

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MARCH 19, 2019
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Noah Lockley – Chairman, William Massey-Vice-Chairman, Joseph Parrish, Ricky Jones, Bert B. Boldt, II

Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Erin Griffith-Assistant Finance Director, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Alan Pierce-RESTORE Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 19, 2019.

Payment of County Bills

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

Franklin County Seahawks Boys Basketball Team – Presentation

The Board of County Commissioners will recognize the Franklin County Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coaches on their outstanding 2018-2019 season.

Mr. Moron stated the team is here today for the Board to congratulate them on their outstanding 2018-19 season. He reported the most important thing is this team beat Port St. Joe 4 times. Mr. Nathan West, Head Basketball Coach, said the team has done a good job the last 2 years of buying into the program and the coaching staff has held them to a certain standard on and off the court as well as in the classroom. He reported their hard work paid off

but they came up short at the state championship. Mr. West stated they made it to the final four but their expectations were higher. He said they are proud of their accomplishments and it is something to build on for the future as some of the team is coming back next year. He introduced each player and the assistant coaches. Mr. West stated this team has been dedicated and he appreciates them. He thanked the County Commission and community for their support in attending the games and also with donations. Mr. West also thanked Commissioner Jones for his help and said he introduced him to big supporters that helped raise money and provide all the items the team needed to be successful. He thanked the Board for having them here today and said hopefully they can do it again next year. Chairman Lockley congratulated the team and said they had a good year and the Board is behind them. He stated he has never seen a team beat Port St. Joe 4 times and they can look forward to next year and they can bring home the big one. Chairman Lockley presented a plaque to the team from the Board. Mr. Moron read the inscription on the plaque. A picture was taken of the Board and the basketball team. Commissioner Boldt said this is a happy time for the County Commission. He reported this team is disciplined and is an example to other people. He stated this is the beginning of their leadership. He said the Board is proud of them and he thanked them for being here this morning.

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. Brian Brightly, St. George Island Methodist Church and the Eastpoint United Methodist Church (UMC) Nest Youth & Children's Center, said he will provide testimony to what the Sheriff will share later in the meeting because the Sheriff has been cooperative with what they are doing. He discussed the prison faith based ministry program. Pastor Brightly said they have 20 volunteers and 2 faith based dormitories here in Franklin County. He reported they have the Freshstart Program and a home in Panama City now where individuals can leave the jail in a year and get jobs. He explained in Eastpoint they felt the need for children so with the cooperation of the School Board they proposed a change and spent \$50,000-\$60,000 on the old church and made it a Youth and Children's Center. He explained they received a 21st Century Grant and used the Nest at Brown Elementary School and now they have 50 children there after school and in the summer. He said 50% of these children come from the target market of poverty. Pastor Brightly stated they also have 40 children in Carrabelle. He reported the St. George Island Methodist Church recently purchased 2 acres on Bear Creek in Eastpoint because this is in the middle of the target area and they need to go where the people are. He stated they will break ground and look forward to Hope Park. He said the Sheriff will also cooperate and have a substation at Hope Park. He explained they are doing recovery in churches but the next thing is what the Sheriff will talk about which is a rehabilitation center. He stated he supports this proposal. Pastor Brightly reported meth is killing this community. He said they need the center so residents do not have to travel out of town. Mrs. Joyce Estes, a resident of

Eastpoint, provided an invitation to the Board for the ground breaking of Hope Park. She stated this is in Commissioner Massey's district and she hopes he will be present. Commissioner Massey confirmed he will attend. She reported they have cleaned up the area and have a mission team coming.

Mr. Gordon Hunter, a resident of St. George Island, said it is nice to have the basketball team present today. He wished Mr. David Adlerstein, Apalachicola Times reporter, a Happy Birthday today. He reported Mr. Adlerstein is a great contributor to the community and supports the youth.

Mr. Curtis Allen, a resident of Apalachicola, reported his son is in jail and the Board needs to focus money on helping the young that are involved in drugs. He said there is a drug/jail atmosphere and they need to help the Sheriff get the rehabilitation center and put the kids to work. He reported the Board needs to also support the children that are in the jail.

Mr. Themo Patriotis, Franklin's Hope, presented the Board with a handout and said he also emailed the handout. He said Franklin's Hope is a new Florida non-profit faith based non-denominational humanitarian service organization and they are also in the process of becoming a long term recovery group and community organization after disaster. He stated there are pastors on board and he read from the handout about their mission. He explained they do not only address natural disasters but also what the Sheriff will be presenting today. Pastor Patriotis highlighted the items that will be addressed with this program. He said he is here under Public Comment because he has tried to get on the Agenda on March 5th and March 19th unsuccessfully. Pastor Patriotis requested to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. He read a portion of the minutes from the November 6, 2018 Board meeting about the work camp. Pastor Patriotis again requested to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. He reported during the relief stage they served over 7,000 hurricane survivors in Franklin County and Gulf County. He stated 30 trained Emergency Response Teams (ERT) & Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from 7 states were housed and deployed from Apalachicola. He stated there were 150 trained volunteers and they provided over 5,000 hours of service. Pastor Patriotis said they are in long term recovery. He discussed the volunteers working in his church. He reported he is 100% behind the Sheriff and they do need a rehabilitation center in Franklin County. Chairman Lockley inquired if the county ever got an agreement with the church. Attorney Shuler said a draft lease was given to them on 11/9/18 and he got a response yesterday. He stated they do not have a lease. Chairman Lockley reported the Board cannot do anything until they have a lease. Chairman Lockley asked when he would like to be on the Agenda. Pastor Patriotis stated the next meeting. He explained he met twice with Attorney Shuler and they were not able to come to an agreement. He reported Ms. Donna Duncan, Sanders & Duncan, has been hired and has been working with him but they do not have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He stated they would like to have a MOU to continue working out of the warehouse to provide relief. Pastor Patriotis reported they have complied with Attorney Shuler's request to have the warehouse covered by insurance. He said the keys were turned back in to Mrs. Brownell and they are not operating

out of the camp because they want to respect where they are in the discussion. Pastor Patriotis reported they would like an MOU to operate out of the warehouse until they work something out but they may be going a different direction depending on what happens with the Sheriff's discussion. Chairman Lockley explained it is out of their hands when the attorneys are involved. Mr. Allen asked the Board to think of the children in the jail. He questioned why the Board is against this. Chairman Lockley stated the Board is not against it but have procedures they must follow. Mr. Allen asked the Board to solve these issues and take care of the children. Chairman Lockley stated there are rules and regulations they must follow.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors discussed the signs and posts damaged by the hurricane. He stated all of the signs have been built and they are starting to replace them today. Mr. Nabors said it will take a while to replace all the signs.

Mr. Nabors said they are cleaning ditches and some people do not have culvert pipes and do not have the money to put the pipes in. He said maybe the county can get a grant to work on this item as it is causing water to stand. He explained years ago the county got a grant to work on these items. Commissioner Jones questioned what kind of grant the county got back then. Mr. Nabors was not sure. Mr. Pierce explained the pipes may have been addressed as part of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for neighborhood revitalization. He explained they were all done in the same area and approximately 25 pipes were done. Mr. Pierce asked if these pipes are in similar locations. Mr. Nabors reported they are in different areas. Mr. Pierce explained the grants are income driven so some areas may not be eligible. He suggested Mr. Nabors provide a list of the areas to Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, and Mr. Moron. Mr. Moron stated the county can only have one CDBG at a time. Mr. Pierce pointed out the county also cannot get a CDBG for areas inside the city limits. Mr. Nabors agreed to make a list of the areas. Commissioner Boldt asked if the county has any discretionary money to help resolve these issues. Mr. Pierce explained the county's policy is if the person buys the culvert then the county will put the culvert in. Mr. Nabors agreed the county furnishes the limerock and equipment and the resident buys the pipe.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

3. At some point in the past, around 1950s or 1960s, the State built Moses Road, which is west of Apalachicola around the Box R area, and opened a Borrow Pit to get dirt for the road. Sometime in 1978, the State transferred the Borrow Pit easement to the County. Presently the State owns Box R and all of the surrounding area including the Borrow Pit, but in an effort to "clean up" their file, they would like the County to abandon the Borrow Pit easement. Mr. Mark Curenton has been working with the State on this easement over the last month. Since the County has never used this easement or the Borrow Pit, Mr.

Curenton recommends abandonment of the Borrow Pit easement. **Board action** to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Borrow Pit easement.

Mr. Moron said he would like to verify the county has never used the borrow pit. Mr. Nabors said they have never used this borrow pit. Mr. Moron stated there are also maps of the area. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to abandon the easement.** Attorney Shuler informed the Board he needs to review the document to make sure it complies with Chapter 125 on the abandonment and release of county property. He went on to say a public hearing may be needed. **Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Jones amended his second.**

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis reported Commissioner Jones wanted to know about roadside pickup but it is hard to tell as they are still working with storm debris. He stated any time residents bring the debris in to the landfill it helps.

Mr. Davis stated Commissioner Parrish asked about amnesty Days. He suggested the county run amnesty Days for another month on Saturdays because people work during the week and cannot haul the debris then. He said the only way he knows to help the contractors is to cut the tipping fees in half. Commissioner Parrish inquired if that will be for a certain date. Mr. Davis answered on the Saturdays for the month. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve this recommendation to have amnesty days for another month on Saturdays and cut the tipping fees in half for the contractors on these Saturdays. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish also added that they need to direct county staff to advertise in the newspaper so people are aware of these dates. Chairman Lockley reported it should be on the radio also because everyone does not get the newspaper. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Davis said in relation to the Parks & Recreation Department the Day of Ball has been moved to April 5th. He reported that will give them more time to work on the parks but they are on schedule to have the work completed.

Mr. Davis stated everything is running normal for the Animal Control Department. He stated he will be requesting another Animal Control Officer as complaints are coming in. Mr. Pierce asked if Mr. Davis will need to increase his budget for a third position. Mr. Davis answered yes. Mr. Pierce stated this should be included in his budget request.

Commissioner Jones asked if they have received the estimated cost to fix the Eastpoint side of the fishing pier. Mr. Pierce stated he has the price and it was placed in the system and submitted to Mrs. Brownell. Mrs. Griffith said the estimate was \$50,000-\$60,000. Mr. Pierce explained the estimate is enough that they will have to go out for bids. Commissioner Jones stated he just wanted to make sure it was still moving forward. Mr. Pierce said as soon as the

Project Worksheet (PW) is obligated then they will advertise the project. Mr. Pierce reported Island View is also in the process. He said there is an item on his report to have Wood Partners do an assessment for \$18,850.00 which will come out of the operation and maintenance fund. He said they have a placeholder of \$2.5 million in the list of projects but when they get the real number they will take the \$2.5 million out and replace it with the real number. Mr. Pierce reported they think the true construction costs for Island View are less than \$1 million. He said the original contractors are being used to do the assessment which is good because they know how it was built.

Commissioner Boldt said he heard Mr. Davis say there is a need for an Animal Control Officer and they can start planning. He questioned if it is realistic to have in the next fiscal budget.

Commissioner Boldt questioned if Mr. Davis is forecasting a need for a grinder system as they are leasing now. Mr. Davis answered no as the county owns a grinder. He pointed out a grinder was rented during the storm. He explained it cost a lot of money for upkeep of the grinder. Mr. Davis reported they do need a piece of equipment to load the grinder. He said they have been using a front end loader and it was damaged. He explained an excavator can load it. Chairman Lockley asked if they have an excavator. Mr. Davis answered no. Chairman Lockley asked if there is one at the Road Department. Mr. Davis replied yes. He explained the landfill requires a lot of equipment. He stated the track loader costs \$300,000-\$400,000 and it has been there since the 1990's. He said this piece of equipment is constantly in disrepair. Chairman Lockley stated Mr. Davis has to let them know what he needs and put it in the budget and they will see what they can do. Mr. Pierce reported the landfill should be getting money reimbursed from FEMA for equipment used during the storm which will be unanticipated revenue. He stated the overtime costs must be reimbursed in the General Fund and Reserve Fund but the remaining money will stay in that department's budget and may be used to purchase equipment if it is enough. Mrs. Griffith explained the reimbursement is also for the hours on the machine. Mr. Davis reported they spent about \$30,000 between rentals and repairs during the storm. Chairman Lockley advised Mr. Davis to figure out what equipment he needs and let the Board know and they will see how much money they have. Chairman Lockley asked if FEMA has starting reimbursing yet. Mr. Davis answered no. Mr. Pierce said there are a lot of reimbursements pending in the system but no payments have been received. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Davis to write up a list of equipment and bring it back to the Board.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell stated she does not have any action items. Commissioner Boldt brought into discussion a large amount of land clearing that is occurring in Lanark Village between California and Colorado Streets. He said the actual area is missing a street sign so he is not sure of the name of the road. He reported there is a huge amount of debris and questioned if this is related to the storm and if she knows anything about the disposition and cleanup of this area. Mrs. Brownell stated if someone cleared the lot then the cleanup is on the landowner. Commissioner Boldt said it is sitting on county right-of-way. Mrs. Brownell reported this has

gone on all over the county. She went on to say people have cleared lots and pushed the debris to the side of the road thinking the county will pick it up. Commissioner Boldt said this is potentially a post storm issue. Mrs. Brownell stated when they clear their lot then the landowner is responsible for the cleanup. She reported their contractor must clean up the debris and haul it to the landfill. Commissioner Boldt reported they will monitor this situation. Chairman Lockley stated the county is through with cleaning up storm debris. Mrs. Brownell agreed the county finished December 10th. She explained Franklin County was not included in the extension but the other counties got a longer time because they had more damage. Mrs. Brownell reported she talked with the state about the debris that is coming out because this is illegal dumping. She explained they are piling it on the sides of Highway 98 because they think the state is going to pick it up. Commissioner Massey said Lanark Village was piled full this weekend. Mrs. Brownell explained people had a lengthy amount of time to clear the debris and they waited so now it is their responsibility to clean up. She said the county is having amnesty days so they can transport their debris at no costs. Chairman Lockley said this must be put in the newspaper so the public is aware the county is not picking up the debris. He stated it was noticed one time before. Mrs. Brownell agreed they advertised before final pickup but they will advertise again. Mrs. Brownell reported it is illegal dumping at this point. Mr. Pierce said there were a lot of discussions about getting a consultant to assist Mrs. Brownell with writing up the damage assessments but ultimately Mrs. Brownell's office did not use a consultant because they could not resolve some issues on the consultant's responsibility. He stated Mrs. Brownell, her staff and FEMA personnel are doing all the storm write-ups. Mr. Pierce reported this is good news because the county will be the applicant and FEMA will be the recipient so there is no third party to get in the way. He said this is a better accurate reflection and while no money has been received there is a direct line with FEMA. He pointed out the deadline for submittals was last Friday. He explained there are 28 pages of damage assessments so it takes a while to go through the assessments. Mr. Pierce reported there is a FEMA person dedicated to the county. He said the public needs to understand that county staff with FEMA's assistance has directed the information into the system. He stated there is no other review so hopefully this will be to the county's benefit but it is more of a burden on Mrs. Brownell's staff. Mr. Pierce explained if there are other issues and there appears to be a lack of response from her staff it is because they are creating this documentation. Commissioner Boldt reinforced the need to assess everything that was damaged. He said this will mean dollars on the table for them as they continue to look at millage rates and their budgets as they go forward. Mr. Pierce stated they have had requests submitted that they cannot document occurred during the storm so they are not entered because FEMA will not approve these items. Mrs. Brownell pointed out if one item has a problem then it will make the whole project ineligible. She reported each department has come in to talk with them to make sure they are capturing everything. Chairman Lockley said FEMA will pay the money but it will take some time. He stated some counties must get loans until FEMA pays them. He explained sometimes it takes 2 years to get paid. Mrs. Brownell explained FEMA wants to get the money on the table but then the money goes to the state and that has been the holdup in the past.

Action Items:

None

Information Items:

1. EOC staff continue to address Hurricane Michael and the Recovery of Franklin County. EOC Staff is working closely with FEMA to ensure that all projects are being inputted quickly and efficiently
2. Capital Area Community Action and Franklin County Emergency Management is moving forward in replacing homes for the 3 families who do not qualify for CDBG. No new updates at this time
3. 2/24/2019 Tress Dameron conducted CPR training for members of the Community.
4. 2/18/2019 FCEM Staff conducted Community Emergency Response Training for all volunteers to be disaster ready.
5. 3/7/2019 Franklin County Emergency Management will be hosted EM Region 2 Quarterly meeting.
6. Franklin County Emergency Management has completed 3 project worksheets for review to FEMA.
7. During the FEPA Conference Jennifer Daniels received her FPEM Certification and Franklin County Emergency Management received the Gary Arnold Award for their actions during the Limerock Eastpoint Fire and Hurricane Michael.

Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Moron said Mr. Lovestrand had to leave because he is teaching a class today but the Board has his report.

County Extension Activities March 6 – March 19, 2019

General Extension Activities:

- Assisted local airport with information regarding control of weeds along runway aprons to keep landing lights clear. Assisted other citizens regarding soil tests, citrus issues, sea turtle lighting, replanting after hurricane, and more.
- Extension Director attended Friends of the Reserve Board meeting.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director attended the World Aquaculture Society triennial meeting in New Orleans and presented a poster about an oyster fact sheet series.
- Weekly coordinating calls for the sea turtle lighting grant took place with the project team

4-H Youth Development:

- Planning underway for 4-H District III Council meeting/retreat on April 6. Youth will visit the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County.

- Franklin County youth are registering for Day-at-the-Capitol, Third Executive Board and Summer Camping programs now.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant is away on maternity leave at this time and our regional FNP Coordinator is conducting programs in her stead in the local schools.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Extension Director taught entomology classes for Master Gardener courses in Franklin and Wakulla County.

Lisa Lance – Library Director

Mr. Moron said Mrs. Lance will not be present as there are staff shortages at the Library.

Action Items: None

Community Awareness / Resources:

- **SPECIAL EVENT:** Friends of the Library will sponsor the 2019 Putt Masters Mini Golf Tournament to be held April 6 at the Red Pirate in Eastpoint. Be a Team Sponsor or a Hole Sponsors. Forms are available at the Library or contact Friends Member, Barbara Iman at 850-323-1555 or Barbara.iman@gmail.com
- Master Garden Program – March topic: Totally Tomatoes, Eastpoint Branch, Tuesday March 19 at 1:30. April Topic: Getting Ready for Spring Gardening Success, Carrabelle Tuesday, April 9 and Eastpoint, Tuesday April 16 – programs at 1:30. All garden programs are presented by Les Harrison, Wakulla county Extension Director
- Basic of Better Living Program: April Topic is The Art of Frying: Learn how this gadget cooks fried foods without the added fat. Carrabelle Branch, Friday April 5 and Eastpoint, Friday April 26 – programs at 1:30 at both locations
- Free AARP Tax Aide available through April 11, alternating Thursday's between libraries from 10-2. Registration is necessary, paperwork is available at registration to be completed and brought to scheduled appointment.
- Winter Quilting Group – meets Wednesday, March 20 at the Eastpoint Branch at 10:00

General Information & Appreciation:

- Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash was held at both branches on March 1 to celebrate Read across America Day. Thanks to all of the special guests including The Cat in the Hat (Kathleen Oman) and Marian Morris who was the Carrabelle Story Time Reader, and to Brenda Humphrey for organizing the Eastpoint Party and to Barb Parfitt who was the Story Time Reader. All of the volunteers are Franklin County Friends of the Library, our sincerest appreciation for such fun parties!
- 2019 Kids Tag Art Reception was held at the Carrabelle Branch on March 7 recognizing the winners and all who participated. The tag art is on display at the Carrabelle Branch and forms available to fill out to purchase your favorite license tag. Thank you Property Tax Collector Rick

Watson for the sponsoring this program and to Commissioner Bert Boldt for hosting our special guests and attendees.

- The Sea Oats Garden Club has revitalized the landscaping at the Carrabelle Branch. Many thanks to all those involved.

Adult & Children's Monthly Calendar of Events:

- Carrabelle: STEAM (ages 8-14) weekly, Thursdays at 4:00
- Carrabelle: STEAM 2 (ages 5-7), twice monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 4:00
- Carrabelle: LEGO Club (ages 5-12), monthly 1st Tuesdays at 4:00
- Carrabelle Yoga: Instructional, Monday's at 4:00, Video – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 4:00
- Eastpoint: Teen Book Club, monthly for grades 6 – 12 , monthly 1st Wednesdays at 4:00
- Eastpoint: STEAM (ages 8-14), weekly, Thursday's at 4:00
- Eastpoint: Anime Club (ages 5th – 12th grade) – Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays at 4:00
- Eastpoint Book Chat: Monthly, 1st Tuesday at 1:30 (next meeting April 2, 2019)
- 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, March 20)

Mr. Moron said Mr. Jason Puckett, Airport Manager, should have been on the Agenda but he forgot and then the Agenda was full so he could not be added. He stated Mr. Puckett will be on the Agenda next month and he has his report to send to the Commissioners. He reported there are no action items but it does provide updates.

A. J. Smith – Sheriff – Presentation

Sheriff Smith will review his plans for a drug rehabilitation center in Franklin County

Sheriff Smith appeared before the Board and said he appreciates their support. He said he is here to present an action plan and to let them know what they are dealing with at the jail in relation to the drug epidemic. He explained people have started showing up at the Sheriff's Office and are addicted to drugs and looking for help. Sheriff Smith reported his office tries to find them a bed at some facility but sometimes people have to wait and they do not come back or go to rehab. He pointed out until the person is ready they are not going to seek help. He explained they started working with pastors in the community and the Freshstart program in the jail is successful. He stated some of the people who completed the program have moved on to re-entry houses in Panama City and Charleston. He said the program in the jail is good but they need a place for people who have not committed a crime and are seeking rehabilitation. Sheriff Smith reported no other Sheriff's Department is running a rehabilitation program and he does not want to be in the rehab business but a lot of the people they continue to see locked up have drug problems. He estimated 95% of people in the jail are there directly or indirectly related to drugs. Sheriff Smith explained if they can get these people in long term rehabilitation then the people will not be in jail and will be productive parts of the community. He said they receive calls about drug houses and if they fix the drug issue it will also fix other

problems. Sheriff Smith provided a power point presentation. He informed the Board the biggest complaint he received when campaigning was about the meth problem and what he was going to do to fix it. He reported they need to start with the young people so they are bringing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program back to the 5th grade in the coming school year. He stated the School Resource Deputies are going to training this summer to learn how to facilitate this program. Sheriff Smith discussed the "We Don't Meth Around" slogan that was used to bring awareness to the problem. He explained meth is very cheap and now the Mexican drug cartels are making and distributing meth. He reported other Sheriffs in similar areas are also having people come to them asking for help. Sheriff Smith said they encourage people to come to them and they try to find beds for them but the process is not quick. He explained if they cannot get help that day then they go back to the drug use. He discussed the graduation rates for their program and said sometimes people must go through rehab 3-5 times before they are successful. He highlighted the success stories of their program. Sheriff Smith said they need rehabilitation here because people do not have insurance or money to travel to other areas for treatment. He explained when they get a building for people who are not in jail then they can use the Freshstart model because it has been successful. He reported faith based programs seem to work the best. Sheriff Smith stated if this rehabilitation center moves forward then it could also be open to other counties that have people wanting to go to rehab. He said in speaking with Sheriffs in adjoining counties none of them have rehab facilities or a rehab program in their jail. He reported there is a need and they have a huge team of volunteers that are helping with Freshstart in the jail and they could not do this program without them. He stated they have partnerships with Disc Village, Apalachee Center and Big Bend Community Based Care and they have already discussed partnering with them for this program. He explained none of this can happen without a structure to put these people in because if they do not have a job or place to live after treatment then they are not successful. He stated they have talked about building two basic dormitory style buildings on the land behind the jail and he described the building layout. He estimated the cost to be \$400,000 per building. He explained they need one building where the males and females cannot interact or 2 separate buildings. Sheriff Smith reported Option B would be the work camp. He said the work camp is run down but built for what they want to do and there is a lot of land there. He explained one of the things they want to do at the jail is timber the land behind the jail so they can start a garden. He reported some men graduated from the horticulture program they partnered with at FAMU and he would like to grow some things and they know how. Sheriff Smith said no matter which option they choose he would like to timber the land behind the jail. He stated the old work camp would be ideal because if there are people who want to come in with vocational training it would be good as well. Sheriff Smith reported they need to make sure these individuals have a skill when they get out so they can get a job. He stated part of the dormitory could be used to house them when they finish the program and get a job but do not have a place to live. He suggested they house them for a certain amount of time until they can get stabilized and get out on their own. Sheriff Smith stated a company that does educational items came in and talked with him about teaching life skills and they can teach and help these individuals become productive parts of the community. He said the biggest thing he will ask for if he cannot find other ways to fund it is 6 people to

oversee the rehabilitation center. Sheriff Smith said there is nothing he needs today but he may need to ask for that next year. He explained if the Board supports the idea then he would like to ask the state for money to build a place or rehab the work camp. He stated he would also like to submit a grant to Triumph. He reported there is money out there and they are not going to get it unless he asks for it. Sheriff Smith stated he would like to have the Board's blessing that they think this is something worthwhile to the county before he goes forward. He said he is not asking for any money. Sheriff Smith reported he would like to have the Board's support as he moves forward and talks to people in Tallahassee or applies for Triumph money. He explained there are people, across the country, that have ties to this area and there may be a benefactor that is interested in supporting this project when they find out what they are trying to do. Sheriff Smith reported he wants to work in unison with the county and partner for this center. He said if this is successful then it will be something to be proud of that can be replicated in other places. He reported this is a community problem and will take everyone coming together to address it. Sheriff Smith stated there are 4 generations of drug users in this community and this is one of the ways to stop this problem. He thanked the Board for their time and offered to answer any questions. Chairman Lockley asked what the Sheriff is asking for in relation to the work camp. Sheriff Smith said he would like a MOU or long term lease to use the work camp building. Chairman Lockley asked how much of the building he wants. Sheriff Smith responded all of the building because he does not want to have to worry about who his neighbor is. He explained if someone wants to bring in a program that will help the people in rehab then he would like to be able to do that. He said there is a lot of land and they could also garden there. He said rehabilitation cannot start without a location. Sheriff Smith stated he has two options but is open to another location if the county has one. He explained some people have been to jail repeatedly and sometimes when they sit in jail they decide they want help. He stated if they are going to stop the drug addiction then the people need somewhere to go and that is why he is here. Chairman Lockley asked if it is cheaper to build or use this building. Sheriff Smith said he does not know how much it would cost to repair the work camp. He stated the block is solid but he does not know about the other infrastructure. He reported there has been some vandalism there so he does not know without an evaluation of the building. He explained it could be more economical to build. He reported if the Board is in favor of this then he will ask the state and Triumph for money. Sheriff Smith stated tomorrow Sheriff Walt McNeil is having a round table meeting about opioids and meth and he will attend. He explained there are rehab centers in Leon County but they only have 20 beds and if they are full then the people here are not getting in for treatment. Chairman Lockley asked how many beds they would have here. Sheriff Smith said initially he thought about building something that housed 20 females and 20 males but the sky is the limit with the work camp. He said the work camp has room for a lot of things. Sheriff Smith stated most of the people here today are in favor of rehab but he understands it is about the money. Commissioner Massey suggested the Sheriff determine how much it will cost to fix the building and then meet with Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler to see what the best solution is. Sheriff Smith agreed and said as long as the Board is open to a MOU or lease then he will see if it is economical to complete the repairs. Chairman Lockley asked what will happen if he leases the building and this does not work. Sheriff Smith said when he looks back over his career and the

different drugs that have come out methamphetamine is the worst drug he has seen. He stated this drug erodes their mind and body and then affects their family. Sheriff Smith said he thinks this can work and he is willing to give it a try. He stated the Board has seen the work he has done the last two years and the Board has been supportive and he appreciates it. He said hopefully the Board knows if they call him he tries to address the issue and it will be the same with this. Chairman Lockley reported it sounds good but the county does not have the money. Sheriff Smith said he is not asking for money but would like to know if they are open to letting him use this facility. He said he just wants their support and feel like this is important regardless of whether he builds at the Sheriff's Office or they use the work camp. Sheriff Smith stated it is time and he put a basic plan together that he wants to talk to their legislators and the Triumph Board about. He explained there is money available and the county is due some of the money. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to have someone look at the facilities and give a determination on where they are at, in other words, what needs are there, what needs to be redone and the overall structure of the buildings.** Commissioner Jones said the facility has been dormant except for when the United Methodist Church had people in there. He stated they need to know as a county and both sides need to know where they are at before they try to make any more determinations. **Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish said they all understand the drug issues not only here in Franklin County but over the entire country. He reported under the current conditions with the hurricane the county does not have the money but does have a facility that could be utilized. He said it needs to be done properly and he supports the notion but he does not want to push him forward thinking he will come back to the county and they will fund the center. He reported the county cannot fund the center. Commissioner Parrish explained if the federal and state government cannot solve this problem then there is no way Franklin County can pay for drug rehabilitation especially for the outlying communities also. He stated the outlying communities should be willing to go with the Sheriff to Tallahassee and push for a legislative appropriation to help fund this program because it would help all the communities around Franklin County. He stated the county cannot beat this problem because they do not have the funding to do it. Commissioner Parrish reported the county has an \$11 million budget and the Sheriff's Department gets half of the budget and the county has other issues to address also. He reported Sheriff Smith does not need a lease as he is part of county government. He said if this moves forward then it will not be the Sheriff's Office that did this it is going to be Franklin County that did it through faith based organizations, the Sheriff's Office and partnering with the local government to allow him to use the facility. He stated the county has something to contribute which is the facility but they do not have dollars to go towards it and they cannot fund it. Commissioner Parrish said the county will be at 10 mills and broke and if something else happens then they will not have the money to address it. He stated he does not want to put the county government in a position where they cannot respond. Commissioner Parrish reported the county had to put \$1 million toward the hurricane recovery already and they will get some of the money back but not all of it. Commissioner Parrish agreed using this facility for this issue is a good cause and he is willing to push for him legislatively and federally. Commissioner Parrish said the federal and state governments have got to help with this. He stated there is no way each small rural community across the country can deal with this issue on their own because they do not have

the assets. Sheriff Smith agreed and said if they cannot provide funding he is okay with that. He reported the county has a facility they can use and that is the biggest thing. Sheriff Smith stated he is not asking for money but does need their support. He reported there is a lot of federal money available for opioids and meth. He said the county is not getting their fair share of that money and that is what he wants to do to bring rehabilitation here. He explained if other counties are on board then they may have money to bring also. Sheriff Smith said the other Sheriffs in the area are willing to go with them because they have the same need. He reported he did not want to be out speaking about this idea without talking to the Board about what he is trying to do. He said whether they build or not there is timber on the property and he would like to lumber the property behind the jail for a garden. Commissioner Boldt said this is a creative concept and an opportunity regionally for the Sheriff to be able to lobby the colleagues he has in the Sheriff's Department all around the region and potentially contribute money that the county does not have to facilitate this process. He stated for years they have been doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Commissioner Boldt reported with respect to the budget and the opportunities they have here to be creative they have a Sheriff that has been productive with every dollar they have given him. He suggested they amend the motion that the County Commission Board affirms the idea the Sheriff has given them and give him that positive direction. He said they also have the other opportunity to mechanically look at other ways to do this. Commissioner Jones reported this is a real problem in the nation and no Commissioner is opposed to helping people with problems and drug addiction is a problem. He said his motion is to have the site evaluated so they can know what to do moving forward. Commissioner Jones explained if the evaluation should come back they way they are expecting it is still good and he will be willing to do whatever discussion it will take at any level to try and help him. Sheriff Smith thanked Commissioner Jones and said he knows all the Commissioners feel the same way about this and he appreciates it. Mr. Moron clarified the motion is giving him the authority to engage a civil engineer to tell them what is wrong with the structure and an estimated costs of what it would take to fix it and include the Sheriff so they can incorporate his needs into this assessment. Commissioner Jones stated that is correct. Mr. Moron said they will come back to the Sheriff and this Board with that number and determine where they want to go. Mr. Pierce asked if the Sheriff has a floor plan of his needs to give to the engineer. Sheriff Smith said the floor plan is there and he just needs the place to be functional. Mr. Moron reported once the engineer is engaged then they will meet with the Sheriff. Commissioner Boldt asked Mrs. Griffith how they are doing with money, this idea and an engineer giving them input. Mrs. Griffith said they are fine with the engineering costs but they do not have the financial resources to repair the building. Sheriff Smith stated that is what he will be asking Triumph and the state for once they see what it will cost. Attorney Shuler reported in addition to looking at structural issues he and Mr. Moron will also have to contact the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) about the regulatory mandates they may have for converting this facility into some kind of rehab facility.

Commissioner Jones amended his motion to include Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler contacting ACHA. Commissioner Parrish amended his second. Chairman Lockley said they should contact AHCA first to make sure it is okay. Attorney Shuler suggested they authorize both a physical inspection and a regulatory inspection. Sheriff Smith stated he understands if

they run a rehab center there will be state requirements and from the Sheriff's Office perspective they will handle that. He explained they have already been talking to some of the professionals that will guide them through this. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Sheriff Smith asked about the timber issue. Chairman Lockley said the Sheriff wants to grow his own garden and he thinks that will help and save money. Attorney Shuler stated the county is the owner of the land so they should handle the sale of the timber. He reported any timber buyer will want to deal with the owner of the land. He agreed the Sheriff should be involved in the process. Sheriff Smith said whatever it takes to have it timbered. Attorney Shuler agreed to handle this matter. Chairman Lockley asked how much he wants to clear. Sheriff Smith said he thinks there is 5-7 acres. Attorney Shuler reminded the Board timber prices are down due to Hurricane Michael so they should not expect a big return. Chairman Lockley asked about this property in relation to the shooting range. Sheriff Smith stated the Sheriff's range they use for qualification is on School Board property and the range behind the animal shelter is on land that belongs to the Sheriff's Office. He explained the land he is talking about is directly behind the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Lockley questioned if anyone will be in harm's way. Sheriff Smith answered no. Sheriff Smith stated when he first was in office Mr. Davis helped with dirt between the range and the jail because it was all open. He said they have berms now to separate it but it is still not the best situation. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct Attorney Shuler and county staff to get with the program and get the property cleared the Sheriff was referencing. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones asked if the Sheriff knows it will be a while before this space is usable after the timber is removed. Sheriff Smith answered yes and said at least it is a start. Commissioner Boldt reported the judiciary making decisions about incarcerating people may think about this program and the garden and there may be some creative sentencing and some funding as well. He stated this is a great pioneering idea that is positive. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Attorney Shuler explained this is a small tract of land so they may have to wait to piggyback on another tract in the area.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

Public Hearing – Byrnes Land Use & Re-Zoning of 23.98 +/- Acres

Agriculture to Rural Residential and A-2 Forestry Agriculture to R-6 Rural Residential

Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly, Planning & Building Department, read the Notice of Land Use Change. Commissioner Parrish asked about the land use now. Mr. Pierce said this change will be from 1 unit per 40 acres to 1 unit per 10 acres. He explained on the 23.98 acres they will get 2 houses. Chairman Lockley asked for public comment. There was no public comment. Attorney Shuler explained if the county is willing to approve this matter then they will make a motion to approve a change of the land use from Agricultural to Rural Residential and then a motion to rezone the property from Agricultural to Rural Residential. **On motion by Commissioner**

Massey, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the land use change from Agricultural to Rural Residential.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly read the Notice to Rezone. She explained this is the same property and will go from 1 unit per 40 acres to 1 unit per 10 acres. Chairman Lockley asked for public comment. There was no public comment. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to rezone the property from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential.**

Amy Ham-Kelly – Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report

Commissioner Boldt said he should not vote on this as it is a neighborly property within 100 yards or less from where he lives. Attorney Shuler stated unless there is some other factual basis then he should not recuse himself in this matter. He reported Commissioner Boldt is within Florida Statutes governing Commissioner's ethics and the applicant is not a family member. He asked if this applicant is an employer. Commissioner Boldt replied no. Commissioner Boldt explained the person is a neighbor. Attorney Shuler stated there is no factual basis for him to recuse himself. Commissioner Parrish said this is down as a consent agenda item and reading through it there are 9 different applications. He questioned if this is due to the erosion caused by Hurricane Michael. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes, especially the first 2 and then the septic tank issues. She reported there was erosion from Hurricane Michael for all of them and some were worse than others.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly offered the following report:

1. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a 6' x 75' vinyl and concrete seawall 50 feet from the Mean High Water and 10 feet into both side setbacks with approximately 180 cubic yards of fill landward on property lying in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, 1223 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Roger Crowson, Agent for Robert & Lisa Zborowski.

Commissioner Parrish informed Commissioner Boldt most of the properties are in his area so they are looking for his recommendation. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.** Chairman Lockley asked if Commissioner Boldt is against any of these requests. Commissioner Boldt answered no, he has studied them and they appear to be well thought out. He said he feels comfortable approving each one. Chairman Lockley asked if they can approve all of them at once. Attorney Shuler advised the Board they did away with the consent agenda policy some time ago so based on their current policy they need to address these item by item.

2. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a 5' x 90' foot vinyl and concrete seawall 60 feet from the Mean High Water and 10 feet into both side setbacks with approximately 80 cubic yards of fill landward on

property described as Lot 34, Penn Point, Unit 7, 1035 Gulf Shore Boulevard, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Roger Crowson, Agent for Matthew Zaloumis.

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

3. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a 25 foot variance from the well to the septic tank. (To meet the minimum State requirement.) The property is described as Lot 22, Dog Island Subdivision, Unit 1 Unrecorded, 858 Gulf Shore Drive, Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Randy Cannon, Agent for John & Jennifer Bueltel.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request. Attorney Shuler said for all of these variances for setback of the distance from the septic tank to the well they need to get the factual basis in the record that the reason for the variance is Hurricane Michael damage. Commissioner Parrish agreed and said on Dog Island they do not have public water so if they do not grant the variance and there is no place for a well they do not have any water. He stated he has always been against putting wells near septic tanks because he was worried about people becoming sick and other things but in this particular instance in dealing with Dog Island they have no alternative. Commissioner Boldt said they are going back the way they were and just replacing what they missed. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated that is correct. Chairman Lockley questioned if they need to amend the motion. Attorney Shuler reported the Board just needed to get the factual basis of the Hurricane Michael damage in the record.

4. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a 25 foot variance from the well to the septic tank. (To meet the minimum State requirement.) The property is described as Lot 2, Block 4, Unit 1 Unrecorded, Dog Island subdivision, 938 Gulf Shore Drive, Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Randy Cannon, Agent for Michael & Robin Nix.

Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley said this is for the well. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

5. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a 25 foot variance from the well to the septic tank. (To meet the minimum State requirement.) The property is described as Lot 111, Unit 1 Unrecorded, Dog Island Subdivision, 512 Gulf Shore Drive, Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Randy Cannon, Agent for Barton & Shelly Milligan.

Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley reported this is for the well purposes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

6. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a 25 foot variance from the well and septic. (To meet the minimum State requirement.) The property is described as Lot 15, Unrecorded Subdivision, 886 Gulf Shore Drive, Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Rosanne Wood & Peter Kreis, Owners.

Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley reported this is for well purposes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

7. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a 25 foot variance from the well and septic tank. (To meet the State requirement.) The property is described as Lot 16, Unrecorded Dog Island, 882 Gulf Shore Drive, Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Richard Grape, Owner.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley reported this is for well purposes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

8. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous- with the retaining wall being flush with neighboring retaining walls and rock placement on the waterward side of retaining wall) Consideration of a request to construct a vinyl retaining seawall with a 15' wingwall on the west side and a 12' wingwall on the east side. The property is described as 193 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, Agent for Bruce & Alejandra Stinson.

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

9. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a vinyl retaining seawall. The property is described as Lot 5, Treasure Cove, 1211 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, Agent for The Carol M. Grates.

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

Amy Ham-Kelly – Planning and Zoning – Report

Mrs. Ham-Kelly presented the following report:

RE-ZONING & LANDUSE APPLICATION:

1. **Recommend Approval of a Public Hearing-** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for a Land Use Change from Single Family Home Industry/ Residential District to Commercial Recreation. Re-Zoning from R-4/R-1 Single Family Home Industry & Residential to C-3 Commercial Recreation of a 3.23 acre parcel. Also known as 889 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Chester Creamer, applicant.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve a public hearing for this item.

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW:

1. **Recommend Approval-** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review to construct a 5,000 square foot metal building that will be used as a lawn, landscaping, and fencing business. Located in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, also known as 19 Jefferson Street, Eastpoint Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Jeff Betsill, applicant.

Commissioner Jones asked if this property is already zoned for this use. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the commercial site plan.**

2. **SKETCH PLAT APPROVAL:**

Recommend Approval- (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat Approval of an 18.5 Acre parcel, Lying in section 34 Township 8 South, Range 8 West, located in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Thomas Shuler, applicant.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the sketch plat.

John Solomon – TDC Administrator – Update

Mr. Solomon referenced the MOU the TDC and the county have with 2K Web Group concerning their credit card and payments for online advertising. He said at the last meeting the TDC Board voted to approve this item and come to the Board of County Commissioners to increase the cap on the credit card from \$10,000 to \$20,000. He explained this does not change the amount 2K Web Group can use throughout the year but it changes the credit limit on the card. He explained there are some overlaps of advertising and the Google ads are not getting paid in a timely manner. Mr. Solomon said this is not any fault of the Clerk's Office it is just the way it is set up and some months are higher than other months. He reported the MOU is being presented to the Board today and they will need the Board's approval for Clerk Johnson to sign and also the TDC Chairman. Chairman Lockley questioned if there is a limit on how much they can spend. Mr. Solomon said their overall limit is \$100,000 but that does not change. Chairman Lockley asked what the limit is on the card when they are paying it off. Commissioner Jones said they are talking about moving it from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Commissioner Jones

stated that is the most that could be paid. Commissioner Parrish asked if Clerk Johnson agrees with this MOU. Clerk Johnson answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve increasing the credit limit from \$10,000 to \$20,000.**

Mr. Solomon stated he talked with Attorney Shuler and Mr. Moron about HGTV coming in a few weeks to film a television show in Franklin County and there is not a permit process or payment for filming in Franklin County but they need something for their files documenting this. He asked the Board to instruct Mr. Moron to draft a letter that there is not a permit requirement for filming in Franklin County. Commissioner Parrish asked if Attorney Shuler has reviewed this. Attorney Shuler reported he has talked about this request with Mr. Solomon and they have faced this question in the past and the county does not have any permit requirement for someone to film in the county. He reported there is an issue coming up and he is dealing with the issue with Mr. Davis concerning someone wanting to film on county property. He stated if they want to film on county property then the county may need some proof of insurance and something saying they release the county from liability but that is a different question. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct county staff to write a letter for Mr. Solomon.**

Mr. Solomon said Visit Florida gave the county a grant for \$174,000 to advertise that Franklin County is open for business.

Doug Creamer – Chairman Weems Board of Directors – EMS Update

Mr. Creamer will review Weems 5-year purchase plan for EMS ambulances

Mr. Creamer said at the last Hospital Board meeting Mr. H.D. Cannington, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and the EMS Director asked the Board for approval to purchase a new ambulance. He stated the Weems Board granted this approval and they are here to ask the Commission to grant this approval to purchase the ambulance. Chairman Lockley asked where the money is coming from. Mrs. Griffith questioned if the funds are coming from the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF). Mr. Creamer stated it is up to the Board. Commissioner Boldt stated he worked with Mr. Cannington last week and this is the purchase of an ambulance unit but it is also a succession plan. He reported this one unit amalgamates the system through the next 5 years. Commissioner Boldt stated he learned that the box can be changed on some of these ambulance units and they can get a new chassis. He explained the plan is to add vigor to the ambulance system with one unit and then rotate this unit through the system over the next five years. Commissioner Boldt said it is a good idea and the health of their people is the most valuable asset. He explained they need to be accessible and ambulances make them that way. Mr. Moron asked Mr. Creamer to explain the current mileage the units have. Mr. Creamer reported they put 60,000 miles a year on each of their primary units and they have 3 units (1 for Apalachicola, 1 for Eastpoint/St. George Island and 1 for the Lanark Village/Carrabelle area). He stated the lifespan of these units is about 5 years or 300,000 miles maximum. He said they have developed a plan to make sure all the primary units are up to date and as current as they

can keep them and still be feasible for the county. Mr. Creamer explained if they order one today it will probably be a minimum of 9 months before they actually get the unit. He reported they do have a 10 year replacement plan that they have put together and their long term goal is to maintain 3 primary ambulances and 2 backup units. Mr. Creamer reported they need a unit as soon as possible. He said they will be coming back to the Board periodically for another unit depending on the need in the schedule. Mr. Creamer explained some boxes are not economically feasible to remount. Mr. Richard "Louie" Lewis, EMS Director, said their 3 primary trucks are a 2016 Chevrolet with approximately 102,000 miles; a 2015 Chevrolet (Lanark truck) with 115,000 and the truck they are looking to replace is a 2013 Chevrolet with 280,000 miles. He reported they put on approximately 5,000 miles per month per truck. Mr. Creamer said the 2013 unit does not have a box that can be remounted so they are asking for a new unit. Commissioner Jones asked how many ambulances they presently have. Mr. Lewis answered a total of 5 that are running. Commissioner Jones inquired if they get a new unit, will one of the old ones be decommissioned. Mr. Lewis answered yes; the oldest one in the worst shape will be decommissioned. Commissioner Jones said he wanted to clarify because he thought Mr. Creamer said they would have 3 primary units and 2 backups. Mr. Lewis answered yes. Chairman Lockley asked if this money is coming out of the hospital fund. Mrs. Griffith stated if it comes out of the HCTF there is just over \$3.5 million in the fund so the purchase would come from the capital side of the fund. Mrs. Griffith reported historically they have funded the purchase of new ambulances from this fund. Mr. Creamer said they can use the HCTF and there should not be any problem. Attorney Shuler said Mrs. Griffith is correct and they have purchased ambulances in the past. He reported they cannot fund operation of the ambulance but can purchase equipment for the hospital from this fund. He stated this will fall into the category of a capital outlay purchase. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve purchasing a new ambulance. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked if they checked into leasing equipment. Mr. Creamer stated they looked at leasing but it was not cost effective for an ambulance. Commissioner Jones said he would like to see the plan they came up with just so they are informed. Mr. Creamer stated it is a 10 year plan and he will make sure each Commissioner gets a copy. He reported as they follow this plan they will be coming back and asking for resources. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Creamer stated the Hospital Board feels like they may need some outside support and consulting and he would like them to allow Mr. Moron to look for a company or firm to provide this service. Mr. Moron requested they include Attorney Shuler in this request. Chairman Lockley asked if this is about training. Mr. Creamer answered yes and stated they are going into a building program and don't want to wait until they need help to try and find it but go ahead and have it in place. Chairman Lockley said that is good. Commissioner Jones asked if any recommendation they get will come back to the Board. Mr. Moron answered yes. Mr. Creamer agreed. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to allow Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler to look for a company or firm to provide support and consulting to the Hospital Board.**

Mr. Creamer asked the Board if they have any questions or concerns to contact him so they can be open and keep the Board informed. He stated they work for the Board.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

1- Provide Board with a description of the status of the temporary road section of Alligator Drive. The proposed work has been approved in concept by FEMA, and in order to expedite the work I have directed Dewberry Engineers to start working on the bid documents, while the final PW works its way through FEMA approval. The Board will need to sign a Task Order with Dewberry for the work associated with this PW after FEMA approves the PW, and their fees are part of the proposed PW.

After consultation with Dewberry Engineers, and MRD engineers, FEMA staff, and FDEP staff we have dropped the idea of installing Gabion Baskets to protect the road. The cost, which was approximately \$1.2M for 1200 feet of protection, and permitting obstacles were such that I was not confident we would ever get Gabion Baskets approved, and my goal is to get a 2 lane paved temporary Alligator Drive before the start of hurricane season, which is June 1.

Below is text of the document I have provided FEMA:

Work that has been completed: The County has maintained the road through force account labor, equipment, and material. Before the storm, Alligator Drive was a one lane limerock road at an elevation of approximately 9 feet above sea level. After the storm, the county had to rebuild the one lane road, but because the 11 foot storm surge washed out a tremendous amount of material, the new temporary road is now approximately 6 feet above sea level. Because the storm surge displaced a lot of rocks to the north the quickest way to re-open the road was to build it south of the debris line, so not only is the road 3 feet lower to sea level, it also moved 10 feet closer to the Gulf of Mexico.

At this time, the county has built a temporary limerock road approximately 14 feet wide by 1200 feet long on the east, and 150 feet long by 20 feet wide on the west. The total county expense to date (Oct. 11 through Feb. 28) to rebuild and maintain the road is: \$102,518. (This includes a \$22K invoice from M Construction for the equipment to open the road right after the storm.) The county has submitted a reimbursement request for this amount. (The county has also submitted reimbursement requests for all the other work done by county road department, but I don't have that total.)

Work to be completed: Because the current temporary limerock road is vulnerable to continuing damage, the county proposes to take the following additional protective action to protect the road on the east end. The 150 foot section of road on the west end will only receive work from Item #3 below.

1. Remove dilapidated asphalt material and concrete barriers, move granite rip-rap and acceptable concrete rubble to South side of temporary roadway.
Estimated cost: \$53,350.00

2. Widen existing temporary road to accept two way traffic: Estimated cost: \$13,062.00
3. Add material for a safe riding service. Estimated Cost :\$21,330.00
4. Stabilize the road bed and shoulders, 32 feet wide, to accept base and asphalt.
Estimated cost: \$34,136.00
5. Add 8" of compacted limerock, 21 feet wide, to accept asphalt. Estimated cost:
\$43,400.00
6. Place 1-1/2" of SP 9.5mm asphalt, 20 feet wide, for a length of 1,350 feet. Estimated
cost: \$37,200.00
7. Stripe the centerline to identify travel ways. Estimated cost \$5,400.00
8. Engineering, design, and construction inspection: Estimated cost: \$31,182

Total Estimated Cost of work to be done: \$239,060.00 (This work will be done by a contractor, and it will be bid out.)

Mr. Pierce said they are trying to get a temporary road in there before the beginning of hurricane season on June 1st. He reported his goal is a paved road.

2- I have provided FEMA staff with an estimated cost of the permanent relocation of Alligator Drive at \$10M. This includes land acquisition and a range of potential improvements on the south side of the road. I did include an alternative project for the rebuilding of the road in its current location because at this point it is not a certainty the county will be able to acquire all of the necessary private property.

3- Provide Board with statement from FDEP supporting the relocation of the Alligator Drive. I have provided the statement to FCMC and to FEMA. "The existing road, Alligator Drive, is a major structure and it is located seaward of the Department's 30-year erosion projection of the seasonal high water line (30-YEP). The existing damaged roadway is approximately 20 feet wide, which is less than the 24 foot width normally required for new 2 lane roads. The Department cannot issue a permit for a new major structure located seaward of the 30-YEP, unless it fits the rebuilding criteria of the law (i.e. it cannot exceed the capacity or footprint of the original structure or cause further harm to the beach/dune system). The construction of a new roadway in this location which exceeds the capacity or footprint of the existing damaged roadway must be located farther landward and landward of the 30-year erosion projection of the seasonal high water line." Because engineering road standards call for a 24 foot wide road as well as stormwater collection that does not exist now, Dewberry Engineers can't design a road that fits the footprint of the original road, and FDEP won't permit a "new" structure in this location- this explains the difficulty the county has had after Hurricane Hermine in 2016 trying to rebuild the road.

4- Ms. Sarah Kelty, FCMC, has provided me a draft HMGP application for land acquisition for property on Alligator Point. The draft application is 240 pages so I have not attached the draft, as it is only a draft that I am reviewing. At this time 17 property owners have indicated they are willing to receive an offer to sell their land, 5 vacant lots, and 12 with structures. While I support the acquisition of any property on the Point, at this time these 17 parcels are not all in the

future ROW so there are still some 8-10 lots that will need to be acquired to relocate Alligator Drive, but this is a great start.

Mr. Pierce asked for a motion to approve this draft application and signature by the Chairman. He said there will be no cost to the county for acquiring these 17 lots. He stated hopefully this is the first application and not the only application. He explained they want to get this application in even though it does not represent all the lots they need to buy. Mr. Pierce stated hopefully the other lots will follow suit. Mr. Pierce explained normally when you acquire property it is left in its natural state but these lots will not be left natural as there will be a road so the application has to show that. He reported he talked with Mr. Frank McColm, FCMC, and they will revise the application. Mr. Pierce requested Board action to have the Chairman sign the draft application when it is complete because they are eager to get it in the system.

Commissioner Boldt made a motion to have the Chairman sign the draft application when it is complete. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Commissioner Boldt said he supports this application and shares the frustration on how DEP is tying their hands. He reported they need an affirmation from this Commission that they are doing all they can to be good stewards of the people that live here and they need some waiver relief from DEP and maybe a workshop beyond the words they have given so far. Mr. Pierce encouraged Commissioner Boldt as an elected official to call and see if he can set up an appointment so he can hear the situation.

Motion carried; 5-0.

5- Recommendation of RESTORE Act Consultant responses- As the Board is aware, only one firm responded to the advertisement for RESTORE Act Consultants- Langton Consulting. Langton Consulting currently are the RESTORE Consultants for Gulf, Taylor, Jefferson, and Walton Counties. I have spoken extensively with Gulf County and they are entirely satisfied with Langton Consulting. Langton Consulting is aware, and made the statement in their RFP- "Langton Consulting acknowledges and accepts that all fees to be paid to the firm will be funded exclusively from RESTORE Act federal grant funds" so their fee structure should not be a burden on the county cash flow. I have spoken extensively to Ms. Melissa Beaudry, and to Mr. Langton, and with their successful RESTORE experience in our surrounding counties I believe they are well qualified to assist Franklin County. Their proposed contract which is attached to my report does not have a fee schedule so this is something to negotiate. I recommend the Board enter into negotiations with Langton Consulting. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct staff to begin negotiations with Langton Consulting to be the RESTORE consultant.

6- Board action to sign an FDOT grant for the remaining funding for the Airport Master Plan Update. There are two funding sources for the Master Plan- FAA, which the Board signed in August, 2018 for \$282,250, and then this final component from FDOT for \$80,000, for a total cost of the Airport Update at \$362,250. Master Plan updates are required by the FAA, which is why they provide so much of the funding. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to sign the FDOT grant for the remaining funding for the Airport Master Plan.

7- Back in November the Board heard a request from a group of citizens for a review of the county's response during Hurricane Michael. As I have previously reported, I met with the group and a scope of work was developed. At a previous meeting, the county Emergency Management Office provided their own post-Michael assessment, and a response to the scope of work created by the citizens. The Board had directed that I obtain quotes from an outside consultant to make an independent review of the county's hurricane response, and to that end I have attempted to obtain quotes from two qualified firms. I contacted DSI- which had previously done work in Franklin County, and another emergency consulting firm- AS360, a firm who has done work in Gulf County. Only AS360 has responded. I spoke with DSI representatives initially and they said they were interested in the work, but after several additional efforts to contact them they have never responded. So, I have a quote from AS360 to complete the scope of work developed by the citizen group. The proposed fee is slightly below the Board's bid threshold of \$10K.
Direction from the Board.

Mr. Pierce reported Mr. Hank Christenson, AS360, was with Escambia County during the hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005 and is well qualified. He said he attempted to get 2 quotes but was only able to secure 1. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the quote from AS360. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Mr. Pierce stated the amount of the quote is \$9,909.72. He said he has checked with Mrs. Griffith and this will come out of professional services. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

8- Update from Pot 2 meeting I attended in Gulf County on March 12. Pot 2 is the common name for the BP funds managed by the Gulf Council, the group of 5 states and 6 federal agencies affected by the BP oil spill. Pot 2 funds can only be spent on environmental restoration that benefits the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. Franklin County has been the recipient of some of those funds, though admittedly for projects the county did not initiate. Some of the \$10M that the state has previously spent in shelling the Apalachicola Bay was Pot 2 funds. Some of the wetland restoration that has been done in Tate's Hell Forest was Pot 2 funds. The living shoreline built around the ANEER office in Eastpoint was Pot 2 funds.

I went to see what additional Pot 2 projects are intended for Franklin County. Again, these projects have to meet a federal guideline of having a benefit to the Gulf of Mexico. At this time, Tate's Hell will receive some additional wetland restoration. On behalf of the Board, I made a pitch for additional funds for oyster reef restoration, for dune restoration because of hurricane Michael, and for artificial reef funding. I was advised that artificial reef funding is possible but probably not until the next round of funding, which is 5-7 years away. Oyster reef restoration and dune restoration was taken under advisement.

Mr. Pierce reported they hope to hear back in a couple of months on some of these ideas.

9-Board action to approve final Change Order for \$5,130.00 for Pigott Construction on the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd. This completes the work on this project, and FEMA reimbursement will be requested. The funds will go back into the Bald Point Trust Fund.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the final Change Order in the amount of \$5,130.00 for Pigott Construction for the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd.

10- Board action to approve scope of work for \$18,750.00 Wood Partners to provide an “Opinion of Probable Costs” for the reconstruction of Island View Park. The fees for this Opinion have been approved by FDEP to come out of the Operation and Maintenance fund for this Park. The county will provide the Probable Costs to FEMA, and if FEMA obligates the funds through a PW then the county will go out to bid to re-construct the Park. It is going to be my recommendation that we utilize Wood Partners in all aspects of the reconstruction of the Park, since they were the general contractors the first time. If the Board does utilize Wood Partners for future services, then we will have to select Wood Partners through a process approved by FEMA, but we are not there yet. Board action to approve the scope of work as submitted by Wood Partners.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the scope of work in the amount of \$18,750 for Wood Partners. Mr. Pierce stated Wood Partners will be out there Thursday to begin their assessment. He said \$2.5 million was added in as a holding place but they think if the pilings are secure then they can probably reconstruct the park for less than \$1 million.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report:

1. At your last meeting I informed the Board that the County has received a contract from FDOT to design the resurfacing improvements on 1.553 miles of County Road 30-A west of Apalachicola from the Gulf County line to Thirteen Mile Road. This is part of the SCRAP program that Franklin County is entitled to apply for since we enacted the final one cent local option gas tax. This contract, for \$111,762, will pay an engineering firm to design the improvements. Construction funds will become available in the 2021 fiscal year. The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract with FDOT and authorize the Planning Department to advertise for an engineering firm to design these improvements. Upon further review, the estimate for the design of the resurfacing of County Road 30A is beneath the threshold in the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act (\$325,000) that requires advertising. This means that the Board can just award the design contract to the County’s engineers and avoid going through the selection process. **Board action** to award the design to the County’s engineers, Dewberry Inc.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to award the design to the County's engineer, Dewberry, Inc.

2. Listed below are three FDOT grant applications for Board approval. These applications have to be submitted to FDOT by the end of the week. **Board action** to approve these grant applications and authorize the Chairman's signature on each application.
 - SCOP application to replace the three large culverts under Highway 67 at Womack Creek, \$899,364.32.
 - SCRAP application to widen and resurface Highway 67 from the Crooked River Bridge to State Forest Road 166, \$1,898,629.38.
 - CIGP application to widen and resurface Creamer Street in Eastpoint and portions of Begonia Street and South Franklin Street from Creamer Street to Highway 98, \$510,538.57.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve these grant applications and authorize the Chairman's signature on each application.

3. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
4. Recently Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, was contacted by representatives from the Florida Public Archaeology Network & Askew Institute for Multidisciplinary Center located at the University of West Florida. The Institute would like the Board to authorize a letter of support (attached) to designate the Florida Panhandle from Wakulla, Liberty and Gadsden Counties westward as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This designation is similar to a National Historic designation and there is no cost to the County. However, at a minimum, this designation will promote this area to a wider audience, but staff can also add it to grants that might get the County additional points. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on this letter of support.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on this letter of support.

5. On the afternoon of Tuesday March 12th, I received an email from Senator Montford's staff requesting an immediate rank in priority order of all county and city legislative budget requests for the 2019 Legislative Session. This was totally different to what I was told at the first legislative delegation that was held on Wednesday, January 30th. Based on the list sent to me by Senator Montford's staff, I ranked the projects in the order (see list below) and forwarded it to the Senator's staff by the Wednesday, March 13th deadline. Senator Montford moved the request for a new Emergency Management building from this list and added it to Hurricane Michael funding list. The Senator thinks that there is a better chance of funding from that list. **Board action** to ratify the legislative budget requests ranking submitted to Senator Montford's staff.

- #1 Fort Coombs Armory Sprinkler System - Franklin County Board of County Commissioners - \$160,000
- #2 Apalachicola SRF Default funding - City of Apalachicola - \$755,000
- #3 Carrabelle Lighthouse Estates Central Water Extension - City of Carrabelle - \$630,000
- #4 Apalachicola Drinking Water Improvements - City of Apalachicola - \$1,666,919
- #5 Apalachicola Sewer Improvements - City of Apalachicola - \$2,774,500

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the legislative budget request's ranking submitted to Senator Montford's staff.

6. Inform the Board that there were no applications submitted from the advertisement for a certified Building Official that ran in the local paper and was posted on the Florida Association of Counties website. I recommend running a new advertisement for a Building Inspector. This inspector would have enough qualifications that would allow him to seek his Building Official provisional certification in six months, then take and pass the test for the Building Official standard certification within an additional six months. If approved, I will run this advertisement in the local newspaper and post it on the Florida Association of Counties website. **Board action** to authorize the advertisement for a Building Inspector.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to authorize the advertisement for a Building Inspector. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones asked if they get another staff person and they go through everything to get certified is there a certain amount of time they should be serving in this position. Mr. Moron stated he has already asked Attorney Shuler this question and he will work on a labor contract. Commissioner Jones said he is concerned about this and felt it was the best time to bring it up. Commissioner Parrish agreed. Mr. Moron stated they can also create a job description that will allow this inspector to do more things.
Motion carried; 5-0.

7. Mr. Tim Center, Chief Executive Office of Capital Area Community Action Agency (Community Action), notified staff that they are ready to purchase permanent housing for two Limerock Fire victim families that might not otherwise qualify for CDBG funded housing. Once approved, the vendor will produce, transport and set up the home in approximately 30 days. One home is a three-bedroom two-bath for \$44,900.38 and the second is a two-bedroom one-bath for \$39,981.88. More information on the homes is attached to my report. **Board action** to authorize the purchase of these two homes for two Limerock Fire victim families from the donated funds currently managed by Community Action.

Commissioner Massey made a motion to authorize the purchase of these two homes for two Limerock Fire victim families from the donated funds currently managed by the Capital Area Community Action Agency. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Commissioner

Parrish suggested Mrs. Deborah Belcher, Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc., contact Mr. Center and find out where he purchased these homes to see if she can get a better price. He said this is a good price for zone 3 trailers. Commissioner Massey agreed these prices beat her prices by \$30,000-\$40,000. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

8. Staff has been notified by Duke Energy that, as part of their care and maintenance of the transmission infrastructure, crews will be pruning and removing trees along Duke Energy's Crawfordville to Port Saint Joe 230KV (approximately 60 miles) transmission power line corridor. Maps of the corridor are attached. This service will be performed by qualified line clearance arborists and supervised by licensed arborist. Duke Energy will notify all affected landowners prior to any work commencing on their property. This work is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Mr. Moron said he will provide a link for the maps. Commissioner Parrish pointed out they are not spraying. Mr. Moron agreed and said they are removing trees.

9. I was directed at the last meeting to research neighboring small counties permit fees and present a new schedule of permit fees for Board approval. Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly and Mrs. Whitney Barfield are still in the process of gathering the necessary information and should have a new schedule of permit fees ready for your review at the April 16th regular meeting.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler stated he does not have a written report but he does have one action item. Attorney Shuler reported last Tuesday, March 12, 2019, he received an email from Mr. Curenton and he was at an FDOT workshop recently and they mentioned FDOT is recommending small counties consider adopting a right-of-way ordinance to regulate cell towers. He said they specifically mentioned the Leon County Ordinance. Attorney Shuler reported Mr. Curenton does not have a recommendation but provided this to him for his information. He stated if FDOT is recommending they consider this then he is requesting Board approval to look into this matter and come back with a recommendation for further Board action. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Attorney Shuler to look into this matter and come back with a recommendation for further Board action.**

Attorney Shuler said in negotiations on the Supervisor of Elections Office there are two additional years remaining on the current lease the county has with Mr. Harry Arnold. He explained Mr. Arnold is required under the lease to make repairs to the property. Attorney Shuler reported he has met with Mr. Arnold and the Supervisor of Elections and they have agreed to a list of repairs that need to be made that are his obligation. He explained there is a different category of improvements which he does not think Mr. Arnold is required to make with the lease but he has agreed to move forward in hiring people to make the repairs now.

Attorney Shuler said he has committed to Mr. Arnold that they will begin to negotiate a new lease term beginning in the next budget year but he does not have any specifics at this time.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Boldt asked as they deliberate on going to legislative days if they should discuss the commons subjects they want to approach the Legislature with on behalf of the county. Commissioner Jones said it is the same subjects that they discussed at the Legislative delegation meeting. Chairman Lockley agreed it is the same things they discussed with Senator Montford. He stated they will ask them to fight for the same items and sometimes they get things and sometimes they don't. Commissioner Parrish reported they also need to push for some funding for the Sheriff because without funding the project is not going anywhere because the county cannot afford to fund it. He said they can talk with the legislators about this because the county is willing to work with them on a building that they presently own but other than that the county cannot fund this drug rehab. He said his heart goes out to them and he wants to help them but they cannot bankrupt Franklin County government trying to do it. Commissioner Boldt asked about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mr. Moron stated that was part of the list they submitted to Senator Montford. He reminded the Board they do not have a House Representative at this time so they may need to reach out to other representatives to help any bill that Senator Montford may bring to the floor. Chairman Lockley agreed the rehabilitation center is a good thing and he thinks they need it but he does not think it will work. He stated if the Sheriff gets the center it will make history because he checked around and there are none in the other counties. He pointed out if they get funding, it will be up to the people to accept it.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts