

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
OCTOBER 3, 2017  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Noah Lockley-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

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

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Lockley 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 Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on September 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. and September 29, 2017.**

**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 reported one of the inmate supervisors has turned in his two weeks' notice and his last day will be Thursday. Commissioner Sanders asked which employee it is. Mr. Nabors stated it is Mr. Elton Warriner. He requested permission to advertise for this position. **On**

**motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for this position.**

Mr. Nabors said they are cutting grass across the county and are in Lanark Village right now. He stated they received a call about the wildflowers but they are only cutting 3ft. off the road. Commissioner Sanders asked if this call was from the state. Mr. Moron answered no; it was from a citizen. Commissioner Sanders said the Road Department knows where to cut. Mr. Moron explained he asked Mr. Nabors to check with Broad Spectrum to verify they are cutting the right area. Commissioner Sanders asked if this is the last grass cutting of the season. Mr. Nabors answered no; they will cut one more time. Commissioner Sanders stated the 3 ft. will be okay now and then the entire area will be cut on the last grass cutting. Vice-Chairman Lockley stated the Road Department needs to keep doing like they have been doing. He advised Mr. Nabors to call Mr. Moron if he has any problems.

**Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director**

Mr. Davis did not have anything to report at this time. The Board did not have any items for Mr. Davis.

**Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director**

Mrs. Brownell offered her report, as follows:

**Action Items:**

1. Opening of the RFQ for Emergency Planning, Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Management.
2. Approval of Review & Scoring Committee for the RFQ listed above. Will come back to the Board with their rankings.  
Review Committee: Michael Moron & Emergency Management Office

**Information Items:**

1. EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag. Staff are also encouraging all residents to sign up for Alert Franklin our new County Alert system.
2. EOC Staff are preparing documentation for FEMA Protective Measures.
3. EOC Staff have reviewed and are asking for Power Plans for all Assisted Living Facilities and Hospitals in Franklin County.
4. EOC Staff continue to issue Re-Entry Tags to residents of Franklin County.

Mrs. Brownell stated there was only one RFQ for Emergency Planning, Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation submitted and FEMA will not accept one bid so the County will have to re-

advertise. She explained several vendors notified her they would not submit a RFQ because they are working on Hurricane Irma items. Vice-Chairman Lockley asked if there is a time limit for this project. Mrs. Brownell stated there is not a time limit for selecting a contractor. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to reject the one bid received and authorize re-advertising subject to Attorney Shuler's approval.**

Mrs. Brownell reported they are currently watching 2 storm systems and will be watching them through the weekend. She stated hopefully they will not turn into anything. Vice-Chairman Lockley asked how close the storms are. Mrs. Brownell answered the storm is in the Florida Keys. She reported if it turns into anything, they are saying it will be a rain and wind event.

Commissioner Sanders stated she attended a policy meeting of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and during the rural caucus they were discussing problems with debris contractors in central and south Florida. She said they have a lot of debris and now they cannot get it picked up and they must operate by FEMA guidelines or they will not be reimbursed. Commissioner Sanders explained they want to look at another way of doing this but they cannot change contractors because of the contract. She said she informed them when the Board issues the state of emergency; it gives them authority to do whatever they need to do.

#### **Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director**

Mr. Lovestrand appeared before the Board but did not have any action items. He reported 107 4<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers attended an Ag Adventures event in Quincy. He said they had participation from the Franklin County School, the ABC School and the First Baptist School. Mr. Lovestrand stated the evaluations from the teachers have been very positive. He reported this is a record number of participants as only 30 children attended last year. Mr. Lovestrand said they will also conduct the Tropicana Public Speaking Contest in schools again this year.

### **County Extension Activities September 20 – October 3, 2017**

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

- Extension Staff assisted local citizens regarding mole crickets and turf issues, invasive weeds, sea turtle lighting, and other topics.
- Extension Director provided seafood industry related impacts due to Hurricane Irma to statewide assessment data. Local impacts primarily related to lost business due to disruption of sales routes to impacted areas and disruption of supply routes from other areas. Also, loss of work for local people related to being shut down for a period and closure of the oyster fishery temporarily.
- Extension Director participated in planning for collaborative activities with other regional natural resource extension agents.
- Extension Director and Staff participated in the annual Estuaries Day event at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve center in Eastpoint.

#### Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participated in the weekly planning calls for the Dark Skies turtle lighting project.
- Work continues with the Franklin County turtle lighting project with approximately 50 additional properties receiving assistance this grant year to retrofit beachfront lighting that is compliant with the local turtle lighting ordinance.
- 17 participants took part in a two-day Waterschool workshop to teach about the importance of a local watershed.
- Extension Director travelled to Gainesville for the biennial Coastal Science Symposium and presented work being done in Franklin County related to sea turtle lighting retrofits.
- Extension Director participated in the annual Florida Sea Grant Program meeting for 3 days in Gainesville. At present there are plans to host this meeting in Franklin County next year for approximately 40 Sea Grant Faculty and Administrators.

#### 4-H Youth Development:

- Coordinating with schools to implement Tropicana Public Speaking Contest this school year.
- 107 Franklin County 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and Teachers attended the annual Ag Adventures program at the UF North Florida Research and Education Center near Quincy this year. Participants came from the Franklin County School, the Apalachicola Bay Charter School and the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist School in Apalachicola.

#### Family Consumer Sciences:

- Franklin County FNP Program Assistant continues to conduct nutrition programming in the schools and at the local food pantry.

#### Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Wakulla Extension Director provided a program at the Franklin county Library on winter vegetable gardening.

#### **Leigh Smith – Franklin County Consolidated School – Presentation**

Mr. Moron reported Ms. Smith was going to address the Board about homecoming at the school but she was not able to attend today. The Board discussed the homecoming parade. Mr. Moron said authorization for the parade route was approved earlier in the year.

#### **Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report**

Clerk Johnson did not have a report at this time. The Board wished Clerk Johnson a happy birthday.

#### **Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report**

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

1- Provide Board with copies of various documents associated with the acquisition of Lots 1-6, Southwest Cape Subdivision, from Capital City Bank. The Alligator Point property that has spawned over a decade worth of litigation is now county property; the closing occurred on Sept. 21. No county funds were used in the acquisition. The property will be left as open space. In order to complete some of the terms of the HMGP grant that provided the bulk of the funds for the acquisition, the county road department will remove the road debris and rubble that is on the property and also still remains along the shore from Hurricane Hermine.

Mr. Pierce reported the debris must be removed or eventually DEP could cite the County.

2- Update on activity from the Consortium meeting Commissioner Sanders attended on Sept. 28.

Mr. Pierce said the Consortium is slowly working on the State Expenditure Plan (SEP). Commissioner Sanders stated at the meeting they addressed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) proposal for implementation of the money through the Consortium. She said the legal counsel has not received an opinion yet on this matter. She reported they provided a list of the projects for all 23 counties for the Consortium pot of money. She explained they are trying to decide on a funding model and there were 3 options. She reported the County could take their share of the money, keep the money in escrow if the projects are not ready or receive the money when a project is ready. Commissioner Sanders stated the Consortium Board voted for option #2 which was to have a set amount of money and then they would have the ability to fund a small project instead of a big project. She explained Model A was more limited on what the money could be used for as it would be 1/23 of the money. She reported the consultants said they will have a draft SEP by the November legislative meeting being held in Sarasota. Commissioner Sanders explained at that time they will see the plan for all 23 counties and the state plan. She informed the Board she voiced concerns and the consultants will try to address the concerns before the November meeting. Mr. Pierce stated it is important to set a schedule but it does not affect the amount of money being received because every county is getting the same amount which is \$12.5 million over 15 years. He explained this action does not affect the county very much because our projects are in the design phase and by the time the projects are ready there will be money in their account. Mr. Pierce said another argument is whether the Consortium has to hire another set of consultants for implementation. Commissioner Sanders reported this is not good and she does not agree with it because there are too many layers. She explained administrative costs are coming out of the money but there are not any projects on the ground yet. Commissioner Lockley asked who is paying the consultants. Mr. Pierce said his understanding is the money is coming out of every county's share. Commissioner Sanders agreed and stated this is why she is objecting. She explained the consultants asked them to approve something when they did not have what they needed in writing so they will bring the issue back in November. Commissioner Sanders reported the consultants are looking at the MOU because they do not know if the Consortium can do this and hire someone. Mr. Pierce pointed out even if the SEP is finalized by the Consortium; it has to go to the Governor for approval and then to the Trustees of the Gulf

Council. He explained it will be 2018 before the Gulf Council addresses the SEP and he is not sure how long it will take if they have questions. He reported it may be 2019 before the County sees any money. Commissioner Sanders said the consultants stated counties can re-prioritize their plans every year or two but she thinks it will happen before the SEP is approved because areas like the Florida Keys have been devastated by storms and their projects may have changed. Vice-Chairman Lockley asked if it will help if all the counties write a letter about this matter. Commissioner Sanders said she does not think so since they are telling them at the meetings. She stated they will wait and see what happens in November because they are supposed to have an answer on the MOU and implementation at that time. She said some of them are objecting if it is not right but there are very few people that are objecting. She reported she is trying to make sure Franklin County is heard when they need to be heard. Commissioner Jones explained the problem is the state is not talking about their money; they are talking about the money for the counties and the counties were the ones impacted. He stated the court intended and ordered the money to go to the counties. Mr. Pierce reported the federal government is dictating what will happen. He said the money coming from the SEP has to be approved by the Gulf Council, which is a federal entity. Commissioner Sanders reported the reason Franklin County was the last county to join the Consortium is because they knew this was going to happen and they were concerned about Franklin County having their rightful part.

Mr. Pierce reported at the legislative delegation meeting last night Commissioner Sanders addressed some issues. He said she explained the state fire marshal caused the problem at the Armory. Mr. Pierce stated she also pointed out the Armory was a state building for many years and there was never an issue about occupancy and now that it is a county building there is a problem. He stated the County is hoping to get some relief from the state fire marshal. Mr. Pierce reported the second issue addressed was that the counties that are able to get Triumph money are going to be stuck in the middle and the Triumph Board is not going to want to give them money if they can get it from the legislature and the legislature is not going to want to give money if they are receiving Triumph funds. He explained money like FRDAP and DOT funds could be in jeopardy as they know the County is going to receive the other funds. He stated Commissioner Sanders did a good job of warning the legislative delegation about this problem and they were supportive. Commissioner Sanders said they agreed it will be a problem. He stated the third issue was relocating Highway 98 by the Island View property. He said now that the project is going on they asked for support to get DOT to assist the County with relocating the road. He explained Mrs. Brenda LaPaz, Mayor for the City of Carrabelle, spoke and supported this item. He reported the County is trying to have the bad curve taken out of the road and hopefully DOT will assist them with the design. Commissioner Sanders stated she also provided some information about the SEP because the legislators do not know some of the things going on with the Consortium. She expressed concern that the state is going to try and shift costs to the county. Vice-Chairman Lockley commented the legislators do not know about these issues but they have to vote on them. Commissioner Sanders said the SEP goes to the Governor for approval and if it does not get approved then it goes back to start over. She went on to say if it gets approved by the Governor then it goes on to the Gulf Council

and if they do not approve it, it will go back again. Commissioner Sanders said it is not right for the state to shift costs on a state resource to a county. Mr. Pierce said the issue is how much assistance the state is going to put in Apalachicola Bay. Vice-Chairman Lockley reported the state owns the bay. Mr. Pierce said they are trying to get the county to handle this problem when they know the county is going to receive some money. Vice-Chairman Lockley reported the state owns the bay but they don't want to take care of it. He explained this is some of the reason it is in trouble now. Commissioner Sanders stated the County has a designation of rural economic state concern and receives waivers and matches and she thinks it will change and the county will have to provide the funds. She reported Alligator Point road will be one of the projects and it will deplete the Bald Point Trust Fund.

Mr. Pierce read item #4 from his report, as follows:

4- Inform the Board that I have called the Governor's Office to get a resolution of the county's request for a waiver from Hurricane Hermine. As the Board may recall, the county made the waiver request in February, 2017. I had previously contacted the Governor's Office and they said they would make a decision after the legislative session. I called after the legislative session and they said they needed to confer with the Division of Emergency Management. I called a few weeks ago to see if the confirmation had taken place, and admittedly they were very busy with Hurricane Irma response.

I want to remind the Board, and the residents of Alligator Point, that if the waiver is not granted, it is expected that all of the Bald Point Trust Fund will be consumed in meeting the county match requirements from the damage caused by Hurricane Hermine. If the Bald Point Trust Fund goes away, the only source of money for repairs to Alligator Drive will have to come out of the Road Dept budget, or out of the county reserve funds. The county has not set aside a funding mechanism to pay for the extra-ordinary costs of maintaining Alligator Drive. For the last 25 years the county has had the Bald Point Trust Fund, but once it is depleted funding the maintenance of Alligator Drive is going to be a major problem.

Mr. Pierce said he wants everyone to know this is coming and he will address it again in January during Restore time. He reported he will bring up the issue of a beach renourishment project because he does not know how else to save the road. He said the state does not want to take the road back, the residents do not want to pay for it and at some point it is going to be a problem.

3- Inform the Board that I have successfully completed all of the on-line forms with the assistance of US Treasury personnel to extend the RESTORE Act Planning Grant. As the Board is aware, the Planning Grant is the source of funds the county is using to develop the Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP), and the MYIP is necessary in order to receive RESTORE funds. The US Treasury will be sending down a grant amendment for the Board to sign in a few weeks.

Mr. Pierce stated he will not be at the next Board meeting but will be here in November.

Commissioner Jones questioned if there is enough in the Bald Point Trust Fund even if it was depleted to provide the match to fix the road. He also asked if FEMA is holding up the project. Mr. Pierce reported what is holding up the project is the County had not gone out for competitive bids for consulting engineering services. He explained the County had \$300,000 with a 12 ½% match which is about \$50,000 but has to complete the competitive bid process. He said the first meeting in November the County will go through the process of selecting a consulting firm that meets the FEMA requirements so they can use this firm to design the Alligator Point repairs. He explained the Bald Point Trust Fund has the \$50,000 needed to provide the 12 1/2 % match. He reported the big problem will occur after the road is designed and the County will need to provide the 12 ½% match for the \$3 million in FEMA money allocated for the repairs. He explained the match will more than deplete the Bald Point Trust Fund if the waiver is not received. He expressed concern that a winter storm or non-presidential disaster could damage the road and there would be no money left in the Bald Point Trust Fund for repairs. He described 2 areas of the road that are within 50 ft. of the water and could wash out during a storm. Vice-Chairman Lockley asked if Mr. Pierce is talking to people about the waiver. Mr. Pierce answered yes and said he talked with Ms. Marcia Mathis, Senator Bill Montford's Office, and Ms. Mary Terese Hester, Senator Bill Nelson's Office, and they will make some calls to try and help. He reported a person he contacted in the Governor's Office was optimistic the waiver would get approved but he would like to know the County has the waiver. Commissioner Sanders discussed the time involved with this process and stated the Solid Waste Department is just starting to receive money from Hurricane Hermine and that happened 14 months ago.

Mr. Moron stated Ms. Leigh Smith was not able to appear but she sent some representatives from the school. Mr. Moron introduced Ms. Faith Sapp, a member of the Franklin County School Student Government Association. Ms. Sapp thanked the Board for supporting the homecoming festivities especially the parade and formally invited all of Franklin County including the Board to participate in the activities. She presented the Board with an itinerary of the homecoming events.

The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

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

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

1. Inform the Board that the Chairman, Mr. Mark Curenton, and I met with Mr. Warren Emo to discuss reducing the cost of installing a sprinkler system in the Fort Combs Armory. Mr. Emo explained that the many variables in this project are the main reason for the high cost so offered this option to reduce the overall cost of the project. Since the water pressure and quantity from the City of Apalachicola must be determined before the

system can be designed, Mr. Emo will submit a proposal for Board approval to test the water system. Based on those results, he will meet with the State's Fire Marshal office to determine what type of system will meet the requirements to protect the Armory. Once that has been determined Mr. Emo can provide a refined estimate of the cost of installing the system in the Armory.

Mr. Moron reported Mr. Emo recommended doing the water test as a separate proposal and then he can refine the costs. He said Mr. Emo also proposed shifting the engineering to the side of the bidders. He explained the bids may be higher but it will eliminate Mr. Emo conducting inspections and providing engineering so it will lower the overall costs. Mr. Moron stated he should have the proposal for the water test at the next meeting.

2. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution regarding the State of Florida County EMS Grant. This EMS grant is in the amount of \$1,372.00 and is commonly referred to as the "Baby" EMS grant which the County has approved it in the past.

**Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Sanders clarified this is the grant they use to purchase supplies for the ambulance. Mr. Moron answered yes. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

3. Inform the Board that it is time to update the capital improvements schedule in the comprehensive plan. This schedule is a list of all the capital improvement projects the County hopes to accomplish in the next five years. The Board members need to let the Planning Department know of any potential projects they might want to include on this schedule because having them listed could help get future grant applications approved. Board action to approve the Planning Department advertising a public hearing to consider amending the capital improvement schedule.

Mr. Pierce reported the capital improvement schedule should be updated every year but they complete the update about every 2 years. He explained Mr. Curenton will add projects he knows about such as the sprinkler system at the Armory but the Board can also add items they hope to get done. He stated they always add a statement that projects are pending availability of funds. Mr. Pierce advised the Board to contact Mr. Curenton if they have ideas that should be added to the schedule. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Planning Department to advertise a public hearing to consider amending the capital improvement schedule.**

4. Board action to sign a contract with Broadspectrum to provide maintenance on Crooked River Bridge. At your August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board agreed to engage Broadspectrum to provide bridge maintenance based on FDOT's inspection report findings at Crooked River Bridge. Attorney Shuler has prepared a contract for the Chairman's signature.

Commissioner Sanders asked if painting the bridge was added. Mr. Moron answered no, but he will ask and see if it will make a difference. Mr. Moron verified she would like the white reflective paint. Commissioner Sanders answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to sign a contract with Broadspectrum to provide maintenance on Crooked River Bridge.**

5. At your September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Mr. Curt Blair, TDC Administrator, requested Board approval for travel expenses allowing him to attend the Florida Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (FADMO) annual meeting next week. At the TDC monthly meeting, which was held after the BOCC meeting due to Hurricane Irma, TDC member Janalyn Dowden was authorized by the TDC Board to attend the FADMO meeting with Mr. Blair. Mr. Blair contacted me and asked if he could register Ms. Dowden before the deadline and ask for your approval at today's meeting. Board action.

Mr. Moron reported because of the hurricane the TDC Board did not meet until after the Board meeting so Mr. Blair was delayed in asking for this item. Commissioner Sanders stated she has no problem with Ms. Dowden attending. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve Ms. Dowden attending the FADMO meeting. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Sanders asked where this is being paid from. Mr. Moron answered promotions. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

6. Mr. Jim Oskowis of FDEP notified staff that there will be a delay with the St. George Island Fishing Pier bathroom project because the matter of the lease won't be heard until the State Board of Trustees November or December monthly meeting. He presented two options, the first allowing the County "to move forward with bidding the Eastpoint restroom in October 2017. Construction would start in January 2018 and be completed in May 2018 at the earliest. The Eastpoint Fishing Pier would most likely have to be closed during construction, with the SGI Pier remaining open. When the State Board approves the SGI restroom in Nov. or Dec. 2017, we could bid it in Feb. 2018 and start construction as soon as the EP restroom is completed in May or June 2018, with completion in Sept. or Oct. 2018. Alternatively, we could delay the bidding of the SGI restroom, such that construction would start in Sept. or Oct. 2018 and be completed in Jan. or Feb. 2019." The other option would be to wait and bid both projects together. I discussed these options with Commissioner Jones and Mr. Mark Curenton and they both prefer moving forward with the Eastpoint Fishing Pier project and hopefully when that is completed St. George Island project will be ready to start. Board discussion and action.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to select option #1 to move forward with the bidding of the Eastpoint Fishing Pier project and hopefully when that is completed the St. George Island Fishing Pier project will be ready to start.**

7. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Board has approved this proclamation in prior years.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and authorizing Chairman Parrish to sign the Proclamation.**

8. Inform the Board that staff has advertised for sealed bids to replace two HVAC units for the Franklin County Courthouse. These are the small units above the Judicial Suite on the east side of the Courthouse. The County has already replaced the bigger units on the North and South side of the Courthouse. These bids will be opened at your October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
9. Inform the Board that the Franklin County Senior Class has requested the use of the Courthouse parking lot for their annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as the Florida Seafood Festival. As the Board is aware every year the Senior Class, as one of their major fund raisers, sells the parking spaces around the courthouse and the parking lot on the Saturday morning of the Seafood Festival until all the spaces are all taken. Board discussion and action.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to allow the Franklin County School Senior Class to use the Courthouse parking lot for their annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, which is the same day as the Florida Seafood Festival.**

10. Inform the Board that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Conference is scheduled for November 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> in Sarasota County. This will be the final opportunity for the membership and Legislative Policy Committees to meet and voice their opinion on policies lobbied by FAC during the upcoming legislative sessions. The vote to adopt the final FAC policies will be on the final day of the conference.

Mr. Moron asked the Commissioners to let him know if they are attending so he can work on their travel arrangements. Commissioner Sanders reported one of these policies is dealing with water and supporting or not supporting the Corps of Engineers' (COE) projects and policies. She stated the central and southern part of Florida is asking for some language for restoration of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and Hoover Dike. She said she is concerned because some projects and policies are contrary to what is needed for the Apalachicola River and she made them aware of this matter. She stated they said they will take address this at the November meeting. Commissioner Sanders reported this could cause some ill effects for Franklin County and they were not aware of it. She said she is glad 3 rural counties will be added to the federal legislative committee. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded**

**by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize travel expenses for the Commissioners to attend this Conference.**

11. Legislative Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in Leon County.

Commissioners and staff use this opportunity to assist FAC in the lobbying efforts to protect home rule and prevent unfunded mandates. A legislative briefing is planned for the morning followed by lobbying local delegations in the afternoon. I will update the Board with more information as it becomes available.

Mr. Moron presented Consortium packets Commissioner Sanders brought back for the Board members. Commissioner Sanders asked to make sure Commissioner Parrish receives his copy.

Commissioner Sanders requested an update on the Carrabelle Beach Bathroom Project. Mr. Moron said the bathrooms should be open this afternoon. He stated the plumber was there yesterday and should have completed the two final items.

Commissioner Sanders asked for an update on the Community Hospital Consulting (CHC) contract. Mr. Moron reported CHC sent the contract last week and Attorney Shuler has the contract. Commissioner Lockley asked if the price was reduced. Mr. Moron stated Attorney Shuler is reviewing the contract and then they will set up a meeting to start negotiations. Commissioner Sanders reported she would like this to move forward. Mr. Moron stated the attorney for CHC and Attorney Shuler will also have a separate meeting.

Commissioner Sanders stated last week at the end of the year meeting the Board approved the Core Contract for the Franklin County Department of Health. She instructed Mr. Moron to inquire about the situation with the vehicles in surrounding counties (Calhoun County, Liberty County, Jackson County, Gadsden County, and Wakulla County) and see what they do and how they take care of this issue and provide this information to the Board. She stated she may want to make a motion at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Sanders reported they still have a lot of vehicles and she would like to see what other counties are doing.

#### **Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report**

Attorney Shuler did not have a report at this time.

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

Vice-Chairman Lockley recognized Mrs. Anita Grove, newly elected Commissioner for the City of Apalachicola. Commissioner Grove said she looks forward to working with the county. Commissioner Sanders reported at the last meeting she was trying to recognize Commissioner Grove and Mr. Tony Millender, newly elected Commissioner for the City of Carrabelle, but both left before she could recognize them. Commissioner Sanders congratulated Commissioner Grove and said she will serve the City of Apalachicola well.

Commissioner Sanders stated she had some comments today but the parties are not present so she would like to reserve some time at the next meeting to address some things that were put on paper. She stated she will defer until the next meeting when there is a full Board and the parties are present.

Commissioner Sanders said Vice-Chairman Lockley has done a good job sitting in for Chairman Parrish today.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts