

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
1:15 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Noah Lockley-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

Others Present: Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to Order. He stated this special session of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is now convened to discuss a proposed settlement in a lawsuit filed by Mr. Henry Rochelle. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Bill Warner, Warner Law Firm, to proceed with his presentation. Mr. Warner greeted the Commissioners and introduced himself. He stated he represents the County in this lawsuit and was assigned by their insurance carrier to defend this lawsuit. Mr. Warner reported this lawsuit is Case #4:16-cv-733-MW-CAS and is pending in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division. He reported the meeting was requested to receive advice from the Board concerning a possible settlement of the lawsuit. Mr. Warner said the following persons will be present during the executive session:

Chairman Joseph Parrish
Commissioner Noah Lockley
Commissioner Cheryl Sanders
Commissioner William Massey,
Commissioner Ricky Jones
Attorney Bill Warner
Attorney Michael Shuler
Court Reporter, Connie Hunnings

He estimated this executive session will last approximately 30 minutes. He reported no decisions or votes will occur during the executive session. Chairman Parrish said the special meeting is now in recess. He asked for everyone other than the persons just named to please leave the room. Chairman Parrish convened the executive session.

Attorney Warner presented the proposed settlement and provided advice to the Board.

Chairman Parrish announced that the special meeting of the County Commission is now re-convened.

Chairman Parrish asked if the Board has any further discussion. He stated if not, is there a motion to approve the settlement agreement? **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the settlement agreement.** Attorney Shuler stated this concludes the special meeting.

Chairman Parrish closed the special meeting.

Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts