

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AUGUST 2, 2016  
9:00 AM  
AGENDA**

**Commissioners Present:** William Massey – Chairman, Joseph Parrish – Vice Chairman, Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders, Rick Watson

**Others Present:** Michael Morón – County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Massey called the meeting to Order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Moron informed the Board Mr. Mike Cooper, Weems Memorial Hospital, will appear at the second meeting instead of today as there is no new information on the agreement with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH). He reported the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) has not approved the hospital plans yet so the contractor cannot provide a price.

Mr. Moron asked the Board to amend the Agenda to include opening the bids for the HVAC replacement for the Courthouse. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to amend the Agenda to include opening these bids.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and July 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Payment of County Bills**

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the County's bills.**

## **Department Directors Report**

### **Howard Nabors - Superintendent of Public Works**

Mr. Nabors brought into discussion the problem with people running over signs, ditch bogging and tearing up the roads. He explained the roads are graded and then people are just tearing them up again. Commissioner Sanders said she will do a motion because they are also having a bad problem on Highway 67 and it causes a problem for the tractors when they try to mow. She explained they need to ask the Sheriff's Department to monitor the trouble areas where mud bogging and problems with signs are occurring. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to contact the Sheriff's Office and ask them to monitor throughout the County the trouble areas where mud bogging and problems with signs are occurring.** Commissioner Sanders reported the Sheriff's Department needs to go by the County Ordinance and the penalties set forth in the Ordinance. Commissioner Parrish said Pal Rivers Road is bad also. Mr. Nabors stated Abercrombie Boat Landing is bad and there is also a problem with signs being knocked down. Chairman Massey estimated it costs about \$120 to replace each sign, pole and marker. He said someone knocked down over \$700 worth of signs the City of Carrabelle put up. Commissioner Lockley reported it is also the cost of the man hours to fix the signs.

Mr. Nabors stated they may have finished logging on Mill Road. Chairman Massey reported they were supposed to finish last Friday. Mr. Nabors said they are keeping the road up pretty good but he needs to know when the County needs to go back to grading the road. Mr. Moron agreed to contact the company and find out if they are finished.

Chairman Massey said they did a good job yesterday. Mr. Nabors reported they are using the new equipment and they are about to start on Alligator Point. Chairman Massey discussed using a blower to clean the road. Commissioner Sanders questioned if anyone was contacted about the 4 dead trees near Ell's Court. Mr. Moron said he contacted them and had a voicemail yesterday from St. Joe Company but did not have a chance to call them back. He stated he will call them today and then contact Mr. Nabors. Commissioner Sanders reported these trees will come down with the first storm that comes through. She stated if they cannot take the trees down, then the County needs to do it so no one gets hurt. Chairman Massey said the Ell's Court property also needs to be mowed and cleaned up. He went on to say the docks need repair and he put some boards on the dock but someone is going to fall and get hurt as a lot of planks are missing. Commissioner Sanders reported these items are all part of the whole plan for the property and they are going to address the docks. She stated the docks have to meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards. Commissioner Parrish said the docks need to be blocked to keep people off of them. Chairman Massey reported people pushed through the chain when they try to block it off. Commissioner Parrish stated signs need to be posted to protect the County. Chairman Massey reported there were 15 people on one dock and 12 people on the other dock last weekend. Mr. Nabors asked if both docks are

bad. Chairman Massey answered both docks are bad but the long dock is the worst. Mr. Nabors inquired, in relation to mowing the property, if the County owns both sides of the road. Chairman Massey discussed the areas that need to be cleaned up. Commissioner Sanders said the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) has a plan for this property so the County needs to secure any area that is unsafe but needs to be careful before cutting anything because they are going to restore the maritime oaks and plants in this area. Attorney Shuler advised the Board the docks need to be blocked and No Trespassing signs posted. Mr. Nabors agreed to take care of this item today.

#### **Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director**

Mr. Davis did not have a report at this time. Chairman Massey said the girls' softball team is winning at the national championships. He stated they won yesterday and play today at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Sanders said they will play South Carolina today and provided the website to stream the games live. She reported she is watching the games and is so proud of them.

#### **Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director**

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board but had no action items. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is any more information about the tower repair. Mrs. Brownell said a fabricator from Port St. Joe is coming out today to look at the tower. She reported a quote for the fire net was received from Williams Communications. She explained the quote is \$1,500 just to sweep the repeater. She reported they were supposed to look at the tower and provide a quote to fix the tower and put the antennas back up.

Action Items:

NONE

Information Items:

1. Franklin County EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag.
2. August 3-5, Pam and Tress will be attending the FEPA Midyear Conference and Training.
3. August 2 Staff will attend the DOT Webinar.
4. July 27<sup>th</sup> EOC Hosted the Initial Communications Exercise Planning Meeting.
5. July 26<sup>th</sup> Jenni attended the Web EOC Training in Tallahassee.

#### **Erik Lovestrand - Extension Office Director**

Mr. Lovestrand informed the Board the final contract pricing for the new facility is significantly higher than the budget. He explained the budget is \$550,000 and the total bid is \$737,000. He reported he will seek additional funding to try and get this project moving forward. He stated some things are needed at the facility that were not included in the original pricing such as some IT infrastructure, chairs for the auditorium and a new phone system. He said when the

contractors got in the building to start pricing; they discovered a lot of items that were not noticed when the original pricing quote was created. He pointed out this original pricing quote is what was used to get funding from the Legislature. He said all of the sheet rock in the building needs to be replaced and was not included in the original pricing quote. Mr. Lovestrand explained there is also some damage to the wall structure that is going to have to be fixed. He went on to say some of the slab in the front of the building has settled and created an uneven place in the floor and it will need to be addressed. Mr. Lovestrand reported he will try to get more quotes from their facilities people but this project is at a standstill now. He stated the Dean at the UF is not interested in moving forward in a significant way until they are sure they have funding to do the project. Mr. Lovestrand said the County's efforts to help with the paving of the parking lot are moving forward and the UF will reimburse the County for this work. He stated C.W. Roberts Construction Company is on site and has removed the old asphalt. He reported some site preparation has also been done for the parking lot and road. Commissioner Lockley asked if the guard was placed to keep the rain water from going into the Mill Pond. Mr. Lovestrand reported siltation barrier fencing is up along the road going into the facility.

Mr. Lovestrand stated they had a great camp season and there have been good reports from parents and children that attended.

### **Franklin County Extension Activities July 20 – August 2, 2016**

UF/IFAS Extension Faculty have been involved in the following Extension activities this period.

#### **General Extension Activities:**

- Extension Staff assisted local clientele in the areas of providing contacts for the Wildlife Alert Hotline, soil testing procedures, sea turtle lighting, 4-H summer camp registration, beekeeping, and turf grass issues.
- Extension Director participated in the County Budget Workshop.
- Extension Director participated in District County Extension Director planning meeting.
- Extension Director assisting with demonstration bee hive set-up in Carrabelle, possibly located at the Crooked River Lighthouse property.

#### **Sea Grant Extension:**

- Sea turtle lighting equipment continues to be distributed to beachfront property owners in the County.
- Extension Director provided information at Franklin/Gulf County Realtor's luncheon regarding sea turtle lighting work.
- Extension Director posted an article on the topic of scalloping for the District Natural Resources Extension website.

#### **4-H Youth Development:**

- Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet.

- We had 22 youth attend the 4-H summer camp this year and just over \$3,100 of donations raised from local businesses and individuals. Three of our campers served as Counselors this year at camp.
- Extension Director taught a hands-on session to 60 campers on the topic of importance of oysters in the natural environment. This took place during the Marine Camp session, following our regular County camp week.

#### Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant continuing to implement in-school curriculum in 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Franklin County classrooms.
  - Family Nutrition Program Assistant provided a program called “Nutrition in the Workplace” for the Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast interns.

#### Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Wakulla County Extension Director provided a program on the topic of invasive plants, at the Eastpoint branch of the library.

#### **Marcia Johnson - Clerk of Courts – Report**

Mrs. Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court, appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

1. Board action is requested relative to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB):
  - a. Two county commissioners must be appointed;
  - b. A citizen member who owns homestead property within the county must be appointed. The citizen member can't be a member or employee of any taxing authority. Mr. Walter Armistead has graciously served in the past and has expressed a willingness to serve again;

Board action to appoint two commissioners and to appoint Mr. Walter Armistead as the citizen member to the VAB.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Commissioner Watson and Chairman Massey to the Value Adjustment Board. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Walter Armistead as the citizen member.** Mrs. Johnson thanked the Board for making these appointments and said Mrs. Hines will be in contact with the members when the meetings are set up.

Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Ginger Coulter, Sheriff's Department is here about inmate medical. Mrs. Coulter reported she has a second batch of inmate medical bills in the amount of

\$10,590.16. She explained there are two batches of PRIME bills and Buy-Rite bills. Commissioner Lockley asked what PRIME bills are. Mrs. Coulter said PRIME is their 3<sup>rd</sup> party negotiator. She reported they send vendors they cannot negotiate with to PRIME. She went on to say PRIME negotiates directly with the vendors, pays the bills and then the Sheriff's Office reimburses PRIME. Mr. Moron stated he also has an item on his report about inmate medical bills. Mrs. Coulter explained there was an error in the total of the bills presented at the last meeting. She reported the bills she is presenting today are different. She stated these bills are in addition to the bills from the last meeting and she will be coming back regularly with bills. Commissioner Lockley asked where the money is coming from to pay these bills. Clerk Johnson reported there is a budgeted item for inmate medical. She stated if they get close to the budgeted amount then Mrs. Linda Phillips, Finance Office, will let the Board know. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is enough remaining to take care of these bills. Clerk Johnson said there is enough to take care of the bills presented today. Mrs. Coulter reported she has been in contact with Mrs. Phillips about these bills. Mr. Moron explained there are two separate sets of bills. Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

16. At the July 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting the Board, based on a request from the Sheriff's Department, approved a payment that would cover an overage in inmate medical cost for the amount of \$46, 124.45. During the Finance Office review of the statements they discovered an addition error of \$3,013.47. Board action to approve this additional amount making the new total \$49,137.92 to cover the overage for inmate medical cost.

Mr. Moron clarified the \$46,124.45 is not PRIME. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to amend the motion from the last meeting to reflect paying inmate bills in the amount of \$49,137.92 instead of \$46,124.45. On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the PRIME and Buy-Rite bills today in the amount of \$10,590.16.**

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

16. During the July 20th Budget Workshop the Board directed the Finance Department and I to meet with the Sheriff Department to review and discuss their budget. We met on July 22nd and agreed to a budget that includes inmate medical. A copy of the budget is included in your packet. With the Sheriff's revised budget, the County can include a \$1000 raise for employees and remain at last year's millage rate of 6.3065. Board action to proceed with the budget as approved at the workshops and the items discussed today.

Mr. Moron stated the Board left two things tentative at the budget meetings as they did not want to commit to raises without addressing inmate medical. Mrs. Coulter explained in the proposed budget the Sheriff's Office will get 2 additional LPN's and the inmate medical was

increased from \$90,000 to \$145,000. Mr. Moron reported Mrs. Erin Griffith, Finance Office, took an average of 5 years of inmate medical bills and it was \$145,000. He stated this amount was placed in the Sheriff's budget for inmate medical. He said the budget was reduced for vehicles and the capital outlay for the building was removed. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept staff recommendation to incorporate this into the budget at the next budget hearing. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Watson expressed concern about the open ended medical care. He said the County, Sheriff, Public Defender's Office, State Attorney's Office and Circuit Court can work together to find a solution to this problem. He reported there are diversionary programs for sentencing and bonding out. Mrs. Coulter said they will be glad to work together with anyone on this issue and are open to suggestions. Mrs. Coulter reported at the last meeting someone contacted her about a potential savings on catastrophic inmate insurance. She explained they have already negotiated and contracted for this item this year but she talked with Mrs. Phillips and they may be able to talk with them next year. Mr. Moron said when the new State Attorney is elected, they should be able to sit down and speak with them about some options. **Motion carried; 5-0. On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to meet with the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Sheriff, Judges and Commission to see if they can work out something better about inmate medical.**

Mr. Alan Feifer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, discussed the \$1,000 across the board raise for county employees, constitutionals and departments. He asked how they reconcile this to all the raises that were given in the current budget. He explained some people received 10% raises and will also receive the \$1,000. Mr. Feifer reported some people received \$20,000 and \$10,000 increases and now they will also receive the \$1,000 raise. Chairman Massey stated the Board did not approve those raises. Mr. Feifer asked if the constitutionals were included in this raise. Commissioner Lockley said the constitutionals were included in the raise. Clerk Johnson stated they were included in the figures. Mr. Feifer reported the Sheriff's Office built raises into the budget. He said some departments will only get a \$1,000 raise and some departments get two raises and this has happened year after year. He stated it is not fair and all employees should be treated the same. He pointed out the budgets were supposed to be submitted without raises but some were submitted with raises. Chairman Massey said it is not a raise when you get stepped up to another position. Mr. Feifer asked if it bothers the Board if they stay in the same position and get an increase. Chairman Massey reported they will not get a raise if they stay in the same position. Mr. Feifer said his understanding is raises were given to some people who stayed in the same position. Mrs. Coulter stated when someone is promoted there is an increase but not every employee was given a raise. She explained people who were promoted were given a raise and there were a handful of employees who had been there a long time who received raises because of the salary differential throughout the years. She reported the starting salaries now are much different than they were years ago and there were a few salary adjustments for that. Mr. Feifer said not everyone received a raise but some people did. He reported the Board should say they are giving \$1,000 raise but not more than that unless the position changed. He stated the Sheriff indicated there were raises for people

in the same positions. Mr. Feifer reported the Board should address this issue. He stated setting the budget at the current millage rate will cause a 4.5% increase to the citizens. He asked the Board to try and reduce the amount of money being taken from the public and given for increases. He inquired if between now and the budget hearings, the Board could seek a goal to reduce spending and keep the peoples' interest in mind.

#### **Open Bids - Bald Point Road Widening & Resurfacing Project**

Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler started to open the bids but the Board decided to take a recess.

The meeting was recessed at 9:40 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

At this time Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler proceeded to open the bids, as follows:

Peavy & Son Construction Co., Inc.	Havana, FL	\$1,520,718.00	Bid Bond
Roberts & Roberts, Inc.	Tallahassee, FL	\$1,210,915.10	Bid Bond
C.W. Roberts Contracting Co., Inc.	Tallahassee, FL	\$1,312,200.09	Bid Bond

**Commissioner Sanders made a motion to turn the bids over to the County Engineer for a recommendation. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

#### **Open Bids-Franklin Courthouse HVAC Replacement**

At this time Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler opened the bids, as follows:

G.W. Services	Port St. Joe	\$59,450.00	Cashier's Check Alt. Bid \$4,950.00
Benson's Heating & A/C	Tallahassee, FL	\$90,974.00	Bid Bond Alt. Bid \$7,331.00
Amsco Air & Mechanical & Service Corp.	Tallahassee, FL	\$82,564.00	Bid Bond Alt. Bid \$10,754.00
Keith Lawson Services	Tallahassee, FL	\$87,097.00	Bid Bond Alt. Bid \$5,200.00

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to turn the bids over to Mr. Emo for a recommendation.**

Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Moron to make sure Mr. Emo knows to go over the bids very carefully as there is a large difference in the bids.



**Alan Pierce - RESTORE Coordinator – Report**

Mr. Moron read the following report:

1. As the Board is aware, the US Treasury has awarded Franklin County a Planning Grant to create the Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP), which is a requirement before the Board can actually receive any RESTORE funds for projects. The county's consultants, Dewberry, are also working on Gulf County's MYIP, so Franklin County should benefit from the experience Dewberry has already gained from Gulf County-Treasury interactions. The Franklin County RESTORE Committee (RAC) will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 4 PM, here in the commission room. The meeting will be advertised and is open to the public. Dewberry will bring the RAC members up to speed on where the county stands and the committee will begin the process of creating an MYIP. At the end, several months from now, the MYIP will be presented to the Board for approval as nothing will be sent to Treasury without Board approval. And, as a reminder, it is only the county that can submit an MYIP to Treasury. In every county, including Franklin, all municipalities seeking RESTORE funds must submit projects to the county RAC.
2. Inform the Board that on Tuesday, July 26, the Consortium consultants sent all 23 member counties an email with an application process to submit projects for inclusion in the State Expenditure Plan (SEP). The consultants have set a deadline of Sept. 2 for counties to submit projects as the consultants want to make a report to the Consortium at the Sept. 13 Consortium meeting. In the application process the consultants ask whether a county needs additional time beyond Sept 2, and whether the county needs assistance from the Consortium consultants. In responding for Franklin County, Alan requested additional time and assistance from the consultants. The application makes the statement that asking for additional time or assistance does not place a county at any disadvantage in being included in the SEP.

The Consortium has voted that each county will get the same amount of funds- 11.7M over 15 years. It is anticipated that the Consortium will further vote to agree that every county will get an equal distribution over time, so as the Board considers the type of projects it wants to include as its share of the SEP, the Board should keep in mind that it should receive approximately \$800K of funds each year for 15 years. If it is going to propose large capital projects it will need to space them out so that funding is available.

The attached documents were just received and provide the guidelines for the county to develop projects that will be funded through the Consortium (State Expenditure Plan- SEP). The basic guideline is that projects need to promote the environment or the economy of the county. The Board needs to be thinking about what kind of problems it wants to solve when developing projects. Projects funded by the SEP do not need to go through the same process as the other county RESTORE funds, but there will have to be some documented public involvement. Alan has asked the

Consortium for more time to develop the county's project list as the Consortium initially wanted a list of projects from each county by Sept. 2.

Commissioner Lockley asked what pot of money this is. Commissioner Parrish answered the Consortium Pot #3. He said he has some questions for Mr. Pierce when he returns. Mr. Moron stated the paperwork just came in last week. Commissioner Sanders said she talked with Mr. Pierce and there is no way to get everything together by September so they are hoping to have more time. She explained the ESA Consultants for the Consortium are already pushing this timeline. Commissioner Sanders said the small counties are not the same as they do not have a large support staff. Commissioner Parrish reported he does not understand why they need a list of everything the County is going to spend the money on. He explained things will change over time and the County may want to let the money build and choose their own projects. He said these are some of the projects they need to discuss with Mr. Pierce. Commissioner Parrish expressed concern that the MYIP will go to the Restore Committee and they will develop projects and then it will be brought to the Board. He explained if they present their projects and the Board has different ideas then it will waste a lot of time. He stated they should come to the Board first and get their priorities in addition to what is being submitted to the Restore Committee so the Committee has an idea of what the Board would like to fund. Commissioner Parrish reported he would hate to see volunteers in the committee put together a lot of ideas that are not the priorities of the Board. He suggested Dewberry come to the Board and have a workshop to establish some priorities they would like to see go to the Committee. Mr. Moron stated he will make a recommendation to Mr. Pierce and contact Dewberry to let them know how the Board feels. Commissioner Sanders reported she feels the same way. Commissioner Parrish stated everyone needs to work together on how to allocate and spend funds. He said the money will be there in Franklin County's name so they can look at this later as projects develop. Commissioner Sanders said if this keeps going on then the money will keep going to administrative costs. She explained she does not like to spend a lot of money on administrative costs but would like the money to go to projects and services. Commissioner Parrish stated they should come to the Board first. Commissioner Sanders agreed this Board has to approve everything as that is the way it was set up.

3. Inform the Board that Col. DeLapp, USACOE, replied to the Board's letter about the Eastpoint Channel and said that funds had not yet been allocated for the project. Alan called the Corps office in Panama City last week and he was assured that the Corps does intend to fund the project in the upcoming fiscal year.

#### **Michael Morón - County Coordinator – Report**

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

1. Inform the Board that the Florida Association of Counties Policy Committee Conference is scheduled for September 14-15 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott in Martin County.

Registration is open for this conference. Board action to approve travel and expenses for Commissioners that are attending.

Mr. Moron said he will need a list of all Commissioners who are attending. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve travel and expenses for all Commissioners that are attending.** Mr. Moron asked the Commissioners to contact Ms. Cheyenne Cruson in their office if they are attending.

2. Inform the Board that the Carrabelle Beach Park and St. George Island Beach Bathroom Renovation Project will be delayed for a few weeks. The ad ran as legal ad rather than display ad so contractors were not aware of the project. A display ad will run in the August 11th and August 18th Times editions. Bids will be opened at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Moron said these projects should only take 90 days to complete.

3. Inform the Board that FWC has provided a list of 16 derelict vessels that can be removed using their grant funds. Mr. Curenton and Mrs. Roxie Allen are in the process of seeking bids to remove these vessels. It is likely that all of the vessels will not be removed as there are limited funds from FWC, but the County will try and get the best price possible to remove as many vessels as possible.

Commissioner Lockley asked if these 16 vessels are in Franklin County. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Watson inquired about the size of the FWC grant. Mr. Moron said they have not given an amount but the County will get a percentage of the whole amount. He agreed to check with Mr. Curenton and let the Board know when they know the total amount. Chairman Massey reported the amount will be a statewide total. Mr. Moron said the numbers are changing so they have not given an amount yet. He stated some vessels may be close enough for the County to use county equipment to remove instead of having to use a contractor. Commissioner Parrish stated they need to keep track of exactly how many will be removed. He explained they could use some Restore funds for cleaning up the environment and removing the rest of the derelict vessels. He commented some vessels may contain hazardous waste so the County needs to be careful in removing them and disposing of them properly. He reported they can track and know where the vessels are and then FWC can remove the ones they are approved for. He said it should be a priority of the County to remove these vessels to prevent pollution of the waterways. Mr. Moron agreed to send the FWC list and location of the vessels to the Board. Commissioner Watson asked if there is an inventory of derelict vessels. Mr. Moron reported Mrs. Anita Grove, National Estuarine Research Reserve, also sent a list to the County but he does not think there is an inventory of all of the vessels. Commissioner Watson stated an inventory would be useful so they could identify funding sources to address the vessels. Mrs. Grove stated the Coast Guard does not have money to remove the boats so they focus on removing the fuel. She explained they went and checked

the boats, pulled the fuel out and then if anything is salvageable it goes through a maritime process. Commissioner Parrish reported they will remove the ones that are less expensive to remove. He explained the County has an obligation, if they have the ability, to clean the environment. He reported these funds are allocated specifically for environmental issues and the County may need to remove these vehicles while they have the resources to remove them.

Chairman Massey asked about the status of the boat ramp grants with FWC. Mr. Moron said they need to visit the exact areas where the boat ramps would be located. Mr. Moron stated they will have money in the next grant cycle. Chairman Massey discussed the property purchased east of the Pavilion in Eastpoint. Attorney Shuler agreed the County purchased this property.

4. Board action to accept the review committee's recommendation and select Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc. for the Construction Engineering Inspection Services for the Bald Point Road Widening and Repaving project. Alday-Howell is partnering with Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. on this project.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the committee's recommendation and select Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc. for the Construction Engineering Inspection Services for the Bald Point Road Widening and Repaving project.**

5. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution of Authorization and the Agreement for the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) for the resurfacing of Mill Road from State Road 30 to Burnt Bridge Road. Copies of both documents are in your packet.

Commissioner Parrish asked if this project will be bid out by the state. Mr. Moron was not sure but agreed to check with Mr. Curenton about the process. Commissioner Sanders said this is under the new criteria for SCOP that now allows unpaved roads to be included. She explained they submitted plans before but they would not fund dirt roads. She said this road is part of the evacuation route. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution of Authorization and the Agreement for the SCOP project.**

6. I was informed by Mr. Cooper that the generator located at the Bay City work camp would not be a cost benefit for the new construction project. However, there has been some local interest in purchasing the generator. Board action to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of the generator. This sale would be with no warranty, liability, or responsibility for moving the generator on behalf of the County. I will ask for Attorney Shuler's assistance with the advertisement.

Mr. Moron said it will take about 90 days to get with the auction company for them to complete an inventory of all the county equipment to be sold. He requested permission to advertise for this generator separately from the other equipment as there is interest in the generator. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for bids for the generator.**

7. At the last meeting the Board asked that I research the cost of iPads with bigger screens. The cost of iPads with 12.9" screens are \$829.00. The cost of these iPads will be offset by selling the older iPads through the auction company. Board action to approve the purchase of the iPads.

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to purchase the new larger 13" iPads.**

8. Inform the Board that the Annual Florida Association of Counties Calendar Photo Contest has begun. The theme for this year's contest is Florida Flora & Fauna. It is an opportunity to showcase amazing plants and animals that make our County and State one of the most beautiful places in the world. I have contacted TDC to see if they would be interested in reviewing and selecting the photos for submission.

Mr. Moron said he wanted to make sure the Board was comfortable with this publicity. He stated Mr. Blair agreed with him and will discuss this item with the TDC Board. He explained Mr. Blair would do the ad, collect the pictures and then present a packet to the Board showing what they would like to submit. Commissioner Parrish suggested they go to the Botanical Gardens as there are a lot of different species of plants in that area and it is maintained by the State Park system.

9. Board action to approve the use of SHIP program revenue funds for SHIP administrative expenses. These funds will be reimbursed once the State releases the SHIP \$350,000 allocation to the County.

Mr. Moron explained last time they allocated money for the program but this time it is for the administrative costs. He reported the revenue is some of the loans that have been paid back and Mrs. Lori Switzer, SHIP Administrator, can use 10% of those funds for administrative costs. He stated this revenue will be put back when the \$350,000 SHIP allocation is received. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the use of SHIP program revenue funds for SHIP Administrative expenses.**

10. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Franklin County CDBG Procurement Policy. This document has been reviewed and edited by Ms. Deborah Belcher and Attorney Shuler. A copy is attached to your packet.

Mr. Moron said this is the same document that was discussed at the last meeting. Attorney Shuler stated he completed a review of the document and it does change the current policy in place for non-CDBG purchasing but is a requirement of the federal super circular. He reported in order to be in compliance with the super circular for use of the federal CDBG funds, the County is creating a new purchasing policy only as to CDBG. He explained anything \$25,000 and over requires a bid. He read the bid requirements in the policy. He recommended approval of this policy. Ms. Belcher explained anything \$10,000 or above must be approved by the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Franklin County CDBG Procurement Policy.**

11. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution listing Mr. Garry Millender and I for certain positions as it relates to Florida Department of Transportation's Local Agency Program. Mr. Garry Millender and I are replacing Mr. Pierce and Mr. Robin Brinkley in these positions. A copy of the Resolution is included in your packet.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution listing Mr. Garry Millender and Mr. Michael Moron for certain positions as it relates to the Florida Department of Transportation's Local Agency Program.**

12. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the County's Title VI (of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan. This new version replaces Mr. Pierce's name with my name as the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator and replaces Mr. Brinkley's name with Mr. Garry Millender as the County's ADA officer. A copy of the plan is in your packet.

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the County's Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan.**

13. In your agenda packet is a copy of the Title VI, Section 504 and ADA Self-Evaluation and Statement of Compliance for the Annex Courthouse. No action is needed but it is required that I present this document to the Board at a public meeting so it is part of the official records.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Title VI, Section 504 and ADA Self Evaluation and Statement of Compliance for the Courthouse Annex.**

14. Inform the Board that the Finance Office would like to schedule an "End of Year Meeting" that would allow for the payment of invoices for the current Fiscal Year. This

meeting would be held on Sept 30th, which is a Friday, at 9am. Are there any schedule conflicts? In addition, the Budget Public Hearings are scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.

Mr. Moron asked the Board to let him know as soon as possible if there are any conflicts with these dates. Commissioner Watson asked if bills from the last fiscal year are paid in the next fiscal year. Clerk Johnson explained they try to pay everything on September 30th but there will be some bills that come in after that date. Commissioner Watson inquired if they will know on that date if anyone has not spent their entire allocated budget. Clerk Johnson stated not on that day. Commissioner Watson asked when they will know about the unspent funds. Clerk Johnson answered they actually have until October to close out the books. Commissioner Watson asked if there are usually funds that are unspent at the end of the year. Clerk Johnson stated there will be some money returned by the constitutionals and departments and this money is included in the figure listed as cash carried forward. She explained the Finance Office tries to estimate the cash carried forward based on prior years. Commissioner Watson agreed to contact Mrs. Griffith about this process. Mr. Moron pointed out there is an agreement with the Sheriff's Office that if the \$145,000 allocated for inmate medical is not spent, it will be returned to the County for the following year.

15. During the July 19th Budget Workshop the Board consolidated the three senior services fund line items into one and redirected those funds to Area Agency on Aging (AAA). AAA will allocate these funds to agencies who are interested in providing direct services to the County's seniors, especially those that are home bound, provided they meet the AAA's requirements. Board action to confirm this budget change.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to confirm the budget change for Senior Citizens.** Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Moron has received any comment about this change. Mr. Moron said the City of Apalachicola called and wanted to make sure there was an avenue for them to get money. He stated he explained the process of requesting the funds and he also talked with Ms. Lisa Bretz, Area Agency on Aging, about their request. He explained they can now leverage state funds for the senior citizen centers and the County funds can go for services.

Commissioner Watson left the meeting at this time.

16. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
17. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
18. It is with a sad note that I inform the Board of the passing of fellow Commissioner Frank Meeker of Flagler County. You may have had conversations with Commissioner Meeker during the last FAC Conference in June, especially during any of the Small County

Coalition meetings. Services were held on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at Parkview Baptist Church in Palm Coast.

Commissioner Watson returned to the meeting.

Chairman Massey asked the Board to write a letter thanking Mr. Ken LaPaz, Hog Wild Bar-B-Q, for cooking dinner and breakfast for the First Responders and Brotherhood Riders. Chairman Massey stated it was a good event and he served at the event along with Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Watson. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Ken LaPaz, for all his work supporting the communities around the county and for what he did for the Brotherhood Riders.** Commissioner Watson stated this was a good event and the people of Carrabelle turned out for this event. Chairman Massey said the Riders traveled from Naples to Carrabelle and had ridden from Perry that morning. Commissioner Sanders reported the important thing was they rode for two fallen officers in the County-Mr. John Patton and Mr. Fred Babb. She stated their destination was Fort Walton Beach. Mr. Ashley Teat, a resident of Apalachicola, thanked Mr. LaPaz and said if there is a death in the County, they provide for the family in addition to providing for the local schools. He suggested the Board set aside a place in the County for a monument for the fallen heroes. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to set aside an area for a monument for fallen firefighters, veterans, and police officers.**

Mr. Moron said he attended the Hospital Board meeting last week. He explained Mr. Cooper stated they still have not received the \$350,000 in meaningful use money and do not expect the LIP funding until October. Mr. Moron reported they had just transferred the general ledger to the new software and there were glitches so no financials were presented. Mr. Moron said a report will be submitted to the Board by the end of the week concerning cash flow and any issues. He explained there is no new information regarding the building plans. He stated they are hoping AHCA will approve the plans so they can get a number, guaranteed by a contractor, to present to this Board so they can move forward with the project. Mr. Moron reported they do have a cash flow problem due to the delay in meaningful use and LIP/DISH funding. He stated Mr. Cooper estimated the lack of these funds is costing about \$125,000 a month and they are short. Mr. Moron said Mr. Graham will have a report by Friday as to how long this will continue. Mr. Moron reported there is no progress on the management agreement. He said TMH will be meeting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party soon and hopefully will have more information about the management agreement to present at the second Board meeting in August. Mr. Moron said he asked Mr. Cooper if the agreement will be another layer of management or if this company is providing assistance. He said Mr. Cooper thinks TMH will approach the Board about leasing the hospital and taking over the management or the two companies will come to the Board with some kind of lease agreement which relieves the management from the Board. He explained Mr. Cooper did not like the performance of the clinics and is meeting with the doctor and the nurse practitioner to find out why the numbers are where they are. Chairman Massey



reported the people in Carrabelle refuse to see the doctor at the Carrabelle Clinic. He stated she will not write their blood pressure prescriptions and has changed all of them. He said he and Commissioner Sanders have been receiving 10-15 calls a day about the doctor at the clinic. Mr. Moron reported he will forward these concerns to Mr. Cooper. Commissioner Sanders questioned if the Hospital Board and Mr. Cooper are aware when they do reappointments to the Board of Directors, they are supposed to come back to this Board for approval. Mr. Moron said he will ask about the reappointments. Commissioner Sanders reported she reappointed a person in 2013 and her term goes out this year. She explained they have always, in the past, ratified the appointments to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Sanders stated this Board put the Board of Directors there. Mr. Moron commented the Hospital Board consists of 5 members and 2 at large positions. Commissioner Sanders stated there is also a medical person that is a non-voting member. Commissioner Parrish agreed when the terms expire, they should come back here so the individual Commissioners can reappoint or select other individuals. Commissioner Sanders said the Board of Directors does not vote on the members, it should come back to this Board. She reported there are some questions about what needs to be done. She brought into discussion an article titled "With Hospitals in Critical Condition, Can Rural America Survive". She commented it said in the next 2 years, the majority of critical access hospitals will have to close because of Medicaid issues and AHCA issues. Chairman Massey said it will be November or December before they get the LIP funding, if they get it. Commissioner Watson stated this is why it is important to proceed with the discussions with TMH because the cash flow at the Hospital is an ongoing issue. Mr. Moron stated he will forward the Board of Directors' report to the Commissioners. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to meet with the Hospital Board of Directors in a special meeting. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Attorney Shuler reminded the Board in a special meeting, they have to state a purpose as to what they will be doing. He suggested the Board just schedule a meeting to meet with them as they may be limited in what they want to do in a special meeting. Commissioner Sanders stated the special issues can be broad such as the hospital, clinics, and ambulance service. Commissioner Watson asked about the timing of the special meeting as they are waiting to hear back from TMH. Commissioner Sanders reported they should meet before they hear back from TMH so they know where they need to go. Commissioner Lockley stated they need a meeting on an informational basis. Mr. Moron asked if they need to set a specific date and time or give him permission to set a date and post it on the website. Attorney Shuler recommended they give the authority to Mr. Moron to schedule it at a convenient date and advertise it on the website. Commissioner Sanders said to contact the Hospital Board members and see when they can meet and make it workable for everyone. Commissioner Lockley stated the Board said they were going to build the hospital and they are going to build it. He explained they have to collect some money and show progress and get the hospital built. Commissioner Lockley reported the County cannot keep giving them money every week. Mr. Moron said after the Board votes, he will get back with a specific date and time. Commissioner Sanders stated some of the people from the hospital sector have told her that last year some people at the Hospital got substantial raises. She said if raises are being given and they have to borrow money for payroll, then the Board needs to question it. Chairman Massey stated there were

several big raises. The Board discussed meeting in a special meeting or workshop.

**Commissioner Lockley clarified the meeting would be a workshop. Motion carried; 5-0.**

#### **Michael Shuler - County Attorney - Report**

Attorney Shuler did not have a report at this time.

#### **Commissioners & Public Comments**

Commissioner Lockley informed the Board he got someone to serve on the Airport Board and he is looking for someone for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Lockley said it is Steve Kershenbaum.

Mr. Teat thanked the Board for recognizing the fallen heroes and suggested the TDC location in Eastpoint as a place for the monument.

Attorney Shuler brought into discussion the plat for Mrs. Barbara Withers. He said the plat was approved at the last meeting and when he reviewed it, the plat consisted of parcels a, b, & c. He said there was some confusion and he asked them to remove the third lot from the subdivision plat so it will only consists of the two lots the Board approved at the last meeting. He reported this does not require any more Board action but he wanted them to know they will be signing this plat today with this amendment. He said they are doing less than the Board approved instead of more than the Board approved but he wanted them to know about the amendment to the plat.

Mr. Chris Langston appeared before the Board. He stated only 3% in the Restore Act can be allowed for administrative costs. Commissioner Sanders reported it is up to 7%. Mr. Langston said he appeared before and talked about environmental issues in relation to the Restore Act. He reported they are talking about getting back into the mining business located on Highway 67. Mr. Langston requested Mr. Nabors give him a letter stating the County will purchase a certain number of tons at a certain price for road base. Mr. Langston reported the County is traveling up to 200 miles round trip for their base material and getting it for \$19.43 per ton delivered. He explained they can save the County money and will be the only county they supply. He estimated it is 62 miles round trip from their site to the County site and they can save the County \$100,000-\$150,000. He said this letter will help for their purposes in the event they need to get additional financing. Mr. Langston stated this will also help his partners understand why they are leaning toward road construction and not environmental. He said this letter is non-binding and is just a letter of intent. Commissioner Sanders asked if this product is DOT certified. Mr. Langston said coming out the gate no. Commissioner Sanders reported the County does not purchase limerock unless it is DOT certified. Mr. Langston stated it will take him about two weeks. Commissioner Sanders reported Buckeye owned this property since 1955 and prior to that it was owned by Mitchell Timber Company. She explained Buckeye owned the property where Mr. Langston is located and they conducted test digs on

the property. She reported if this had been a good product, they would have put it on their roads. She reported her problem is the material is not DOT certified and they cannot use it on the roads. Mr. Langston said this will be the same formation he was in production of ten years ago. Commissioner Sanders stated they have always left this issue up to the Road Department superintendent. Commissioner Parrish explained it is about the quality of the material. He said coming to the Board is trying to circumvent the Road Department Superintendent. He reported the Board does not buy the material or know the different qualities of the material. Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Langston needs to talk with Mr. Nabors and explain to him what product he has. He was not in favor of writing this letter as he does not have the expertise in purchasing these supplies. Mr. Langston reported he has already talked with Mr. Nabors and he does not have a problem writing the letter but he did not want to step over the Board. Commissioner Sanders stated Mr. Langston needs to follow the line of protocol. Commissioner Parrish said if Mr. Nabors wants to purchase the property then he will make that decision. He explained he does not see why this letter is needed. Mr. Langston said he formed this partnership to go back in the mining business for the environmental issues. He reported he sees a way to save the County money and in the process the people who are going to invest in this business are trying to find out why he wants to supply Franklin County with a material that will be going into the bay. He explained his business will be providing jobs and the money will stay in the county. Mr. Langston said he talked previously with the Board about limerock being introduced into the bay. Commissioner Parrish stated he is opposed to putting limerock in the bay. Mr. Langston said he is opposed to it also. Commissioner Parrish reported the State purchases clutch material and these issues have nothing to do with the Board. Commissioner Lockley asked what Mr. Langston is asking for. Mr. Langston said he wants a letter saying the County purchases approximately 50,000 tons at \$19.43 a ton so he can take this to his partners so he can show them how they can provide it for less than \$17.00. Commissioner Lockley said he does not know how much the base material is purchased for. Mr. Langston stated these are the figures Mr. Nabors gave him and he just wants it in a letter. Chairman Massey agreed to call Mr. Nabors after the meeting.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts