would go ahead and make a **motion approving the signage for the Clam Aquaculture Project at Alligator Harbor contingent on final approval by the County Attorney's Office.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1200) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Mahan if he had heard anything about "Red Tide" around the State. Mr. Mahan replied he had not, but he knew there were some workshops being held on the subject. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Mahan to keep up with this matter because he didn't want it to "sneak up" on the County like it did before. He stated it is better to know about things like this ahead of time so people can prepare for it. Mr. Mahan assured Commissioner Putnal he would keep the Board updated on any outbreak of "Red Tide" within the State of Florida.

(Tape 1-1288) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Mahan to update the Board on the boat ramp access issue he is working on. Mr. Mahan replied he is working with County staff and Woody Miley, Apalachicola Estuarine Reserve, on identifying County owned access to the water. He said there are a few sixty-foot right-of-ways the County owns all the way to the water. He explained the next step would be to determine if any of these would be suitable for development. He said one issue is access for boats and trailers to get down a sixty-foot right-of-way. He stated the parking issue was another matter to be discussed. He said they are presently working on the problem.

GATHENA PARMENAS-RED CROSS STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

(Tape 1-1340) Gathena Parmenas, said she was here to represent the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She stated Ronda Swords was scheduled on the agenda, but was unable to attend. Ms. Parmenas presented the Statement of Understanding between Franklin County and the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. She said the Red Cross requests an annual agreement with each County so everyone knows what their responsibility is when a disaster strikes a County. She stated

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it specifically outlines the duties of the American Red Cross. She said Franklin County now has a voice on the Capital Area Chapter Board of Directors, Dr. Junejo. She stated this is very important to our area. She introduced Donna Butterfield, a Franklin County volunteer specializing in Mass Care Sheltering and Mass Care Feeding. She said she wanted to have links between the County's web site and the Red Cross web site so everyone could keep updated with the most recent information about disaster and what to do during a disaster. After Ms. Parmenas presentation she asked if anyone had any questions for her. After no questions Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman and Commissioners signatures on the Statement of Understanding between Franklin County and the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal asked Ms. Parmenas to furnish a list of the Board of Directors to the County Commission. Ms. Parmenas informed Commissioner Putnal she would be glad to furnish them a list.

PUBLIC HEARING-LAND USE AND REZONING REQUEST

(Tape 1-1465) Mr. Pierce said this public hearing was to consider a land use change for a 5-acre parcel in section 24, T8S, R6W located at 1525 Highway 98 near Eastpoint, from Rural Residential to Residential and to consider a rezoning on the same property from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential. Mr. Pierce said certified letters regarding these changes had been mailed to all of the adjacent property owners and no one had voiced any opposition to the land use or rezoning change. After no public opposition Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on an Ordinance Amending the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan to Change the Permitted Land Use of a 5-Acre Parcel in Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 6 West Located at 1525 Highway 98 Near Eastpoint from Rural Residential to Residential.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on an Ordinance Rezoning a 5-Acre Parcel in Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 6 West Located at 1525 Highway 98 Near Eastpoint from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-1611) He presented the EMPA Base Grant, which is the State Grant that funds the Emergency Management Office, in the amount of \$103,000.00 to the Board for approval. He informed the Board this is the budget the County uses to fund the Emergency Management Office. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the EMPA Base Grant in the amount of \$103,000.00 to fund the Emergency Management Office in Franklin County.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1623) He informed the Board he received a fax, late Monday afternoon, from Mr. Middlebrooks offering to settle for \$10,000.00 less than his previous offer to purchase his house on Alligator Point with FEMA funds. He said Mr. Middlebrooks is now offering to sell both the house and the vacant lot for \$81,000.00. He stated FEMA is

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willing to pay \$68,250.00, so the County needs to come up with \$12,750.00. He recommended the Board accept Mr. Middlebrooks' offer and pay the difference out of the interest of the Bald Point Trust Fund. He said Mr. Middlebrooks reduced his offer by the amount he suggested it might cost him to remove his house at his expense if it was damaged. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to accept Mr. Middlebrooks offer to sell his vacant lot and his house on Alligator Point for \$81,000.00 using FEMA funds in the amount of \$68,250.00 and funding the remainder, \$12,750.00, from the Bald Point Trust Fund and directing the County Attorney to send Mr. Middlebrooks a Sales Contract for the property.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Sanders reported the house on Alligator Point "My Blue Heaven" has been totally removed. She said she is happy Mr. Middlebrooks has reduced the price he was asking for his property by \$10,000.00. She stated she supports this motion and recommendation.

(Tape 1-1727) Mr. Pierce presented a Change Order submitted by the contractors for the Courthouse Annex Project, The Ingram Group, LLC, in the amount of \$9,871.74. He said the changes were as follows: 1. Add 5 boxes contractor correspondence dated March 28, 2002-\$847.34 2. Remove and install curb and gutter contractor correspondence dated June 18, 2002-\$1,416.53 3. Miscellaneous changes contractor correspondence dated June 24, 2002-\$5,799.16 4. Add retaining wall at Mechanical Pad correspondence dated July 1, 2002-\$1,808.71. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Change Order submitted by The Ingram Group, LLC, the contractors for the Courthouse Annex, in the amount of \$9,871.74.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1756) He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract with Dr. Gomez for his house on Alligator Point. He said the contract is for \$97,500.00, which would be totally funded by FEMA. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Contract for Purchase of Dr. Gomez's house on Alligator Point in the amount of \$97,500.00-FEMA funds.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1772) He said at the last Board meeting he suggested to the Board that existing personnel in the Building Department receive additional compensation, meaning he would not have to hire an additional person for the Building Department. He stated, after reviewing the situation, he believes the Board was going to need to create an additional Building Inspector position. He said without an additional person he is not going to be able to shift enough duties to Rachel Ward, Building Inspector, so the Comprehensive Plan can be updated on time. He explained there is a need for a Courthouse Annex Manager, and there is an increasing load of interlocking projects in the County, of which the various projects in Alligator Point are an example. He stated he believed the Board would be better served if he shifts current Planning and Zoning responsibilities to Ms. Ward, which means she would not have time to conduct many inspections or plan reviews. He recommended the Board increase building fees to raise the projected revenues of the Building Department from the current \$200,000.00 a year to \$250,000.00

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a year. He said with this additional revenue he would ask the Board to allow for salary adjustments for Robin Brinkley and Rachel Ward, and to hire a building inspector. He explained the Board would vote on the salary adjustments at the budget workshop, but the Board would need to decide now they are willing to raise building revenues so the Finance Director has confidence to change the revenue side of the County Budget. He said building permit fees have not been increased in over eight years, and overall Franklin County's permit fees are much lower than surrounding counties. He explained for the past fourteen years the County Building Department has substantially provided more revenue than projected. He said in some years the estimated budget revenue, and the actual revenue was \$75,000.00 higher than estimated. He stated all monies received by the Building Department are submitted to the Board, and so additional revenues are available to the Board. He asked the Board to authorize the Building Department to raise fees through a Resolution adopted by the Board, which is the way the fee schedule is set by the Board. He stated the increase would become effective October 1, 2002. He said the fees charged could be on a sliding scale so people building high end homes would be charged more for permit fees than people building a smaller house. Commissioner Sanders said she didn't have a problem with this request except she would like to see the actual fee schedule before it is adopted. Mr. Pierce said he didn't have one, but he said, if the Commissioners wanted, he would discuss this matter further during the Budget Workshop scheduled for after the Board meeting this morning. The Board agreed to wait to discuss this matter until the workshop.

(Tape 1-1877) He said the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on August 13, 2002 and recommends the following: Approval for Alvin Morris to construct a private dock on Lot 1, New River Run Subdivision on the New River. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving construction of a private dock for Alvin Morris.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for James Brooks to construct a private dock on Lot 1, Block 71, Unit 5, SGI. Commissioner Williams made a **motion approving construction of a private dock for James Brooks.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a dock extension for Knut and Barbara Rittweger to extend a dock and move the boatlift on Lot 20, Block 1, Carrabelle River Subdivision on the Carrabelle River. Commissioner Putnal wanted further information on this dock extension and asked Mr. Pierce to furnish him a diagram of the proposed extension. On Tape 2 and after discussion proving the extension was on the land side of the dock and not an extension into the water Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a dock extension and moving of a boatlift for Knut and Barbara Rittweger.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Jason Naumann to construct a private dock on Lot 8, Pelican Bay Subdivision, Alligator Point. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving construction of a private dock for Jason Naumann.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Susan Martin to construct a private dock and boatlift on Lot 13, Bay Cove Village, SGI. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving construction of a private dock and boatlift for Susan Martin.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Lee Roy Callahan to install four pilings and a boatlift to an existing dock at 245 River Road in Carrabelle.

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Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the installation of four pilings and a boatlift to an existing dock for Lee Roy Callahan.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of two site plans. A dry storage boat building for Tim and Christina Saunders at 275 Timber Island Road. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving a commercial site plan-a dry storage boat building for Tim and Christina Saunders at 275 Timber Island Road.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** A Dollar General Store at 176 US Highway 98 in Eastpoint. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving a commercial site plan-a Dollar General Store at 176 US Highway 98 in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** A small scale land use change and rezoning from C-3 and C-4 to R-1 for existing platted lots in Lanark Beach, Unit 1, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, the commissioner recommends approval. Mr. Pierce said this motion just needed to instruct him to schedule a public hearing to consider the changes. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce schedule a public hearing to consider a land use and rezoning change from C-3 and C-4 to R-1 for existing platted lots in Lanark Beach, Unit 1, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Commission tabled a request for more information for a change from R-2 to C-3 for a RV Park north of Carrabelle. A small-scale land use change, rezoning and sketch plat approval from C-1 to R-1A for R. T. Spohrer on a parcel in Eastpoint behind the old Millender Trailer Park, which has been purchased by the State and is further described in Section 21, T8S, R6W. Mr. Pierce said this motion just needed to instruct him to schedule a public hearing to consider the changes. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to schedule a public hearing to consider a small-scale land use change, rezoning and sketch plat approval from C-1 to R-1A for a parcel in Eastpoint behind the old Millender Trailer Park, further described in Section 21, T8S, R6W.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On subdivision plat approvals the Commission recommends approval of the final plat for Tarpon Bay Subdivision, a 5-lot subdivision in Alligator Point. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the final plat of Tarpon Bay Subdivision.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Sketch Plat approval for Phoenix Harbor, a 7-lot subdivision on the Bay Side of SGI, in Section 20, T9S, R0W, on property owned by Helen Spohrer. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the sketch plat for Phoenix Harbor.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Sketch Plat and PUD amendment for Hidden Harbor on Alligator Point in Section 5, T7S, R1W. Mr. Pierce said this motion just needed to instruct him to schedule a public hearing to amend the PUD to add the additional lots. He said the Board has the ability to hold the public hearing on September 3, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. if so agreed to today. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to schedule a public hearing on September 3, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to amend the Hidden Harbor PUD and sketch plat on Alligator Point.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2191) Mr. Pierce said the Board discussed the need for additional regulations limiting docks. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission did not specifically

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recommend adopting the State standards for docks in aquatic preserves, but did recognize that a dock was an accessory use, and that a property owner would need to be able to prove a principal use could be built on the lot in order to build an accessory use such as a dock. Jan Powell, SGI, made a brief presentation regarding her concerns about areas being filled in on SGI to build docks on. Angela Troy, SGI, also made a brief presentation to the Board regarding rules and regulations DEP has about docks in the aquatic preserve and filling in of eroded lots on SGI. Mr. Pierce stated he thought the County could require a dock to become a variance request to build the accessory structure therefore there would have to be a public hearing and be approved on a case-by-case. Commissioner Sanders said she didn't agree with a variance process since there are already so many variances processes in the County. She stated she did agree on a case-by-case basis. Jay Abbott, SGI, also asked several questions and made several statements about this issue. He suggested the Board follow the rules as specified by DEP and other agencies. Chairman Creamer suggested the Board schedule a workshop so this subject could be discussed in a more in depth way.

(Tape 1-3401) Mr. Pierce said he wanted to discuss the Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting held on August 9, 2002. Commissioner Sanders said she attended the meeting and has been appointed to the Executive Board for the Small County Coalition. She stated she spoke to DCA Secretary Steven Seibert about funds for the update of the County's Comp Plan. She said she had a tentative agreement with him for a possible \$25,000.00 grant to help Franklin County revise the Comp Plan. She informed the Board he instructed her to complete a scope of work to submit to DCA. She said Mr. Pierce should be able to submit this along with a request for the \$25,000.00. She stated the State is very aware of the problems with the County's Comp Plan and the financial need the County has to complete one. She instructed Mr. Pierce to complete a scope of work for this request. Mr. Pierce said he would have a draft letter containing a scope of work at the next meeting for the Board to consider approving.

GINGER CONRAD-BAY, FRANKLIN, GULF HEALTHY START COALITION

(Tape 1-3490 Continued on Tape 2) Ms. Conrad said she was here today to represent Ms. Marie Marshall who was scheduled on the agenda at 10:00 a.m. this morning. She stated she and Frank Dean, a member of the Board of Early Childhood Services, are here to present an oak baby bed-bassinet to Franklin County in memory of Jo Ellen Whaley. She said this was an accomplishment since the local hospital does have emergency baby deliveries some times and the bed is needed at the hospital. She stated they wanted to be sure this bed remained at the Emergency Room at the hospital and not be removed by any corporate entity leasing the hospital. Mr. Wade, the Clerk, said he would place a Franklin County Property Sticker with an assigned number on the baby bed so everyone would know it belonged to Franklin County. There was a brief photo opportunity for the local press at this time. Ms. Conrad and Mr. Dean thanked the Board for allowing them to make this presentation this morning. Chairman Creamer thanked everyone involved for the donation of the baby bed.

(Tape 2-95) Chairman Creamer asked Mr. Pierce if he had written a letter to FDOT about the ditch maintenance in Eastpoint and in other areas of the County. Mr. Pierce

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said he called FDOT and talked to a representative in Secretary Prescott's Office. He said the next day he received a call from VMS representative Neal Brown. He said he informed Mr. Brown about the problems. He stated Mr. Brown informed him that VMS has contracted with another company to clean the ditches beginning September 1, 2002. He stated he was assured the ditches in Lanark Village and Eastpoint would be thoroughly cleaned. He said he did not send a letter since he had a verbal confirmation. Chairman Creamer told the Board and audience that as a person pulls out onto Highway 98 from North Franklin you cannot even see past the vegetation to see if any vehicles are coming. He said you have to be in the road before you can see anything, which is very dangerous to him. He adamantly informed Mr. Pierce he wanted FDOT contacted about this dangerous matter. He said they need to get out there today or tomorrow and clean that particular ditch out. Mr. Pierce assured Chairman Creamer he would call FDOT back about the problem. Commissioner Putnal said he thinks VMS does not have enough staff to do the work they need to do. He stated something really does need to be done about staff and equipment for VMS to do their job. Mr. Pierce reminded the Board this company was contracted with by FDOT for this particular kind of jobs as a cost cutting measure. Chairman Creamer said he wanted FDOT to know, by letter, faxed today, how dissatisfied the County is with VMS and the service they provide. Commissioner Sanders said she totally agreed with Chairman Creamer. Chairman Creamer said the County Commission should not have to ask them to do anything they should already be on top of the situation. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to send a "strong" letter to FDOT expressing the County's dissatisfaction with the services being provided by VMS.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANITA GREGORY-APALCHICOLA BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Tape 2-162) Ms. Gregory, Executive Director of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said Commissioner Sanders asked her to check into whether there was any funds the County could request from Enterprise Florida or Opportunity Florida funds to help the County revise the Comp Plan. She informed the Board there were possibly funds available up to \$300,000.00 from these two entities. She said she would give the information to Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, for his review and recommendation. Commissioner Sanders thanked Ms. Gregory for checking into this matter for her.

DEBBIE BRETT-APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT "BLUE WATER BAY"

(Tape 2-208) Mr. Pierce said this item was on the agenda at 10:30 a.m. specifically for Thad and Debbie Brett to request and approach the Board about approval of their final plat of Blue Water Bay Subdivision. He explained this has been a long negotiation with the Brett's. He said before the Brett's purchased the property there were several agreements or obligations made between the previous owners and the County regarding Debbie Lane and then access of the property through Infield Road. He said that developer, which made all of these concessions did not finish the project and so they sold the property to the Brett's. He stated through a series of negotiations with the Board, The Brett's have agreed to these original agreements. He stated there was one issue, which he didn't know if the Board could do anything about. He said Joanne Cook has requested a driveway easement to her property through the Brett's development. He explained Ms. Cook had hired an attorney, Barbara Sanders, to assist her in making sure she has an

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easement. Jay Adams, Broad and Cassel, the attorney for the Bretts, appeared before the Board with the Brett's. He reviewed the process Mr. and Mrs. Brett has progressed through successfully. He said the issue with Ms. Cook is strictly a civil issue between the Bretts' and Ms. Cook. Ms. Brett presented the Board with each document required for final plat approval. She also presented a Letter of Credit valid until 2007 for the road infrastructure. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Sanders made a **motion approving the final plat "Blue Water Bay" as submitted by Thad and Debbie Brett contingent on final approval by the County Attorney's Office.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-985) Mr. Wade presented a request for budget amendment for Construction/Engineering/Architectural costs for the Courthouse Annex. He asked for permission to transfer \$40,000.00 to Capital Outlay Reserve for costs connected with the construction of the Courthouse Annex. He said he needed permission to transfer the following amounts to the following line item budgets: In General Fund-Increase Transfer to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$40,000.00-Decrease Reserve for Contingency \$40,000.00; In Capital Outlay Reserve Fund-Increase Buildings (Courthouse Annex) in the amount of \$40,000.00-Decrease Transfer from BOCC \$40,000.00. He said additional request for budget amendments would be made when furniture/fixture costs are finalized. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving these budget amendments as listed.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1034) He submitted the annual Solid Waste Grant Agreements for Franklin County to the Board for approval. He said he needed the Chairman's signature on the following Solid Waste Grant Agreements: the Small County 2002-2003 Grant; the Recycling and Education 2002-2003 Grant; the Litter Control and Prevention 2002-2003 Grant; and the Waste Tire 2002-2003 Grant. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the 2002-2003 Solid Waste Grant Agreements for Franklin County.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1042) He said he has received the annual Florida Department of Corrections Interagency/Public Works Agreement for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002 to provide up to 5 inmates each workday in the Public Works Department. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the annual Florida Department of Corrections Interagency/Public Works Agreement for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

GORDON SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(Tape 2-1084) Mr. Gordon Shuler appeared at the Board meeting today to represent the County Attorney's Office. He said his office would work on the items assigned to them today.

(Tape 2-1086) He said his office is working with Attorney Nick Yonclas on the Jordan Island issue in Lanark Village. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to caution Mr.

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Shuler that she thought and understood this property was considered sovereign land by DEP. She asked him to check with DEP to be sure what they thought about this matter. Mr. Shuler said he has not reviewed the title policy provided by Mr. Yonclas, but he would make sure he reviewed it very carefully. Freda White, a realtor from Carrabelle, said she had a client that did want to purchase this property, but DEP was adamant about this land being sovereign land or submerged land and that DEP or the State owned it. Paul Johnson, APECO, also cautioned Mr. Shuler to be careful about this matter and asked Mr. Shuler contact the Division of State Lands and the Attorney Generals Office about ownership of this property. He said his understanding was this was State owned land. Mr. Shuler assured the Board he would be very, very careful dealing with this property.

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

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Kendall Wade

KENDALL WADE, CLERK