

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 3, 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, 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

Chairman Lockley asked for everyone to observe a moment of silence for the storm victims. There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on July 25, 2019, July 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., July 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and August 6, 2019.

Payment of County Bills

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

Public Comments

Mr. Gordon Hunter, a resident of St. George Island, said the Friends of the Apalachicola Regional Airport have had some meetings and over 70 people have joined as supporters of the airport. He stated they are making progress with the museum they want to start at the airport. He reported they will be involved with youth programs and this Friday there is a veteran's meeting and they will have a speaker addressing the forming of a civil air patrol cadet program.

Mr. Hunter said the speaker will also address Franklin County Schools and explore the opportunities. He explained one of the responsibilities the county has is to review the master plan update for the airport. Mr. Hunter stated he has received a copy of the first portion of that plan and there are some deficiencies and some things that could be done better. He said the trouble is they do not have citizen input to help work on these things. He explained the airport committee that was chosen has three members and two of them live out of state. Mr. Hunter went on to say there is no local citizen input for this review and he recommended Commissioner Boldt be added to this committee because he is an aviator and has experience with the Carrabelle Aviation Board and hopefully can bring along 2-3 other people. He said they feel like there should be citizen input to have proper management and oversight. Mr. Hunter stated they are happy with the Fixed Base Operator (FBO).

Ms. Barbara Rohr, a resident of Lanark Village, reported about 6 weeks ago they came in to talk with the Board about the speeding situation in Lanark Village. She said they brought a petition and would like to be on the agenda. She stated they have not heard from Alligator Point yet on their situation. She requested the Board add the situation with Lanark Village when the Sheriff's Department comes up on the agenda. Mr. Moron explained the Sheriff's Department has two items and Mrs. Rohr is requesting the Board address the speeding situation at Lanark Village. Commissioner Massey said the Sheriff is addressing it because he saw the police cars out there. Sheriff A.J. Smith stated he will be happy to meet with them anytime about this matter. He reported they are doing things out there and will continue to address this area. He stated some people requested a change in the speed limit but that is not up to him. Sheriff Smith suggested they meet about this matter and if there are some things he cannot address then they will bring it back to the County Commission. He said if it is enforcement then they can probably handle it.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

1. At your August 6th meeting the Board, by motion, supported a resolution proclaiming the last Saturday in September as Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) Day. It was our intention of have Mrs. Jenna Harper, ANERR's Director, at that meeting to accept the resolution, unfortunately that didn't happen. Mrs. Harper is here today, so if there are no objections, the Board can present the resolution after I read it for the record.

Chairman Lockley presented the Resolution to Ms. Harper. Commissioner Boldt thanked Ms. Harper and said the ANERR is a beautiful jewel. He stated the video on the history of the bay is priceless and the research facility is wonderful and he appreciates their quality work. He encouraged everyone to visit the facility. Commissioner Boldt stated he has come to appreciate the background and life of his fellow commissioners in the seafood industry because of the research they are doing. He said they look forward to hearing more from her and are proud to have her here today. Ms. Harper thanked the Board for their support of the ANERR. She reminded the Board that Friday, September 27th, they celebrate Estuary Day at the Reserve from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Commissioner Jones thanked the ANERR for being a good community partner. He explained the Apalachee Regional Planning

Council (ARPC) and Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) have held meetings at their facility and it is good for this local government to have that access. He reported they have been welcoming and are taking care of more than just the ANERR.

Chairman Lockley stated he was not trying to cut short public comment but he thinks the Sheriff's Department is doing a good job patrolling the area. He said if they work with the Sheriff's Department then they can get this taken care of.

A.J. Smith – Sheriff

- Proclamation Presentation

Sheriff Smith said they appreciate the Proclamation for these two outstanding deputies. He reported they were recently selected as Deputies of the Year by the Florida Sheriff's Association. He explained this is a huge honor as they were selected from nominations from all 67 counties in Florida. Sheriff Smith reported they were selected for their heroism during the Eastpoint fire. He explained they rescued a family from a burning truck at the most intense part of this fire. Sheriff Smith said everyone knows how horrific the fire was and how quick it hit and how fast it moved. He stated even after being ordered to leave because the smoke was so thick they stayed and rescued this family. He said as a result of their actions there were no fatalities. Sheriff Smith stated their actions are worthy of these Proclamations and he appreciates the Board doing this. Mr. Moron read the Proclamation for Sgt. Jeff Hewitt. Chairman Lockley presented the Proclamation to Sgt. Hewitt. Mr. Moron read the Proclamation for Deputy Jared Hewitt. Chairman Lockley presented the Proclamation to Deputy Hewitt. Chairman Lockley said this father and son make a good team and he thanked them for their service. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Proclamations.**

- USDA Grant for New Vehicles

Mr. Moron said this grant is similar to what they are using to purchase ambulances for Weems Memorial Hospital. He stated there is a match and they will explain the details. Mrs. Ginger Coulter, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, introduced their new grant writer, Mrs. Lindsey Shepard. Mrs. Shepard requested Board approval for a USDA Grant. She stated the USDA will provide a 55% grant and they must provide a 45% match. Mrs. Shepard reported this is a request from the deputies. She stated the request is for 3 new vehicles with dash cameras. Mrs. Shepard said the dash cameras are needed and this is an opportunity to fund the purchase. Commissioner Parrish asked if the Sheriff will be able to come up with the match out of his current budget. Sheriff Smith answered yes, they are not asking for anything extra. Commissioner Parrish said his understanding is the county must apply for the grant. Mrs. Griffith responded the county must be the applicant for USDA. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to proceed with this grant with the Sheriff providing the match out of his current budget. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt reported the

Sheriff's Office has just presented some of their finest and the Sheriff is resourceful with the funds he is given. Commissioner Boldt said he is glad they have a grant writer and applauds this effort. He stated he wishes the Commission had a dedicated grant writer. Mr. Moron asked if this is a pre-application and they must follow up with a full application. Mrs. Shepard answered yes. Mr. Moron said the Sheriff's Department will come back with the full application. Mrs. Griffith stated that is the same process the county must follow. Chairman Lockley reported this is a good thing the Sheriff is doing. Sheriff Smith stated Mrs. Shepard found this grant. He explained all the deputies wear the body cameras but what happens in the car is not visible and there is no other place to wear the cameras. He stated this grant will allow some of the cars to transition to a camera in the car that will work with the body cameras and they will have more videos of what is going on. Sheriff Smith reported this will provide good protection for the community and the Sheriff's Department. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Rick Watson – Tax Collector – County Owned Tax Certificates Discussion

Mr. Watson requested permission to proceed with the applications for tax deeds on county tax certificates that will expire. He said to follow up on his Memorandum to the Board dated August 1st, there are a total of 26 tax certificates and 24 are owned by two separate corporate owners. He explained SGI Land Company, LLC owns 124 lots and Forgotten Coast Land Company, LLC owns 121 lots all in Carrabelle. Mr. Watson said both LLC's have the same address in California and both are inactive. He explained he provided proof with his Memorandum of their inactive status. He reported there are 24 certificates that are about to expire on these lots. He stated Franklin County owns 103 tax certificates for the last 7 years and private investors own 48 tax certificates. Mr. Watson stated taxes due to the county for the certificates as of August 31, 2019 is \$223,176. He reported in discussions with the Property Appraiser's Office and Carrabelle officials his best guess is that out of the 245 lots, 103 are high and dry and the remaining lots are wet but some are possibly buildable with retention ponds. He said the cost to the county for filing the tax deed application is \$675 per certificate. Mr. Watson explained he explored the possibility of filing only 2 tax deed applications on these lots but is unable to do this because private investors have some certificates outstanding on those properties. He reported the total cost to file the 26 tax deed applications will be \$17,550. Mr. Watson felt this would be an appropriate action to take and that the county would ultimately own the lots. He reported these properties will go on an Excess Lands List for 3 years and if anyone wants to buy the lots they must pay all the taxes owed to the county and private investors. Mr. Watson explained after 3 years on the Excess Lands List the county will own the property free and clear and can do what they want with it. He stated he spoke with the Clerk and she informed him there are sufficient funds to cover these costs. Chairman Lockley said this is a good thing. He stated usually if someone wants to buy the lots they would buy them at the sale. Mr. Watson agreed. He explained the tax deed application is handled just like a normal sale but the county does not have to pay the taxes on the private investors and that is different. Mr. Watson reported for tax deed applications they send a two week notice letter and then they file the application. He said there are costs the Clerk incurs by advertising the sale and sending certified letters to people who have an interest in the property. He reported

there will be a tax sale on the Courthouse steps and it is usually 4 months after the application is submitted to the Clerk's Office. Chairman Lockley said this is good for the county and the people have gone out of business and if they wanted the lots they would have gotten them. He stated in the future the county can use these lots for affordable housing or something else. Commissioner Parrish asked Mrs. Griffith if the funds are available to proceed with this request. Mrs. Griffith answered yes and this will be more positive for the county because the lots will come back on the tax roll at some point and the county will be able to collect ad valorem tax proceeds once the lots sell. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to proceed with this request.**

Mrs. Heather Riley – Supervisor of Elections – Cyber Security Proposal Discussion

Mrs. Riley presented the proposal from their IT company, Inspired Technologies, and read a letter to the Board. She stated as of today they have not had any cyber threats against their server but it could happen. Mrs. Riley reported the project recurring cost is \$5,500 a month and the proposal explains what the pricing includes. She stated she knows the county funds are tight and she would not bring it to the Board if she did not feel like this is the best solution to the technological and cyber security needs of the election's office. Mrs. Riley explained if the money is not available then she asks that a letter be written to her stating the current county budget is not able to fund this request at this time. Commissioner Boldt stated they are aware of the concern of cyber security but the price scares him. He questioned if there is an escape in this contract and how much notice must be given. Mrs. Riley reported they work with this company daily. She said if this plan did not work they are on monthly calls with them. She explained they are a 10 county consortium that work with Inspired Technologies. Mrs. Riley said Wakulla County and Jackson County have agreed to move forward with this request but most small counties cannot afford this amount and that is why they are looking for this letter so they can approach the state because the state received federal funds to use for cyber security. Mrs. Riley stated they would need 30 days to give them notice to get out of this contract. Commissioner Boldt asked if the Board gives this letter, does it give Mrs. Riley an opportunity to seek funds from the state. Mrs. Riley answered yes and that is her main purpose for being here today. She explained they know the county cannot afford this price. She reported the letter is needed for her to be able to talk with the state and ask for help. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to provide Mrs. Riley with a letter so she can go to the state to try and get some help. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** Mrs. Griffith agreed the county does not have \$66,000 for recurring costs. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Lockley requested a motion to let the state know the small counties need help. Mr. Moron suggested copying the legislative delegation on this letter and sending them an email saying they want them to be aware of this issue as the Supervisor of Elections will be approaching the state for funds. Chairman Lockley stated they also need to copy the Small County Coalition. **Commissioner Massey amended his motion to include the Chairman's comments. Commissioner Parrish amended his second.**

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors said they have been watching the storm since last week and have staged equipment but hopefully the storm will change.

Mr. Nabors reported they put limerock at Alligator Point so they could repair the road in case it washes out. He said they normally have to haul the limerock from Eastpoint to Alligator Point so this will save time.

Mr. Nabors stated his department continues cutting grass, weed eating and working on the roads.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

2. At your May 1, 2018 regular meeting, I explained to the Board that the property owner located at 1584 Peachtree Road, located in the area known as Southland west of Apalachicola, complained of standing water after a rain event in a ditch located at the edge of his property. At that same meeting, the Board directed me to have a discussion with Dewberry about options on resolving that issue. I was not able to have that immediate discussion with Dewberry and then Hurricane Michael recovery became a priority as it related to the county's use of Dewberry. Last week, Chairman Lockley asked for an update on this matter, so I discussed this stormwater issue with Mr. Clay Kennedy of Dewberry. Mr. Kennedy suggested that we consider using the Road Department to follow the entire drainage system to verify that there is nothing, such as downed trees from Hurricane Michael, blocking the path and adding to the drainage problem before agreeing to what could be an expensive stormwater study for the Southland area only. Keep in mind that since the water table is high in that area, there might not be an easy solution to the drainage problem, or any changes made to correct standing water in the ditch at 1584 Peachtree Road might increase stormwater problems to other property owners in that area. Mr. Kennedy is here this morning in case the Board has additional questions. **Board discussion.**

Mr. Moron said Mr. Nabors explained they had already done some work in reference to this. Mr. Nabors stated as long as he has been with the county there has been a water problem in this area. He report they shot grades on some of the pipes and there is an 18" pipe under the road that drains the water. He explained if they put a 24' or 36" pipe there to drain the water it will flood other people. Mr. Nabors said they would have to change out all the pipes if they change the one pipe. He stated there is water in the ditches but the ditches are made for settlement and not to drain dry. Mr. Moron requested direction from the Board. Mr. Nabors said the only way to drain the water is to cut the road and put in about 5 new pipes. Commissioner Parrish stated he lives in this neighborhood and all the ditches have water in them. He explained the water table is high and until the water table drops the water in the ditch cannot drain out. Mr. Nabors said the area around this property is low. Commissioner Parrish stated the water is generated near Tilton Road and is trying to find the river. Mr.

Nabors reported they are having this problem all over the county when they get a lot of rain. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Nabors to explain it to the property owner. Mr. Nabors stated they explained it but he does not want the water in the ditch or in the yard. Commissioner Boldt suggested writing a letter on county letterhead to the property owner and telling him it was discussed today so there is some closure. Chairman Lockley agreed the Board could send a letter. Mr. Moron pointed out there are other stormwater issues that are worse throughout the county so the Board needs to take a comprehensive look instead of just addressing one request. Commissioner Parrish stated the land is flat so there is no elevation to use to drain these areas. He said if there was an easy solution he would have already done it and he thinks everyone that lives there understands that. Mr. Clay Kennedy, Dewberry Engineers, agreed with Mr. Nabors. He explained he calculated there were 8 side drains and 3 or 4 cross drains that would be affected if they started lowering pipes. He stated all of this water goes out under the box culvert they replaced on Bluff Road. He said this involves about a 1,000 acre drainage basin and the elevation only falls a couple of feet over the entire area. He discussed the area and agreed what was said is correct there is not enough elevation to make things work. He reported if they dig the ditch too deep it will allow the river to back up into the ditch. Mr. Kennedy said the Board is correct the water will stand in the ditch until the water table drops and there is no quick fix. Commissioner Jones reported several times he has talked with people in his district on St. George Island and they think a ditch to the bay (which would be a DEP issue) would help but the water could flow back into their yard so there is not an easy fix.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to write the property owner a letter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Moron requested the Board reverse their motion from 2018 about the study based on the fact that the study will not help. He explained that will save the county from having this on the record and spending those dollars. **Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include the County Administrator's comments. Commissioner Jones amended his second. Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Lockley said he brought this up because they voted on it before.

Mr. Nabors reported the tractor is not working and will be sent to the shop. He said they will use one of the older tractors.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Moron said Mr. Davis texted and is coming from the landfill and running late.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell apologized for not having a Board report and said they have been preparing for the storm. She explained they are still doing conference calls until Hurricane Dorian decides where to go. She reported there are also 2 more storms they are monitoring. Chairman Lockley asked if they are storm ready. Mrs. Brownell answered if the people of the county have their plans then they are storm ready.

Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovstrand said he does not have any additional items.

County Extension Activities August 21 – September 3, 2019

General Extension Activities:

- City permit acquisition should happen soon and the general contractor for the renovation project on the future home of the Extension Office is ready to go. Tentative start date is September 16.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participated with a team of 6 Panhandle UF Extension faculty to host a “Springs Tour” of 3 NW Florida freshwater springs to discuss water quality issues, management strategies and public use of these important water features. 35 participants gained knowledge of these unique systems and why these open windows to the Floridan aquifer need to be protected.
- Extension Director summarized session content from recent aquaculture lease storm preparation workshop hosted at the FSU Marine Lab during August.
- Extension Director attended the yearly Extension Professionals meeting in Fort Meyers. A first-place team award was received for a Facebook LIVE session conducted on the topic of damage to aquaculture lease sites and gear during Hurricane Michael. A second-place team award was received for aquaculture infographics that were done as part of National Seafood Month in October.

4-H Youth Development:

- Four Franklin County 4-H youth submitted photos in the state 4-H photography contest and received 15 awards, including 4 first place state-level awards for their age and photo entry category.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching hands-on cooking skills with pre-K youth to 8th grade with “Kids in the Kitchen curriculum. Includes kitchen safety, cooking skills, how to follow recipes and, always the favorite part, taste testing.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Davis said he does not have anything to report but Mr. Moron has an item to bring up. Mr. Moron presented the following item:

1. During your budget workshops the Board discussed adding an additional part-time animal control officer to the county’s Animal Control department due to increased calls and for 7-days a

week coverage. During that discussion it was stated that both the City of Carrabelle and the City of Apalachicola should contribute to the Animal Control budget since the county's animal control officers responded to many complaints within both city limits and therefore spent a lot of time there. The Board requested that I contact both cities and ask that they consider contributing \$7000 each, if they wanted the county's animal control officers to continue responding to calls within the city limits. This would offset some of the added expenses of the new part-time position. The Board also wanted a formal agreement that would include language requiring city officers to respond with the animal control officers to assist with some of the human conflicts that go along with these calls. After having these discussions with representatives from both cities, keeping in mind that they are also in the middle of their budget process, would the Board to consider another option? Each city would contribute \$3500 for this budget year and then agree to contribute \$7000 for the 2020-21 budget year. In addition, all animal complaints calls would go to the Sheriff's dispatch, then a local city police officer would respond and determine if an animal control officer is actually needed. That process might reduce the amount of calls that require an animal control officer, there would be a source to determine how many calls are from each city versus the unincorporated areas for future discussions, and a law enforcement officer would be at the call location to address any human conflict. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Fonda Davis, and he supports the idea. **Board discussion.**

Commissioner Parrish said they received different emails and he understood they did not want an officer to respond. He explained they had some issues in the City of Apalachicola with people verbally abusing the Animal Control Officers and threatening them. He stated the Animal Control Officers do not carry a gun or a badge which is why the Board requested that an officer respond with the Animal Control Officer within the cities. He asked what the cities' response is on this issue. Mr. Moron said staff liked the idea but the officers were a little resistant. He stated he explained sometimes the human contact is worse than dealing with the animal. Commissioner Parrish explained the Animal Control Officers are not there to arrest anyone and do not have that power but they are subject to verbal abuse and that is why he thinks an officer needs to respond. He said he wants to make sure both cities are willing to do this. Commissioner Parrish questioned if Mr. Moron talked with them and they agreed to do this. Mr. Moron answered yes and said he will tell them that is the way it has to be. He stated, if not, the Animal Control Officers cannot respond because all kinds of things happen and they are not authorized to handle the people because only a duly authorized officer can address these items. Mr. Moron reported he prefers for the law enforcement officer to be there first and then ask for the Animal Control Officer. He states the Board needs to ask Attorney Shuler to include this in the Memorandum because if they want to use the county Animal Control Officers then it will be on the county's terms. Commissioner Parrish said he can make a motion to proceed but he wants to make sure everyone knows their responsibilities as well as the Animal Control Officers know their responsibilities in both cities. Chairman Lockley stated officers are not needed on all calls but there are some situations where they need assistance. He explained sometimes they want to fight the Animal Control Officer that is only there doing his job. Mr. Moron asked the Board to set the terms for continuing the same level of service. Chairman Lockley reported they are trying to keep a situation from going bad. Mr. Moron stated one of the reasons for going through dispatch is they will have the data to know how

many calls come from the cities and the unincorporated areas. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion based on Mr. Moron's recommendation with the stipulation if there are any changes the matter comes back to the Board.** Commissioner Parrish said if everyone agrees that is fine but if the terms of this policy changes then he wants the Board to know before he proceeds. **Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley stated he is not against anyone having animals but they must keep them in place. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Amy Ham-Kelly – Public Hearing – Simmons – Re-zone a 22.77 Acres Parcel from R-1 Single Family Residential and R-2 Single Family Mobile Home to R-1A Single Family Subdivision

Mrs. Ham-Kelly presented the following item:

- 1.** Consideration of a request to re-zone a 22.77 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin Count, Florida. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for William Simmons, applicant.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly explained the applicants wants to change from R-1 Single Family Residential which allows 1 unit per acre to R-1A Single Family Subdivision which allows 3 units per acre. She reported one of the requirements is a centralized water and sewer system in order to allow the lots to be reduced to 1/3 acre. She said the south side of the property is in a Coastal High Hazard area but since they are not increasing the density of that property they are allowed to include it in the request. Commissioner Parrish asked if the lots on the south side will not be utilized in the subdivision as far as residences go. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they will but there is a reduction in units. She explained they could have 6 units but will not have only 2 on the south side. Mr. Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Associates, offered to answer any questions. He described the location of the property and said there is a large seawall on the property. He explained the subdivision was R-1 with large lots and septic tanks and wells. He explained there are 6 platted lots on the south side and if they were big enough you could build a house on each one with a dock. He stated some of the lots are greatly affected by the 50 ft. setback so they tried to decide what to do with the property. Mr. Garlick said this property is not flat and slopes and gets higher as you go towards Tate's Hell. He reported the soil is good and permeable for septic tanks where they could meet all the conditional things in an R-1 district. He explained there were trying to make this more affordable and Mr. Simmons is here to explain about that item. Mr. Garlick reported their plan is to concentrate the units more in the high ground in the X flood zone rather than having any possibility of any kind of development towards the A flood zone or in the V flood zone on the south side of Highway 98. He said the property is in the Coastal High Hazard area so instead of doing the 6 lots they propose to take 2 of the lots and re-plat them to have at least .4 acres per lot for 2 and the rest they will combine into 1 and do a swimming pool as an amenity for the lots across the street. He said the lots across the street with the R-1 zoning would allow them to have units up to 1 unit per 1/3 acre. Mr. Garlick reported they plan to do 34 lots on the north side but out of that 4 will remain about an acre or ¾ of an acre. He explained those 4 lots are right next to Highway 98 and part are in the A flood zone and they are trying to eliminate any development in the A zone on the

north side. He went on to say the idea is to push the development to the north in areas that are well drained and out of harm's way. He stated they propose doing water and sewer instead of individual systems. He said they are going with a central collection system for water and sewer which will also go into the northern part in the X flood zone out of harm's way. Mr. Garlick said in brief conversations he had with DEP and the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWMD) they have plenty of water and plenty of good area to build a wastewater system that can not only serve the lots they are talking about now including the ones on the south side of Highway 98 but they also have the capacity to offer service to the neighborhood. He explained it will be a mini collection system for the general area. Mr. Garlick reported he does not think the City of Carrabelle will offer water and sewer anytime in the near future in this area. He explained this central system versus individual wells and septic tanks is a big benefit. He said they are eliminating impacts in the V flood zone and attempting to eliminate or minimize the impact in the A flood zone and concentrate the development in the X flood zone which is a good place for it to be. He said the access to Highway 98 will stay the same as there are two exits on the north side. He reported all the roads will be paved that enter Highway 98 and on the south side there will be one access for both lots and the area on the west side for amenities consisting of basically a pool. Mr. Garlick said they are seeing a big benefit by doing this rezoning. Mr. Garlick asked if this is a quasi-judicial hearing for the rezoning. Attorney Shuler answered yes. Mr. Garlick said Mr. Williams is present to answer questions and talk about his plans and his efforts of talking with people in the neighborhood. Attorney Shuler inquired what the extended yellow rectangular parcel south of Highway 98 extending out into the water is on the map. Mr. Garlick said this is off the tax appraiser's map and is water for the most part. Mr. Simmons reported it was reserved for a dock when it was drawn. Attorney Shuler stated he thinks this is where the dock was proposed in the original development years ago. He said he mentioned when the Board authorized this public hearing that during the original development of this subdivision one of the issues was how many boat slips they could have for the subdivision. He explained the Board's policy was they had 6 lots that had riparian rights south of Highway 98 and they were allowed 2 boat slips per lot for a total of 12. He explained the issue back then was the developer was trying to get boat slips for the non-riparian lots on the north side of Highway 98. Attorney Shuler asked how many boat slips they intend to have for this potential development. Mr. Garlick stated they have not gotten to that point but have talked about a courtesy dock. He reported once it is rezoned and platted to 3 lots they would have 6 boat slips. Mr. Simmons said he would prefer to have 12 boat slips. Attorney Shuler explained the number of boat slips is not relevant to the Board approving or disapproving the rezoning and is a site plan matter but since it was a contentious item originally he wanted to lay the ground work with the Board, the public and the developer and his consultant now so they could have a discussion upfront if this is an issue. Commissioner Parrish said he thought they were redoing the 6 lots on the south side of Highway 98 and now they will only have 2 buildable lots. Attorney Shuler stated he heard they are going from 6 lots to 3 lots but they have not submitted a site plan to reduce the density yet. Attorney Shuler explained as they are looking at it today they have 6 parcels of record and whether they are buildable or not is not relevant to the number of boat slips. He reported the Board's policy is 2 boat slips per lot that have riparian rights so as they look at it today they

have 12 boat slips. Mr. Garlick said today they are proposing to go to 3 lots. Commissioner Parrish questioned if they will building their own advanced wastewater treatment system plant. Mr. Garlick answered yes. Attorney Shuler asked how many total lots are proposed. Mr. Garlick stated the total is 34. Mr. Garlick presented a proposed plat of the area from R-1 to R-1A to the Board and showed the proposed changes. Attorney Shuler stated this is a public hearing and invited the public to come forward and watch the presentation. Mr. Garlick explained where each item will be on the proposed plat. He reported their central water and sewer system is large enough to serve their area and the neighbors and they have had some positive comments from the neighbors but some are indifferent. He stated they made the effort to talk with everyone. He said they meet all the requirements of the R-1A zoning category. He stated the seawall is in place and has been there since 2005. Commissioner Boldt asked if they will reach out across the street and provide sewer and water connections. Mr. Garlick answered yes, he said they will have to get an easement from DOT but they plan to do a sewer and water connection. He said the idea is not to have any individual wastewater treatment systems on this site. Commissioner Parrish reported if the rezoning is granted then they only have 3 lots and not 6. Mr. Simmons agreed 2 buildable lots and a common area. Commissioner Parrish reported if this is rezoned to 3 lots then they only get 6 boat slips. Mr. Garlick agreed that is correct and would be the maximum. Commissioner Parrish said he wants to make sure everyone understands there will only be 6 boat slips. Mr. Simmons asked if there will only be 6 boat slips granted. Commissioner Parrish answered yes, because they are rezoning from 6 lots to 3 lots. Attorney Shuler stated they are just talking about the rezoning because they have not re-platted anything yet. He explained if they get the rezoning but do not install the package plant then they have zero buildable lots because they cannot provide the infrastructure. He said they would then need to come back and request another rezoning to less density. He stated right now they have 6 lots of record across the road until it is changed by the Board with a re-plat. Mr. Garlick explained the rezoning is one thing but they are trying to show what they are going to do with the rezoning. Mr. Simmons stated he canvassed as many of the neighbors as he could find home. He reported there were 9 adjacent sites and one was happy to tie into the system, 5 were at home but did not care and he left letters for the others and did not hear from them. He discussed the layout of the lots and said the first tier lots will be at least 1 acre and will be in the \$400,000 range. He reported in the back there will be 2 houses per acre and they will be \$200,000. Commissioner Boldt said they recently looked at the Serenity Seaside development in Eastpoint and he asked if it would be appropriate and they would consider an amount to be determined from the proceeds of sale from every one of their lots going into a saving account for affordable housing contingent upon the Board considering the zoning. Mr. Simmons stated he felt like he was building affordable housing in the back of the property. Commissioner Boldt reported this would go to affordable housing county- wide. Mr. Simmons questioned the amount. Commissioner Boldt stated they have a guide already from the Serenity development. Attorney Shuler said the issue of affordable housing is important but right now they are here on the issue to rezone the property not a site plan or a development plan. He advised the Board now is not the time to consider this matter. Mr. Simmons stated he is not opposed to the idea. Attorney Shuler stated they can discuss it with the landowner and come to a voluntary arrangement like they did with the prior developer

when they get to a site plan. Mr. Garlick reported as they go through this project they still have to get permits from the NWFWMDC for stormwater management, the well and wastewater system and they feel comfortable they can do all these things. Attorney Shuler stated during the last public hearing the Board had with Serenity they allowed a party representative to have an allotted time since there were so many people who wanted to speak. He said there does not seem to be as many people here today so he suggested individuals be allowed to speak for 3 minutes to ask questions of the developer. Chairman Lockley asked for public comment. Mr. Charles Carothers, a resident of 229 Woodill Road, said he is concerned about the smell of the wastewater treatment plant and access to Highway 98. He explained on the plan they show a second drive but he does not know where that is. He reported he is also concerned about the small plots for mobile homes or trailers as they will decrease values in the area. Mr. Carothers said he is opposed to small lots and thinks these lots should be for homes that increase the value of his property. Mrs. Ham-Kelly clarified if this is rezoned to R-1A the only allowable uses are stick built homes or modular homes but no mobile homes would be allowed. Ms. Susan Macken, a resident of 2171 W. Highway 98, showed the Board her property on the map. She said she was not able to connect to the link on the computer for the July 9, 2019 Planning and Zoning Meeting Agenda on the county's website. She explained the rezoning notice posted on the property appeared, disappeared and then reappeared last Tuesday or Wednesday. She reported the map on the Notice of Zoning Change has an error and includes a lot that is not part of Shell Bay. She said it is a 1 acre lot the tax records indicate owned by the Oliver Thomas Partnership. Ms. Macken explained there is another lot within Shell Bay that shows on the tax maps as being sold in April of last year and it is now showing up in the rezoning application. She stated she would think the owners of that property would have to make application to rezone. Ms. Macken said the current zoning is 1 acre per lot but many of them have homes that sit on more than an acre. She reported there are 3 parcels that adjoin Shell Bay with owner occupied homes that are on more than an acre of land. She said she shares Mr. Carothers' concerns. She explained they did research before buying their property and they knew there would be homes eventually behind them on 1 acre lots but now there will be a street with 11 homes according to the preliminary map that was submitted. Ms. Macken reported Attorney Shuler brought up the boat slips and history and Mr. Simmons delivered a letter that references a fishing pier, community boat dock and dockage for jet skis and boats of various sizes and all of that would be on the south side of the development. She expressed concern about noise, light pollution, appropriate stormwater management particularly that close to the bay and tripling the density of the property triples the permitted impermeable surfaces on that acreage. Mr. Keith Hardy said he is representing himself and his brother who own the property next door to the proposed subdivision. He provided the Board with copies of his statement and attachments that show where their property is located. He said the notice that was stuck in their door is also attached. He read his statement asking the Board to reject the proposal. Attorney Shuler asked if Mr. Hardy had any questions of the applicant. Mr. Hardy stated he sees a noted difference between the stated intent and the distraction of the number of boat slips from the higher density and the use of the property in an unusual way. He reported rezoning is normally done for some reason and he does not see any surrounding property that makes this the obvious target of rezoning. Ms. Uta Hardy, a resident of

Apalachicola, stated the biggest concern is the sewer system. She identified the Hardy property on the map and showed the location of the wastewater treatment plant. She asked if they would consider re-positioning the wastewater treatment system on another location. Mr. Michael Krehl, a resident of Franklin County, asked what type of system this will be and how it will function with lots on the lower area and effluent that must be moved to a higher area. Mr. Garlick answered a series of advanced wastewater treatment systems that are better than an aerobic unit. Mr. Krehl asked if it will be vacuum or gravity. Mr. Garlick responded both and explained how it would work. He said in response to Ms. Hardy's question they could considered moving it to the other end and move the well to the other side. Mr. Garlick stated in relation to the smell it is not fair to compare the system on St. George Island that has been there 35 years and is not an advanced wastewater treatment system. He reported they will not have the same situation here. Attorney Shuler explained due to the limited number of people they will allow them to get back up and ask their questions. Mr. Hardy stated the only downhill property from the septic system is the wetland and the Hardy property and there is only one drainage for the whole subdivision to the gulf side through the one culvert that dumps onto their property. He pointed out it creates more of a risk for someone that is not in the subdivision. Mr. Carothers showed his property on the map and said he is concerned about the subdivision backing up to his property with mobile homes. Attorney Shuler explained if this rezoning occurs it would not allow for mobile homes. He reported the county has to consider a modular home as site-built. Ms. Macken inquired about fire protection if they move forward with rezoning and this many homes being on that parcel of land. She referenced the Subdivision Ordinance and said she does not think fire hydrants are required. Mr. Garlick explained he thinks any water system requires fire hydrants and they will be doing them every 500 ft. because he thinks that is the requirements for the other systems. He stated the City of Carrabelle has a volunteer fire department and he estimated they are 5-6 miles away. He reported they will have the water capacity to deal with fire. Attorney Shuler asked for any additional public comments. There were no additional comments. Attorney Shuler reported this is the applicant's chance to respond to the public comments. Mr. Garlick reported this will be a current state of the art system and he does not think there will be an issue with smell. He said there are already 2 access points and showed them on the map. Mr. Garlick explained they will be talking with DOT about driveway cuts but he does not think any will be needed. He stated there will be no mobile homes. He said any procedural problems would need to be addressed to county staff. He stated it was advertised in the newspaper and addressed to the neighbors so the applicant and county did due diligence. Mr. Garlick stated the biggest benefit is removal of the more hazardous problems from the V zone and moving them to the X zone for water and sewer. He reported if someone wants to hook up to the sewer system there should be a surplus so they can also alleviate a concern. He said there will be a Class C Operator for the plant. Mr. Garlick stated the Department of Health (DOH) requires an inspection and tests the water. He reported they are not requesting anything on the dock yet and that is something that would come up at a later time. He said this is conceptual but they can consider moving the wastewater treatment system to the other side but where it sits is not bad place for it. He explained if this is an issue they can look at shifting the wastewater system to the west and the

water to the east but they need to make sure the neighbors are okay with that. Mr. Garlick said from a conceptual stand they have a good project and he will be glad to answer any questions. Mrs. Ham-Kelly explained in reference to procedural issues they always notify the property owners by certified letter when they are going through a public hearing. She stated they use the addresses that are on file on the Property Appraiser's website. She reported it is advertised in the newspaper twice and it is available online. She said they will work on making sure the agendas are readable but they are extremely large files. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported in the future they will only advertise the bare minimum and she will make a note at the bottom there are additional items and they can contact her to obtain those items. Mr. Moron pointed out certain devices cannot process large files. Attorney Shuler asked if Mrs. Ham-Kelly received any requests for additional information. Mrs. Ham-Kelly responded there were some people that visited the office but no requests for additional information. Commissioner Jones inquired what portion of the property is R-1 and what portion is R-2 as it currently sits. Mr. Garlick stated it is all zoned R-1. Commissioner Parrish said that is not what the application says. Mrs. Ham-Kelly described the area zoned R-2. She explained if the area is rezoned to R-1A then mobile homes would not be allowed. Commissioner Jones asked how many mobile homes are allowed in R-2. Mrs. Ham-Kelly replied 1 unit per acre. Mr. Garlick stated Mrs. Ham-Kelly is correct there is one area that is R-2. Commissioner Jones inquired how many lift stations will be required for this project. Mr. Garlick responded 1 per house but it also depends on the location of the house. He went on to say half will be gravity feed. He said the houses on the south side and the large lots will probably have lift stations so about 50% will have lift stations. Commissioner Parrish reported it will be tough for him to vote for the rezoning when there are people around the property that do not want the rezoning. He explained when these people bought their property they expected it to be 1 unit per acre. Commissioner Parrish stated he is not against the rezoning but he is on behalf of the people that are already there and established. He said the rezoning is coming to them and it is not like the county rezoned it and then people bought property around it and that makes a difference to him. He explained if it had been rezoned and they knew there would be a lot of density when they bought the property it would be different but these people already own property and they would have to see if they do not want to live around the density. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Garlick to address the 1 culvert going to the Hardy's property and questioned if all the drainage from this property will flow onto their property. Mr. Garlick said it is about a 3 acre wetland and there is nothing they can do and he is not going to DEP to get a permit to fill it because they will not give him one. Commissioner Parrish asked if all the drainage off this property is going to flow to their property. Mr. Garlick said part of it is going there and there is a divide and part of it will go to the west but he is not exactly sure where that is. He explained on the south side it goes directly to the bay. Commissioner Parrish asked if it already flows through their property. Mr. Garlick was not sure if it is on the border of their property or the neighbors but said there is definitely a drainage line south of there into the bay. Mr. Garlick discussed the drainage running to the side of the seawall and said he would be more concerned about the person next to this property. Mr. Hardy said they own that property. Mr. Garlick explained they cannot have discharge off their site that is any greater than it was before so they will have to deal with it before it gets to that point. He explained they must address it before it gets to the critical

habitat zone. He stated they are not doing anything with the wetlands or the critical habitat zone. Mr. Garlick reported the benefit is they have 20 lots on that side of the road now and are going to have 30 more and it is below what they could have had with 1/3 acre but they and the county have the advantage of setting a precedent and take houses that are in the A zone and in harm's way and push them forward for more of a density transfer even though it is higher. He explained a 1/3 acre lot is not a bad size lot and with water and sewer is a big benefit. He stated it is substantially better than having a lot of houses on septic tanks but it could change in the future. Commissioner Parrish said he agreed and understands the advantages but these people did not buy next to a subdivision. He reported their options are limited if this property is rezoned. Mr. Garlick responded they are in a subdivision with larger lots. Mr. Simmons stated Mrs. Ham-Kelly is correct and some of this property does not belong to them. He explained Mr. Chuck Thomas has 2 ½ acre tracts and he is the first person that was contacted and wants to tie into the wastewater treatment system. He identified two other lots on the map that do not belong to them but belong to Ms. Sheree Wood and she agrees with the rezoning. Mr. Simmons said she could build as many as 5 houses after the rezoning if she wanted to but she does not want to. He showed the location of the wastewater treatment system and said they selected the most remote site. He reported the smell of the wastewater plant will not be a problem and he may build on the lot near it. Chairman Lockley said change is coming and people are buying the lots, paying taxes and sooner or later they are going to try and develop them. Commissioner Massey asked if the lots at the top can have trailers now. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes, a manufactured home. Mr. Carothers stated he has lived there for 18 years and they are subject to considerable power outages and he wants to know what happens to the septic system when the power is out. He reported both of the exits to the subdivision are on Highway 98 and twice he has had to go through the woods when Highway 98 is torn up and he would like to know how they are going to get out. Commissioner Massey asked if Mr. Carothers knew they could put trailers on the lots at the top. Mr. Carothers said he did not know. Attorney Shuler stated he has conferred with the developer's consultant and with Mrs. Ham-Kelly and 3 of these units do not have rezoning applications from the owners. He reported they do have a rezoning application from this developer but he cannot request to rezone property that he does not own. He explained the options are to cut out those 3 units that have not applied to the county for rezoning or he recommends they table this rezoning public hearing and have staff consult with these property owners and have them send something to the county in writing that they do or do not want the property rezoned. He reported right now the county is not in a position that they can take action on these 3 lots. Attorney Shuler asked Mrs. Ham-Kelly to identify the lots on the map. Mr. Williams stated the lots owned by Mr. Thomas already have 2 ½ acre lots grandfathered in so he does not need to be rezoned. He said they can cut Ms. Wood's property out. The Board agreed to cut these lots out of the rezoning. Attorney Shuler reported the Board cannot rezone someone's property without their consent but can cut the lots out and move forward with the application as it has already been advertised. He said they are in a procedural position to move forward with that clarification.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

Commissioner Jones asked at what point this area became known as Shell Bay Subdivision. Attorney Shuler replied 2005. Commissioner Boldt asked if they have enough information to proceed with a vote or should they think about it more. Chairman Lockley reported he has enough information and they cannot keep putting off what the people put them here for. He stated it will be the same information they get the next time. Commissioner Boldt stated they are in a procedural issue about considering the rezoning and not in the site development stage but there are two points which are affordable housing money and some kind of buffer to preserve the integrity of the neighbor's property. He inquired if it is appropriate to suggest this be contingent upon their vote. Attorney Shuler said the Board would be in a better position to make the decision on whether buffers are put in place between the new development and the existing properties or not during the site plan approval process not necessarily during the rezoning process. Commissioner Boldt said now it is in the record that they have the intention of looking very careful at the site plan development and he does not want it forgotten. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by the following vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the petitioner's rezoning request:**

AYE: BOLDT, MASSEY, LOCKLEY, JONES

NAY: PARRISH

Attorney Shuler clarified the 3 lots they discussed earlier are omitted from the rezoning decision they just made. He stated those are the 2 lots owned by Ms. Sheree Wood and 1 lot owned by Mr. Chuck Thomas.

Amy Ham-Kelly – Public Hearing – Reeder – Re-Zone a .29 Acre Parcel from C-1 Commercial Fishing to C-3 Commercial Recreation

Mrs. Ham-Kelly read the following request:

2. Consideration of a request to re-zone a .29 acre parcel from C-1 Commercial Fishing to C-3 Commercial Recreation. Parcel is located at 332 Patton Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Susan Reeder, applicant.

Chairman Lockley asked for public comment. There was no public comment. Ms. Reeder explained the reason for rezoning from C-1 to C-3 is because they were in the seafood industry for 50-60 years but due to the issues with the bay there are no oysters now. She reported they are out of business and there is nothing else to do so they are trying to get this changed to transition into another project. She asked the Board to consider the change so they could do the 4 little cottage houses. Chairman Lockley said this is causing a hardship on them with the oysters being gone. Mrs. Reeder agreed that is correct. She stated if they could get oysters they would still be in the seafood business. She reported they are doing this for necessity and

to keep working. Chairman Lockley asked again for public comment. There was no public comment. Commissioner Jones questioned if they will tear down the existing building. Mrs. Reeder replied yes. She said she has talked with the neighbors and the ones she talked with are fine with this. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated all the adjacent property owners were notified and this was advertised in the newspaper for 2 weeks. Commissioner Parrish asked Mrs. Ham-Kelly to give them the conditions because he is worried about the flood plain. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported what they are proposing is 4 cottages for short term transient stay similar to Coastline RV Park. She explained during unnamed tropical storms when EOC starts sending out notifications that the RV's need to be evacuated then these cottages must be evacuated. She stated the cottages can be below base flow elevation but they must be tagged road ready and in the event of a storm moved off site. She explained if they have loans on the units then the insurance company will require them to move the units or they will not cover them. Commissioner Parrish asked if the flood insurance will go up if they do not move these units. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said if they are not moved then they would not allow them to put back anything such as short term transient rentals and quoted the Flood Plain Ordinance requirements. Commissioner Parrish said the flood insurance rates will not go up if they choose not to move the units. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated it should not be a factor but she can check into it. She reported they have not done commercial site plan review at this point. She explained tomorrow they go through the variance process and on the 10th they go through commercial site plan approval at Planning & Zoning. She stated she will call ISO and find out if the flood insurance rates go up if the units are not moved. Commissioner Parrish stated they need to know to make an informed decision. Mrs. Reeder reported as soon as they are told to move the units they will move the units and not leave them there to be destroyed. She explained they can be disconnected within 45 minutes. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated she visited the Coastline RV Park when they needed to be moved and the ramps, steps and skirting are easily detached. She reported Coastline RV Park has always been in compliance during a tropical storm event. Mrs. Ham-Kelly explained they are on quick disconnect electrical meters and a quick disconnect sewer system. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this rezoning request.** Mrs. Ham-Kelly agreed to check today with ISO about the flood insurance rates if the units are not moved.

Open Sealed Bids/Request for Qualifications

Mr. Moron read the following item from Mr. Pierce's report:

1. The Board will be opening bids for the reconstruction of Alligator Drive. Clay Kennedy will be there. The Board should open the bids and turn them over to Clay for a recommendation. Because this is a complicated project, and potentially 8 bidders, Clay will come back to the Sept. 17 Board meeting with a recommendation. I will also be at the Sept. 17 Board meeting. We will turn over the recommended low bid to FEMA for their approval, and at that point the project, and the timeline, are in the hands of FEMA. FCMC will assist in getting FEMA reviewers to stay on the project, but who knows how long it will take, especially if Hurricane Dorian becomes a large disaster.

- Alligator Drive Hurricane Damage Repairs

Mr. Moron and Mr. Kennedy open and read the following bids:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Anderson Columbia, Inc.	Marianna, FL	\$4,710,105.40
CWR Contracting, Inc.	Hosford, FL	\$6,973,070.10
North Florida Construction, Inc.	Clarksville, FL	\$6,966,619.50
Roberts & Roberts, Inc.	Tallahassee, FL	\$5,884,109.08

Mr. Kennedy said all the bidders have a bid bond. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to send the bids to Dewberry for review and a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey stated Mr. Kennedy does need to review the bids because there is a big difference in the amounts. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Moron said with the \$750,000 appropriation they will hold on to it and for the scope of services this will be the FEMA match for this project. Chairman Lockley stated they have low bids but he wants to make sure they can do the work. Commissioner Parrish reported all of the bids will be higher than what FEMA allows. Mr. Kennedy said that is a question for Mr. Pierce but his understanding is they will take the low bid and write the Project Worksheet (PW) based on that dollar amount.

Mr. Moron said Mrs. Griffith gave the Board a handout because they asked her to check with the auditors about the due to/from that involved the advance to Weems Memorial Hospital a few years ago and it showing on the books as a loan. Mrs. Griffith read the following information:

If the Commission wishes to remove the amount due back to the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF) a motion will be needed to effectively remove the \$690,000 amount due to and from as noted in the General Ledger in both sets of financials. The adjustment cannot be made retroactive but can be entered with an effective date of today.

Mrs. Griffith said she checked with Roberson & Association, County Auditors, and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, Weems Memorial Hospital Auditors, to confirm this would work if the Board wanted to take that action. She reported if they do not want to take this action then it will stay the same. Chairman Lockley stated the money was spent on the hospital. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to effectively remove the \$690,000 amount due to and from as noted in the General Ledger in both sets of financials with an effective date of today. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish stated he made this motion based on the comments of Chairman Lockley over several meetings that he would like to see this removed. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Court – Report

Clerk Johnson did not have a report at this time.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron read this report, as follows:

1. This item was handled during the bid opening.
2. Treasury has noted that Franklin County did not completely comply with the public notice rules regarding the 2 planning studies for dune restoration and Stormwater on St. George Island, so the 45-day public notice will have to start all over again. It is a technical issue regarding what was posted on the county website.
Langton Consulting is continuing to work on the project so this 45-day period that we have to do over again will not be a total loss.

Mr. Moron said this 45 day period starts today and he will provide notice on the website, at the Courthouse and at the Annex. Commissioner Parrish asked if this will be in the newspaper. Mr. Moron did not think so but said they provide notice on the website for where the envelopes will be at 2 locations in the county so they can pick them up. He said he will check to see if he needs to do an ad for the newspaper. Commissioner Parrish stated he would place it in the newspaper.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

1. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
2. The Board discussed this earlier in the meeting.
3. This was addressed during Mr. Davis' report.
4. The County has received the State of Florida's Department of Health annual contract for operations of the Franklin County Health Department for contract year 2019-2020. This is the standard contract to ensure coordination between the state and county in operation of the Franklin County Health Department. I will send a copy to Attorney Shuler to verify that there were no significant changes from last year's contract. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract contingent on Attorney Shuler's review and the approval of the county's 2019-2020 budget at the final budget public hearing scheduled for September 17th at 5:15 pm.

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 the contract contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review and the approval of the County's 2019-2020 budget at the final budget public hearing.

5. The following are Weems action and information items:
 - a. As requested at your August 20th meeting, I contacted Mr. Bryan Hall Jr. of Carr Riggs and Ingram to request the cost of an operational audit. Mr. Hall explained that the State of Louisiana has mandated a similar engagement for every public hospital in that state and he will use that model for this request. As part of the audit they would spend most of the time on billings and collections, also look at revenue cycle, cash management, point of sale and cash security, vendor payments/management/priority, and payroll. Between gathering and examining the necessary information, interviewing staff, and completing the written reports entailing their findings and recommendations it would take about 4 weeks from the start date. The fee for this audit is \$16,000 plus expenses and could be started as early as next week. I have shared this information with your Interim CEO, and if there is a desire to reduce the cost of the audit therefore reducing what information is looked at, he would like the Board to consider his priority list before making your final decision. **Board discussion/action.**

Commissioner Parrish said they should proceed as written and not make any amendments. He stated they want to know all these things so they know the true financial standing.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to proceed with the audit at this price. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Boldt explained billings and collections is the main reason they are having these discussions. He reported the company needs to look carefully at billings, collections, prior authorizations and if the claims are being filed clean and paid by each line item. Commissioner Parrish reported the key is reports telling them the findings and recommendations to fix the problems. Mr. Moron stated this will also help the CEO. Chairman Lockley agreed they want a true reading of the finances so they know which way to go. Mr. David Walker, Interim CEO, said he thinks it is great to get this done. He reported it will give them a deep understanding of what is happening with revenue cycle, billing and collections. He reported they also want to make sure they get workable recommendations to use as a blueprint to fix what is wrong. Mr. Moron stated he will confer with the Clerk and her staff about their concerns before the audit gets started. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

- b. At the Weems Board of Director's August 29th meeting, there was a discussion about vacant Board seats and attendance. Based on that discussion the Board of Directors decided not to recommend renewing Mr. Henry (Hank) Kozlowsky's term as he has missed quite a few meetings this year. There are also some Directors that require their terms to be renewed. **Board action** not to renew Mr. Kozlowsky's term, renew Mr. Doug Creamer and Mr. Duffie Harrison's terms, and appoint Ms. Myrtis Wynn and Mr. Donnie Gay to the Weems Board of Directors for one-year terms. Ms. Wynn will serve as the District 3's representative and Mr. Gay will serve as District 1's representative.

Commissioner Parrish explained Mr. Kozlowsky was District 1's representative and will be replaced by Mr. Gay. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed not to renew Mr. Henry Kozlowsky's term, renew Mr. Doug Creamer and Mr. Duffie Harrison's terms and appoint Ms. Myrtis Wynn and Mr. Donnie Gay to the Weems Memorial Board of Directors.**

- c. Mrs. Erin Griffith has completed the USDA grant pre-application that would allow the County to purchase two new ambulances and pay only \$55,000 per unit which would be the county's 25% match for the USDA grant. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the USDA grant pre-application for the purchase of two new ambulances that will be paid from the Health Care Surtax.

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 USDA grant pre-application for the purchase of two new ambulances.

- d. Inform the Board that based on the motion at your August 20th meeting, I informed Mr. Joe Bynum of TRO Jung | Brannen, architects for the Weems new facility, to pause the process for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Culpepper until he gets further direction from the Board.

Mr. Moron said this whole process is on hold until there is more action by this Board.

- e. Inform the Board that Mr. Bynum was able to get a date from AHCA for the Stage II Stand-up Review. If the Board recalls, when Mr. Bynum appeared at the July 8th Workshop to discuss the Weems new facility project, he explained that AHCA was planning on adopting new codes and regulations after December 31, 2019 and if the County didn't have a Stage II Stand-up Review before that date, it would add to the overall new facility project cost. As a time saving measure, Mr. Bynum submitted a fee summary proposal for both projects, the AHCA Review and the GMP, which the Board approved by motion. As I stated in the previous report item, he will not proceed with the GMP portion of that proposal until he gets further direction from the Board.

Commissioner Boldt said he is providing a fee but the Board is not agreeing or not. He explained at this time they are to consider the current standards of AHCA but if they move into January the standards will change. He questioned if they are asking Mr. Bynum to proceed with a fee to develop a facility under AHCA's standards. Mr. Moron said when they made the motion to approve the GMP Mr. Bynum told them he was doing 2 things which were the GMP and AHCA Stand-Up Review. He reported if they do not do it this year it will cost them more next year. He was not sure how much because the plans are pretty current. Mr. Moron stated if they waited to next year the architects would have to review the plans from scratch for the new rules so to avoid that cost they got the Stand-up Review done this calendar year. Commissioner Boldt reported they do not know the model they are looking at and that is why they put a pause on the GMP. He stated the county may build something entirely different than what AHCA is currently reviewing. Mr. Moron agreed if they change the plans then they

would need to do another review. He clarified he thought the motion was to put a stop on the GMP because they did not want it to affect the three health entities that want to come in and make presentations. He said his understanding was they wanted to get the Stand-up review done before the end of the calendar year to save money if they are going to proceed with the current building plans. Chairman Lockley stated in relation to the AHCA review, the most important thing is to get the old hospital grandfathered in too. Mr. Moron reported if they move forward with the plans the old building will be used for administration so he thinks so but would need to check with Mr. Bynum. Chairman Lockley stated if it is not in the plan before they change the rules then the old building would have to come up to the new standards. Commissioner Jones said that is his understanding too. Commissioner Boldt reported it is okay not to have AHCA review right now because they may move forward with a new modern set of plans and up to date standards of practice and building codes. He reported the county should have flexibility, save their money and think about what their plan will look like. Mr. Moron stated that is not what he understood. Commissioner Jones explained the motion he made was to stop the GMP because they would get presentations from different entities that wanted to partner with them and he did not want the field to be tainted by the county's plans. He reported he also did not want to pay for a GMP twice if it took longer than 3 months. Mr. Moron said he thinks the AHCA review is good for a year. Commissioner Parrish stated they are also locked in at those standards. Mr. Moron reported he knows how the Board feels about the cost of the consultants so they did not want to spend more money. Chairman Lockley asked Ms. Tschaepe to explain about the AHCA review. Ms. Tschaepe stated the AHCA review in November would be for the current plan and it would allow those plans to be locked in place for a year and the current plan includes the old hospital. Chairman Lockley said if they change the codes and the old building is not under that code what happens. Ms. Tschaepe said anything that has to be re-done would have to come up to the code of current standards. Mr. Moron asked if the new codes could affect the current hospital. Ms. Tschaepe answered yes, if they do construction in the old building then it would need to come up to the new standards. Commissioner Boldt said they do not know where they are going so they do not need to spend money. Chairman Lockley stated they have already spend money when they directly him to do this work. Commissioner Boldt reported they will pay him something but not the whole thing. Chairman Lockley asked how much they said it would cost. Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Bynum submitted a fee summary for both projects. He explained that is separate from what he is charging to submit these items. Mr. Moron reported by not doing the GMP the Board is saving \$65,000. Mr. Moron was not sure how much would be saved from not doing the AHCA review because they already have the report from the acoustic consultant. He said the AHCA review will be done within the next 60 days. Ms. Tschaepe stated it will be done on November 20th. Mr. Moron explained he feels like most of the work has been done already as it relates to the AHCA review. Commissioner Parrish questioned if that does not cost them anymore if they move forward with the current building. Mr. Moron agreed that is correct. Commissioner Parrish asked when they are going to meet with the three entities. Mr. Moron stated they should have something submitted by October 1st and then they could schedule 3 separate workshops in October and the Board could make a decision by the end of October. Commissioner Parrish said he would like that because he does not want this to continue to drag

out. Mr. Moron reported they can decide about the GMP after they have the 3 workshops. Mr. Walker said when you look at the health care system in the county the AHCA review should be simple to complete. He stated it is 75% done and this is important even when you meet with the 3 entities. He reported the county can let them know what they are looking for and the entities can say what they are looking for also. Mr. Moron agreed the architect already has the date and has gone through the checklist for the review. Commissioner Boldt said if they are that far into this item then it would be foolish not to continue. Mr. Moron stated Ms. Tschaepe will have more information to present at the next meeting.

6. Similar to the purchase of the ambulances, Mrs. Griffith has also completed the USDA grant application for a fire sprinkler/suppression system installation, interior painting, and replacement of a certain section of the roof at the Fort Coombs Armory. The County's match of this approximately \$850,000 project will be \$212,500. To meet the match requirement, the county will use a State Fire Marshall Office \$100,000 grant, \$100,000 set aside by TDC last year, and a recent legislative appropriation. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the USDA grant pre-application for the Armory upgrades.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the USDA grant pre-application for the Armory upgrades. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Chairman Lockley asked if this includes the painting. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Parrish said it does not address resurfacing of the floor, landscaping or sidewalk repair so there are still some things to do. Mr. Moron agreed it does not. Commissioner Boldt reported this is a wash for the county since the money is coming from the other entities. Mr. Moron replied yes and stated the county has most of the match and they will decide if something has to be removed from the work. He pointed out the one item that will be done is the sprinkler system. Commissioner Parrish said they will only be \$12,500 short after the grants so they may have to take some of it out of the recent \$750,000 legislative appropriation. He explained they still would have the balance for the match for the Alligator Point project. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

7. At your August 20th regular meeting request for qualification packets for the design of the widening and resurfacing of County Road 30A from US Highway 98 to Thirteen Mile Road were opened and read aloud. There were four firms that submitted packets for ranking by the review committee, Dewberry, Genesis/Halff, George & Associates, and Gortemoller. Based on the scores of the review committee, Genesis/Halff was ranked #1, Dewberry #2, George & Associates #3, and Gortemoller #4. **Board action** to accept the review committee rankings and start negotiations with Genesis/Halff.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the review committee rankings and start negotiations with Genesis/Halff.

8. The Franklin County School Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, September 27th on Highway 98 from Old Ferry Dock Road to 2nd Street in Eastpoint. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will work with the schools to assist with the parade and detour route. **Board action** to approve the closing of Highway 98 and the adjoining streets for the parade.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the closing of Highway 98 and the adjoining streets for the Franklin County School Homecoming Parade.

9. The Franklin County Legislative Delegation is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm here in your meeting room. I am in the process of reviewing last year's legislative request and will review the list with each of you before your next regular meeting.
10. Inform the Board that Opportunity Florida will be having their next monthly meeting here in Franklin County. This meeting will be on September 25th from 12 noon to 2pm here in your meeting room.
11. Remind the Board that your 1st Budget Public Hearing is this evening at 5:15 pm (ET) here in your meeting room.

Chairman Lockley asked to discuss the Armory and the \$12,500 they may be short. He questioned if the Armory is making any money. Mr. Moron said he will have to check. Commissioner Parrish stated he thinks the cost is based on the energy consumption so that cost must come out of what is collected. He asked if Mr. Moron will bring them that information at the next meeting. Mr. Moron replied yes.

Mr. Moron stated Mr. Krehl has requested the Board recognize POW/MIA Day. He reported the request was sent by email and he presented copies to the Board. Mr. Krehl reported Franklin County has adopted a Resolution designating September 20th of each year as POW/MIA Recognition Day. He presented the posters which are produced each year and said the Board allows them to be posted in the County buildings to bring awareness to this special day. He explained this represents over 400,000 casualties from World War II. He said the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has been tasked with bringing back the remains of the 72,000 unidentified casualties. Mr. Krehl stated some families like his are still wondering and looking and waiting to bring their loved one back to America. He explained Manila has 4,000 containers labeled X files that hold remains of American soldiers that are unidentified because they need DNA samples from existing family members. He reported this is a long process and that the Board allows them to acknowledge the day is a great benefit. Chairman Lockley thanked Mr. Krehl for his service on this project. Commissioner Boldt asked if there would be an event that day. Mr. Krehl responded it is a National Day of Recognition. Commissioner Boldt asked if Mr. Krehl has a family member involved. Mr. Krehl answered yes, his grandfather was part of 62 American airmen killed on May 26th in a POW camp in Tokyo, Japan. He said it was an atrocity and their bodies were placed in a mass grave. He reported when occupying forces came in they were able to identify 25 of the 62 men in the grave and those remains went home and their families had closure. He said the other 37 including his family are still waiting to find out. He explained they have remains but need families that had soldiers to come forward with DNA samples. He reported in their case they have located 26 of the 37 so they are getting closer. Mr. Krehl stated daily they are getting soldiers back from Asia.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler presented his report, as follows:

Action Item

1. Humane Society Blocking Access Road to Gun Range on Hwy. 65

In an ongoing effort, on August 29, 2019, I met with Mr. Bud Hayes as the representative of the Humane Society concerning their announced intention to block the access road to the gun range on Highway 65, effective September 15, 2019.

Mr. Hayes informed me that there is no compromise on their intention to block the road because of the ill effect of the noise on the animals and that people are shooting improper targets, such as TV's.

Mr. Fonda Davis states that there is no reasonable alternative to create an alternate access to the gun range, except through the land-fill. This is not reasonable, as that would restrict access to land-fill hours and most people use the gun range after hours and on weekends.

The 1988 deed from the county to the Humane Society conveying the 2.38 acre parcel of land to them did not mention the access road.

The 1988 deed has a reverter provision returning ownership to the county if it is not operated as a animal shelter or is sold or if it is used for any other purpose than an animal shelter.

Mr. Howard Nabors informs me that the county has, and continues, to maintain the road. He is going to provide me with their records next week.

Since the Humane Society moved to the gun range and not the other way around, it is questionable in my mind for them to accept public property for free, accept public tax dollars to operate and then claim that the pre-existing road and gun range interfere with their operations.

Complicating the matter is that it appears that part, maybe all, of the county's animal control building is situated on the 2.38 acres deeded to the Humane Society in 1988.

Attorney Shuler said he has looked at alternates to litigation to see if there is a way to provide an alternate access road and he is still waiting on some information from the Road Department but he has no reason to believe that will alter the conclusion that there is no reasonable alternate access to be provided to the gun range. He asked the Board's permission to pursue legal remedies to compel the opening of the road should the road be closed off to the public. Chairman Lockley said the county gave them the property and then they are going to cut off the access. He stated they asked for their money but the Board needs to cut off the money. He said if they cut off the road then the Board will cut off their money. Commissioner Parrish referenced the paragraph that said the Humane Society moved to the gun range and asked if the gun range was there first. Attorney Shuler stated that is his understanding of the facts.

Commissioner Parrish questioned if the county's animal control building is located on that property too. Attorney Shuler responded at least part if not all of the building is on that 2.38 acre parcel. Commissioner Parrish stated they accepted the gun range when they decided to make this the home of the Humane Society on the same parcel of land. Chairman Lockley asked how much money the county is giving the Humane Society. He said they are giving them money and they are going to stop the public from using the road. He stated the county gave them the land and they should be trying to work with the county. Chairman Lockley reported if they want to act like that then the county should not give them money. Commissioner Boldt stated there has been some inappropriate shooting and things they were concerned about. Attorney Shuler reported yes, if those facts are correct. He said he has been told they were shooting at inappropriate targets but he does not know if that is a legitimate complaint since the Humane Society does not operate the gun range. He said their main complaint is the noise scaring the dogs. Attorney Shuler reported he has been told the range is not used consistently on a daily basis throughout the year and is mainly seasonal use. Commissioner Boldt asked if they should build a berm between the gun range and the Humane Society. Attorney Shuler said at the meeting they said there was no compromise and that is why he brought this item to the Board and asked them to authorize him to explore the facts and the law and determine a legal theory moving forward if their wish is to keep the gun range open using that access road. Attorney Shuler reported there is not a meaningful alternate access road. Chairman Lockley asked if the Sheriff's Department uses this gun range. Commissioner Jones replied no, they have their own. Attorney Shuler stated it was suggested that alternate access could be provided through the Sheriff's Department property but as this Board is aware the Sheriff does not want the public traveling through his parking lot for security reasons. Chairman Lockley stated if they cut off the money then they will change their mind. Commissioner Parrish said the Sheriff came to the Board about taking out some trees behind the Sheriff's Department because he was going to create a gun range that they would allow the public access to. He stated Attorney Shuler has been looking for someone to take out the trees but there are so many big acre tracts after Hurricane Michael that they are not interested in a couple of acres. He reported that is an alternative in the future. Commissioner Parrish said the last time this came up the Commissioners received many calls. He stated he would like to see the Humane Society work with the county until they can get these trees removed because the Sheriff will allow that access and they will have a person to oversee the gun range so they are not bringing inappropriate targets. Commissioner Parrish stated the county does not have another option yet and they need to understand hunting season is opening up and people need a place to shoot. He reported if they allow the gun range to be shut down then the room will be filled with angry people. Commissioner Parrish stated the county has looked at solutions but the best place is behind the Sheriff's Department because he will have a person to monitor it and he is looking to provide that service to the public. Commissioner Massey made a motion for Attorney Shuler to talk with them about using this access to get in to the gun range. Attorney Shuler asked if he wants him to talk to the Humane Society or the judge. Commissioner Parrish said he has already talked with them and they will not compromise. This motion failed for lack of a second. Attorney Shuler stated he will follow the Board's directions. Chairman Lockley said they need to cut off the money. Commissioner Parrish reported they will not have another

meeting before the 15th. Chairman Lockley stated there is a budget hearing today and they can cut off the money. Commissioner Jones said they will also have that option on the 17th. Attorney Shuler explained he would rather wait until they close the road and then the Board can take action on funding matters. He reported he is seeking authority to begin formally the process of doing legal research and factual investigation to make sure if they need to file a lawsuit on September 16th they are ready to go. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Attorney Shuler to begin the process of doing legal research and factual investigation and to file a lawsuit on September 16th if he needs to.** Commissioner Boldt reported they need to let the Humane Society know they are thinking of alternatives. Attorney Shuler said he will transmit that sentiment and Commissioner Parrish's thoughts on the matter. Chairman Lockley reported they need to transmit his thoughts too.

Options:

- A. Accept the road closure and the effective closure of the gun range on Highway 65.
- B. Provide alternative access through the land-fill and either accept restricted hours of operation at the gun range or incur costs for extra hours of operation.
- C. It was suggested to me that the public could access the gun range through the Sheriff's Department property, but as I recall the Sheriff was restricting access not broadening it.
- D. Litigation.
- E. Such other option as determined by the board.

Board Action: Unless otherwise determined by the board, I recommend that you authorize me to consider litigation options and report back to the board for further instructions.

Informational Items

2. Pearl Restaurant Sign

I have sent a letter to the owner of the Pearl Restaurant in Lanark Village stating that the county's investigation showed that the county did not damage the underground wiring to the sign during Hurricane Michael debris clean-up. In short, Pam's records show that the county debris contractor did not pick up debris from the location of the sign. I have given the owner 30 days to provide additional information why she believes that the county is responsible for the damage to the sign.

3. Dog Island Conservation District ("DICD") – Hurricane Michael Debris Removal

I followed-up with the DICD this week concerning their request that Franklin County defer its tipping fees, estimated to be around \$150,000.00 by DICD at upper end of range. Both myself and Pam Brownell expressed concern over this proposal because it is inconsistent with prior FEMA policy requiring payment upfront, followed by FEMA reimbursement at 75% generally, but 90% for Hurricane Michael. The deferral plan as

proposed left Franklin County exposed to the loss if FEMA failed to reimburse and no plan to pay the county for the portion of the tipping fees not reimbursable by FEMA.

In short, the DICD is pursuing alternative plans concerning the removal of debris. I did not receive or ask for details.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Boldt stated relative to the comments about speed limit changes, the Board is not going to get involved in expensive engineering of roads but let the Sheriff continue to do his job. He reported if there is a focal point then the Sheriff can come to the Board and talk about speed limit changes. Commissioner Boldt stated he is hearing about this issue in relation to Parker Avenue in Lanark Village and system wide at Alligator Point.

Commissioner Boldt said he would like to honor Commissioner Parrish's insight into the airport and how it is going. He reported there continues to be a plea from people that want to develop a Citizens Advisory Board at the airport. He stated they are aviators that have a background information and knowledge in that area. Commissioner Boldt said if it is appropriate to consider that he wanted to emphasize how well it is working at a city airport in Carrabelle. He stated the advisory committee has done wonders and brought in money and organization at that airport. Commissioner Parrish explained they have to remember the airport is in his district and he represents everyone who lives around the airport. He stated he has been here his whole life and is attuned to not only what the airport needs and what they expect but also understands what the people that live around the airport expect. Commissioner Parrish reported it is not just about the airport but about the community as a whole. He explained none of the people that want to get involved live around the airport or are affected by anything that happens there. Commissioner Parrish explained he was here when people loaded the room and wanted to shut down the airport. He said it is still working but they have to work with what the community wants to see and expects and what this Board expects the airport to provide from an economic standpoint. Commissioner Parrish reported it is not all about the airport but also about the people that allow it to stay there. He stated the airport is functioning well and he knows because his phone does not ring with complaints. He said the county has an excellent Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the airport. Commissioner Parrish reported some of the people call themselves friends of the airport but instead of working with the FBO and Airport Manager they are more adversarial. He stated they call the Department of Transportation (DOT) and tell them Franklin County is not doing things right. He said Franklin County has been operating the airport ever since the state gave it back to the county. Commissioner Parrish said they came here today and suggested Commissioner Boldt be appointed to a committee when the airport is in his district. He discussed Commissioner Boldt being responsible for things in his district and respecting those boundaries and said he expects the same. Commissioner Boldt said he is glad Commissioner Parrish voiced these concerns because there needs to be a demarcation. Commissioner Parrish reported just like the Serenity development in Commissioner Jones district he did not jump ahead of him on that issue

because that is his district. He went on to say the people in that district elected Commissioner Jones to represent them. Commissioner Parrish explained they all have a vote but when it is in someone's district they are the leader in that area. He reported as a Board they have always deferred to the Commissioner in that district because that person should be more informed about what is happening in their district. Commissioner Parrish pointed out they are in single member districts and if they do not do what the people in their district want they will probably not be re-elected so he is protective of the people that elected him and he knows what they expect from the airport. He explained he is the one who gets calls when there are problems at the airport. Commissioner Parrish said he is not adversarial with these individuals and if they want to do a museum that is fine but the Airport Manager is doing an excellent job. He explained they never had a paid Airport Manager because they were paid from the grant but now they cannot do that although it worked for 20 years. He explained no one said anything and everything was good but when people started complaining then the rules changed. He stated the Airport Manager does not live in Franklin County but is doing an excellent job. Commissioner Parrish stated he supports the Airport Manager and the FBO. He said previously the airport would run out of fuel but that does not happen anymore because they have good people at the airport. He reported none of the former members of the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) have called and said they need to start the Committee back up and they are all pilots too. He stated things are running smoothly at the airport and that is why he does not receive any calls.

Commissioner Jones reminded the Board Visit Florida is doing 12 different community meetings in the state. He reported Franklin County was selected as one of the locations and the meeting will be held on September 12th at the Armory from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts