

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
NOVEMBER 5, 2019
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on October 1, 2019 and October 15, 2019.

Payment of County Bills

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

Public Comments

Mr. Gordon Hunter, Friends of the Apalachicola Regional Airport, stated they had a pancake breakfast fly-in last Saturday that was sponsored by the fixed base operator. He said 15 aircraft flew in and most of them had to refuel so it brought income to the county. Mr. Hunter stated 50 people attended the breakfast and they raised over \$300 for the Sheriff's Children's Christmas Gift Fund. He reported they hope to have these events quarterly or bi-monthly to

bring in tourists. Mr. Hunter stated they are going to form a chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the benefit is a program called the Young Eagles that gives free flights to youth. He explained this program was in operation a couple of years ago and they gave 63 youth airplane rides when they had the airshow. He reported they give these airplane rides to increase motivation as there is a shortage of pilots throughout the country. Chairman Lockley asked what age the youth must be to start this program. Mr. Hunter stated he believes the age is 12 to 18. Chairman Lockley asked him to contact Mr. Moron when they get started so they can place it in the newspaper.

Mr. Gary Darpol, a resident of Alligator Point, thanked everyone for the work they have done on the road. He offered any help they can give as residents to further communication with the Legislature, senators or representatives. He stated their work is not going unnoticed. Chairman Lockley suggested they get a list of every state representative and send a request telling them to take over the road. Mr. Darpol stated they have done this before and will continue to do it. Mr. Pierce concurred with Chairman Lockley and said the more they hear from the residents that something has to be done the more chance something will get done. Chairman Lockley said they are steadily working on this item. Commissioner Boldt reported he, Representative Jason Shoaf and his staff will meet with DOT in regard to them taking back the road. He said one thought was to exchange one of their roads without a bridge and the county would give them back this road. He stated they will make that approach and see what their criteria is to consider it.

Mr. Bruce Graham, a resident of Eastpoint, reported in relation to the Civil Air Patrol they have found several seniors willing to participate so they will start a unit in March-April of next year. He stated they have 12 cadets, ages 12-18, lined up and 4 seniors. Mr. Graham said they will be working to get an aircraft at the airport so they can start training and flying missions. He reported there have been conversations with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary about them starting an aviation unit at the airport. He explained people that own aircraft at the airport will be getting involved and training so they can use their aircraft to assist the auxiliary in search and rescue missions and other activities. Mr. Graham reported these opportunities are coming along and it will be helpful as a safety/security effort for the local community. Mr. Graham stated the Veterans Day Celebration at St. George Island will be on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. He invited everyone who wants to support the veterans to attend.

Mr. Paul Sanders, a resident of Eastpoint, said he is a fire victim and he is having problems with Mrs. Debbie Belcher, Roumelis & Associates, in reference to getting a home through the CDBG program. He stated they need to do something so she can get him approved. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Moron to meet with Mr. Sanders and address this situation. Commissioner Boldt thanked Mr. Sanders for telling them because it is helpful.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors reported they continue cutting grass, shoulders and grading roads throughout the county.

Mr. Nabors stated the storm came through and took down some trees and washed out 688 ft. of Alligator Point Road but it has been fixed so people can get in and out. Commissioner Boldt thanked Mr. Nabors for the work done by his department. He said they pre-staged equipment and materials and it worked with repairing the road. He stated they even had an inter-agency borrowing of equipment from Solid Waste and they had the road ready very quickly and he appreciates the coordination. Mr. Nabors reported the closer the materials and equipment are the faster they can get the work done. Mr. Pierce stated they had talked about moving some of the sand piles but this kind of storm is why they need to keep the materials close so they have a faster recovery. He said until there is another location they should leave the sand where it is. Mr. Pierce reported this storm is the county's expense and there will be no FEMA or state money. He said whatever money Mr. Nabors spent is coming out of his budget and from the taxpayers. Commissioner Boldt stated this is another item to talk to DOT about because the county has been a good steward of this road. Mr. Pierce reported the county put \$25,000 of asphalt down and it has now washed away so he does not recommend putting any more down. Mr. Pierce said they are working towards FEMA giving them approval for the road and he does not recommend doing anything until they have the final solution. Mr. Nabors reported the cost to repair the road was approximately \$36,000. Chairman Lockley said they need a bridge.

Commissioner Jones said at a previous meeting he brought up trying to see about a 5 day work week at the Road Department but after speaking with Mr. Nabors he realized he did not understand about how the state handles inmate labor. He explained the Road Department does not know how many inmates they are getting ahead of time so they cannot plan ahead and are doing the best they can. Mr. Nabors stated this morning 1 crew was able to get 1 inmate and the inmate cannot change to a different crew. Commissioner Massey reported they have to take the inmate or they will not get any tomorrow. Mr. Nabors explained whoever signs for the inmate is responsible for the inmate.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

1. **Messer Road (Carrabelle):** Commissioner Massey has received a request for the county to clear a portion of Messer Road in the Lighthouse Estates area that would allow Messer Road to connect to Frank McKamey Way. In checking with the County Planner, he states *"From 2004 until 2006 the County Commissioners discussed taking over the roads in the Lighthouse Estates area west of Carrabelle. On August 1, 2006, the Commission voted to accept "the Lighthouse Point Estate Roads as county roads", but at the very next meeting the Commission voted to abandon the same roads. On September 5, 2006, the Commission voted again to accept some roads as county roads. This time the motion explicitly named the roads the County was accepting: Paradise Road, Lighthouse Road and West Road. They did not mention accepting Messer Road."*

Based on this information and the overgrowth on the referenced portion of the road it is obvious that the county has not been maintaining this road in any manner and it is a private road. In order for the county to do any maintenance on this road, county acceptance of this road would have to be considered along with Mr. Howard Nabors opinion on if he has the equipment to clear the portion of Messer Road.

Staff Recommendation: Board discussion and direction on the request to clear a portion of Messer Road.

Mr. Moron said he talked with Commissioner Massey this morning and he said part of this road was paved. Mr. Moron presented a map of the area. Mr. Nabors said the area would have to be cleared and the road built and he was not sure if it was a county road. Commissioner Massey stated the county paved this area and maintains and mows it. He pointed out on the map where they want to open the rest of the road. Commissioner Massey reported they stopped the road where the wetlands are because they could not go any further but they could come in on the back side so the person can get to their 2 acres. Chairman Lockley asked Attorney Shuler to comment on this matter. Attorney Shuler reported he just heard about this so he does not have an answer on the title question but he will be glad to look into it if the Board wants him to. He stated his recollection is the roads were not dedicated to the public when the subdivisions was platted. He said apparently the county went in and was maintaining some portion of the roads within Lighthouse Ridge Estates and Lighthouse Point Estates. He reported it is probably private property but he would need to ask to table this matter until he can do a title search and report back to the Board. Commissioner Massey stated Messer Road is paved but they could not go across the wetland. Attorney Shuler said he is referring to the wooded area. Commissioner Parrish asked if the developer paved the road. Commissioner Massey answered no, the county paved the road when former Commissioner Bevin Putnal was in office. Attorney Shuler explained the question is not about the roads that were open and maintained by the county but about the wooded area that has never been opened. He stated the developer never opened the road and the county never opened or maintained the area so he would need to check the public records to see if it was ever dedicated to the public. He said he does not think the roads had been dedicated to the public because it was a private subdivision. Attorney Shuler reported what they are talking about now is creating something new so he needs more information. Attorney Shuler said if they are interested in him coming back with a definite set of facts and a recommendation then he asking them to table this matter until the next meeting. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to table this item until the next meeting.** Commissioner Massey stated the road goes all the way through but they stopped at the wetlands and during that time the county came in and paved that part of the road. He said all the roads are paved except for 2 and they are county roads but are not paved yet. Attorney Shuler said it does not sound like they are talking about the existing road network. He reported the question is if this is a dedicated piece of land that has not been improved and is not a road and can they use public resources to turn it into a road. Attorney Shuler said based on experience and having been here at the time he thinks it is probably private property and they cannot do anything with it but he needs to look at the record. Chairman Lockley asked if the developer or the county is supposed to provide a road when they

are selling lots. Attorney Shuler reported under the Subdivision Ordinance in order for a road to be taken over by the county the developer has to first construct the road to county road standards. He explained once it is constructed to county road standards then the county can accept the road and maintain it at public expense. He reported it is not the county's responsibility to build roads in a private subdivision. Chairman Lockley asked if the wetlands will need to be addressed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Attorney Shuler said he is not sure because Commissioner Massey stated there is a road on the ground. Commissioner Massey provided information on the map about where the road stops. He explained the road was never pushed through and they told him it stopped when the county took the road over. Mr. Pierce stated the roads were taken over as they were built and there are no plats because this is an unplatted subdivision. He reported most of the lots were originally 5 acres but the owners may have sold off part of their property and created separate home sites. He said this 2 acre parcel was probably not there when the county accepted the roads so this would be a private driveway to a 2 acre parcel. Attorney Shuler said he remembers the roads being private and the county began a process of maintaining the roads and eventually took over ownership of the roads but now they are talking about building a new road which is a different question. Attorney Shuler stated under the Subdivision Ordinance the county does not build public roads with public resources on private property but he needs to check the record to make sure there is not a public dedication. Chairman Lockley reported they want to help people but they need to be careful because there are others that will request the same thing. Attorney Shuler agreed there are a lot of others wanting to take this action too. **Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.**

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis presented his report, as follows:

REQUESTED ACTION: Administrative Assistant Increase

Commissioner Boldt asked about a conversation they had about keeping the salaries departmentalized. Commissioner Jones stated this would be a promotion. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to move Melissa West to the vacant Administrative Assistant position with a \$1,500 increase.**

Bid Opening-Used Roll Off Truck

Mr. Davis said there is one bid. Chairman Lockley asked if they can accept one bid. Attorney Shuler reported that is up to the Board because their policy on bidding does not have a

minimum number requirement for bids. He explained with federal requirements they are required to have 3 bids or re-bid. Commissioner Boldt asked what a roll off truck is. Mr. Davis responded it is a truck that carries the compactor boxes. He explained their truck is no longer viable at the transfer station and was given to them when Waste Management left. Mrs. Griffith asked if this truck was not road worthy and did not leave the landfill. Mr. Davis responded that is correct. Mr. Davis and Mr. Pierce announced the bid, as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
RDK Truck Sales & Rentals	\$39,900

Chairman Lockley asked if the money is in the budget for this purchase. Mrs. Griffith replied the money is in the Tipping Fee budget and they anticipated Mr. Davis needing to replace this truck. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the bid.** Mrs. Griffith asked about the price of a new truck. Mr. Davis replied \$125,000. Mrs. Griffith stated the used truck was a good option.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell read her report, as follows:

Action Items:

1. Approval and signing of the Grant for Planning and Design of New EOC in the amount of \$200,000.00

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and sign the Grant for the Planning and Design of the New EOC in the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Pierce reported this is the county's share of the \$1.8 million the State of Florida gave the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) for all 9 counties. He said all 9 counties received the same amount of money. Commissioner Parrish asked if they bid now. Mrs. Brownell answered yes, it is a Request for Proposals process in order to follow state and federal guidelines. Commissioner Boldt questioned when they will receive the money. Mrs. Brownell responded it is a reimbursement just like the other grants. Mr. Pierce said these are the last 9 rural counties to get money and they have been trying for 15 years to get money for a new EOC. He reported the question is where the construction money is coming from. He explained they do not know if the legislature will address this issue but the county has set aside \$1 million in Consortium funds. He explained they will do the dredging of the channels first and then this project so the county has construction money if they do not get it from somewhere else. Chairman Lockley reported Franklin County is the last county on the coast that does not have a new EOC. Mrs. Brownell stated everyone else got their grants in September but she had to call and ask for

ours. Commissioner Boldt asked if this design component assumes they are going to put the building in the same location. Mrs. Brownell said they have to decide on the site when they start their plans. She reported first they have to get signatures and the state has to sign off on it. Commissioner Boldt asked where she assumes they will put the building. Chairman Lockley commented where they tell her. Mrs. Pam stated there are several options but it will be the Board's decision. Mr. Moron said Item #1 on his report is about submitting a request for construction money as a legislative appropriation in the coming year. Commissioner Jones reported they need to know where they are going to put it. Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Brownell got the money for the design but the county may need to fight for the construction money. Chairman Lockley reported they need to ask everyone. Mrs. Brownell reported once the county has the plans then they can apply whenever there is a funding source.

2. Signing of the retroacted LSE for Tropical Storm Nestor on 10/18/19 @ 7:14 PM.

Mrs. Brownell said the county did not get declared so any costs are on the county. She stated they asked the Board to put the Local State of Emergency (LSE) in place in case they did get declared. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to sign the retroactive LSE for Tropical Storm Nestor on 10/18/19 at 7:14 p.m.**

Information Item:

1. Franklin County Emergency Management activated to a Level 2 on 10/18/19 at 8:00 AM for TS Nestor.
2. Franklin County Emergency Management activated our CERT team and assisted with the search for missing woman in Lanark Village on 10/29/19.
3. FCEM Staff continues to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. This includes working with FEMA staff regarding mitigation of damaged parks, roads, etc. Mitigation takes some time but EOC Staff continue to work diligently with FEMA Staff on the most beneficial repairs for Franklin County.

Chairman Lockley thanked Mrs. Brownell and her department for going out and assisting the Sheriff with looking for the missing woman. Mrs. Brownell said they heard this weekend they will be getting their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant and this is the first time they have had to activate CERT for a wide area search. She said they realized they need a refresher training and it will be open to anyone in the county that wants to participate. Chairman Lockley said it is good to show that the county is participating and looking out for their people. Commissioner Boldt stated he was glad to know they have a search and find component of the Emergency Management Department. He said he learned yesterday that there are Alzheimer's scent detection kits available now that allow blood hounds to find lost people. He reported they can swab individuals that are at risk and then the swab is placed in a sealed jar and can be used for 10 years. Commissioner Boldt stated the Sheriff has the sample kit now. Mrs. Brownell reported the Sheriff had a scent dog brought out. Chairman Lockley stated they want to thank the Sheriff's Department and everyone involved in the search.

Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Moron stated Mr. Lovstrand is not present because he is at a meeting on behalf of IFAS.

County Extension Activities October 17 – November 5, 2019

General Extension Activities:

- Extension office assisted clientele with issues related to yellow jackets, dying pine trees, injured wildlife, insect pests and treatments, and dune restoration on St. George Island.
- Extension Director participated in the ACF Stakeholder’s Apalachicola Caucus conference call.
- Extension Director attended the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie to represent UF/IFAS Extension and talk with visitors.
- Participated at annual Florida Seafood Festival with Franklin County Extension exhibit.
- Set up Natural Resources exhibit at North Florida Fair.
- Contractor asked for a 12-day no-cost extension on construction at the new Extension office due to a delay in getting the lighting supplies delivered. The extension has been granted. This will push the date for “substantial completion” and walk through with the contractor to November 8th.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participating with other faculty to assist shellfish growers with information about gear preparation before a storm event. Covering lessons learned during Hurricane Michael.
- Extension Director hosted the Natural Resources Faculty from Extension offices across the Northwest District for a 2-day meeting in Apalachicola. Annual planning for collaborative programs took place.
- Participated in Sea Grant planning call regarding the development of a seafood integrity workshop for agents and industry.
- Participated in first meeting of the Community Advisory Board for FSU’s Apalachicola Bay Initiative 10-year project.

4-H Youth Development:

- Entered Franklin 4-H youth exhibits into North Florida Fair judging competition.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Extension Director participated in interview with quality assurance staff for the FNP program
- 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.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- More Apalachicola citrus samples taken to the Quincy plant diagnostic lab tested positive for citrus greening disease.

- Pine beetle attacks continue to be confirmed in the region. Still not sign of Southern Pine Beetle, fortunately.

Nikol Tschaepe – Weems Plant Operations Director – Request

Ms. Tschaepe provided the following report for the Board:

On October 29, 2019, George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Board of Directors approved the recommendation to remove obsolete and broken equipment (see attached document) from the hospital's assets management list. We are seeking final approval from the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to remove the identified items and to donate select items to the 501c3, as previously completed last month.

Recommended Action: Discussion and action to approve the removal of identified items from the hospital's asset management list and the donation of selected items to the 501c3.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the removal of identified items from the hospitals asset management list and the donation of the selected items.

Synergy - Re-roofing project - Ongoing collaboration with Synergy NDS and subcontractors. Phase two is underway with the emergency department operating from the East Wing of the hospital. Again, we are anticipating an AHCA site visit in November regarding the re-roofing project. We are anticipating completion around in early December 2019.

Recommended Action: None/Information item

Ms. Tschaepe stated the demolition of the roof was complete as of Sunday and the temporary roof is on and they are putting the permanent roof on and it is on target. Chairman Lockley asked what the target date is. Ms. Tschaepe replied early December to move back into the hospital.

New Construction – Date change for the AHCA Stage II review – November 18, 2019.

Recommended Action: None/Information item

On October 18, 2019 two (2) project requests documents were completed for Big Bend Healthcare Coalition 2019-2020 Projects. One project request was \$10,000.00. The second project request was \$8,000.00

Recommended Action: None/Information item

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Mr. Richard Lewis, EMS Director, presented the following report:

We would like to utilize the State of Florida County EMS Grant for educational opportunities for staff. The award is \$843.00.

Recommended Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Resolution for the State of Florida County EMS Grant

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the following Resolution for the State of Florida County EMS Grant:

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION REGARDING

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY EMS GRANT

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida having met in regular session this 5th day of November, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida is cognizant of the fact that the Emergency Medical System (EMS) is beneficial to the citizens, residents, and visitors of Franklin County, Florida and the surrounding counties, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida is aware of and agrees to the use the funds to improve or expand pre-hospital EMS and will not be used to supplant current levels of county expenditures.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida the said Board request the State of Florida through its agent to award the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida the EMS County Grant in the amount of \$843.00.

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is designated as the fiscal agent and is authorized to accept the grant and execute all appropriate documents and contracts related to the administration of the grant.

The State of Florida County EMS grant application is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Any and all laws shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage and approval in the manner provided by this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

By: s/Noah Lockley, Jr.
Noah Lockley, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk

The ambulance crew is working out of the Apalachicola EMS station as of October 28, 2019.

Recommended Action: None/Information item

Mr. Lewis said they now have a 24 hour a day Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance to respond in Apalachicola.

November 18, 2019 we are expecting the new ambulance to be in Franklin County.

Recommended Action: None/Information item

Mr. Lewis said the new truck will be located in Apalachicola. Chairman Lockley asked what kind of ambulance this will be. Mr. Lewis responded an ALS ambulance to replace the old truck. He invited the Board to come by and see the ambulance station.

Commissioner Boldt stated there was a well-attended meeting in Lanark Village and one issue was the decommissioning of the Lanark Village residence for EMT services. He said people did a good job describing the situation and the living environment is not up to standards so they are temporarily locating near Airport Road as they plan and direct a new permanent location for EMS services. Commissioner Boldt said he appreciates the operations and thanked Mr. Lewis for talking and educating people.

Billy Fuentes – Eastpoint Water & Sewer District – Request Letter of Support

Mr. Fuentes submitted the following report prior to the meeting:

1. We want to expand our district boundaries to include all of sections 15,19,20,21,22,23,28, and 30. We have customers in these areas that currently pay a 40% surcharge for water and sewer service. They do not pay ad-valorem taxes to the District as they are outside the taxing District. The majority are in the Ridge and Wilderness area which as you know is one of the poorest areas of Eastpoint that recently suffered a devastating fire. By adding these sections, these customer would see a reduction in their bills by 40%. The addition of property taxes would be nullified for the Ridge and Wilderness area based on homestead exemption.
2. The areas of CC Land road, Hwy 65, Gramercy and the School would also see a reduction of the surcharge which would benefit all Franklin county as it would lower the bills for the Landfill, Jail, Humane Society and the school which already are tax exempt. The customers at gramercy would see a tax increase but the revenue would allow EWSD to install sewer infrastructure that was never completed by the developer which would help in eliminating Wells and septic tanks along properties close to Apalachicola Bay.

3. The North Baysshore area past Twin Lakes road currently is outside the District Boundaries and there are no existing water or sewer lines in this areas. A large majority of homeowners in this area have approached the District about service because of their ongoing cost associated with Well and Septic tank Maintenance, Water filtration system maintenance, and the high cost of homeowners insurance as there is no fire suppression in this area (no fire hydrants). All homeowners in this area would see a benefit as once they are in the District we can install infrastructure for water, sewer, and fire suppression.
4. We are also going to change our Bid Thresh hold from \$1000 to \$10,000.
5. We are requesting to have the Lien powers granted in section 153.67 which we should have added in 1989.
6. We are seeking to clarify that the district can provide service inside and outside its boundaries which it has for over 50 years which is not expressly stated in our charter.

Mr. Fuentes requested a letter of support from the county. He explained the District has been working the last few years with Senator Bill Montford, Representative Halsey Brashear and now Representative Jason Shoaf as well as a lobbyist to amend their charter. He explained the charter was supposed to be amended in 1989 to reflect certain things the state requires and they are in that process now. He reported one of the things they are trying to do is expand their district boundaries. Mr. Fuentes presented a map showing the areas they currently serve and are considered the district boundaries and areas that they currently serve that are out of their district boundaries. He stated the areas outside the boundaries are charged a surcharge for water and sewer usage. He reported the areas of Ridge Road and Wilderness Road are split and are the fire victims and the highest concentration of poverty and pay the highest surcharge. He stated their goal is to reduce the surcharge by bringing them into the district. Mr. Fuentes reported in recent years special districts have gotten into legal issues with areas outside of their districts so since these are areas they already serve they need to bring them into the district and make them part of the boundaries. He explained Senator Montford and Representative Shoaf have listened to their lobbyist but would like to have a letter of support from the county supporting them in the process. He said even with the letter of support this will still need to go to the legislature. Mr. Fuentes explained once the provision is in the legislature then it must also go to a referendum so the people in these areas will vote whether or not they want to be in the district. Chairman Lockley asked if they have a target area for low income so it will help them get grants. Mr. Fuentes responded yes, they are looking at a way to do workforce housing. He explained up Highway 65 the District currently owns 45 acres that was supposed to be a sprayfield but is no longer needed so they have a surplus of land. He stated Commissioner Jones and several of the District Board Members have talked about a way to use this property to do workforce housing and that 5 acres could be set aside for an emergency facility and not necessarily a hospital but something to help out. Mr. Fuentes explained because they are a small district anytime they have to do financing it must be a grant or a loan and there must be a match. Chairman Lockley asked if they have the capacity. Mr. Fuentes answered yes, and said their plant is 350,000 gallons per day and they are only using about 109,000-111,000 typically so they are operating on less than 35%. He said they recently completed new sewer infrastructure, built 2 new lift stations and a new water plant. He reported the 2 lift stations are operating at about 20% capacity. Mr. Fuentes explained during the Eastpoint fire the new

well pumped 1,500 gallons per minute for 8 hours straight feeding 100 fire trucks and never had a problem. He stated their system is well tested and they completed a secondary well in 2016 and that one will pump about 1,000 gallons a minute in an emergency and it will feed the system when they do maintenance on the other well. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve a letter of support for the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District.**

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:06

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Court – Report

Mrs. Griffith stated Clerk Johnson was unable to attend today. Mrs. Griffith read the following report:

1-) I have 8 resolutions for adoption on unanticipated revenue as part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping that involve funds that weren't included in your initial budget last year because we didn't know at the time they would be received. All the funds were spent. Approval is needed to comply with Florida Statutes 129 to incorporate these funds into your budget. **The 1st resolution** deals with \$509,848 received from the Florida Dept. of Transportation for payment of expenses related to the marking of the airport runways. The money was put in account 170.74.540.4603, Airport Fund – Rehab Airfield Pavement. **The 2nd resolution** deals with \$23,823 received from the Florida Dept. of State as reimbursement for the costs associated with the special elections of 2019. We put the money into the Supervisor of Elections' Budget-District 7 Special Elections line item. **The 3rd resolution** deals with \$213,595 whereby we received unanticipated loan proceeds in the amount of \$173,595 from Ring Investments and \$40,000 in sales proceeds from the trade-in of a 2002 Caterpillar Motor Grader for the Road Department. We put the money into account 140.41.541.6401, Machinery & Equipment – 2019 Motor Grader. **The 4th resolution** deals with \$193,290 received from unanticipated tipping fee revenues from the processing of Hurricane Michael debris. We put the money into account 304.40.534.6401 Tipping Fees – Machinery & Equipment for the purchase of a new Caterpillar excavator for the Landfill. **The 5th resolution** deals with \$279,554 received from unanticipated property insurance damage reimbursements from the Florida League of Cities for expenses relative to building and park repairs after Hurricane Michael. We put the money into account 001.20.572.4605, Hurricane Michael Recovery Repairs. **The 6th resolution** deals with \$308,000 received from Leasing 2, Inc. as part of the revolving lease-purchase program for replacement dump trucks as unanticipated loan proceeds and \$25,000 in sales proceeds from the trade-in of a 2003 Mack Dump Truck from Capital Truck. We put \$308,000 into account 140.41.541.6401 Road Department – Machinery & Equipment; \$23,250 into account 140.41.541.7100 Road Department – Principal, and \$1,750 into account 140.41.541.7200 Road Department- Interest. **The 7th resolution** deals with \$387,627 received from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses relative to providing permanent housing for the Eastpoint Fire Victims. We put \$40,000 into account 150.52.539.3100 CDBG Program – Professional Services and we put \$347,627 into account 150.52.539.8200 CDBG Program – Aid

to Citizens. **The 8th resolution** deals with \$277,992 received from the Florida Division of Emergency Management as State and FEMA reimbursements for the payment of expenses relative to debris removal, emergency protective measures and miscellaneous repairs after Hurricane Michael. We put \$144,809 into account 001.20.572.4605 Hurricane Michael Recovery, Repairs; we put \$120,232 into account 001.20.511.1300 County Commission – other wages; we put \$8,346 into account 001.20.511.2100 County Commission – FICA Taxes; and we put \$4,605 into account 001.20.511.2200 County Commission – Retirement.

ACTION NEEDED: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS ON UNANTICIPATED REVENUES

Commissioner Parrish referenced Resolution #2 and asked if the county fronted the money for the special election. Mrs. Griffith explained the country fronted \$25,000 and it came out of her budget and was returned. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolutions, as follows:**

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State grant revenues in the amount of \$509,848.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the marking of the airport runways and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

170.74.540.4603	Airport Fund – Rehab Airfield Pavement	\$ 509,848.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$509,848.00 in the AIRPORT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley
Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections has received unanticipated reimbursements from the Florida Department of State in the amount of \$23,823.00 as reimbursement for the costs associated with the special elections of 2019 and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

Supervisor of Elections Budget – District 7 Special Elections	\$23,823.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$23,823.00 in the SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS budget in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley
Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated installment loan proceeds in the amount of \$173,595.00 from Ring Investments and \$40,000.00 in sales proceeds from the trade-in of a 2002 Caterpillar 12H Motor Grader for the purchase of 2019 Caterpillar 120 Motor Grader for the Road Department, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

140.41.541.6401	Machinery & Equipment – Motor Grader	\$213,595.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$213,595.00 in the ROAD & BRIDGE FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated tipping fee revenues from the processing of Hurricane Michael Debris in the amount of \$193,290.00. These unanticipated revenues provided funding for a new Caterpillar 320 Excavator for the Franklin County Landfill, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

304.40.534.6401 Tipping Fees - Machinery & Equipment \$193,290.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$193,290.00 in the TIPPING FEE FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Noah Lockley

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated property insurance damage reimbursements in the amount of \$279,554.00 from the Florida League of Cities for the payment of expenses relative to building and park repairs after Hurricane Michael, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.572.4605 Hurricane Michael Recovery, Repairs \$279,554.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$279,554.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley
Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, as part of the revolving lease-purchase program for replacement dump trucks, Franklin County has received unanticipated installment loan proceeds in the amount of \$308,000.00 from Leasing 2, Inc., and unanticipated sales proceeds from the trade-in of a 2003 Mack Dump Truck in the amount of \$25,000.00 from Capital Truck, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

140.41.541.6401	Road Department - Machinery & Equipment	\$308,000.00
140.41.541.7100	Road Department – Principal	\$ 23,250.00
140.41.541.7200	Road Department – Interest	\$ 1,750.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$333,000.00 in the General Fund in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley
Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated Federal grant revenues in the amount of \$387,627.00 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the payment of expenses relative to providing permanent housing for the Eastpoint Fire Victims and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

150.52.539.3100	CDBG Program – Professional Services	\$ 40,000.00
150.52.539.8200	CDBG Program – Aid to Citizens	\$ 347,627.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$387,627.00 in the CDBG FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated State and Federal FEMA reimbursements in the amount of \$277,992.00 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the payment of

expenses relative to debris removal, emergency protective measures and miscellaneous repairs after Hurricane Michael, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.572.4605	Hurricane Michael Recovery, Repairs	\$144,809.00
001.20.511.1300	County Commission – Other Wages	\$120,232.00
001.20.511.2100	County Commission – FICA Taxes	\$ 8,346.00
001.20.511.2200	County Commission – Retirement	\$ 4,605.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$277,992.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of NOVEMBER 2019.

s/Noah Lockley
Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

2) **For action:** the Finance Department needs the following budget amendments approved to amend the last year's budget. The budget amendments move budgeted values from one line item to another.

The budget amendments below are needed to move line items within departmental budgets to cover the excess costs incurred by departments during Hurricane Michael response:

DECREASE 001.40.534.1200	Solid Waste-Regular Salaries	\$ 16,421.00
DECREASE 001.40.534.2200	Solid Waste-Retirement	\$ 9,505.00
DECREASE 001.40.534.2400	Solid Waste-Workers Comp	\$ 7,292.00
DECREASE 001.40.534.3100	Solid Waste-Professional Services	\$ 20,000.00
DECREASE 001.40.534.7100	Solid Waste-Principal	\$ 23,016.00
DECREASE 001.53.562.4600	Animal Control-Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
DECREASE 001.70.572.4600	Parks & Recreation-Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
INCREASE 001.40.534.4400	Solid Waste-Rentals & Leases	\$ 21,000.00
INCREASE 001.40.534.4600	Solid Waste-Repair & Maintenance	\$ 61,004.00
INCREASE 001.40.534.5200	Solid Waste-Operating Supplies	\$ 14,230.00
DECREASE 304.40.534.5200	Tipping Fees-Operating Supplies	\$ 144,917.00
INCREASE 304.40.534.3100	Tipping Fees-Professional Services	\$ 117,193.00

INCREASE 304.40.534.4600

Tipping Fees-Repair & Maintenance

\$ 27,724.00

- **ACTION NEEDED: MOTION TO APPROVE THE LINE ITEM BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the line item budget amendments.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

- 1- Update on Eastpoint and Two Mile Dredging Project- On Oct. 18, Josh Adams, ARPC staff, and I completed a conference call with Mr. Nate Lovelace, USACOE Mobile, regarding the county's two dredging projects. Mr. Dan Duarte, Gulf Consortium staff, was also on the call.

Eastpoint- Around the beginning of December the Corps will have received 3 preliminary designs for building the spoil area and dredging the channel to its original design depth of 8 feet. The Corps will share the designs with the county with a recommendation. Once the county and the Corps agree on the design and disposal area then the Corps will go to FDEP and finalize the permit. The Corps thinks they can get a permit out of FDEP by March, 2020, and if they can they will use an existing contract to mobilize a dredge contractor to start dredging by May/June 2020. By using an existing contract the Corps will save months of time it would otherwise have to use in going out for bid for this specific job.

The Corps hopes their funds will cover the cost of dredging the Eastpoint channel, but if it does not the county will provide the additional funds by using some of our Consortium funds. The Corps will provide us a proposed budget in December.

Two Mile- the Corps has done the initial assessment of the Two Mile Channel and the disposal area. The Two Mile disposal area is not in that bad of shape and the Corps says it will not take a lot of work to rehab it because they will be using a smaller dredge that will not pump as much water into the disposal area. At this time they intend to use the same dredge at Two Mile as they use at Eastpoint, so in a perfect schedule the Corps would finish Eastpoint and move the dredge to Two Mile. The Corps will provide the county with a cost estimate for Two Mile in December, but the general numbers we discussed are within the funds the county allocated with the Consortium. Mr. Duarte said that normally there is a 4-6 month process to get final approval for Consortium projects through the Gulf Council, and remember the Gulf Council is the federal interagency that has final approval of all Consortium expenditures, but Mr. Duarte said that because this is a Corps project there is a mechanism for the county to get pre-approval from the Gulf Council. Josh Adams will begin the application process with Mr. Duarte once the Corps gives the county a proposed budget.

So, if the projects move forward without any problems then the Eastpoint Channel and the Two Mile Channel should both be dredged in the summer/fall of 2020.

Mr. Pierce said hopefully they will know more in a month. He reported the dredging of both channels are allocated in the Consortium so they have the money to cover the projects. He stated they were the second and third projects as EOC was the first project but these projects are coming along sooner. Mr. Pierce commented if they do not get Legislative

money for a new EOC then in 2021 they will have construction money in Consortium. He stated it will take until 2021 to get the design finished anyway. Commissioner Boldt asked navigationally what they gain. Mr. Pierce explained the Two Mile Channel is a safety access and described the location of the channel. He said the intercoastal waterway comes out and goes left to Carrabelle and there is a spur that goes through Bob Sikes Cut that is also part of a local channel. Mr. Pierce reported there is also a new boat ramp at the end of the Two Mile Channel which can be used when the channel is cleaned out. He reported the Eastpoint Channel has not been dredged in 20 years and they have lost their working waterfront so what comes back in is open for discussion. Commissioner Jones stated it is actually not a channel but a mooring because there is one way in and one way out. He said it will not only give revitalization to the waterfront area but also provides safe harbor for vessels during storms. Chairman Lockley pointed out they do not use it for oystering now but they use it for commercial fishing. Mr. Pierce said one of the critical items for getting the seafood industry functioning is ice and Barber's Seafood has ice. He stated fuel is also a factor.

2- Update on TRIUMPH application for the fuel farm and the back-up generator at the airport. There was a meeting yesterday at the airport with Centric Aviation, TRIUMPH staff, and I. TRIUMPH staff is looking to enhance the county's application and move it forward to the TRIUMPH Board. The next TRIUMPH Board meeting is here in Apalachicola on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Mr. Pierce explained they are trying to add educational components to the application because there is training that can be done to help kids get jobs at other airports. He said Mr. Andrew Hartman, Centric Aviation, is a Certified Fuel Quality Control Inspector through the National Air Transportation Association, and Ms. Tara Maugham, Centric Aviation, was appointed to the National Air Transportation Association Aviation Business Committee. He said these two individuals with Centric Aviation are motivated and involved in the aviation community and Triumph will build on their activities and the airport. He stated Centric will continue to get educational components at the airport. Mr. Pierce reported they are finding a way to move forward with their \$1 million application and get it approved and hopefully Triumph will vote on something on November 20th.

2- Update on Alligator Drive, post- Tropical Storm Nestor. As the Board should be aware, the storm did not create enough damage state wide for a FEMA declaration, so all the damage done to Alligator Drive, which involved losing all of the asphalt the county out down in the 1100 foot area that was damaged by Hurricane Michael in 2018, is a county expense. Commissioner Boldt may have some more information regarding any assistance coming from the state but I have not heard of any. The status of the \$4.7M repairs as bid by Anderson Columbia is still under review by FEMA Regional office in Atlanta. Senator Rubio's office has reached out to the county to see if we have any FEMA issues so I have advised Mr. Josh Gabel in the Senator's office of our situation.

Mr. Pierce encouraged anyone to call and try to help. He stated the issue is FEMA does not want to increase the share of repairs to Alligator Point on the federal level. He explained Hurricane Hermine had a certain match and Hurricane Michael had a different match and if they shift all the cost to Hurricane Michael then it increases the federal share. He stated because they got the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) money to cover the local share it does not matter. He said FEMA just needs to find the mechanism to move forward and tell them what the local share is. Mr. Pierce reported he cannot seem to get this message to the right person to make the difference but they have the funds to cover whatever the match is. Chairman Lockley asked if that is the money to put the road back. Mr. Pierce replied yes. Chairman Lockley questioned if a road that close to the water is going to help. Mr. Pierce said the road needs further protection in his opinion and that means a beach. He explained what they are doing now does not include a beach as the beach is a separate project. Mr. Pierce stated they have put a request in through Mr. Mike Dombrowski for design money to finish the design or beach renourishment for a smaller area. He reported if they do not get further protection the ends of the road will wash out again. He went on to say there is another 1,000 ft. that is only separated from the Gulf of Mexico by private property and private retaining walls. He stated if they built a bridge it would face the same problem with the ends. Mr. Pierce explained they must have a mile long beach to protect the area. Chairman Lockley asked about the price of sand. Mr. Pierce estimated it will cost \$8-\$10 million. He explained they are going to ask the state for half and he proposes using Restore money for the other half but the burden is who is going to pay to maintain the area. He reported there is no reason to put the sand there on a critically eroding shoreline if there is not a mechanism to keep it in place. Mr. Pierce said if they have a hurricane FEMA will help but if they do not have a hurricane they will need \$4 million every 8 years. He stated normally the funding source would be the property owners who benefit from the sand being placed there. Mr. Pierce reported this has been discussed with the Alligator Point community and has been turned down once and the other time the response was neutral. He explained there are other options to defray the costs such as parking fees or a road toll. Mr. Pierce stated normally it would be a Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) assessment on the property owners that benefit from the protection. He said they have not resolved who will pay. Chairman Lockley stated they must do what they have to. Mr. Pierce agreed and said at this point everyone is losing because the property values are not rising like they are in other places because they are at risk. Chairman Lockley reported if they put the road and sand they must have a mechanism in place to keep it going for 10 years or they will be back to the same place. Mr. Pierce stated he is not going to recommend putting sand there the first time if there is not a mechanism in place. Commissioner Parrish commented if a bridge was placed there the water would cut through Alligator Point because there is no protection from further erosion. He said if they do not do something it will continue to erode. Mr. Pierce stated there is no way to build a bridge with a ramp that provides access to the houses. Commissioner Boldt reported they heard a historical overview and they are working on a way to rebuild the road and protect it. He said they need to work on strategy on how they build the beach in front of the road and keep FEMA informed that they are protecting their investment. He explained they also care enough to maintain the beach going forward. Mr. Pierce stated he wishes FEMA had a better program for hazard mitigation but they have a

strong division between what was there before and after the storm. He went on to say if there was not an engineered beach then they will not help put it there the first time. He explained the county has to get a beach there some other way than FEMA but they will help after the engineered beach is there. Commissioner Boldt asked if they should contact U.S. Senator Marco Rubio for help. Mr. Pierce said they can contact anyone but the first time will not be with federal money. He reported years ago they looked at the Corps of Engineers to see if they could barge the spoil from the river to Alligator Point but that fell through. He said there are other federal partners but it will not be FEMA. Chairman Lockley stated people elected them to be good stewards and once this issue is resolved they have to address the protection so they will not have problems later on. Mr. Pierce reported the last repair of the road costs \$36,000 from the general Road Department budget and they could work on this same area several times before the end of the fiscal year which could amount to quite a bit of money. He said that beach is critical to keep the overall road budget intact. Mr. Feifer said the community will come together for a funding mechanism to support beach renourishment in some way. He stated not just the people in front of the beach benefit from this beach renourishment. He reported in the last year they have to put boards on the beach for the fire truck because it could not get around the road. Mr. Feifer said FWC has used 4 wheel drive vehicles in the last 30 days to evacuate someone that was in physical distress. He explained property values all along Alligator Point and Bald Point have been affected and there will be a consensus of the people at Alligator Point. Mr. Feifer asked the Board to be a partner with them as they will not fight the Board but will work with them. Mr. Feifer thanked the Board for this continued fight. He said he will reach out to Senator Marco Rubio and encouraged anyone who has political contacts to reach out to them. He reported the problem is in the FEMA office in Atlanta. He said the problem is not just for the people in front of the beach to be renourished but for everyone since it is a life safety and economic issue. Mr. Pierce stated unless there is a 100% buy-in there is a risk of someone suing over the fairness of the assessment. He explained there must be a rational nexus between the assessment and the value someone gains from it. He said they will need to determine the area to be covered by the assessment. Mr. Pierce stated he will contact Mr. Dombrowski because he was going to put together a proposal to help determine what the assessment should be. He reported they may also need to go back to GSG for legal advice on this matter. Chairman Lockley said he is willing to do this but he will not vote for having the whole county pay for it as it should be contained to that area. Mr. Pierce explained traditionally that is how it is done everywhere so that the area that benefits pays the assessment. Mr. Feifer asked if they have looked at tax increment financing and explained how it works. Mr. Pierce said it is similar to a Community Redevelopment Assessment. Mr. Feifer said this idea like toll roads, MSBU and help from the TDC have not been fully vetted yet. Mr. Pierce explained the tax increment freezes the value of the properties for general revenue purposes so any increase goes to a certain fund so overall Alligator Point would not be contributing as much to the overall cost of government because the overall increase will be reimbursed.

4- Board action to direct the County Attorney to negotiate an easement across Lot 5, Apalachee Dunes Subdivision, on Bald Point to provide access to the houses served by the

relocated Gulf Shore Blvd. The easement is necessary as the final step to provide access to 3 existing houses that are separated from the relocated road by a large wetland. I have met with the owner of Lot 5, Mr. Steve Brown, and have discussed the situation with him. Board action.

Mr. Pierce said he recommends the Board take this action along with a \$50,000 payment for the easement. He stated this is fair considering the cost of relocating the road. He reported the survey has been done and they are ready to move forward. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct the County Attorney to negotiate an easement across Lot 5, Apalachee Dunes Subdivision on Bald Point and approve the payment of \$50,000 for the easement.** Mr. Pierce stated the funding will come from the Bald Point Trust Fund.

Commissioner Jones said in reference to the prior comments he does not think TDC has enough size or tax revenue to address road infrastructure. He stated he thinks they must have in excess of \$10 million in bed tax to address this item.

Mr. Pierce reported they finished public comment for the second time on dune restoration for St. George Island. He said it has been sent to the U.S. Treasury for their review.

Chairman Lockley stated the Board will work with the people at Alligator Point as much as they can.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

Action Items

1. **Legislative 2020 Appropriations Budget Requests:** At your October 15th meeting I requested Board action to authorize a request for funds to construct a new Emergency Operations Center as the only item on the County's Legislative 2020 Appropriation Budget request list. Since that meeting, USDA informed staff that of the \$150 Million that was proposed and advertised to help communities affected by Natural Disasters, only \$2 million has been allocated for the entire State of Florida. Based on that information, I decided to add the Fort Coombs Armory to the Legislative 2020 Appropriations Budget request lists. In addition, I received three requests from the City of Apalachicola to rank and add to the submission list. I reached out to the City of Carrabelle who informed me that they were working on an application and would send me a copy once completed. As the submission deadline was Friday, November 1st, I submitted the applications and the ranking list to Senator Montford and Representative Shoaf's offices on Tuesday, October 22nd without Carrabelle's application. The list in ranked order is as follows:

- a. New Emergency Operations Center (\$1,500,000) – County Project
- b. Fort Coombs Armory Fire Sprinkler Installation (\$250,000) – County Project
- c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (\$528,000) – City of Apalachicola
- d. Drinking Water and Facilities Planning and Design (\$112,250) – City of Carrabelle
- e. Inflow and Infiltration Study and Repairs (\$370,000) – City of Apalachicola
- f. Lift Station #4 Improvement and Repair Project (\$492,000) – City of Apalachicola

Staff Recommendation: Board action to ratify the 2020 Legislative Appropriation Budget request list as ranked and submitted.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the 2020 Legislative Appropriation Budget request list as ranked and submitted. Mr. Moron stated Representative Shoaf asked for a separate list of projects that was not an appropriation and 1 of the items submitted was the state (DOT) taking back Alligator Drive. He explained he sent the history of the expenses on Alligator Drive and the white paper. He said if they called Representative Shoaf and asked that they pay attention to that package it would help. Mr. Moron stated Commissioner Boldt will be meeting with DOT. Chairman Lockley reported they need to tell them about the sand too because it will not be good to build the road without some protection. Commissioner Boldt agreed and said they can show what they have done for the road in the last 30 years and about the protection of the road.

2. This item was addressed during the Road Department Report.
3. **CR 67 Project/CEI Rankings:** At your October 15th meeting, the Board opened and read aloud Requests for Proposals for Construction Engineering and Inspections (CEI) services for County Road 67 (Tallahassee Street) Sidewalk project. There were three firms that submitted proposals and Dewberry Engineers, Inc. was ranked the number one firm. The rankings have been submitted to and approved by FDOT for negotiations.
Staff Recommendation: Board action authorizing staff to start negotiations with Dewberry Engineers for CEI services.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize staff to start negotiations with Dewberry Engineers for CEI services.

4. **2019 Eastpoint Christmas Parade and Celebration:** Mrs. Dottie Thornburg, event coordinator, is requesting Board approval to temporarily close Highway 98 for the 2019 Eastpoint Christmas Parade. The Celebration event will be on Thursday, December 6th with the parade line-up starting at 4:00 pm and the parade itself starting at 4:30 pm. The parade route will begin at behind Webb Seafood at the corner of Power Drive and C. A. Gillespie Street, then a left turn (Eastwards) onto Highway 98 with the parade ending in front of Fisherman's Choice. Once approved, Mrs. Thornburg will be required to contact FDOT for a permit and the Sheriff's Office to assist with traffic control.

Staff Recommendation: Board action to authorize the temporary closing of Highway 98 on Friday, December 6th for the 2019 Eastpoint Christmas Parade.

On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the temporary closing of Highway 98 on Friday, December 6th, for the 2019 Eastpoint Christmas Parade.

5. **FSU Marine Lab:** It has been over two months since the County Commission sent a letter to the Governor and Cabinet, requesting they convert the old FSU Marine Lab on Alligator Point into a public boat ramp, and we have not heard anything from any State office or agency about this matter. Does the board want to continue to pursue a boat ramp at this location or try to find another available site?

Staff Recommendation: Board discussion and direction relating to a boat ramp in the Alligator Harbor area.

Mr. Moron said this was based on complaints the Board received that the state issued all the aquaculture leases and there is no access to the leases. He reported this was also sent as an item as the county does not issue the leases but is trying to help residents get access. Commissioner Massey suggested calling Senator Montford instead of writing a letter. He stated the state sold the leases and are not providing any access for the people to use. Commissioner Massey said people are trying to make a living on these leases. Mr. Moron stated he can contact Representative Shoaf and Senator Montford. Commissioner Boldt said they can add this to the meeting with Representative Shoaf. He recommended they try an alternative boat ramp off Highway 98. Chairman Lockley said the state opened the leases. Commissioner Parrish reported the state needs to get a boat ramp as they gave out the leases. He explained this should have been taken care of before the leases were issued. Commissioner Parrish stated they created the problem and they need to establish a boat ramp with their money for the people to use. Commissioner Massey explained Leonard's Landing will not work and they need a boat ramp. Commissioner Boldt inquired if they want the state to provide access to Alligator Harbor off Highway 98 and then the oyster farmers can use their money to prepare the boat ramp. Commissioner Massey answered no, the state sold the leases for \$10,000 apiece and they should take that money and open a boat ramp. Commissioner Boldt said they want the state to create access and take their money to make the boat ramp and that is what they will present to Representative Shoaf. The Board agreed. Chairman Lockley said that is the state's job not the county's. He explained they are always making things mandatory for the county but when they issued the leases they knew the people needed access to the leases. Commissioner Boldt reported they can present the data for how much money was collected from the leases. Mr. Moron clarified the individuals have to pay a certain amount for the lease so the state should take that money and create a boat ramp so people have access to the leases. Commissioner Massey asked if Tallahassee Community College (TCC) has a lease. Mr. Pierce said TCC through the Wakulla Institute has a lot of things going on in Ochlocknee Bay but he is not sure if they have one in Alligator Harbor. Chairman Lockley stated access should have been the first thing they did.

6. **Grants/Special Project Coordinator:** In August the Board authorized the creation and advertisement for a Grants/Special Project Coordinator position at a \$35,000 salary. The Board requested that I include a four-year degree and some grant management experience as part of the job requirements. The County received 4 applications and of the four two didn't have the required degree, one applicant asked to be removed from consideration, and the other decided not to accept the position. So, after some discussion with Mr. Mark Curenton and Mr. Alan Pierce I recommend the following: promote Mrs. Cortni Bankston from Permitting Clerk to an Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Bankston's primary role would be to assist Mr. Curenton with FDOT and other grants and her secondary role would be to assist me with some of the Board's administrative duties. The salary for this position will be \$27,500. I will then advertise for a new Permitting Clerk at a salary of \$25,000. At some point in the near future Mr. Alan Pierce will discuss his recommendation for a RESTORE Coordinator replacement.
- Staff Recommendation:** Board action to authorize a change to Mrs. Bankston's job description and salary as stated and advertise for a Permitting Clerk at \$25,000.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a change to Cortni Bankston's job description and salary as stated and advertise for a Permitting Clerk at \$25,000.

Mr. Pierce said he appreciates the Board's support and the county has a RESTORE coordinating firm but there still needs to be a contact person for the county and there is money in the RESTORE fund to pay for that position. He explained the problem is he has done more than just RESTORE and some of what he does is because he is knowledgeable about the county. He went on to say they can call this position RESTORE Coordinator but the person may not be able to do all the things he is doing so those other items will need to be covered by someone else. Mr. Pierce indicated Mr. Moron will be the likely person to address these other items. Chairman Lockley asked how much time they have. Mr. Pierce said he is slowly getting rid of items and he is happy but does not want to add any items to his job.

7. **Advisory Board of Adjustment Appointment (ABOA):** Mr. Joe Hambrose has informed Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly that he is resigning from his District 2 seat as a County Advisory Board of Adjustment member. Mrs. Kelly contacted Commissioner Boldt about a replacement and the commissioner has recommended Mr. Benjamin Houston. Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Houston have talked about the role of the ABOA and she finds that he is very interested and seems knowledgeable with the ABOA process. Both Commissioner Boldt and Mrs. Kelly recommend appointing Mr. Benjamin Houston to the ABOA.
- Staff Recommendation:** Board action to appoint Mr. Benjamin Houston to serve as District 2 representative on the County's Advisory Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Moron said Mr. Houston is here. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to appoint Mr. Benjamin Houston. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt stated this is a good example of people volunteering for public service. He said Mr. Houston attends

these meetings and this will be a nice transition. He thanked Mr. Houston for volunteering. Chairman Lockley said he will be a good member. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

8. **Capital Improvement Schedule:** Mr. Curenton has informed me that it is time for the County Commission to do its annual update of the Capital Improvements Schedule. The County is required to update the capital improvements schedule in its comprehensive plan annually. If there is a potential capital improvement project you would like to pursue within the next five years, contact Mr. Curenton so he can include it in the proposed schedule. A public hearing is required to amend the capital improvement schedule in the comprehensive plan. The current list is attached to my report.
Staff Recommendation: Board action to authorize a public hearing to amend the capital improvement schedule in the comprehensive plan.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a public hearing to amend the Capital Improvement Schedule in the Comprehensive Plan.

9. **2020 Census Complete Count Committee:** At your last meeting I informed the Board of the need to create a Franklin County Complete Count Committee for the 2020 U. S. Census. I have "recruited" Mrs. Pat O'Connell and Mrs. Buena Brown to serve as the Chair and Vice Chair, organize this committee, and "recruit" other members. I met with Pat, Buena, and Evelin (Census Bureau) on Thursday to discuss the creation and the role of the CCC. Pat and Buena will be on future agendas to discuss the importance of the Census, as it relates to promotions and getting as many people as possible in the county to participate in the census. As we all are aware Census participation equals money for the county.
Staff Recommendation: Board action to approve the creation of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee and appoint Mrs. Pat O'Connell and Mrs. Buena Brown as the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Mr. Moron said the county had a 40% and 60% participation rate so they have to do a better job. Mr. Moron reported it is online now which is positive and it is private and secure. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve the creation of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee and appoint Mrs. Pat O'Connell as the Chair and Mrs. Buena Brown as the Vice-Chair. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt said these individuals also attend the meetings and are volunteering. Mr. Moron recognized both Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Brown who were present. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

10. **Commissioner Boldt request:** Commissioner Boldt informed me that he was planning to attend a Florida Department of Education Public Hearing entitled "The Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century Act". Unfortunately, the one-day Public Hearing was scheduled for yesterday November 4th in Leon County, prior to today's meeting, so there was not an opportunity to bring this to the Board for approval before today.

Staff Recommendation: Board action to authorize travel and expenses for Commissioner Boldt attendance at the Department of Education Public Hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize travel and expenses for Commissioner Boldt to attend the Department of Education Public Hearing. Commissioner Boldt stated they are looking for future funding for Franklin County Schools. He explained he presented on behalf of the County Commission and the idea was to help reinforce career and technical education they are planning to do in the future relative to a course on how to study. He stated this may be a good source of funding in the future for Franklin County and that is why he attended. Chairman Lockley said it is good because they want to help the schools and cities.

Information Items

11. Healthcare Proposals: During the month of November the County Commission along with the Weems Board of Directors (BOD) heard proposals from Alliant/TMH and Ascension Sacred Heart regarding the future of healthcare in Franklin County at two separate workshops. The Weems (BOD) is now tasked with discussing both proposals and forwarding a recommendation to you at a future meeting. To assist with their decision making, the Weems BOD has scheduled a public hearing to allow the general public to voice their preferences and concerns on Thursday, November 14th at 5:30 pm here in your meeting room. This meeting will be properly noticed. I will encourage representatives from both cities to continue to attend all meetings and public hearings, relating to healthcare services in the county, so that they remain as informed as possible. The information will be essential to both cities when the county receives a recommendation from the Weems BOD.

Mr. Moron said they will notice that 1 or more of the Commissioners may attend the meeting.

12. St. George Island Bathroom Project: Commissioner Jones has been working with the Finance Office on using TDC funds for new bathrooms on St. George Island beach for the last few months. They have found a possible option that includes a loan repayment plan that Commissioner Jones will bring to TDC, perhaps at the next regular meeting for discussion. After the TDC has discussed this matter, a recommendation will be sent to this Board. Let Commissioner Jones know if you have any concerns that you would like discussed at that TDC meeting regarding this project.

13. Aquaculture Lease Application: At your last meeting I provided a link to a new aquaculture dock lease that the county received from the Division of Aquaculture. As this week is the deadline, send your comments or objections to me or directly to the department. Below is the link I provided at the last meeting.

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- 14. Living Shoreline Interagency Meeting:** I, along with Commissioners Jones and Boldt, attended the first Living Shoreline Interagency meeting on Thursday October 24th. There were quite a few state agencies in attendance via phone and Mr. Rick Harter of Ecology and Environment, Inc. led the meeting. Mr. Harter provided a background of the project but asked the attendees to share historical knowledge of the site, assist with development of the project goals and vision, and assist with identifying any project constraints. The next steps and action items were discussed as preparation for the next meeting. I will inform the Board of the next meeting date, time, and location as soon as it is confirmed. Below is a link to the meeting documents.

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Mr. Moron said earlier Commissioner Jones handed out some notes from the meeting. He stated the Board can provide comments and he will forward them to Mr. Harter before the next meeting. Mrs. Grove reported the meeting is on November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Moron stated he will forward the meeting information to the Board. He explained they will also provide notice that 1 or more Commissioners may attend the meeting.

- 15. DEP Notice of Intent Drilling Permits in Calhoun County:** As part of Chris Doolin's November 1, 2019 daily briefings, there was an article that stated, "DEP has given thumbs up to issuing permits for Oil and gas drilling in Calhoun County." These permits for six oil wells which would be located between the Apalachicola River, Dead Lakes and Chipola River in Calhoun County was submitted in the Fall of 2018, prior to Hurricane Michael. On October 22, Ms. Georgia Ackerman, Riverkeeper's Executive Director, sent you an email stating the Riverkeeper's position regarding these six exploratory oil permits. I have included Ms. Ackerman's email and Mr. Doolin's daily briefing as they both contain links with additional information on these exploratory oil permits.

Mr. Moron said the Riverkeeper's did a good job of explaining why they are against the wells. Chairman Lockley stated this is a done deal. Mr. Moron answered yes but depending on the results of the exploratory permits they may have to go back to DEP for additional permits. He explained hopefully the results will be posted and the county will be informed so they will have a chance to object if they want to.

- 16. Library Director:** Mr. Corey Bard, your new Library Director, started yesterday. He will be on a future meeting agenda to introduce himself to the Board.

Commissioner Massey said they have not been told the truth from the Library Advisory Board. He explained there is not a requirement for a Master's Degree for the Library Director in order to get grants written. He reported they hired someone from out of state and they had someone from Franklin County in the office that could have taken the job. Commissioner Massey stated the Library Advisory Board did not tell them anything about the background

check or that they were going to hire Mr. Bard. He said they should have told the Board they were going to hire him. Commissioner Massey reported the last Library Director left as soon as she got her Master's Degree. He stated the Library Advisory Board should come before this Board before they hire someone. Chairman Lockley asked if he wants to make this a rule. Commissioner Massey said they should because they had someone on staff that could have taken the job. Chairman Lockley stated he agrees with hiring local. Commissioner Massey explained he wants everyone to know they were not told the truth. He stated he has been telling Mr. Moron that they are not required to have a Master's Degree if they work under Wakulla County. Mr. Moron explained Commissioner Massey asked him to check on this and they can work under the Wilderness Coast Consortium Master's Degree to qualify for grants as long as the Library Director is a full time county employee and the library is open a certain amount of hours. He went on to say the Master's Degree is not a requirement but more of a preference on the county's end. Commissioner Massey questioned if they normally come forward and say the background has passed and recommend hiring and said that was not done this time. Mr. Moron explained once the Board made the offer that gives them the green light to move forward with the background check. Mr. Moron agreed as a courtesy they usually come back and inform the Board the background was good, provide the starting date and ask if there are questions or concerns. Chairman Lockley said he would like a motion so they cannot do this anymore. Attorney Shuler stated his recommendation is that he draft a new rule for hiring a Library Director and also other departments and the Board can adopt it or modify it. He reported if they have a rule it should be written down and they can review it and make a decision at the next meeting. Commissioner Massey said he is upset because the county had someone that could have done the job. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to direct Mr. Moron to get in touch with Mrs. Kate Aguiar and Friends of the Library so they can address some of the concerns that have been expressed today by the Commission and direct Attorney Shuler to come up with a rule for their review and possible adoption.** Commissioner Massey stated from the beginning Mrs. Aguiar has told them they must have a Master's Degree but he said they did not and she insisted they did. **Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley said people from Franklin County vote for him and not people from other states. Commissioner Boldt stated local respect for people who have had longevity is appropriate. He said they should also think of credentialing overall and many times people come with high credentials that can move the county forward. Commissioner Massey explained he understands that but they had someone that can do the job that is working there then they should give them the job. He reported that person is there to climb the ladder and every other person they have hired gets their Master's Degree and leaves. Commissioner Boldt said they may need to think of other qualified people in different departments but they must be properly vetted and credentialed. Chairman Lockley stated he understands and they know they need professional people in some instances but this is the Library Director. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

17. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Project:** The County has been informed by the local FDOT contractor, Ferrovial, that there is an upcoming Fender System and Lighting repair project for Franklin and Gulf Counties. This work should include repairs to

the navigation lighting systems, repairs and replacement to the bridge lighting systems, and fender system repairs. In addition, FDOT is also evaluating the pavement on US 98 in Franklin that was damaged by Hurricane Michael and hopefully, will add funding for design next fiscal year and funding for construction around 2023.

Chairman Lockley said they have been addressing the repairs to the lights in Bay County too. He explained this is a hazard with boats and also if someone is walking on the bridge. Chairman Lockley stated it is not lit properly and needs to be fixed.

Commissioner Parrish referenced Item #12 and said according to the unanticipated revenue they should have more revenue than was budgeted. He questioned why they cannot take excess revenue and fund the bathrooms instead of going through the loan process. Commissioner Jones responded because it is considered a beach park facility they can only use 10% annually. He stated they are trying to work within the restrictions. Chairman Lockley inquired if they will have enough to make the payment. Commissioner Jones stated that should not be a problem.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Moron to contact Mr. Davis and get a date of when the used oil containers will be in place. Mr. Moron agreed to contact him.

Commissioner Parrish said he wants an update on the access road at the airport. He asked Mr. Moron to check with the airport engineers and get the status of this project. Commissioner Parrish stated they have awarded the bid and they were supposed to scale down the project to the budgeted amount of money and nothing has happened in 3 months. He said he wants to know what has happened because he is ready to move on this project.

Chairman Lockley referenced the man who appeared earlier in the meeting talking about homes for the fire victims in Eastpoint and he asked Mr. Moron to find out what is going on. Mr. Moron explained he got the list yesterday from Mrs. Deborah Belcher, Roumelis & Associates, but he failed to put it on his report. He said the report will be sent to the Board and Mrs. Belcher may attend the next meeting because she has a couple of action items to approve. Mr. Moron stated he will find out what is going on. Chairman Lockley said they want to know who is supposed to get homes and why the other people are not getting homes. He explained someone needs to explain it to the people involved.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler said he does not have a report and there was nothing that needed to be taken care of.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Jones stated he cannot attend the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Conference in Broward County. He said he thinks Commissioner Parrish wants to go because he is on the Consortium Board and they are having a meeting. He asked if travel has already been approved. Mr. Moron said this was already taken care of. Commissioner Massey agreed they have already voted on it. Chairman Lockley asked when the meeting is. Commissioner Parrish replied the Consortium meeting is on the 20th.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts