

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 on September 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the County's Bills.

Public Comments – *(This is an opportunity for the public to comment on agenda or non-agenda items. When you are recognized to be heard by the Chairman, please sign the speaker's log and adhere to the time limit. An individual will be allowed to speak for three minutes whereas a designated representative of a group or faction will be allowed to speak for five minutes.)*

Mr. Alan Feifer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked what the requirements are for being placed on the agenda. Mr. Moron explained a person submits a request to be on the agenda and provides information about the request. He reported if the item is appropriate then he places it on the agenda. He said if the item is not appropriate and he determines it can be handled in a different manner, then the person is not placed on the agenda. Mr. Feifer said he has requested time on the agenda to speak with the Commissioners about why they have taken the position of eliminating two way communication with the public and has been turned down multiple times. Mr. Feifer stated as far as he knows Franklin County stands alone in not allowing the public the right to speak before a vote on an agenda item and hearing the way the Commissioners feel when the public provides input. He explained it is impossible to know at public comment the issues of the agenda item. He reported only after discussion is the public in a position to ask intelligent questions and to receive answers. Mr. Feifer said Chairman Parrish told him he has read the written public policies from Wakulla County and Gulf County and did not see much difference from Franklin County's policy. He pointed out there is a big difference because the recently adopted Franklin County Public Comment Policy overturns decades of precedent that insure public integrity and access. He called for civility, transparency and honest dealings with the public as they are not a hindrance to good government but are an integral part. He asked the Board to respect the part he and others like him play in the government. Mr. Feifer stated the Board has broken their new policy according to the Emergency Action section and he read that section. He explained the Board has amended the agenda eight times and none of those times was an emergency.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors reported the Road Department is continuing to cut grass throughout the county, install culvert pipes, dig ditches and work on shoulders. He asked the Board to approve purchasing a new pickup truck with some FEMA money that is leftover in the budget. Mr. Nabors said he talked with Mrs. Erin Griffith, Assistant Finance Director, about this purchase. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to approve this purchase.** Commissioner Massey explained there are four big diesel trucks being driven back and forth every day to Carrabelle and they need something smaller because the trucks are staying broken and a smaller vehicle will save the county money. He reported the diesel trucks can be used to do other things like addressing storm damage. Mr. Nabors stated two of the trucks are old and he is trying to get more time out of them but the other one is worn out. He agreed the county will save a lot on fuel with the use of the smaller truck and the big trucks can be used for shoulders, driveways or during storms. He explained the big trucks would then stay parked a good amount of time. Commissioner Lockley questioned if they are talking about a 150 truck. Commissioner Massey agreed a small four door 150 can be used to transport the inmates. Commissioner Massey said the trucks going back and forth are costing a lot of money and staying broken. Mr. Nabors agreed the diesel trucks are having issues and one of the trucks has probably had \$15,000 worth of repairs in 2 years. Mr. Moron stated the new truck may be available through the

Sheriff's bid list. Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Nabors to find a little more economical truck. Mr. Nabors said there is one on the state bid list which would cost what he has left in the FEMA money. Attorney Shuler advised the Board to defer both of these matters and put them on the next agenda for the next meeting for discussion. Commissioner Sanders questioned if the Board can take care of business. Attorney Shuler reported this item is not on the report that Mr. Nabors filed for the meeting. Commissioner Sanders stated the Board has to be able to take care of business at the meeting. Commissioner Lockley agreed. Commissioner Sanders asked how they can address business when they have to defer everything until the next meeting. Commissioner Lockley said it will cost more money to defer items. Chairman Parrish asked if they are using four big diesel trucks to pick up inmates. Mr. Nabors explained they used to pick up inmates from the jail and then from Apalachicola and now they are picking them up in Carrabelle. He stated they must replace two trucks in the next year or so but he only has money for one truck. Chairman Parrish reported getting one truck will not solve the problem with the other three diesel trucks. Mr. Nabors agreed they need three and after this purchase they will only need two. Mr. Pierce explained the money to purchase the truck is FEMA money from Project Worksheets (PW) they did for Alligator Point. He explained there is another Project Worksheet (PW) pending for \$60,000 on the relocation of Gulf Shore Boulevard. He said this PW has been pending for 4 months but it is possible they could get the money to either purchase a truck or restock materials. Mr. Nabors estimated the cost of the new truck to be \$32,000. He reported the diesel trucks cost about \$140,000. Commissioner Lockley asked which trucks last longer. Mr. Nabors said they get about 10 years out of a truck but the new diesel trucks are having a lot of trouble. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Attorney Shuler said if the Board feels like they need to take action then under the new policy they need to amend the agenda and then make a motion to purchase the truck and take public comment. Commissioner Sanders asked for discussion and said they need to move ahead on business and said if they have amendments she is not sure they have to amend the agenda every time they need to speak on a subject. She suggested the Board take care of this at the beginning of the meeting by calling the meeting to order and then asking if there are any amendments to the agenda. She went on to say if there are amendments then the Board could approve all of them at one time, have public comment and then move on. Chairman Parrish reported the department heads need to submit items in their reports and then there will be no amendments to the agenda. He explained if they expect the Board to take action then the items needs to be in their reports. He said the agenda goes out to the public on Friday and these things needs to be included in their reports. Chairman Parrish stated according to the policy the Board needs to make a motion to amend the agenda. **Commissioner Lockley rescinded his motion. Commissioner Sanders rescinded her second. Commissioner Sanders made a motion to amend the agenda to address this item. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish asked for public comment. There was no public comment. **Motion carried; 5-0. Commissioner Lockley made a motion to purchase the new truck with the FEMA reimbursement. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones said the only thing that is different for him is he tries not to have discussions or make decisions until he is sitting here but sometimes their discussions lead to other things and if they have to amend the agenda then they might as well not discuss anything and just vote on what is there

and go to consent agenda and be done with it. He stated their policy should not cut out their discussions and the natural flow of the conversation. Chairman Parrish asked for public comment. There was no public comment. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis presented his report, as follows:

LEWIS & CLARK CIRCUS AT KENDRICK PARK IN CARRABELLE

FOR BOARD ACTION: Lewis & Clark is requesting the use of Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex on November 5, 2018 for a Circus event. **ACTION REQUESTED: Motion authorizing Lewis & Clark Circus to setup at Kendrick Park on November 5, 2018.**

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Commissioner Lockley reported this is the same weekend as the Seafood Festival. Chairman Parrish asked if the circus will provide a liability insurance policy. Mr. Davis answered yes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

FALL FESTIVAL AT D.W. WILSON SPORTS COMPLEX

FOR BOARD ACTION: Several local churches are requesting the use of D.W. Wilson Sports Complex on October 31, 2018 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m. for a Fall Festival. **ACTION REQUESTED: Motion authorizing local churches to setup at D.W. WILSON SPORTS COMPLEX on October 31, 2018.**

Mr. Davis stated Pastor Scottie Lolley is present. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to approve the local churches setting up at D.W. Wilson Sports Complex on October 31, 2018. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones stated the first group the Board voted on is making money but the church group is not doing this for profit and asked why the Board had to vote since it is public property and public use. Mr. Davis answered because they always make sure the Board does not mind if they use the facility. Mr. Pierce pointed out the Board needs to have some control over who is using the public property and when. He stated it is also one way of notifying the public an event is going on. Commissioner Jones said it should be just an information item. Mr. Pierce agreed it could just be deferred to a department and it is their choice who is using what and when. Mr. Davis reported normally the public is good about asking what the steps are to use the parks and they will post it but it is a first come, first serve basis. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Pastor Lolley discussed the insurance required for the previous company. He said he contacted their company and they have an umbrella policy. He asked if the county needs to be listed as a certificate holder or additional insured on the policy. Attorney Shuler responded the county needs to be added as an additional insured and that is usually done at no charge. He agreed to meet with Pastor Lolley after the meeting and provide the information.

Mr. Pierce presented the following item from his report:

2- Board action to accept maintenance responsibilities for Island View Park from Mr. Doug Hattaway, TPL Project Manager. At this time the Park is substantially complete and is being used by the public. Mr. Hattaway is still working with the general contractor on some warranty issues but with the public using the park someone needs to be monitoring trash and general maintenance of the park. The county already has a signed agreement with FDEP which allows the county to be reimbursed for \$170,000 worth of park maintenance over the next 10 years, and the county can begin billing for maintenance if we accept maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Hattaway, on behalf of TPL, is making this request to the Board. I have spoken to Mr. Fonda Davis and he is willing to take over maintenance responsibilities. Board action.

Mr. Pierce recommended the Board accept Island View Park for maintenance while the warranty issues are being worked on. Attorney Shuler said he reviewed the contract and there are a couple of legal issues involving potential claims of lien that may be filed but they do not think the claims will be filed. He stated there is also an indemnity provision in the contract that he is working through with the Trust for Public Lands (TPL). He advised the Board to approve the contract contingent upon his review. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the contract for Island View Park contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review.**

Commissioner Lockley asked when the work will be completed at Lombardi's. Mr. Davis was not sure. Mr. Moron said based on the last meeting he thinks they will be through in November. He stated the electrician was rewiring the building last week and they are also working on the ramp and the observation pier. He reported the contractor has not started the deck and pavilion but they will start on it this week or next week. Commissioner Lockley said people are asking him when the project will be completed. Mr. Moron detailed the delays that have occurred with this project. Chairman Parrish stated he attended the meeting and the contractor is working every day on the project. Mr. Moron pointed out data cables are also being put in for the monitors.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the used oil collection containers. Mr. Davis stated the containers have been ordered. Commissioner Jones asked if they will be in before October. Mr. Davis answered yes. Commissioner Jones reported these containers will be placed in three locations in the county and they will be ready for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Massey questioned if cement pads need to be constructed for the containers. Mr. Davis answered yes.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell offered the following report for the Board:

Action Items:

1. Request the Boards opening and approval of Debris Removal and Disposal Services and Debris Monitoring Services.
2. Request the Boards approval for Review Committee of Pam Brownell, Tress Dameron, and Whitney Coles.

Mrs. Brownell explained these are Request for Proposals (RFP) and there are prices included. She reported there is a scoring sheet and explained the process. She stated the scoring sheet was done by the consultants to insure they are in compliance. Mrs. Brownell reported it covers an extensive list of equipment that will be used for debris removal. Mr. Moron stated because it is a RFP the prices need to be read. Mrs. Brownell explained there is a list of prices per item. Attorney Shuler asked how extensive the pricing is on the RFP and asked them to open the RFP's so he would have more information. Mr. Pierce opened the RFP from Omni Construction. Attorney Shuler asked if there is a total amount. Mrs. Brownell explained the prices are per hour or cubic yards. Mr. Pierce reported there are three pages of prices. Mrs. Brownell explained how the proposals are scored. Attorney Shuler advised the Board to just read the name of the company. Mrs. Brownell reported the committee will score the proposals and bring back a recommendation. Mr. Pierce pointed out in the past FEMA had a reimbursable amount and that is what the county received. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Moron opened the RFP's and Mrs. Brownell read the companies as follows:

Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
Omni Construction	Pearl River, LA
Bergeron Emergency Services	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Southern Disaster Recovery	Jacksonville, FL
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.	Sarasota, FL
T.F.R. Enterprises, Inc.	Leander, TX
Custom Tree Care Disaster Response	Topeka, KS
DRC Emergency Services	Semmes, AL
Grubbs Emergency Services, LLC	Hudson, FL
Crowder Gulf	Theodore, AL

Mrs. Brownell stated the proposal says the companies must make every effort to use local labor. Commissioner Lockley asked if they are required to have a state license. Mrs. Brownell answered yes.

Disaster Debris Monitoring Services

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
Debris Tech	Picayune, MS
Tetra Tech	Maitland, FL

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to send the RFP's to the review committee for a review and recommendation.

3. Request the Boards approval to pay the following invoices (also attached) from the Eastpoint Fire Victim's Fund:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/29/18	Winsupply Eastpoint	\$1,950.80
09/07/18	Taylor's Building Supply	\$136.26
TOTAL		\$2,087.06

Mrs. Brownell reported the Winsupply invoice is for culverts and the Taylor's Building Supply is for electrical hookups for the travel trailers. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the invoice to Winsupply in the amount of \$1,950.80 and Taylor's Building Supply in the amount of \$136.26.** Commissioner Lockley asked about the fire breaks and if they have to stay since they are causing flooding. Mrs. Brownell reported she contacted the Division of Forestry and they will contact the person whose property is being flooded. She said the fire breaks usually stay there but she will contact the Division of Forestry again today and see if there is anything they can do. She stated the county cannot remove the fire break but she does not know the law about Division of Forestry putting in the fire breaks.

Commissioner Sanders said she would rather have the fire break than losing her home or life. She stated she is glad they were there and able to do the fire breaks at the time. Commissioner Massey explained one of the citizens sent pictures because it has flooded her whole yard. Mrs. Brownell reported they saw the pictures and that is why she contacted the Division of Forestry. Commissioner Massey asked Mr. Tony Millender, former employee with the Division of Forestry, if the state goes back and covers up the fire breaks. Mr. Millender responded the Division of Forestry would have to gain authorization from the property owner as the emergency is over and they cannot go on private property. Mrs. Brownell agreed to contact the Division of Forestry and the property owner.

Commissioner Sanders stated she is concerned with one of the items on Attorney Shuler's report about the ESF15. She stated Mrs. Brownell is the Emergency Management Director over the ESF15 and she should have some input in this decision. She asked Attorney Shuler if he has talked with Mrs. Brownell. Attorney Shuler answered no, the contract has not been given to Mrs. Brownell. Commissioner Sanders reported they do not need to discuss it if Mrs. Brownell is not part of the discussion. Attorney Shuler said that is a decision for the Board.

Commissioner Sanders stated if they are talking about the Community Area Action Agency (CAP) taking over the ESF15 which is a volunteer organization that takes donations during a disaster that falls under the Emergency Management Department and the Emergency Management Director needs to be consulted also. She stated it is respectful to make sure Mrs.

Brownell is included as the Emergency Management Director. Chairman Parrish asked Mrs. Brownell if she will stay for that discussion. Mrs. Brownell answered yes.

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 worked in the Carrabelle Donations Center 9/11-9/13 organizing the donated items.
3. EOC Staff plans to start scheduling appointment for survivors to pick up donated items.
4. EOC staff is attending conference calls and closely monitoring the storms.

Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director

Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Lovestrand got his car. Mr. Lovestrand answered yes. Chairman Parrish inquired about the status of the building for his office. Mr. Lovestrand reported they are waiting for the 100% drawings. He stated he provided comments on the 50% drawings so they are moving forward. He explained as soon as they get the drawings they will be talking about the procedure for going out to bid.

Commissioner Jones asked if the county has heard back from Duke Energy in reference to the spraying. Mr. Moron said a chemical breakdown of what was used should be received this week from Duke Energy. He stated he will send this information to the Board and Mr. Lovestrand in addition to some other sources and then report back to the Board. Chairman Parrish asked about the no spray number and how the county can get on that list. Mr. Moron said he will check on the list and how that would apply to the county. Chairman Parrish said the best thing for the county to do is get on that list and Duke Energy can find another way to address the issue so the chemicals will not get in the bay. Mr. Moron said he will also find out how Duke Energy will then deal with the vines and trees. Commissioner Lockley stated they can cut them down or dig them up and that will also put a person to work.

County Extension Activities September 5 – September 18, 2018

General Extension Activities:

- Assisted clientele with injured wildlife, yard weeds and grant funding sources.
- Participated in ACF Stakeholders Apalachicola Caucus and Executive Committee conference calls.
- Reviewed 50%-completion architectural plans for the Extension facility renovation and provided feedback for architect.
- Attended Friends of the Reserve Board of Directors meeting.
- Attended County Extension Director district meeting in Holmes County.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Participated in weekly conference calls to coordinate Sea turtle lighting project work on Dark Skies grant.
- Drafted proposal to present sea turtle lighting project work at 2019 Joint National Sustainability Summit & National Extension Energy Summit.
- Participated in Ocean Acidification webinar.
- Developed agenda for 3rd session of Master Naturalist Coastal Restoration class.

4-H Youth Development:

- Six 4-H Youth planning to attend Southern Teen Leadership conference in Tennessee this year.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching scheduled programs in local schools.
- Participated in FNP Quality Improvement meeting with Faculty overseeing FNP grant statewide.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Planning continues for a workshop in Apalachicola with the cold-hardy citrus group in N. Florida to provide information about growing citrus in N. Florida and issues with citrus greening. The workshop will take place at the Armory on October 9 at 5:30 pm.
- Master Gardener program has begun at local library.
- Third Tuesday horticulture program conducted at Eastpoint Library branch by Wakulla Ag Faculty.

Lisa Lance – Library Director

Mrs. Lance said they have a gardening program today at the Library. She stated tomorrow is Talk like a Pirate Day and highlighted the activities they will have at the Library. She said the STEM programs are back in session and are at 4:00 p.m. at each location. Mrs. Lance reported the Carrabelle Branch has returned to their regular operating hours. Mrs. Lance addressed the following action item:

Action Item: Request the approval of the BOCC to allow LA Doors to install the necessary handicap closure with push pods to the Carrabelle branch entrance to provide ADA compliance. The installation will require additional electrical work by Cates Electric who will run the electrical to connect the power and install an inside switch to control the power when the doors are locked, this keeps the motor on the closure from being engaged when the doors are locked. Quotes include: \$2849 LA Doors, \$250 for Cates Electric, Total estimated \$3099. This request was discussed with Michael Moron and he referred me to contact Shane to schedule an appropriate installer to provide the quotes and service.

Mrs. Lance stated most of the money is in her budget and Mr. Moron advised her they could do a budget transfer if she could not cover the costs but it should not be very much. Mr. Moron said he checked with the Finance Department and they can cover most of the costs and if there is an overrun then he will bring back a budget transfer at a later date. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley asked if this door will have a backup for manual opening. Mrs. Lance explained it is a wireless push pod so there should not be an issue. Commissioner Lockley said he does not want anyone to get stuck. Mrs. Lance agreed to talk with LA Doors about a release on the door. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Updates (General):

- ☐ Master Gardening program began September 4. MG is a 12 month program, including 15 weeks classroom and garden training.
- ☐ Carrabelle branch hours of operation returned to Monday – Friday, 9-6 and Saturday 10-2, effective Monday September 17.
- ☐ Employment offer accepted for the Eastpoint branch, waiting on drug screening results.
- ☐ September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Library cards are free for Franklin County residents with proof of residency (DL, photo Id card, Passport with photo)

Ongoing / Upcoming:

- ☐ Kids Event, Grades K-8: Talk like a Pirate Day, September 19, Both branches at 4:00, Kids can come dressed as a pirate, there will be games and snacks
- ☐ Adult Gardening Program: October Topic, Patio Plants & Container Gardening
- ☐ Basics of Better Living Programs: October Topic, Refrigerator Pickles & Freezer Jams
- ☐ Eastpoint: Teen Book Club, monthly for grades 6 – 12
- ☐ Eastpoint STEAM (ages 8-14), Thursday's at 4:00 (new time), started Sept 6, attendance = 9
- ☐ Carrabelle STEAM (ages 8-14) NEW, Thursdays at 4:00, started Sept 6, attendance = 7
- ☐ Anime Club (ages 5th – 12th grade) – style of hand drawn & computer animation most commonly associated with Japan (i.e. Pokémon). Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays at 4:00 at the Eastpoint branch, started Sept. 12, attendance = 10
- ☐ Kids Event, Grades K-8: Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 19, Both branches at 4:00, Kids can come dressed as a pirate, there will be games and crafts

Monthly Adult Calendar of Events:

- ☐ Eastpoint Book Chat: Monthly, 1st Tuesday at 1:30 (next meeting, September 4)
- ☐ Carrabelle Book Social: Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 4:30 (next meeting September 13)
- ☐ Carrabelle Yoga: Instructional, Monday's at 4:00, Video – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 4:00
- ☐ Eastpoint Yin Yoga: Tuesdays at 3:30, Monthly 1st & 3rd Friday's at 11:00
- ☐ Eastpoint Writer's Forum: Monthly, 3rd Wednesday's at 1:00 (next meeting, September 19)

Jason Puckett – Airport Manager

- Current Airport Projects Overview

Mr. Puckett said the drainage project is complete and the contractor is taking care of a few punch items.

Mr. Puckett reported the design is complete on the access road project and Avcon is currently coordinating with the county on all of the permitting. He said they hope to go out for bids in October.

Mr. Puckett stated the work is complete on the Economic Development Study and they are coordinating a good Commission meeting date with Mr. Pierce to give a presentation.

- ****Airport remarking proposal from HI-LITE (JPA is signed, need signature of the attached proposal to start work) **Action item****

Mr. Puckett explained they have \$665,000 allocated from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to remark and restripe all the runways. He stated the quote from HI-LITE, who is the state contractor to mark airports, is \$509,000. He asked for approval of a signature on the proposal to mark the runways. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve signing the proposal of HI-LITE.** Mr. Puckett explained this will be to remark all three runways and in the past the county could only get funding for two runways. Mr. Pierce explained in the past FDOT was not funding this runway but now is providing funds for the third runway so the county should keep the runway active as long as they can.

Centric Aviation lease discussion

Mr. Puckett reported representatives from Centric Aviation, Fixed Base Operator (FBO), are present today. He said in July and August they had 280 arrivals at the airport, 253 overnight stays, and 300 courtesy car trips to town. He stated Centric Aviation is doing a fantastic job and are trying to negotiate some different ideas for the facilities and hangars. Mr. Pierce stated he met with Centric Aviation and they are doing a great job. He said they have 8 employees which are double what they had when they took over and are expanding their business as the market allows. He said at the last Triumph meeting he learned the Triumph staff would like a project from the airport. Mr. Pierce stated everyone is aware you receive funding from Triumph if you can promise to create jobs. He reported the most logical person to create more jobs at the airport is Centric Aviation so he talked with them about what kind of building the county could build that they could use to create more jobs. He commented Centric Aviation is in the process of looking into some ideas. He said a new FBO building would allow them to expand their operations or they may be able to use a general maintenance building. He explained the county wants to hear from Centric Aviation what kind of building they could use that would create the most jobs because that is what Triumph would look at. Mr. Pierce said Triumph is interested in providing money to the county but it must be tied to job creation. He explained they could also offer this to another vendor if they were interested but right now Centric Aviation is the company operating the airport and they have the ability to create jobs the

fastest. He estimated \$1-2 million is the range of money depending on the jobs that would be created. Mr. Puckett stated he will contact FDOT because they are always interested in doing partnerships and fund matching. He explained he will ask if the county has funds from another revenue source can they partner with FDOT and get a bigger project done. Mr. Pierce said Centric Aviation now has an agreement with Enterprise to have rental cars at the airport and they also have U-Hauls. He stated they are expanding services more than the prior FBO and he hopes the community is aware they are out at the airport.

- John Bone lease discussion

Mr. Puckett stated Mr. Bone's lease was for \$1,500 a month for the first portion of his lease and then it increased to \$2,500 a month. He explained Mr. Bone has had quite a few issues with the utilities and the cost was astronomical. He reported Mr. Bone did not pay the additional price in the lease for 6 months but did pay the additional rent last month. Mr. Pierce explained there was a tremendous water leak at the airport and the City of Apalachicola assumed it was Mr. Bone's hangar and billed him for a huge amount of water. He reported he and Chairman Parrish met on site with Mr. Bone and assured him they would contact the City. He stated the City stopped the leak but did not change the bill. Mr. Pierce said they determined the leak did not go through Mr. Bone's meter but they were never able to resolve the bill. He reported Mr. Bone had to pay the bill so they would not cut the water off. Mr. Pierce explained Mr. Bone has now paid the rent he should be paying. He recommended the Board forgo the other months now that he is current and they would like to have him in the hangar. He said this matter was discussed with Mrs. Griffith. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the request.** Commissioner Lockley said Mr. Bone should pay his rent because this is the county not the city. Mr. Pierce stated the Board may see a problem when the City's new water rates go into effect. Commissioner Lockley asked what will happen if he reduces his rent again. Mr. Pierce stated they will have to forgo his lease. Commissioner Sanders explained she is approving it because there was a time when the county was not getting any money at all and the water leak was not his fault. She said she does not have a problem with this but in the future he needs to stick with the amount in the lease. Commissioner Lockley commented Mr. Bone needs to tell the City to give him his money back. Chairman Parrish stated the City said there was a leak under the slab but the leak was before it got to the building. He said if Mr. Bone cannot pay the rent from here forward then they have a problem. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: SANDERS, MASSEY, PARRISH, JONES

NAY: LOCKLEY

- **Airport Manager yearly stipend increase as a result of the FDOT decision not to reimburse county of grant admin fees. **Action Item**

Mr. Pierce explained when Mr. Puckett starting working as the Airport Manager he received a fixed \$1,000 a month stipend from the county plus 1% of grants. He reported in the spring

FDOT determined Mr. Puckett as Airport Manager is no longer entitled to receive 1% of the grants so he lost compensation that was part of his overall package. Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Puckett has operated on just the \$1,000 a month but during the budget process he talked with Mrs. Griffith and she included a \$500 increase in the budget so his compensation would be \$1,500 a month effective October 1st. Mr. Pierce recommended the Board allow the stipend for Mr. Puckett to go to \$1,500 a month effective October 1st which would be \$18,000 for the year. He stated this is a \$6,000 increase but it is less than he would have received with the 1%. Commissioner Sanders asked if this changes the scope of the contract they have with Mr. Puckett. Mr. Pierce agreed it would be an amendment to the contract. Commissioner Sanders reported in the past the Board has said that if anyone that receives a grant from the federal or state loses it then they just lose it. Mr. Pierce said he will defer to the Board but in this case it was part of the overall package. Mr. Puckett reported he entered into a contract with the county and his agreement was to receive 1% of all airport related grants and \$1,000 a month stipend and FDOT has stopped reimbursing the county for the 1% but under the contract he is still entitled to receive 1% of the grants. He explained he can readjust the contract but he cannot help that the county does not get reimbursed for the 1% from FDOT. He stated if they can make up the difference on the stipend end that is fine but he cannot do the job for 30% of what they agreed to. Commissioner Jones said he is not opposed to what Mr. Puckett is saying but the county did not stop the FDOT funding so they are not responsible either. Mr. Puckett agreed but said he is bearing the weight of the change. Commissioner Jones reported this is coming up today and it was already put in the budget but it is coming up after they had budget hearings and talks. Mr. Pierce stated Mrs. Griffith added it in the budget. Commissioner Jones agreed but said the Board did not know about it until today. Mr. Pierce said he was not present during the budget process. Chairman Parrish expressed his opinion that Mr. Puckett has done a tremendous job for the county and continues to do a good job. Commissioner Lockley stated the county cannot create a new job. He said the county did not cut the funding and are honoring their part of the contract. Mr. Puckett replied his compensation is written from Franklin County and the county asks for reimbursement from FDOT. Commissioner Jones asked if Mr. Puckett feels like the county is responsible for what FDOT changed. Mr. Puckett answered yes; the county is responsible for the contract they have written. Mr. Pierce commented the contract was written that way because FDOT has reimbursed the 1% to the county for 15-20 years. Commissioner Lockley said FDOT is going to ask for something at some point for all the money they have put in the airport. He stated they keep putting money in and nothing is happening at the airport. Mr. Pierce reported all the money has been used for work at the airport. Commissioner Lockley clarified there is no work and jobs at the airport. Mr. Pierce agreed and stated the county is in competition with airports all across the state that are trying to get activity. Commissioner Jones said he just has a little problem with the way this was done. He explained the Gulf to Gadsden Corridor that they are trying to enact does not need to be stopped. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the \$500 a month increase in the monthly stipend to Mr. Puckett.** He said he just wanted to make sure his concerns were addressed today. **Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Puckett explained when all this happened he talked with Mr. Pierce, Mr. Moron and Mrs. Griffith and he continued to operate in good faith even with a 60% cut to his

salary with the understanding that something would happen at budget time. Commissioner Jones reported if another agency they are in partnership with decides they are not doing well it is not the county's responsibility. Mr. Puckett thanked the Board.

Resolutions/Proclamations

Jacquelyn Davis – Refuge House – Mrs. Davis would like the Board to support a Proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mrs. Davis informed the Board she is the Refuge House domestic violence counselor for the local area and a co-located advocate who works alongside the Department of Children and Families (DCF) on cases that have domestic violence issues. She stated she has a Proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mrs. Davis said they have a Domestic Violence Awareness event each year and the event this year will be held on October 19th from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will be a luncheon. She read the Proclamation for the Board's consideration. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Resolution, as follows:**

FRANKLIN COUNTY PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 2018 As Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is epidemic in our nation, state and county, resulting in thousands of battered victims, traumatized children and broken families each year, crossing all economic, racial and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, the children in violent homes are also in danger of victimization and are more likely to succumb to drug abuse, truancy, and emotional disturbances, and are likely to exhibit violent and unlawful behavior in later life than children raised in abuse free homes; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is both a violation of an individual's privacy, security and humanity, and is a crime which impacts society as a whole, then we conclude that perpetrators of domestic violence must be held accountable for their actions; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph A. Parrish, by the authority vested in me as The Chairman of Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby declare the month of October 2018 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the County of Franklin and ask all our citizens to join together to declare the County of Franklin a Zero Tolerance Zone for domestic violence. Further we ask our citizens to work with established agencies, and as individuals, to provide women and children the safety which should be theirs by right.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of this county to be affixed.

Passed and adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

BY: s/Joseph Parrish

Joseph A. Parrish, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court

Charles Elliot/Michael Krehl – POW/MIA – *Mr. Elliot and Mr. Krehl would like the Board to support a Resolution proclaiming September 21, 2018 and subsequent years in September as P.O.W. – M. I. A. Recognition Day.*

Mr. Elliott, County Veterans' Service Office, appeared before the Board with Mr. Michael Krehl and Mr. Jim McNeil, citizens of the county. He requested the Board adopt a Resolution establishing the third Friday in September as County Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day. He stated the Resolution has been included in the Board's packet. He said they want to insure people never forget that we still have people that have not come home. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution, as follows:**

FRANKLIN COUNTY PROCLAMATION

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of our Nation, Franklin County's men and women have answered the call to duty. In each of our Country's conflicts, our prisoners of war have endured extreme hardships and have been required to make great sacrifices. But even when facing the most extreme adversity, they have proudly defended American ideals. Their burden has been magnified when they were subject to mistreatment, torture, or death in violation of fundamental moral standards and international codes of conduct.

WHEREAS, our County is also acutely aware of the deep suffering experienced by the families of our servicemen held captive or missing in action. These families have faced a haunting uncertainty and awesome silence that tear at their hearts and earns the deep esteem of their countrymen.

WHEREAS, American P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s are heroes who have gone beyond courage and beyond duty to an honored place in the souls of their fellow Americans. They symbolize the kind of singular sacrifice and devotion that has repeatedly proven instrumental in shaping our Nation's destiny. This County will never forget nor fail to honor those who have so courageously garnered our highest regard.

WHEREAS, we shall continue to remember our missing servicemen. Our County must never forget them. Resolution of their fate is, and will remain, a matter of the highest priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2018 and subsequent third Fridays of September as P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families. we call on all County residents to join in honoring those who have been held captive in war and their loved ones.

This **PROCLAMATION** adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

BY: s/Joseph Parrish
Joseph A. Parrish, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court

The meeting was recessed at 10:16 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Curt Blair – TDC Administrator – Report

Mr. Blair offered the following report to the Board:

Collections:

I provided you the most recent collections report at your meeting on September 4. We have received recent data from Visit Florida that indicates visitors are up statewide a little over 5% to date, so our local numbers at 8.8% are exceeding statewide results.

TDC Vendor Contracts:

At your August meeting you approved the recommendation from the TDC Board of the selection of Vendors to conduct our promotional activities. At that meeting you referred the contracts to the TDC to negotiate the compensation for each vendor. We met with each Vendor and, as expected received a variety of requests. Vendor services over the last ten years have remained static for the core services provided to the TDC. In many areas our compensation is significantly below standards for the industry. The TDC attempted to negotiate rates that would be more in keeping with service costs elsewhere and at the same time in most cases keep the costs within reason with the availability of funds and other local cost expectations. We are presenting to you the contracts for each of the Vendors including the negotiated rates. These contracts include services from:

- Bay Media
- 2 K Web Group
- Forgotten Coast TV
- Oyster Radio

All of these contracts begin on October 1. Each has been reviewed by the County Attorney. The TDC recommends approval.

Mr. Blair offered to answer any questions. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the vendor contracts for Bay Media, 2K Web Group, Forgotten Coast TV and Oyster Radio.**

Statewide Activities and Initiatives:

We don't report often on TDC activities relating to our collaboration with regional and statewide groups. There have been a number of initiatives with which we have participated over the last few months that are of particular interest.

Riverways South: We have been a member and participant with the Riverways South Group over the last several years as Board and Executive Committee members. This group is a multi-county collaboration in north Florida that includes: Gadsden, Jackson, Washington, Bay, Walton, Calhoun, Holmes and Gulf Counties for the purpose of promoting rural north Florida. Recently the group has revised their mission and name in a broader direction entitled "Explore Northwest Florida". We continue to work with the group as a vehicle to build on our historical

and adventure brand activities. We will be co-hosting a Travel Writer Familiarization Tour with the group on October 30 and 31st.

US 98 Corridor: We have been working over the last couple of years to identify a corridor and travel route along US 98 from Dixie County to Gulf County. Through our partnership with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council we recently received approval from Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity to fund the second phase of the planning effort that will add three additional counties (Wakulla, Jefferson and Gulf) to the original three counties (Franklin, Taylor and Dixie) to round out the route. In addition, we have received substantial assistance toward implementing a marketing strategy for the project from Visit Florida.

Northwest Florida TDC Coordinating Council: During the BP Oil Spill crisis, we were participants with the seven other "impacted" counties in an effort to bring state dollars to the area to help mitigate the impact of the Spill on the local tourism industry. This coordination provided \$2.5 million to Franklin County tourism efforts in 2012 and 13.

The Coordinating Council has continued to provide a mechanism for the eight counties (all coastal communities including: Wakulla, Franklin, Gulf, Bay, Walton, Santa Rosa, Escambia, and Okaloosa) to collaborate and issues of joint interest. Currently the group, with Visit Florida as the lead is working on a branding and marketing effort for the coastal areas. In addition to the marketing activities that each of the counties and Visit Florida bring to the effort, Visit Florida has stimulated an effort to utilize a section in the Triumph legislation that allows applications to be submitted by the counties and Visit Florida for promotional activities.

Meetings:

- Next TDC Board Meeting: **October 10, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the EPVC.**

Commissioner Sanders asked to bring up the item on Attorney Shuler's report about the RFQ for TDC Administrative Services while Mr. Blair is present. Attorney Shuler reported at the last meeting the Board asked him to bring back the RFQ for their review and guidance on how they wanted to proceed with advertising. He stated a red line version was provided to the Board a week and a half ago. He pointed out one change he proposed was to delete the Errors & Omissions (E & O) insurance requirement coverage. He said the administrator will provide general liability insurance but not professional E & O insurance. Attorney Shuler stated the other change he recommended was deleting a form on the checklist of forms to turn in but the form was inconsistent with the RFQ because the RFQ states compensation will be negotiated between the Board and whoever this Board selects as the #1 candidate after interviewing the applicants. He explained if the Board finds these two changes acceptable then the RFQ is ready to be submitted for publication. Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to explain the changes again. Attorney Shuler referenced Item #4 on his report that explained the changes. He highlighted the changes to the RFQ. He stated there is a procedural change because he assumes the Board wants this matter handled before Commissioner Sanders retires. He said normally they bid it out for 30 days but he talked with Mr. Blair and he has given him a schedule where they can have this completed and back to the Board by the first meeting in November. Attorney Shuler asked the Board's permission to make this change in the RFQ.

Commissioner Sanders reported she was concerned because she has served as TDC Chairman for 12 years and would like to be included on this. She agreed with Attorney Shuler and said she would like to move ahead. Attorney Shuler said the Board can accept the presentation and approve the RFQ as recommended by the attorney with the changes that were discussed here this morning. Commissioner Sanders asked if the deadline for submitting applications was October 26th but has changed. Attorney Shuler said it has been advertised twice before and he is comfortable with having a modified publication schedule so they can meet the requirement of having the process completed by the first meeting in November. Chairman Parrish stated he is fine with this change. He explained bidding out the vendor contractors and TDC Administration contract was done so Commissioner Sanders could participate before she retired. Commissioner Sanders explained one thing that took longer was due to the Speaker of the House and the Board wanting to make sure they addressed the transparency issue. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve advertising the RFQ.** Mr. Blair asked for an estimate of when the proposals would be due. Attorney Shuler reported Mr. Blair provided the official timeline. Mr. Blair did not have the schedule with him at the meeting. Chairman Parrish questioned if it would be 30 days from now. Attorney Shuler said he thinks it was 21 days instead of 30 days. He reported the TDC Board will have a special meeting and if they have more than 5 applicants then they will rank the top 5 and eliminate anyone else. He explained the top 5 will then be sent to this Board without any ranking. He explained this Board will then interview and select the administrator. He reported this ranking from TDC may be presented at the first meeting in November or at a special meeting. Commissioner Massey clarified that this Board will interview the applicants. Attorney Shuler stated the TDC Board will rank and score the top 5 and they will send the top 5 back to this Board without ranking. He explained the TDC Board is doing a scoring and ranking to determine who the top 5 applicants are. Attorney Shuler said if they only get 4 applicants then the top 4 get sent. The Board agreed this is correct. Commissioner Sanders reported last Wednesday the TDC Board was supposed to have a meeting but did not have a quorum. She said they were supposed to address promotions and asked if they have enough time or if they have to conduct a special meeting. Mr. Blair explained what is being held up is putting into operation the marketing budget. He stated the Board has already approved a series of fall advertising schedules that is usually paid in the current fiscal year in advance of the upcoming fiscal year which they have already done. He said there is nothing else pending that is going to be a problem as long as it is done on October 10th. Commissioner Lockley asked if they are going out for requests for a TDC Administrator. Attorney Shuler replied yes, and also the operations of the Eastpoint Visitor Center. Commissioner Lockley questioned if this person will be over all the operations Mr. Blair does. Attorney Shuler answered yes, that is the way the Board has it structured at this point. Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

2. At your last meeting, the Board agreed to extend the TDC Administration contract to a month to month status with a three-month cap. This was done as a result of the Board's decision to re-advertise the Professional Executive Administration Services TDC contract. Mr. Curt Blair, your current Administrator, has sent his terms for this month to month contract, which includes changing the status from month to month to a three-month extension, increased

compensation for the Administration contract, but no increases for the Visitor Center and Promotional Services contracts. There are some other language changes in the agreements. Attached is a memo from Mr. Blair explaining these changes and a draft copy of his proposed contract for your review. **Board action** to approve the Administrative, Visitor Center, and Promotional Services contracts from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Administrative, Visitor Center and Professional Services contracts from October 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Commissioner Lockley inquired what will happen if it does not take 3 months. Chairman Parrish stated the way it is worded this contract will be for 3 months. Commissioner Jones said this will help because there will be some overlapping and some industry knowledge that needs to be passed on to the new person. Chairman Parrish pointed out when this contract is approved there will be less money to negotiate with the new person because they are removing one quarter of the money. Commissioner Lockley asked if they will be paying both people during the 3 months. Chairman Parrish answered yes. Mr. Moron agreed and said there needs to be some transition between Mr. Blair and the new person. Chairman Parrish reported whoever is selected must go in and see how everything works. Mr. Moron stated that person's effective date will be January 1, 2019. Chairman Parrish said the person may not want to go in and learn and not be compensated. He explained the way the contract is written each month is 1/12 of the TDC Administrator's budget so if the new administrator does not try to increase the contract then there should be sufficient funds there. Mr. Blair stated it is also based on the increase last year so there should be enough money. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Moron reported there is an extra Tuesday in the month of October if the Board needs to hold a special meeting.

Sara Hinds, Sandy Martin – Business Manager – Florida Department of Health
Ms. Martin will present the Department's Core Contract and fee schedule for the

Ms. Hinds introduced Ms. Martin and Mrs. Helen Cook, ARNP. She requested approval of the Core Contract and the fee schedule. She explained the purpose of this agreement is to maintain compliance with Florida Statute 154.01. She reported the contract insures coordination between the state and the county for operation of the Health Department. She explained the services covered by this contract. Ms. Hinds stated the Core Contract has not changed and the fee schedule has a change of \$3.00 for birth/death certificates. She stated the \$49,000 contribution of the county goes directly into the clinic budget to provide core public health service and pays for part of the a Registered Nurse (RN). Mrs. Cook explained what the core services are and said the numbers are attached in the Board's packet. She stated their fee schedule aligns with the industry standard for Medicare rates. Mr. Moron said the final budget public hearing is today at 5:15 p.m. so this approval should be contingent upon the budget being worked out. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Core Contract and Resolution setting the fee schedule contingent upon the outcome of the budget this afternoon.** Mrs. Cook reported October is National Breast Cancer Month and they have a Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program. She stated this program is available to

women age 50-64 that have no insurance or are underinsured. She provided book marks and breast cancer awareness items.

Amy Ham-Kelly – Planning & Zoning – Report

Mrs. Kelly read the following requests:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

1. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock located at 504 River Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The proposed dock will be 976 square feet consisting of a 34' x 6' Terminus, a 27' x 34' Proposed Roof, a 10' x 6' Step Down, and a 3' x 34' Finger Pier. Applicant has their DEP Permits and is exempt from the Army Corps of Engineer Permitting. Request submitted by Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Services, agent for Nancy and Sammy Deal, owner. (Has a House)

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

2. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request to construct a 37' x 18' roof over and existing boat lift and single family private dock located at 335 Bruce Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Applicant has DEP permits and is exempt from the Army Corps of Engineers permitting. Request submitted by Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Services, agent for Clint Kadel, applicant. (No House, Has Existing Dock)

Commissioner Jones said this is in a manmade canal. Mrs. Kelly agreed and provided a copy of the drawings. She explained they are not extending the dock, they are just adding a roof. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

SKETCH PLAT APPROVAL:

1. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: (Unanimous)** Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat Approval for a Resort Village III, requesting to convert Lots 14-20 and 36-58 Resort Village converting those existing lots into common areas. Request submitted by Barbara Sanders, agent for the St. George Island Plantation Home Owners Association, applicant.

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

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- It is my recommendation to move Alternate Jerry Jackson to the vacant “At-Large Seat 3” and to assign all new appointees to the “Alternate Seat 1 and 2” for probationary periods.

Mrs. Kelly stated the Board is advertising for additional Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment members. She reported Mr. Jackson has been a regular attendee for several months. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to move alternate Mr. Jerry Jackson to the vacant at-large seat #3 on the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY:

Mrs. Kelly said they are in the process of taking care of the following violation:

DISTRICT TWO:

- **RV VIOLATION:** 144 Apalachee Street, Lanark, FL 32323
(a certified letter has been sent to the property owner)

Mr. Moron stated there were no Board of Adjustment requests. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Kelly to keep her posted on this violation. Mrs. Kelly answered yes and commented a certified mail has been sent to the owner of the property. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Kelly to let her know when she has a response.

Mrs. Irma Lindsey Peddie – Request

*Mrs. Peddie is requesting a power pole on her property located at 496 Ave A.
This lot is zoned R-4 and may be non-conforming.*

Mr. Paul Jahn, Mrs. Peddie’s son in law, stated she would like him to speak for her today as she has a hard time hearing the Board. He explained they are requesting a power pole and there has been an existing power pole there before. He said the address is 496D Avenue A and it is recognized by 911 and they have a water tap and sewer connection. Mr. Jahn reported there was a power pole before someone removed the pole. He said the wires that went to the power pole are still curled up on the utility pole near there. He explained they are here to request a permit for the power pole to let Mrs. Peddie put an RV or something on this property.

Chairman Parrish declared a conflict and said he will file a form. Mr. Moron stated this was put on the agenda so he and the staff could do some research on this property. He said this location 496D Avenue A, Eastpoint, is part of a larger plot which is less than an acre and is actually .97. He stated the property has been zoned R-4 since the oldest county zoning map. Mr. Moron explained there are 4 houses and 2 camper trailers or RV's on this lot. He said in talking with Mr. Curenton it appears Mr. Curenton talked with them and asked if they had any proof this property was subdivided and deeded in the past to show each house was on its own lot but they could not provide any proof. He reported this makes this lot non-conforming because only 1 structure is allowed on this lot. Mr. Moron said in discussion with the Building Official, Zoning Administrator, current County Planner, and the prior County Planner there is no way possible for the staff to consider this request so they recommend denial of the request for the power pole. He reported this is based on how many structures are already on the lot. He explained it may have been grandfathered in but if something happens and one of the units is destroyed the county cannot issue a permit to replace the structure. He stated if something is removed at this point it stays removed until they get down to one structure. Mr. Jahn said the power pole was there but was stolen. Mr. Moron stated it will not matter. Mr. Jahn reported Mrs. Peddie has spent money remodeling the interior of the homes which has increased the value of each home. Chairman Parrish asked if the homes have power. Mr. Jahn answered yes. Mr. Pierce said it sounds like they have an unrecorded subdivision and someone should have recorded different deeds and this is a problem. Chairman Parrish referenced the Eastpoint fire and said there were additional structures on some lots that cannot be put back. He said this would set a precedent if the Board approved it and other people would want the same. He pointed out this request is not allowed by the code. Chairman Parrish reminded everyone he has declared a conflict and will not vote on this issue because his sister lives on the property. Attorney Shuler explained it is not just the people that are victims of the Eastpoint fire but throughout the county for many years people were denied power poles because that is what the code requires and it is the Board's lawful requirement to enforce the code as written. He said staff has made the proper recommendation and he advised the Board to follow staff's recommendation. Commissioner Lockley reported he has been on the Board for 14 years and they had to deny a power pole for a veteran and he hated it but he had to go by the rules. Commissioner Jones stated he spoke with Mrs. Peddie personally and told her if there was anything they could do to rectify the situation they would but based on the research and what staff has recommended there is not anything they should do about it. He said he understands they did not remove the power pole but the Board cannot be held liable for that because it is not their obligation if someone stole the power pole. He agreed they are only allowing 1 power pole to go back on the properties in Eastpoint and it would be bad if they gave that message then and gave a different message now and he hates it. Mr. Jahn asked if Mrs. Peddie can get compensated as she has been paying for a water meter for years. Commissioner Jones commented that is a question for the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District. Mr. Pierce said he does not know a solution but if they have water and sewer and are not in the coastal flood zone then it may be possible to talk with staff and get the property rezoned to R1A which may give her 2 or 3 lots. He suggested this may be a way to break up the lots and protect the homes she has there now. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to deny this request. Commissioner**

Massey seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0. Chairman Parrish abstained from voting. A Memorandum of Voting Conflict will be filed. Commissioner Lockley asked Mrs. Peddie to walk next door and talk with staff about this rezoning.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson said she did not have an action item only one information item.

1. For information, my office is authorized by law to pay into the Clerk's fine and forfeiture fund all unclaimed money deposited or collected. A list was published in The Times, and pursuant to the law, proof of the publication is to be filed and recorded in the minutes of the county commission. The list totaled \$60 and represented checks issued that were never cashed pursuant to FS 116. The charge for the advertisement was \$13.93. The proof of publication is attached.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce read the following report:

1- Inform the Board that I attended the Sept. 12 TRIUMPH Board meeting in Panama City for two reasons. The county received a denial letter for the Armory project, which I have attached, and the agenda included a discussion about the oyster recovery initiative TRIUMPH Board member Jason Shoaf has started.

Regarding the Armory- I spoke to TRIUMPH staff extensively before the meeting. The project could be reconsidered if the county would reduce the amount of TRIUMPH funds it is requesting, so that the leveraging of TRIUMPH funds to community economic impact would be better. The initial request was for \$2M of TRIUMPH funds. Board discussion.

I did learn one more thing. TRIUMPH staff would consider funding a project at the airport if it would create jobs, so I have contacted the current FBO, Centric, to see what sort of building they could use that would create jobs at the airport.

Mr. Pierce stated the county has been ordered by the Fire Marshal to put a sprinkler system in even though they inherited the building from the state with no system. He said the Fire Marshal is not going to approve any more improvements until the sprinkler system is in. He reported the county needs to find a way to get the sprinkler system in. Mr. Pierce questioned if the TDC has some additional money. He said the overall cost of the sprinkler system is about \$300,000 and the county has \$100,000 from a legislative appropriation last year that has not been used and is dedicated to the sprinkler system. Mr. Pierce stated as an alternative the County can go back to the legislature and ask for more money. He reported if they get the sprinkler system off the Triumph list then the costs go down from what Triumph is funding and they may reconsider. Mr. Pierce reminded the Board there is \$15 million of Triumph money that is dedicated to being spent in Franklin County and they have some control over how it is spent. Commissioner Sanders did not feel like the county was going to have any control since they do not have a project approved. She stated Escambia County, Gulf County and Wakulla

County have already been approved and have money but Franklin County has not been approved. She asked if they let the Triumph Board know this is the Convention Center. Mr. Pierce answered yes. Commissioner Sanders reported the Armory is one of the economic drivers of the county. Mr. Pierce stated they received an application from the Franklin County School Board that he thinks is around \$7 million. Commissioner Sanders said they approved the project at Scipio Creek. Mr. Pierce answered yes, the Triumph Board approved \$1.1 million for the City of Apalachicola but there are conditions. Mr. Pierce explained the county had a better economic analysis done by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and the project was still not approved. He stated the county can reduce the amount of money they ask for. He said the Triumph Board suggested the county go to the airport for a project. Mr. Pierce informed the Board the City of Apalachicola had two projects that were denied and one project that was never completed and he is not sure if the City of Carrabelle ever completed their application. Mr. Pierce commented the Triumph Board wants to see jobs. He suggested the Board think of some options since this project has been turned down. Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Curenton reminded him the Legislature has already allocated \$100,000 so maybe the county can request the additional \$200,000 at the Legislative Delegation meeting. Commissioner Lockley inquired if they can still have functions at the Armory. Mr. Pierce answered temporarily and they cannot have more than 172 people and no one can go upstairs. He reported there are some limitations on use of the building but the county has been dealing with it.

Regarding the TRIUMPH oyster recovery initiative- As the Board may recall, Mr. Jason Shoaf, TRIUMPH Board member, has asked the TRIUMPH Board to support a broad based oyster recovery project. The impetus for this effort came from the FSU project that was to be based in Franklin County. Mr. Shoaf is envisioning a larger project than what FSU proposed, with a larger benefit area. Mr. Shoaf is talking about a \$60M oyster recovery effort that would involve all of the oyster production areas from Pensacola to Apalachicola. In order for the TRIUMPH Board to support the project some portion of the funds have to generate jobs. Mr. Shoaf and TRIUMPH staff have met with FSU and UF, as those two state institutions have shown interest in assisting with the research for the recovery effort, but the partner to create jobs and actually run the recovery program has not been identified. Mr. Shoaf announced at the TRIUMPH meeting that he has organized a meeting for Sept. 25 at 1 PM, at the Gulf Coast College in Panama City, to hear from a variety of experts on what needs to be done to rebuild the Florida oyster industry. The TRIUMPH staff is organizing the speakers and meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Pierce stated the Triumph Board has not asked for input. He said the subcommittee was established four months ago and this is the first time they have met. Chairman Parrish commented it will be interesting to see who the experts that are going to come in and tell them what to do with the Florida oyster industry when they did not invite people from the largest oyster producing area. He said no one from here has been asked to come and speak on the issue and what needs to happen with Apalachicola Bay. He stated he may try to attend the meeting and find some way to have input as to what they have been through with the state and the recovery efforts. Mr. Pierce explained he talked with staff as there will be a new Commissioner of Agriculture in November and this is stalling things as they do not know the

direction of the new Commissioner. He stated the previous Commissioner was very strong on aquaculture.

2- This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

3- Inform the Board that I have been in discussion with state and federal representatives in an effort to resolve the problem of the final surface of the road the county is building in Bald Point State Park. The current park manager does not want the county to put an asphalt surface on the road that is being built with FEMA funds. I have spoken to her directly and she does not want to see more asphalt in the park, in the event this new road gets damaged and she has more asphalt debris to deal with. I have explained that the new road has been located so that the chance of hurricane damage is small, and that the county wants an asphalt surface to minimize maintenance. Initially I had said it would be a gravel surfaced road, but when the engineers designed the road it became apparent that they could handle the stormwater run-off from an asphalt road so they have designed an asphalt road. The road is under review by park personnel in FDEP so I have requested assistance from the Governor's Office and from Mr. Will Kendrick to have them talk to senior FDEP officials to see if an asphalt road can be approved.

Mr. Pierce said on Friday DEP called and said there will be a paved road but it is not in writing yet. He explained as soon as the document comes in they will get with Mr. Clay Kennedy, Dewberry, and move forward. He explained there are always some conditions and they must meet the DEP permits. Mr. Pierce said he may need to bring this back to the Board in October but they are moving forward with the project.

Mr. Pierce stated the Alligator Point project is still in the permit process. He said the process is slow and never ending with the questions the state is asking.

Commissioner Sanders said she asked for Mr. Pierce and Mr. Moron to get in contact with Mr. Abraham Prado but he is no longer with the company. She asked if they have a contact number for the new gentleman. Mr. Pierce reported he got a terse response that Mr. Prado no longer works there and to please call the new owners of the property as St. Joe no longer owns the property. Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Dean Saunders is the realtor selling the property but he has not contacted him. Commissioner Sanders said on the Property Appraiser's website the owner is listed as Ochlocknee Timberlands. She asked Mr. Pierce to contact someone and get with the aquaculture people at Leonard's Landing at Alligator Harbor to try and get a little piece of land and put in a bathroom and some kind of processing so growing the oysters in the harbor will be more viable. She asked Mr. Pierce to report back on this issue. Mr. Pierce agreed to address this item.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron offered his report, as follows:

1. At your August 21st meeting, Commissioner Sanders stated that residents of the Sun N Sand subdivision were uncomfortable with the cameras that were located around the traffic counters which were recently installed on Alligator Drive by the Alligator Point/St. Teresa Taxpayers Association. The traffic counters are part of the Association's study to develop a revenue stream for funding of the supplemental beach re-nourishment along Alligator Drive in an effort to provide long term protection for the road. The traffic counters will be removed by the end of this week so that the collected data could be analyzed. If there is a need to reinstall the traffic counters at some time in the future for additional data, the Association will make that request to the Board.

Mr. Moron reported he received notification today that the traffic counters were removed and the cameras boxes will be removed today or tomorrow.

2. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
3. The County's Audit Review Committee met on Tuesday, August 11th to review and discuss the ranking of the proposals for Weems Memorial Hospital and the County's Auditing Services. The firms were scored on their ability, experience, personnel, and references, but were not interviewed by the Committee.

The Audit Review Committee recommendations:

- Weems Memorial – The Committee ranked the top three firms, #1 Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, #2 James Moore & Company, and #3 Draffin & Tucker, LLP and recommended that Weems staff negotiate with the #1 ranked firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful, staff should negotiate with the #2 ranked firm and then the #3 ranked firm if it becomes necessary. **Board action** to accept the Committee's recommendation and allow Weems staff to start negotiations with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC.

Attorney Shuler explained the way the RFQ was advertised was slightly different than the county auditing firm RFQ because after consulting with Mr. H.D. Cannington, Hospital CEO, he requested an item concerning compensation be added to the Hospital RFQ. He stated under the statute they rank the top three firms but the difference is compensation is part of the hospital auditing firm RFQ so they would have to accept the number one ranked firm unless they can come back on the public record and justify why this firm is not qualified and should not be accepted. He said it is different than having a negotiation. He reported if the Board approves this recommendation he would like the Board to allow him to consult and work with the Weems Memorial Hospital people that are reviewing the RFQ's so he can make sure they are complying with the statute. He explained if there is a reason to reject the RFQ's then he wants to be there to help them develop the record and if not tell them there is no basis to reject. He explained the county auditing RFQ is a true negotiation since compensation was not included in the RFQ and is not a factor in the review. Commissioner Jones said the further they go along in this the more confusing this is. He stated he served on the Audit Committee and does not remember answering a question about compensation for the hospital. He reported he does not remember that being there and he read through a stack of books and scored them all the same weekend. Mr. Moron said Attorney Shuler will be part of the negotiations also. Attorney Shuler clarified he will be there as the attorney not as one of the negotiators. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous**

vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the Committee's recommendation and allow Weems staff to start negotiations with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC.

- County – The Committee ranked the top three firms, #1 Purvis Gray & Company, #2 Roberson & Associates, PA, and #3 Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. The Committee recommends that County staff negotiate with the #1 ranked firm and if unsuccessful, negotiate with the #2 then #3 ranked firm. **Board action** to accept the Committee's recommendation and direct County staff to begin negotiations with Purvis Gray & Company.

Commissioner Lockley stated the current company is in his district and he is always asking for jobs and this company is doing a good job and they need to let them stay. He said he does not mind if someone does the auditing at the hospital. Commissioner Lockley reported he does not want to see anyone lose jobs in his district because they do not have enough jobs now. Commissioner Jones questioned if Commissioner Lockley does not want to go with the recommendation of the Audit Committee. Commissioner Lockley answered that is right. Commissioner Sanders stated the Board should follow through with the process. Commissioner Jones expressed concern about the process. He explained first there was a meeting and then they were not having a meeting. He went on to say then it was a public meeting but they were not supposed to be able to discuss anything at the meeting and then at the last minute they could have a discussion but they did not because no one was prepared for it. He reported they definitely did not put their best foot forward for all the people that submitted RFQ's on either one. Commissioner Sanders agreed. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee and direct staff to negotiate.** Attorney Shuler said he wants to review the record and verify that is what the recommendation was. He stated the recommendation is to accept the top three firms and enter into negotiations with the top ranked firm. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to recommend the top ranked firms are #1-Purvis Gray & Company, #2-Roberson & Associates, P.A. and #3-Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. and start with #1 and if that does not work then go to #2 and go to #3 if that does not work but follow the process on out.** Clerk Johnson said if she is looking at the law right the Board cannot direct staff to negotiate because the Board is the governing body. She reported the committee did not recommend staff negotiate, they recommended ranking the firms #1, #2 and #3 and that is all the committee did. **Commissioner Sanders rescinded her motion.** She asked the Clerk what she recommended. Clerk Johnson stated in 2012 staff did not negotiate. She said the Board did their own negotiating. Commissioner Sanders reported the Board interviewed. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to let it stay like it is.** Attorney Shuler stated it is at the Board's discretion. He read from the statute and said the Board can have staff do the negotiating or they can negotiate. He went on to say they are not required to designate anyone. Attorney Shuler said he does not have a recollection of what the committee said which is why he wanted to review the record and see what the recommendation was. He advised the Board regardless of the committee's decision the Board can make a decision about a designee or they can do the interviews. Commissioner Lockley said his motion is to keep the audit firm they have now. Mr. Moron questioned if Commissioner Lockley's motion is to reject the RFQ's. Commissioner Lockley agreed. Commissioner Massey asked if the law says how they should do

this. Attorney Shuler clarified the law does not require the Board to bid this out but the Board elected to go through this process. He stated there is language in the RFQ that said the Board reserves the right to reject all submittals if the Board decided that was in the best interest of Franklin County. He said they can accept the committee's recommendation and move forward with the negotiations reject the committee's recommendation or reject all of the submittals and keep things the way they are. Commissioner Sanders said she would like to see the interviews come before the Board and interview the three firms the review committee has suggested. **Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish stated he would rather take the recommendation of staff and let the county staff do the negotiating. He said the Board voted for the RFQ's and the committee has scored and ranked the firms and the Board needs to follow the process. He said he is not interested in interviewing the firms and staff interviewing them would be acceptable to him. **The following vote was taken:**

AYE: LOCKLEY, MASSEY

NAY: JONES, SANDERS PARRISH

The motion failed for lack of majority vote. Commissioner Sanders asked how Chairman Parrish would like to proceed. Chairman Parrish said to accept the recommendation of the ranked firms and have county staff begin negotiations with the #1 ranked firm. Mr. Moron explained he just put staff in his report because that is what they do in most circumstances. He said he thought that was the will of the Audit Committee. He stated it was not a public meeting the last time they ranked proposals for auditors but more a round table meeting. Clerk Johnson reported everything was different last time in 2012 but she was trying to clarify that the committee did not recommend negotiating they just ranked the firms. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to follow through and keep up with the process and do the Board action to accept the committee's recommendation and direct staff to move forward with negotiations. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones said he wants to make sure this Board is aware that the Committee ranked and scored the proposals and all that was talked about was what had already been done. Commissioner Sanders asked if the firms were interviewed. Commissioner Jones said no, there was no discussion. He stated there was some ambiguity about what they could and could not do. He reported by the time of the meeting some of the members were confused and some could not attend and had designees. **The motion passed by the following vote:**

AYE: SANDERS, JONES, PARRISH

NAY: LOCKLEY, MASSEY

Mr. Moron stated by staff he also means the Finance Office because they are affected the most by the decision. Chairman Parrish stated if the Board members are not in favor of going out for RFQ's then they should not vote for it so it does not start all the committee meetings. He reported once the process starts then they should follow through with it. Attorney Shuler

asked Mr. Moron to clarify who the county staff is that will start negotiations. Mr. Moron answered the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director and himself. Commissioner Sanders stated that sounds good to her.

4. The Board, at your July 17, 2018 meeting, authorized the Sheriff to upgrade the control panel in the Dispatch Control Room for the Jail, as the current system was outdated and creating a safety and security issue. As the vendor was reviewing the layout, it was discovered that if one of the Correctional Officers in a certain control area experiences a safety or security event and pressed the Duress button on the control panel, then had to leave that area, there would be no way of accessing that control panel without going back into that specific area. The best option is to add hardware and software that would transfer control of that panel to another control panel if the Duress button is pressed, like remote access. The cost for this upgrade would be \$899 (see attached change order) increasing the total project cost to \$40,641. The Sheriff strongly recommends this upgrade. **Board action** to authorize this change order.

Commissioner Jones left the meeting at this time. Commissioner Sanders said she saw this area when she visited the jail. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the change order.**

5. ***Yesterday, I was informed by the Sheriff's department that the Federal and State governments have finally worked through their issues and are ready to release FDLE's JAG Grant funding. The Sheriff uses this funding for his Narcotics department. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Certificate of Participation accepting these funds on behalf of the Sheriff.

Commissioner Lockley made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Certificate of Participation accepting these funds on behalf of the Sheriff. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Chairman Parrish asked for public comment. Commissioner Jones returned to the meeting. There were no public comments. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Commissioner Lockley asked if they will get double since this is from last year. Mr. Moron agreed to ask Mrs. Ginger Coulter, Sheriff's Department.

6. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission FY 17/18 Grant Agreement for the removal of a derelict vessel in the Eastpoint channel. Originally staff applied to have two vessels removed, however FWC was not able to complete the legal work on one so we proceeded with the application for the removal of the eligible vessel.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation FY 17/18 Grant Agreement.

7. For Board information, staff has received a signed agreement from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Boating Improvement Program for the design improvements to Old Ferry Dock Boat Ramp. Dewberry will design the project, because the dollar amount of

the agreement, \$40,798, doesn't meet the minimum amount that requires advertising under the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act.

Commissioner Jones said they are just trying to move the time line along.

8. For Board information, staff has also received a fully executed agreement from the Florida Department of Transportation of the design of County Road 67 Widening and Resurfacing Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) project. The estimated cost of this project is \$383,322 and shall be completed by June 30, 2019. The County will apply for construction funding in 2021. The Request for Qualifications advertisement has been sent to the local paper in order to expedite the commencement of this project.
9. The Finance Office has requested a Special End of the Fiscal Year Meeting to approve the final bill list for FY 2017-2018 which reduces the amount of bookkeeping transactions. I would like to schedule this Special Meeting on Monday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m., due to the Florida Association of Counties' Innovation and Policy Conference during that week and the County Court schedule for that day. **Board action.**

Commissioner Sanders asked how many Board members are going to the conference. Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Lockley responded they are attending. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve scheduling a Board meeting for September 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

10. I have received an invoice from Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association for membership dues in the amount of \$1,000. The County has been members since 2015 but has not attended any of their conference or used any of their lobbying services. Is the Board interested in continuing the County's membership in this Association? **Board discussion/action.**

Mr. Moron said Mr. Pierce stated they are basically a lobbying firm if they ever do beach renourishment. Mr. Pierce commented they are the biggest proponent of beach renourishment. He said the Board can join at any time and he recommended the Board save the money and not renew the membership. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to take staff's recommendation and not renew the membership.**

*****Indicates that this item was added to the report after Friday 9/14**

Mr. Moron reminded the Board their final budget hearing is tonight at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Massey said he was called to the Courthouse about windows leaking and mold. He stated he would like the county to build a new courthouse and put it on the ballot for people to vote on it. He reported Mrs. Brownell needs an office and Mrs. Heather Riley, Supervisor of Elections, needs an office and they need some more space. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to have staff contact the Supervisor of Elections and see if they can put it on the ballot to build a new Courthouse and put it by the jailhouse.** Mr. Moron stated he can check with the Supervisor of Elections to see if they can put it on the upcoming ballot.

Commissioner Massey agreed this is correct. Commissioner Sanders clarified if this is just a question to ask on the ballot to see if people will approve moving the Courthouse. Commissioner Sanders said she has no problem asking the people on the ballot if they would like to have a new courthouse over on Highway 65. She stated there are a lot of questions but the first one is if they can still put something on the ballot. Mr. Pierce asked if this is a non-binding question because they do not have information about the costs. Commissioner Sanders reported they will not be able to do anything until the 2020 census because it has to be around a centralized location. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Clerk Johnson said the Courthouse has to be in the county seat. Commissioner Massey stated it can be central of the county. Attorney Shuler replied that is a question that needs to be answered. He reported a Courthouse Annex can be put anywhere in the county but he thinks the Courthouse has to be in the county seat but he has never looked into it but he will review it and let the Board know. Commissioner Lockley said the Courthouse should stay here. Commissioner Massey reported people on the other side of the county would like to see it central like the school and the jail. Commissioner Sanders explained she seconded the motion to have information about adding it to the ballot. Chairman Parrish asked for public comment. There was no public comment. **The motion passed by the following vote:**

AYE: MASSEY, SANDERS, JONES

NAY: PARRISH, LOCKLEY

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler said the Capital Area Community Action Agency (CAP) is supposed to have representatives here when the Board addressed the proposed ESF15 contract. Ms. Nina Self and Ms. Ann Richardson from CAP were present. Attorney Shuler commented Mrs. Brownell has made a few good recommendations after he consulted with her and based on his conversation with Mr. Tim Center, CAP, these items are not going to be an issue. He explained Mrs. Brownell wanted to clarify that CAP will be managing both donations and volunteers and he does not expect this to be an issue. He reported Mrs. Brownell also wanted to make sure the annual fee would not be taken out of her budget unless additional funds are given to her. He recommended the \$3,500 annual fee come out of the Professional Services budget for the first year and then adjust the budget next year. Attorney Shuler stated there is a 3 page contract for CAP to provide the ESF15 functions to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on behalf of Franklin County. He asked if the Board has any questions about specifics on the contract. Commissioner Sanders said she is concerned about it because when the ESF15 and fire victims were discussed she and Commissioner Lockley were explicit that they wanted 100% of the funds to go to the fire victims in Eastpoint and did not want any administrative money paid. She stated the prior ESF15 that the county had was made up of volunteers and they did not charge anything and now the county is paying \$3,500 annually. Commissioner Sanders reported the ESF15 is a volunteer organization and the county should not be paying money for this. She stated she is opposing this and would rather this be the local people who have been

here and they do not need any county money or fire money going into supplementing anyone's budget to take care of something the volunteers were taking care of. Commissioner Lockley asked where the money is coming from to pay CAP. Attorney Shuler explained 100% of the donation money is going to the Eastpoint fire victims. He stated CAP will hire one full time employee locally at a salary of around \$30,000 a year and they are asking the county to contribute \$3,500 annually. He said this person would be an employee of CAP and subject to their oversight and management but their function would also include the ESF15 functions for managing donations and volunteers for the EOC. Attorney Shuler reported the contract is in the parameters of what he understood to be the direction of the Board. He informed the Board Ms. Self and Ms. Richardson can answer any questions about what services CAP will be providing. He stated Mr. Center is traveling and could not be here today. Attorney Shuler said the fee will be paid from the Professional Services budget at least for year 1. Commissioner Jones clarified that Mrs. Pat Carroll used to fill a position for CAP here before. Attorney Shuler agreed this is correct. Commissioner Jones stated the position is not filled so the person would be assuming that position and the ESF15 for the county. Attorney Shuler said that is his understanding from the email from Mr. Center. Commissioner Lockley asked if CAP is already in the county. Ms. Self said they are already here and operate the Healthy Start Program and provide utility emergency assistance. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with CAP. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote of the Board:**

AYE: JONES, LOCKLEY, PARRISH

NAY: SANDERS, MASSEY

Attorney Shuler explained after further clarification, he has removed item #2 from his report.

Commissioner Sanders referenced some information Attorney Shuler sent to them about three individuals who want their money back from the Eastpoint fire donations. She explained his opinion after speaking with the auditors was it would be up to the County Commission but given the circumstances and the people requesting the refunds she thinks they should give the money back 100% if they are asking for their money back. Attorney Shuler stated the Board can make the voluntary return of the funds but he advised the Board to make the refund on a pro-rata basis. Commissioner Sanders asked why. Attorney Shuler explained based on the advice of the CPA on how to properly account for the funds. He went on to say they have already spent other people's money in different portions and if they return 100% then they are taking from other people's money. Commissioner Sanders reported the people who have requested the refunds have been part of the community for many years and it would disappoint her if they did anything less than that. She explained two of the entities said they gave the money to Franklin's Promise not a government entity. Commissioner Sanders said they should receive 100% of their money back. She stated they genuinely love the people of Franklin County and she had high regards for them and they do not do business with government entities. She explained the Board went against the purpose of why they gave the money and they deserve

their money back. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to give Mr. Steve Watkins back the money he donated, give Ms. Joy Watkins on behalf of the Watkins Foundation back the money she donated and give Mr. Benji Watkins back the money he donated through the Watkins Trust and give back the money 100%. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said so they did not participate when the money was spent. Chairman Parrish agreed that is correct. Commissioner Lockley stated some money was spent before that. Chairman Parrish agreed. **The motion passed by the following vote of the Board:**

AYE: SANDERS, JONES, MASSEY

NAY: PARRISH, LOCKLEY

Attorney Shuler requested once the CAP contract is finalized and signed, he would like the Board by motion to authorize the Clerk to transfer whatever money is left after the refunds to Capital Area Community Action Agency. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Clerk to transfer whatever money is left after the refunds to the Capital Area Community Action Agency.**

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Lockley discussed the high water bills at the airport and asked if the Board as owner of the unit is responsible for requesting the money back from the City of Apalachicola. Attorney Shuler explained the way the lease is written the utilities are the sole responsibility of the tenant not the landlord so the utilities are the responsibility of Dr. John Bone not the county. Commissioner Lockley stated the county cannot take up the slack if they run into this kind of problem again. Mr. Pierce reported the county may need to get involved as the City of Apalachicola finally recognized the leak was not on Mr. Bone's side of the meter and billed him anyway. Commissioner Massey reported it would have gone through the meter if it was on his side. Attorney Shuler asked how they calculated the bill. Mr. Pierce was not sure. He explained when they turned off the meter there were no leaks. Commissioner Massey reported they need to pay the money back to Mr. Bone. Commissioner Sanders questioned if it is a substantial amount of money. Mr. Pierce replied thousands of dollars. Commissioner Massey said he thought it was \$4,500. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to put it on record and tell the City of Apalachicola the county did not have any part in this and it was not their fault and request that they refund the money. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Commissioner Jones reported last Thursday at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) meeting in Quincy, the ARPC got approval for a GIS grant. He explained the grant will pay for them to go forward and provide 8 counties with future land use mapping and basic GIS mapping. Commissioner Jones said at the meeting they also provide information about a meeting about a month ago with FDOT and nine other state department of transportation's

about the approaches to regional planning for transportation like they have in the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA). He explained Florida is trying to find out how the other states are doing this and making it work. He went on to say their conversation is looking favorably at regional planning councils as an agency to be formed under them to help rural counties such as the ones in the ARPC to have a more regional approach to transportation planning and for adding them into someone else's plan.

Chairman Parrish stated on the last vote on refunding the Watkins' their money he is not opposed to refunding the money but thought it should have been based on the pro-rated formula as recommended by the CPA. He said he was 100% in favor of giving their money back. Commissioner Lockley agreed he would have been willing to do it that way also because some of the money was spent before Franklin's Promise was out of it.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts