

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002**

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

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

(Tape 1-45) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 20, 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-48) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-53) Mr. Chipman said the roads were in terrible shape due to all of the rain. He said he would be working throughout the County to repair the roads. He asked everyone to be patient.

(Tape 1-70) Commissioner Putnal said he was out at Wilderness and Ridge Road in Eastpoint the other day and was shown several humps in the road. He explained it looks like to him it is where the culverts are being placed. He stated he spoke to the contractor who explained to him he couldn't put the pipes any lower because of the sewage pipe. Mr. Chipman said the pipe is larger than the ones originally placed there. He said they definitely needed larger pipes. Commissioner Putnal suggested the Road Department put some asphalt over these humps to try and taper the areas. Mr. Chipman said he agreed and the County was not responsible for this problem. Commissioner Putnal said someone needed to talk to the contractors about this problem. Mr. Shuler, the County Attorney, suggested asking the County Engineer, David Kennedy, to look at the problem and evaluate if the contractors completed the plans to specifications. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he would ask the County Engineer to check into the matter.

(Tape 1-162) Mr. Chipman said his mechanic is having problems with the rack used to lift equipment. He stated the equipment needed to be replaced because it will not go up and down like it is supposed to. He asked the Board if he could advertise or request bids for a new lift. He submitted specifications for a 3-Post Axle Engaging Lift and requested the Board approve the purchase of this equipment. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Chipman if he was going to use this year's funds or next year's funds. Mr. Chipman said he would be using this year's funds and was trying to get it taken care of before October 1, 2002. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the advertisement of bids for one 3-Post Axle Engaging Lift for the Road Department Garage.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 1-185) Mr. Pierce said he received a letter from the City of Carrabelle requesting authorization to cut River Road in Carrabelle for the installation of a gravity sewer system. Commissioner Sanders asked how many cuts were they planning to make. Mr. Pierce replied he didn't really know, but the letter stated this would enable the City of Carrabelle to serve an additional 124 residents on the west side. He stated it did not state exactly how many individual cuts would be made in the road. Commissioner Sanders said the County got into a lot of problems when they allowed State Road 67 to be cut. Chairman Creamer asked when they needed this authorization. He suggested the Board wait until Commissioner Putnal or Commissioner Sanders went to the area to actually view the road. Commissioner Putnal said he thought the roads were in bad enough shape. He stated he would go and look at the road and report back to the rest of the Board with his thoughts about the request.

(Tape 1-259) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he ever showed Mr. Chipman the lot the County wanted to purchase for the Carrabelle Sports Complex next to Sands Field. Mr. Pierce replied he didn't personally show him the property, but he did have a discussion with him about this property.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-276) Mr. Johnson said he didn't have anything to discuss with the Board this morning. Chairman Creamer thanked Mr. Johnson.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-288) He informed the Board the Annual Fall Field Day would be held at the UF-IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center in Quincy on September 26, 2002 beginning at 8:15 a.m. He stated this year's field day would feature tours of row crops, vegetables, forestry and horticulture. He informed the Board pre-registration is required by September 16th and there is a \$5.00 registration fee and said anyone interested could call (850) 875-7100 for additional information.

(Tape 1-301) Mr. Mahan said he had attached a memorandum he received from Ken Moore, Executive Director of the ISSC, regarding the action taken by FDA in removing all certified Korean shellfish from the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List effective August 26th. He said, as of that date, all fresh and fresh frozen shellfish from Korea should be considered from unapproved sources.

(Tape 1-320) He said Dr. Steven Otwell, UF-IFAS Sea Grant, is offering HACCP and Sanitation Control Procedures training workshops in Gainesville on September 10th through the 12th, 2002. He explained the HACCP training would be held September 10th and 11th and the SCP training would be on September 12th. He said the cost for the HACCP training is \$150.00 and the SCP is \$75.00 and informed the Board if they needed additional information regarding these training workshops citizens could call Zina Williams at (352) 392-4221.

(Tape 1-338) He also informed the Board the next UF-IFAS Sea Grant Clam Farming Workshop was planned for September 26th at the FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point. He

explained this set of workshops would be on the automated water quality monitoring that is being done in Alligator Harbor near the clam leases.

(Tape 1-364) He said he would like to update the Board on the Boater Access Project he has been assigned. He informed the Board, to date, he has reviewed 84 county owned properties and 46 county owned access points for possible use as a boat ramp. He stated when he has completed the review of county owned access points from Carrabelle westward he would get with the staff members of the ANERR to do a final evaluation of any potential ramp sites. Commissioner Putnal said the County really needed to find a place for commercial fishermen to use at the 2-Mile Channel. He encouraged Mr. Mahan to check into a dock near or around that location. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Mahan to check into potential sites for the County to purchase if needed to get water access. Mr. Mahan said he is looking into this matter thoroughly.

(Tape 1-434) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Mahan to do some research on sea urchins. He informed Mr. Mahan the sea urchins are taking over the oyster bars. He said he has never seen so many before. He said there are more sea urchins at the "East Hole" oyster bar than there were oysters. He stated there were two different kinds of sea urchins. Mr. Pierce said he knew sea urchins loved the salt water. Mr. Mahan said there is a lot of salt water in the bay and not much fresh water. He stated he would look into the matter.

DEWITT POLOUS-MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-514) Mr. Polous informed the Board one of the part-time mosquito control employees, a sprayer, had submitted his resignation. He stated he needed to replace this person and he already had someone he knew he would like to hire. He asked the Board if he could do this without properly advertising the open position. Mr. Polous reminded the Board the County did not need a lapse in spraying due to the "West Nile Virus" outbreak throughout the State of Florida. Mr. Shuler said Mr. Polous could hire someone temporarily and then following the vacant position policy of publicly advertising the job vacancy. Commissioner Mosconis also suggested using someone from the Road Department to make a little overtime until a proper replacement can be decided on. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Polous to hire someone temporarily and then follow the procedure of advertising the vacancy as usual.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-570) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Polous is he knew where Keith Bloodworth and Randy Segree lived in Eastpoint. Mr. Polous replied yes he did. Commissioner Putnal said they asked him to have some speed signs and some children at play signs for their neighborhood.

COMMISSIONER MOSCONIS-RESOLUTION EDDIE NESMITH

(Tape 1-599) Commissioner Mosconis said Jimmy Nichols had been doing some research on a local person named Eddie Nesmith. He said Mr. Nesmith worked for many, many years at Fort Gadsden State Park off Highway 65 in Franklin County. He stated Mr. Nesmith helped develop the park and influenced the State of Florida to name

Highway 65 the James Gadsden Memorial Parkway. He said he felt it was fitting to name the road that runs from Highway 65 to Fort Gadsden the "Eddie Nesmith Road". He read the following resolution into the record: Whereas, there is a three-mile length of road connection State Road 65 with Ford Gadsden State Park in Franklin County, and Whereas, Eddie J. Nesmith, a native of Florida, and a citizen of Franklin County, was employed on March 1, 1962 as a ranger at Fort Gadsden State Park, and Whereas, in his capacity as a ranger, Mr. Nesmith research the life of James Gadsden, becoming an authority on this military personality, and Whereas, Mr. Nesmith in 1969 was instrumental in persuading State Representative Donald Tucker to introduce a bill in the Florida House of Representatives names State Road 65, the James Gadsden Highway per House Bill #9711, and Whereas, James Gadsden Highway runs between U. S. Highway 98 and the Georgia-Florida border, and Whereas, Mr. Nesmith's historical interest and research including the assembly of countless area photographs, and Whereas, Mr. Nesmith, although retiring as a ranger on April 1, 1980, continued his search for additional Franklin County history, and Now, Therefore, by approval of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners a Resolution Proclaiming the naming of the three-miles of road connecting Fort Gadsden State Park with James Gadsden Highway 65 as Eddie J. Nesmith Road, calling for the appropriate markers at both entrances, and so entered in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners dated this 3rd day of September, 2002. Eddie Creamer, Chairman. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion adopting this Resolution to name three-miles of road connecting Fort Gadsden State Park with the James Gadsden Highway 65, Eddie J. Nesmith Road, instructing the placement of such markers or signs, and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-704) Mr. Pierce said he needed to correct the record of the meeting held on August 20, 2002. He explained, at the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, they approved two final plats; one for Tarpon Bay and one for Tarpon Run. He said through a mistake he reported on only one to the actual Board of County Commissioners. He stated he requested the Board approve Tarpon Run, but when the Board Secretary, Ms. Varnes, asked me about Tarpon Bay, he informed her Tarpon Bay should have been approved. He explained there are 2 named Tarpon subdivisions being discussed at the same P&Z Meeting. He informed the Board P&Z recommended approval of both, so the Board needs to approve both Tarpon Bay and Tarpon Run just to clear the record. He said both are small subdivisions, 4 and 5 lots each, but one is on Alligator Point, and the other one is on U. S. 98 between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving both the Tarpon Bay and the Tarpon Run subdivision final plat's, to clarify the motion made at the last Board Meeting regarding the Tarpon Run subdivision.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-757) Chairman Creamer instructed Mr. Pierce to send a letter to Ben Withers, a contractor, in reference to some work he did on C. C. Land Road in Eastpoint. He said the work was done in front of Golden Acres. He explained the ditches are stopped up and

the water cannot run through them. He said Mr. Withers needs to come back and redo the ditches to County standards as soon as possible.

(Tape 1-841) Mr. Pierce asked the Board to sign a JPA with FDOT Aviation in the amount of \$47,279.00 to purchase a tractor with a sweeper, loader, and mower attachments. He said the County has been awarded a waiver of any local match funds. He explained if the bids submitted exceed the amount, \$47,279.00, budgeted then the County will either have to reject the bids or make up the difference. He stated the Board could also request FDOT Aviation to increase funds for the project. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Resolution and a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with FDOT Aviation for the purpose of securing \$47,279.00 in funds to purchase a tractor with implements-sweeper, mower, and loader.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-901) He requested approval for the amendment between the Florida Fish and Wildlife and the Board extending the deadline for completing the Battery Park Marina project until November 30, 2002. He said the FWC Agreement no is 01062. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the amendment between the Florida Fish and Wildlife and the Board, FWC Agreement No. 01062, extending the deadline for completing the Battery Park Marina project until November 30, 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-912) He said this next item was for informational purposes only. He said the Board currently has \$75,000.00 for land acquisition in the current budget. He explained, if the Board, can complete a land/lease purchase agreement with St. Joe/Arvida before the end of the fiscal year on September 30th then the County's match of \$18,000.00 for the FRDAP funds can be used from this year's land acquisition budget. He stated the Board is moving forward with the acquisition of the Middlebrook's home on Alligator Point for demolition of which the County's share would be \$12,750.00. He said this amount can also be used from this year's land acquisition budget, instead of the Bald Point Trust Fund Budget, if the acquisition occurs before September 30th. He informed the Board they have two projects currently budgeted at \$30,750.00, which if finished in time could utilize current funds. He said if the acquisitions occur after September 30th then the Board would have to use the next year's budget, and only \$50,000.00 has been budgeted for land acquisition next year.

(Tape 1-978) Mr. Pierce said the Board needed to direct Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, to complete the FRDAP applications and directing the Chairman to sign the FRDAP applications for next year when they are ready to sign. He stated there is a strict time line and they have to be submitted by September 13th. He said the projects are for the construction of a County Recreation Park in Carrabelle and construction of tennis courts at Ned Porter Park in Apalachicola. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing the Chairman to sign the FRDAP applications for next year.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he was aware the FRDAP grants had been increased from \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Mr. Pierce replied Mr. Curenton was aware of this change. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he was going to apply for the full \$150,000.00 for the County Recreation Park in Carrabelle. Mr. Pierce said he thought Mr. Curenton was since he was aware of the increase. He said there is also a decrease in the local match required since Franklin County is a rural area of economic concern.

(Tape 1-1029) He said Ken Bowman, George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Maintenance Department, has asked Preble-Rish Engineers, the County Engineering firm, to evaluate the condition of several sets of metal doors at the hospital because some are in severe need of repair. He explained David Kennedy, Preble-Rish, advises the Board should direct Preble-Rish to prepare bid packets to fix the doors since he felt some of the doors need to be completely replaced due to the metal frames being worn out. Commissioner Putnal said it was the County's building and needed to be kept in good shape. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Preble-Rish to prepare bid packages for repair of the metal doors at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Pierce to contact Mr. Chipman about the request made by Mr. Bowman for the County to prepare a pad for the hospital's new scanning machine.

(Tape 1-1073) He stated he would like to present the Board with the revised building fee schedule. He explained the fee schedule would raise the revenues to \$250,000.00 from the current \$200,000.00. He informed the Board the significant changes consist of raising the estimate cost of construction for commercial structures and houses on pilings from \$75.00 a square foot to \$100.00 per square foot. He stated the other increases include fireplaces, hot tubs, and for docks, and boardwalks. He said if the Board wants to be consistent with Wakulla and Gulf Counties, then the cost of a singlewide mobile home fee should be raised to \$100.00 and a doublewide mobile home fee should be raised to \$200.00. He explained the proposal he is submitting just raises the fee for a singlewide mobile home to \$75.00 and a doublewide mobile home to \$125.00. Commissioner Sanders made a motion **to adopt this revised building fee schedule and the proposed mobile home schedules charging \$75.00 for a single wide mobile home, \$125.00 for a double wide mobile home and \$125.00 for a triple wide mobile home.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING-REVISING HIDDEN HARBOR MASTER PUD

(Tape 1-1150) Mr. Pierce said this public hearing was scheduled to considered amending the Hidden Harbor Master Development Plan. He informed the Board the ordinance was entitled "An Ordinance of Franklin County, Florida, Relating to the Zoning Code; Revising the Hidden Harbor Master Development Plan; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date." He stated this was a 33 unit residential community called Hidden Harbor, which was proposed in two subdivision, The Point at Hidden Harbor and The Cove at Hidden Harbor all on 51.63 acres of land on Alligator Point. He said the Master Development

Plan for The Point at Hidden Harbor and The Cove at Hidden Harbor is approved and incorporated as part of this ordinance subject to the following limitations voluntarily accepted by the developer if the Board adopts this ordinance: 1. Single-Family docks, seawalls, and bulkheads are prohibited; 2. Community docks are prohibited with the exception of a single pier, observation deck and canoe launch within the community park as shown on the Master Development Plan; 3. Pervious materials shall be used for driveways, walkways, and other surfaces to the maximum extent possible. The impervious surface area on individual residential lots shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) percent of the surface area of the lot. Paul Johnson, APECO, said he wanted to remind the Board this original Hidden Harbor Project that had significant concerns from the Alligator Point residents and APECO especially about State submerged lands. He said the developers have worked with APECO and the residents and have reached this finished plat. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion adopting this ordinance and authorizing the Chairman's signature on "An Ordinance of Franklin County, Florida, Relating to the Zoning Code; Revising the Hidden Harbor Master Development Plan; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for Severability; and Providing and Effective Date."** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BRENDA COULTER-BAY ST. GEORGE NURSING HOME CLOSURE

(Tape 1-1418) Ms. Coulter, an Eastpoint resident, said she was here this morning to discuss the closure of the Bay St. George Nursing Home in Eastpoint. She said this closure caused a lot of heartache and sadness. She stated the nursing home provided many jobs for the residents of Franklin County. She also said the nursing home was very convenient for the families in Franklin County. She asked the Commissioners what could be done. Commissioner Putnal said he agreed with Ms. Coulter and did make some telephone calls, but he couldn't find anyway to keep the nursing home opened since it was a privately owned facility. Mr. Pierce said a gentleman, Dick Burnhart, who lives on SGI has some experience with nursing homes and has been involved in the matter. He stated Mr. Burnhart called him this morning to inform him he has been in contact with a number of people; a person at Omega Healthcare, a person at another company, which operates nursing homes. He said Mr. Burnhart told him these people are going to come down to the nursing home and reevaluate the situation. He stated the good news is that Apalachicola Nursing Home has an inactive license, which stands a greater chance of being reopened than the Bay SGI Nursing Home in Eastpoint, which has lost the license. He stated the one in Apalachicola could possibly be reopened a lot easier than the one in Eastpoint. Chairman Creamer said he would like to find someone or company interested in the Eastpoint Nursing Home. He stated if the County could get involved in anyway to have it reopened it would certainly help the community. Chairman Creamer said it was such a traumatic experience for the residents in the nursing home. Discussion continued and Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to know if when the property for the Apalachicola Nursing Home was conveyed to the owner if there was a reverter clause in the deed, dedicating the property back to the City or County if the nursing home is closed. Commissioner Williams asked about the one percent sales tax Commissioner Putnal mentioned at the last Board meeting including the funding of this nursing home in Apalachicola. Mr. Shuler, the County Attorney, said a sales tax can be levied if the

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County is going to use it to pay for infrastructure, which would require a referendum on the ballot. He explained it needed to be furnished to the Supervisor of Elections before the General Ballot is finished. He said the County does have to be very specific in proposing what the sales tax dollars are going to be spent on. Chairman Creamer said he knew the County could not take over ownership of the nursing homes because it was a privately run group. He stated the County could not spend tax dollars on the homes. Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Shuler to check into whether there was a reverter clause in the deed for the Apalachicola Nursing Home. Commissioner Mosconis said he was upset at the whole way this thing happened. He stated most people were not notified, both families and physicians, they needed to move their family until the day before they were to be moved. He said he wanted to make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to the County's Legislative Delegation requesting a full cost accounting of these nursing homes and the reason they were so abruptly closed and asking the state agencies involved in this matter to investigate and report to the Board as to how this tragedy happened.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2090) Dr. Junejo, FCPHU, appeared before the Board. Commissioner Mosconis asked Dr. Junejo to address the Board at this time. Dr. Junejo said the Franklin County Medical Society held a meeting on Wednesday night and the nursing home problem was discussed. She stated the physicians in the community are very concerned about the impact to the citizens, the hospital, and the physicians in the community. She said she did contact the State of Florida Health Care Administration (FHCA) and was informed by them the decision to close the nursing homes was the decision of the owner of the company, Harold Stewart. She stated the newspaper article was very precise in informing the public what happened. She said the State is willing to help the County as much as it can. Discussion Continued. Dr. Junejo then updated the Board on the West Nile Virus in Florida. She also informed the Board the new Health Department Clinic would be opening today with local physicians rotating duties. She asked the Board of permission to donate some items, tables, file cabinets, chairs, etc. to the Franklin Promise Group. Mr. Wade asked Dr. Junejo to furnish his office with a list of these items so they could be removed from the County's Inventory List. Dr. Junejo said she would complete one for Mr. Wade. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Dr. Junejo, FCPHU, donate several items from the Health Department to the Franklin Promise Group.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2018) Commissioner Williams said he was going to make a **motion directing Dr. Junejo to check with the State FHCA to see exactly what it would take to reopen the Apalachicola Nursing Home in Apalachicola and directing her to get a copy of the actual documents the State used to close or fine these institutions.** He stated he wanted her to get the exact amount of funds it might take to do the repairs to meet the standards the State has imposed. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-3083) Dr. Junejo asked the Board to provide a letter of support for the submission of a Primary Care Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Commissioner

Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Letter of Support for the submission of a Primary Challenge Grant application for \$100,000.00 in funds.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-3130) He informed the Board he has asked DEP not to make the USCOE replant the damaged wetland around the airport with trees, because eventually the County would have to spend funds cutting the trees down. He said he asked USCOE to replant the wetlands with shrubs and bushes, which will not grow high enough to be an aviation hazard. He stated DEP has responded. Mr. Pierce said he would be working on a solution, which would be beneficial to everyone. He presented the Board with a copy of the letter from DEP regarding the matter.

(Tape 1-3155) Chairman Creamer instructed Mr. Pierce to send a letter to DEP Secretary Struhs about the Eastpoint Channel. Chairman Creamer said he is aware of the situation and he must be kept aware of the problem. Mr. Pierce said yesterday he received a letter from DEP requesting a teleconference between the County and DEP representatives.

(Tape 1-3185) He presented several letters he has written regarding federal funds for the protection of the Alligator Point Road. He said he sent the letters to Senator Bill Nelson's office.

(Tape 1-3196 Tape 2) Mr. Pierce said he would like to address the Board about granting Dell Schneider an easement of a sewer line to go under the Carrabelle River, under the County Boat Ramp, under the end of Timber Island Road, and emerge within the right-of-way of Timber Island, and then travel down the Timber Island Road approximately 1,000 feet where it will enter private property. He explained the sewer line would become part of the Carrabelle Sewer System. Commissioner Sanders stated if this is something the City of Carrabelle wants why are they here asking for it. Mr. Schneider replied his group paid the City of Carrabelle to use Baskerville-Donovan Engineering. He stated they have all the necessary permits for this project and as soon as it is finished it becomes City of Carrabelle Sewer Department property. Mr. Shuler said he thought there needed to be a more specific plan or proposal. He stated Mr. Schneider should present a written document with a map so he could review the entire project.

Commissioner Sanders said then she would make a **motion to table this matter or request until all of the necessary documents are presented to the County Engineer, Mr. Pierce and the County Attorney for review.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-113) Mr. Wade asked the Board to approve a Budget Amendment for Court Appointed Public Defender Fees. He said the following budget amendment is needed in the category Conflict Public Defender/Circuit Juvenile. He said because of the laws surrounding the provision of counsel for juvenile cases, particularly juvenile dependency cases, the amount budgeted for this expenditure needs to be adjusted. He explained the law requires that counsel be provided for all indigent parents in juvenile dependency cases.

He asked the Board to approve increasing Professional Services, \$10,000.00; increasing Travel & Per Diem \$4,000.00; Increasing Other Current Charges \$2,000.00 and decreasing Reserve for Contingency \$16,000.00. Commissioner Williams made a **motion authorizing this Budget Amendment for Court Appointed Public Defenders Fees by increasing Profession Services \$10,000.00; increasing Travel & Per Diem \$4,000.00; Increasing Other Current Charges \$2,000.00 and decreasing Reserve for Contingency \$16,000.00.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-148) Mr. Wade said he had 19 items, which needed to be removed from inventory. He briefly reviewed the list and after the list was read Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-193) He said the National Association of Counties had requested the adoption of a Resolution in support of Patriot Day, which has been proclaimed for September 11th in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in the United States. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution and proclaiming September 11th as Patriot Day.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-270) He presented each Commissioners with a copy of the section of the Audit Report, Management Letter, which addressed several didn't issues. He said he would do this on an annual basis. He explained one of the items was the problem the auditors had regarding invoices being turned in timely, sales tax charges, and general purchase policy. He stated he was going to send a memo to each department within the County regarding this matter.

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-369) Mr. Shuler said he has completed his continuing credit education hours as required by the Bar Association.

(Tape 2-392) He said the Thad and Debbie Brett have furnished everything they need to have their plat "Blue Water Bay" recorded. He stated he is working with them on their Letter of Credit from Wakulla Bank. He stated he has been informed by Attorney Barbara Sanders her clients have a problem with the easement discussed at several past meetings. He recommended the Board allow Ms. Sanders two or three weeks to file a suit to keep the plat from being filed. He said the reason would be to her clients benefit, but the County cannot just hold on to the plat without acting on it. Ms. Sanders, attorney for Joanne Cook, asked the Board to allow her at least until the end of this week to see what her client was going to decide to do.

(Tape 2-672) He said he was working on the Meeks versus Franklin County. He informed the Board an Order for Show Cause has been filed. He explained the suit was a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. He said he is going to file an answer for the Board. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Shuler to file a response to an**

Order to Show Cause lawsuit. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for.
MOTION CARRIED.

(Tape 2-737) Mr. Wade reminded the Board about the budget workshop at 1:00 p.m. today.

JOE FELICE-SGI

(Tape 2-754) Mr. Felice said the Porter Street Boat Ramp on SGI has been reopened. Chairman Creamer asked him who reopened it. Mr. Felice replied Larry Troy. He said they took the blocks out of the way and removed the barricades. He stated they have been using the ramp. He said Mr. Pierce has received a letter from Ron Bloodworth. Mr. Pierce said he had received a faxed letter from Ron Bloodworth informing him the County does not have ownership of the ramp. He stated Mr. Bloodworth had a lease to the property. He said after showing the letter and have a discussion with the County Attorney's Office, Michael Shuler, it was decided the lease was not valid. He stated the land being leased was the canal bottom, which had already been dedicated to the public by the platting of the Unit 4 or whatever unit it was. He stated he called Mr. Bloodworth and informed him of this, but it didn't appear to have much value to him. Chairman Creamer said he is tired of the barricades being taken down and wanted them to have the Road Department put back up. He said he wanted the Sheriff's Department of the State Attorney to do something about it. Mr. Pierce said he has already had the barricades put back up.

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

Eddie Creamer

EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN

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