

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MARCH 20, 2018
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, Alan Pierce-RESTORE 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 Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2018.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, 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 the Working Supervisor position has been advertised in-house for two weeks and the only person that applied was Mr. Mitchell McCalpin. He asked for Board approval to fill this position. He said Mr. McCalpin will still be operating equipment sometimes.

Attorney Shuler stated under the personnel rules once the Board authorizes the advertising of the position then Mr. Nabors can make the selection. He went on to say Mr. Nabors informs the Board of the selection but there is no need for a motion. Mr. Nabors asked to increase Mr. McCalpin's salary from \$34,721 to \$37,221.00 which represents a \$2,500 raise. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to increase Mr. McCalpin's salary from \$34,721.00 to \$37,221.00.** Mr. Nabors requested permission to advertise in the newspaper for two weeks for the Equipment Operator position that starts at \$25,000. He said the position will be advertised in-house for two weeks and if no one is selected then it will be advertised in the newspaper for two weeks. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for two weeks for an Equipment Operator.**

Commissioner Jones questioned if the Board should post signs when they finish opening the access alleyways on St. George Island so the public is aware of the beach access. Mr. Nabors answered yes, especially on the gulf side.

Chairman Parrish complimented Mr. Nabors on the work they have done on the soccer field and said it looks good. Commissioner Lockley asked when they will open the field. Chairman Parrish stated soccer does not start until October and there are still some things that need to be done.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron to address Item #8 on his report while Mr. Nabors is present. Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

8. Mrs. Leslie Cox, of Green Guide, submitted, for Board consideration, some recommendations on mowing the right-of-way on CR 67 in order to protect important native grasses and wildflowers for fall migration of butterflies. I did some research and found Wakulla County's newest mowing plan submitted to FDOT. Both documents are included in your packet. Is the Board interested submitting a new mowing plan to FDOT for State Roads and/or changing the mowing plan for County roads? Board discussion.

Mr. Moron said he did some investigation based on complaints from the Board that certain parts of the county including Highway 98 look unkempt. He reported the County does have a mowing plan in place. Commissioner Sanders stated this issue needs to be addressed as they will be starting to mow soon. She asked Mr. Nabors to explain the policy. Mr. Nabors said usually they do not mow until the wildflowers are gone. He explained they usually cut in front of the houses on Highway 67 but they can stop if the Board would like them to. Commissioner Sanders stated Mr. Nabors should continue to do what he has been doing. She reported Ms. Cox in past years has complained about rutting in the ditches on Highway 67 but she reminded her that is not the County tractors causing the ruts but kids bogging in big trucks. She stated at that time the Board requested the Sheriff's Department to patrol this area. Commissioner Sanders suggested Mr. Moron contact the Sheriff's Office and remind them to patrol in this

area for bogging and write tickets if necessary. She reported Chairman Parrish has some areas that may also need to be patrolled. Commissioner Lockley questioned why the grass has to grow up over the whole county and why they cannot set aside a strip for the wildflowers and mow the rest. He reported the sides of the road look bad and every other county cuts the sides of the road. Mr. Nabors stated people called because the grass has grown up around the bike path so they cut it and then he got calls from people complaining the wildflowers were cut. Commissioner Lockley reported there is a problem with snakes if the grass is high and questioned who is responsible if someone is bitten. He suggested leaving a strip at each end of the county for wildflowers and cutting the rest of the areas. Commissioner Sanders discussed the liability to the county if the grass is high and people cannot see deer at night on Highway 67. Chairman Parrish reported he brought up these safety issues the last time they talked about this subject. He suggested staff look into this matter and come back at the next meeting with some recommendations. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to direct staff to come back with some recommendations. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish said until then Mr. Nabors should continue what he is doing. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Nabors stated two windows on the excavator were knocked out on Tuesday night. He said the Sheriff's Department was called and a report was made. Chairman Parrish reported the excavator was on the soccer field when this happened. He stated he contacted Mr. Davis yesterday about getting quotes on a fence for the soccer field because it will be torn up if it is left open. He reported they also need to look at getting grass seed to get the grass growing on the field.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Nabors for his work on the soccer field and said this project is moving along good. He reported he is checking on sod and met with someone about the fence and is waiting for a quote. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Moron to contact the Sheriff's Department and have them patrol this area until a fence is in place.

Mr. Moron presented item #12 from his report, as follows:

12. Inform the Board that the Armory Calendar is now online. A link to the calendar can be found on the County's website on the main page under the Quick Links tab. As a public notice I recommend that anyone that has reserved the Armory but don't see their reservation indicated on the calendar contact Sharon or Cheyenne (653-9783) as soon as possible to discuss their reservation.

Mr. Moron demonstrated how to use the link on the website. Commissioner Lockley asked if the price is also listed. Mr. Moron answered no, but said it can be added to the website. Chairman Parrish suggested the county run an advertisement in the newspaper informing the public the calendar is online and listing the website. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was**

agreed to direct staff to advertise that the armory calendar is online and list the website.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

5. Inform the Board that I have been notified by Mr. Jim Oskowis, of FDEP, who is managing our Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) projects that it is still the State's position that the County does not own the St. George Island (SGI) Fishing Pier property and a resolution to this issue will take a lot longer than previously thought. Mr. Oskowis is recommending that we delete the SGI Fishing Pier Restroom and Seawall Replacement projects and use that funding for any contingencies that may occur from the other three NRDA projects which are the Eastpoint Fishing Pier Restroom, Indian Creek Boat Ramp, and the Waterfront (Lombardi's) Park Improvement. This action will allow the funding from the SGI Fishing Pier Restroom and Seawall Replacement project to be used in Franklin County. **Board action** to authorize a letter to Mr. Oskowis deleting the SGI Fishing Pier Restroom and Seawall Replacement projects and transferring those funds to the other three NRDA projects as it is needed.

Mr. Moron explained there is a fight between two state agencies as to who owns the land and who had the right to issue a quit claim deed. He reported they do not want the money for these projects just to sit and then be taken away from the county. He explained if the dispute is resolved later then Mr. Pierce could try and find money to get the projects funded. Attorney Shuler asked to clarify the state's position on ownership of the bridge ends. Mr. Moron reported the county got a quit claim deed when the bridge was abandoned but now two state agencies are arguing about who owns the property. Attorney Shuler inquired if the State wants the county to say they own the property. Mr. Moron answered no, but said they will not give the county a lease for this project. Commissioner Sanders stated she thought DOT owned the property but DEP is saying they own it. Mr. Moron agreed DOT and DEP are arguing about the property. Mr. Pierce reported this is a disappointment because the one project they tried to get completed for the benefit of the people was the bathrooms on the St. George Island Fishing Pier. He went on to say the State cannot figure this out and are abandoning the most important Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) project. He stated if the County waits until this is resolved there will not be any money left as this is NRDA money and it is being spent quickly. Commissioner Sanders agreed this is the only project for this area and they do not want to lose the project. Mr. Moron said this is why they are asking to transfer the money. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to take the recommendation to authorize a letter to Mr. Oskowis deleting the St. George Island Fishing Pier Restroom and Seawall Replacement Projects and transferring those funds to the other three NRDA projects as it is needed. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones agreed they do not want to lose the funding. He expressed concern that the money could be lost if this dispute drags on. He reported the other three projects are valid and the Lombardi's project in particular can use the help to complete the project. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Moron presented Item #6 from his report, as follows:

6. Inform the Board that the contractor for the NRDA Waterfront (Lombardi) project has expressed some concerns with the existing roof trusses and sheathing on the old “shucking” building that will be converted to the Heritage Museum. To summarize, the contractor would like to replace the trusses and sheathing, install metal brackets as required by code, and install adequate strapping including hurricane straps. As a cost saving measure, the contractor would like to reuse the metal panel roofing panels since they appear to be in good condition. However, the contractor and the State requests a waiver from the County stating that the condition of the metal roof panels will not be warranted since they are being removed and then reinstalled. Until this matter is resolved, the State will not issue the necessary change order and that part of the project will be stalled. **Board action** to authorize Attorney Shuler to create this waiver and authorize the Chairman’s signature on the waiver.

Chairman Parrish reported the roof was done 4 years ago but they did not replace the plywood and trusses. He explained the trusses are old and do not meet the building code but they do not want to throw away the roof since it was just done. Mr. Moron pointed out the installation is warranted but the condition of the metal panels is what the waiver is for. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Attorney Shuler to create this waiver and authorize the Chairman’s signature on the waiver.**

Mr. Davis stated the Day of Ball starts on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Eastpoint at Vrooman Park.

Mr. Davis informed the Board Mr. Kevin Shiver’s mother died and the viewing will be tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. with the service starting immediately after the viewing. He said the service will be held on C.C. Land Road at Pastor Bobby Shiver’s church. He reported Mr. Shiver works for the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Jones said he would like to re-address the issue of the shooting range as he has received a lot of calls in the last two weeks. He asked Mr. Davis if the range is open or closed. Mr. Davis stated his understanding was the Board wanted the range to remain open until the other ranges in Apalachicola and Carrabelle are open. He said he received numerous calls and complaints about the shooting range being closed. He stated people are concerned the range in Apalachicola is going to be membership only and not open to the public. Commissioner Lockley stated Ms. Lee Mathis, City of Apalachicola Administrator, told him it would not be open to the public. Chairman Parrish agreed he talked with the Chief of Police for the City of Apalachicola and neither the range in Apalachicola nor the range in Carrabelle will be open to the public. He said he has also been contacted numerous times about this issue and people not having a place to shoot. Chairman Parrish reported he does not want to go into anything with the two cities because they already have their own plans. He said the County is going to have to look at the issue before they close the existing shooting range. He explained some people shoot competitively and have nowhere to practice. Commissioner Sanders stated people have suggested talking to the Division of Forestry about reserving a piece of land in Tate’s Hell Forest

for a shooting range. She explained this has come up several times in their liaison meetings and forestry does not view this as a use for the forest. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to contact the Florida Forestry Service and see if there is a partnership and they can work with them to get a piece of land for a shooting range.** She stated they are the biggest property owner in Franklin County and this is a type of sport. She said the County may need a couple of places. **Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said they need to hurry and get this done because this is a dangerous situation near the jail. Mr. Pierce pointed out a piece of property on the map that the county owned and gave to the School Board. He explained in 2008 the Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) was going to put a shooting range on this 20 acres and he has the plans. He suggested the Board contact the School Board to see if they will let the County put a shooting range on this parcel. Chairman Parrish reported FWC was going to put \$500,000 into a range at that time and it was going to be next to the Sheriff's Office so there was someone overseeing it. Commissioner Sanders inquired if this may be a better option than contacting the Division of Forestry and if she should rescind her motion. Mr. Pierce was not sure what the School Board's position would be at this time. Chairman Parrish suggested the motion be amended to pursue both options. **Commissioner Sanders amended her motion to contact the School Board about this parcel. Commissioner Jones amended his second.** Chairman Parrish reported this site next to the Sheriff's Department would be good. He stated maybe the County can get a FWC grant for this purpose. Commissioner Lockley stated a shooting range cannot be located in a residential area or around a jail. Mr. Davis pointed out the site owned by the School Board is used for a practice field for overflow when the teams are in Eastpoint. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Davis to contact Mr. Nabors and get some additional berms down both sides of the existing shooting range until they can get this worked out. He stated there have been complaints from the Humane Society and they are still working to try and resolve the issues.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell stated she does not have any action items.

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. EOC Staff is updating our Special Needs Database to verify current information of our Special Needs Residents.
3. EOC Staff continue to promote the Alert Franklin System and encourage residents to sign up to receive updates and information from Emergency Management.
4. 03/08/18 EOC Staff attended the Big Bend Health Care Coalition Special Needs Exercise in Tallahassee.

5. 03/15/18 Staff attended the Regional 2 Meeting in Wakulla County where Jennifer Daniels was named the Emergency Management Advisory Working Group (EMAG) Representative for Region 2.
6. 03/21/18 EOC Staff will be participating in the Active Shooter Exercise Planning Meeting #5 at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Mr. Moron read Item #4 from his report, as follows:

4. **Board action** to authorize travel and expenses for Commissioner Jones to attend the G-402 Incident Command System (ICS), Overview for Executive and Senior Officials on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in Sebring, Florida. This is part of the State Emergency Response Team compliance training. The other Board members have already taken this class.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize travel and expenses for Commissioner Jones to attend the G-402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executive and Senior Officials on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in Sebring, FL.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mrs. Brownell if they are storm ready. Mrs. Brownell responded yes, if everyone has their plan in place. She stated her office is ready.

Mrs. Brownell reported she will not attend the next meeting as she will be in Tallahassee at the CIM Class. She stated Mrs. Tress Dameron or Mrs. Jennifer Daniels will be here in her place.

Chairman Parrish asked Mrs. Brownell to comment on Item #1 on her report in relation to being storm ready. Mrs. Brownell discussed the items that must be done to meet the storm ready requirement. She reported over 10,000 re-entry tags were issued during the last storm and people need to know where their tags are located. Commissioner Lockley asked how long the tags are good for. Mrs. Brownell answered forever. Chairman Parrish reported now is the time for people to make sure they have their re-entry tags before a storm moves in. He stated issuance of these tags created chaos at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when the last storm was approaching so people need to get their tags and be prepared for storm season so things can flow better at EOC.

Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director

Chairman Parrish stated Mr. Lovestrand is not present as he is attending a training.

General Extension Activities:

- Provided citizens with assistance on soil tests, gardening topics, and mole crickets.

- Met at Chapman Botanical Garden with resident Ranger and two of UF's Research staff from the NF Research and Education Center. Discussion took place regarding potential projects that could involve our local 4-H youth in enhancing the native plantings on-site.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Multi-county 40-hour Master Naturalist class is on-going. Last week involved a field trip into Tate's Hell and to Fort Gadsden in Franklin County to explore freshwater wetland ecosystems.
- Participated in weekly conference call to coordinate Sea turtle lighting project work.
- Met with FWC and DEP in Tallahassee to discuss project work for the multi-county Dark Skies turtle lighting project and a potential grant extension.
- Submitted local sea turtle project information/results for a possible award from the Assoc. of Natural Resource Extension Professionals at their upcoming meeting in April.

4-H Youth Development:

- The Tropicana Public Speaking County competition took place on March 15 at the Franklin County K-12 School. 10 contestants presented speeches and awards were presented to the first 4 places in the 4th/5th grade grouping and the 6th grade grouping from the K-12 school and the ABC School. A full summer camp scholarship was also awarded to the 1st place winner in each of the two groupings.
- Extension Director met with new Camp Timpoochee Director to discuss the upcoming summer camping season.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program Assistant teaching scheduled classroom programs in local schools.
- Wakulla FCS Agent presenting "Cooking with Herbs" program at Eastpoint Library.

Lisa Lance – Library Director

Mrs. Lance reported April 12th is the final day for Tax Aid. She stated there are two more available dates.

Mrs. Lance said the Library is participating in the City of Carrabelle Culture Crawl on Saturday. She explained they will have some give aways and refreshments and she invited everyone to visit the library.

Action Item: Requesting approval from the Board of County Commissioners for the conversion of the current Carrabelle PT position to FT Status. If approved, the conversion is requested to be effective April 1, 2018.

The conversion allows for necessary staff hours of availability to provide adequate coverage of Library services and programs offered. The number of programs offered has increased

significantly over the past year and customer attendance for general use of the library is increasing consistently, including circulation, online and public computer access.

Mrs. Lance reported this change is necessary because for the last year they have been adding programs and attendance is up. She stated there will also be a redirection of approved funds from the additional part time position as they did not get adequate candidates for the position. She reported they will be able to cover the costs within their budget. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve the conversion of the current part time Carrabelle position to full time. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley asked if the money is in the budget. Mrs. Lance answered yes. Chairman Parrish reported they have one existing part time position and will add these funds for the other part time position to make one full time position. He said she will still have the funding at budget time so if her budget stays the same there will not be an increase. Mrs. Lance agreed that is their intent. Commissioner Lockley asked if they are going to hire another part time position. Mrs. Lance said they will look at it during the next budget review but at this time they are not asking for another part time position. Mr. Pierce pointed out if she asks for another part time position then it will increase her budget. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Monthly Update Programs and Resources:

- Carrabelle Branch will be closed Good Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31
- AARP Free Tax Aide: Continues through April 12, alternating Thursday's between branches
- Computer Classes, Tuesdays in March for booking an hour of one-on-one instruction of topics taught during the February classes, including Windows 10, Excel, and Facebook
- Adult Gardening Programs: Eastpoint, March 20 at 1:30, Totally Tomatoes: Tips, Tricks and Techniques for Success, – April Topic: Pick-a-Pepper: Production Protocols for the Perfect Capsicum Cultivar, Carrabelle, April 10 and Eastpoint, April 17
- The Basics of Better Living Program: April Topic: Extreme Recipe Makeover, program at Carrabelle, Friday April 6 at 1:30 and at Eastpoint, Friday April 20 at 1:30 pm
- Friday Movie Night in Carrabelle, April 20 at 6:00, Movie Title: Wonder
- February was the Annual Friends of the Library Soup, Bread, and Book Sales at Eastpoint and Carrabelle. Thanks to all who participated. More than \$2300 raised
- Midwinter Update for February: FCPL locations had another increase in circulation and attendance stats in a comparison between Feb 2017 and Feb 2018.
 - Carrabelle circulation was up 33% and Eastpoint was up 5%
 - Carrabelle attendance, 100% increase, Feb 2017 = 1659, Feb 2018 = 3293
 - Eastpoint attendance, 24% increase, Feb 2017 = 2194, Feb 2018 = 2729
- Music as a Second Language is entering the 10th week, 20 students participating this session.
- Eastpoint Branch is now operating by regular (summer) hours, Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00 pm

General Monthly Calendar of Events:

- Eastpoint and Carrabelle: Monthly Book Chats, Book Socials, Yoga (4 sessions, Mon-Wed, Fri. in Carrabelle), Yoga (Tuesday's, 1st & 3rd Friday's – Eastpoint)

- Eastpoint: Steam 2 (ages 5-7), Monday's at 10:30 am, Steam (ages 8-12), Thursday's at 3:30; Storytime (ages 1-4) monthly, Wednesday's at 10:30, Teen Book Club (6th – 12th grade) 1st Monday each month, 2:00 pm)
- Carrabelle: MakerSpace Club (ages 5-13), Thursdays at 4:00, Storytime (ages 1-4) Friday's at 10:30 (Storytime temporarily on hold due to scheduling conflicts)
- Carrabelle: Free Friday Movie Nights, 1 Friday per month, movie at 6:00

Jason Puckett – Airport Manager

Mr. Puckett reported Centric Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO), is doing a phenomenal job. He said in the month of January their courtesy car had 107 round trips which took people into town and generates money for the local economy. He stated Centric Aviation has added new flooring throughout the building at the airport and used a local company for the installation. He said the FBO also added a new line service technician job and hired a local resident to fill this position.

Mr. Puckett stated Centric Aviation has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships and the students were notified. He explained there will be a short presentation at Aviation Day on Saturday. He stated he and Centric Aviation have coordinated an event to showcase the airport and there will be some World War II airplanes, free airplane rides for kids, local bands, food trucks and a jumpy house for the kids. He stated the event will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Puckett informed the Board the Annual FDOT inspection is scheduled for April 3rd. He explained both of their tractors are being repaired so they may need some help from the Road Department to get ready for the inspection.

Mr. Pierce asked if Centric Aviation has rental cars. Ms. Tara Maugham, Centric Aviation, said they have their own courtesy car. Mr. Pierce stated he knows it is difficult to have rental cars. Mr. Pierce questioned if the old Escort is still there. Mr. Puckett answered yes.

Chairman Parrish said Mr. Puckett needs to contact Mr. Nabors about getting the Road Department to help before the inspection. Mr. Puckett said he has already contacted Mr. Nabors.

Mr. John Collins, Avcon, stated last month the contractor finished the Airfield Lighting Replacement Project. Mr. Collins reported about a month ago the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) test flew the airport lighting and approved it. He said in the next 30 days everything will be sent to DOT to close out the project.

Mr. Collins said the contractor has completed all the original work on the Airfield Drainage Rehabilitation Project. He explained there was some money left over in the grant so the County added replacement of an additional piece of drainage pipe that was failing and that work is being done now. He stated in the next 30 days the project will be complete and they can begin the close out process.

Mr. Collins stated in reference to the Commercial Access Road, they are working diligently with the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Army Corps of Engineers to procure the wetland permits. He explained they are impacting about .7 of an acre of wetlands to install the road. He said they hope to have this issue resolved within the next 30 days. He reported when the permit is received, they will advertise this project for bid possibly in late spring or early summer. He stated this road is about 5,000 linear ft. and will provide commercial access to the airport to help with economic development.

Mr. Collins reported they provided an update on the Economic Development Study several months ago and Ms. Beth Kirkland and Mr. Santiago Hernandez are here to provide a final update and talk about the next steps in the process.

Mr. Collins stated there are two upcoming grants for the airport. He explained the first grant is to remark the airfield and FDOT is providing the money for this grant. He stated the money is available now and they will work with FDOT to procure the grant. He explained this project will not need any design so the county can go directly to Highlight Markings, which has a statewide FDOT contract, to mark airfields and they will do the work. Mr. Pierce asked if all three runways will be marked. Mr. Collins answered two, Runways 14-32 and 6-24. He said FDOT will not pay for Runway 18-36. Mr. Pierce reported the county will need to continue to reevaluate Runway 18-36 because FDOT will not fund this runway. He explained the county has to recognize that this runway has issues and over time it will be less a part of the airfield. Mr. Collins said the second grant is to update the Airport Master plan and FAA is providing funds in July for this project. He stated this project will look at the detailed operations of the airport and will project the needs over the next 20 years. He pointed out this is a requirement of the FAA and DOT in order to get future funds. Mr. Collins stated this process will start in July and typically takes about a year. He reported the County is scheduled to get the grant application in June and it will be submitted to FAA in July. He said there is 100% funding for this project from FAA and FDOT.

Commissioner Lockley said everyone is talking about studies but he wants to know when they are going to get something going to put people to work. Mr. Collins reported later in the meeting they are going to discuss the Economic Development Study for the airport. Commissioner Lockley reported they need to get people working.

Mr. Jones said the Board nominated him to serve on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) and there have been a lot of presentations so the people in the nine county region know what is going on. He asked if Mr. Puckett would be interested in providing a presentation to ARPC so they know what is going on in Franklin County. Mr. Puckett agreed he would like to make a presentation and would like the Economic Development Plan to be part of the presentation. Commissioner Sanders reported many agencies have appeared before the Commission and want to help the airport grow but she has been here for 20 years and nothing has gone forward. She stated the airport is a good opportunity to put some jobs in and employ some people. She said she hopes after she retires the Board will still pursue these options. She

reported the airport is an economic driver in the county. Mr. Pierce stated the airport is an expensive structure to maintain and that is the challenge. He reported the federal government recognizes the importance of the airport in the national aviation system. Mr. Puckett reminded the Board there are indirect jobs generated from the airport also. He explained there are subsidiary jobs that are dependent on the people that use the airport. He reported it is a resource for the county and hopefully with the Economic Development Plan they can identify some people to start bringing into the airport. Commissioner Sanders reported the County joined Opportunity Florida (OF) many years ago and she attended every meeting and the Board signed every Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all of the other eight counties. She stated OF promised the residents of the County would see an economic impact but the county never saw any results. She reported the Georgia Pacific plant in Liberty County hired some local residents but not many. She stated the county needs to look at other opportunities because of the condition of Apalachicola Bay. She said the county has the construction and tourist industries but they need more. Commissioner Lockley reported the bay is going to take a while to come back or it might not come back but they have promised something at the airport for a long time but nothing has happened. He said it is the time for the people they represent to get some money. Commissioner Sanders agreed they want to see some results.

Public Comments (3-minute time limit)

Mr. Steve Kirshenbaum, a resident of St. George Island, discussed the Coalition for a Safer Franklin County. He stated about a year ago EMS saved his wife's life and he felt indebted to Mr. Michael Murphy, EMS Director, and EMS so he put together a fundraiser for them. He said his wife is also present today. He reported Mr. Murphy is having a hard time filling shifts on the ambulance and the Hospital is not providing benefits. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated some EMS workers are working 100 hour shifts and ambulances are being staffed with two EMT's and no paramedics. He explained if the medical issue with his wife happened today she would be dead. Mr. Kirshenbaum reported the County is responsible for the safety of the residents and needs to look hard at this problem. He asked the Board to look at what EMS Director Mike Murphy is proposing with the hospital. He said this is important and needs to be addressed because tourist season is here and the county does not need to be held liable if someone dies. He suggested the Board meet with Mr. Murphy and address both issues. Mr. Kirshenbaum reported Mr. Murphy told him he is getting nowhere and has attended several meetings when he thought he was on the agenda but he was not. He said at that point they formed a group to address this issue. He read a portion of a prepared document about Mr. Murphy and provided the information to the Board for review. Mr. Kirshenbaum reported Mr. Murphy does not need to leave and is an asset to the community. He said they would like to have a workshop with the Board.

Mr. Brian Grenard, a resident of Apalachicola, discussed plans for the storage tank for sewage for the Eastpoint Fishing Pier Bathroom as opposed to running sewer lines. Commissioner Jones reported this is the state's decision. Mr. Grenard stated he is opposed to this decision.

He reported the money for this project came from Triumph and those funds are supposed to spur economic development and sewage lines would be safer and pose no risk to spillage in the bay. He reported he is opening a barbeque place in Eastpoint in this area and this would allow him to tie into the sewer lines. He suggested the Board reopen the plan to put in sewer lines.

Mr. Alan Feifer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked for clarification on the funds for the St. George Island Fishing Pier and the funds for maintenance and demolition. Mr. Pierce explained these are two different things. He reported the County received \$1 million from DOT to save the fishing pier in lieu of DOT tearing it down. He went on to say the \$1 million is in a trust fund specifically for maintenance of the fishing pier and has nothing to do with the bathrooms or ownership of the property. Chairman Parrish pointed out the ownership dispute involves the approach to the structure where they were going to locate the bathrooms. He said the county does not own the approach but does own the fishing pier. Mr. Pierce clarified that the funds for the bathrooms are not Triumph funds but are Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) funds.

Commissioner Lockley stated the Board knows what is going on with the ambulance service and the hospital. He said they are waiting for more information and the Commission has not said anything about firing anyone. Commissioner Lockley reported when they have more information about the hospital then the Board will know which way to go with the ambulance service.

Curt Blair – TDC – Report

Ms. Deborah Davis, TDC Finance Director, presented the following report:

Numbers : (Attached)

- Collections – Collections through December continue their erratic performance. Collections in December were \$ 37,182.43 which was a decrease of \$ 4,398.06 over December 2016. Overall for this fiscal year we are flat even compared to last year. Mr. Blair is beginning to work on our budget for next year and will look closely at our numbers in April to be sure our proposed budget reflects these variations.

Web Site:

Our new Web Site has been launched. You may find it at www.floridasforgottencoast.com. We hope you enjoy it.

Legislation:

The Florida Legislature has adjourned and fortunately the most egregious bills did not make it through the process. Most of what we considered "bad" bills never made it out of the Senate. We are still reviewing the results and will give a more complete report in April. Commissioner Sanders reported she is looking at the new website and it looks good. Commissioner Lockley asked when the contracts will come up. Attorney Shuler stated he is working on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for administration and that will set the baseline for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for all the other vendors. He said his plan was to have

the RFQ's ready for the TDC Board to review in March but the meeting was cancelled so they will review the RFQ's in April. He explained the contracts will be renewed at the beginning of the next fiscal year (October 1st) so there is plenty of time to advertise the RFQ'S, interview and have the Board make a decision. Chairman Parrish asked if this is for vendor contracts and an administrative contract. Attorney Shuler answered yes. Chairman Parrish stated they have good vendors and the Board may end up with the same vendors but it needs to go out for bid for transparency sake. He said this is why he asked not to approve any kind of budget for TDC as they have until October and something could change. Commissioner Lockley reported he would like to see what the cost is in-house versus out. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to study having someone in house versus out to complete administration.** Commissioner Lockley said he wants to know the difference in costs. Attorney Shuler agreed he will address this matter.

The meeting recessed at 10:07 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Amy Ham-Kelly – Board of Adjustment – Report

Mrs. Kelly presented the following items, as follows:

1. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a house 15' into the front setback on Lot 7, Block 63, Unit 5, 701 Buck Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates Inc, agent for Kenneth Bowman, applicant.

Mrs. Kelly reported the applicant requested 15 ft. into the front setback to stay out of the critical habitat zone. She presented photographs and aerials of the property and described the location. Mr. Pierce stated there were neighborhood concerns about this lot 20 years ago because it had suffered a lot of erosion. He reported some of the community may be here to comment because there were concerns. Chairman Parrish said he received a lot of calls about granting the 15 ft. variance. Mrs. Kelly stated their office also received calls. She presented a drawing of the proposed house and said it will be angled on the lot outside of the 50 ft. setback. She stated a performance based aerobic system will be placed in the front southwestern corner. Chairman Parrish asked what the front setback is. Mrs. Kelly answered 25 ft. She said she measured and the house is 26 ft. from the edge of the road. Commissioner Jones stated he went to the site but was not able to walk the property. He suggested tabling this request for a future meeting so he can look at the property. He reported he is not opposed to it and applauds the applicant for not getting into the critical habitat zone. Commissioner Jones stated he would rather give a variance to the road than the critical habitat zone. He explained he was confused by the stakes on the property and would rather table it so he can look at the site than turn down the request. Mr. Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental, said they are patient and have tried to work with the neighbors but did not receive any comments. He said they found out

from Mrs. Kelly that there were emails in regard to the request. He reported the wall was built in 2002 and for a bay front lot this lot is just as stable as the rest but it is a living shoreline. Mr. Garlick discussed the erosion on the site and the house plans. Mr. Garlick stated another variance was done two years ago on another property that has the same issues and setbacks. He said on that request the Board of Adjustment said the Sheriff would address the traffic issues. He said they have no problem with the item being tabled. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this request. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley asked how long this will be tabled. Commissioner Jones said he would just like to walk the lot and make sure he knows what is there. Commissioner Lockley asked if they can address it at the next meeting. Commissioner Jones reported it will come up the second meeting in April as that is when they address Board of Adjustment requests. He questioned if this will have to go back to Board of Adjustment if it is tabled. Attorney Shuler answered no. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Amy Ham-Kelly – Planning & Zoning – Report

Mrs. Kelly presented the following requests:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

1. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock located at Lot 2, Tract 42, Gulf Beaches, 1333 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, FL. The proposed access walkway for the dock will be 490' x 4' with a 10' x 10' terminal platform, and (1) 10' x 20' uncovered boatlift. The dock will be 2,260 sq. ft. Customer has DEP and Army Corps of Engineer permits. Request submitted by Mark Plummer, owner. (House has been permitted)

Mrs. Kelly said this project has been under review since October or November of last year. She reported there were concerns about the location of the dock. She presented a map of the area and the location of the docks in the area. She provided a diagram of the project. Commissioner Jones asked if all the different things that were going on with this project have been settled. Mrs. Kelly answered yes, and stated the house has been shifted to the southeastern side of the property and meets the setbacks. She reported they have a consent order for the house location and the dock that was signed off on by DEP. She stated the dock was shifted against DEP permitting so they had to go back through DEP to get a consent order for work that was already done. She reported the project is not completely done but everything has been resolved. Commissioner Jones asked if the proposed house needs a variance. Mrs. Kelly answered no. Commissioner Massey said it is almost finished. Mrs. Kelly agreed and said there have been several months of delays. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley commented that he does not want to turn down any of these projects and does not want anyone getting that idea. He said these requests represent more money on the tax rolls. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

2. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock located at Shell Harbor, Lot 19, also known as 1759 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County Florida. The proposed access walkway for the dock will be a total of 494' x 4' with a 6' x 26' terminal platform, and a 171' x 4' boardwalk with an access walkway constructed over wetlands, and (2) 12' x 20' uncovered boatlifts. Approval will be contingent upon DEP and COE permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates. Inc. agent for Joel Stager, applicant. (House Under Construction)

Mrs. Kelly explained there was another dock next door and there were some issues in November and it appeared this dock was encroaching into the riparian lot lines. She reported the Planning & Zoning Commission asked Mr. Garlick to stage the neighbors dock to the east and see if it would impede into the navigational riparian lot lines. Mrs. Kelly reported they did take this action and the next month the neighbor had an approved DEP permit and it impeded into the western lot. She said they all went before DEP and had it corrected. She presented images of the property and the docks. Mrs. Kelly stated Mr. Garlick showed the images for the next three docks so they would not impede into the riparian lot lines. She stated the one existing dock was probably constructed in the riparian lot lines and has been there for about 18 years. She said there may be some issues if the one dock next door is ever requested. Chairman Parrish asked how they address this issue when the dock goes across the neighbor's riparian lot lines. Mr. Garlick explained if the owner comes in to repair or replace the dock they must comply with the current riparian lot lines. He reported if it becomes a navigation issue then the Board would need to ask Attorney Shuler for advice. Chairman Parrish asked if they are required to show the riparian lot lines now when they request a dock. Mrs. Kelly answered yes. Mr. Pierce said this was probably the first dock 20 years ago. Mr. Garlick said if there is a channel then the riparian lines are run to the channel and if not then they are run perpendicular to the property. Mr. Garlick explained the process they followed to permit this dock and the next request. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

3. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock located at Lot 20 Shell Harbor, also known as 1763 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The proposed access walkway for the dock will be a total of 494' x 4' and a 6' x 26' foot terminal platform with (2) 12' x 20' uncovered boatlifts. The dock will be 2,816 sq. ft. Customer has DEP permits. Approval will be contingent upon Army Corps of Engineer permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates. Inc. agent for Michael Walsh, applicant. (Has a house)

Chairman Parrish asked if this dock is beside the dock in the last request. Mrs. Kelly answered yes. **On motion by Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW:

4. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous-Contingent upon the 2018-02 St. George Island Overlay District Ordinance is fully compliant)** Consideration of a request to construct a 30' x 35' storage building and to place a 20' x 25.2' addition to the existing building. Located at Lots 3 & 4, Block 4, Unit 1 West, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by David Duncan, agent for Plymel Properties.

Mrs. Kelly provided a map of the area. She reported the applicant was given a copy of the Ordinance so they could be in compliance. She stated at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting they discussed parking and other items such as landscaping. She went over the revised plan and identified the 10 parking spaces. Chairman Parrish asked if Attorney Shuler has reviewed this request and determined if it complies with the new ordinance. Attorney Shuler said he does not review plans submitted to the Planning Office but he will review the plans if the Board would like him to. He recommended the Board approve the request contingent upon his review if that is how they would like to proceed. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review.** Mr. Duncan said he is here to answer any questions and is happy with the decision. He stated they met with Mrs. Kelly about the new overlay and will meet the requirements. Commissioner Jones thanked him for his patience. Mr. Duncan reported everyone is talking about jobs and from October-February he has employed 8 people on Mr. Plymel's property not counting the plumbing contractor or the HVAC contractor. He stated Mr. Plymel continues to do improvements on his property.

LANDUSE AND REZONING APPLICATION:

5. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request for a Land Use Change from Commercial to Public Facilities and Re-Zoning from Summer Camp PUD-Commercial to Z-1 Public Facilities on property described as Tract D, Summer Camp West, Phase 1A & B, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Jeff Stauffer, agent for Florida State University Real Estate Foundation, Inc.

Mrs. Kelly said they are asking for a public hearing. She explained they want to open their opportunities for more educational facilities. She reported they do not have a plan at this time. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve sending this request to a public hearing.**

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

6. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request for an Exception to locate a Church within an existing building located at 207 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida in a C-2 Commercial

Business District. Request submitted by Anthony Middleton, agent for Go With God Ministries, applicant.

Mrs. Kelly presented the history of this property. She provided a map of the property. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

Beth Kirkland & Santiago Fernandez – Airport Economic Study – Final Report

Ms. Kirkland reported they are glad to be here to present the Apalachicola Regional Airport study, vision and the next steps. She stated she is a certified Economic Developer by the International Economic Development Council and has been working in this region for 17 years in economic and workforce development. She introduced Mr. Santiago Fernandez and said he is a certified airport planner and has extensive experience in this region. She said he is also the architect of the Strategic Commercial Land Development approach. Mr. Fernandez presented a power point of the Economic Study. He explained they have moved to a strategic planning approach. He reported they did the planning and inventories but also have a commercial real estate mindset so they look at the highest and best use of the property. He stated they do not want to put something there in the interim that in the long term can hinder or slow the growth of the airport. Mr. Fernando stated they also complete a focused and targeted market analysis. He explained there are two factors of economic development and one is directly related to airport traffic and the other is how to leverage the land development around the airport to increase non-aeronautical revenue. He discussed changes that have occurred at the Melbourne Airport and how they relied on land around the airport for revenue. He explained they are planning to be in concurrence regionally for economic development efforts but are looking at a business strategy and jobs. Ms. Kirkland pointed out that Franklin County is in a unique position in relation to the surrounding economic development strategies that are occurring. She explained the strategies they looked at and discussed how to leverage the funding sources to fund a vision for growth at the airport. She reported the County is already involved with RESTORE. She stated Florida's Great Northwest (FGN) and Northwest Florida Forward efforts have also created opportunities in talent, business vitality, quality of place and economic development within targeted industry sectors. She explained participating in that process is where the opportunities are found that the Board might want to bring to Franklin County. Ms. Kirkland explained they are at the point with the Strategic Commercial Land Development and its funding through DOT Aviation that the county can also look at new funding sources for economic development such as the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. She said a number of communities in the region have tapped into the infrastructure and talent development dollars that have been set aside and are growing as a result of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone (FLZ). She reported the Rural Infrastructure Fund which is a unique funding source to rural areas of opportunity provides \$1.6 million annually and has been increased \$1.1 million as of this year's legislative session. Ms. Kirkland addressed the Gulf to Gadsden FLZ and said they met with all the stakeholders from Gulf County, Franklin County, Liberty County and Gadsden County. She stated the ARPC is who they ended up contracting with to bring forth the FLZ and

in August, 2017 all the Commissions adopted this plan and there was a big press announcement at the Georgia Pacific Plant in Liberty County. She reported at that time they also featured all the transportation assets. Ms. Kirkland stated Opportunity Florida (OF) in partnership with regional organizations to the west and east established and announced in the manufacturing periodicals that I-10 is the North Florida Logistics Manufacturing Corridor. She said Franklin County is in a good spot to capitalize on this vision because of the collective marketing activity that is occurring. Commissioner Lockley disagreed and said I-10 is a four lane highway and Franklin County has two lanes and that is why Franklin County is bypassed all the time. He stated OF helps the counties that I-10 runs through but they did not help the other counties. Ms. Kirkland reported the establishment of the FLZ and the support they have from Senator Bill Montford and the rest of the legislative delegation will make an effort to change that. She explained the projects that were awarded in the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. She stated this is a rolling funded opportunity and if an application is submitted one calendar year and is not funded then it does not have to be resubmitted at the beginning of the next Florida fiscal year. She went on to say once the County is in the system then they continue to work to get funding with the entities that manage this program who are Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Enterprise Florida. She listed the counties in this region that have received funding through this program. She said the Rural Infrastructure Fund has been replenished and those funds are available July 1st on a first come, first serve basis so if the county has a company that is interested in locating here the County could leverage those funds. She reported airports are typically known for their indirect job creation on the land around the airport and that will become the non-aeronautical revenue to the airport which is one of the goals they would like to see. She said the study also included the Triumph applications that have been submitted. She pointed out Franklin County Schools are already looking at the talent side with their proposed projects. She said these projects can be submitted to Triumph and also the Florida Job Growth Fund. She encouraged the Board to apply as many places as they can. She stated the FSU Marine Lab is committed to the bay restoration and river improvements and has submitted a project to Triumph. Ms. Kirkland explained the Port St. Joe project is key to the FLZ and the more they can do to increase activity to the port the more they can leverage Apalachicola Regional Airport as a partner. She stated they can also leverage the Apalachicola Northern Railroad and I-10 which ties the FLZ together. She talked about the Strategies, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) related to the airport and said this was conducted primarily with the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC). She explained the new FBO Centric Aviation is making an investment and doing a good job of making a good first impression at the airport. She stated DOT in partnership with Kimley Horn and a major economic development research group are in the process of conducting and updating the economic impact analysis of Florida's 128 general aviation airports. Ms. Kirkland said they will be presenters at the Florida Economic Development Council's Conference in May and she encouraged the County to get their interview scheduled so their input can be made to the process as it is very reflective of the actual activity that is going on at the Apalachicola Airport. She reported Mr. Fernandez has already addressed the site ready gap analysis in the Airport Marketing Plan and the steps they took through the land development process to get to this place. She stated they are ready to unveil the Airport Marketing Plan and discuss approaches

to changing the perceptions and to increasing the use of the airport. Mr. Hernandez highlighted the strategic plan and said the County is an emerging airport in a region that has a port which is an asset and the county also has the ability to connect directly to rail. He said in the study they leveraged some of the property west of the airport as an ideal location for an intermodal logistics center. He explained they reserved an area for air site freight logistics and maintenance repair and overhaul facilities. He said they included the growth of the fixed base operations for corporate, commercial and private t-hangar facilities on the east side. He stated they are also showing some recreational activity and potential for a full recreation site and a Recreational Vehicle (RV) park type facility. Mr. Fernandez reported nationally everyone is looking for jobs but the jobs that are available now are the skilled trade jobs. He said the high paid jobs are in the high tech corridor with Seimans. He explained Seimans is partnering with the local colleges to train in 2 years their workforce. He stated the aerospace industry is moving into robotics and the repair and maintenance of the robotics is where the jobs are. He explained manufacturing companies are coming back to the United States of America (USA) and corporate executives are consistently looking at Florida, Alabama and Georgia. He pointed out the future workforce and jobs are in the Southeast region of the USA. Mr. Hernandez reported the rail is sometimes part of the plans as companies are relocating. He explained the ability to tap into rail, an airfield and a port is important and the county needs to leverage these items. Mr. Fernandez stated the commitment to the intermodal center will foster leveraging these items. He said they would like the Board's input after the presentation. He explained this is their first push toward a brochure and e-package. He reported these are normally posted on the airport's website. He suggested if the county goes looking for economic development they take this marketing collateral piece with them as well as the plan for the future. Mr. Fernandez highlighted the items contained within the brochure. Ms. Kirkland outlined the demographics in the handout and said they immediately featured one of the most recent businesses which is Centric Aviation because they are related to aviation and came to Franklin County and invested here. Mr. Hernandez explained they are showcasing the airport as their economic engine. He reported they are focusing on 4 district market sectors in terms of targeted markets. Ms. Kirkland discussed the targeted market approach. Mr. Fernandez said there is more than one approach and sometimes there is a concerted effort to bring one company or in some instances many smaller companies. Ms. Kirkland reminded the Board in relation to the intermodal development zone section; Duke Energy invested in Florida's new Strategic Sites Initiative (SSI) program. She reported it was through the Gulf to Gadsden FLZ study that various sites in each county were identified with one of the sites being in Franklin County. She explained this is how it was incorporated in the strategic outlook and area development plan. Ms. Kirkland reported the next phase is land owner engagement as this site does not belong to the county. She said in their work there is a civil summary and due diligence that has been done on the property. Mr. Hernandez reported they did due diligence of anything they needed to do to change the plan but this plan from a cost to benefit standpoint does not need to change because it is executable and is the least cost to perform. He reported the County has area development zones and targeted markets. Mr. Hernandez stated the County should develop who they think their regional partners are and how this should grow. Mr. Fernandez reported this is the first pass at the collateral marketing piece and they would like the Board's input. Mr. Pierce said the county

has the overall view and the property for the rail connection is not owned by the county but they had to show how they would connect to the rail. He explained the transportation network for Franklin County is the airport, railroad and port and these are the items the county needs to focus on. He stated they need to look at the opportunities at the airport with workforce training. Mr. Pierce reported the School Board has a workforce training project in front of Triumph and he is going to meet with Mrs. Traci Moses, Superintendent of Public Works, about their projects tomorrow. He said Triumph is coming to Franklin County and he would like to see if the County can help the School Board with these projects and maybe modify the training to supplant some of the things they would like to see at the airport. Mr. Pierce said Airbus is moving their plant to Alabama and our airport is close enough by flying not to be out of reach for some opportunities. Mr. Pierce stated he has no explanation for why the airport is still in the same place 30 years later but he thinks they might finally be getting somewhere. Mr. Hernandez explained when these kind of plans are done it shows everyone that you are prepared and ready. He reported public/private partnerships are the way to go at an airport. He informed the Board right now he is doing an avionics school in Osceola County and it is a charter school. He said they work closely with Space Florida and their mission is to promote aerospace business in the State of Florida and around airports is where they look. Mr. Pierce said he reached out to the SpaceX representative at the last conference as they partner with the state to promote aviation and they have the economic incentives and tools. He said the County needs to keep pushing to get a workforce or employer in here to use the facility. Mr. Pierce reported he looked at the brochure and provided some comments. Mr. Pierce informed the Board in the next month there will be another Triumph application to improve an opportunity at the airport. He stated he informed the Triumph Board there may be other applications. He said this is one of the reasons he encouraged the county to have a cap on the funding as there were other projects being planned. Commissioner Lockley reported the highway system is out so the County has to talk about the airport here and the port in Gulf County. He went on to say Gulf County is putting in a deep water port and may have some overflow and Franklin County also has some deep water that can be used. Mr. Pierce reported Port St. Joe is asking for \$60 million to dredge a deep water port. He explained their Triumph project is \$28 million for a floating dry dock that will function even if they do not dredge the port as it is designed to utilize the depth of the channel they have now. He stated this may be a benefit even if they do not get the money to dredge the port and it will also be an asset to Franklin County. Commissioner Jones said at the conference about the Apalachicola River he noticed the discussions about secondary and smaller facilities and he thinks it is a good time with the opportunities available now. He stated the County may be able to attract some kind of secondary industry. Chairman Parrish thanked Ms. Kirkland and Mr. Fernandez and said county staff will be getting back in touch with them on the information that was presented today.

Ryan Francis – Carr, Riggs & Ingram – Presentation

Mr. Bryan Hall, Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI), said he and Mr. Ryan Francis were asked to come here and present about their health care practice in relation to the needs the county may or may not have with the hospital. He provided a power point presentation for the Board. He

stated CRI is the nineteenth largest firm in the country and is based in Enterprise, Alabama. He said he is the partner in charge of their health care practices firm and has a large health care practice in Enterprise. He reported they have about 2,000 health care clients and work with 60 hospitals, health care facilities and some of the larger insurers. Mr. Hall stated over the last decade they have worked with about half of the critical access hospitals in Florida. He reported they are a full service provider and handle audits, cost reports, DISH surveys and tax needs. He said they are also reimbursement consultants. He stated they work with hospitals of all sizes but the smaller stand alone hospitals are their specialty. Mr. Hall reported their IT is also handled in-house. He stated they also work with several hundred nursing homes in the south and several thousand physicians and group practices. Mr. Hall discussed their use of their CRIvStar virtual process to reduce travel costs. He explained it is an online audit but they still visit the facility and have partner involvement. Mr. Hall said they are recognized regionally as a good provider for hospitals and understand the challenges facing the small rural hospitals. He stated if there are any needs with the hospital that they can address they are interested in talking with the county and the Hospital Board. Mr. Moron said there is a Hospital Board meeting on March 29th and CRI can give a similar presentation if the Board would like them to. Commissioner Sanders stated they have expertise in auditing hospitals so she does not see any harm in it. Mr. Moron said he will schedule this presentation and let the Board know what the Hospital Board says. Commissioner Sanders agreed she would like to know what the Hospital Board thinks about this presentation.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Legislature addressed clerks during this session. Clerk Johnson reported the Parkland shooting took precedence and the Clerk's bills were not addressed at all. She stated at some point she may need to come to the Board and get some help on the court side budget. Commissioner Sanders said the Clerk has always had support from the Board. She reported she understands because the clerk operates her office on fees.

T Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler did not have a report.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

1- Update on Alligator Drive Toll Road Discussion with APTA- Inform the Board that I attended the March 10 APTA meeting as directed by the Board. The meeting lasted about 1.5 hours and was attended by approximately 50 residents. There was a lot of interchange between myself, the residents, and a presentation from Allan Feifer. Before I start with my report I want to insert into the record the letters the Board received in 1978 from FDOT when the road was initially turned over to the county. I do this because I have had phone calls from residents wanting to know the

terms on which the county accepted the road. There were no terms. The road was given to the county without discussion.

Some APTA residents might be here this morning to respond to what I say here, but these are my conclusions from the meeting.

A) There are two options for the road; I told the residents that if the road gets damaged in the future the county might leave the road as a limerock road; or, the residents look at some sort of funding mechanism so that they can help generate funds to protect the road from future damage. Alligator Point Road is the most expensive road in the county and the county budget does not include enough funds if significant maintenance is needed in the future. One half of the Bald Point Trust fund will be consumed in fixing the current 1100 feet of damaged road.

B) By general consensus the residents do not want a limerock road and are willing to look at some sort of funding to help protect the road.

C) The toll road evaluated in the APTA White Paper is too expensive to build and operate, with over 60% of expected revenues just going to overhead, so the residents agree that we should not pursue that option.

D) I did discuss protecting the road with just sheetpile in the event of future damage, so that is one option, but the main discussion was about using a beach renourishment project to protect the road from future damage. The residents at the meeting were willing to discuss the costs of protecting the road through beach renourishment. Mr. Burt Boldt asked about extending the concept of beach renourishment so that it went back to the original plan the county had proposed. The meeting participants seemed only interested in protecting the road. I told the meeting that if the community wanted to re-consider the original beach renourishment project that they would have to initiate that discussion because the Board was abiding by the vote that had been taken that the community did not want to pay for beach renourishment on a large scale.

E) In protecting the road from future damage, two options were discussed:

Creating an MSTU/MSBU which would put an assessment on all lots that could be construed as benefiting from the protected road; or looking at a less expensive version of a toll road that was proposed by Mr. Allan Feifer. Mr. Feifer presented a very rough economic analysis of how his system would work, and I have included his rough numbers with my report. I agreed to look at his numbers with the county engineering firm to see what they thought.

F) My final take away of the meeting was that if an assessment could be brought down to the \$150 to \$250 a year range there was more support for an assessment. I have asked the Property Appraiser to calculate the number of parcels on Bald Point and Alligator Point and she says there are 1225 parcels. So, if a \$250 assessment were put on those lots it would theoretically raise enough funds to pay for beach and road maintenance. However, this assessment is predicated on the Board providing the initial beach through a combination of RESTORE/FDEP state funds. If the Board is interested in pursuing an assessment it needs to direct me to contact Ms. Camille Tharpe, with GSG, and discuss with her the legality of including Bald Point lots in the assessment because I imagine there will be great dissent from some people regarding the assessment. Board discussion.

Commissioner Sanders reported in relation to Item C, they need to stop the firm from working and not spend the \$20,000. Mr. Pierce said he did not authorize the study so the company has not started work yet. He stated he agreed to let the company know something after this meeting. Commissioner Sanders directed Mr. Pierce to shut the contractor down. Mr. Pierce commented the county never signed anything. Commissioner Sanders reported she does not

want the money spent when the residents have determined this is not the option they want. She reported at the old KOA property it got to the point that FEMA was spending too much money and they stopped the funding and the same thing is going to happen to the other portions of the road if something is not done. She said beach renourishment will not just protect the road but will protect everyone. Mr. Pierce explained they are looking at a much smaller scale that will only protect that portion of the road that is threatened by damage but it will protect some houses in the area. Commissioner Sanders suggested Mr. Pierce contact Ms. Tharpe. She stated she hopes this proposal is not as contentious as it was last time. Chairman Parrish stated they need to narrow down the area to the people that will benefit. Mr. Pierce explained if they narrow the area it will not generate enough money or the assessment will be too high and they will have tremendous objection from the residents. Chairman Parrish said the Board cannot address this issue until they know about the money. Commissioner Sanders stated the Bald Point people are going to get upset. Chairman Parrish reported before the Board can give Mr. Pierce direction they need more definitive numbers. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is another road to Alligator Point. Mr. Pierce answered no. Commissioner Lockley stated they all use the road. Mr. Pierce explained the people on Bald Point do not use the road down to the point. Commissioner Sanders reported the commercial fishermen use this road a lot too and use the boat ramp at Sun n Sand. Mr. Pierce stated everyone in the area will benefit from a public beach but the residents of Bald Point do not use that section of road. Chairman Parrish asked if this was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Pierce said they discussed more people being involved in the assessment would cause the assessment to be lower and that seemed to be the direction the people at the meeting wanted to go but he is not sure how many people from Bald Point attended the meeting. Mr. Feifer reported he is a Board member on the Alligator Point/St. Teresa Association and a Bald Point resident and he had extensive conversations with other Bald Point residents and some of the people are in agreement with either a toll road or tax because there is a general economic benefit to everyone of increased property values derived from having beach renourishment. He reported the only way the taxing situation will work is if they include everyone because it will be too high if they carve out areas. He said he does not have a preference but is in favor of road protection and increased property values which increase the county revenues. He explained the Association's next step is to have public meetings in the next 30-45 days. Mr. Pierce stated he does not want to mislead the Board because this issue will be controversial. He explained some people think a limerock road is okay because they do not want to pay anything and they do not want any more people down there but that is not the consensus. Chairman Parrish explained this is a public road and they cannot stop people from going to this area. Mr. Pierce suggested APTA look at the options and he will contact Ms. Tharpe and see about the legality. Commissioner Sanders agreed they must know about the legality of this issue. Chairman Parrish said everyone knows the less people that are paying the more it will cost and someone needs to make sure this is clear at the meetings. Commissioner Massey reported Mr. Pierce has tried to take care of this area for the last 20 years. Commissioner Lockley asked what will happen when there is no protection and the road is cut in half. Mr. Pierce stated this is the reason they want to put a beach in this area so when the beach washes away they can keep putting it back. Mr. Pierce pointed out on a map the area that is the most vulnerable at this time and described the

location where beach renourishment would occur. He agreed without putting a beach the area is only about 200 ft. wide and could be cut through to the harbor. Commissioner Massey discussed using a dredge to pump up the spoil and add it to this area. Mr. Pierce agreed this is the plan and they already have it permitted. He explained where the spoil will come from and where it will be placed to protect the area. Commissioner Sanders reported they will need to take the sand from the edge of the Phipps Preserve because that is where all the sand went. She stated eventually it could close the harbor. Mr. Pierce agreed this could happen. Commissioner Massey stated there used to be a channel in front all the way to Mud Cove but now they cannot get across the shoal. Mr. Feifer asked if the Board feels like Alligator Point is going to pay for a paved road and it is just a matter of determining the method. Chairman Parrish said they are going to have a paved road but the issue is protecting it. He reported the next time it washes away and FEMA does not reimbursement the county to build the road back then they do not know what is going to happen. He reported he likes the beach renourishment but there are maintenance issues and FEMA will only reimburse 50% so there must be a mechanism in place to put the money back. He explained the County is committed to do this project but the people at Alligator Point must commit to help develop a revenue stream to match the 50% from FEMA if the beach washes out. Mr. Pierce commented the worst scenario is if a storm occurs that is not a hurricane and the road is damaged and FEMA will not provide any funds so there will only be a limerock road. Commissioner Sanders reported that is how it is now. Chairman Parrish said the beach renourishment will protect this section of road. Mr. Feifer said he will communicate this information back to the APTA. Commissioner Jones asked why in the past beach renourishment was not looked upon favorably. Mr. Pierce stated it was too expensive and the residents did not think they would get a big benefit. Chairman Parrish pointed out there was no BP money back then. Mr. Pierce agreed the county was looking at the community to fund everything and the vote lost by a slim margin. Chairman Parrish reported now there are also some state funds to help with beach renourishment to match some BP funds the County has. Mr. Pierce reported the proposed assessment back then was \$1,000-\$1,500. Commissioner Sanders said this is an ongoing problem throughout the state so now the legislature is looking at beach renourishment. She stated beach renourishment will probably be the best thing but no one wants to pay \$650 per year for it. Chairman Parrish said in the meantime the houses are washing into the Gulf of Mexico. Commissioner Sanders pointed out the hurricane predictions say it will be as strong a year as last year or stronger so that is not good.

2- TRIUMPH update on local projects- The City of Apalachicola has decided that it does not want to prioritize their projects, nor reduce their funding requests to \$2M. I have provided the Board with the letter I received from the City stating the City intends to submit all its projects directly to TRIUMPH. The City of Carrabelle is already below the \$2M cap the county created for the first phase of projects so the City can receive letters of support for all of its projects without a need to prioritize. In a telephone conversation I had with the Mayor, she indicated that the City might not complete a TRIUMPH application for their \$250K city hall project because the TRIUMPH staff was not satisfied the project would create enough economic benefit to warrant funding. So, at this time I believe the City of Carrabelle will be submitting 3 TRIUMPH applications for a total funding of around \$1.25M. FSU has revised its TRIUMPH application to

be below the \$2M for the first phase. The county, in our one project for the Armory, meet our own \$2M cap. The School District has yet to receive their letters from TRIUMPH encouraging them to submit applications so for the time being it is premature for the county commission to act on the School District projects, and so I consider them to outside of the first phase of county projects. I discussed this with the Chairman and with Ms. Traci Moses, School Superintendent. So, at this time I don't see a need for a TRIUMPH workshop, but I defer to the Board. Board direction.

Mr. Pierce stated the City of Apalachicola will not attend a workshop and present their projects because they are sending their applications directly to Triumph. Commissioner Lockley said there is something wrong because the City of Apalachicola is trying to address electric panels when they cannot keep the water going. Commissioner Sanders referenced Mayor LaPaz's comment that the Triumph staff has said anything to do with renovating city complexes or halls will not be a priority. Mr. Pierce agreed because the applicants have to prove they are providing an economic benefit to the community. Commissioner Sanders stated all the projects submitted from Franklin County that have to do with building renovation will not be approved. Mr. Pierce agreed this is correct. Chairman Parrish stated all of them except the Armory because it has economic benefit. Commissioner Sanders said the Armory is also historical. Mr. Pierce asked if the Board wants a workshop or just wants to issue letters of support if the applicants meet the guidelines. Commissioner Sanders said there will be a lot of applicants wanting letters of support. Mr. Pierce explained under this first phase the only ones they know about will be the City of Carrabelle, FSU and the county. He stated when the School Board is ready they will come back and talk to the Board. Commissioner Sanders reported this is only governmental not the different organizations. Mr. Pierce agreed. Commissioner Lockley asked if the City of Apalachicola said they are not coming to a workshop. Mr. Pierce answered yes. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion that all applicants that do not come to a workshop do not get a letter of support.** Mr. Pierce questioned if the Board wants a workshop. Chairman Parrish explained there is no reason for the workshop if the applicants cut their projects down to \$2 million or less and the City of Apalachicola has said they are not attending a workshop or reducing their request. Commissioner Sanders reported the City of Apalachicola, City of Carrabelle and Franklin County received letters from Triumph but questioned if the School Board received their letter. Mr. Pierce answered no. Commissioner Sanders said they are not at the same stage as the other applicants. Commissioner Lockley said the City of Apalachicola has \$5.5 million worth of projects. Mr. Pierce reported the City of Apalachicola does not want to prioritize their projects and that is their choice to apply directly to Triumph. Mr. Pierce stated a workshop is not necessary as long as the projects are below the \$2 million cap and they can issue the letter of support whenever the applicant needs it. Commissioner Lockley said there will not be a letter of support for the City of Apalachicola. Mr. Pierce agreed. **The motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Jones made a motion that at the time these entities that have been outlined have come at or under the \$2 million cap that they were asked to do, the county will give them a letter of support at a time that is advantageous for them to receive it. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey reported if the City of Apalachicola does not submit projects for \$2 million then they do not get a letter of support. Mr. Pierce commented this is correct. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Commissioner

Lockley asked if the grant writer gets a percentage of the grant. Chairman Parrish said Triumph is not paying for consultants so he is not sure how they will get their money. Mr. Pierce stated the School Board will come back shortly with their projects. Commissioner Lockley said the City of Apalachicola knows there is only so much money and it has to be split and they are asking for more than their share. He asked Mr. Pierce how much money is coming to the county from Triumph. Mr. Pierce stated \$15 million is allocated for Franklin County but the county would like to receive more.

3- Inform Board of the results from the March 16 TRIUMPH Board meeting I attended in Milton. The TRIUMPH staff presented a recommendation to fund one \$10M for the Port of Panama City. They have in the pipeline 4 workforce projects they think might be presented at the next TRIUMPH meeting. If those are approved it would mean TRIUMPH has acted on 5 out of the some 120 pre-applications that they have received. TRIUMPH staff did acknowledge that full applications are slow in coming in, and part of that reason is the difficulty in generating economic benefits that TRIUMPH will accept. Franklin County may very well run into that same problem but your county staff is meeting with TRIUMPH staff tomorrow to go over the Armory project.

I am not sure it will be necessary to attend all future TRIUMPH meetings. Public comment comes at the end of the meeting, after all action regarding projects has been concluded.

Mr. Pierce reported there is no opportunity to ask questions during public comment so it may not be necessary to attend.

4- Inform Board that we will be opening bids on May 1 for the final rebuilding of Gulf Shore Blvd. This is a FEMA project for which the county will have to contribute 12.5% of the costs, and the county costs will come out of the Bald Point Trust Fund.

Mr. Pierce asked for Board approval to send Ms. Whitney Barfield, Planning & Building Department, for one night to Levy County for some RESTORE training offered by U.S. Treasury. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve sending Mrs. Whitney Barfield to RESTORE training in Levy County.**

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron reported Carr, Riggs & Ingram said they were asked to appear but actually they asked to be on the agenda. He presented the following report:

1. Weems Update
 - a. As of Monday, the operating account balance is \$185,892. Payroll is due on tomorrow and will reduce this balance by \$165,000. The balance in the Money Market (savings) account is \$353,019. A \$181,106 DISH payment is expected but has not been released as yet.
 - b. Inform the Board that Mr. Cooper and I are looking at options that will allow Weems to possibly provide more benefits to both the hospital workers and the Emergency Medical Services workers. This matter will be discussed at the March

29th Weems Board of Directors meeting. I will include the results of that discussion on my April 3rd BOCC report.

Mr. Moron said they know there are issues but they are working on them. He informed the Board he will not look for a proposal for one department and leave the others out. He stated they have worked together for a long time and he views them as one group. Commissioner Massey agreed no one should be left out. Mr. Moron said until he hears different from the Board that will be his approach.

- c. Inform the Board that I received a proposal from Sacred Heart for healthcare management in Franklin County. This model is different from what has been proposed by Community Hospital Corporation and by Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. I will present all three proposals to the Weems Board at their regular meeting on Thursday March 29th and then include their feedback on my April 3rd report.

Mr. Moron said there are now two models. He explained previously they had one model that included a management group that would transition into a lease to own situation that would be backed by a network. He stated one proposal is CHC possibly with HCA as their network. Mr. Moron explained Mr. Jim Coleman left CHC and is now the CEO for Alliant. He reported TMH would like to wait out the compete clause and then work with Alliant to service the hospital. He reported Sacred Heart sent their proposal yesterday which is totally different and they want to build a building and create an agency. He reported he will take the proposals to the Weems Board and get feedback and then he will bring it back to this Board and they can have more discussion. Chairman Parrish reported he would like to replace Mr. Jim Bacharach on the Hospital Board with Ms. Kristen Anderson. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to replace Mr. Jim Bacharach on the Hospital Board with Ms. Kristen Anderson. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish thanked Mr. Bacharach for his service as he has been on the Hospital Board for 4 years and did very well. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Parrish asked if there are any more vacancies on the Weems Board. Mr. Moron said he will bring more information about the terms to the next meeting. He stated there may be one at large vacancy.

Commissioner Jones said he has been speaking with Commissioner Sandy Quinn from Gulf County about trying to set up a meeting with Mr. Houston Whitfield who runs their EMS. He stated their county is structured a lot like Franklin County and he is trying to get some facts about these issues and wanted the Board to know. He stated Mr. Moron will also attend the meeting with him.

2. **Board Action** to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the following contracts:

- a. A \$25,279 contract with OliverSperry for repairs/renovations to the Weems Memorial Hospital Emergency Room dock area. Proposals were opened at your February 20th meeting.

- b. A \$45,169 contract with OliverSperry for renovations to the County's Public Defender's office. After opening the proposals on February 20th, staff and Mr. Doug Shuler, the project architect, decided it was necessary to reduce the scope of work so that the project cost would be meet the \$45,000 budget amount.
- c. A \$46,408.22 contract with Dewberry for Construction Engineering & Inspection services (CEI) for the Bayshore Drive Sidewalk project. Dewberry was ranked the highest out of the firms that applied and has negotiated the contract amount with staff. Your approval will be contingent on FDOT's approval.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve a contract with Oliver Sperry in the amount of \$25,279 for repairs/renovations to the Weems Memorial Hospital Emergency Room dock area, a contract with Oliver Sperry in the amount of \$45,169.00 for the renovations at the Public Defender's Office, a contract with Dewberry in the amount of \$46,408.22 for Construction, Engineering & Inspection (CEI) services for the Bayshore Drive Sidewalk project contingent upon FDOT approval and authorize the Chairman's signature on the documents.

- 3. Inform the Board that based on under run on some of the quantities in the paving contractor's contract there is enough unused money to extend the length of the Mill Road paving project by 500 linear feet for no additional cost. Since this additional paving doesn't extend the project north of White Way and there is no additional cost, FDOT has no issues with this extension and a change order isn't necessary.
- 4. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
- 5. The Board addressed this item at the beginning of the meeting.
- 6. The Board handled this item earlier in the meeting.
- 7. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2018 Spring Rural County Grant for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$29,592.44. This grant is TRI-County E911 System Maintenance Grant and will be used to pay annual maintenance cost for the County's 911 System. Ms. Brannan, the E911 Director, is here to answer any questions you may have.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2018 Spring Rural County Grant for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$29,592.44.

- 8. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

9. The County received notice that the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab received verification of exemption from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to install oyster recruitment structures on the surface of existing degrading oyster reef habitat within Alligator Harbor. A copy of the letter and the supporting documents are included in your packet.

Chairman Parrish stated this relates to the oyster spat recruitment which will be used in the hatchery process for the application submitted to Triumph. He explained they have been granted a permit to do this right off of the F.S.U. Marine Lab.

10. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson of Florida's District 24 would once again like the Board to support a proclamation recognizing May 14, 2018 as Child Welfare Professional Recognition Day. A copy of the proclamation is included in your packet.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt a Proclamation recognizing May 14, 2018 as Child Welfare Professional Recognition Day.

11. **Board action** to appoint Mr. Jerry Jackson to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill one of the alternate seats. Mr. Jackson lives in Commissioner Massey's district and as an at large member will only vote when there are not enough regular members to meet the quorum requirements. He will take the place of Mr. William Burgess who moved away. Commissioner Massey is familiar with Mr. Jackson.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Jerry Jackson to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill one of the alternate seats. Chairman Parrish stated Mr. Jackson will be able to vote in case of a conflict if he is present. Attorney Shuler advised the Board they will not lose the quorum just because they are disqualified from a vote. He explained the member can still be present to learn but would not participate as a member if there was already a quorum.

12. Mr. Moron provided this information earlier in the meeting.
13. Inform the Board that I will be attending Thursday's Full Council Board meeting for the Apalachee Regional Planning Council with Commissioner Jones.
14. Inform the Board that Mr. Richard Williams and Mr. Antonio Jefferson of Opportunity Florida (OF) will be on your April 3rd meeting agenda. They would like to discuss the possibility of Franklin County joining OF.

Mr. Moron stated Mr. Pierce thinks this is a movement from Triumph to try and get the county involved with some economic agency. Mr. Pierce explained he is not saying OF is the answer but what Triumph sees is the county is not a member of FGN or OF and they are trying to find

someone who would come here and address the Board. He said they did not invite OF but they are getting messages from Triumph and that is why they are appearing. Chairman Parrish reported the Board will see what they offer but the county is not a member as they do not bring anything to the table. Commissioner Sanders reported since the Board stopped being a member no one has approached the county for years. She agreed they can listen to what they have to say.

15. Included in your packet is flyer advertising the Apalachicola Airport Wings and Wheels Aviation Day which will be held on March 24th from 11 a.m. to 3p.m.?

Mr. Moron stated this event is the same day as the Day of Ball so it will be a busy day for the Commissioners.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Sanders reported the Commissioners must do their ethics training and questioned if the City of Carrabelle is going to have this training and invite the Commissioners. Mr. Moron said he talked with the attorney, Mr. Daniel Cox, and they are waiting for the legislative session to be over in case there are any bills that affect ethics before they schedule the training. He stated Mr. Cox will contact him later this month to schedule the training. Commissioner Sanders said the City of Carrabelle said they had done their training the last two years with the county so they were going to schedule it and invite the Commissioners. She stated she thought the training was March 24th. Commissioner Massey stated Mr. Cox did a training in Sopchoppy but has not done one for the City of Carrabelle. He agreed the City did say they would have an ethics class and invite the Commissioners. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron to contact the City of Carrabelle and get this scheduled. She questioned if she has to attend the ethics training if she is retiring. Mr. Moron agreed to find out if she has to complete the training.

Attorney Shuler presented the Clerk's Office with the recorded deed from the St. Joe Corporation to Franklin County conveying two parcels of land at Island View Motel Park. He explained these are the two parcels on the north side of the road that abut the county's parcel on the north side of the road. He reported these three parcels combined will give the County enough room on the north side of the road to hopefully relocate Highway 98 northward eliminating the dangerous curve and giving the public more room on the south side of any relocated road for public purposes. Mr. Pierce reported they are still meeting with DOT and trying to get the buy in to relocate the road. He explained the third parcel will be donated when they get the buy in. Commissioner Sanders stated this is what is called having a vision. Commissioner Jones said he hopes this happens quickly as there is still a plan that ARPC is part of for a sidewalk project through the area and it would be great if they could move the road ahead of this project.

Commissioner Lockley reported economic development here has been on the back burner and nothing is happening and they need to help. He said he is tired of seeing the kids have to leave the county for jobs. He reported they need to get something going so the kids can stay if they choose to. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to get our own economic development office opened here.** He commented other counties have economic development offices and Franklin County needs one. He explained they need someone in the office trying to find jobs for the community. Mr. Pierce stated OF may offer some services. **Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said this person's job will be to look for jobs. Commissioner Jones questioned if he wants this to be a county department. Commissioner Lockley answered yes. Chairman Parrish asked how they are going to fund this department, how much the person is going to be paid and what the credentials are. Commissioner Lockley stated they will need to check with the surrounding counties and see what they are paying. Mr. Moron asked if Commissioner Lockley would like him to do a study and get information of how much it will cost to start an economic development office and if the County can afford the costs. Commissioner Massey said they must do a study. Commissioner Lockley agreed. Mr. Moron stated then the information can be presented to the Board. Commissioner Sanders reported the City of Carrabelle had an Economic Development Council and Mr. David Butler was the head of their council. She suggested the County look at how they set up their EDC. Chairman Parrish expressed concern that if a department is created they will run into the same issues with no four lane road and no trained workforce. He said the County will then be paying for a department to find out the same thing. Commissioner Lockley stated they can try and find a smaller amount of jobs not a large amount. Chairman Parrish said he talked to three different people at the Rib Cook-Off that have jobs and cannot find anyone to work. Commissioner Massey agreed and said he cleaned houses over the weekend on St. George Island because the employer could not get anyone to work. Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Moron to report back in a month. Mr. Moron said he will try to report at the next meeting. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders stated she was proud to have all the Commissioners in the Camp Gordon Johnston parade and said it was a good parade.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts