

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

**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.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to be approved.

**Payment of County Bills**

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

Mr. Moron said he would like to make an addendum to the Agenda as Mr. Pierce is on speaker phone with an update from Alligator Point. Mr. Pierce reported Governor Rick Scott was present at Alligator Point on Saturday and met with Commissioner Sanders. He explained the Governor may assist with some emergency repairs. He said there will be a follow up call with him, Preble-Rish and DOT to see if they can help. He explained the immediate concern is about 1000 feet of Alligator Drive that is only one lane. Mr. Pierce thanked the County Road Department and Roberts & Roberts for putting the road back together. He reported the road will stay this way until the county has a permit to repair the damage. Mr. Pierce advised the Board this road will represent a challenge for the people and the Sheriff's Department. He said he attended the Alligator Point Taxpayers' meeting and told them this road could be one lane from 2 weeks to 2 months as he is not sure how long it will take to get a permit for repairs. He stated the property owners were informed this road would stay like this

for a while and the Sheriff's Department is manning the road. He suggested contacting Preble-Rish to get temporary, portable signs for the area so the Sheriff's deputies will not have to stay there. He questioned how long the county can get money for protective measures. Mr. Pierce stated the FEMA Damage Assessment crew will be in Dixie County and Levy County today and then move from there possibly to the panhandle. He felt like FEMA would be here sometime this week and would need a list of damaged facilities. He estimated the Ochlocknee Bay Boat Ramp damages to be \$25,000. He discussed damages to Gulf Shore Boulevard, Alligator Drive, and the Alligator Point Revetment. Mr. Pierce explained the County cannot build a road in front of the KOA but will need FEMA funds to remove the debris or DEP will cite the County. He said there is 1,000 feet of asphalt torn up so they need a PW written specifically for debris removal. He stated they also need to rebuild a paved bike path. He reported both dune walkovers at Alligator Point were damaged but the one at Chip Morrison Road was destroyed and they would like Mr. Davis to close the walkover. He stated Gulf Shore Blvd. also received damage and they have an outstanding PW from 3 years ago but they will need to write another one for this section of the road. Mr. Pierce stated if they get permission to relocate the road then this road will not need to be repaired as they will not need Gulf Shore Blvd. He said until the road is relocated, the County will need to continue to seek funds to repair it. Mr. Pierce reported the Bald Point Road culvert head wall may have been damaged so they will need the FEMA Damage Assessment team to review it. He recommended Preble-Rish assist in evaluating the facilities. Commissioner Sanders reported she spoke with representatives from DOT and FEMA on Saturday evening and told them the County has about half a million for the Gulf Shore Blvd. area and they need to reallocate the money for relocation of the road. She said the most important thing is the state needs to look at the re-designation of ownership of Alligator Drive. She explained this road was under state ownership until the 1980's and then they gave it to the County. She reported the State needs to take this road back because the County does not have the money to build this road back. Commissioner Sanders stated if the County keeps this road they need to look at money and a design to elevate the road or armor the road by building a better seawall. She said this area was not supposed to get the worst of the storm but received 80 mph winds. She reported the County has not heard back from the state because the other counties to the east were hurt more than Franklin County but this road is a big problem. Commissioner Watson questioned who coordinates the interaction with FEMA. Commissioner Sanders reported it has always been Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Brownell. Commissioner Sanders said there is still no solution for the road and west of the break, there are 300 people who own homes. She went on to say some of these families have been here since the 1930's or 1940's. She said their job is to try and help the people on Alligator Point. Mr. Pierce commented there is only one section of road and the road cannot be moved inland because they are at the edge of the County's right-of-way. He stated if the county is going to maintain this road, it must be a bigger, stronger road or they will continue to have this kind of damage. Commissioner Parrish said he would like the Board to write a letter to the state asking them to take the road back. He explained the state took back the Cape San Blas Road in Gulf County. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to write a letter to the state to regain ownership of Alligator Drive.**

**Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said they have been watching this area and there is always the same problem. He stated this road will never hold up and they may need a bridge as the land washes out. Mr. Pierce reported the Board increasing the gas tax will work in their favor in seeking help for this road as it also increased revenue for the state. He pointed out even if they are declared a federal disaster area, they must still provide 12 ½% of the repair costs. He stated the County may not even have the match amount. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Report submitted by Mr. Pierce:

My understanding is that FEMA Damage Assessment crews will start in Dixie and Levy counties today. Pam may have a timeline for when they will get to Franklin County but on the conference call Sunday night it was not stated when the team would get to us.

However, when they arrive they usually are expecting the county to be ready to show them the damaged facilities so they can start the process of writing the Project Worksheets (PWs).

This is my list of county owned facilities on Alligator Point that were damaged. Please note, I only know about Alligator Point. Pam or Howard need to compile the list for the rest of the county.

I will list each facility separately as I believe that is how FEMA will write them up.

1. Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp- the floating dock and finger pier was heavily damaged.
2. Gulf Shore Blvd- an additional 100 feet of road has been destroyed. This is beyond the section covered by PW 592 from FEMA 4068 (It might be PW 591 as I keep getting the number mixed up, but whatever the number the folder is on the floor behind my office chair.) This PW should be written to assist in getting the road relocated in the route already approved by the state.
3. Alligator Drive from George Vause to Tom Roberts- this is 1000 feet of road destroyed. It is currently one lane so there are traffic control costs ongoing.
4. Alligator Drive Revetment from George Vause to Tom Roberts- needs to be enhanced.
5. Debris removal on Alligator Drive in front of old KOA.
6. Installation of a paved bike path in the same area. The existing road in that area was redesignated as a biking area and we need to see if we can rebuild that.
7. Chip Morrison Road- about 1000 feet was destroyed
- 8- All the dune walkovers on the Point need to be repaired.
- 9- Bald Point Road culvert head wall might have been damaged.
- 10- Alligator Drive down by the marina might have been damaged but I could not get down there at the time to look at it.

I had created rough estimates with Clay Smallwood for some of these facilities but Preble-Rish with FEMA can do a much better job. Pam has my initial numbers.

It is my suggestion that Preble-Rish visit all these sites before FEMA arrives so that they can be prepared with better cost estimates.

## **Department Directors Report**

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

Mr. Nabors stated Gulf Shore Blvd. is being taken piece by piece and has been very expensive to repair over the years. He said St. George Island has a lot of debris and a couple of roads washed into. He stated St. George Island received a lot of rain and some roads were flooded and will be fixed today. He reported the rest of County had some trees and limbs down but was okay. He stated Mrs. Brownell did a good job and kept them informed during the storm. Commissioner Sanders reported Mr. Nabors and the County employees did a good job. Commissioner Lockley asked how it was at St. Teresa. Mr. Nabors stated they did okay but the roads were in bad shape due to the rain. Mr. Moron advised the Board there are pictures of the storm damage on their tablets. He said these pictures were taken by the Road Department. Commissioner Watson asked if they have determined the order of road repairs. Mr. Nabors answered they are on Sawyer Road now and the back road that was washed into. He stated the debris has been pushed out of the road until they receive further notice to pick it up. He reported on Chip Morrison Road about 40 yards of the road is gone. He explained they blocked the road off and will need to get the asphalt out before they can fix the road. Commissioner Sanders said it is one of the issues and is still only a one lane road. Mr. Nabors stated if anyone runs off the road, it is very deep. Commissioner Watson complimented Mr. Nabors and the County staff for getting the seaweed off the road. Mr. Ben Huston, a resident of Alligator Point, thanked Commissioner Sanders, Mr. Nabors, Mr. Pierce, Roberts Construction & Duke Energy for the rapid response to their problem. Mr. Alan Feifer, a resident of Alligator Point, said the Sheriff's Department was not out on the road yesterday but people are getting by on the one lane road as there is room to pass. He explained people are being very careful so they may not need the traffic light. He said Duke Energy stated they will have the power back on to Gulf Shore Blvd. today. Chairman Massey asked if the traffic coming to Alligator Point has slowed down. Ms. Feifer reported they had a lot of cars yesterday and he thinks they are coming out to see the damage. He said the road is working and thanked Mr. Nabors for his work.

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

Mr. Davis asked if the Board would like to give permission to start collecting the debris. He said Mrs. Brownell said it will be okay as long as they take some pictures or they can wait for a disaster declaration. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Brownell about this issue. Mrs. Brownell reported they do not need to pick up anything along the state highways until she receives clarification from the state on who is collecting the debris. She explained if the municipalities are not going to collect their debris then they need to send a request into her office asking the County to help them collect the debris. She went on to say the County would need to separate the debris collected from the municipalities. Mrs. Brownell explained the County can start collecting debris on the County roads but it must be documented as if they are going to receive a disaster declaration. She reported the debris will need to be separated and come across the weigh station. She said the County staff has started explaining about

separating the debris. She reported no household garbage can be collected. Commissioner Parrish reported there is a lot of debris that needs to be collected. He explained if another storm comes, it will blow this debris around. He expressed concern that the Solid Waste Department will have a hard time collecting the debris and asked about the debris removal contracts. Mrs. Brownell said she can implement the debris removal contracts but the County must pay for the removal as there has not been a declaration at this time. She reported the County will need a FEMA declaration to receive reimbursement. Commissioner Parrish suggested getting in touch with the state to find out the timeline for hearing from the federal government. He stated the Solid Waste Department may need assistance as the debris is county-wide. Mrs. Brownell agreed to contact the state and asked if the Board would like to implement the debris collection contract. Commissioner Sanders stated the County needs to make sure the municipalities are contacted about debris collection. Mrs. Brownell agreed she will send out a notice to the municipalities today. Commissioner Parrish stated if the County needs assistance and gets the declaration then they can use debris collectors. He reported the Solid Waste Department does not have the ability to collect all this debris from the county, municipalities and complete their regular work in a timely fashion. Mrs. Brownell said each municipality should have their own debris removal contractor as they went out for RFP's. She reported she has requested a copy of their contracts and debris management plans but does not know if the contracts were ever signed. Commissioner Parrish advised Mrs. Brownell he does not want the County to incur the costs of this collection. He explained if the County does not get a declaration, then they do not need to implement the debris removal contracts. Mrs. Brownell stated she does not know when they will come in to do the damage assessments. Commissioner Lockley asked if the County is going to work overtime or just regular hours. Commissioner Parrish said they should not work overtime until they get a declaration as the County will not be compensated for the overtime hours. Mrs. Brownell reported the County's threshold is \$34,000 and they have met their threshold but she does not know if the State has met their threshold. Commissioner Parrish felt the state would meet their threshold. He asked Mrs. Brownell to keep the Commissioners updated. Commissioner Watson questioned how the debris should be separated. Mrs. Brownell answered the debris must be separated as yard debris, white goods and dock debris. She said the wet seaweed does not need to be included with the yard trash as it has to dry. Mr. Davis reported the seaweed is used for cover in the Construction & Demolition site so it is good to keep it separated. He said white good and toys would be eligible for pick up if they were caused by the storm but also need to be separated. Commissioner Watson suggested this information be placed on the County's website. Mrs. Brownell said they started advertising this information on the website Sunday. Mr. Davis asked if the Board would like him to begin picking up the debris or wait. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to start picking up the debris and get it cleaned up.** He explained if the county gets another storm in a couple of weeks, this debris will still be out there and will blow around. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Davis questioned if they should only pick up during normal working hours. Chairman Massey answered yes, until the County knows if it will receive a declaration and can be reimbursed. **Commissioner Lockley**

**amended the motion to reflect if the County receives the declaration, the employees can complete overtime. Commissioner Sanders amended her second. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Davis reported Mr. Jimmie Rickards, a resident of Apalachicola, has called complaining the soccer field is too close to his house and he would like it moved across the street. Mr. Davis said he informed him the Board would have to address this matter. Mr. Moron reminded the Board the County received a FRDAP grant based on the soccer field site they submitted so it may not be easy to change. Commissioner Lockley asked if another location was found for the soccer field. Commissioner Parrish reported they found another site near the road adjacent to the baseball complex so the site was moved. He explained the County owned 6 acres on Pal Rivers Road and this site is about 400 yards from Mr. Rickard's house. He reported they tried to accommodate Mr. Rickards but they do not want to move the soccer field across the street as the children would have to cross the street to reach the bathroom facilities. He said he is not in favor of the children having to cross the road. He reported moving the site to the 6 acres gave Mr. Rickards 200-300 yards of vegetated buffer which the County will leave and not clear. He explained if lights are ever placed there, they can face the road and not Mr. Rickards' property. Commissioner Parrish stated the soccer field is in his district and he tried to accommodate the people wanting the field and also the residents in the area and they have done the best they could do. Mr. Moron said he will need to check with Mr. Curenton as the County may not qualify for the grant if the site is moved. Commissioner Watson questioned if Mr. Rickards is aware the site was moved. Mr. Davis answered yes, and said he talked with Mr. Rickards. Commissioner Sanders pointed out this grant application was submitted a couple of times before it was funded. Mr. Davis agreed to contact Mr. Rickards.

#### **Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director**

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board and presented her report, as follows:

##### **Action Items:**

1. Request Board Approval and Signing of CERT grant in the amount \$7,600.
2. Discussion of quotes for repair of Tower at EOC.

Mrs. Brownell thanked her Cert (Community Emergency Response Teams) for their work. She requested the Board approve the CERT grant as these funds are used for training the Cert Team. She said it was wonderful for the Cert Team to be at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) working and checking the community and reporting back. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the CERT Grant in the amount of \$7,600 and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant.**

Mrs. Brownell brought into discussion quotes for the repair of the tower at EOC. She explained during the storm Verizon communications went down on Alligator Point while they had damage assessment teams out and they had no contact by cell phone. She said they need this tower up

and running for the ham radio operators as they can always use this kind of communication. She explained there is no way to get up on the tower to reach the two antennas on the top to even do maintenance. She said something was rattling on the tower during the storm and she was worried it would fall on their roof or someone else's roof. Mrs. Brownell stated only one contractor replied when she requested a quote. She reported the contractor is Chris' Custom Welding & Fabrication, LLC. She stated this is an emergency and the tower needs to be fixed. She explained the antennas need to be operational as another storm could take out all communications and all they would have would be the ham radio operators. Commissioner Watson asked if only one bid was received. Mrs. Brownell said she called and sent emails and this is the only quote they received. Chairman Massey asked Attorney Shuler if the County can move forward with only one bid. Attorney Shuler said it appears Mrs. Brownell is suggesting a declaration of an emergency so they can address the issue with the bid submitted. He reported Mrs. Brownell indicated communications were down in the last storm so the Board has enough of a factual basis to exercise their authority to declare a state of emergency. He explained the Board can waive the bid requirements and accept this proposal. Commissioner Sanders reported the County is still operating under the state of emergency that was issued last week for the storm and asked if the County can take this action under that declaration. Attorney Shuler said he would like a separate motion as this statement of emergency is a little different since this damage was pre-existing. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to declare a state of emergency and accept the bid from Chris' Custom Welding & Fabrication, LLC.** Clerk Johnson asked where the money is coming from for this repair. She inquired if Mrs. Brownell has contacted the Finance Department. Mrs. Brownell answered no, and said she does not have the money in her budget. Commissioner Parrish said if there is no other source of funds then the money will have to come out of Reserve for Contingency. He went on to say he would rather find another source as he is leery of using the Reserve for Contingency. He reported this is an emergency situation. **Commissioner Watson amended his motion to identify a source of funds to pay the \$12,331.13 and if no other source can be located then pay the money out of Reserve for Contingency. Commissioner Lockley amended his second. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Moron stated the Chairman has the authority to declare an emergency but he needs the Board to ratify the State of Emergency Proclamation issued for the storm. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the State of Emergency Proclamation.** Mr. Moron said Mrs. Brownell would like to extend the State of Emergency. Mrs. Brownell stated the State of Emergency Proclamation is good for 7 days and the extension is good for 7 more days. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to extend the State of Emergency for 7 days.**

Mrs. Brownell said they are monitoring another storm-L92. Mrs. Brownell stated she contacted the State for sand bags and was told to contact a vendor. She reported the vendor is shipping the sand bags today and they will be here Thursday. She said the Road Department and Solid

Waste Department will be contacted about the inmates filling the sand bags. She informed the Board she had 10,000 sand bags filled and has 200 left. She said there is another storm and all the rain that fell in the states above Florida will be flowing down. Commissioner Lockley asked if L92 is following the same path. Mrs. Brownell was not sure but said they do expect the storm to strengthen. She reported Franklin County did not take a direct hit and it could have been much worse. Commissioner Sanders said Dixie and Levy Counties had tremendous rainfall and they were predicting on Thursday they would meet the threshold of the equivalent of flooding for a 100 year storm. Commissioner Sanders said there are still a lot of people without power. Mrs. Brownell informed the Board in relation to the 12 ½% the County must pay; they can count the volunteer hours. Mrs. Brownell thanked everyone for their work during the storm. She said the ESF Team manned by Mrs. Beth Brinkley at Resort Vacation Realty Properties was out Friday assessing the damage. She explained the business paid their people so the County can count their hours as volunteer hours. She reported Mrs. Rhonda Skipper, Property Appraiser, was out at Alligator Point and her employees were also out working. Commissioner Parrish said Mrs. Brownell did a good job and works and answers to the Board.

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. September 8<sup>th</sup> FCEOC will be meeting with Danny Hinson regarding CRS.
3. September 13<sup>th</sup> FCEOC will be hosting the final planning meeting for the Communications Exercise.
4. Franklin County EOC responded to Tropical Depression #9. FCEOC Activated to Level 2 on 08/31/16 at 8:00 AM.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Jarod Wester, Emergency Medical Services Director, to comment if they had any communication problems during the storm. Mr. Wester said there was a great response to the storm. He explained there was a good plan and it was well executed. He reported the communication from EOC was direct and they did a fantastic job. Commissioner Sanders asked if the radios worked well. Mr. Wester answered yes, and said they did not have any issues. He explained there was not a lot medically going on during the storm but they did move some hospice patients and brought them back after the storm. Mrs. Brownell said the community pulled together through the storm.

**Erik Lovestrand - Extension Office Director**

Mr. Lovestrand said the Board had questions about the herbicide sprayed on utility areas and this information was included in his report. He said the chemicals are typical but he is not sure about the application. He explained one of the chemicals is not recommended for aquatic areas and these areas drain to coastal areas. He reported the only way to know if the chemicals reached the coastal areas are through sampling. Mr. Lovestrand asked the Board to let him know if they have any questions.



Mr. Lovestrand informed the Board the University of Florida (UF) has decided not to seek additional funding for the new facility. He explained the Dean made the decision as they do not have money to cover the additional costs. He reported the UF is checking on how the money received from the Legislature can be utilized for the Franklin County Extension Office. Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Lovestrand's Office will have to move back to the Armory. She explained they will not receive any more funds from the state right now as it is in the middle of the funding cycle. Mr. Moron agreed they will go back to the Armory as the County does not have any more locations. Mr. Lovestrand said the project could be reworked for a lot less money. He reported the lab was about \$250,000 of the project cost. Commissioner Sanders stated the parking lot has been paved. Mr. Lovestrand said the culvert installation has been complete and the asphalt was removed. He explained the UF is committed to paying for this work. Commissioner Sanders stated the Board advocated with their legislative delegation for the UF to get the funding. Mr. Lovestrand explained the UF did not feel like they could secure the extra funding when the increases came in from the contractors. He said they can seek additional funding from the Legislature but right now they are out of options. Commissioner Watson asked if there is a way to do less and rework the scope of work to get within the \$400,000. Mr. Lovestrand answered they would have to ask the Dean if there is support without the lab. He explained some of the cost was related to UF code requirements for buildings. He reported construction and outfitting the lab is always very expensive. Commissioner Lockley asked if they can start the facility and add the lab later. Mr. Lovestrand reported the message he got was the UF was not going to seek additional funds for this project. He said they are not interested in finding additional funding without the lab. He volunteered to talk with any of the Commissioners individually and ask the UF any questions they have about the project. Commissioner Watson stated he would like to see the project completed within the money allocated even if it means decreasing the scope of work. Commissioner Watson asked if the Board can approach the Dean at the UF. Mr. Lovestrand said the Board has the opportunity to talk with the Dean. Commissioner Watson reported they may need to add the lab later. Mr. Lovestrand said \$250,000 was allocated from the Legislature for this project and that is not enough to complete the work without some funding from the UF. Commissioner Lockley reported the UF will need to add money if they want this facility in Franklin County. Mr. Lovestrand pointed out that traditionally the County provides the extension facility but the UF was interested in adding money since a lab would be included. Commissioner Sanders said this is similar to grants at the library, the County does not have the resources for this project. She suggested the UF ask for an extension so they do not lose the allocated funds and then seek additional funding from the Legislature next session or use the \$250,000 to complete the building in phases. Commissioner Sanders stated the UF should not let the funding issue keep them from having a facility to benefit the people in the community. Chairman Massey reported it will be hard to get the money back. Commissioner Sanders agreed if they allow the UF to give up the \$250,000, they will never get funding again. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to write the UF Dean and suggest asking for an extension or completing the work that**

**can be done with \$250,000 as they understand the viability of this facility and the importance to the local economy and they hope the UF will consider this also.** Commissioner Parrish asked if the Legislature is in session early next year. Commissioner Watson said March. Commissioner Parrish reported they need to ask for another appropriation to finish this project. He said they need to get the exact maximum cost and then go back and seek additional funds. He reported they need to include the cost of the lab so they can conduct studies on Apalachicola Bay. He said this information can be given to their local legislative delegation to move this project forward. He said some other projects were funded at higher amounts but the County did not ask for more money as they thought there was enough for the project. He suggested Mr. Lovestrand approach the Dean about seeking additional funds. Commissioner Parrish reported the County does not have the funds to provide this facility but they can approach the state for a grant. Mr. Lovestrand explained when they submitted the grant last year the deadline was October 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Watson said the deadline will be later as the session starts later. Commissioner Parrish reported Mr. Lovestrand needs to go back to the Dean and draw up another plan to ask for additional funds to move this project forward. Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Lovestrand needs to provide more information at the next Board meeting after he meets with the Dean. Commissioner Parrish said at that time the Board can decide if they want to request additional funds and how much they will request. Commissioner Watson agreed to contact the lobbyist at the UF about the deadlines. Commissioner Lockley suggested using phases to complete the project. Mr. Lovestrand agreed the UF has done this on some projects. He said DEP is interested in someone occupying the building. He stated he will review the deadlines in the sublease the UF has with DEP. He expressed appreciation for the Board's concern and interest.

## **Franklin County Extension Activities August 17 – September 6, 2016**

### **General Extension Activities:**

- Extension Director assisted the Board by gathering information related to herbicide treatment along utility right of ways in County (See attached Summary document).
- Extension Director participated in regional "Water School" educational event hosted by Panhandle natural resources Extension Faculty.
- Extension Staff hosted an unscheduled extra meeting with the Extension Advisory Committee and the District Extension Director to further discuss facility funding needs and plans.
- Extension Director was informed by the University (and has subsequently informed Commissioners individually) that a decision has been made regarding the funding shortfall for the facility project. Final GMP pricing from the contractor was much higher than anticipated. The deficit is too large and the University will not be able to secure the additional funding needed to acquire the former FDEP building in Apalachicola. Regarding the State appropriation already obtained, this money can still be used to support Franklin Counties Extension facility needs. My personal recommendation is that the County use these funds as match (unless seeking state funds) to seek other funding,

rebid the project with a much reduced scope of work, and acquire the facility from FDEP for a County-owned building and Extension office as originally planned.

#### Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director met with Gulf and Bay County Sea Grant Faculty for planning the training workshop with staff who will be hired by IFAS to work on the Dark Skies Turtle lighting project.
- Sea turtle lighting equipment continues to be distributed to beachfront property owners in the County.

#### 4-H Youth Development:

- Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet.
- Extension Staff handing out t-shirts to youth who attended 4-H summer camp this year.

#### Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant back to conducting nutrition programs with 4<sup>th</sup> grade children in local schools.

#### Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Extension Director proctored pesticide certification exam for Natural Areas Weed Management license.
- Wakulla Co. Extension Director provided invasive weed program at the Eastpoint branch of the library.

#### IFAS Extension office assessment of spray mix being used on utility right of ways

##### In Franklin County

Comments regarding **Arsenal** (BASF Chemical Co.): From Product Label and other sources.

- **Arsenal's** active chemical is **Imazapyr**. Imazapyr is a non-selective herbicide used for the control of a broad range of weeds including terrestrial annual and perennial grasses and broadleaved herbs, woody species, and riparian and emergent aquatic species. Because imazapyr is a weak acid herbicide, environmental pH will determine its chemical structure, which in turn determines its environmental persistence and mobility. Below pH 5 the adsorption capacity of imazapyr increases and limits its movement in soil. Above pH 5, greater concentrations of imazapyr **become negatively charged, fail to bind tightly with soils, and remain available (for plant uptake and/or microbial breakdown)**. In soils imazapyr is degraded primarily by microbial metabolism. It is not, however, degraded significantly by photolysis or other chemical reactions. The half-life of imazapyr in soil ranges from one to five months. In aqueous solutions, imazapyr may undergo photodegradation with a half-life of two days. **Imazapyr is not highly toxic to**

birds and mammals. Studies indicate imazapyr is excreted by mammalian systems rapidly with no bioaccumulation. It has a low toxicity to fish, and algae and submersed vegetation are not affected.

- Arsenal is listed for use in aquatic habitats, including estuaries but the current application is not focused on aquatic vegetation. Unless ditches close to Bay were flowing heavily during application and applicators were applying spray directly to water surface, not likely to result in chemical in Bay. Potential wind drift should be considered also.
- In aquatic applications Arsenal is applied to emergent plants. It has little or no effect on submerged vegetation (i.e. sea grasses) even when applied directly to water surface.

Comments regarding **Rodeo** (Dow Agro Sciences chemical) From Product Label and other Sources

- **Rodeo's** active chemical is **Glyphosate**, the same chemical in Roundup home herbicide. Glyphosate is a **non-selective**, systemic herbicide that can control most annual and perennial plants. Glyphosate is strongly adsorbed to soil particles, which prevents it from excessive leaching or from being taken-up from the soil by non-target plants. It is degraded primarily by microbial metabolism, but strong adsorption to soil can inhibit microbial metabolism and slow degradation. The half-life of glyphosate ranges from several weeks to years, but averages two months. In water, glyphosate is rapidly dissipated through adsorption to suspended and bottom sediments, and has a half-life of 12 days to ten weeks. Glyphosate by itself is of relatively low toxicity to birds, mammals, and fish, and at least one formulation sold as Rodeo<sup>®</sup> is registered for aquatic use.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Chairman Massey said Mrs. Pinki Jackel, Supervisor of Elections, is on the ballot for election and cannot serve on the Canvassing Board in November so they need to appoint a County Commissioner to replace her. He said it will either need to be him or Commissioner Parrish as neither one of them is on the ballot. Chairman Massey volunteered to serve. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Chairman Massey to serve on the Canvassing Board.**

Mr. Moron requested the Board amend the Agenda to discuss the agreement for the Panhandle Players to manage the Chapman Building. Mr. Ed Aguilar, Panhandle Players, appeared before the Board. He informed the Board he was impressed with the County's response to the storm. He said he has lived in 6 counties and it was the best response he has ever seen. He reported they have been working on this agreement for months and finally have an agreement that everyone is happy with. He stated the air condition in the building is already working. Mr. Aguilar said they are looking to manage the property and make improvements. Attorney Shuler reported due to the storm and some technical problems, the Board is not aware of the

details of the agreement so they will present them now. Mr. Aguilar stated they have come to agreement on all items and he has met the requirements. He reported they have received bids for curtains, electrical repairs, and lighting. He said the electrical must be brought up to code so they can add the lighting. Commissioner Lockley asked what was decided about the public or a group using the building and what is the price. Mr. Aguilar said there are County requirements such as insurance. Attorney Shuler stated there is no charge for use of the facility for any third party members of the public. He explained they will be charging a \$250 cleaning fee but if the facility is clean and has no damage then they will reimburse the fee. Attorney Shuler reported the Panhandle Players are making improvements to the building such as lighting and a sound system. He explained if some third party wants to use the equipment belonging to the Panhandle Players, then they have retained the right to charge a user fee. He went on to say the County does not have lights and sound in the building now so if someone wants to bring in their own equipment, they will still have that option. Commissioner Lockley said he just wants to get this straight because people will bypass the Panhandle Players and come straight to the County. Commissioner Parrish asked if there will be a requirement for event insurance. Mr. Aguilar answered yes, and said the Panhandle Players are required to have insurance for their events so the insurance for third parties would be similar. Attorney Shuler clarified the County is requiring the Panhandle Players to have insurance but there is not a requirement in the lease that other parties are required to have insurance as that is a decision for the Panhandle Players to make. He went on to say this is part of their management of the building and additional insurance should be left to their discretion but it is not a requirement of the lease. He said there is a requirement in the lease that the Panhandle Players maintain liability insurance. Commissioner Parrish said his understanding is third parties will not be charged a fee but must provide insurance. Mr. Aguilar said the Panhandle Players will provide insurance for their group and their events but their insurance will not cover a third party. He stated even though it is not a requirement of the lease, the County will want to have the premises protected. Commissioner Parrish agreed the Panhandle Players will require anyone using the facility to provide event insurance to protect the County. He explained the price of this insurance is based on the length of the event. Commissioner Watson stated this kind of insurance is not very expensive. Commissioner Lockley asked if this is a requirement of the County. Attorney Shuler explained the lease does not require anyone other than the Panhandle Players to maintain liability insurance. He reported it is common business practice to have everyone using the building carry their own insurance. Mr. Aguilar stated the third party will provide proof of the insurance and the County will be listed as the additional insured party. Attorney Shuler asked Mr. Aguilar to describe the improvements planned for the building. Mr. Aguilar said their investment will be between \$50,000-\$100,000 for curtains, lights and electrical work. He estimated the curtains will cost \$25,000 and the lighting will be about \$22,000. He explained they are still waiting on the bids for the electrical work and he described the work that will be completed. Attorney Shuler and Mr. Moron presented pictures of the planned improvements. Attorney Shuler stated the brown curtains will be replaced but the

blue curtains will remain. He explained the brown curtains will be stored and kept for 5 years and at the end of the 5 years the ownership of the new curtains will vest with the County. He said the ownership of the lighting and sound system will vest with the county at the end of the 15 year lease. Attorney Shuler reported this lease is structured similar to the lease for Dr. Sanaullah. He explained Dr. Sanaullah will sign the lease for the common areas they will share. Attorney Shuler stated they will get together a list of all the other improvements in the building but those items will come back to the Board in an addendum to the lease. Commissioner Lockley asked if the County owns the building behind the Chapman Building. Attorney Shuler answered no, he thinks this building was retained by the School Board. Attorney Shuler reported all the County received was the footprint of the building, all the green space between Highway 98 and the front of the building, and a 10 foot perimeter around the side of the building. Commissioner Lockley said the public needs to be aware the doctor's office has a different lease. Mr. Aguilar stated they have a separate sidewalk and entrance into the building that also leads to the common area. Commissioner Lockley discussed the entrances to the building. Mr. Aguilar explained the entrances available for them to use. Attorney Shuler reported the other detailed item that has been worked out but does not have all the signatures is the utilities. He stated the utilities are in the name of the charter school but they have worked out a cost-sharing agreement with the Panhandle Players. He reported the charter school and Dr. Sanaullah will also sign the lease. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the lease with the Panhandle Players for the Chapman Building.**

Commissioner Parrish said this lease is advantageous to the County and the Panhandle Players. He reported the upgrades and having someone in the building will be good. He said their main concern was the public being able to utilize the building. Commissioner Lockley asked for the contact information when someone wants to use the building. Mr. Aguilar said someone on their Board will be nominated to handle this item and they will post a notice of how to reach this person. He stated they will be completing renovations on the building the next 4-5 months. He said once the renovations are complete and the area is safe to move around in then they will start scheduling events. Commissioner Parrish suggested the contact information be provided to Mr. Moron to add to the County's website. He stated Mr. Moron will need this information in case he gets telephone calls about the building. Mr. Aguilar thanked everyone for their help.

#### **Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court**

Clerk Johnson presented her report, as follows:

1-Board approval is requested for the Chairman's signature on the State Aid to Libraries Grant. This is your library's primary grant that provides annual funding for operations.

She stated this is being addressed for Mrs. Anne Birchwell, Library Director, who was not scheduled to be on the Agenda today. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by**

**Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the State Aid to Libraries Grant and authorize the Chairman's signature on the grant.**

Clerk Johnson reminded the Board the first budget hearing is today at 5:15 p.m.

**Alan Pierce - RESTORE Coordinator – Report**

Mr. Moron presented this report, as follows:

1- Inform the Board that Dewberry has submitted their first payment for services provided under the RESTORE Planning Grant. Under the terms of the Planning Grant, Treasury authorized up to \$126,000 for work related to writing the Planning Grant and other RESTORE activities done between November, 2015 and July 30, 2016. Dewberry has completed all of the pre-grant award activities for \$34,000 so there has been a significant reduction in costs, partly because Dewberry had less back and forth with Treasury over Franklin County's Planning Grant since Dewberry had written Planning Grants for Gulf County and others. There is, of course, more work to be done on the MYIP, but ultimately any unused Planning Grant funds stay in Franklin County's RESTORE funds to be used later. Dewberry will not get paid for this \$34K invoice until Treasury approves it. Alan has submitted Dewberry's request to Treasury.

2- Inform the Board that Alan met with Chris Holley, Gulf County Economic Development Officer, and others, in a kick-off meeting on Aug. 17 here in the annex. The kick-off meeting was to discuss the scope of work for the 4 county economic development study that Mr. Holley is administering for Gulf County. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the economic opportunities that might exist along intermodal transportation systems in these four counties. For Franklin County, the intermodal transportation system to be considered will be the connection between the Port of St. Joe, the ANR railway, and the Apalachicola airport. The term used in the study for these intermodal sites is a "freight logistic zone." The Florida Statutes creates incentives for "freight logistic zones" so one of the goals of the study is to evaluate the connection between the port and the airport to see if it can qualify as a "freight logistic zone." Mr. Holley said the study will be completed by June 30, 2017. The Board will receive periodic updates, but at the end the Board will be asked to approve the study. Depending on the outcome of the study, Mr. Holley hopes that projects would be developed that could receive TRIUMPH funding for infrastructure improvements in the 4 counties.

Mr. Moron stated Mr. Pierce spoke with the Commissioners individually about this item. Commissioner Lockley said this is a good plan but he thinks the County should also be looking at other things. He explained if this plan does not work, then the County is in limbo. He asked if the County can do more than one plan. Commissioner Parrish reported 4 counties are trying to come together to provide jobs. He stated there is power in numbers but each County must receive a benefit from this plan and he has made this clear. He said regionality is big as it relates to funding but there has to be a benefit to all the communities. Commissioner Parrish said he has been in contact with some of the people as the airport is in his district. He stated sometimes it does not matter where the project is located as long as it benefits the communities in the area. He explained this project is mainly just a study to see what may be available. Commissioner Parrish said transportation is a big issue as products can be distributed easier if they have access to an interstate. He discussed having a trained workforce so local

people can get these jobs. He said Gulf Coast State College has offered to come in and offer training but it is hard when they do not know what kind of training will be needed.

Commissioner Parrish stated he has made all these items known to all the parties involved.

Commissioner Lockley said in the study they should have an estimate of the number of people they will hire at the port. He questioned if Franklin County citizens could be guaranteed a certain number of the jobs. Commissioner Parrish said he does not know of any specifics projects as the study is only looking at the possibilities. He stated they are looking at accessing the Triumph funds to provide infrastructure. He said the County cannot market or build more buildings when they do not know what kind of business would come in and what size building they would need. He reported they need to do the study and see what kind of information comes out. Commissioner Parrish stated he does not know of any specific projects at this time. Commissioner Watson reported this is one study but Florida's Great Northwest (FGN) will do another study with the eight counties to identify economic opportunities. Mr. Moron stated training of the workforce is more important so the residents can get the jobs that are available. Commissioner Sanders reported the County belonged to Opportunity Florida but they are no longer a member as they did not get any benefit. She said this study will show what the benefits will be to the County. Commissioner Sanders reported she would like to see a study done on what other industries they can bring in while they are waiting on the port/airport project. She stated there has always been and always will be a fisheries industry but they need to look at other opportunities for job creation.

3- Inform the Board that Alan also attended a meeting in Panama City on Aug. 29 to participate in a discussion hosted by Florida's Great Northwest (FGN) about the \$300K study that the Univ. of West Florida and FGN received from the US. HUD to explore what it would take for the Florida Panhandle to experience "regional economic transformation." While Franklin County is not a member of FGN, the study that FGN is co-leading will cover the Panhandle, including Franklin and Wakulla counties.

FGN Executive Director Ms. Kim Wilkims said that she hopes one of the outcomes of the study will be to identify projects/ideas that could also be submitted to TRIUMPH for funding. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting as FGN is trying to build support for this study. The initial briefing presented by the HAAS Center at UWF shows that the dominant industry in the region is tourism/hospitality, followed by wood products. These two industries still have growth potential. Franklin County has a large workforce in the fishing and fishing products industry, but that industry does not show much growth potential. Food for thought: If Franklin County is to experience/participate in any regional economic transformation, the county will need to develop opportunities outside of the fishing industry for the county workforce.

Ms. Wilkims said the full regional study will be completed by January, 2017.

4- Provide the Board with a copy of a letter Alan signed in order to comply with a FEMA requirement for maintaining insurance coverage on county owned facilities. The federal Office of Inspector General (OIG) performed an audit of FEMA and the local governments who received FEMA reimbursements following the 2004/2005 Hurricane seasons. The OIG concluded that some 1100 local governments around the country improperly received FEMA payments for damages that should have been covered by



property insurance. The OIG is recommending to FEMA that some \$178M of reimbursements to local governments may have to be returned. Franklin County is NOT one of the counties subject to returning any funds, but the county is required to sign a letter from FEMA acknowledging that the county will maintain property insurance. The letter Alan signed is a form letter sent by FEMA to all of the 1100 local governments involved in the 2004/2005 Hurricane season. Alan discussed the letter with Erin Griffith, Finance Director, and she concurs that the county does maintain the proper insurance coverage for county facilities.

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

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

1. Inform the Board that during Hurricane Hermine Duke Energy main staging area for the surrounding Counties was Franklin County. This meant that Duke had at least 300 men and the necessary support equipment in this County. Different areas throughout the County were used for staging, such as the Armory, Kendrick Park, and other locations throughout Apalachicola and Carrabelle. Based on reports I received, with the exception of some areas throughout the County, the power remained on during the Hurricane.
2. Board action to approve the route for the upcoming Homecoming Parade. The parade is scheduled for September 23, 2016. The parade will follow the normal route as it has in the past on Highway 98 from North Bayshore to 2nd Street in Eastpoint. The road closure will be from 12:15pm to 2:30pm on that date.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the route for the upcoming Homecoming Parade.**

3. Inform the Board that FDOT has send the Chairman an invitation to attend a Public Hearing as their 2017/2018 - 20121/2022 Tentative Work Program for District Three Northwest Florida counties is presented. This Public Hearing will be on November 21, 2016 and will be broadcast live to their Midway, Milton, and Panama City locations.

Mr. Moron said Preble-Rish will provide a report to the Board.

4. The Board was scheduled to open bids for the Carrabelle and St. George Island bathroom renovation project today. However, because the Courthouse was closed on Friday due to Hurricane Hermine the contractors were not able to turn in their bids. Both the bid submission deadline and bid openings have been rescheduled to September 16th and September 20th respectively. Mr. Doug Shuler and I expect bids from at least 4 - 5 firms.
5. Inform the Board that Mr. Jim Oskowis, DEP's NRDA Project Manager, met with Commissioner Parrish, Mr. Mark Curenton, and myself to update us on some County projects. Based on the conversation, Mr. Oskowis thinks that the new restroom facility projects, one on the Eastpoint side of the fishing pier and the other on the St. George Island side of the fishing pier, should be entering into the bidding phase within the next few months. We discussed the timing for the Indian Creek boat ramp improvement project as to minimize the inconvenience to anyone that uses that location, especially crabbers. Mr. Oskowis presented Commissioner Parrish with 90% complete final design draft of the

Maritime Museum which will be located at Lombardi's Park. Commissioner Parrish requested a few changes but was pleased with the overall design. As advertising and bid selection dates are set for these projects, I will inform the Board.

Commissioner Parrish said this project will be exactly what the Board planned to do when this property was purchased. He explained the cooler will be torn down, the concrete removed and another pavilion will be constructed so people can watch the boats being unloaded. He said he talked with Mr. Rolstad about obtaining some of the films completed by TDC to show people how they crab, shrimp and oyster. He stated there will also be a history of the fisheries businesses. Commissioner Parrish reported there will be security cameras on site. He stated there will be several kiosks where they can view the films. Commissioner Parrish explained it has taken a long time and they are \$120,000 over budget but DEP did come up with the money. He stated the County will have to purchase the security equipment needed on this site. He reported this facility will be good for the community and the visitors. Commissioner Parrish said the Clerk has pushed the Board to finish this project and stay in compliance with the grants. He stated this facility will be an asset to the community. He said he is glad they are also moving forward on the fishing piers. He explained at one point he thought there was going to be power run to the boat ramp on St. George Island where the restrooms are being built. Commissioner Parrish reported there are solar lights present now and they only work about half of the time. He stated at one time they talked about extending some power poles to have electrical current. Mr. Moron said the estimate at the time was outrageous because it was too far. He reported this is why a good quality solar system was included for both bathrooms. Commissioner Parrish said there needs to be someone locally who can maintain the lighting. Commissioner Watson asked what other projects are being done through NRDA. Mr. Moron answered the bathroom projects, the Indian Creek Boat Ramp, the Maritime Museum at Lombardi's and repair to the revetment wall on St. George Island near the boat ramp. Mr. Moron agreed to check and let Commissioner Watson know all of the projects. Commissioner Parrish said NRDA funding also bought the Ell's Court property and put money in the shelling program. He questioned if there are any NRDA funds that can be used for the lab for the Extension Office. He suggested they put together a financial package to complete this project. He suggested Mr. Lovestrand and the UF try to access NRDA projects. Commissioner Watson said they have done some great projects. Commissioner Parrish reported this was all done through the early restoration process. He explained BP could have waited until the lawsuit was settled but they moved forward first and he applauded them for allowing the county to start moving forward.

Mr. Moron reminded the Board there is a 2:00 p.m. workshop with the Weems Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. He said Mr. Cooper has a report and will present it at this meeting. He stated Mr. Graham will also present a financial report.

Mr. Moron said the Board will also come back at 5:15 p.m. for the budget public hearing.

Commissioner Parrish asked when the meeting is with Dewberry about the MYIP. Mr. Moron answered September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

#### **T. Michael Shuler - County Attorney – Report**

Attorney Shuler said the City of Carrabelle has sent a letter requesting the Board's position on dissolving the City Port/Airport Authority. He stated the dissolution must take place by an act of the Legislature. He explained the legislative delegation has drafted the bill but they also want to make sure none of the elected officials have an objection to the dissolution. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed the Board has no objection to dissolving the Carrabelle City Port/Airport Authority.** Commissioner Parrish questioned if the City knows it will not be easy if they ever want to regain this designation. Attorney Shuler stated he did not inquire into their reasons beyond what was mentioned in the letter about inactive districts. He went on to say if they are inactive the State is imposing additional reporting requirements that are expensive for the City. Attorney Shuler reported under current law you cannot create any new independent special districts, only dependant districts. Commissioner Sanders stated the City of Carrabelle contacted her a few months ago but she thought it has been inactive for many years. She said when you search the state site, it says the district is inactive. Attorney Shuler presented a copy of the letter and draft bill to the Clerk for the Board file.

Attorney Shuler presented a copy of a letter delivered to Property Pilot terminating the contract Planning & Zoning had for software.

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

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler if they are progressing on the Bungalows on the Gulf situation and if he will have an answer by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Shuler answered yes, and said he will have a recommendation by September 20<sup>th</sup>. He explained the final phone conference scheduled with Mr. Theriaque was cancelled due to the storm. He reported once they have the final meeting, then he will be in contact with the attorney representing the property owners. Commissioner Sanders asked if they should have Mr. Theriaque present at the meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Shuler said he planned to have Mr. Theriaque present at the meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to have Mr. David Theriaque as consulting attorney with Attorney Shuler, and have him present on September 20<sup>th</sup> under the Bungalows by the Gulf situation.** Commissioner Watson asked if the Board will have a settlement to review before the meeting. Attorney Shuler said the Board will have the attorneys' recommendation before the meeting.

Mr. Darren Turner, a resident of Eastpoint, said his daughter went to get a permit for a tiny house and was told she cannot get the permit as the house must be over 500 square feet. He said the house she wants to build is 300 square feet and he questioned why she is not allowed to build this tiny house. Chairman Massey asked who they contacted about the house. Mr.

Turner said they went to the Planning & Zoning Department. Mr. Moron stated this square footage is below the County's minimum size requirement. Commissioner Parrish reported the requirement is 1000 square feet. Attorney Shuler stated the Board cannot issue a permit as the Ordinances do not allow for houses of less than 1,000 square feet of heating and cooled space for a residential home. He reported there are different standards for mobile homes. He said this requirement has been in place for over 30 years. Mr. Turner questioned if these homes are not allowed anywhere in the County. Attorney Shuler agreed they are not allowed.

Mr. Turner reported the state has put up a lot of money for the shelling program and the County needs to implement a ½ cent sales tax for shelling when the bay is closed. He said this would allow everyone who has an oyster license to make money for groceries instead of just sitting home.

Commissioner Watson said the tiny house situation was addressed on St. George Island and he questioned what other counties are doing about this issue. He stated most counties have restrictions about the size of homes. He reported sometimes these tiny homes are also mobile. Attorney Shuler reported he is not sure what other counties are doing about tiny houses. He stated he has read articles about other communities struggling to regulate tiny houses or making a decision not to allow the houses. Attorney Shuler explained the reason the code of ordinances is set up this way is because the County wants to encourage the development of the tax base so they can provide the services people are demanding. He reported the Board will not get as much development of the tax base with these mobile units as the Property Appraiser will review the land as vacant land. He agreed to do some more research and put out a request for aid from the Florida Association of Counties. Commissioner Watson said there may be some requirements from FEMA. Mr. Moron reported they will have to see how it affects the CRS which is the rating system for insurance. Commissioner Watson said it is worth looking into as it is not just happening in this county. Attorney Shuler reported he will look into this matter if the Board would like him to.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts