

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 2, 2019
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Erin Griffith-Assistant-Finance Director, Michael Moron-County 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

Commissioner Jones said a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 18, 2019.

Payment of County Bills

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

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

Ms. Barbara Rohr, a resident of Lanark Village, stated the residents of Lanark Village want to petition the Commission because they do not know if it is a law or ordinance for the speed

bumps and the speeding issues they have in Lanark Village. She said pictures were presented to the Commissioners showing where the speed bumps that were put in. She explained when the speed bumps were put in, the speeding stopped immediately. She described the pictures and said the area is congested and between the parking and speeding there is a big problem. She explained they put the speed bumps in to see the reaction of the community and everyone is pleased they have them. Ms. Rohr referenced the petition and said everyone gladly signed it. Ms. Rohr pointed out along Oak Street people are driving 55-60 mph. She said they understand the county objects to the speed bumps. Ms. Rohr asked to be placed on the Agenda to speak with the engineer and DOT and see if something can be done. She stated everyone knows the speed limit and nothing is working. Attorney Shuler asked about the petition. Mrs. Rohr said she presented the petition. Mr. Moron reported the Clerk's Office has the petition. Commissioner Boldt requested the County Coordinator look into this issue and provide the Board with a plan of care and also link it to Alligator Point for speeding and signage issues. He stated the projects may be linked together for these two neighborhoods. Attorney Shuler reported the Board policy is they do not take action during public comment but a Commissioner directive to staff to look into this and report back is appropriate.

Mr. Chris Langston, a resident of Carrabelle, asked the Board to make a motion to place him on the agenda for the next meeting to re-address the health of Apalachicola Bay and ideas they have for restoring it. Commissioner Boldt stated there is a good procedure for addressing this and he asked Mr. Langston to coordinate with Mr. Moron in preparation for being on the agenda. He said Mr. Langston also needs to submit data to the County Coordinator. Mr. Langston stated he would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Boldt reported Mr. Moron will decide in consultation with the Board and facilitate a decision for him being on the agenda. Mr. Langston asked what Mr. Moron needs from him. Mr. Moron said he will call Mr. Langston.

Mr. Gordon Hunter, a resident of St. George Island, stated there was an organizational meeting of the Friends of the Apalachicola Airport. He reported 6 different committees were set up at this meeting for outreach in the community. He said 2 pilots soloed and they had a ceremony to celebrate which will be in the newspaper. Mr. Hunter explained 1 of the pilots was given a scholarship by Centric Aviation and is continuing to pursue an aviation career. He stated the Historical Committee is in contact with Camp Gordon Johnston and they have donated some artifacts used in training for World War II. He reported they want to establish a museum and display case at the airport. Mr. Hunter reported they are here to support the airport and hope to do great things.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors said his department is continuing to cut grass across the county.

Mr. Nabors reported his department has tried out 3 different motor graders and will have a report at the next meeting. He said the motor grader they have now is 15-16 years old and a lot of money has been spent on it. He stated they will trade in the current motor grader for \$40,000 and that will be used as a down payment on a new one. Commissioner Boldt asked if they are trying different motor graders. Mr. Nabors reported they are trying different sizes. Chairman Lockley said they will leave this decision to Mr. Nabors as he knows what they need. Commissioner Boldt asked if he has money in his account for this equipment. Mr. Nabors stated he will work with Mrs. Griffith on the funds available for the new equipment. Mrs. Griffith reported there are some payment funds available because another piece of equipment was paid off.

Mr. Nabors reported people in his department have been on vacation but will be back next week and they can make the signs that are needed.

Chairman Lockley inquired how the painting machine is working. Mr. Nabors reported they need to get some gas bottles and a representative from the company will come back and show them some more about the equipment. Mr. Nabors explained the process of heating the paint to the road. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Nabors to let him know when they are in his area using the paint machine because he would like to see how it works. Mr. Nabors reported it heats and cools quickly so they can complete the work and move on to other areas. He stated the process is DOT certified. Mr. Nabors said he will contact Chairman Lockley when they are in his area.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

7. The Florida Department of Transportation notified the county that, due to additional funds being appropriated by the Legislature, they are accepting two additional SCOP applications and two additional SCRAP applications at this time. The deadline for applying is July 15. Based on the criteria for each program it is suggested that the two SCOP applications be (1) repairs to the Timber Island Bridge and the Highway 67 bridge over the Crooked River and (2) paving the unpaved portion of Mill Road that was cut from the former project due to lack of funds. The one identified SCRAP project is to complete the widening and paving of Highway 67. We have not identified another potential SCRAP application at this time. **Board action** to authorize submittal of the SCOP and SCRAP applications.

Commissioner Massey made a motion to authorize the submittal of the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) and Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) applications. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones stated he needs to talk with staff because he has another project for SCRAP but he is not sure if it will qualify. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Moron presented Item #8 from his report, as follows:

8. It was learned from the Florida Department of Transportation that there might be funds available through the Federal Highway Administration to repair the hurricane damage to CR 30A west of Apalachicola. These funds are available because CR 30A is a Federal aid road. **Board action** to authorize the County engineers to prepare a Detailed Damage Inspection Report on the damaged sections of road and submit it to FDOT.

Mr. Moron said they were told FEMA will have to reject this application because this road should be funded through the Federal Highway Administration. Commissioner Parrish stated there was a project to do this road from the Y to 13 Mile and this project does not interfere with it because it is for hurricane damage on the areas that were washed out. Mr. Moron explained this is a contract to change the matting on the sides of the road. Mr. Clay Kennedy, Dewberry, stated there is a project being advertised for RFP's for engineers to take care of this section of the road. He explained in relation to SCOP and SCRAP he was talking with Mr. Curenton about bridges and what could be done. He explained there are two washed out areas on the road and whatever engineering firm gets that project will need to take this into account. He explained when they discussed additional funds it came up that FEMA will not pay for this repair and it needs to come up under the Federal Highway Administration. He reported they are trying to make sure someone is paying for this item other than Franklin County since it is hurricane damage. Commissioner Parrish asked if the other project for paving will continue on. Mr. Kennedy explained they can still pave the road but there must be some engineering done safety wise because there is not an adequate shoulder on those two stretches of road. Commissioner Parrish reported two different pots of money will fix this road. Mr. Kennedy said ideally yes but he cannot promise one will be funded in conjunction with the other one. Mr. Moron questioned if they should fix the shoulders where the wash out is before the paving is done because that is why Anderson Construction is saying it is taking so long. Mr. Kennedy agreed anytime they can do shoulder work before they put down the finished mat it is a wise thing to do. Commissioner Parrish stated they should relay this to DOT but he does not want to stop the paving project for these two places. Chairman Lockley reported some of the contractors seem to move faster than others on this kind of work. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to proceed with #8.** Mr. Moron said he will send the information to Mrs. Brownell in reference to funding for this project.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis stated in the Solid Waste area they currently have a fire at the landfill. He explained it is mulch from the storm that is staged at the landfill that is smoldering. He reported this fire was contained with the help of the Division of Forestry (DOF). He said the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was notified and has visited and he is keeping them updated. He stated the fire department has put some water on the fire but it did not help.

Mr. Davis reported the transfer station is backed up with hauling the garbage out of the county right now because the hauler, Richard's Freight, had an accident and lost their box and damaged the trailer and truck. He said the hauler purchased a used trailer but had some

problems with it also. Mr. Davis reported they have called other haulers in trying to get caught up but they are behind right now. Chairman Lockley asked how long it will be before they are caught up. Mr. Davis responded hopefully they will be back on track tomorrow. He reported they have contacted Mr. Richard's insurance company to see if the county's box was covered. He stated they are trying to accommodate people that are coming into the landfill but it is slow.

Mr. Davis reported the knuckle boom driver knocked down two light poles because he left the bucket up but he is safe.

Mr. Davis stated in relation to the Parks & Recreation Department the temporary repairs to the dune walkovers should get started today. He estimated it will take 2 days per dune walkover for repairs. Commissioner Parrish reported he was at St. George Island over the weekend and every dune walkover was full.

Commissioner Massey said the baseballs teams are doing well. Mr. Davis agreed and said the team at Sebring will advance to the World Series. He explained they will play again today to determine if they are in 1st or 2nd place but either way they will advance to the World Series. Commissioner Jones asked if Double A is in Sebring. Mr. Davis responded Triple A.

Commissioner Boldt asked if the fire at the landfill was spontaneous combustion. Mr. Davis answered yes, from being packed so tight. He explained the fire department cannot help as it will just take time for the fire to burn. He said the only way to help would be to spread the materials but there is not room. Mr. Davis stated DEP just recommended keeping a close eye on the fire. Chairman Lockley asked if it is separated. Mr. Davis said the Division of Forestry cut a trench around the fire. He stated his department has been on fire watch.

Commissioner Jones stated he talked with the hauler, Mr. Richards, about the problem with his truck and it was actually a factory defect and some of the welds broke. He said this was not the hauler's fault and he is trying to catch up.

Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

2. The county's insurance carrier is handling the replacement of the roof at Weems Memorial Hospital. In order to stay within the insurance limitations for the repair, it would be beneficial for the county to allow for the debris from the demolition of the existing damaged roof to be accepted by the landfill without the assessment of tipping fees as this is a county owned building. **Board action** to agree to waive the tipping fees for the storm related roof demolition debris from the county owned Weems Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Moron asked Mr. Keith Bassett, Synergy, the insurance company's representative for the hospital roof to approach the Board. Mr. Bassett appeared before the Board. Chairman Lockley said they want to waive the tipping fees. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to waive the tipping fees for the storm related roof demolition debris from the county owned**

facility-Weems Memorial Hospital. Chairman Lockley asked for information about the roof. Mr. Bassett said the roof was sent out for bids, the bids have been reviewed and a contract for the roof and interior protection has been awarded. He explained the interior protection is because the substrate of the roof must come off. He reported they are trying to work with the Hospital CEO on a temporary facility which would make it safer for patients and staff while they are doing the roof project. He said they worked late yesterday trying to get the design finalized and trying to get approval from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for the temporary facility to be utilized during the roof project. Chairman Lockley stated this roof damage happened during the storm and should have already been fixed. Mr. Bassett said they will bring in a temporary medical facility so they can work quicker on the re-roof. Chairman Lockley asked if this temporary facility has been used before. Mr. Bassett answered yes. Chairman Lockley asked if they will do the job. Mr. Bassett answered yes. Chairman Lockley inquired how long it will take for the roof. Mr. Bassett responded 90 days start to finish. Chairman Lockley stated it is hurricane season again and asked if there is anything they can do to speed up the process. Attorney Shuler pointed out Mr. Bassett has indicated they are still going through the process of checking with AHCA to make sure this facility is AHCA approved. He said he assumes this also includes making sure the temporary relocation does not endanger the critical access designation. He said the Board must make the decision on how to proceed and how to maintain the facility. He stated as long as the two items are addressed then it is at the discretion of the Board on how they proceed with the roof replacement. He reported the Board is responsible for how the hospital is maintained and repaired. Attorney Shuler said the Board typically does this through their designees Mr. Moron and the CEO but the decision making authority rests with the Board. Attorney Shuler commented they should get information back from AHCA on the two questions and then they can make a decision. He questioned the time frame involved with getting answers to these questions. Mr. Bassett said AHCA estimated it will take 2 weeks and he told them they need an answer quicker than that. Attorney Shuler reported if AHCA is going to give an answer before the next Board meeting then if the Board wants the temporary facility they can approve it contingent upon approval by AHCA for the temporary facility and that the critical access designation will not be endangered by the temporary relocation of the hospital. He explained the critical access designation requires that they do not change the location of the hospital. Chairman Lockley said this communication has been going through the CEO but he needs to be addressing financial matters. He inquired about using Ms. Nikol Tschaepe for this project. Mr. Moron explained that is on his report later in the meeting and the Board will make a decision then but he wanted to bring up the tipping fee situation while Mr. Davis was present. Mr. Moron said the problem was there was a recommendation right after the storm but the CEO thought it was better to patch the roof and use the rest of the money towards the new facility. He reported this was not a good plan for the insurance company. Mr. Moron stated Mr. Bassett was able to get a modular building so the roof project will move faster. He expressed concern that the county could have a rainy week that will cause problems as they will be in the middle of a roofing project. Mr. Moron reported the CEO wanted to fix the roof in zones and move people around but he did not agree with this plan. He asked if everyone is on board with using the temporary facility. Mr. Bassett reported after last night's conversation with the CEO everyone has agreed.

Mr. Moron stated now that they are in agreement they can contact AHCA which as the Chairman said should have happened a long time ago. Mr. Bassett reported a temporary facility was mentioned to the CEO approximately two months ago. Mr. Moron stated he and Mrs. Griffith attended a meeting with Mr. Bassett and hospital administrative staff and they discussed this plan and they left the meeting thinking they had created a hybrid system they needed to tweak and the next week he received an email that they did not want to use it. Chairman Lockley said the CEO is good at what he does but he is not in the building department and someone else needs to be in this position. He stated the CEO can be involved but this is not his job. Chairman Lockley asked what will happen if a storm comes up and the roof is not fixed. Mr. Bassett stated there could be more interior damage and it could exceed the coverage limits of the building and equipment and patients could be negatively impacted. He reported fixing the roof is in the best interest instead of patching it. Chairman Lockley said it does not make sense to fix the inside of the building if the roof is leaking. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to proceed with the modular unit and based on health, safety and welfare the roof needs to be repaired based on recommendations from the insurance carrier contingent upon Attorney Shuler's comments on AHCA approval and not losing the critical access designation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt said they need to use professional skills like Mr. Bassett has to guide the process and get the roof repaired. He stated he hopes they prioritize the worst area that is damaging the interior of the building. He emphasized it is important for Mr. Bassett to be in control and command of this project. Chairman Lockley said the Board needs someone there working with the insurance company and the contractor. Mrs. Griffith asked Mr. Bassett to brief the Board on the items that were discussed at the bid award meeting about the product, warranty, slope of the roof and bringing the roof up to code. Mr. Bassett said when the bids were sent out it was very specific which helped to eliminate contractors that cannot do flat roofs. He explained they want the roof to be up to current code which it was not prior to the storm. Mr. Bassett reported the specifications require bringing the roof up to current code. He stated the roofing contractor that was selected uses a product called sarnafill that has a long history of use on roofs of medical facilities. He explained this product has a 20 year no dollar limit warranty as long as it is installed by a certified installer and the contractor CSF Roofing is certified. Mr. Bassett went on to say CSF Roofing also have a 5 year labor warranty to the roofing membrane. He explained all of these things are standard with flat roofs. Mr. Bassett reported the insulation will also be up to current code so the hospital will be more efficient with the use of the HVAC system. He explained the slope of the roof will be done so water will drain off the roof which it does not now. Chairman Lockley stated his understanding is when the work is done the insurance company pays all the bills. Mr. Bassett responded yes. Chairman Lockley asked if the county owes anything. Mr. Bassett stated the county will owe the insurance deductible. Chairman Lockley questioned if the insurance company is responsible if something happens. Mr. Bassett agreed they are responsible. Mrs. Griffith reported the hospital is currently insured for \$3 million and there is a 5% windstorm deductible. She stated the deductible on the new roof will be \$150,000 but FEMA will help with the deductible so the actual cost to the county will be \$18,750. Chairman Lockley expressed concern that the roof is still not on the facility. Mr. Bassett said the insurance provides a turnkey to recovery program

which Synergy manages and that is the construction side of the insurance. He reported he is a Senior Project Manager with Synergy under the current insurance plan the county is paying for. Chairman Lockley said the county needs someone working with Mr. Bassett. Mr. Moron asked Mr. Bassett to explain where the modular building will be in relation to access to the building. Mr. Bassett reported if you are facing the facility from the half circle drive it will be on the east side of the building where the current patient wing is. He explained there will be access to the patient wing and they will insolate this wing. He reported the lab will move into one of the rooms in this wing. He explained if the lab moves outside the building they must go through recalibrations which is a lengthy process so in order to avoid the delays they will keep the lab in the east wing. He said they will insolate the east wing and do everything else and then come back and do that wing. Mr. Bassett stated this will also allow them to use the patient rooms in the east wing. He explained there will be a walkway between the temporary facility and the hospital so anyone going back and forth is not exposed to the weather. He reported there will be a food kitchen trailer for staff to use on the east side or north side of the temporary facility. Mr. Bassett stated they will measure today to determine the best fit for the food kitchen trailer. Mr. Moron explained medical records will stay where they are and will be protected through the entire project. Mr. Bassett responded that is correct. Chairman Lockley asked about the wind code on the temporary building. Mr. Bassett said the building is built for the current wind load codes for this region and explained how it will be strapped down. Commissioner Jones reported that strapping is Class 3. Mr. Moron asked how the emergency room will work and questioned if there will be a separate ambulance entrance. Mr. Bassett reported there is a separate ambulance entrance built into the plan. He explained the front entrance of the temporary facility will face the parking lot and on the back left corner there is another door that they will use for ambulance entry. Mr. Bassett stated they will have a straight path down the hall to the emergency room portion of the building. Mr. Moron said they will take signage into consideration. Commissioner Boldt questioned how much they are paying in rent for the modular building. Mr. Bassett reported they are paying for the building. Mrs. Griffith said this is turnkey recovery. Chairman Lockley asked if this will take away from the roof. Mr. Bassett explained there are two different parts of the policy which are the scheduled limits portion which is directly to the building and then there is an extra expense endorsement which is items he needs to spend money on to make repairs. Mr. Bassett stated this temporary facility falls under the extra expense endorsement. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Lockley commented when AHCA says it is okay then they can go to work. Commissioner Parrish agreed that was the motion contingent upon the two approvals. Mrs. Griffith reported the insurance company through the turnkey recovery program will also make repairs to the recycling building but the hospital will be addressed first.

Mr. Davis clarified Double A is in Sebring and Triple A and Ozone's will travel to Liberty County.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell requested action on the following two action items:

Action Items:

Request the Board Approval & Signing of the IPAWS MOU.

Mrs. Brownell explained this is the federal Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) that scrolls across the television and takes over the air ways. She reported her department has taken all the classes and it does not cost the county anything but they must abide by their rules. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and sign the IPAWS MOU.**

Request the Board Approval & Signing of the 2019-2020 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant in the amount of \$105,806.00.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present,, it was agreed to approve and sign the 2019-2020 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant.

Information Items:

1. Franklin County EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag.
2. EOC Staff is updating our Special Needs Database to verify current information of our Special Needs Residents.
3. EOC Staff continues to submit request for reimbursements to FEMA for Hurricane Michael.
4. 06/20/19 FCEM Staff attended the Region 2 Meeting in Leon County.
5. Site Inspections have been and will continue to be performed on facilities throughout the county for FEMA Reimbursement Requests.

Commissioner Jones asked if they have heard about Verizon from the last meeting for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mr. Moron reported everything was approved and Attorney Shuler and Mr. Curenton sent this matter to the airport engineer, Avcon, to review to make sure they have a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) clearance waiver. He said they are waiting now and will proceed once the FAA clearance is received. Mr. Moron stated he can find out if they have started yet. Mr. Moron reported this is a tower company that represents Verizon and he requested they look at doing the same thing at the Sheriff's Department and they will look at that location as soon as they get the current location started. He stated these two locations will provide additional capacity and coverage in case of a storm. Commissioner Jones said at the last meeting they were in agreement this should be done as quick as possible. Mr. Moron said Avcon is working to get FAA approval.

Commissioner Boldt asked for an update on resolving the issue of the electrical wiring allegedly damaged on Miller Street in Lanark Village right by The Pearl Restaurant. He reported the

owner of the restaurant feels like this damage was done by one of the county's contractors. Mrs. Brownell said they do not know who the owner is to contact. She stated if this damage was done on Highway 98 then that is the state's responsibility. Mrs. Brownell reported the sign for the restaurant is on Highway 98. Commissioner Boldt said the electrical supply to the sign has not worked since the storm and the owner is concerned it was damaged during debris pickup. Mrs. Brownell stated she needs the owner's contact information and she would like to go out and look at it. Mr. Moron agreed to contact the state contractors. Mrs. Brownell reported the county contractors were on GPS so they can find out quick if the county's debris contractor picked up from this corner.

Commissioner Boldt questioned with regard to the tower preparation is there any consideration to mitigate the crossover talk on firenet. He said the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license is up to date so that gave them a pathway to file a complaint. Mr. Moron stated Williams Communications has been able to narrow down the crossover and has been in contact with that rescue in Georgia or Alabama to try and resolve it before filing a formal complaint with FCC. Mr. Moron agreed to check on this matter and email Commissioner Boldt an update. Commissioner Boldt inquired if the firenet signal antenna is attached to the Sheriff's tower now. Mr. Moron said he thinks it is a separate tower. Commissioner Boldt questioned the dysfunction or not of the tower at the Sheriff's property and should it be considered to be useful or dismantled. He explained Williams Communications said last year the tower could not be climbed and they could not service it. Mr. Moron reported before they decide anything they are looking at alternate sites. He explained there are two additional towers in Eastpoint and one at WOYS so Williams Communications is working with the owners to get the best deal and then they will present it to the Board to consider. He said they will also decide about removing the tower at the Sheriff's Department because the county cannot continue to have lightning strikes and pay for new consoles and the companies cannot guarantee this will not happen. He commented an alternate site in Eastpoint would be better.

Attorney Shuler asked Mrs. Brownell while they are looking into signage at the restaurant in Lanark Village they need to determine if it is in the right-of-way of the county or state and if it is in a county right-of-way was a building permit issued.

Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovstrand presented a short written report but had no action items for the Board.

County Extension Activities June 19 – July 2, 2019

General Extension Activities:

- Assisted local citizens with information regarding soil tests, pine beetle outbreaks, and citrus greening disease.
- Extension Director working with FDEP staff to clear building in preparation for renovation construction to begin in July.

- Provided one article for NW District Panhandle Outdoors Newsletter.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director provided required video training for oyster harvesters during last two weeks of June.

4-H Youth Development:

- Planning for upcoming Summer Camp sessions. Office Manager is getting campers and counselors registered in 4-H Online. Will be sending 47 youth and one adult chaperone to Camp Timpoochee on June 8th.
- Registering youth for 4-H University event in July and 4-H Executive Board conference.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant completing summer nutrition classes in the local schools.

The meeting was recessed at 10:03 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Josh Adams – ARPC – Presentation

Mr. Adams will present his proposal to NFWF National Coastal Resilience Fund for the living shoreline stability project along Highway 98.

Mr. Adams said he is here to introduce the Shoreline Habitats and Resilient Coasts (SHaRC) Project. He reported they have been working with DOT and the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve and now are here to show the results of the project and the next steps. He stated Mr. Rick Harter, Ecology and Environment, is present and has been working on the project for a number of years. Mr. Harter stated there is a lot of restoration money and federal money available for living shorelines. He explained that is to use natural habitats for ecological reasons and to reduce the amount of wave energy hitting the shorelines. Mr. Harter provided a power point presentation for the Board. He explained they looked at all the shorelines of the interior waters of Apalachicola Bay which is about 274 miles. He stated they did not look at the gulf side only the bay side. He explained they assessed where habitat is needed from an ecological and community resiliency aspect and where infrastructure is at risk from being damaged from erosion. Mr. Harter explained the factors used in determining the best areas. He reported they compiled the list into several tiers of priorities and there is a report ARPC just finished and the report was submitted to the funding source which is DEP using NOAA money. He explained this includes the top priority site and one second priority tier site. Mr. Harter reported the site between the Eastpoint Breakwater and Carrabelle beach is the general site. He stated there is a big opportunity and need on this site which they can tell from the road damage. He said they will do careful planning and make sure to address any concerns. Commissioner Boldt questioned the washed out road area at Alligator Point and why it is not the highest priority. Mr. Harter stated it is not showing up because it is on the gulf side and this

analysis is for the bay side. He reported if this analysis included the gulf side this area would have the top score. He stated the bay side of Alligator Point scored high also. Mr. Harter provided options for using natural habitats to protect the structures and the shoreline. He said the next step is getting the stakeholders involved with the county being a key stakeholder. Mr. Harter reported to start heading in this direction the county has submitted a request for a planning grant to hold stakeholder meetings and the county is waiting for a response as to whether the grant will be funded. He stated there are other funding opportunities and one commitment is DEP's Coastal Management Program that has offered \$125,000 to ARPC and they are in the process of going through the paperwork. He explained the plan is to get the property owners, stakeholders, DOT and the county together to decide what areas need habitat and what areas they do not want to change. He reported it should not be a continuous marsh along the whole area but there are some key areas where it might be appropriate. Mr. Harter said he understands there are concerns about this area becoming a nuisance if they create an oyster habitat and someone takes the oysters and gets sick. He felt this project could minimize the chance of this happening. He provided photographs of oysters near the shore and said this risk exists now. He stated this will be decided during planning but he suggested burying the rip rap and planting vegetation over the area which will make it look better and it will be safer. He explained the reefs that will be used to reduce the wave energy would be pushed further offshore. Mr. Harter said then the oysters would not be close to the shore but would be on the sub-tidal reefs offshore and less likely to be picked up. He said signage could be added if there are still concerns that oysters would be harvested in an unsafe way. He presented photographs of standard breakwaters and said in this project they would be striving for a more natural look. Mr. Harter stated they are at the point of holding stakeholder meetings and they look forward to working with the county to come up with a plan that meets the needs of all the stakeholders. He reported they could be ways to include other entities or groups. He said the Conservation Corp. of the Forgotten Coast could have a project associated with this work. Mr. Harter stated there could be ways to involve the seafood industry in building, maintaining, harvesting or being involved in the reef development or long term health of the reefs. He said this would not impact harvesting areas but it might increase the spat count and water quality to enhance the potential catch. He reported there are other potential funding sources such as the Coastal Resilience Fund with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) which is different from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund which is the Deepwater Horizon Fund. He stated the Coastal Resilience Fund has \$29 million nationwide but it focuses on areas impacted by storms. He pointed out this is a high priority area for them in general. Mr. Harter said there is a good chance of getting funding and the ARPC has submitted a pre-proposal for the process and NFWF liked the project enough that they invited them to submit a full proposal. He stated the \$125,000 in DEP money will be used to satisfy the match requirement for the NFWF funding if it comes through. He reported there was also a request from the Department of the Interior looking for projects that satisfied the goals of the Secretary of the Interior and ARPC put this forth as a project. Mr. Harter said this project has a good chance of receiving funding from some of the regional pots of money. He reported this project may also have some ecotourism points that he did not mention. Mr. Harter offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Massey asked how far this area is from the Carrabelle River. Mr. Harter said it would stop

before it got to Carrabelle Beach. He explained he knows there are plans to dredge the channel and build a marsh and this would dovetail in with it very well. He reported the sand that is in the channel has largely washed down the shoreline from this area. He explained if they could capture some of the sediment where it should be or potentially put some of it back then this project may help to keep the channel open longer and it would not have to be dredged so frequently. Mr. Moron asked if some of the spoil removed from the dredging project could be used for his project. Mr. Harter stated it could but he knows the Corp of Engineers (COE) already has a plan to build a marsh on the outside and he does not want to slow that project down. Mr. Moron said it would let them dredge more if it does not fill up their spoil site. Commissioner Jones stated the problem with Eastpoint Channel in particular is everything that is in the channel used to be on the side of the road between Carrabelle and Eastpoint so adding the living shorelines will help slow that action. Mr. Harter said they are both correct and if the COE runs into a situation where they cannot build the marsh and do not know where to put the fill he has a place for it. Commissioner Parrish stated they will not let them use the fill from the Eastpoint Channel for this project because it has to be contained in a certain place. He explained once the fill is out the COE is going to plant a marsh to keep it from filling in the channel. Commissioner Parrish stated he is not against this project but living shorelines can be done a number of different ways. He said he is worried about the oysters because if one person eats an oyster and gets sick those deaths count against the state and bring more federal regulations about how oysters can be harvested in Apalachicola Bay. He reported this issue can be addressed by proper signage saying the oysters are not fit for human consumption. Commissioner Parrish reported a lot of people mullet fish in these areas and asked how they will get across these reefs to fish. He said he knows DOT is in favor of this project and he is too but these issues need to be addressed when they are holding their five meetings. Commissioner Parrish stated he is not opposed to the project or building the type of living shoreline they can get along with but he does want the proper signage. He reported these living shorelines are also being done in other states. He said this will be an advantageous project to protect Highway 98. Mr. Harter agreed. Commissioner Parrish reported they must pay attention to what the public wants and expects. He stated the oyster issue is also a big issue. He said he does not have a problem with the Board writing a letter of support when it comes to getting funding. Commissioner Parrish reminded Mr. Harter these issues he presented must be addressed or he will try to persuade the Board to be against the project. He reported they need the proper signage and information from local fishermen so they can still access traditional fishing waters. Mr. Harter explained they want every stakeholder that has an interest to be involved in the conceptual design and preliminary design process. He stated he has plans to meet with Mr. Shannon Hartsfield later today and any other groups that have an interest in addition to the property owners. Commissioner Parrish reported they just did a living shoreline behind the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) building in Eastpoint and he brought up these same issues. He explained this is right behind their building and they agreed to provide oversight and make sure no oysters were harvested there because they are in a non-harvestable area. Commissioner Parrish said in the proposed area there will be no one to provide oversight which is a big concern. Mr. Harter reported the NFWF project that the ARPC is working on is due in the next few weeks and they would like to have a

letter of support from the Board. He explained the project is just for the preliminary design and includes additional stakeholder meetings above and beyond what they have asked for from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Commissioner Boldt asked if this will be money neutral for the county and if they are going to apply for funding and the county will enjoy the benefit. Mr. Harter stated that is correct. He explained this is the kind of project a lot of entities want to fund and he anticipates zero money coming from the county. He reported it will be plus dollars coming to the county from jobs and ecotourism. Commissioner Boldt asked for the timeframe involved with the project. Mr. Harter said it will be 2020 for the preliminary design and 2021 to finalize the design and permitting. He estimated it will be 2 years until there is any construction. Mr. Harter stated there will be plenty of time and they want a lot of stakeholder's input. He explained they want a design that meets everyone's needs. Chairman Lockley said it will be in the study period until then. He stated he does not like studies because it does not help people here work. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to send any letter of support they need to gain the funding to move the project forward so long as they listen to the items mentioned of the stakeholders input and proper signage incorporated into the project.** Commissioner Parrish said this project will be good for anyone that has to travel Highway 98. **Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Sarah Hibbard – ARPC – Presentation

Ms. Hibbard will present Apalachee Online that includes the County's new GIS Map.

Ms. Hibbard said she is happy to show the new GIS and mapping website for the Apalachee region including Franklin County. She said she will go over the functionality of the website and how it is organized and some examples of Franklin County's interactive maps. She stated the four categories the maps are organized by which are Explore, Learn, Plan & Invest and County by County. She explained the first three categories allow users to explore by a certain topic and the last category allows them to explore by area. Ms. Hibbard said there is a data download page that allows people to explore some of the open data websites she used to make these maps as well as contact the ARPC for information that they might not be able to find on these open data websites. She presented Franklin County's page and said it holds the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), the existing land use map, demographics map and a utilities water systems map. She demonstrated the features of each map. Ms. Hibbard explained the maps are for reference use and not to be used for any major decision making. Commissioner Boldt stated this is an overview of the zoning categories and this is important as they deliberate zoning changes in the county. He said this is the baseline at the beginning of the decisions of the zoning process and it appears to be very valuable. Ms. Hibbard reported she did get the maps from the county and has not made any changes. Commissioner Boldt asked if these maps are being overlaid with GIS technology. Ms. Hibbard answered yes. Ms. Hibbard said the utilities water systems map does not have every water system in the county but there are very detailed maps of Alligator Point and St. George Island as well as some service areas for the county. She explained the map of Alligator Point was so detailed they were even able to organize it by pipe diameter. She said it also shows potable water and septic tank locations. Mr. Moron inquired

if other water and sewer districts could be added if they were able to get her the maps. Ms. Hibbard replied yes. Commissioner Parrish asked to include a link to this program on the county website. Mr. Moron reported it is already there. Commissioner Parrish reported this will be beneficial to a lot of people and they need to let people know it is there. He suggested the newspaper do a story about this resource. Mr. Moron pointed out the link goes straight to the Franklin County maps. Commissioner Boldt stated when people are considering buying property here the first thing they should do is take their realtor and go the Planning & Building Department to talk about what the basis of planning is to buy the property. He said this link may be something to encourage the public to use and realtors working with their clients. Mr. Moron reminded the Board this is the contract Commissioner Jones and Attorney Shuler have been working on with ARPC and it is worth it. Chairman Lockley agreed and said Ms. Hibbard is doing a good job. Ms. Hibbard explained the whole project was funded by the DEO Technical Assistance Grant and with the Interlocal agreement they can add more Franklin County maps to the website. Mr. Moron directed Ms. Hibbard on how to access the maps on franklincountyflorida.com and she offered a demonstration for the Board. Commissioner Boldt said it is important that the user of the website understands how to use this tool. He asked if there is a tutorial built into this program. Ms. Hibbard said not yet but she can make one. Commissioner Boldt stated that would be good so it is as user friendly as possible. Mr. Moron reported Mr. Royce Rolstad created a tutorial for online permitting and he will probably do the same thing for this. Mr. Moron asked what other features they should add. Ms. Hibbard reported Leon County has a school district locator map, Commissioner's district maps and a map of infrastructure projects that are being done. Mr. Moron asked Ms. Hibbard to contact the county if she thinks of an item they could add and he will bring it to the Board. Commissioner Boldt inquired if they could identify oyster beds that are not-viable. Ms. Hibbard said she can do it as long as she has the information. Commissioner Massey reported FWC produces charts with oyster beds on them. Ms. Hibbard stated she can add a link to the charts or add it as a layer to one of the maps. Chairman Lockley said there is nothing on the oyster beds. Commissioner Boldt explained there are people that want to restore the oyster beds. Mr. Moron agreed to discuss how to add the charts with Ms. Hibbard. Commissioner Jones reported this is the first roll out of what they are doing. He stated under Attorney Shuler's report they will address doing a contract with ARPC and they can add information and the information is kept up to date. Commissioner Boldt asked who pays for this project. Ms. Hibbard said in the beginning DEO funded the website and ARPC is going into phase 2 and reaching out to specific municipalities and doing the FLUM for them. She explained they will keep updating the website and have Interlocal agreements with the counties if they are interested in doing more. Chairman Lockley stated Ms. Hibbard did a good job and this is good information.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Court – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report at this time.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron stated Mr. Pierce is not here so he will present his report, as follows:

1- Inform the Board that USACOE personnel met with Commissioner Jones, Michael Moron, and Alan on June 19 in Eastpoint to review the Eastpoint Channel project. Commissioner Massey could not make the meeting but we informed him of the outcome by telephone. During the week of June 24-28, the USACOE returned to the Channel and took core borings to determine the amount of material to be dredged from the channel. The disposal area will be a 26 acre marsh to be created on the outside of the breakwater. The breakwater will have a hard border so that the spoil does not drift back into the channel. On paper the channel is 100 feet wide by 8 feet deep, from Barbers Seafood on the east to the county boat ramp on the west, and then the T going out into the open waters of the Bay. The USACOE believes it can accomplish the dredging with the money authorized by Congress, which is \$2M, so at this time the Corps does not need any of the county's Consortium funds for the Eastpoint project.

The Corps does not have a congressional allocation to dredge the Two Mile Channel so for that they will need Consortium funds. During the week of June 24-28 they assessed the Two Mile Disposal area and will report back to the county staff regarding what they think it will take to get that ready for re-use. The most likely scenario is for the county to provide the Corps the funds and let the Corps be in charge of hiring a contractor to rebuild the Two Mile Disposal site, and we would use Consortium funds to do that. The Board has previously indicated the ARPC will be the managing agent for Consortium projects so the Board needs to complete the contract with the ARPC.

The Corps thinks it is realistic to be dredging the Eastpoint Channel within 12 months, which would be June of 2020, and then follow with the dredging of the Two Mile Channel while the dredge is in the area.

Commissioner Parrish stated if ARPC is going to be the managing agent for the Consortium projects then they need to get the contract finished and ARPC needs to attend the Consortium meetings along with him. He explained they only have one year to get the Two Mile Channel site ready for dredging. Commissioner Parrish questioned if the funds would be moved to ARPC and then the COE. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to finish the contract with ARPC and get them on board and make sure they are at the next Consortium meeting and every meeting from here on out so they know what is happening with the Consortium and how they can put all this together and make it work.** Commissioner Parrish stated they need to get the money to the COE so they can rehab the disposal site for the Two Mile Channel. He explained they have the money to do the Eastpoint Channel and while they are here with the dredge they want to address the Two Mile Channel. Commissioner Parrish said they have been receiving complaints about the channel so they need to move forward on this. **Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include the County Attorney. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked if they should apply for both the COE and Consortium for funds for the Two Mile Channel. Commissioner Jones explained in talking with the COE what is different is these two projects were in the State Expenditure Plan (SEP) to be done with Consortium funds and now the federal government has given the COE \$2 million to do the Eastpoint Channel. Chairman Lockley said the money was there before Hurricane Katrina and then the money went away and was used for that area. Commissioner Parrish reported the Chairman is talking about applying to Congress or the Consortium. Chairman Lockley agreed he

wants to apply to both. Commissioner Parrish explained the county has applied for 10 years to Congress to do the Eastpoint Channel but they cannot wait any longer since they want to do it next year. He agreed both projects were originally to be done with Consortium funds but Congress allocated money for the Eastpoint Channel but did not allocate money for the Two Mile Channel. Commissioner Parrish said the money for the Two Mile Channel will come from the Consortium. Chairman Lockley explained if they apply to the COE and congress it should not hold up the project. Commissioner Parrish reported Congress did not allocate any money for the Two Mile Channel so it will be next year before they can apply. Chairman Lockley questioned if applying to both will hold up the BP money. Mr. Moron said it should not. He stated Chairman Lockley wants to apply to Congress as a backup. He agreed to talk with Mr. Pierce about this matter when he returns. Mr. Moron reported they will make sure the Consortium is a priority and they are seeking money from there. Chairman Lockley stated they will automatically get the money from the Consortium but if Congress provides some money then the Consortium money can be used somewhere else. Mr. Moron explained if the Board goes to the Consortium and they approve the project then it is moving forward. He reported the disadvantage with Congress is the dredge equipment will not be able to sit and wait because it will be more expensive. Chairman Lockley said it will not hurt to put in an application with both. Commissioner Parrish commented they need to get the disposal area ready now and that will need to be taken out of the Consortium funds. Mr. Moron asked if they are authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract once Attorney Shuler approves it. Commissioner Parrish answered yes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

2- Inform the Board that Alan did not reach an agreement with the owner of the property at the intersection of Tom Roberts and Alligator Drive regarding the acquisition of a path to straighten out the curve going on to Tom Roberts. After consulting with Mr. Shuler on the risks associated with an eminent domain proceeding, Alan has advised Dewberry Engineers that the road will have to be built back in its original configuration. The main risk is that Mr. Shuler believes it is possible a judge would rule the county would have to acquire the entire parcel, and not just a right of way. Alan had intended to use funds out of the Bald Point Trust Fund to pay for a right of way, but there is not enough money in the trust fund to pay for the entire parcel, which also has a house. The owner of the property has advised Alan that he has sentimental value to the property and does not want to sell any of it. Commissioner Boldt may have additional comments.

Commissioner Boldt reported he had a phone conversation with the property owner and said he would approach his needs and try to help him get through some of the dysfunction he perceives has happened in the past with his property relative to the washed out road never being sealed. He said he has favor with the property owner to have these discussions to try to purchase some property and facilitate landscaping and access. Commissioner Boldt stated he has learned that the property owner has property that is useful to the Alligator Point Water Resources District so he would not discount this now. Commissioner Boldt said he, Dewberry and Mr. Pierce need to develop a plan of care pictorial and a proposal for him to look at. He stated he would like to get this moving in the next week or two. Attorney Shuler explained the risk involved with looking at purchasing a portion of the parcel for access purposes is that they

may have to pay damages for the diminution in value on the remainder parcel. He said the worst case scenario is the county is successful in getting and paying for the corridor portion but has to pay damages for the remainder parcel which they do not get ownership of in addition to payment of attorney's fees. Attorney Shuler reported the combination of all these factors is why Mr. Pierce made this decision and he believes this is the correct recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Boldt stated they may be able to reach out before they get into that process and that is what he wants to do if they can. Attorney Shuler agreed that is a positive action. Chairman Lockley asked how much time they will need. Commissioner Boldt said they will be opening Request for Proposals soon. Mr. Kennedy responded the RFP's will be opened in August. Commissioner Boldt stated that will give them 30 days now to work on it. Mr. Kennedy explained the county has a window of opportunity to work on this if the property owner is amenable to something that is proposed. He reported the construction drawings are in the process of being completed now not including the property owner's land. Mr. Kennedy said they could drag this into September or October before they start construction and they may be able to do a change order to change the curvature of the road. He advised the Board at some point in construction they will not be able to make any changes. Commissioner Boldt agreed it is a short window but he would like Mr. Kennedy to give him a scenario of how it will look to show the property owner. Mr. Kennedy agreed to work with Commissioner Boldt on how this will look.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron read his report, as follows:

1. At your June 18th meeting the Board directed me to schedule a Workshop to discuss the new facility construction project at Weems Memorial. After conferring with the necessary attendees and reviewing the available dates for this meeting room, the best and soonest date is Monday July 8th at 2:00 p.m. (ET). Scheduled to attend is the Clerk's Finance Office, Mr. Joe Bynum (TRO Jung | Brannen, the project's architect), SheNeena Forbes (USDA), H. D. Cannington (CEO) along with the Weems Board of Directors, and Dr. Conrad (ER Doctor). Unfortunately, Mr. Nick Hill (Adams Consulting) is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, however he would like to schedule a conference call with staff, prior to the workshop, to be updated on the project and offer any assistance that he can. The main purpose of the workshop is to decide a budget and a scope for the new facility construction project. **Board action** to authorize this workshop.

Mr. Moron pointed out this is a public workshop so the public is welcome to attend. Attorney Shuler informed the Board he cannot attend on July 8th. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize this workshop.**

2. The Board addressed this item earlier in the meeting.
3. At your last meeting I asked the Board to consider providing me with some assistance with my role as County Liaison to Weems Memorial. As I explained at the last meeting, there are

multiple Weems facility capital projects, such as the replacement roof on the current hospital building, that requires direct Board supervision, so the Board suggested that I present a proposal at this meeting. I propose that the Board authorize a change in the current status of the Interim Plant Operations Director, Ms. Nikol Tschaepe, from an employee that is supervised by the Hospital CEO and Board of Directors, to an independent contractor that reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners and me. She will remain the hospital's Plant Operation Director, therefore collaborating with the Hospital CEO regarding facility and safety issues and her other current duties. On special capital projects, Ms. Tschaepe will also coordinate with the appropriate architects, contractors, etc., and will serve as the Assistant County Liaison to Weems, which may include attending Directors meetings and assisting me with issues beyond plant operations. Mr. Joe Bynum, your architect of record for the new facility project, sent an email stating that based on his review of her education and work experience, she could fill the role of the USDA Project Representative (attached) for the new facility project. I feel the USDA requirements are equal to or exceeds any other project that Ms. Tschaepe would be overseeing for the county. I have forwarded this email along with other pertinent information to Attorney Shuler with the anticipation that the Board will proceed with this request today and a contract would be completed and signed before the July 8th workshop. As it relates to the contract amount, her current salary at Weems is \$55,000 plus benefits, so I recommend a one-year contract for \$60,000, with a second-year renewal clause. This contract should be funded from the Weems **Operational funds**, not from the Capital Reserves funds, that Weems receives from the Health Care One Cent Sales Tax. Furthermore, I suggest that this Board sends a directive to the Hospital CEO, that a similar hospital employee position is not created or funded. If the Board proceeds with this proposal today, a separate motion is needed to authorize Mr. Bynum to send Ms. Tschaepe's information to USDA for their approval, to allow her to serve as the Project Representative. **Board discussion/action.**

Ms. Nikol Tschaepe appeared before the Board. She said she has a vested interest in the community and is happy to serve in whatever roles she can. Chairman Lockley asked if Ms. Tschaepe is good with the proposal. Ms. Tschaepe said she has not read it all but in theory yes. Chairman Lockley stated he would like to see this done because the buildings belong to Franklin County and it is up to the county to keep up the buildings. **Commissioner Boldt made a motion to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones said there will still be an approval coming from USDA. Mr. Moron answered yes. Attorney Shuler explained it is not just the USDA but he is working with AHCA through the law firm for Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) and they have identified a correct contact person at AHCA. He reported he is working with them to make sure there are no AHCA barriers to the Plant Manager for the Hospital being under the supervision of the Board of County Commissioners and not the CEO. He stated he is not anticipating a problem but would like to get a response back from USDA and AHCA. Chairman Lockley reported the county needs someone to focus on the building with building knowledge and report back to the Board. Chairman Lockley said it is storm season and work has been done in the hospital but the roof is not fixed and it could rain in on the work that has been done. Commissioner Parrish asked if the motion should be contingent on the two comments Attorney Shuler made. The Board agreed it should. Mr. Moron stated Mr. Joe Bynum, architect, feels confident this will not be a problem with USDA. Mr. Moron said Mr.

Bynum would like them to approve Ms. Tschaepe's contract and then send it to USDA. Mr. Moron reported they need to authorize Attorney Shuler to move forward with Ms. Tschaepe's contract and negotiations. Commissioner Boldt stated he sees Ms. Tschaepe as being specifically accountable to the Board and not confused about who she receives direction from which is the Board. He reported she should be put in the lineup of the directors of departments that come to the meetings every other Tuesday and provide good project specific information. He stated she will be facilitating and working with the architect and planning for the potential new building. Attorney Shuler explained department heads are county employees and this person will be an independent contractor. Mr. Moron clarified Commissioner Boldt wants to receive a report on whatever projects are going on. Commissioner Boldt said this is not adversarial but just for keeping everyone informed. Commissioner Massey stated if they cannot come up with a price for the hospital then Ms. Tschaepe should think of an urgent care. Chairman Lockley advised Ms. Tschaepe to tell them if she thinks there is a problem and do not wait to report it. Ms. Tschaepe agreed she will be very direct. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Moron asked for a second motion to authorize Mr. Bynum to forward the information to USDA so Ms. Tschaepe can serve in the role of Project Representative. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Mr. Bynum to forward the information to USDA so Ms. Tschaepe can serve in the role of Project Representative.** Attorney Shuler said Mr. Moron wanted the contract ready before the July 8th workshop but he is not sure they will have an answer back from both USDA and AHCA. Chairman Lockley suggested the contract be ready as soon as possible after he receives the information from USDA and ACHA. He asked if Ms. Tschaepe can be working in the meantime. Attorney Shuler said not based on the Board's motion because she was appointed to this role subject to approval from USDA and AHCA. He said she will assume the new duties once they receive agency approval. He stated she may have a temporary interim role prior to that and he will look into it.

4. Attached to my report is a copy of the CareerSource Gulf Coast 2019-2020 budget. Mrs. Kim Bodine, CareerSource Gulf Coast's Executive Director, has explained at prior meetings that it is a State requirement to present the budget to all of the counties served by her agency every year. There is a significant increase in her budget, over 300%, due to the funding for the WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants. This is the program that has allowed residents that lost their jobs or are otherwise displaced due to Hurricane Michael to be hired and placed in jobs that assist Franklin, Gulf and Bay counties along with the cities located in each of those counties. **Board action** to approve CareerSource Gulf Coast's 2019-2020 budget.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve CareerSource Gulf Coast's 2019-2020 budget. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley asked how long this program lasts. Mr. Moron commented when he asks they always say until the money runs out. He explained the Courthouse has two workers and the Parks & Recreation has quite a few workers and it is helpful. Mr. Moron stated he asked the local office to let him know when there is 60-90 days of funding left so he can inform the Board. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

5. Mrs. Kim Bodine has also requested that the Board re-appoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to another three-year term on the CareerSource Gulf Coast Workforce Board representing the private sector. Mr. Mosteller current term expired yesterday; however, he meets the state and federal law for membership and has expressed an interest in continuing his service on this board.
Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to another three-year term on the CareerSource Gulf Coast Workforce Board representing the private sector.

6. As I explained at your May 21st meeting, Mr. Mark Curenton, your County Planner would be working on the updated Land Use Plan for the Fort Coombs Armory and the surrounding property, which is required every ten years. The updated plan states that the building will be used as it has been for the past ten years and the county will continue to seek funding to bring the building up to current codes. Attached to my report is the updated plan. **Board action** to approve and submit to the State the updated Land Use Plan for Fort Coombs Armory and the surrounding property.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve and submit to the State the updated Land Use Plan for Fort Coombs Armory and the surrounding property. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley asked if the Governor allocated any money for the Armory. Mr. Moron answered no. He stated they are working with USDA about a possible grant. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

7. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
8. The Board handled this item at the beginning of the meeting.
9. Informed the Board that I received a two-week notice of resignation from one of the Planning and Zoning permit clerks. Due to the current staff shortage in that office, I proceeded with advertising the vacant position to other county offices and I concurrently advertised the vacancy on the county's website and in The Times. The deadline for application submission is Thursday July 11th. **Board action** to ratify advertising the vacant position, both with county departments and as a public advertisement.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify advertising the vacant position, both with county departments and as a public advertisement.

10. Attached to my report are documents from Ms. Portia Sapp, Director of the Division of Aquaculture of Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. These documents "have been generated as part of the review process for new aquaculture lease applications submitted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Aquaculture." The Department is currently processing the applications as required by Chapter

253, Florida Statutes. The county has the opportunity to provide comments on and/or to concur with or object to the proposed projects by email or mail before July 20, 2019. These comments will be used in the Department's evaluation of the proposed applications and activities and the proposed project may be modified as processing of the applications proceeds. Forward me your comments before July 20th so they could get to Ms. Sapp in time.

11. As the Board may be aware the Florida Legislature appropriated \$65 million of the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) for the SHIP-eligible local governments affected by Hurricane Michael. Of that \$65 million Franklin County is scheduled to receive \$1.235 million. Currently, Ms. Lori Switzer is working with Florida Housing on finalizing a Funding Agreement and local strategies that will allow the county to spend these funds. Ms. Switzer plans to be at your first meeting in August to seek Board action for the approval of the agreement and strategies. She may contact you individually to discuss this project further before then.

Chairman Lockley asked if they can work on trailers under this program. Mr. Moron answered yes, that is what they are asking the state to do. Attorney Shuler reported he has already approved the contract Ms. Switzer submitted to him. He explained there are some blank spaces in the contract for her to create some local policies which is what Mr. Moron is referring to. Chairman Lockley stated this would be a good thing since SHIP was not working on trailers before. Mr. Moron explained if they can get the state to approve this there will not be any restrictions about the cities so they could replace mobile homes within the cities which they have not been able to do in the past. Chairman Lockley asked if this grant is because of the storm and then it will be over. Mr. Moron responded yes.

12. Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on a Certificate of Acceptance (COA) form for a \$45,574.00 Office of Criminal Justice Grant for the Sheriff's Office Drug Investigations Officer. The document was overdue at the State Office and prevented the Sheriff's Finance Office from proceeding with the grant and accessing the funds. **Board action.**

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on a Certificate of Acceptance (COA) form for a \$45,574.00 Office of Criminal Justice Grant for the Sheriff's Office Drug Investigations Office.

13. Inform the Board that the Chairman, Mrs. Pam Brownell (Emergency Management Director), I met with Ms. Catherine Stempfen, President of Duke Energy Florida and Danny Collins, Duke's Community Relation Specialist to discuss storm preparations, exchange information, and review concerns. Representatives from each city and the Chamber of Commerce also attended the meeting. One concern I expressed to the Duke representatives is, in case of any major outages to the County, the number one priority is to restore power to Weems Memorial as there is not a generator that will run the entire facility. We also discussed new possible staging areas, the importance of Duke representatives during recovery at EOC, and the importance of two way communication.

Chairman Lockley stated the Carrabelle Clinic has a generator but the other one does not. Mr. Moron clarified the Health Department in Carrabelle has a generator but the Clinic in Carrabelle does not. Commissioner Massey stated they need to apply for a grant to get a generator. He said they still do not have a cleaning person for Weems East. Mr. Moron agreed to address this item. Mrs. Griffith reported Mrs. Brownell may be able to help with a hazard mitigation grant for a generator. Chairman Lockley asked why no one is cleaning there. Commissioner Massey said he is not sure but there has not been anyone there cleaning for a long time. He reported it is not right for the doctors and nurses to have to clean the building. Chairman Lockley agreed and said that is part of public safety.

14. Currently, Commissioner Jones serves as the County's representative on ARPC's Transportation Disadvantage local coordinating board. There is a vacant seat on that Board for another appointee, so is the Board willing to appoint another Commissioner to that vacant seat in case Commissioner Jones is unable to attend one of the quarterly meetings? **Board discussion/action.**

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Commissioner Boldt to the ARPC Transportation Disadvantage local coordinating board. Commissioner Jones stated this is an alternate position.

15. For Board information, staff received a June 28th FDOT press release that states *"Drivers will encounter traffic disruptions on the following state roads in the Big Bend area as crews perform construction and maintenance activities. In preparation for the Independence Day Holiday weekend, there will be no lane closures or other activities that impede traffic on state roads from 9 a.m. CST Wednesday, July 3 to 12:01 a.m. CST Monday, July 8."* One of the state roads referred to in the quote is U.S. 98 in Franklin County.
16. Inform the Board that Bay scallop season started yesterday, July 1st and will continue until Tuesday September 24th. FWC asked that scallop shells are not discarded in inshore water commonly used for recreational activities. For additional information on bag limits and other regulations visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" then the "Crabs, Shrimp and Shellfish" tab.

Chairman Lockley asked where they scallop in Franklin County. Commissioner Massey said in front of Lanark Village all the way to Alligator Point. Commissioner Parrish stated Gulf County's scallop season opens in August. Chairman Lockley asked if you need a license. Commissioner Massey stated a saltwater license.

Commissioner Boldt asked if they can invite the USDA and AHCA to the meeting on July 8th. Mr. Moron stated USDA was invited and they will try to attend and he will get with Attorney Shuler and contact AHCA.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler presented his report for the Board, as follows:

ACTION ITEM

1. ARPC Contract for RESTORE services and GIS mapping services – needs chairman signature.

In April 2019, the Board approved consideration of two contracts with ARPC. The RESTORE services contract and the GIS mapping contract.

The RESTORE contract is for Pot 3 funds, the Gulf Consortium funds. The county's obligation to pay ARPC for its services is limited to our RESTORE funds. The County can cancel the contract without cause or liability upon 30 days written notice an exclusive venue for any dispute related to the contract shall be in Franklin County.

The GIS contract is for annual services to assist Franklin County with its GIS mapping needs. The annual contract is limited to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per year. The County can cancel the contract without cause or liability upon 30 days written notice an exclusive venue for any dispute related to the contract shall be in Franklin County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the chairman's signature on the two contracts with ARPC for Pot 3 RESTORE services and GIS mapping service.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the GIS mapping contract and authorize Chairman Lockley to sign the contract.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **SIGI Overlay Matter – C4 Residences with no commercial uses**

Approximately two month ago, myself and Mr. Curenton were contacted by a representative of group of property owners on St. George Island, Florida. These properties consist of the shotgun houses there which are exclusively residential with no commercial retain on the first floor and are commonly rented out for transient rental purposes. I have referred to such structures as "C4 Residences" as a convenience.

These C4 Residential properties are all located with the recently adopted overlay area on the island, which consists of the land located between 3rd Street East and 3rd Street West and comprises the "commercial district" on the island.

The "Overlay District" requires that all C4 properties shall have a first floor consisting of commercial uses.

Currently, all of the C4 Residences are grandfathered in. Their concern is that if their C4 Residential structures are destroyed or damaged by more than 50% of their fair market value that they may lose their grandfathering status and be required to have first floor commercial uses, instead of the first floor transient rental and/or residential uses that they are currently making of those properties.

Attached is a map drawn by Mr. Curenton showing the location of the C4 Residential structures at issue. Generally speaking, they are the area shown in blue.

What these property owners are requesting is that you consider holding a public hearing to amend the "Overlay District" so that their current C4 Residential Structures can be rebuilt with purely residential/transient rental uses with no first-floor commercial uses.

I wanted the board to be made aware of this request formally.
Myself and staff will continue to consider this matter.

3. Apalachicola Airport – Lease renewal

A final draft of the proposal will be completed and sent to Centric this week for their consideration.

After discussion, I am going to change the proposed termination provision as follows: For the purchase of capital equipment, Franklin County will have the option of either purchasing the equipment at its then fair market value or Centric can take it with them. As to capital improvement to the FBO building, they become integrated into the building and become the property of Franklin County. Any commercial fixture which is easily removed and furnishing shall remain the property of Centric Aviation or the county can elect to purchase it at its then fair market value.

4. Apalachicola Airport – T-Hanger Rental Collection Matter

We have determined that quite a number of the T-Hanger were constructed over 20 years ago and the grant conditions limited rentals as to them has expired. There were three difference construction phases for T-hangers, so staff continues to work on determining exactly which T-Hangers are older than 20 years and which are not.

5. Juan Gil vs. Franklin County (ADA Website Accessibility Lawsuit)

A response to the lawsuit is due 7/2/19. The County's insurance company decline coverage, so I am preparing the response to the lawsuit. That response will be a motion to dismiss the lawsuit based on Plaintiff's lack of standing, the "primary jurisdiction" doctrine (DOJ has not adopted formal rules, and court should abstain from acting until DOJ adopts formal rulemaking) and violation of Franklin County's right to due process and fundamental fairness in circumstances when the DOJ has not adopted rulemaking and the county has no legal duty to comply with an formal set of website accessibility rules.

6. Alan Feffier Public Record Request

Mr. Feiffer has made a public record request to Weems Hospital which essentially relates to the possible construction of a new hospital and inquired about an allegedly closed finance committee meeting. I am working with Mr. Cannington and Mr. Moron on these matters.

7. Animal Control Ordinance (2017-7)

On June 18, 2019, a discussion was held concerning whether dogs could run at large on the public beach subject to voice control.

I have reviewed the ordinance and am working with your Animal Control department to develop a formal response to the board, as directed.

My initial opinion is that the general rule is that animals must not run at large and must be on a leash. There are exceptions to that general rule for activities such as training, sporting events, hunting during season in an area in which dogs are authorized, etc.

In my opinion, those exceptions exclude individuals who are just walking their dogs on the public beach.

The exact language in the ordinance concerning "Direct Control" is reproduced below:

"Direct control" means immediate, continuous physical control of a dog at all times such

as by means of a leash, cord, or chain of such strength to humanely restrain the dog, and controlled by a person capable of restraining the dog, or humane safe and secure restraint within a vehicle. If the controlling person is at all times fully and clearly within unobstructed sight and hearing of the dog, voice control shall be considered direct control only when the dog is actually participating in training or in official showing, obedience, or field event. Direct control shall not be required of dogs actually participating in a legal sport in an authorized area or to government police dogs.”

An issue that appears to be relevant is education of visitors to our areas of what the ordinance requires. Perhaps we could consider having the TDC print and distribute education brochures outlining the ordinance.

8. Dog Cases Dismissed (two)

After discussion with Mr. Fonda Davis, the Animal Control director, the following two dog cases have been recently dismissed by Franklin County.

- a. Franklin County vs. Brandis Paul
- b. Franklin County vs. Myron Stitt

Attorney Shuler said he has also presented informational items and asked if the Board has any questions. Commissioner Jones clarified for the public the current Animal Control Ordinance as it relates to dogs does have a leash law. Attorney Shuler agreed this is correct. Commissioner Jones explained the voice command provision is probably never going to be incurred at one of the county’s public beaches. He stated if it is okay with the Board he would like to take this issue to TDC and maybe do an informational campaign to make sure everyone knows there is a leash law for the public beaches. Attorney Shuler said that is an excellent suggestion. Chairman Lockley stated he is hoping they use this because voice command is good but does not always work. Commissioner Boldt reported the county is pet friendly but the leash is tangible and they can see it. Commissioner Jones asked if the Board needs to vote on him taking this to TDC. Attorney Shuler advised if he wants support of the Board a motion would be appropriate but as Chairman of the TDC he has the authority to take this to TDC and bring it back to the Board for consideration. Attorney Shuler reported this is would be an educational campaign. Chairman Lockley discussed mailing information. Commissioner Jones stated TDC also has an expanding email for people that visit so they can do an email blast. Attorney Shuler clarified the county absolutely has a leash law that is a general rule of law in Franklin County. He explained there are some limited exceptions that allow voice control but those limited exceptions do not apply to the public beach and he highlighted the exceptions.

Commissioners’ Comments

Mr. David Adlerstein, The Apalachicola Times, said he thinks Commissioner Parrish’s suggestion about an article on the GIS is good and he will probably do an article.

Commissioner Boldt congratulated Commissioner Jones on the attributes he received at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) conference. He stated Commissioner Jones is a certified County Commissioner graduate like the other Commissioners that are advance graduates and he plans on doing the same thing.

Commissioner Boldt stated it was remarkable that everyone tapped Commissioner Jones to be on the Board for FAC.

Commissioner Boldt said he would like to reinforce Commissioner Parrish's plea to be self sufficient if you stay during a storm. He reported if a mandatory evacuation is issued for the county it needs to be obeyed because of the threat to their safety and emergency personnel.

Commissioner Jones said the Double AA team was playing this morning and lost to Avon Park. He stated they are still in second place and will advance to the World Series.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts