

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
CARRABELLE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 20, 2016
10:00 AM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

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

Call to Order

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 6, 2016.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, 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 appeared before the Board and said he does not have a report but the departments are doing fine. Commissioner Jones requested a meeting with Mr. Nabors about Moore Street in Eastpoint. Mr. Nabors agreed to meet with him on Wednesday.

Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis appeared before the Board but did not have a report at this time. Commissioner Sanders inquired if they are moving forward with another recycling bin site at Alligator Point. Mr. Davis stated he talked with Mr. Paul Parker and they are moving forward because the County owns some property across from his office near the fire station. He reported they are having a meeting and he is waiting for the outcome of the meeting.

Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board and said she does not have any action items. The following is her report to the Board:

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. Franklin County Emergency Management along with CERT participated in the Florida Seafood Festival by handing out literature and re-entry information.
3. 12/06/16 attended the RDSTF meeting in Tallahassee at FLDE.
4. 12/08/16 attended the Corn Hydro Functional Exercise.
5. 12/12/16 Passed our mid-year review of our Scope of Work for our EMPA and EMPG grants.
6. 12/15/16 attended the Region 2 meeting in Columbia County.

Mrs. Brownell reported two documents were presented to Mr. Moron for the Board's approval. She explained the first form is an Application for Disaster Assistance Local Match Reduction of Waiver and Payment Deferral for Public Assistance. Mr. Moron read the following items from his report:

1. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Application for Disaster Assistance Local Match Reduction or Waiver and Payment Deferral for Public Assistance.
2. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Federally Funded Public Assistance Funding Agreement.

Mrs. Brownell stated this form is asking the Governor to waive the 12 1/2% county match. Mrs. Brownell pointed out that the 12 1/2% match for Alligator Point will be the biggest portion of the money. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Application for**

Disaster Assistance Local Match Reduction of Waiver and Payment Deferral for Public Assistance. Mr. Pierce commented it is unlikely the County will receive this waiver as the only time the County got the waiver was after Hurricane Opal.

Mrs. Brownell reported the other agreement is between the County, the State and the Federal Government. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Federally Funded Public Assistance Funding Agreement.**

Commissioner Sanders inquired about Mrs. Brownell attending the Corn Hydro Functional Exercise. Mrs. Brownell stated it was a good exercise and made them more aware of everyone downstream. She explained they do not need to wait until 3 days before a storm to draw the water down. Mrs. Brownell said this exercise was a Category 3 storm hitting Franklin County. She said it gave her a chance to explain as the water is coming down the County will also have a storm surge pushing the water back. She felt this exercise gave the other counties insight as to what happens in Franklin County during a storm.

Erik Lovestrand - Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovestrand appeared before the Board. He provided an update on the Sea Turtle Lighting Grant Project. He stated during the past year with NRDA funding, they were able to finish 47 additional retrofits of sea turtle funded lighting on St. George Island. He reported they have secured funding for the 3rd year of this project. He explained these retrofits change out lights that cause disorienting issues for hatchlings. Mr. Lovestrand reported a more detailed summary for year end will be prepared and will be included in his next report. Chairman Parrish introduced Mr. Pete Vergot, District Director, who was present at the meeting.

Franklin County Extension Activities December 7 – December 20, 2016

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Staff assisted local citizens regarding fish pond weed control, soil tests and recommendations for growing grapes, bird damage to sycamore trees, protecting marine pilings, and citrus tree questions.
- Extension Director submitted annual Report of Accomplishments and Plan of Work to District Extension Director.
- Extension Director met with Research Reserve staff to discuss programming.
- District Extension Director conducted annual appraisal with County Extension Director.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director submitted annual Sea Grant activities report to state Sea Grant office.
- Extension Director coordinated interviews and hiring processes through UF Personnel office for Dark Skies sea turtle project OPS Temporary staff.

4-H Youth Development:

- Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet. The group also had 6 youth and 4 adults attend the 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School in Gainesville.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant continuing to provide nutrition programs in local schools.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- The Extension office sponsored the Peanut Butter Challenge which resulted in 83 pounds of peanut butter being collected by the community. This will be matched by N. FL peanut producers and be donated back to community food banks. Three entities participated this year and included the ABC School, the local 4-H club and the First Baptist School (who collected the most of all).

Kristen Gerspacher-PanCare-Update on Dental Clinic

Ms. Gerspacher stated the dental clinic in Carrabelle is open and they have a full time dentist on staff Monday through Friday. She said her job is Mobile Clinic Manager and they have a 38 ft. RV that they take out into rural communities throughout the panhandle. She explained they develop a relationship with a person or business in the community and then are allowed to park the bus on a permanent rotating schedule. She listed the areas where they provide services. She stated this is their first day in Carrabelle and they will continue to serve here one day a month. Ms. Gerspacher presented the Board with a copy of their annual report. She explained they are federally qualified health care clinics and operate on a sliding scale fee program. She stated they accept Medicare and Medicaid. She said if the person does not have insurance then there is a flat fee. She invited the Commissioners to attend a ribbon cutting at noon and to tour the clinic and bus. She explained the bus comes out with a nurse practitioner, a nurse and a front office person and they can do anything on the bus that can be done in a traditional office. She stated it is important to bring health care to people who do not have access to health care.

Mike Cooper-Weems-Report

Mr. Cooper appeared before the Board. He stated the Board has received a copy of the financials for October and November. He reported these were break even months and there was a \$13,000 profit for the 2 months combined. Mr. Cooper stated the days cash on hand are currently 17 and that is the day after payroll. He said the current ratio of assets to liabilities is 2.6. Mr. Cooper reported November was another good month for collections and was their highest month yet at \$470,000. He explained in the 18 months prior to July, 2016, they were only over \$400,000 in collections once. He stated they have now exceeded \$400,000 for July,

August, September, October and November. Mr. Cooper reported the collections are doing well and the problems with the financial package of the computer system have been corrected.

Mr. Cooper introduced interim EMS Director, Mr. Michael Murphy. He stated Mr. Murphy brings a different set of skills than previous director, Mr. Jarod Wester. He reported Mr. Murphy is flying to Texas to pick up the new ambulance. Mr. Murphy stated he will pick up the ambulance on January 2nd.

Mr. Cooper requested a Resolution approving the EMS Mini (Baby) Grant. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the EMS Mini (Baby) Grant.**

Mr. Cooper reported Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) and Alliant met on December 9th and came to terms on a joint venture agreement which is currently being drafted for signatures. He said they hope the agreement will be done by January 9th and then Mr. Mark O'Bryant, TMH, and the leadership from Alliant would like to appear at the January 17th meeting to address the Board. He said this is all contingent upon the agreement being signed.

Mr. Cooper provided an update on Weems East in relation to a previous discussion about the facility being urgent care or not urgent care. He said they discussed patients who have a primary doctor in Tallahassee but are located here and need to have an urgent care facility in order to be seen. He explained additional information was received today and it is a decision for the Board to make. He stated if the issue is accepting walk in patients and extended hours then they can take care of it and implement these two changes in January. He stated the other issue was a Well Care patient not being able to get to their primary care. Mr. Cooper reported the County can consider a license from the state for a rural health care clinic or a license for a stand alone primary care clinic. He explained Weems East was originally licensed as a stand alone primary care clinic but it is not the best way for reimbursement. He estimated they will receive an additional \$120,000 with a rural health clinic designation and that is what they have been trying to do. Mr. Cooper stated the urgent care piece involves credentialing with the payers. He explained they would have to approach Well Care and all managed care programs and file an application to be designated as urgent care. He explained then the Well Care patients can go there and be seen but all the current patients that utilize the facility for primary care cannot use it as their primary care provider. He said they can only go there as an urgent care visit. He reported the facility can be for primary care or urgent care but it cannot be for both. Mr. Cooper explained if it is a rural health care clinic and they receive the extra reimbursement then they cannot also be an urgent care provider. He said it comes down to which designation the Board would like. Commissioner Massey asked if they can use one side of the building for primary care and one side of the building for urgent care. Mr. Cooper commented this was addressed in the email and it cannot be the same address. Commissioner Massey suggested getting an address for the north side and another address for the south side of the building. Mr. Cooper reported there would have to be a second license for the same building and then they would have two competing sets of regulations they have to meet. He

stated they would need one person completing registrations and identifying the patients for urgent care or primary care services. Chairman Parrish said he does not think they can get two addresses for one building. Mr. Cooper reported he has not had time to look into this matter as the email was just received this morning. Commissioner Sanders stated she would like time to think about this matter. She reported she was going back to the original language and that was the reason for this discussion. She explained her concern is the need for the rural health care clinic designation because that is where the money comes from. She said her main concern is people going to this facility and not being turned away for services. She reported they need to make sure the citizens are taken care of and she does not want them turned away. Mr. Cooper stated that will not happen and he thinks that was primarily a Dr. Stohl issue. Commissioner Sanders reported some of these issues happened before Dr. Stohl and some since she left. She stated she wants the citizens to know they can go there for services and receive the best services. Commissioner Sanders reported it seems like the rural health care clinic designation would provide more dollars for services. She stated they will take some time to think about it and it will also give Mr. Cooper time to review this information. Commissioner Massey asked if Mr. Cooper got in touch with the person he sent to him. Mr. Cooper stated Mr. Craig Gibson, Operations Manager, contacted the person. Mr. Cooper explained their cleaning person resigned and at the same time the backup person went into the hospital. He reported Mr. Gibson contacted that person and another person and is trying to get someone on board. Commissioner Sanders stated the outside of the building as well as the inside needs some maintenance.

Mr. Cooper stated the Board asked for another rendition of the wage analysis and it was presented to them after the last meeting. Chairman Parrish reported he brought it up and wanted them to look at what they can sustain. He said they received the email from Mr. Moron that they wanted the Board to address this issue but they do not usually address these issues without a full Board. He reported what has been presented now is more sustainable for the hospital but is a lot lower than what Mr. Cooper or the employees want. Chairman Parrish stated the collections over the last four months have come up and he congratulated them on this work. He said they are now collecting what they should have been collecting all along so things are now working better. He inquired if the Board wants to address this issue or table it until the next meeting. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to table this issue until the next Board meeting when Commissioner Lockley is present. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones expressed concern that people are still below the minimum for their jobs. He reported some people in EMS are still below \$10.00 an hour. He suggested Mr. Cooper try and see if they can address this issue. He reported people's lives are in their hands just like at the hospital. Chairman Parrish asked if they could provide an analysis where everyone is at the minimum. Mr. Cooper agreed to try and provide this analysis before the next meeting. Commissioner Sanders amended her motion to include Mr. Cooper presenting an analysis where everyone is at least at the minimum for their job. Commissioner Massey requested a meeting with Mr. Cooper before the next meeting to discuss some issues. Mr. Cooper agreed to meet with him. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

Michael Moron-Planning & Zoning- Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

- 1- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Pier at 229 River Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Has all State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. The pier will be 32' x 4' with an 36' x 12' terminal platform with (1) 12' x 12' un-covered boatlift. Request submitted by John S. Day, applicant. (Has House)

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

- 2- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous- Contingent upon receiving Army Corps Permit)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 2518 US Highway 98, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Has State permits and meets local requirements. The dock will be 185' x 4' with an 14' x 12' terminal platform with (1) 18' x 5' step down platform. Request submitted by Dale Crowson, agent for Kathy Swaggerty and Gail Phillips, applicant. (Has House)

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request contingent upon receiving the Army Corps permit.

- 3- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (3 to 1 Vote- Contingent upon receiving DEP & Army Corps Permits)** Consideration of a request to construct a sheltered boat lift at 13 Carousel Terrace, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Contingent upon receiving State and Federal permits and meets local requirements. The sheltered boatlift will be 26' x 12' attached to an existing dock. Request submitted by Fred Bradford, agent for Albert and Sandra Marshall, applicants. (Has House)

Mr. Moron said there was a concern that this structure was built too far into the canal and would have affected the navigation of the channel for everyone else. He informed the Board the owner met with Mrs. Amy Kelly, Planning & Building Department, and they are now within the allowed percentage to build. Commissioner Sanders reported the dock is now going parallel to the property instead of extending out into the canal. She questioned if this will be fixed so it will not be a navigational hazard. Mr. Moron answered yes; they are in the permissible percentage now. Chairman Parrish asked if it is 25%. Mr. Moron agreed that is correct. She inquired if the one person objecting was the representative from Alligator Point. Mr. Moron answered no; he thinks it was the representative from St. George Island.

Commissioner Sanders reported she was concerned when she looked at it but it worked out.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request contingent upon receiving the DEP and Army Corps permit.

- 4- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (3 to 1 Vote- Some concerns about houses being constructed on the river side)** Consideration of a request for a re-zoning and land use change of a 40 acre tract lying in Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, also known as 880 and 835 Hickory Hammock Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agriculture to R-6 Rural Residential and land use change from Agriculture to Rural Residential. Request submitted by Farris V. and Virginia Millender, applicant.

Mr. Moron discussed the property and said the concern was there are 2 lots across the street on the river divided into 4 sections for skinny houses. He said they did not like the way it looked. He explained later it came out the lots are supposed to have 100 ft. facing on each lot so they could not do it the way it was configured. He stated the next day Mr. Millender met with Mrs. Kelly and reconfigured the lot on the water side to have 2 houses and an easement for the houses on the bigger lot across the street so they have water access. Commissioner Sanders asked if there is a plat or picture of this area. Mr. Pierce pointed out they are just requesting a public hearing now. Commissioner Sanders reported the Hickory Hammock property is divided into sections. She explained usually it is about 30 acres on one side and the rest on the other side. Mr. Moron said it is 1 house for every 10 acres. Commissioner Sanders agreed if you do the R-6 but right now it is 1 house for 40 acres. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to set this item for a public hearing.**

SKETCH PLAT APPLICATION:

- 5- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request for Sketch Re-Plat Approval of a 7 lot subdivision within Resort Village named Resort Village II. The re-plat consist of Lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 of Resort Village replacing those lots would be Lots 1-7 Resort Village II, a 7 Lot Subdivision. Request submitted by Barbara Sanders, agent for SGI Limited Partnership, applicant.

Chairman Parrish asked if the lots are going from 14 to 7 bigger lots. Mrs. Sanders agreed the density is being reduced. Attorney Shuler reminded the Board this request is for sketch re-plat approval. Mr. Pierce agreed they are not changing the zoning. Commissioner Sanders said she likes this better and it is better for St. George Island. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request for sketch re-plat approval.**

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report at this time.

The meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce presented the following report:

1- Board action to approve a change order for \$40,000 on the Bald Point Road Project. Upon analysis by Mr. Clay Smallwood with consultation by the contractor, there is a need for some additional limerock on the road. Grant funds are available to cover the costs. The reason for the additional limerock is that the sub-base was weaker in sections that expected.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve a change order for \$40,000 on the Bald Point Road Project.

2- Inform the Board that the US Corps of Engineers announced last week that the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the updated Water Control Manual for the ACF has been completed. I have not reviewed the document yet but I have not heard any reports that the updated Manual changes the way the Corps will manage the ACF.

Mr. Pierce stated he talked with Mr. Dan Tonsmiere, Apalachicola Riverkeepers, who has reviewed the documents. He reported Mr. Tonsmiere felt there was no benefit nor improvement in the management of the Apalachicola River and it may even be worse. He reported most of the changes are in the upper reservoirs. Chairman Parrish stated they are hoping the ruling from the Special Magistrate will have them look at how they operate the reservoirs system along the river.

3- Inform the Board the engineers and FEMA are still reviewing cost estimates for the repairing of Alligator Drive.

Mr. Pierce reported he has discussed this with Mr. Smallwood and the County has submitted project worksheet (PW) proposals for a number of projects with Alligator Point being the main area. He stated 2 or 3 PW's will be written for this area and there are others in the system but none have been approved by FEMA. He reported FEMA has hired the same consulting firm to help them address Alligator Drive that the County hired to do the relocation 10 years ago. He stated this firm is familiar with Alligator Point and that is good for the County. He said yesterday he talked with Ms. Joyce Waters who helped the County get some of the things done when they were writing the PW's. He explained she also assisted with getting the funding set up with FEMA that paid for the road to be relocated. Mr. Pierce reported he is comfortable that this is a firm that is familiar with what needs to be done on Alligator Drive. He stated in January they will come down and have a meeting on site with the consultants and hopefully get some resolution.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

1. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
2. This item was handled previously in the meeting.
3. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a contract with ArC/Masterbuilders, Inc. to complete Phase II of the renovation project for the Fort Coombs Armory and Convention Center. This phase will involve the leveling of the floor in the main room and perhaps the renovation of the front door entrance. ArC/Masterbuilders was the only contractor that responded to the November 15th Request for Proposals. The contract is for \$146,880.00.

Chairman Parrish said the contractor will only have 16" below the floor to work in. Commissioner Sanders asked if this work is being done through the grant. Mr. Moron answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a contract with ArC/Masterbuilders, Inc. in the amount of \$146,880.00.**

4. Board action to approve Change Order #2 and pay requests #4 & #5 to close out the County's paving project with C. W. Roberts. Change Order #2 is a deductive Change Order that subtracts the quantities not used and the costs for the Estuary Parking Lot that will be paid by the University of Florida directly. Pay requests #4 and #5 will finish out the built quantities and pay the retainage. I will get with the Finance office and update the Board on each district balances by adding the amounts from 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 budget years at a future meeting.

Mr. Moron agreed to provide totals to each Commissioner. Chairman Parrish asked if Mr. Smallwood has reviewed these items. Mr. Smallwood answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve Change Order #2 and Pay Requests #4 & #5.**

5. Board action to approve an emergency expenditure from the CDBG grant. While Ms Belcher was finalizing Ms. Harriet Beach's CDBG project a drain backup occurred. It was determined that there was a problem with tree roots in her septic tank. The tank was pumped and the tree roots were dug out. The cost of this expenditure was \$622. Ms. Belcher made staff aware of this emergency before spending the funds.

Commissioner Sanders asked if this will be covered by the CDBG funds. Mr. Moron answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve an emergency expenditure from the CDBG in the amount of \$622.00.**

6. On December 1 Mark Curenton attended a meeting in Chipley with FDOT about recertifying Franklin County to participate in the Local Agency Program. By being

certified Franklin County is eligible to receive Federal funds that pass through FDOT for local projects. Some of the LAP projects Franklin County has received in the past have been the repaving and widening of Bluff Road, the Carrabelle Beach Multi-Use Path, and the design of sidewalks along Tallahassee Street and South Bayshore Drive. The recertification process this time will be much more involved and thorough than it has been in the past. One thing that Mark will need assistance with is preparing man-hour estimates for negotiating professional services contracts for design and construction engineering inspections. Our current consulting engineers, Dewberry/Preble-Rish cannot provide this service because their firm generally wants to bid on the design of the projects. Does the Board want to advertise for an individual or firm to provide this assistance on LAP projects as necessary? The cost for the assistance can be paid out of the LAP grants.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to advertise for an individual or firm to provide assistance on LAP projects as necessary. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Parrish asked if this will be someone to complete inspections. Mr. Moron explained they cannot design and then bid so they need two different firms. Commissioner Sanders felt it was good to take this action and have two firms. She stated there will be a lot of projects in the future that the engineer of record cannot do and they will need to bid. She explained this will give them some good choices. Mr. Pierce explained if there had been more accurate cost estimates on the Bluff Road Project then when they submitted the grant applications DOT would have known the scope of the project. He reported there was a large expenditure they had to find money for after the project started. He said now they will have better estimates up front so DOT will not have a problem with additional expense. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

7. Inform the Board that the County received \$2400 in BearWise funding from FWC. These funds will be used to retrofit trashcans primarily in the Eastpoint area. FWC and County staff along with some volunteers will install these kits. Additional retrofit kits will be available throughout the County for those who would like to do a "Do It Yourself" installation. I have been told that these kits are easy to install and do not interfere with trash collection.

Commissioner Sanders questioned why some counties received \$100,000 and Franklin County only received \$2,400. Mr. Moron stated the criteria and their ability to sit down with FWC and work out this application. He reported this application was completed at the last minute and that affected the amount of the funding. Commissioner Sanders stated this is bear country and it will be good if the County can obtain more funding to help the citizens. Chairman Parrish said some counties were using bear proof containers for dumpsters at restaurants. He explained Eastpoint had this same problem. Mr. Moron said the problem was the application was done in a late fashion and he wanted to sit down with the restaurant owners in Eastpoint but it required more time. He explained the restaurant owners must give permission as they own the dumpsters. Chairman Parrish asked if the County can move forward and improve on this in the future. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Massey said a bigger lock is used

for the dumpsters. Chairman Parrish suggested the County work with the restaurant owners to try and alleviate this problem. Mr. Moron said in the beginning they talked about the County adopting an Ordinance but the County did not adopt an Ordinance. Chairman Parrish said this is probably why the County received less funding. Mr. Moron agreed and said there were two different pots of money. Commissioner Sanders reported the County now has a year to work on this item. Chairman Parrish stated the Ordinance also required some county funds and the County did not budget any funds for this project.

8. At the last meeting I informed the Board that Senator Montford sent the forms for the County 2017 Legislative budget request. Commissioner Sanders suggested that I contact Representative Beshears' office, Ms. Vikki Summerhill, as the new Speaker of the House has instituted new rules for budget request. In summary, budget requests will be appropriations that must be submitted by a member of the house. This appropriation will become an appropriation project bill draft and pass a subcommittee or committee to be eligible to become part of the House budget. Then the appropriation project is eligible to be included in the conference report on the General Appropriations Act. However an appropriation project can also be eligible to be on the conference report by being filed in the House as an appropriation project bill. I gathered this information from the myfloridahouse.gov website with Ms. Summerhill's assistance.

Mr. Moron reported this process will not be as easy as it was before but it is only on the House side as the Senate side is still the same. He said yesterday he received an email amending the Senate's budget request forms but there are no big changes. He reported on the House side there are multiple pages to fill out. He requested the Board come together on projects they want to submit and he will start working on it. He advised the Board not to become disillusioned as the process will not be easy. Commissioner Sanders expressed concern that the Speaker of the House was putting limitations on the members. She explained these items must be submitted through a state agency but the state agencies' budgets were submitted in October.

9. Inform the Board that the 2017 Legislative Delegation, with Senator Montford and Representative Beshears, will be on January 5th at 7:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room.

Mr. Moron said the Board can ask Representative Beshears at this meeting about how to move this budget request process along.

10. Inform the Board that staff received notification yesterday that the grant cycle for Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) has started. I recommend each of you discuss with staff the criteria for each of these programs before recommending projects for submission. The cycle will end in March of 2017.

Mr. Pierce said Franklin County has been lucky in getting grants to address large roads but the roads are reviewed by DOT. He explained the County usually submits the biggest road and gets the state to help pay for it. He stated Gulf Beach Drive and Twin Lakes Road were addressed through this grant program. Mr. Pierce said there are not that many long road segments left to do. He advised the Board unpaved roads can be submitted but are given the lowest priority. He reported the County was successful with Mill Road because part of the road was already paved. Mr. Pierce said they have not had any success with getting unpaved roads paved with state funds. He stated the County can submit two applications in one category and one in another category. He reported sometimes it takes several years to get a road addressed. Commissioner Massey asked when Mill Road will be paved as they are surveying now. Mr. Smallwood answered early summer, 2017. Commissioner Sanders stated the County will also qualify for SCAAP this year as they approved the additional gas tax. Mr. Pierce reported they have not notified the County of this grant but it may be because it does not go into effect until January 1, 2017. Commissioner Sanders commented this will be the most competitive projects. Chairman Parrish said he has a road he would like them to look at. Mr. Pierce asked the Board to think about any large roads in their district. Commissioner Sanders reported her road is Highway 67.

11. Inform the Board that the Florida Department of Transportation would like to be placed on the agenda to make a presentation regarding their SCOP, SCRAP, and CIGP programs. Is the Board interested in hearing this presentation?

The Board agreed they would like to hear the presentation from DOT.

12. Inform the Board that I attended a CareerSource of Florida Sector Strategies Technical Assistance Workshop on Thursday December 12th. At this workshop sector-based approaches and practices for workforce development was explained. Quoting Mrs. Andra Cornelius, Senior Vice President of Business and Workforce Development at CareerSource Florida, "This industry-focused approach to building a skilled workforce is among the most effective ways to align public and private resources to address the talent needs of employers." I will continue to update the Board on the benefits to Franklin County workforce as CareerSource progresses with this new approach.

Mr. Moron said the sector-based approach is a good approach but the County just needs to get the employers here and then match the talent that is here. Chairman Parrish said there are 3 studies going on about how to attract businesses and provide jobs. He reported they will definitely need to train people for the jobs because bringing in jobs and filling them with people from out of the county does not help. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Moron to continue to attend these meetings, address the issues and keep the County staff informed of this process.

Mr. Pierce questioned if DOT may be coming down because they have not responded to the County's letter asking them to take over Alligator Point Road. Chairman Parrish stated they can discuss this request with DOT when they appear.

13. Inform the Board and the public that there is a link on the County's website that allows contractors and the general public to view the results of their inspection requests. There are two ways to get there on the website. If you are in the Planning & Building page on the County's website scroll down to Building Services and at the end of that paragraph you will see the View Inspection Report link. The other option is to go under Resources and click on the Inspection Report link.

Mr. Moron stated as more information is added to the website, it reduces the traffic and telephone calls to their office.

14. Board action to approve travel and expenses for the Chairman and County Attorney to attend the FAC Amendment 2 Conference. Ever since the passage of Amendment 2, the Florida Medical Marijuana Legalization Initiative, County staff has received request for information on zoning and other restrictions for storefronts. Apparently so have other Florida counties. Florida Association of Counties has scheduled a Summit on Saturday February 4, 2017 where industry and policy experts will provide insight into Florida's emerging medical marijuana industry.

Mr. Moron said his office is getting emails and they need to address this issue. Commissioner Sanders reported this is a big industry and people can be employed if they do it the right way. Commissioner Massey said he has been contacted by Mr. Darrell Morris, who graduated in Carrabelle, and is interested in building a 30,000-40,000 square foot building and putting 30-40 people to work. Mr. Moron pointed out is FAC is holding a conference and bringing people from the industry, then all the counties must be asked for the same thing. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve travel for any Commissioners or staff that wants to attend this Conference. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey asked where this conference will be held. Attorney Shuler stated the conference is in central Florida. **Motion carried; 4-0.** Chairman Parrish reported Bay County has issued a moratorium as people are contacting them about these facilities. He said Mr. Moron is receiving calls about the regulations in Franklin County. He stated the news said it will be about 9 months before the state drafts the regulations and what pertains to the new amendment that was adopted regarding medical marijuana. He explained Bay County has issued a moratorium until they get their zoning in place of where these businesses can be located. He went on to say they cannot do anything that is contrary to the law but they can make sure it is adopted the correct way. He reported a number of counties in the State have already adopted a moratorium. He said a moratorium should be approved until zoning and other issues are straightened out to address the current law. Attorney Shuler agreed and said there is no zoning in place that regulates these medical marijuana dispensaries. He requested the Board authorize him to conduct a public hearing to consider imposing a moratorium until they can develop the appropriate zoning to implement the law that was just passed. He pointed out that the State will regulate how they operate and he does not think local regulations can be imposed. Attorney Shuler explained through zoning the County can address where the dispensaries will be located. He suggested the County impose the moratorium and then conduct hearings over a 6-9 month

period to develop the zoning laws on this issue. Commissioner Massey agreed something needs to be in effect as people will be contacting the county. Attorney Shuler advised the Board months ago several attorney/lobbyists visited his office about this issue but he was waiting to see what the voters did before the County took any action. Commissioner Sanders reported there will not be many growers here as most of the property is state land. Attorney Shuler stated the lobbyists who visited his office actually work for one of the six licensed growers statewide. Mr. Moron reported the emails he is getting are more about the store fronts, where they can sell it and what the zoning and restrictions are. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Attorney Shuler to conduct a public hearing to consider a moratorium on this matter.** Attorney Shuler said this will take some time for the Board to adopt the moratorium ordinance so he recommends the Board by motion declare a zoning in progress and direct staff not to process any applications for medical marijuana dispensaries until the expiration of the moratorium period. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to declare a zoning in progress and direct staff not to process any applications for medical marijuana dispensaries until the expiration of the moratorium period.**

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler did not have a report.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron if he will let the Board know when he will take his time off. Mr. Moron reported he will have it ready by the next meeting.

Commissioners & Public Comments

The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Brenda LaPaz, City of Carrabelle Mayor, wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She thanked the Board for being present today in Carrabelle bringing the government to the people. She also thanked the Board for the road paving project and said the citizens are enjoying the roads. She reported some of these roads had not been paved in 30-40 years. Mayor LaPaz stated the City appreciates the opportunity to piggyback onto the projects and funding a few roadway paving projects too. She said the City appreciates the ongoing County assistance with right-of-way debris management. She stated they also appreciate that the County just addressed the recertification to participate in the LAP Program. She reported they use Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, on LAP projects like the Tallahassee sidewalk project that will happen next year. She invited the Commissioners to take a drive down Marine Street to see the new and ongoing improvements. She went on to say it has been resurfaced along with Southeast Avenue E and Southeast Avenue B. She reported next year Southeast Avenue C will be addressed and paved. Mayor LaPaz said stormwater drainage management on Marine Street has been funded by the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD). She reported the blighted building removal and a new parking area for trucks and boat trailers in

the Marine Street triangle is in the design phase. She explained there will also be some building façade improvements there and all of these are funded with the CRA (Community Redevelopment Area) Fund for the Community Redevelopment District. She said they appreciate these funds and would like the Board to see how they are being spent. Mayor LaPaz wished the Board a Happy New Year and said they look forward to working with them in the new year.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Joseph Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts