# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on August 13, 2019 and August 20, 2019.

## **Payment of County Bills**

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

Erik Lovestrand – 4-H Photogarphy Club – Recognition of State 4-H Photography Contest Awards

Mr. Lovestrand said he appreciates the opportunity to recognize some of the 4-H youth and their volunteer club leader. He said they have accomplishments at the state level in photography. He introduced the following 4-H youth and they appeared with their posters: Alex Peterson, Addison Cruz, Shawn Gray, John Leonard, Ritchie Leonard, and Carl Wilhite. He stated their club leader is Ms. Michelle Gray. Mr. Lovestrand explained this club is called

Making Strides Franklin County 4-H Club. He stated the club was established in 2015 and at that time it was a horse club but they have broadened their programs and activities. He reported they have participated in a lot of state events and camp programs in addition to being involved with the International Coastal Clean-up and other community events. Mr. Lovestrand stated they have been developing their photography skills and their club leader has a knack and interest in this area. Mr. Lovestrand said the club started the process by hosting a county wide photography contest in Franklin County and individuals who won a blue ribbon in that competition were able to submit their photographs to the State 4-H Photography Competition. He read the list of awards that were won at the state level. Mr. Lovestrand said this does not happen without leadership and Mrs. Gray has done outstanding work. Chairman Lockley stated the Board is proud of the youth and this work will follow them and help them in life. He encouraged them to continue to do good work. Commissioner Boldt said this is an opportunity to show what they created. He complimented the staff and counselors that have mentored them over this time. He thanked them for bringing a happy time to the Board meeting. Mr. Lovestrand informed the Board he has a phone conference and needs to leave but he does not have any items in addition to his report. Commissioner Massey thanked Mr. Lovestrand for doing a good job.

# County Extension Activities September 4 – September 17, 2019

#### General Extension Activities:

- The renovation project on the future home of the Extension Office should be starting this week.
- Extension Director participated in Friends of the Reserve Board meeting. Plans are being finalized for the Reserve's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event during September.
- Extension Director participated in the ACF Stakeholders Apalachicola Caucus bimonthly conference call in preparation for upcoming Governing Board meeting in Eufaula.
- Extension Director participated in planning committee for the County Extension Director In-service training workshop that will be held in October in Gainesville.

# Sea Grant Extension:

• Extension Director attended the yearly Florida Sea Grant Program meeting in Brevard County. On-going programing from across the state was discussed, along with direction for the future. With the recent passing FL Sea Grant Director Dr. Karl Havens, and the position change for former Associate Director Dr. Marty Main, faculty search committees will be seeking to fill these two leadership positions.

#### 4-H Youth Development:

• \*\*\*SPECIAL RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITY\*\*\* Franklin County's 4-H Photography club received 15 awards recently, including 4 first place awards in the statewide 4-H photography contest. They are being recognized during today's BOCC meeting for this achievement by County Extension Director Lovestrand and the Board.

# Family Consumer Sciences:

- Extension Director and the Franklin County FNP Program Assistant met with the regional FNP Specialist who will be working with us locally to implement on-site school projects that demonstrate changes in policies, systems or environments for youth and adult participants. One of the first projects will involve establishing or re-invigorating school gardens where students will be involved in planting, caring for, and harvesting healthy vegetables; along with structured lessons in the classroom.
- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching hands-on cooking skills with pre-K youth to 8<sup>th</sup> grade with "Kids in the Kitchen curriculum. Includes kitchen safety, cooking skills, how to follow recipes and, always the favorite part, taste testing.

Mr. Moron asked Sheriff A.J. Smith to come forward for disussion of an item. Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

3. **Bay City Workcamp:** Attached to my report is the cost estimate, approximately \$2.5 million, and drawings for the Bay City Work Camp. Keep in mind that \$2.5 million cost estimate is to return the buildings to what they were, this amount doesn't include any AHCA or other agency requirements to use the facility as a drug rehab center. The Sheriff is here this morning to discuss his readiness to start the fund-raising process for the repairs and rehabilitation project once the Board gives him control of the facility.

**Requested Action:** Board discussion and direction regarding the Sheriff's use of the Bay City Work Camp.

Chairman Lockley said this is the day they have been waiting on and there are a lot of questions but they finally have a number. He questioned what the Sheriff thinks of the cost estimate. Sheriff Smith reported it is a lot of money but there are millions of dollars out there in DOJ money, Triumph money and state appropriations. He explained once the Board decides what kind of agreement they will have then he will start looking for money. He stated they are not looking at doing it all at one time but in increments. Sheriff Smith said they will do part of it and start rehabilitation for people and then move on as it grows. He reported the Board may have other thoughts as they move along because the last time he was at the Board meeting they discussed the amount of homeless in the community. He explained some of them are drug addicted so maybe they may be able to address two problems at one time. Sheriff Smith said they had a meeting and addressed what they will do with people that are out roaming at all times of the night and they are going to address it as an enforcement issue. He reported this is a huge undertaking but the community is ready for it and something needs to be done. He explained 95% of the inmates are there directly or indirectly as a result of drugs. He discussed the Freshstart program that is used in the jail and the huge volunteer network and said hopefully they will tap into that for what they do at the work camp. He reported he has talked with Big Bend Community Based Care, Disc Village and Apalachee Center about providing services at the Bay City Work Camp. Sheriff Smith explained people at the jail do not have a choice because they are court ordered for treatment but at the Bay City Work Camp people can just walk in. Chairman Lockley asked if this will be local, state or world wide. Sheriff Smith stated he thinks it will depend on the requirements for the money. He reported the Gulf County Sheriff has pledged \$100,000 if this is done at the Bay City Work Camp because it is

closer to their county and they also have people that need help. He said in the future it could be a place they bring other people from those areas. He explained Liberty County, Calhoun County, and Gulf County also have this problem. Sheriff Smith stated they have to send people out of the county if they can find a bed for them. Commissioner Jones said there is a big difference between voluntary rehab and forced rehab. He explained with voluntary rehab they can walk in one day and walk out the next. Sheriff Smith agreed that is correct. Commissioner Jones stated what concerns him is it seems open ended because they even talked about homelessness but he thinks they need to narrow their focus so the Board knows what they are saying yes to. Sheriff Smith said the rehab center is his focus but he gets a lot of calls about homelessness. Commissioner Jones stated people have talked to him and want to know what the county is saying yes to. He reported some people are concerned about the county taking in another county's problems and when they come out of rehab they are in Franklin County. Sheriff Smith stated that is a possibility. He said he talked with Attorney Shuler about this Friday and it is something they will need to address as they move forward if the county wants to move forward. Commissioner Boldt stated he calls this proactive therapeudic law. He explained the Sheriff has called out for a need and he encouraged him to develop a business plan for the County Commission of how this looks and the commitments from fellow sheriffs and what the commitment is defined as such as money or personnel. He said the Sheriff should continue to enhance this idea. Mr. Moron presented an aerial of the property and showed the area where the dorms are and an area the county still uses for storage. He asked the Board not to include the area the county uses in whatever agreement they have with the Sheriff. Mr. Pierce reported the property inside the perimeter fencing is 5 acres but the whole work camp property used to be 40 acres. Mr. Pierce reported this used to be airport property but it was separated from the aiport when the work camp was built. Commissioner Parrish asked where the industrial park is located. Mr. Pierce identified the industrial park on the map. Chairman Lockley asked if the warehouse is across the street. Mr. Pierce answered it is outside the perimeter fence. Commissioner Parrish inquired if they are just talking about the compound where the dorms are. Sheriff Smith agreed that is the area. Commissioner Parrish asked what they are here for today. Mr. Moron stated now that they know the amount then they need to determine how they want to move forward. He said Commissioner Boldt talked about a business plan and they need to decide if a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is going to be done. Mr. Moron explained before the Sheriff starts trying to find funding sources he wants to make sure he has control of the building. Sheriff Smith said just an MOU is fine. He addressed Commissioner Jones and Attorney Shuler's concerns by saying if someone enters the rehab and decides to leave that will be a problem he has to deal with. He said he does not want to put someone who could be a threat in the community so people coming into the program will be vetted and checked out. Sheriff Smith explained if they are a career criminal with an extensive record then they are probably not coming in. He stated he understands the concerns and it is his concern too because in the end he is the one that will be stuck with the problem. Chairman Lockley said what the Sheriff is doing is a good thing. Commissioner Massey asked how many people it will take to run the facility. Sheriff Smith said it will depend on the population. He stated they have 2-3 people a week that call needing rehab and 1 may go to an out of town bed. He explained a lot of people from here do not want to leave the

county. Sheriff Smith reported once 1 of the dorms is in operation then they could see what it amounts to. Commissioner Massey questioned how he is going to feed the individuals. Sheriff Smith stated there is a kitchen there and they have a contract with a food service vendor so that may be part of it if the population is small. He reported if the population is large then they would need to address it and addressed on-site and be completely contained. Commissioner Parrish asked if the Sheriff has already formed a non-profit. Sheriff Smith answered yes, the Bay City Wellness Center is their non-profit. Commissioner Boldt commented he likes the name because it is positive. Sheriff Smith stated they want to be positive and want people to get better and be productive members of their families and the community just like the Board wants. Commissioner Boldt said he can think of so many other benefactors in the judicial society and he thinks the judges will be thrilled about this opportunity. He reported this is a good interim step that is therapeudic and their next step could be jail. Sheriff Smith talked about the increase in the jail population over the years. He said they have reduced the jail population by getting people through the system quicker. He stated it is all related to illegal drugs. Commissioner Parrish reiterated Franklin County is not going to be able to fund this and asked if the Sheriff is still aware of that Sheriff Smith answered yes. Commissioner Parrish explained the Board is committed to letting him have the building as their county contribution but there is no way the county can fund this. Sheriff Smith stated he is well aware of that and everything is contingent upon money. He said there is a lot of money out there and they have to try and find it and they can use the facility as a match. Commissioner Parrish asked for Attorney Shuler's perspective on the MOU and how it will work. Attorney Shuler reported he is not a fan of a MOU. He recommended the Board allow him the opportunity to talk with the Sheriff and work out a structure that is protective of the county's cofers and liability concerns and also assist him with moving forward as the Board has indicated they want him to move forward. He did not think they could accomplish this at the Board meeting this morning so they can authorize him and Mr. Moron to meet with the Sheriff and have negotiations and come back at a future meeting with a structure of the process for the Board to consider. Chairman Lockley asked how long it will take. Attorney Shuler stated maybe the next meeting or 2 meetings from now. Chairman Lockley reported he does not want to hold this up. Sheriff Smith said that time frame is good. Chairman Lockley asked if anyone else has things stored in this area. Mr. Moron answered yes and said they will talk about it when Mrs. Brownell does her report. He said he does not think there are any things stored in the dorm area but he could verify that with Mr. Shane Phillips, Courthouse Maintenance. Clerk Johnson stated there are some things stored in the other areas. She explained the Health Department got new desks and they had to have a place to store their items for an auction. Commissioner Parrish asked if the warehouse will be sufficient for them. Clerk Johnson said it should be. Commissioner Parrish reported he wants to give the Sheriff all of the dorms. Clerk Johnson reported once the warehouse is cleaned out then what they have in other areas could be moved there. Commissioner Parrish said he would like to give the Sheriff all of the dorms and that will be under his non-profit. Clerk Johnson presented the Board, Sheriff and Attorney Shuler a list of concerns and said she would not be a good financial officer for the county if she did not have concerns about the Sheriff's plan. She explained she stayed late yesterday afternoon working on this with her Finance Department when she heard this item was coming up. Clerk Johnson

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reported if the Board considers what the Sheriff is offering she hopes all her concerns are addressed with the attorney and whoever is meeting with the Sheriff. She read her concerns for the Board, as follows:

Drug Rehabilitation Center at Bay City Work Camp location

At this point, there are still too many unanswered questions, so I would recommend the Board table this matter today. I am not against a drug rehabilitation facility and understand that of course there is a need, however, I do worry that the financial burden of a rehab facility will be too costly for the county.

Some questions and points to consider:

1-The County does not have any funds in the budget available for a project of this magnitude. In the future, will the County be asked to provide funding which would either force the Board to increase their millage rate or cut other budgets?

Has the Sheriff received funding for the project, and if so, is that funding guaranteed now and for how long? Is future funding known or even discussed? No other small counties in Florida have drug rehabilitation facilities because they simply cannot afford them.

The Board currently pays \$15,000 annually for insurance on the vacant buildings. The costs of insurance will rise with occupancy/renovation and who will be responsible for the added insurance costs? Who will be responsible for the utility expenses of such a large compound? Who will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of these buildings?

- 2- The Board needs to fully understand and address any liability concerns that may arise from the construction, operation or lease of the facility.
- 3- If the Board should decide to do an MOU with a non-profit, what are the boundaries for a public / private partnership? Can the Sheriff's Department use county funded staff to assist in the operations of a non-profit?
- 4-The Board should remain mindful that the success rate for rehabilitation is very low according to Sheriff Smith's earlier report to the Board. If drug rehabilitation is not successful, will the participants from other counties integrate into the community of Apalachicola instead of returning to their home counties?
- 5- The Board should remain mindful that Franklin County does not have the job opportunities nor housing market that larger counties with rehab centers have there will be challenges that extend beyond rehabilitation for such a small community.

Chairman Lockley asked if the Sheriff will need a doctor at this facility. Sheriff Smith stated he is talking with Big Bend Community Based Care because they have funding to do this type of thing. He explained they are doing this now with telemedicine and some of their psychiatrists and psychologists. Sheriff Smith said he is happy to address anyone's concerns. He stated initially he talked about funding positions but he is not asking the Board to do anything. He explained if he cannot get the money through a state appropriation, Triumph or DOJ then it probably will not happen because there will not be enough money in donations to do it. Sheriff Smith reported no small county is doing this because no one wants to put the work in to do it and it is a heavy lift for the county staff to do something like this. He explained a lot of counties have not taken this addiction head on and are hoping it will go away. He stated if they have other ideas about the drug problem he is happy to listen to them but he knows for a fact that

the county has a problem with illegal drugs and people that are addicted. Sheriff Smith said they can ignore it or look for ways to make it better and reduce the jail population and save the county money. He estimated if they reduced the jail population by half they would save about \$2 million. Sheriff Smith stated when he campaigned for this job people told him to do something about the drug problem and that is what he is trying to do. He said he is happy to address any concerns the Board or Clerk have and he is willing to do the work to make this happen. He reported they may fail but right now they are not doing anything but putting them in jail and if that is what they want he will keep doing it but the problem will not get solved. Sheriff Smith discussed the drugs coming in from surrounding counties and the arrests they have made. He stated they have to give the people that want a different lifestyle a way to do it. Chairman Lockley reported he is ready to give the okay and asked if they need a committee. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board appoint him and Mr. Moron to negotiate the structure of the agreement as they have already made the policy decision. He stated they need to return a structure to the Board so they can consider the aspects of risks and liability and how the structure mitigates that responsibility for the county and transfers the risk and liability to the non-profit. He explained that is the whole reason for the negotiation. Attorney Shuler said after speaking with the Sheriff he has sketched out a path forward but it deserves more thought and a team effort before they present it to the Board to consider. Chairman Lockley said at least they will know what way they are going and like Commissioner Parrish said he wants the understanding that the building and area is all they can contribute because they do not have the money. He suggested putting a limit on the time to see how this works and if it works then they can go forward. Attorney Shuler stated he and Mr. Moron had a tentative conversation about the time frame. He reported when the Hospital was built the land was transferred from the City of Apalachicola to the county with a time frame and if the Hospital was not constructed within a certain time then ownership of the property reverted back to the City. He said they have discussed a potential time limit. Sheriff Smith stated he is good with a time limit. Attorney Shuler reported this is just a concept until the Board gives them direction. Chairman Lockley stated if he is making progress then they can give him more time. He pointed out the county will need a hospital if the people at rehab get sick. Mr. Moron said because the Sheriff spoke before public comment they need to ask for public comment. Chairman Lockley asked for public comment. Mr. Alan Feifer, a resident of Alligator Point, said there is not an issue in front of the county of greater importance than the safety and well being of their citizens. He stated the county if rife with drugs and they never do anything proactive. Mr. Feifer said this concept is proactive and they owe it to the citizens of the county that are directly affected by drugs. He reported he would like to see someone on the Board advocate for a solution to the drug problem. He asked the Board to find a way to make this happen. Ms. Barbara Rohr, a resident of Lanark Village, discussed a family drug problem and said what the Sheriff is offering is a wonderful thing for the community and is needed. Mr. Walter Armistead, a resident of St. George Island, reported he is one of many that go to the jail on Sunday to preach. He said people are on drugs and they need some relief and he appreciates the Sheriff trying to handle this issue. Mr. Jared Patterson, Chief Assistant State Attorney for Franklin County, reported he supports this idea. He explained in the criminal justice system they are designed to punish people for breaking the law but they are not designed to help people get

over the reasons why they break the law. He reported his options are jail, probation and prison and sometimes they send someone to treatment. Mr. Patterson stated anything that gives him another tool is a good thing. He said he understands cost is an issue but if they can offer a way for someone not to got back to jail then eventually the cost will come back to the county if they can address this problem. He explained until they have the means to address the drug addiction it will continue to be a revolving door and cost the county more money. Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct county staff to address all the issues with the Sheriff that have come up this morning including the concerns the Clerk has and come back to them with something he can recommend to the Board to move forward and in the MOU he would also like it stated that the county cannot fund this. Commissioner Parrish stated in his opinion that should be part of the MOU. He explained the two municipalities are over 9 mills and he does not want to see the county end up in the same situation. Commissioner Parrish reported there are a lot of programs he would like to do for this county but there must be money to do all of them. He said the money comes from the taxpayers and they are telling him they are paying all they can. Commissioner Parrish explained they had this discussion previously when they agreed to allow him to have this facility and that is the county's contribution. He agreed something needs to be done but the county cannot fund this item. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion. Attorney Shuler said they keep using a generic MOU but he is will bring back a structure for the Board to consider but it may not be just a MOU because this is complex for just a one page document. He explained it may be a combination of a contractual agreement and deed conveyance as that may be the best way to insulate the county from liability and risk and to transfer the liability and risk from the county to the non-profit and have some contractural obligations from the non-profit back to the county. Attorney Shuler reported if that is the decision the deed would have a reverter provision and the conditions of the reverter are yet to be discussed. Attorney Shuler said he has some ideas to discuss with the Sheriff and he will return back to the Board for their consideration. Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include Attorney Shuler's comment. Commissioner Boldt amended his second. Commissioner Boldt reported they have heard testimony from officers of the law and this is an opportunity for therapeudic law and they have a chance to move into pioneering. He said he believes they must be financially responsible but think of the opportunity they have to change the culture and he looks forward to the process. Sheriff Smith thanked the Board for their consideration. Motion carried; 5-0.

# **Public Comments**

Ms. Andrea Novak, Alligator Point/St. Teresa Association President, thanked the Commissioners especially Commissioner Boldt for the support they have given to provide the temporary road at Alligator Drive. She explained this road has increased safety for the residents and has decreased health concerns. She reported it provides better entry and exit for the public safety vehicles. Ms. Novak stated the Association has provided leadership on the point for over 30 years and they are working with the community to build positive relationships. She reported one of their first projects this year is to join the Mission by the Sea Church for a community day on October 26<sup>th</sup>. She went on to say the Church is the center of their community and provides

meeting space and it is also where they vote. Ms. Novak said she looks forward to working with the Board as the new road is built. She stated the Association supports the work of the Commissioners, agencies and all who are involved with the road project.

Mr. Bruce Graham, a resident of Eastpoint, provided an update on getting the civil air patrol (CAP) to come back to Franklin County. He reported the CAP moved to Tyndall Air Force Base and then to Panama City. He said there are currently members of CAP that reside in Franklin County and have to drive to Panama City for a 7:00 p.m. meeting. He expressed concern that the juniors and seniors are getting home after midnight on school nights. Mr. Graham stated he joined CAP and has to drive to Tallahassee. He reported CAP is federally funded so it would not cost the county any money. He explained it will be the Board's decision whether they can work with CAP. Mr. Graham reported at the last meeting they had an announcement that CAP will be sending a colonel to visit but it was delayed due to the hurricane. He stated CAP can help the county with search and rescue to help the fishing fleet and other people who may need assistance. He said they will keep the Board informed and as they get closer and viability is confirmed they will come to the Board for support and approval.

Mr. Nick Hutchinson, a resident of Magnolia Ridge, said he spoke to a Commissioner about speed bumps or rumble strips or signs because there is a lot of speeding and there are little children in his area. He explained the area is building up and the original signs are not being adhered to. He reported anything the Board can do in relation to signage would help. Mr. Hutchinson said he contacted the Sheriff's Department about this issue. He reported this is a major problem and the Board will hear from more people as time goes on. He stated they should make an effort to review this and spend some tax dollars on signs or speed bumps to slow people down.

#### **Department Directors Report**

## **Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works**

Mr. Nabors stated they are working throughout the county cutting back right-of-ways and grading roads. He reported they are in Lanark Village and Alligator Point this week.

Mr. Nabors said no one applied for the Inmate Supervisor position and now they also need to advertise for an Equipment Operator due to a vacancy. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to advertise for an Equipment Operator. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.**Chairman Lockley asked if they will advertise in house first. Mr. Nabors answered yes, and then they will advertise in the newspaper. **Motion carried; 5-0.** 

Mr. Nabors stated he has another issue in Lanark Village and he has talked with Mr. Moron about it. He explained there is a road that comes off of Oak Street and if it was built it would run into Miller Street. Mr. Nabors said he is not sure if this is county property. Mr. Moron read the following item:

1. Lanark By the Sea/Miller Street: Commissioner Boldt has received a request from a realtor to completely clear Miller Street from Oak to EnaBob Street as there is vegetation blocking access to the lot that is listed for sale. Based on an inquiry from the Road Department, Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, researched this property to verify if the northern portion of Miller Street is a public road and discovered that Miller Street is located in Lanark By the Sea, a Bill Miller unrecorded subdivision development. Mr. Curenton isn't aware of any deeds or dedications, and the Property Appraiser doesn't have any evidence showing if the County owns the street. The next step would be for the Board to determine if this is a public road and if Mr. Howard Nabors, Road Superintendent, is familiar enough with this road to determine its location.

**Requested Action:** Board determination if Miller Street is a public road, either by acceptance with a motion/resolution or by a property title search. Based on that action, Mr. Nabors will have to decide if a survey is required to determine where the road is located.

Chairman Lockley asked if the road is on the books. Mr. Moron said it cannot be found anywhere. The Board reviewed a map of the area. Mr. Nabors described the location of the road and said the road has never been cleared before. Attorney Shuler explained by definition an unrecorded subdivision plat is not a public dedication of a road. He said this is a private road in the absence of any additional information that could be learned from investigation. Attorney Shuler explained he has a great deal of respect for Mr. Curenton and if he says this is an unrecorded subdivision that is what it is. He said by definition they are not public roads and the county should not be spending public dollars to clear private property. Attorney Shuler stated a lot of other people would like to have the county build their roads too. Chairman Lockley said the Board will not be able to do this. Attorney Shuler replied no, based on the information that was provided but they need to be prudent and authorize him to work with Mr. Curenton and look into it and report back to the Board. He explained there is a reason they go through the subdivision process and they must build their roads to county road standards before the Board accepts them as county roads. Attorney Shuler reported Mr. Nabors said this is 500 yards of uncleared property and it has never been a road and is private property and the county cannot go on it. Comissioner Parrish asked if this is like Buck Street. Attorney Shuler answered yes and all the other private roads. Mr. Nabors reported the individuals said the county had an easement for the road to be built in this location. He explained they said the county owned a certain amount of the property but the road was never opened up. Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct the County Attorney to research this matter and come back to the Board. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Massey stated if they open this road then they are going to fix Buck Street. Chairman Lockley reported they will have to fix others too. Attorney Shuler stated a number of years ago the Board directed the engineering staff to do a survey of the private roads in the county to be brought up to county standards and when they got around \$8-\$9 million everyone determined they could not afford it because they must do it for everyone. He said he will research this matter to see if there is a factual basis for a different determination. Motion carried; 5-0.

Mr. Nabors said in relation to the speeding in the subdivision they have speed limit signs and children at play signs. Commissioner Jones reported there are signs but he thinks they need more because the ones they have are away from the development. He stated on the straight part of the road people are going 55 mph. Commissioner Jones described where he would like the signs placed. Commissioner Jones made a motion to place these signs in this area. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Mr. Nabors reported they just placed some speed limit signs and children at play signs on Bear Creek. He said they may need to order some more children at play signs. Motion carried; 5-0.

# Fonda Davis - Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis said his report has information about soccer and football and he read the information as follows:

# **FOR BOARD INFORMATION:**

# **Franklin County Youth Soccer:**

There are eighteen teams with 155 kids playing. Opening Day of Soccer will be Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> held at D. W. Wilson Sport Complex.

# **Franklin County Football:**

There are three football teams with 60 kids playing and three cheer teams with 27 girls. Please see football schedule attached.

Mr. Davis stated they had an inspection at the landfill and one item that needs to be addressed is mulch. He reported they have tons of mulch that they need to give away so anyone that wants mulch can come to the landfill to get it. Chairman Lockley stated they should put this in the newspaper, on the radio and on the website. Commissioner Boldt reported he learned that the Dog Island Conservation District could use this material as a road bed preservative. He said they have used it successfully before. He explained right now they have a special barge coming back and forth carrying out debris so they may be a potential hauler. Mr. Davis stated he mentioned it to the hauler and they did not know if they could use it or not. Commissioner Jones clarified it is available to everyone but they must come and get it. Mr. Davis said that is correct.

Commissioner Parrish said they have a lot of kids playing soccer. He stated this is a good thing and why they support the sports teams. He encouraged the public and parents to go out and support these teams. Commissioner Parrish said he is glad Mr. Davis provided this information so they know what is happening in the community with sports. Chairman Lockley questioned if they have enough coaches. Mr. Davis answered yes. Commissioner Jones asked if they can also get a schedule for soccer. Mr. Davis responded yes.

Mr. Davis explained the mulch consists of different types of trees, undergrowth and dirt. He said it is not recommended for gardening. He stated the county is not liable for the mulch when people get it. Commissioner Parrish explained it is difficult to give away as every county has mulch after Hurricane Michael.

Commissioner Boldt asked Mr. Davis to make sure they have an ambulance at the park anytime these games are being held. Chairman Lockley said they always have the ambulance on site.

Mr. Davis reported it is the time of year for the consumer price index (CPI) increase for Waste Management. He read the letter from Waste Management for the Board. He explained the increase will be \$.60 a ton and the cost will go from \$17.00 to \$17.60 a ton. Mr. Davis stated the increase is effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and occurs every other year. Attorney Shuler suggested the Board make a conditional acceptance as he would like to review the contract to make sure the increase is correct. Commissioner Parrish asked how the county offsets the increase and said the county needs to be careful they are not taking in less than they are paying out. He stated with the change being only \$.60 a ton it may not make that much of a difference. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the CPI increase contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review.

Commissioner Jones asked how close the county is to having the used oil collections tanks in place in the 3 locations for the next fiscal year. Mr. Davis stated they have the tanks on site and are waiting on 1 in Carrabelle. Commissioner Jones asked if they will be in place by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Davis responded yes.

Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Davis to stay at the meeting for the discussion about the warehouse.

# Pam Brownell - Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell provided her report, as follows:

**Action Items:** 

Request the Boards Approval of Vendors and Signing of contracts for Emergency Management Contractual Services. Vendors are as follows:

- 1. The Management Experts
- 2. AC Disaster Consulting
- 3. Disaster Law Consulting

Mrs. Brownell explained these consultants will be working strictly on Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) projects. She stated the county got the notice that they received approximately

\$5,784,000 in funding and they do have some projects in their LMS. Chairman Lockley asked Mrs. Brownell to explain what LMS is for the public. Mrs. Brownell reported they have a meeting every year and their stakeholders and the public come in and tell them where there are problems that need mitigating and they put them on the LMS list. She stated in order to use the disaster money from Hurricane Michael the projects must be on the LMS list. Mr. Pierce said the State of Florida is assisting the county with buyouts on Alligator Point and has made application for 27 properties as Phase 1. He reported he thinks they will provide the match but if they do not then some of the \$5 million may be needed for a match. He explained when they do local mitigation acquisitions there is a match. Mrs. Brownell said they cannot match federal dollars with federal dollars. Mr. Pierce reported the state is doing this but there is a local match. He explained they said they will take care of it but he wanted the county to know there might be an obligation on some of the \$5 million for some acquisitions. Mrs. Brownell stated they may do some acquisitions but the only problem she has with Mr. Frank McColm, FCMC, taking LMS money is that he was not procured by the county and that could be a problem for the county. Mr. Pierce agreed that could be a problem as Mr. McColm was procured by the state but this is a possibility. Mrs. Brownell responded they will submit their projects and the school is going to submit a project. She explained according to the cost benefit analysis the state will decide who gets funded. Commissioner Parrish asked how the vendors are paid. Mrs. Brownell explained the vendors are paid by task order out of the administration in the LMS project. Commissioner Parrish asked if they will be utilizing all 3 companies. Mrs. Brownell replied no they will use The Management Experts but they have the other 2 as a contingency plan. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the vendors and sign the contract for Emergency Management Contractual Services.

#### 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. Site Inspections & Mitigation Inspections have been and will continue to be requested and performed on facilities throughout the county for FEMA Reimbursement Requests.
- 5. EOC Staff has been issuing updates and alerts regarding Hurricane Dorian including Conference Calls with NHC/NWS/FDEM. Updates were posted using the EOC Website, Facebook, Twitter, and Alert Franklin.
- 6. EOC Staff attended the Region 2 meeting in Madison County on 09/12/19
- 7. EOC is hosting a G-288 Volunteers and Donations class on 09/17/19-09/18/19. This class is open to anyone who would like to attend. Class information was posted on the EOC Website, Facebook, and Twitter.

- 8. EOC Staff will be attending a training on 09/26/19-09/27/19 in Leon County for AHCA Assisted Living Facility & Skilled Nursing Facility Joint Training.
- 9. Franklin County EOC Staff would like to remind residents to be storm ready. For assistance on Getting a Plan visit the EOC Website.

# Clerk Johnson read the following item from her report:

1) Recently, I encountered an issue when I asked our courthouse custodian to store some furniture at the warehouse that is outside of the fenced area at the old DOC work camp location outside of Apalachicola. The county needed a location to store surplus equipment prior to auctions for proper disposal and it was my understanding that this warehouse, as it is outside and separate of the fenced DOC compound which may be repurposed at a later date, was going to be used for storage by the county. The custodian told me that the warehouse had been filled with donated items to be used for Hurricane Michael relief efforts and supplies of the Methodist Church. When I visited the site, there were mattresses, canned goods, bottles of water and sodas, diapers and wipes, boxes of toilet tissue and paper towels, foam ice chests, boxes of emergency meals, and many other bulk items. Outside the facility was an RV, a pop-up camper, a fifth wheel camper, and many storage containers. The health department recently turned over a lot of desks which had to be placed in another building within the fenced compound that has the roof falling in and doors that won't close. It is my recommendation that the Board find out what entity has items stored in the county warehouse and provide a notice to empty that warehouse by a certain date.

Clerk Johnson stated the county does not have a lot of storage and they need the warehouse. Chairman Lockley said he thought the other people (the Methodist church) were gone. Mr. Moron reported he thought they were gone too. Commissioner Parrish asked Mrs. Brownell if she knows who has these items out there. Mrs. Brownell responded Mrs. Tress Dameron, Emergency Management, went out there and provided a report that Mission based Apalach is the entity that has supplies out there. Mrs. Brownell stated Emergency Management has new mattresses that they stored out there for the Eastpoint fire victims and they are waiting for them to get permanent housing from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). She explained the survivors will notify them first and then they help them load up the mattresses. She said they are working on this item and will be getting their supplies out of there. She reported Mrs. Dameron talked with Mr. David Davis and he told her they are in partnership with the Sheriff and the rehab facility and it is unclear when they will move their supplies. Mrs. Brownell said she will contact Mr. Themo Patriotis, Apalachicola United Methodist Church, today and tell them to move their supplies. She explained these supplies do not belong to her department and they cannot give them out. Chairman Lockley stated the county staff needs to contact them and tell this this building is not part of the rehab facility. He went on to say the building belongs to the county and they need to get their stuff as soon as possible. Mrs. Brownell reported she will contact him today. Chairman Lockley stated these items should

have been given away or shipped out as there has been another storm. Mrs. Brownell said they had removed some of their stuff but when they went back out there some of their cots had showed back up. She reported they will get everything that belongs to their office back to their office. Mrs. Brownell stated she will notify them to get their supplies out of there including the campers. Chairman Lockley reported they do not need to let the items spoil out there. Mrs. Brownell explained they are in the business of disaster relief so they should have been shipping these supplies wherever they are needed. Commissioner Parrish said the Clerk had suggested a deadline for the removal of the items. Clerk Johnson explained in her experience if you do not put a deadline then things do not happen. Commissioner Parrish asked what she is doing for storage in the meantime. Clerk Johnson responded they have been using another building at the compound. Mr. Moron explained they are using Dorm 1 because it is the only dorm that is secure from the weather. Commissioner Parrish stated the Clerk pointed out there are desks from the Health Department in a building with a leaking roof. He reported they could move the items from the warehouse to the compound but the Board has not given the Sheriff the building yet. Commissioner Parrish inquired where they got the key to put these items in the warehouse. He explained if they are storing county equipment in the warehouse then no one else should be going in the building. He stated the locks need to be changed and no one should have keys but county staff. Commissioner Parrish said someone opened this building to allow these items to be stored there. Clerk Johnson stated she was hearing things so she made a trip out there to look at the condition of the building. She reported she was appalled at the condition of the compound. She explained the grass is high, the ceiling is falling down and the building is not in good condition. She reported the warehouse is outside and the grass was cut and it was in good condition. Commissioner Parrish questioned their next step forward. Mr. Moron said he will get Mr. Phillips to change the locks and they will install a similar security system to the one they have at Buddy Ward Park because that system is working well for he and Mr. Davis. Commissioner Parrish stated they were supposed to have a camera system and if they did then they would know who put these items there so they need to work on that too. Mr. Moron reported they will get the security system and then work on the camera system. Chairman Lockley suggested they have a couple of weeks to remove these items because this building belongs to the county. Clerk Johnson said they had some chairs and a table to remove from the Courthouse but they have already been placed in another area inside the compound. Commissioner Parrish asked if they are in a leaking building. Clerk Johnson stated she thinks they are in a different dorm that is not leaking. Clerk Johnson explained she was contacted by the State Attorney's Office and they will have a Grand Jury coming up and they were not happy with the items in the Grand Jury Room as they were not adequate for 21 Grand Jury Jurors, the witnesses and the attorneys. She reported she had to do something different with the Grand Jury Room so they had to store the items that were not adequate somewhere else. Chairman Lockley said they may only need a week as these supplies have been there a year. He explained there have been more storms and they are not trying to help anyone. Commissioner Parrish asked for Attorney Shuler's recommendation so he can include it in the motion to send letters out. Attorney Shuler suggested 2 weeks should be adequate along with 5 days for mail time for a total of 19 days from tomorrow. Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct the County Attorney to send out a letter to the individuals that have stuff stored in the warehouse out

there on the prison compound to get their stuff out and also that the locks be changed and access shall be given to no one else other than county staff to be going in and out of there and this will prevent this from happening again and that will allow the Clerk and others to store things there in a secure location until they have an auction to get rid of some of this surplus equipment that is stored there. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jones asked if they can add installing a security system to this motion. Attorney Shuler reported there is a pending motion to install the security system it just has not been done yet. Attorney Shuler said he and Commissioner Parrish went out yesterday to inspect the warehouse and could not get in the entry gate at Highway 98 so this gate needs to be secured with a county lock. He questioned if the lock that is there is a county lock. Mr. Moron did not think it was a county lock. Commissioner Parrish reported he went out to look and could not even get in. Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include changing the lock on the front gate. Commissioner Jones amended his second. Chairman Lockley stated they need to let them know not to go in this area because it does not belong to the Sheriff. Motion carried; 5-0. Chairman Lockley reported the county needs this warehouse because they do not have any storage.

Mr. Pierce asked to address an item on his report while Mrs. Brownell is present. He read the following item:

4- The county received notification that the Florida DEM received \$25M of legislature funds for a new one time grant program called Hurricane Michael Hurricane State Recovery Grant Program. All 11 counties of the Hurricane Michael impact area are eligible to apply. Michael Moron and I have been in contact with Langton Consulting regarding the guidelines for this program. Using simple math, if all 11 counties were awarded funding equally each county could receive some \$2M. The actual allocation will be determined by FDEM, but Franklin County should be realistic about what to ask for. In discussion with Langton Consulting, Michael Moron and I recommend the Board apply for 2 projects- a \$1M addition to the existing EOC to provide better space for the EOC operation, and \$1M for dune restoration county wide. The county is seeking RESTORE funds for dune restoration, but the reason we recommend using this FDEM funds instead is two fold. FDEM funds are available now without having to seek US Treasury approval and the county dune system needs work now. RESTORE funds are dedicated to the county and should be held in reserve if other funds come in first. The Board has also assigned \$1M for EOC improvements in Consortium funds, but as the Board is aware it has moved the dredging of the two USACOE channels in the county forward so that the Consortium funds are not yet available for an EOC project. Thus, by applying for an EOC improvement with this FDEM funding the county can, if funded, make improvements sooner than if we wait for Consortium funding. Consortium funds are still dedicated to Franklin County, and like the RESTORE funds, can be utilized over a much longer timeline.

The deadline for applying for this FDEM grant is October 1, so today's Board meeting is the only time for the Board to act.

Board action to direct Langton Consultants to apply for two projects for a fee of \$7500, which would be paid out of professional services.

Mr. Moron reported today is the only date for the Board to give direction to him, Mr. Moron and Langston Consultants. Mr. Pierce stated he checked with Mrs. Griffith about the fee of \$7,500. He said this would give Mrs. Brownell better operation at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He reported Mrs. Brownell would design the building but he is trying to get the funds. Chairman Lockley stated they have been talking about a new EOC so where are they going to put the \$1 million. He asked if the new EOC would be in the same location. Mr. Pierce explained that is a decision for the Board to make if they ever get the money to build a new EOC. Mr. Pierce reported a new EOC will cost more than a \$1 million. He stated even if the new EOC is in another location the new improvements would still have value. Mr. Pierce reported this opportunity came up and he wanted to take advantage of it. Commissioner Jones clarified the Board is looking to make improvements to the current building but what the Board has talked about doing with the BP monies is not improvements to the EOC but a new EOC. Mr. Pierce said he is thinking about the new EOC as a future project but this money came up now to make improvements to the current building. He suggested they design a new addition. Chairman Lockley agreed as long as it interlocks with something else or if the EOC moves it interlocks with the airport. Commissioner Jones stated the other thing is the beach restoration. Mr. Pierce explained he is trying to jump start the dune restoration system because if they go through the U.S. Treasury or RESTORE it may be 2020 or 2021 before they receive funding and this money is available now. Mr. Pierce reported the deadline is October 1st and they will know by January if the county gets funded. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request. Mr. Pierce said he will defer to Mrs. Brownell on what her office needs. He reported this will provide immediate relief and provide better service.

Commissioner Jones asked Mrs. Brownell to be ready to discuss the report that was done at the next meeting. He stated if they get funded on the item Mr. Pierce discussed then it might address some of the items her office needs in the event of emergencies. Mrs. Brownell said they have read the report and have some ideas they are working on.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

## Ginger Coulter - Sheriff's Finance Director - Budget Amendment

Mrs. Coulter presented a handout to the Commissioners. She asked to amend the budget for the current fiscal year for FEMA reimbursements from Hurricane Michael and the body worn camera grant. She explained the grant was placed in the budget but not the amount of money as she did not know if it would get approved but it did. Mrs. Coulter said they are wrapping the grant up now. Chairman Lockley asked if those are the amounts on the handout. Mrs. Coulter reported the FEMA reimbursements total \$237,824.36 and the body worn camera grant is \$81,000 and their amended total budget is \$5,981,942.36. Commissioner Parrish asked if this is for this fiscal year or the upcoming fiscal year. Mrs. Coulter responded this fiscal year. She

explained the \$237,000 is what they got reimbursed from FEMA for their Hurricane Michael expenses. Commissioner Parrish asked if the Sheriff's Department paid all these expenses. Mrs. Griffith responded yes. Mrs. Coulter discussed the list of reimbursements. Commissioner Parrish said this list is not only what was expended but also improvements they are planning to make. Mrs. Coulter answered yes, except for the main air condition unit. She explained the new quote is for \$16,500 and they can do the work in October. She expalined the unit is still holding on so they hope it will last until October. Mrs. Coulter stated they will use these funds for paving the parking lot and for inmate medical as they went over the budget on that item. She explained she is proud with how far they have come with inmate medical expenses because they have saved over \$200,000 this year on inmate medical and are only \$10,000-\$15,000 over budget and in the past they have gone significantly over their budget for this item. Commissioner Boldt asked if the county has contributed less money relative to the grant money. Mrs. Coulter said the county funding remains the same. She explained what she is asking for is reimbursement from grants. Mrs. Coulter stated this is money that was spent during Hurricane Michael in October and they could not purchase things or hire individuals until they received the reimbursements. She said these funds came out of the Sheriff's Department budget. Commissioner Jones inquired if some of these items are still to be purchased. Mrs. Coulter said that is correct. Mr. Moron reported in the 2018-2019 budget cycle they had some capital projects on a list that they agreed to do and asked if any of those items are on that list. Mrs. Coulter stated the telephone system and the air condition unit are but they got through another year with the air condition unit. She reported the county did the phone system for \$40,000 but there was an additional \$5,000-\$6,000 that the Sheriff's Department was responsible for. Mr. Moron said he needs to meet with Mrs. Coulter and review the capital projects and see what needs to be addressed. Mrs. Coulter agreed they need to meet because the Sheriff may have changed his priorities and she has not discussed these projects with him. Mr. Moron stated he will meet with Mrs. Coulter and report back on the list of priorities. On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to amend the Sheriff's Department budget to allow them to keep the FEMA reimbursements and the body worn camera grant funds.

## Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

1- Board action to accept the recommendation from Clay Kennedy, Dewberry Engineers, to award Anderson Columbia the bid for the reconstruction of Alligator Drive for \$4.7M. Dewberry Engineers has evaluated all the bids and determined that Anderson Columbia is the qualified respondent with the lowest bid. The Board action should be to award the bid, but not to issue a Notice to Proceed until the county receives confirmation from FEMA on the scope of work and the proposed bid. Board Action.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to award the bid to Anderson Columbia but not issue the Notice to Proceed until the county receives confirmation from FEMA on the scope of the work and the proposed bid. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley said this is the company that took so long to fix the area between the bridges. Commissioner Massey agreed. Mr. Pierce reported they are the low bidder and this contract is for 150 days. Chairman Lockley said he went across the road yesterday and it is already getting a dip in it. Mr. Pierce explained some of the other bidders were also sharing some of the same subcontractors so Anderson Columbia is not doing the whole project. Mr. Pierce reported they will have 150 days but they do not know when the project will start. Motion carried; 5-0.

2- Update on FEMA review of Alligator Drive project. As the Board, and the public, is aware, Alligator Drive has not been fully repaired since it was damaged in 2016 by Hurricane Hermine. The Board, using its own funds, has improved the road so that it is a two lane asphalt road, but those repairs are temporary. After Hurricane Michael, the state of Florida assigned one of it consultants, FCMC, to assist the county in getting the road rebuilt. FCMC has been instrumental in keeping rotating FEMA personnel, and other federal and state agencies, on task to move the Alligator Drive reconstruction through the regulatory review process, but even FCMC does not have the authority to waive or short circuit any of the federal and state agency regulations or requirements.

At this time FCMC has assisted the county in putting together an extensive Scope of Work for Alligator Drive Reconstruction that has been submitted to FEMA. The Scope of Work is some 195 pages and was submitted to the Board in an electronic file at the August 20 meeting. FEMA is still reviewing the Scope of Work, as FEMA has vacillated between authorizing the reconstruction as one project, or as two projects divided between the damage done by Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Michael. FCMC and I are strenuously opposed to dividing the reconstruction into two projects because it will be an administrative nightmare trying to assign costs from two different FEMA storms for repairs to one road. FEMA will now be sent the information regarding the low bid and hopefully that will spur them on to making a decision regarding the project. As the Board is aware, without FEMA funding no additional repairs to Alligator Drive can be made.

3- Update on the DEO funds allocated to Franklin County by the Legislature for damages and costs associated with Hurricane Michael. As the Board may recall, DEO received \$750K from the legislature for Franklin County. The funds are intended to be used to provide the local match for FEMA projects, but could be used for other Hurricane Michael costs. I recommend the Board inform Ms. Beth Frost, DEO contact that the county would like to allocate \$600,000 of the funds as the potential local match for the Alligator Drive reconstruction. (The Bald Point Trust Fund does not contain enough funds to cover to expected local match.) The \$600K represents the expected local match of 12.5% of \$4.7M construction costs. The remaining funds can be allocated as other FEMA projects are identified, such as Island View Park reconstruction, or C-30 road work. Board action.

Mr. Pierce stated it is possible the 12½% match becomes a 5% match and the President has that authority to make that change because the storm was classified as a Category 5 but he does not know if it has been done at this time. He explained if this is changed the cost is not borne by

the federal government but by the state government. Mr. Pierce stated he has to hold the 12½% match until he is told it has changed. Commissioner Parrish questioned if they are positive the \$600,000 will be enough for the local match. Mr. Pierce replied the \$600,000 is 12½% of the \$4.7 million so as long as the costs do not go up it will be enough. Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Pierce wants to inform Ms. Frost that they intend to use the \$600,000 for this match. Mr. Pierce agreed and said their scope of work will have one project and if it is higher then they will modify other scopes. Commissioner Parrish said to reflect that they intend to use \$600,000 because it could take more or less. Commissioner Massey asked when they will start work on the Eastpoint Channel. Mr. Pierce said he has not heard from them but associated with the Eastpoint Channel is the Two Mile Channel and he and Commissioner Parrish are meeting with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) Friday to get them started and hopefully get an update. Mr. Pierce asked if they did the core borings in June or July. Commissioner Jones answered yes. He explained some people in businesses along the channel said they returned like they said they would and took the core borings. He explained they are supposed to be doing the finalization of the estimates of what is going to fill the permitted area. Commissioner Jones stated they will then come back to the county and discuss the depth of the channel. Mr. Pierce said they were told in June they would be back in August and now it is September so hopefully they will hear soon. Commissioner Massey reported he saw a core truck there last Friday. Commissioner Parrish explained he and Mr. Pierce are meeting with ARPC because they are administrator over the Consortium funds and they need the Consortium funds allocated to straighten out the Two Mile Channel spoil site. He said they need everything ready so when the dredge is in Eastpoint and they get finished they can move over to Two Mile Channel and get both channels done. He reported then the county will not have to pay additional funds to have the dredge come back. Commissioner Parrish stated today there was a Consortium meeting and he could not be there representing the county because there was a meeting here today and a public hearing tonight. He said ARPC is there representing the county. Mr. Pierce stated this was an Executive Board meeting not a full meeting. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to inform Ms. Frost that the county intends to use \$600,000 of the funds as the potential match for the Alligator Point Reconstruction.

4- This item was handled earlier in the meeting

## Amy Ham-Kelly – Board of Adjustment – Report

Mrs. Ham-Kelly said the first item was on the Board of Adjustment Agenda but did not make it in the Board's packet so she added it. She presented her report, as follows:

<u>RECOMMENDED APPROVAL-Unanimous:</u> Consideration of a request for a special exception in the A-1 Forestry District #2 Public Utility Telecommunication Buildings or Towers to place a 350 ft. self-supported cell tower on property lying in Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 7 West also described as 131 Gadsden Drive, north of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Bruce Wayne, agent for

Walter Armistead, applicant.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported they already have their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approvals and are ready to be permitted. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

 RECOMMENDED APPROVAL- Unanimous: Consideration of a request for a variance 10 foot into the front setback and 5 foot into both side setbacks on property lying in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, also described as 332 Patton Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Susan Reeder, applicant.

Commissioner Jones asked if they are doing this because of the Critical Shoreline. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes, they did not go into the 50 ft. Critical Habitat Zone but they are requesting 10 additional feet into the front setback. She stated they will still have a 15 ft. setback off the property line abutting Patton Drive and they are requesting 5 ft. setbacks on each side. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, 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 read the following report:

## **CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:**

PECOMMENDED APPROVAL (Unanimous)- Contingent upon receiving Army Corps of Engineers Permit: Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock located at Lot 2, Block 65, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Unit 5, 735 Randolph Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, FL. The proposed access walkway for the dock will be 2' x 6' with a 10' x 20' terminus an 8' x 20' deck and 2' x 20' kayak launch and a 12' x 22' covered boat lift. This request will be contingent upon receiving required Army Corps of Engineer permit. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, A-1 Quality Docks and Boatlifts, agent for Craig and Margaret Chenggis, applicant. (Proposed House)

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they have the DEP and COE permits at this time. Commissioner Jones asked if this will interfere with anyone else since it is in a canal. Mrs. Ham-Kelly presented the item on a map and said there was some concern but they provided a professional riparian line survey which means in the construction standands under C9 it states if you do not meet the 25 ft. riparian lot line setback then they have to provide a professional survey stating you are not impeding in those riparian lines or crossing over. She explained they will be 10 ft. off of one riparian line and 46 ft. off of the western riparian line. Commissioner Parrish asked how far it will extend into the canal. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated it does not extend over 25% of the canal's

width. Commissioner Jones reported that is why he was asking. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to grant this request.

2- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (Unanimous)**- Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 14, Block A, Unit 1 Gulf Wynn also known as 2494 Highway 98 East, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. The dock will be 206' x 4' and have a 19' x 2' access walkway and (2) 20' x 2' access walkways surrounding a 12' x 20' un-covered boatlift. This request will be contingent upon receiving DEP and Army Corps of Engineer permit. Request submitted by GEA, Inc., agent for Paul Marxsen, applicant. (Has Existing House)

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

#### **RE-ZONING APPLICATION:**

3- RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC HEARING: (4-1 Vote):
Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10.32 acre parcel of land lying in Section 18,
Township 8 South, Range 5 West, 1849 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County,
Florida from R-3 Single Family Estate Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential.
Request submitted by Robin and Suzanne Ackerman, applicants.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated R-3 Single Family Estate allows 1 unit for 5 acres and they are requesting the change to go to 1 unit per acre. She reported she submitted the zoning map and in this area there has already been some rezoning so it is not spotty. Commissioner Jones said this is also a request to take this matter to a public hearing. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve taking this item to a public hearing.** 

#### **SKETCH PLAT APPROVAL:**

4- **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (Unanimous)**- Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat approval of a 1unit subdivision formerly known as Lots 1 and 2 Chateau de LaGrange, lying in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 6 West, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Barbara Sanders, agent for Corey and Deborah Reynolds-Johnsen, applicants.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they are taking two lots from Chateau de LaGrange and making a one acre subdivision. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

# **COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL:**

5- RECOMMENDED APPROVAL COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN-(UNANIMOUS): Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan approval to locate 4 short term transient cottages on property lying in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, also described as 332 Patton Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Susan Reeder, applicant.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly said she contacted the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and this should not affect their CRS ratings, however they do need to comply with the Flood Plane Ordinance. She explained the Ordinance requires them to move these units off site at least once every 180 days. She reported they are looking into a planned development to make sure all the cottages that have to be removed every 180 days are combined and they have a meeting and set dates twice a year to make sure these units are moved off the location and abide by the ordinance. Commissioner Boldt stated moving them is a rehearsal for if it has to happen. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said it will make sure they are tagged road ready and their tires are not flat since they sit for a long time. Commissioner Jones stated these items were discussed at the last meeting and have been answered. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Commissioner Parrish reported he mentioned to Mrs. Ham-Kelly that 1 of these times when they are supposed to be moved should be scheduled around hurricane season so it they have to move during a hurricane that will count for 1 of the times. Mrs. Ham-Kelly explained the requirement is 2 times a year but that does not mean they will not have to move them other times for storm events. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they will schedule dates for everyone to move their units not just Mrs. Reeder. She said they will contact everyone so this runs smoothly. Commissioner Parrish reported if the county is documenting that they have been moved then they are compling with ISO which is what he was concerned about. He explained if they do not comply then insurance rates for everyone in the county will go up. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported having the bi-annual inspections could help them with the CRS ratings. She said they will document these units are compliant. Commissioner Parrish stated documentation is the key. Commissioner Massey reported another owner is moving his units. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they will document that they are being moved at least twice a year. Commissioner Boldt asked if they document that the vehicles moving the units are in good condition too. Mrs. Ham-Kelly read the requirement for the vehicles and said the vehicles must comply. Commissioner Massey said they will move the units when they need to. Motion carried; 5-0.

## Nikol Tschaepe – Weems Plant Operation Director – Report

Mrs. Tschaepe provided the following report:

On September 11, 2019, George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Board of Directors approved the recommend removal of obsolete and broken equipment (see attached document) from the hospital's assets management list. We are requesting final approval from the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to remove the identified obsolete and broken equipment.

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Additionally, we are seeking approval to donate selected items to a 501c3, pending Attorney Shuler's notification of final procedure.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve donating the selected items.

Synergy - Re-roofing project - Ongoing collaboration with Synergy NDS and subcontractors. During last week, we proceeded with the relocation of staff and items to ensure forward progress even with the delay of the delivery of two trailers due to Hurricane Dorian. Expected arrival date for the additional trailers is September 18, 2019.

Mrs. Tschaepe said they will continue the progress of the roof replacement.

Weems Medical Center West a/c duct repair work is ongoing.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Apalachicola. Finishing utility connections and ordering replacement furniture (destroyed from Hurricane Michael). Target operational date October 1, 2019.

Commissioner Massey asked if someone came last weekend to clean Weems East Clinic. Ms. Tschaepe answered yes. Commissioner Massey stated he wants the Clinic to be cleaned regularly because he went there and it was not good. He reported the people who work there should not have to clean the building. Mr. David Walker, Weems Memorial Hospital CEO, stated they went out Sunday and made sure it was cleaned and identified a person who is interested in taking the job. He said they will make contact with that person today. He commented she lives in the Carrabelle area so hopefully they will have consistent cleaning in this area. Mr. Walker reported he believes all their places should be safe and clean. He said they took care of this right away.

EMS community education efforts - To be presented by Richard Lewis

Mr. Richard Lewis, EMS Director, provided an update on the community outreach and education program. He said he noticed the first responders were inconsistent in their training from district to district so he wanted to offer the Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Course throughout the county to every volunteer and fire department. He reported they started this training at the first of the year in Eastpoint and over 40 members of various fire departments attended and were certified. He stated the second class was in Apalachicola and this Thursday they will start a class at Alligator Point which will also include Lanark Village and anyone else that is interested. Mr. Lewis reported this class should be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and then the entire county and volunteer fire departments will be trained on the same standard of care. He said he would like to do a monthly training and build on this foundation. Mr. Lewis stated in addition to that they are looking at becoming an American Heart Association training site. He reported he is working with Southeastern School of Health in Tallahassee and they will support

them being a training site under them. He stated when they have the certification then they can give CPR and advanced classes throughout the community as well as re-certification for health care providers. Mr. Lewis said he would also like to start community education that would consist of monthly trainings. He explained they would alternate districts and the classes will focus on common diseases in the community to educate the general public on what they are going through and resources they need and do not know how to access. He said sometimes there are programs to help people get medication and there are unaware of the programs. Commissioner Jones asked if the first certification that was ongoing in the county is a yearly certification. Mr. Lewis explained there is not a state mandate but he is trying to get with the fire chiefs and do this yearly. Chairman Lockley asked what kind of training was being offered. Mr. Lewis said Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) training that is necessary to drive the fire truck, ambulance and police cars as well as CPR for health care providers which is a higher level than basic CPR training. He reported also a basic first aid medical course that is a 40 hour course following DOT guidelines. Commissioner Boldt reported these are all components of the comprehensive care he is talking about from east to west. Mr. Lewis agreed that is correct.

# Deborah Belcher – CDBG Administrator – Report

Mrs. Belcher presented the following report:

1. **Status:** At this time, there are 5 completed CDBG Eastpoint Fire home replacements:

Carol Dasen, 615 Ridge Road.
Dallas Gilbert, Jr., 576 Ridge Road
Shawn Boatwright, 601 Ridge Road
John and Paula Polous, 605 Ridge Road
W. Glenn Woodall, 605 Wilderness Road

Mrs. Belcher stated the skirting is not on the mobile homes but they have Certificates of Occupancy.

2. **Confirmation of award:** We recently received the environmental clearance for Colby & Shelby Nowling, formerly of 579 Ridge Road, to put a modular home at 275 Smith Street. The Board approved spending SHIP funds on this project if needed, but we will not have to do that. The approved motion apparently did not state that CDBG funds could be used in addition to SHIP funds, although that was the intent of the discussion. We also had to do a wetland study for the Smith Street site in order to get DEO approval, which cost \$525. This project is ready to proceed, and the owners will order the home immediately.

**Requested Action:** Confirm that the Board approves the award of \$80,000 in CDBG funds for Colby and Shelby Nowling's home replacement costs, in addition to \$525 in wetland study costs.

Mrs. Belcher said going back through the minutes of a previous meeting she discovered when they talked about Colby & Shelby Nowling they discussed using SHIP funds as part of the contribution but they did not have to use SHIP funds but the minutes did not state the Board

voted to use CDBG funds. She reported they need a motion to confirm using CDBG funds. Commissioner Jones made a motion to confirm that the Board approves the award of \$80,000 in CDBG funds for Colby & Shelby Nowling's home replacement costs, in addition to \$525 in wetland study costs. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Mr. Moron said this is Item #5 on his report also. Motion carried; 5-0.

3. Chattel mortgage in lieu of mortgage on land and improvements: There are some situations where persons displaced by the Eastpoint Fire do not have clear title to their property, but are otherwise eligible for CDBG home replacement. Some involve ownership with ex-spouses who did not transfer their share to the one residing in the home. Others involve formal agreement for deed, which is not title to the property. I recommend, for the Eastpoint Fire CDBG project only, that the Board allow the issuance of a chattel mortgage on the new replacement mobile homes, with no mortgage on the land. This could be limited to a case-by-case basis, depending upon the extent of the displaced persons ownership or investment. The Board could also make it the standard policy for this particular Eastpoint Fire project, with all recipients being treated the same regarding the type of mortgage.

**Requested Action:** Approve a position of authorizing, either on a case-by-case basis or across the board, a waiver of the requirement of clear title and a CDBG mortgage on the home site for persons displaced by the Eastpoint fire, and allowing instead a chattel mortgage on the CDBG-funded replacement mobile home. All other current CDBG requirements would remain in force, and the Board would be informed of the ownership status at the time of awarding funds for the home replacement.

Mrs. Belcher stated she has mentioned that the program is not going as well as she would like with getting everyone assistance. She reported there are a couple of policy items the Board can talk about to help. She asked the Board to consider a chattel mortgage which would put a mortgage on the mobile home but not on the land. Mrs. Belcher stated the whole reason for the mortgage is to prevent profiteering. She said this is entirely the county's option as to the whole mortgage process. She explained neither the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) nor HUD dictates how they have to do the mortgage. Mrs. Belcher stated this could be done on a case by case basis and as long as the people were not in any threat from being removed from the property it would allow them to provide assistance to households that need it and forget about who owns the land. She asked for the Board's opinion on this matter. Commissioner Parrish asked how they get access to the trailer during a foreclosure if the trailer is sitting on someone else's property and they do not want you on the property. Mrs. Belcher was not sure. Attorney Shuler stated it would entail a separate lawsuit. He said there is a legal remedy but it is time consuming. He informed the Board he handled one recently and it took about 7 months. Commissioner Parrish stated the further they get into this program the more stipulations they are having to make so he does not know where they are today. Attorney Shuler recommended tabling this issue until he can have more discussion with Mrs. Belcher. He said the chattel mortgage is atypical and he asked if the mortgage is actually to be repaid or a forgiveness loan because that factors into the decision making. He reported it does need to be looked at on a case by case basis. He stated he would like to talk with Mrs. Belcher about what

the facts are for the chattel mortgages she may want the Board to consider. Attorney Shuler stated they may still be able to get a lien on the property but he does not know what facts Mrs. Belcher is looking at that lead her to believe she could not. Commissioner Jones reported he thinks she wants to know if they will be interested in waiving the standard operating procedure they have been proceeding with to start looking at these case by case. He said he would still be more in favor of them taking care of everyone and then get down to these situations. Mrs. Belcher reported they are down to that point now and that is why she is bringing it to the Board. She said either they are or are not going to consider any waivers of the policy. She reported the policy is for the normal housing rehab program and with this money they have to try to help people in normal situations and people living in campers. She explained she is trying to bring suggestions to meet the needs because they have the money and would like to go ahead and use it to help people. Mrs. Belcher reported ownership of the land is an issue and because it is a local decision they can do this. She stated they do not have to have a mortgage at all but most counties do. Commissioner Jones reported in the past they had a list of people they were looking at helping and their situation and it would help the Board to have an updated list with recommended actions on a case by case basis. Mrs. Belcher pointed out they are not turning down anyone that meets the normal requirements. Mr. Moron said it would need to be a comprehensive list of not just what Mrs. Belcher has done but also Capital Area Community Action Agency (CAP). Commissioner Jones stated after the fire this Board did what they could by pursuing the grant. He explained administration of the grants falls to Mrs. Belcher and there is enough money to help everyone and it was the intent of the Board to make sure everyone got help but they must make sure in the end they know what is going on and that everything is being done correctly. Mrs. Belcher stated at this point they will be turning back in a lot of money. Chairman Lockley asked if Mr. Devin Creamer got help. Mrs. Belcher said she has left messages for him and the taxes for last year were not paid. She reported the excess junk and debris is still there and they still have not verified their income with her so she is waiting on them. Commissioner Jones explained some people did not allow them to clean their property because their attorneys told them not to. Mrs. Belcher stated when they do the environmental review they have to take photographs of the site and there is an administrative rule with the program that says they must make sure the property is being maintained. She said these properties will not pass the environmental review and these problems have been going on for 6 months. Commissioner Jones asked Mrs. Belcher if these 5 on the list are the first ones they have helped. Mrs. Belcher answered yes. Commissioner Parrish stated they have helped 5 people and now they are dealing with the case by case situations. Mrs. Belcher replied yes. Commissioner Parrish said there must not be very many people that qualify. Mrs. Belcher explained some people are not interested, some are not income eligible and some do not have title to their property which she is trying to help remedy. She stated Item #4 is the other group of people. Commissioner Parrish said he thought there were 36 people that were burned out. Mrs. Belcher stated some were duplicates on the same property. Commissioner Jones reported some have been helped by CAP. He stated they need an updated list so they know what is going on. Chairman Lockley said they want to make sure they help everyone. Commissioner Parrish reported apparently for a variety of reasons people are not eligible. He questioned the ones who are not income eligible. Mrs. Belcher explained the same income requirements apply

and it is the same as the SHIP 80% requirement. She said Franklin County has one of the lower income limits and they are based on area medians and set by HUD. Commissioner Parrish stated he understands she must work according to the rules. Chairman Lockley commented he does not like the rule because the people had a house and cannot get a house now but they are making the same money they made when they were burned out and it was not their fault. Mrs. Belcher explained this grant is designed for a regular housing rehab program and the state just put extra money in the grant so they could use it to help people who are eligible. She said it is not a disaster recovery grant. Commissioner Parrish reported it is like every grant if you work you cannot get any help. Mrs. Belcher agreed that is the case in a lot of situations. Chairman Lockley stated they worked and had their home and through no fault of their own they lost their home. Mrs. Belcher reported that is what a lot of the lawsuits are going to be about. She said the county is attempting to help everyone that is eligible with the grant funds. Chairman Lockley stated the ones that are not eligible just have to sleep outdoors. Mrs. Belcher explained she is trying to find a way for the Board to help everyone that is income eligible that wants help. Chairman Lockley reported he would like to help everyone that got burned out through no fault of their own. He same they have the same income they had when they were burned out and it is not right. Mrs. Belcher reported this grant was intended to be part of the solution. Chairman Lockley said there should be something else for the others that do not qualify. Commissioner Parrish reported that will be the lawsuit money. Commissioner Parrish asked if the people that are not income eligible can get these trailers Mrs. Belcher said if that is what the Board wants to do. Commissioner Parrish stated that will give them some place to live until they get their lawsuit money. Mrs. Belcher reported the chattel mortgage will solve some of these problems and get people in a place to live. She stated she cannot see the people profiteering off of the homes because they have nowhere else to go. She did not think security of the loan was a big issue. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Attorney Shuler to review the chattel mortgage and come back with a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Jones stated Mrs. Belcher mentioned that CDBG is based on the median income of Franklin County. Mrs. Belcher said the Income limit as established by HUD is based on statistics they use and adjust every year that are supposed to be the median and there are some formulas they use to make adjustments. Commissioner Jones said when he was running for this seat in 2016 there was a national survey that came out and Franklin County was #6 nationally in economic disparity. He stated the top 1% makes \$1.7 million a year and the other 99% averages \$25,000. He reported since this was done by the Commission to get to get help for the survivors if they make a motion and send a letter can they ask them to take the income limit off. Mrs. Belcher stated the federal government gave the money to DEO and they gave the money to the local government so this would have to be waived on the federal level. She said it was the state's decision of how to allocate the money and they had to go through a legal process to waive the limit on how much Franklin County could receive. Commissioner Jones reported he brought this up because she was talking about turning money back. Chairman Lockley stated most people are not too far over the limit. Mrs. Belcher agreed they are not but there are some that are. Commissioner Jones reported anyone who has a two income home will be ineligible.

**4. CDBG assistance for recipients of donated mobile homes:** There are several homeowners who received mobile homes from the Sheriff's go-fund-me drive and other non-County sources. These mobile homes are being referred to as "FEMA trailers", and the owners are very dissatisfied with them, complaining of defects, mold, poor design layout, etc. The Board previously discussed allowing such property owners to be included in the Eastpoint

Fire CDBG program, at the bottom of the priority list. It is apparent that there will be sufficient CDBG funds to serve these households who are eligible for CDBG assistance, and we need to proceed with these applications.

The issue at hand is the disposal of the current mobile homes. Removal of the "temporary" mobile homes and transport to a nearby location should cost somewhere around \$1,500 each, which would be an eligible expense for the associated CDBG home replacements. However, the existing mobile homes should be **donated** to a worthy cause(s), and there must be assurance of proper setup on a site that is appropriate for the units. Setup costs and other necessary repairs/modifications would have to be paid by non-CDBG sources, and the funding should be on hand prior to ordering a CDBG replacement home.

Mrs. Belcher stated according to what the Board said months ago people that got those homes would not be ineligible but would go to the bottom of the list. She stated they are at the point where she would like to move on those and consider those homes as temporary housing. She reported she cannot recommend demolishing the homes so they should be put to good use. Mrs. Belcher said she wants to do what the Board said and give them to someone who needs them. She read the following item:

Some options for disposal of the existing mobile homes could include:

- a. Housing for needy persons who are not eligible for CDBG assistance, either associated with the Eastpoint fire or not. Persons who would be pleased with these homes might not have money to pay for setup and repair/modifications, which could limit the pool of "takers". Selection of the "recipients" could be made by the Board, or the issue of disposal could be left to the homeowners, with final approval by the Board.
- b. Facility space for community organizations, if appropriate.
- c. Facility space for local government use (County or city), especially relating to public/social services.

The issue of disposition must be addressed before proceeding with the individual applications.

**Requested Action:** Provide guidance regarding disposal of existing mobile homes to be replaced by CDBG-funded replacement homes.

Mrs. Belcher said she believes the CDBG can pay to have them hauled off for a reasonable price in lieu of demolition but setting them up on someone else's property is not part of the grant. She reported before they can assist anyone the Board must take some kind of position on what they want to do with the existing mobile homes that were donated. Commissioner Parrish asked why the people that are not income eligible and were burned out cannot have the

trailers. Mrs. Belcher stated that is an option. Commissioner Parrish said if they do not have the money to move them then they need to get with CAP and have them move the trailers for these individuals until they get their lawsuit money to buy themselves a new home since theirs was destroyed by fire. He reported the mobile homes should not be given to worthy causes until they exhaust every avenue of helping the people who do not meet the income or other requirements of the CDBG. Mrs. Belcher said that is her recommendation. Commissioner Parrish made a motion to give these trailers to people that are not income eligible and when they exhaust that and if they have a trailer they cannot get rid of then the Board will come back and address it. Commissioner Parrish stated these trailers were bought with funds that were donated to the Sheriff's Office for people that lost their home in the fire and they should continue to be used in that fashion until these people can get their money or do better because they are being left out. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones stated if there is any black mold found in any of them then no one needs it. Commissioner Parrish said the Sheriff told him these were new homes when he bought them and they have only been there a year and should not have black mold. Mrs. Belcher stated she does not think they have black mold but the homes were not new. Mr. Moron asked who will handle this situation. Mrs. Belcher explained for anyone that wants a replacement of their temporary housing she will ask if they have someone in mind to receive their temporary home. Commissioner Parrish asks if she means in the fire area. Mrs. Belcher responded yes. She explained should would have to verify where they are going to put the trailer and where the money to set up the trailer is. She reported they do not need to move mobile homes and then they sit. Mr. Moron asked if she will handle this and then report back to the Board. Mrs. Belcher stated that would be her recommendation. Commissioner Parrish agreed and said Mrs. Belcher has all the information about the individuals. Mrs. Belcher asked if they want the individuals to determine who gets their temporary home. Commissioner Parrish answered no, as she has the list of the people that do not meet the eligibility requirements. He advised Mrs. Belcher to reach out to those people that did not meet the eligibility requirements because they need a home and are being left out. Mrs. Belcher stated she will see who is interested. Commissioner Parrish asked if there are 8 trailers. Mrs. Belcher was not sure. Commissioner Jones said there are 7. Commissioner Parrish asked if all the people with temporary homes want new homes. Mrs. Belcher replied yes. Motion carried; 5-0.

5. Home replacement for Arlene Denese King (a/k/a Arlene Shiver, Arlene Thompson): Ms. King was residing at 714 Buck Street at the time of the Eastpoint Fire. She was married to Bobby Shiver, who purchased the property prior to their marriage. Arlene apparently purchased a used mobile home, set it up on the property and remodeled it, using BP money. The mobile home was destroyed in the fire, and Arlene is living on the site in a Capital Area Community Action Agency camper. Mr. Shiver has not resided at the site in several years, and the couple were divorced effective June 2019, with the stipulation that Arlene could reside on the lot for one year while obtaining permanent housing elsewhere. It seems reasonable to consider Arlene a displaced "homeowner", and she is income eligible for CDBG home replacement. It also seems reasonable to say that Mr. Shiver was not displaced by the fire because he was not residing at the property, and would not be eligible for CDBG assistance if he submitted an application.

**Requested Action:** Approve Arlene King's application for CDBG home replacement, subject to her obtaining a suitable home site using non-CDBG funds, receiving environmental clearance, and other program requirements.

Commissioner Parrish asked if all of this is documented. Mrs. Belcher answered yes. Chairman Lockley asked if both people receive a home. Mrs. Belcher responded no, because the husband was not living on the property at the time of the fire and has not lived there for some time. She stated Ms. King is considered the displaced household. Mrs. Belcher explained he still keeps the land and she would have to find another site. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.

# Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Clerk Johnson offered her report for the Board:

- 1) The Board addressed this item during the Emergency Management report.
- 2) For information, my office is authorized by law to pay into the Clerk's Fine and Forfeiture fund all unclaimed money deposited or collected. A list was published in The Times, and pursuant to the law, proof of the publication is to be filed and recorded in the minutes of the county commission. The list totaled \$160 and represented 4 checks that were never cashed and one deposit in a civil case that went unclaimed. The charge for the advertisement was \$61.10 and the proof of publication is attached.

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

Mr. Pierce said this morning he asked the Board to award a bid to Anderson Columbia for \$4.7 million for Alligator Drive reconstruction but that should have been contingent upon FEMA funding and he did not say that this morning. He explained without FEMA funding it is possible they could start work and expect the county to pay but the county will not pay anything until they have the FEMA award. Attorney Shuler stated the Board needs to make a motion to rescind the award of the bid to Anderson Columbia and then a motion to award the bid to Anderson Columbia contingent upon the county first receiving approval of FEMA for the award of \$4.7 million for the road work at Alligator Point. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to rescind the previously awarded contract. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.**Commissioner Boldt asked if they should add to the motion to show Anderson Columbia the paperwork sent to FEMA to request funds. Attorney Shuler said it does not have to be part of the motion but the information about where the county is in the application process could be

communicated by staff to Anderson Columbia. Mr. Pierce explained FEMA does not have a form for this type of request so Anderson Columbia will have to take the county's word. He reported the county will not get any notification until the money shows up online as obligated. Mr. Pierce stated he and Mr. Kennedy explained this to the contractor so they are aware this is a FEMA project. He said they must live with the terms or they will not get the job. Motion carried; 5-0. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to award the contract to Anderson Columbia for \$4.7 million for road construction at Alligator Point contingent upon the county first receiving FEMA funds to fund that project.

Mr. Pierce reported FCMC is now submitting a second application for the purpose of additional properties on Alligator Point including the fire station. He explained they still do not know if the values will be what people want. He stated the second application is for 8 more parcels on Alligator Point. Chairman Lockley asked what the total is now. Mr. Pierce reported the total now is 35 parcels that want to sell but that is contingent upon the owner getting the valuation they want so he does not know what the success rate will be. Commissioner Boldt pointed out this does not affect the positioning of the road. Mr. Pierce agreed the acquisitions will not affect the location of the road. Commissioner Parrish said Mrs. Brownell stated items must be on her LMS list for money to be spent on a project. Mr. Pierce explained that is true the Board ranks the projects and Mrs. Brownell has a list. Commissioner Parrish questioned if this project is on the list. Mr. Pierce replied yes, and they have letters from Mrs. Brownell stating it is on the list. He reported the LMS list has been in existence for years and every so often they get funding to do projects and there are some people complaining about Alligator Drive jumping to the beginning of the list for funding but it needs to be done and Mrs. Brownell understands. Commissioner Parrish said the county would not normally have the funding to do this project without some additional funds coming from somewhere. Commissioner Parrish asked who determines what projects are at the top. Mr. Pierce stated they should check with Mrs. Brownell because he is not sure if she was going forward with applications based on her and her consultants priorities or if it is coming back to the Board. He said that was not clear this morning. Commissioner Parrish asked if the money was sent to Mrs. Brownell. Mr. Pierce explained the money is set aside for Franklin County to apply for but normally there is a 25% match. Commissioner Parrish questioned where the match is coming from. Mr. Pierce was not sure. He explained in the case of the acquisitions the state is helping because this is a priority. He did not know what Mrs. Brownell's projects were so he was not sure about the match. Mr. Pierce said if the match is not taken care of then the county is responsible for the match. Commissioner Parrish reported the county does not need staff obligating the county for matches. He stated the Board needs to know what the projects are so they can identify the match first. Commissioner Parrish made a motion for Mr. Moron to direct Mrs. Brownell before she proceeds on any of the LMS projects that it comes back to the Board and is the project prioritized properly and where is the match coming from. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Pierce said the first phase is being covered by the State of Florida but he is not sure about the second phase and that is why he said part of the \$5 million may be needed as a match. Commissioner Parrish asked if this is state or federal money. Mr. Pierce

road. Motion carried; 5-0.

reported the money comes from the federal government to the state government. Commissioner Boldt questioned what the vision is for the use of the property when they know the road is going in the same location. Mr. Pierce said it is public property which must remain vacant and cannot be sold. He reported it could be used for environmental purposes and for beach access if it is on the south side. He stated it cannot be used to build facilities. Mr. Pierce explained if they do beach renourishment they already have the Capital City property for the bathrooms and parking. Mr. Pierce reported if they get enough property acquisitions in a row then some people say they might be able to relocate the road and the decision could be

overturned. He stated the federal level still says no to relocation so instead of fighting that battle the country went ahead with the current interpretation that they cannot relocate the

Michael Morón - County Coordinator - Report

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

- 1. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
- 2. TDC Report: The Board's monthly TDC report is attached to my report. Mr. John Solomon is out of town attending a conference and ask that I submit the report. There is only one action item on this report, which is to authorize an additional \$100,000 loan payment for the purchase of the Olan "Buddy" Ward Park & Maritime Heritage Museum. It is my understanding that the TDC is trying to pay off this loan as soon as possible. The Clerk's Finance office has created a budget amendment that will require board action in conjunction with your approval to pay the additional \$100,000. Commissioner Jones, TDC Chairman, may comment on this matter further. Requested Action: Authorize TDC's request to pay an additional \$100,000 payment, along with the budget amendment, on the Ameris Bank loan for the purchase of Olan "Buddy" Ward Park & Maritime Heritage Museum.

# TDC:

**Collections Report**: The June (2019) collections were \$300,092.38. This is a \$31,043.06 increase over June (2018) which was \$269,049.32 this is an 11.54% Increase. This is the highest collections ever in the month of June by over \$31,043.06. This is the highest collections ever for a one month period in the history of the Franklin County TDC.

Web Site Activity: We had 27,977 web hits in the month of August (2019).

**Visitor Center Numbers:** The Visitor Centers welcomed 3,032 visitors in the month of August. The total for January-August of 2019 is already 28,855 Visitors that have visited our centers.

**Olan Ward Maritime Heritage Museum Property:** ACTION ITEM

The TDC Board Voted on September 11th to pay an additional \$100,000.00 in this fiscal year on the Olan Ward Maritime Heritage Museum Property. This would put the TDC in position to pay the loan off in the Coming fiscal year.

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The next scheduled board meeting is October 9th Marketing Meeting 12:00pm & Board Meeting at 2:00pm at the Eastpoint Visitor Center

Commissioner Jones stated since the St. George Island Bathroom project could not move forward in this fiscal year they had a carryover amount that they want to apply to the principal of this loan. He explained next year if they have any other unused funds close to \$50,000 then there will not be anything owed on this property. On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the TDC's request to pay an additional \$100,000 payment long with the budget amendment, on the Ameris Bank loan for the purchase of Olan "Buddy" Ward Park & Maritime Heritage Museum.

Commissioner Jones said for the month of June the collections for the first time ever exceeded \$300,000 for the TDC bed tax. He explained there is a possibility by the end of the year TDC might have a double digit increase year to year for the first time even with the Hurricane Michael impacts. Commissioner Jones stated the TDC Board and the Finance Office have been working diligently together and they just finished with the Visit Florida Grant and there were no questions from the state on anything that was done. He said this is because of Mrs. Linda Phillips, Finance Director, working in conjunction with the vendors and their TDC Director.

- 3. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 4. Lanark Village Fire Department: I received a letter (attached) from Major Cliff Carroll at the Sheriff Department regarding the Lanark Village Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD). The letter states that Sheriff investigators conducted a brief examination of the LVFD financial records and based on purchases that occurred during 2018 and 2019, is recommending that the Board engages a licensed accountant to do an audit of their financials for those years. If the Board agrees to act on this recommendation, I will contact the County's auditing firm, Roberson and Associates and request an engagement letter for the Board's approval.
  Requested Action: Authorize staff to contact Roberson and Associates and request an engagement letter to audit the 2018 & 2019 financial records of the Lanark Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to contact Roberson and Associates and request an engagement letter to audit the 2018 & 2019 financial records of the Lanark Village Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones asked if they should include some time line for reporting back since this problem has been going on for a little while. Attorney Shuler said they are just getting a quote now. Mr. Moron reported the auditors will let them know how long this will take. Motion carried; 5-0.

- 5. The Board handled this item under Mrs. Belcher's report.
- 6. **CR67/Tallahassee Street Sidewalk LAP Project:** At your August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the CR67/Tallahassee Street sidewalk project Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement and resolution. Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, is recommending that the Board now advertise for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)

services for that same project. The county is overseeing this project on behalf of the City of Carrabelle, as they nor the City of Apalachicola is LAP certified.

**Requested Action:** Authorize staff to advertise for CEI services for the CR67/Tallahassee Street sidewalk LAP project.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize staff to advertise for CEI services for the CR 67/Tallahassee Street sidewalk LAP project.

7. **St. George Island Beautification Grant:** At your August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board, by resolution authorized the SGI Civic Club to prepare the grant application for a FDOT Beautification Grant for the state-owned land between the Bryant Patton Bridge exit to Bayshore Drive on St. George Island. The Board, also by resolution, authorized the grant application and commitment to maintain landscaping as required by the grant. There was a slight change to that resolution that was required by FDOT, therefore Board authorization is required for the amended resolution. **Requested Action:** Authorize the Chairman's signature on the amended resolution and grant application for the FDOT Beautification Grant for St. George Island.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the amended Resolution and grant application for the FDOT Beautification Grant for St. George Island.

8. **SHIP Annual Report:** I received the County's SHIP program un-submitted annual report (attached) for close out year 2016-2017 and interim years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 at the end of August, however I failed to add it to my September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting report. It was due to Florida Housing by September 15<sup>th</sup>. In order for the County meet the deadline, I asked the Chairman to sign the certification (attached) with the understanding that I would get the Board to ratify his signature today.

**Requested Action:** Ratify the Chairman's signature on the SHIP Program Annual Report and Local Housing Incentives Certification.

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 the SHIP Program Annual Report and Local Housing Incentives Certification.

9. **Healthcare Workshops:** In an effort to provide the best healthcare services for Franklin County residents and visitors, the Board has been discussing scheduling public workshops with neighboring hospital networks. I have been in contact with representatives from Sacred Heart, HCA, and TMH/Alliant about scheduling the workshops at 1:30pm on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> are meeting dates but the 8<sup>th</sup> isn't. Do you have any schedule conflicts with these dates?

**Requested Action:** Confirm that there are no scheduling conflicts with Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup> dates for the healthcare workshops.

Commissioner Parrish asked if all these meetings will be at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Moron answered yes. The Board agreed with the proposed dates. Commissioner Boldt stated he would like these 3 groups to speak on 4 primary health care issues which are the facility as the anchor, how they will enhance the outpatient facilities with Weems West and Weems East, enhancement of the EMS geographically and enhancement of the medical personnel. He said he would like a global review of health care in Franklin County relative to these 4 points. Commissioner Boldt asked Mr. Moron to have these 3 groups speak on these items as a focal point during their presentation. Commissioner Jones stated he does not think any of them will want to speak about the EMS service. He reported legally all the county is required to have is an ambulance service but they can ask each group. Mr. Moron commented if there is anything else the Board wants to ask to please let him know.

10. Airport Task Order: Mr. John Collins of AVCON, airport engineers, is recommending the executing of Task Order 6 for the design, bid, and construction phase services as part of FDOT's \$800,000 Grant (G1795). The Runway 6-24 lighting was originally designed as part of the overall Upgrade Airfield Lighting project in 2015 which included lighting for Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A. When this project was bid, the grant funding only accommodated the Runway 14-32 lighting improvements. Since 2015, the FAA has issued several updates to the lighting design circulars so we will need to validate the original design documents and update the design drawings and specifications in accordance with the current design circulars. AVCON anticipates completing the bid documents by early-December and issuing the project for bid shortly thereafter. Our preliminary budget estimate for construction is \$600k so the FDOT grant appears to cover the anticipated work and provide a construction contingency.

**Requested Action:** Authorize the Chairman's signature on Task Order No. 6 to upgrade Runway 6-24 and Taxiway B and D lighting systems for \$89,411.00.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on Task Order No. 6 to upgrade Runway 6-24 and Taxiway B and D lighting systems for \$89,411.00.

11. End of Fiscal Year Special Meeting: The Clerk's Finance Office is requesting a special meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am (ET) for the Board to approve payment of the final bill list for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This action will greatly reduce the amount of bookkeeping transaction to close out the fiscal year. There is no court, in this room, on that day. Requested Action: Authorize a special meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am (ET) to authorize payment of the final bill list for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a special meeting on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for payment of the final bill list for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

12. **Cherry Lowery Rankin Cookbook signing:** Commissioner Massey contacted me about scheduling a book signing for Franklin County's "native daughter" Mrs. Cherry Lowery Rankin.

Mrs. Rankin grew up in Carrabelle and watched her mother cook the family's Sunday dinners and holiday meals on a limited budget. Cherry, as she known to most, is the author of the cookbook, Keep It Simple: Let's Cook. She has a cooking segment, almost four years running, on WCTV Channel 6 two Saturday's each month. I was able to work with the library staff and schedule the signing event at the Carrabelle Library Branch on Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. **Requested Action:** None/Information item.

13. **Legislative Delegation:** As a reminder, the Franklin County Legislative Delegation is scheduled for Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm (ET) here in the County Commission meeting room. **Requested Action:** None/Information item.

Mr. Moron stated he and Mr. Pierce are working on the list and who will present the list. Commissioner Boldt asked if this is a priority list with reasons why they are supporting each item. Mr. Moron answered yes, if they want it that way and they can decide how to present it.

- 14. **Florida Forest Service:** The Florida Forest Service has submitted their annual report (attached) to the Board. I will give the Clerk a copy for the Board file. **Requested Action:** None/Information item.
- 15. **Final Budget Public Hearing:** As a reminder, the Board's final budget public hearing will be held this evening at 5:15 pm (ET) here in your meeting room. **Requested Action:** None/Information item.

Commissioner Jones reported he gave each Commissioner a copy of the notice for the 850 Industrial Hemp Summit on October 2<sup>nd in</sup> Tallahassee. He stated this is a 1 day event and will have speakers. He explained with the effects of Hurricane Michael on the area and forestry there has been a push for industrial hemp which has 20,000 uses. Commissioner Jones said there is a small registration fee and he wanted the Board to know about the summit. On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to pay travel if the Commissioners want to attend the summit. Commissioner Jones stated industrial hemp has less than 2% or 2.5% of THC so it is not a drug. Commissioner Boldt asked if this is a potential for job opportunity. Commissioner Jones explained this is coming up because it takes so long for pine trees to re-grow and this would give people that want to get involved in this industry throughout the panhandle an opportunity. He said this will allow people that were associated with the timber industry another way to make a living pretty quickly. Commissioner Parrish reminded anyone that wants to attend to get with county staff so their attendance fees can be paid.

## T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler stated he did not file a report for today's meeting.

# **Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Massey asked about the sign at the firing range and what action the Board is going to take. Attorney Shuler stated the Board has already authorized litigation and he is researching the causes of action and should have a lawsuit filed by the end of this week or beginning of next meeting. Commissioner Massey reported the county needs to give people some way to shoot. Commissioner Jones said since the other road has yet to be constructed that is still the only way for the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District to access the lift station that supports the jail. Attorney Shuler said he did not know that. He stated they have blocked off the road and it will take court action to re-open the road. Commissioner Massey reported he agrees with Chairman Lockley to take their money and then build a road to the firing range. Attorney Shuler stated the county does not have any property to build a road on to provide meaningful access. He explained there may be a way to have a major reconstruction but he would need to talk with Mr. Davis. Attorney Shuler stated there is no other reasonable alternative to the gun range except other than across the existing road. He said he will review this with Mr. Davis when he leaves the meeting today. Chairman Lockley asked if they will have an answer before 5:00 p.m. Attorney Shuler stated he will go to the site and review the situation after the meeting. Commissioner Jones said they have visited his work place when they could not use the firing range. He stated the number for the Humane Society is 670-8417 and if people have questions that is who they need to call. Chairman Lockley asked if the Board can stop their money tonight at the budget meeting. Commissioner Parrish said they can cut anything but they cannot raise the budget. Attorney Shuler reported the Board cannot do anything in today's meeting as they can only make a budget decision in a duly advertised budget hearing. Clerk Johnson said there is a budget hearing tonight and if the Board approves the budget they can still take action in a week or so to change the money that was allocated. She explained the Board just needs to decide what they are going to do with the money. Commissioner Jones stated they need to assign it to another space. Commissioner Parrish said they can put it in the Capital Outlay Fund. Clerk Johnson stated they will need to talk with Mrs. Griffith before the budget hearing. Chairman Lockley reported he would like the Board to act and look for a place where they can put the money. Commissioner Massey stated there are a lot of people using the gun range. Chairman Lockley said this is not right because the county was nice enough to give the land to the Humane Society and now they cut off the road to the gun range. Commissioner Parrish asked if the county's animal control is on the same property. Attorney Shuler stated a portion of that building is located on the property that was deeded to the Humane Society. Commissioner Parrish asked how they are getting to their building. Attorney Shuler was not sure. Commissioner Massey reported they have to get a way to get into the range because hunting season is going to start soon. Chairman Lockley said they can tell them not to come on the property but then they come here wanting money from the county to help run their place. He explained if they had issues they should have talked with the Board and worked this out.

#### **Commissioner comments**

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Commissioner Boldt reported the last item in the Agenda package is a proposal offered to the county for lobbying services. He stated this is something for the Board to review and the group will come and offer a 3 minute presentation during public comment. Commissioner Boldt said he thinks the Board should be thinking about lobbying on behalf of Franklin County. He stated the Board has a delegation they work with but outcome is important. Commissioner Boldt asked for the Board to read the proposal and provide their thoughts. He said they will be here in October and the Board can listen to what they have to say. Chairman Lockley asked what they are lobbying for. Commissioner Boldt stated the Board decides what the needs are. Chairman Lockley reported they did this before and it did not work. Commissioner Parrish asked how much money it will cost. Commissioner Jones answered \$36,000. Commissioner Boldt said they will agree to half of that for 6 months. Chairman Lockley stated if each one of them lobby their constituents they will come up with a better answer than the lobbyists. He reported that is who put them in office and they must work for the people. Chairman Lockley said the lobbying firm looks for money but he does not believe it will work. Commissioner Jones explained if the Board wants to move forward with this then they need to talk to several different ones. Commissioner Jones said he is leery and it will take a couple of years to get anything out of it. Chairman Lockley reported they tried it before and there was no success. Commissioner Parrish agreed they spent \$20,000 and did not get anything. Chairman Lockley reported people put them in here to do the job. Commissioner Boldt said the Commissioners can go to Tallahassee and lobby. Commissioner Jones stated the Commissioners have gone to Tallahassee. Chairman Lockley inquired how they think the constituents feels when they say they have no money and then hire someone for \$20,000 or more. Commissioner Boldt agreed there are limited funds available to hire a lobbyist. Commissioner Massey stated if they have \$36,000 to hire these people then they need to give raises. Commissioner Jones explained if they were going to talk about this it should have been before they started finalizing the budget.

# Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the 2:17 p.m.	ne Board, the meeting was adjourned at
Attest:	Noah Lockley - Chairman
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts	