

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court, Michael Moron-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.

Payment of County Bill List (Final for FY 2016 – 2017)

Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve payment of the County's bills.

Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Chairman Parrish questioned the bills for two different hauling companies. Commissioner Massey stated Mr. Howard Nabors, Road Department, has hired two companies to haul limerock. Commissioner Sanders said they were asked to hire local haulers. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Michael Morón – Request Approval of Roberson & Associates Engagement Letter

Mr. Moron reported he sent an email to the Commissioners with the engagement letter request from Roberson & Associates for the forensic audit of the Tax Collector's Office. He stated they are still in the process of this audit and this should have been presented to the Board earlier. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the engagement letter from Roberson & Associates.**

**Jason Puckett – Airport Manager – Present Airport FBO Recommendation for
Discussion/Action**

Mr. Puckett explained the five member committee that reviewed the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) proposals was composed of two previous airport managers; two previous Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) members, and himself. He requested the Board allow him to start lease negotiations with Centric Aviation. He said this company was ranked number 1 by a unanimous decision of the committee. Attorney Shuler asked that whatever action the Board takes they make it subject to his review and involvement. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to authorize Mr. Puckett to negotiate the lease with Centric Aviation subject to Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish asked them to consider keeping the local people working at the airport when they negotiate this contract. He stated these individuals do a good job and they would like to keep them working there. He said the company should use the people already there because they have experience. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Puckett to add this to the negotiations and consider an interview for these people. Mr. Puckett stated this has already been discussed and they will need them especially as part of a transition team. Commissioner Lockley explained in the past the companies offer a lot but then they run into problems and do not do what they say. He inquired about the rent for the FBO. Mr. Puckett reported they provided a potential rent with a flowage fee but that will be part of the negotiations. He explained they are trying to make it equitable so the FBO is a viable business but also pays their fair share to the county. Commissioner Sanders discussed the overlay for the airport that was presented years ago and said her understanding is there may be some potential items about this again. Commissioner Sanders reported she would like to direct staff, Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler to look into this matter and come back with some information to get the Board up to speed. She stated if the Board has to do an overlay at the airport, they would be very strained to do what they have to do because of the homes. **Commissioner Lockley amended his motion to include directing staff, Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler to look into the airport overlay and provide a report to the Board. Commissioner Sanders amended her second.** Commissioner Lockley said his understanding is this must be done or they will cut the funding. Commissioner Sanders explained the County needs to make sure the facts are right. Commissioner Lockley stated they need to make sure the money does not have to be paid back if they do not approve it. Commissioner Jones said at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) meeting they reported the State passed this law and if the Counties do not approve it then they will not receive DOT funding. Chairman Parrish reported if this is true it will create a lot of problems for the Board and people around the airport area. Commissioner Sanders stated the Board must get information and take a stand on this matter. She reported in the past they have opposed things and it has helped the situation. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Sarah Hinds – Health Department – Request Approval of Core Contract

Mr. Moron said at the last meeting the Board requested information about the contract including vehicles, insurance, programs and employees. He stated some information has been emailed to the Board in response to the questions. Ms. Hinds requested approval of the Core Contract and Fee Schedule. She reported these items have not changed since last year. She stated the Core Contract and Fee Schedule will be effective October 1st. She introduced some

of their staff in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Hinds reported the funding contribution from the county supports the clinical team. She said they worked hard to provide the answers to the Board's questions. Ms. Hinds reported she recognizes this is an opportunity for her to provide health department updates during the regular meetings so they can showcase the great work that is happening at the Health Department and in the communities. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Core Contract and Fee Schedule.**

Mike Cooper – Weems CEO – Update on Generator Replacement/Repairs for Discussion/Action

Mr. Moron stated the Board authorized purchasing a new generator for the hospital and it was more expensive than anticipated so Mr. Cooper is here to discuss another option. Mr. Cooper explained when the generator went down about 3 months ago; the estimate to repair it was substantial so they decided to purchase a new generator. He said they were informed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will no longer perform a desktop review but will conduct a full review which requires an electrical engineer and architect to draw up plans to replace the generator. Mr. Cooper reported the first bid from the electrical engineer was in excess of \$40,000 and the price of the generator is \$60,000. He said Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, suggested another electrical engineer and his price was \$10,000. Mr. Cooper explained after a review it was determined the remedial work required to bring the electrical system up to the current code would exceed \$100,000 plus the cost of the generator, the AHCA costs, and the costs of the electrical engineer and the architect. He estimated the total for this work may be \$150,000-\$200,000. He recommended the Board now complete a very in-depth repair to the old generator. Mr. Cooper explained the costs involved will mostly be labor. He said they will ask for the repair to include things that could go wrong so they fix everything. He asked the Board for permission to start the process of repairing the generator at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. He stated the initial estimate was \$13,000-\$17,000. Chairman Parrish reported if the old generator is repaired then they do not have to do the other things mentioned. He went on to say if they move into another building then the electrical will already be upgraded so it will save money. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to repair the generator at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones asked the name of the company that will complete the repairs. Mr. Cooper responded Mr. Mike Acree who is with the company that is providing the temporary generator. Commissioner Lockley asked if the company will guarantee their work. Mr. Cooper answered yes; they will guarantee the work they complete for a year. Commissioner Lockley said hopefully by then they will be started on the new hospital. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Chairman Parrish informed the Board he will meet with the architect today about the sprinkler system for the armory. He said there have been some comments by Commissioners about past projects and if they cannot negotiate and get this work done then the Board may need to find another architect.

Mr. Moron reminded the Board the Legislative Delegation meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 5:00 p.m. and the dedication of the highway is scheduled that day at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Massey reported the dedication will be at Gunter's Pontoon at the foot of the Carrabelle Bridge. Chairman Parrish asked the Board members to bring up the sprinkler system at the armory with the legislative delegation so they can help with this project. Commissioner Sanders reported it was supposed to be part of a historical grant but it was not funded. Commissioner Sanders agreed to address this item as she also has some community budget requests. She stated an update will be provided at the meeting on Tuesday.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts