



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

**SEPTEMBER 01, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

*The Board of County Commissioners asks that all cell phones are turned off or placed on silent (vibrate) mode. Any handouts (information) for distribution to the Commission must be submitted to the Board Secretary (Clerk's Office) or to the County Coordinator on or before the Thursday prior to that Tuesday's meeting. Failure to do so will result in your removal from the agenda or a delay of any action relating to your request until a future meeting.*

**Call to Order**

**A. Public Notice**

*To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore, this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and Zoom. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's YouTube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences. Those wanting to participate during "Public Comments" should use the Zoom log-in/call-in information provided below. There is a link to a list of videos and Getting Started Resources on the main "Agenda and Minutes" webpage for those unfamiliar with Zoom. If you are experiencing any issues with the livestream or Zoom, call (850) 653-9783 extension 373 for assistance.*

*Any person who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, must have a record of the proceedings. He or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.*

**B. Franklin County BOCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: Franklin County BOCC Regular Meeting

Time: Sep 1, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Prayer and Pledge**

**Resolution - Honoring the Life of Brian Smith**

**Moment of Silence to honor Brian Smith**

**Approval of Minutes**

- [C.](#) Approval of July 30, 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- [D.](#) Approval of August 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- [E.](#) Approval of August 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Payment of County Bills**

- F. Payment of County Bill List

**Tax Collector - Rick Watson - Tax Certificate Update**

**Sheriff - A. J. Smith - Beach Flags Ordinance Discussion**

**Public Comments**

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**Department Directors Report**

**Superintendent of Public Works – Howard Nabors**

[G.](#) **Road Department Board Report**

**Information Items**

- 1. Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District (see attached documents)

**Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis**

[H.](#) **Solid Waste Directors Board Report**

**Information Items**

- 1. Right-of-ways Debris Pickup/Recycle Material Hauled (See attached document)

**Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell**

[I.](#) **Emergency Management Board Report**

**Information Items:**

- 1. CERT was activated on 8/26/20 to assist with search and rescue efforts for the missing child in Eastpoint, our volunteers remained on scene until the missing child was found.
- 2. EOC Staff posted our 2020 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for Public Review on 08/12/20. The public review period was from 08/12/20 – 08/14/20. We advertised this review on Oyster Radio, EOC Facebook page, and the County Website.

3. EOC Staff along with our CERT Volunteers continue to distribute washable & reusable cloth mask throughout our community. We have partnered with the City of Carrabelle and City of Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce along with the St. George Island & Eastpoint Visitor Centers to assist with distribution to local businesses and residents. We will continue this effort as long as supplies are available.

4. EOC Staff are working diligently with DOH Staff regarding the COVID-19 virus. This includes hosting meetings with representatives from DOH, Sheriff's Dept. Weems, EMS, as needed. We also are assisting with Conference Calls, information distribution from DOH via Alert Franklin, Facebook and our EOC Website.

5. EOC Staff continue to participate in conference calls with State DEM, Region 2, DOH, FEMA, etc. regarding COVID 19. We also continue to update WebEOC with missions for PPE, Local State of Emergency, and SitReps.

6. EOC Staff continue to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. (Please see below report regarding Hurricane Michael Projects). 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. As you can see, Project #'s 79475, 81069, and 81073 have moved from EHP Review to Pending Recipient Final Review. We are in contact with our PDMG regularly regarding these projects and will update the Board as soon as the State Review is completed. EOC Staff has also began the FEMA reimbursement claim process for COVID-19.

#### **Extension Office Director – Erik Lovestrand**

##### **L Extension Office Board Report**

##### **Informational Items**

##### **General Extension Activities:**

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics of injured wildlife, fertilization of zoysia grass, soil test results, diagnosis on fungal disease, citrus greening, and more.
2. Extension Director assisted with hosting a webinar by the Natural Resources Program Team on the topic of "Invasive Hitchhikers: how we move pest species around when transporting ornamental plants". The Cuban tree frog is one that is starting to show up in our Panhandle area.
3. Extension Director participated in a webinar by USDA about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to learn about assistance to various aquaculture crops that are now included. Our local producers of oysters and clams are not eligible under this program because they are eligible to receive assistance under the CARES Act assistance program.

##### **Sea Grant Extension:**

4. Extension Director participated in a webinar hosted by Auburn University titled: "Seafood in the Diet: Consumption Patterns at Retail and Food Service outlets." Related to how Covid has affected distribution and sales of seafood products.
5. Extension Director is coordinating with other Sea Grant agents who have seafood interests in their region to partner with FDACS, industry representation, and the ISSC to develop a virtual HACCP training module specifically for molluscan shellfish. An initial conference call between groups will take place soon.

##### **4-H Youth Development:**

6. A new adult volunteer will be completing her certification process soon to lead a club in Eastpoint and surrounding area. Focus areas will include leadership, and agriculture/aquaculture production.

7. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

8. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.

### **Library Director - Whitney Roundtree**

#### **K. Library Directors Board Report**

##### **Updates/Informational Items:**

1. Attended WILD BOD meeting held August 10th (Virtual)
2. Attended FOL meeting held August 12th (Virtual)
3. Attended Director's meeting held August 19th (Virtual)
4. Employment: New, full-time employee, Arielle Thompson, we will report to the Eastpoint branch August 31st, 2020 to begin training. Employment offer accepted for the Carrabelle branch, waiting on drug screening results. All staff members are to be crossed trained at both branches in order to ensure sufficient coverage at each location.
5. The FCPL Summer Reading Program has come to a close. The library hosted 10 virtual events and challenges this summer with a combined participation total of 361.
6. Congratulations to our Summer Reading Challenge grand prize winners, Jayden Jones (Carrabelle Branch) Hunter Brannan (Carrabelle Branch), Maddie Wise (Eastpoint Branch) and Wyatt Oliver (Eastpoint Branch). Each winner received their very own Kindle HD Fire Tablet as a reward for their hard work and continued reading throughout the summer.
7. FCPL will be closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept 7th
8. September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Library cards are free for Franklin County residents with proof of residency (DL, photo Id card, Passport with photo). A library card grants patrons free access to our combined catalog of physical and digital materials. Non-resident members can also obtain a card for a \$10 annual fee.

### **RFP / RFQ / Bids Opening**

#### **L. CR 370 Alligator Point Multi-Use Path Project:**

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking civil engineering services relating to the construction engineering and inspection (CEI) of the multi-use trail and bike path on the CR 370 Alligator Point Multi-Use Path Project. The scope of this project will include the construction of 5' bicycle lanes on C.R. 67 (Alligator Drive) from Alligator Point Marina eastward for approximately 1 mile to the public boat ramp and a 10' multi-use path from the public boat ramp eastward for approximately 1 mile to Harbor Circle on Alligator Point, FL as identified in the County's Local Agency Participation contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by FDOT to perform the indicated types of work.

### **National POW/MIA Recognition - Michael Krehl - Presentation**

#### **M. Presentation of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) introducing the Relentless Pursuit Poster**



## **CARES Act Consultant - Traci Buzbee - Presentation**

[N.](#) CARES Act Funding Presentation

### **Public Hearings 10:30 a.m. (ET)**

Any person representing a project or who wishes to speak concerning this proposed ordinance should participate virtually via Zoom (log-in/call-in information below). If you experience issues with Zoom call (850) 653-9783 ext 373 for assistance.

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[O.](#) (10:30 AM)The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Zoning on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

Reserved Lot West of Lot 16, Block Z, Lanark Beach, Unit 1, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida lying in Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from C-4 Mixed Use Residential to C-3 Commercial Recreation. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Team Golson, applicant.

*P. Public Notice:*

*Jamey and Beverly Sapp has asked the Board of County Commissioners to table their Land Use Change and Rezoning for a 6.08 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2514 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida until November 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. (ET)*

[O.](#) (10:35am or soon thereafter 10:30am)The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Land Use on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

A 6.08 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2514 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from Residential to Commercial. Request submitted by Jamey and Beverly Sapp, applicants.

[R.](#) (10:35am or soon thereafter 10:30am) The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Zoning on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

A 6.08+/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2536 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from R-2 Single Family Mobile Home to C-3 Commercial Recreation. Request submitted by Jamey and Beverly Sapp, applicants.

*S. Public Notice:*

*Jamey and Beverly Sapp has asked the Board of County Commissioners to table their Land Use Change and Rezoning for a 10 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2536 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, until November 17, 2020 at 10:35 a.m. (ET) or soon thereafter 10:30 a.m. (ET).*

T. (10:40 am or soon thereafter 10:30 am) The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Land Use on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

A 10 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2536 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from Agriculture & Residential to Commercial. Request submitted by Jamey and Beverly Sapp, applicants.

U. (10:40 am or soon thereafter 10:30 am) The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Zoning on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

A 10 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, 2536 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-2 Forestry Agriculture and R-2 Single Family Mobile Home to C-3 Commercial Recreation. Request submitted by Jamey and Beverly Sapp, applicants.

**Clerk of Courts – Marcia M. Johnson – Report**

**RESTORE Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Report**

V. RESTORE Coordinator Report:

**Action Items**

1. Board action to re-rank the property acquisition on Alligator Point so that the Alligator Point Fire Station becomes the county's first acquisition, and then to cease acquisition efforts on the remaining parcels. The reason for the cancellation on the other acquisitions is because the county can not get a clear indication that these other acquisitions will be able to be used for anything but open space, and because of requests made by the Seminole Indian Nation the county will be obligated to hire an archeologist to monitor any activity on any of the lots. The cost of the archeologist is probably not reimbursable according to Ms. Traci Buzbee, consultant to the EOC.

I recommend the county acquire the Fire Dept property because we need to assist them in moving their building and equipment to a more secure area.

The other 30 some odd lots that had expressed interest in being bought are mostly isolated parcels around the Point, and do not offer the county an opportunity for acquiring significant holdings. Even if the current owners would accept the valuations, which might be low compared to current market conditions, the county might easily end up with lots that would be a problem for the neighbors because of overgrown vegetation and other issues.

Board action to prioritize the acquisition of the Alligator Point VFD as the top priority. Ms. Brownell has two other projects that she will recommend as the 2nd and 3rd priority for Hazard Mitigation funding.

2. Board action to name Ms. Cortni Bankston as RESTORE Coordinator. Ms. Bankston has been the go between Langston Consulting and myself for the past year so she is familiar with the Langton Consulting. There are documents that must be submitted to Treasury from a county email address, and with me out of the office for significant periods of time it has become difficult for me to be prompt in responding to Treasury. I will still assist the Board and Ms. Bankston, but I do not want my absence to be a hindrance in the submission of documents essential to getting the St. George Island Stormwater Plan or the dune restoration plan funded.

At the Board's pleasure, I will still be a consultant to the Board on Alligator Point FEMA issues, as well as any thing Mr. Moron asks me to assist with, but I would not be the RESTORE Coordinator. Mr. Moron has a letter the Chairman will need to sign and submit to Treasury informing them of the change.

### **Information Item**

3. Last Thursday, August 27, I received a phone call from Mr. John Collins, AVCON, and he said he had just learned of a stormwater grant opportunity from the Northwest Florida Water Management District that could benefit the county. The county currently has a \$1M FDOT grant for stormwater improvements at the airport. Mr. Collins says the total estimated cost of the stormwater improvements at the airport is more like \$2.5M so he asked my opinion if he could apply for \$1.5M worth of Water Management funding. I told him to make the pre-application, which was due last Friday, August 28. If the District expresses interest in our project then Mr. Collins will submit a formal and complete application. I do not have a timeline for when the District will review these pre-applications but I am presuming it will take about 60 days before we learn if AVCON will be asked to submit a complete application.

Mr. Clay Kennedy, with Dewberry Engineering, also called me about a possible grant application for stormwater improvements on land surrounding the airport, but I do not have the details on that application.

### **County Coordinator – Michael Morón – Report**

#### **W. County Coordinator's Report:**

#### **Action Items**

1. Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment: At your last meeting the Board extended the suspension of Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and the Board of Adjustment (BOA) meetings and authorized the County Planner to continue exercising the powers and duties of both boards until October 6, 2020. The intent of this action is to allow the Board an opportunity to review its options on a format to proceed.

As I indicated at the last meeting, a majority of the board members prefer to meet in the same manner that the County Commission is meeting, using Zoom (or something similar) or teleconference system. If the Board will allow virtual meetings for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, I recommend revamping both boards from the current number of seats to a five-member district seating with two alternate seats. Each commissioner would nominate someone from their district to each seat and collectively the commissioners would nominate two alternates, that will only participate as needed to meet quorum requirements, for each board. I attached a list of current members that you may choose from or seek new members. Once all seats have been filled on both boards, I've asked Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, and Amy Ham-Kelly, Zoning Administrator, to host a training workshop with each board so that members are aware of what is expected of them as members. This change in the make-up of P&Z and BOA would require an amendment to the current zoning ordinance.

The other option would be to consider a Special Master to review and make recommendations to the County Commission on P&Z and BOA applications. I have not researched this option as yet, but if the Board is interested, I will.

Request: Board action to decide on which option for the review and recommendations of Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment applications.

2. CR 67 Sidewalk Project: The contractor has proposed a change order to the CR 67 Tallahassee Street Sidewalk project. There is an area north of Avenue K where driveways will be crossing the sidewalk that was not noted on the original plans. At these driveway crossings the depth of the sidewalk will be increased from 4 to 6 inches. At another location between Avenue C and D there is a section of sidewalk that is badly broken up. The replacement of this area was not included on the original plans but will be with this change order. The total cost for the change order will be \$11,599.15, but it will not change the completion time of the project. The Florida Department of Transportation has approved the change order and the funds to pay for it are available in the FDOT grant.

Request: Board action to approve the \$11,599.15 change order for the CR 67 Tallahassee Street Sidewalk project.

3. SGI Beautification Grant: Franklin County has received a beautification grant from FDOT to enhance the approach to St. George Island along State Road 300. Before the County advertises for bids to do this work, we need to apply for a permit to work on FDOT's right-of-way. They require a resolution from the County requesting the permit and authorizing the chairman to sign the necessary documents.

Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the resolution and necessary documents for the FDOT permit.

4. Homecoming Parade: Franklin County School's Homecoming festivities and events are scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2020. One of the major events is the Homecoming parade on that same day, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The parade is held in Eastpoint and will have the same route as the last two years, beginning at the intersection of C.A. Gillespie Street, then onto Highway 98, ending at Jefferson Street. A Florida Department of Transportation permit is required therefore Board of County Commissioners' approval is needed.

Request: Board action to authorize the Homecoming parade route.

### **Information Items**

5. LSE Declarations: As authorized by the Board, Chairman Lockley has signed Local State of Emergency Declarations for the weeks beginning August 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

6. Stormwater projects: Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) advertised grant funding for stormwater and drainage projects. AVCON submitted a grant application for a stormwater improvement project at the Airport. In an email to Alan, John Collins stated: "A couple of years ago, the County replaced about 4,000 lf of stormwater pipe that was failing at the airport and this proposed project will replace the remaining 6,100 lf. The County already has \$1M from the FDOT coming available very soon but the total project cost is estimated to be about \$2.5M, so we are requesting \$1.5M from the NFWFMD."

Dewberry submitted four applications on behalf of the County: (1) a potential living shoreline project (breakwaters) at the two washout locations on C30A, (2) a potential drainage basin study for the north end of the airport to include the residential area to the north of the airport, (3) the paving of West Pine Ave. on St. George Island, (4) and the paving of Mill Road in Carrabelle.

This is the first step in the application process. If NWFWMMD likes the project, they will request more information. I will continue to update the Board on the progress of these submittals.

7. Leslie Street Update: After the two-day rain event last week, Mayor Begos called and informed me that there is a problem on Leslie Street. Apparently, underground voids and cavities were created from washouts which caused substantial cracks on the concrete. The City closed the street and has contacted their engineers to look at the problem. I will forward whatever information is sent to me from the Mayor and City Manager.

**County Attorney – Michael Shuler – Report**

**Commissioners' Comments**

**Recess**

**Reconvene 1:30 p.m. (ET)**

**Executive Session 1:30 p.m. (ET)**

- X. 1:30 p.m. (ET) Pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will meet in Executive Session to receive the advice of counsel concerning the following pending litigation: *HLS Property Management v. Franklin County, Case No. 2017-CA-182, Franklin County Circuit Court.*

**Adjournment**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
JULY 30, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Linda Phillips-Finance Director, Erin Griffith-Assistant Finance Director, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

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Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

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

**Public Comments**

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Mr. Moron stated there are no public comments. He said citizens may be waiting until the public hearings in September to comment on the budget.

Mr. Moron stated this is the meeting where the Board looks at the budgets and addresses the constitution officers, department heads and non-governmental organizations. He explained the number they come up with today is the highest the budget can go and then they will work everything down from there. He reported at the beginning of September they adopt the tentative millage rate and then later in the month they adopt the final budget. He explained there are some things going on that if they work out could help the budget. He stated the new stimulus (Heroes) Act does not include any more money but they are deliberating language that would allow counties to use 25% of the CARES Act funding to go toward loss of revenue in the budget. He reported that would help the county so the Board needs to contact the federal delegation and let them know that the counties need this help. Mr. Moron said there are others items that they could discuss so he will bring this information up at the regular meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Moron presented the Governor's Executive Order #20-179 addressing how meetings are conducted. He read the following section of this Executive Order:

Section 1.

Executive Order 20-69 is amended to include Section 5, as follows:

A. For any taxing authority holding a millage and budget hearing under Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, or a local governing board holding a hearing or meeting regarding a non ad valorem assessment, including, but not limited to, those under section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, I hereby suspend any Florida Statute that requires a quorum or supermajority of the membership to be present in person or requires the local government body to meet at a specific public place.

B. A taxing authority holding a millage and budget hearing under Chapter 200. Florida Statutes, or a local governing board holding a hearing or meeting regarding a non ad valorem assessment including, but not limited to, those under section 197.3632. Florida Statutes may utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing as provided in section 120.54(5) (b) 2. Florida Statutes.

C. This Executive Order does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Constitution and "Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws," including Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.

D. The provisions set forth in this section shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on October 15, Section 2.

Mr. Moron said the Board is doing what the Governor is directing others to do throughout the state. He stated the Board are not the only ones conducting meetings in this manner and they are allowing the public to speak through the telephonic equipment. He reported later they may move to a more virtual situation and he is working on that matter. Commissioner Boldt stated this is not a secret meeting and the Board has broadcast equipment here. He reported the

meeting is open for everyone to be involved. Commissioner Jones said several people have come to him wanting to talk about the budget and that is fine because the Commissioners are available to talk. Chairman Lockley stated the Board is not trying to do anything wrong and they are mistaken because the meetings are open and a public record is kept of the meeting.

Mrs. Griffith read the following prepared statement:

The Property Appraiser is required to certify to the County Commission the taxable value of real property by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The certified value is the basis for calculating a proposed millage rate. I am pleased to announce Franklin County has an increase in taxable value of 5.44%. At this increase in value, one mill will generate \$2,140,883 in 2020. The proposed millage rate represents the amount of ad valorem tax proceeds per \$1,000 of taxable property value. In the current budget, the millage rate of 5.9494 generated \$12,080,068. In the preliminary budget, the current millage rate of 5.9494 would generate \$12,736,970. The rolled-back millage rate is the rate that nets the same ad valorem proceeds that a taxing authority operated on in the prior budget year (this does take into account the effect of amounts transferred to tax increment districts). The rolled-back rate is 5.6926 and would generate \$12,187,191 in ad valorem proceeds – the millage 5.9026 and \$12,636,695 in property tax proceeds required to fund the preliminary budget as presented today is currently 3.69% over the rolled-back rate, which equates to \$449,504 over in ad valorem proceeds. The difference between tax revenues from one year to the next excluding the effects of the tax increment districts is \$556,627.

The sales tax revenue estimates which were released late by the State of Florida's Office of Economic and Demographic Research paint a dire picture of the State's economy for next fiscal year. Florida government is heavily reliant upon sales tax proceeds. Whereas county government does not rely as heavily upon sales tax proceeds as the State budget, we are intertwined with the state economy as far as state-shared revenues are concerned and approximately 17% of the revenues for the general fund come from sales taxes. In the past, these revenues have been dependable and have shown sustainable, reliable growth year after year. Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, the State of Florida is expecting next year's revenues to be negatively impacted. The State of Florida has a tourism based economy and the social distancing and reduction in travel to South Florida locations due to pandemic fears have reduced the State Shared Sales Tax Revenue Proceeds by \$227,821 for the general fund and \$225,780 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

The Commission encouraged all requests be turned in at the same level as last year with the exception of State mandated funding. The constitutionals and departments that have requested increases are as follows: Clerk of Courts \$12,996, Parks and Recreation \$12,228, and Extension Office \$2,342. Other increases include an estimated 10% increase in the cost of coverage through Capital Health Plan which equates to an increase in cost of \$144,492, an increase in the FRS retirement contribution rates as set by the Florida Legislature increased costs by \$44,971, an increase in the transfer to the tax increment districts of \$3,327 and \$231,232 included in the general fund at the preliminary millage rate to fund a \$1,200 one-time-allocation for all essential government employees. A one-time allocation does not permanently increase the wage base or departmental budgets.



Revenue offsets and reductions to the budget include the following: other revenues increased by \$67,430 in the general fund, an additional \$109,677 in FEMA funds carried forward, the transfer to the capital outlay fund was decreased by \$84,218, a reduction in the Sheriff's budget of \$10,756, a reduction in the Tax Collector's budget of \$3,871, and a reduction in the Supervisor of Elections budget of \$9,196. With the recent rate increase on landfill tipping fees, improvements in the housing market and the ongoing processing of storm related construction debris, the Tipping Fee Fund was also able to transfer an additional \$100,000 to the general fund. The tipping fee fund has not been able to transfer more than \$100,000 per year to the general fund since 2010.

Items that increased the budget (\$902,847) less those with decreases (\$385,148) result in a net increase that is approximately the difference in budgeted ad valorem proceeds. The summarized increases and decreases that make up this difference from the 19/20 budget to the 20/21 budget are summarized in the table below.

REVENUE LOSSES / INCREASES TO THE BUDGET	AMOUNT
REDUCTION IN SALES TAX PROCEEDS AND STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$453,601
CLERK OF COURTS BUDGET INCREASE	\$12,996
PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET INCREASE	\$12,228
TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS TRANSFER INCREASE	\$3,327
HEALTH INSURANCE ESTIMATED INCREASE 10%	\$144,492
PRELIMINARY ONE-TIME ALLOCATION EMPLOYEES	\$231,232
FRS RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE	\$44,971
<b>TOTAL REVENUE LOSSES/INCREASES TO THE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$902,847</b>
OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET	AMOUNT
INCREASE IN TRANSFER FROM TIPPING FEE FUND	\$100,000
INCREASES IN OTHER REVENUES	\$67,430
INCREASE IN CARRY-FORWARD FEMA FUNDS	\$109,677
DECREASE TRANSFER TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	\$84,218
DECREASE SHERIFF'S DEPT BUDGET	\$10,756
DECREASE TAX COLLECTOR BUDGET	\$3,871
DECREASE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET	\$9,196
<b>TOTAL OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$385,148</b>
<b>TOTAL SUMMARIZED REVENUES LOSSES / INCREASES NET OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$517,699</b>

The total budget in 19/20 was \$58,679,230 and the preliminary budget for 20/21 totals \$62,433,711. The change in total budget is \$3,754,481. The change in total budget can be attributed to the some of the special funds: the balance in the Health Care Trust Fund will grow by more than \$579,000, Weems Memorial Hospital fund budget is more than the prior year by \$937,000, there is a new HHRP Housing Assistance Trust fund with an approximate grant balance of \$806,000, an additional \$787,705 in grant funded paving projects in the LOGT fund and an additional \$615,571 in grant funds for the Franklin County Airport.

In 2020, Homesteaded Properties with just values exceeding taxable values, saw an increase in assessed value of 2.3% based on CPI. A homeowner with a house valued at \$150,000 with a \$50,000 homestead exemption would have paid \$594 in county taxes in 2019. At the proposed 2020 rate and the CPI adjustment to value, that homeowner would pay \$611 in county taxes. A homeowner with a house valued at \$100,000 with a \$50,000 homestead exemption with the CPI increase in value, would have paid \$297 in county taxes in 2019 while paying \$309 in 2020.

Chairman Lockley stated some of the increases are mandated. Mrs. Griffith agreed some things are beyond their control such as the reduction in sales tax and revenue sharing. She reported the Florida Retirement System (FRS) retirement contribution rate increased which is beyond the Board's control. She stated the increase in the Clerk of Court's budget is relative to FRS and cannot be avoided.

### **Meeting Items**

#### **B. Workshop Schedule**

9:00 am

#### **Sheriff**

Mrs. Ginger Coulter, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, stated their budget has a .20% decrease. She reported some higher end employees retired and they filled the positions at a reduced rate. Mr. Moron reminded the Board this is a workshop so no motions are made. He explained they just review the budgets and give tentatively approval but everyone knows between now and September that the numbers could change and there could be more discussion on their budget. Chairman Lockley stated there will either be a tentatively approval or they will go back and revisit the budget. Commissioner Boldt asked if there is a budget line item for the new rehabilitation facility. Mrs. Coulter answered no, it is not included in the Sheriff's Office budget because the Sheriff is working on that outside of this budget. Commissioner Boldt questioned if the gun range has a budget item. Mrs. Coulter said they have a little budget for firearms and ammunition and that is where this would be included but they did not add anything because they did not want to ask for anything extra during the COVID-19 situation. She reported they may look at that item in another fiscal year. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Sheriff's Department budget.

#### **Property Appraiser**

Mrs. Casey Nash, Franklin County Property Appraiser's Office, appeared before the Board and said Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper sends her apologies for not being here today. Mrs. Nash stated their budget did not change from last year. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Property Appraiser's budget.

### **Tax Collector**

Mr. Rick Watson, Franklin County Tax Collector, said his office has a slight decrease in his budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Tax Collector's budget.

### **Clerk of Courts**

Clerk Johnson reported her budget has an increase of 3.67% due to an increase in the retirement rate to be paid to the clerk elect in 2021 for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the upcoming fiscal year. She explained the first quarter is at a lower rate because she participates in the state DROP retirement but the new clerk will have retirement paid in at an elected officials' rate which is much higher. She said that is the only reason the budget was increased. Commissioner Jones tentatively approved the Clerk of Courts' budget.

### **Supervisor of Elections**

Mrs. Heather Riley, Supervisor of Elections, said her budget has a 2% decrease this year as there is only 1 major election this year instead of 2 elections. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Supervisor of Elections' budget.

Mr. Moron said the Board is ahead of schedule but they designed this format so they would not have too many people in the room at the same time. Mr. Moron stated at the last meeting he pointed out there would be gaps in the morning session because they are trying to allow social distancing for everyone. He said the Veterans Service Officer is present if the Board would like to address his budget. Mr. Moron explained for the public's information this is not the first time the Board has seen this budget as they have been reviewing it and researching it with the Finance Department. Commissioner Massey agreed they have had this package and have been reading it and talking with all the offices. Mr. Moron suggested the Board address the budget of the Veterans Service Officer and then take a break until 10:00 a.m. Chairman Lockley stated they have had the budget packet long enough to look over it and talk to people. Mr. Moron said he will ask the department heads to come here a little earlier so the Board can address their budgets. Chairman Lockley reported the process is going fast because people followed the Board's directions to keep their budget the same as last year. He stated a lot of the budgets have decreased and that is the good part.

### **Veteran's Services**

Mr. Charles Elliott, Veterans Service Office, said he has no change to his budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Veterans Service budget.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

## Road Department

Mr. Howard Nabors, Superintendent of Public Works, stated there is no change to their budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Road Department budget.

## Solid Waste, Solid Waste Grant

Mr. Fonda Davis, Solid Waste Director, reported he has asked for a couple of pieces of equipment. Mrs. Griffith stated in the Solid Waste Department they are not asking for any increase in the General Fund so the budget has no increase and his equipment needs are going to be funded out of the Landfill Tipping Fees. She advised the Board if they would like to look at the Landfill Tipping Fee Fund she can explain this item. Chairman Lockley reported they made the money off of the tipping fees. Mr. Davis answered yes. Mrs. Griffith explained in fiscal year 2018-2019 with processing all the Hurricane Michael debris the landfill processed more than 4 times the annual volume of paid waste in 1 year. She went on to say this year they are on track to collect almost 2 times the annual volume of paid waste. Mrs. Griffith stated there has been a lot of hurricane related construction and demolition debris but that will not last forever. She stated there is also an Increase in tipping fee rates and the housing market has risen. She pointed out this additional debris is also using up space in the county landfill. Mrs. Griffin explained the county has a re-cost coming up that will look at how much space is left in the landfill to process the waste. She reported at that time the Board may be faced with needing to put more money in the Landfill Management Escrow to cover the cost of closure or expansion. She explained one of the things they were able to do in 2018-2019 is transfer a lot of the onetime revenues from storm debris into the Landfill Management Escrow Account. Mrs. Griffith stated they are working on larger problems with these proceeds. Commissioner Massey questioned where the county will expand the landfill. Mr. Davis reported the state owns property next to the landfill and they have talked to them. He said the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District owns property across the street from the landfill. Commissioner Massey stated the county will have to purchase some property. Mr. Davis replied yes. Mrs. Griffith said in relation to the landfill department and the quotes that were included for the equipment, Mr. Alan Feifer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, wanted to make sure all of the equipment was off the state bid pricing. She explained the knuckle boom quote came from the Florida Sheriff's Association bid contract and the truck is state contract bid price. She stated the Dozier track loader was off of a Sourcwell contract which is another governmental bid platform. She pointed out the original bid for the tub grinder was not the state bid price so they got a better bid and it is about \$48,000 less and is from the Sourcwell contract. She stated this bid will be uploaded to the Commissioners. Mrs. Griffith read the following information about the Landfill Tipping Fee Fund:

The Landfill Tipping Fee fund continues to see higher than average revenues – in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, the Franklin County landfill process over 4x the annual amount of paid waste in one fiscal year. To date, the landfill is on track to collect nearly 2x the average volume of paid waste in the current year. Coupled with an increased rate, improvements in the housing market and ongoing

processing of storm related construction debris, the tipping fee fund was able to transfer \$200,000 in recurring, sustainable revenues to the general fund. The county has not been able to transfer more than \$100,000 to the general fund since 2010. With non-recurring excess funds available from the collection of Hurricane Michael Debris, there is approximately \$519,166 available in the tipping fee fund to pay for the requested equipment that was so heavily used and abused during the processing of that waste. This \$519,166 will replace a 2003 knuckleboom with 273,192 miles and 2002 963 Track Loader with 8,090 hours. There is also enough recurring revenues in the fund to finance the replacement of the existing tub grinder which is over 15 years old. Hurricane Michael and the overwhelming amount of debris that has been processed has stressed the equipment needs of the landfill to the max.

Mrs. Griffin stated they need to keep in mind the age of the equipment and use of the equipment. She explained Franklin County uses their equipment so there is almost no residual value. Commissioner Massey reported the landfill must have equipment and they must have land to expand. Commissioner Boldt said the tub grinder is important to reduce the bulk of the material so the landfill has longevity. Mr. Davis explained the county has been spending about \$20,000 every year for repairs on this equipment and Ring Power is not sure it can be repaired again. He stated the tub grinder is down now and must go to Thomasville for repairs. Commissioner Boldt asked if the landfill fees reflect the depreciation of equipment. Mrs. Griffith responded they do not have a factor for this but said the most recent increase in the tipping fee rates lead to the \$100,000 transfer to the General Fund which helped as there has been a decrease in the sales tax proceeds. She explained another item that may play a positive part in this budget is not paying for recycling to be hauled as they do not have to pay as much to the transfer station operator. Chairman Lockley asked about the status of the rest of the equipment. Mr. Davis stated Solid Waste is doing pretty good but he has some issues in other departments. Commissioner Parrish questioned how many pieces of equipment are being purchased for Solid Waste. Mrs. Griffith responded a tub grinder, knuckle boom truck and Dozier 963 track loader. Commissioner Parrish asked if they have ever had a Dozier track loader at the landfill. Mr. Davis answered they had one when he first started work with the county 30 years ago. Commissioner Parrish inquired if this equipment is paid for out of the Landfill Tipping Fee Fund. Mrs. Griffith said yes, it is not being purchased with ad valorem tax proceeds. She reminded the Board these are onetime revenues from debris from Hurricane Michael and will come to an end soon. Commissioner Parrish asked if the tipping fee is the same for out of county residents and county residents. Mr. Davis replied yes. Commissioner Parrish said this is not fair as they will close the landfill with all the debris coming in from out of the county which causes more expense for this county because they must buy land and open a new landfill. He stated this issue needs to be addressed. He stated some people talked with him when the tipping fees went up but apparently the tipping fee is still low compared to surrounding counties. Commissioner Parrish stated he is in favor of helping other counties but someone must help when the county has to open a new landfill. He reported people coming from out of

the county need to pay a higher tipping fee. He stated citizens should not have to pay when other counties are filling up the landfill. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Moron to put this item on the Agenda for discussion at Tuesday's meeting. Mr. Moron agreed to address this item on Tuesday. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Davis to review this matter and see how much the tipping fee needs to be increased. Chairman Lockley stated they need to see what the surrounding counties are charging for a tipping fee. Commissioner Massey explained the tipping fee is low and that is why the other counties are bringing their debris here and they are the only county taking the debris. Mr. Davis reported Gulf County just paid \$12,000 for yard debris disposal at a rate of \$45 a ton. Mr. Moron asked if the county has an agreement with Gulf County. Mr. Davis answered no. Chairman Lockley asked if they will approve all these departments together. Commissioner Parrish said he would like to address each one. Commissioner Jones said they can increase the tipping fees but until roadside debris pickup is only after a storm and mandatory trash pickup is done in the county they are not going anywhere and the debris will pile up beside the road. He stated they have a problem with people bringing in the debris now and if they increase the fees that will increase the problem. Commissioner Jones tentatively approved the Solid Waste budget. Mrs. Griffith reported the Consolidated Solid Waste Grant had no change from the previous year. She explained this grant supplements operating expenditures of the Solid Waste Department.

### **Animal Control**

Mr. Davis said there is no change in this budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Animal Control budget.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Mr. Davis stated this budget has an increase in insurance and things that are beyond their control. Mrs. Griffith explained new parks came on line and the state completed improvements to the Buddy Ward Seafood Landing Park so they had to increase value on that structure and the state also constructed the Eastpoint Restroom facility and turned it over to the county so that has also been added. She reported to date they have paid \$61,941 in insurance costs and \$61,000 was budgeted so she may not have increased this budget enough. She stated the county must have insurance on their structures and they must be insured at a minimum of 80% of replacement value for their policy. Mrs. Griffith stated the county has been taken care of well by the Florida League of Cities in relation to insurance claims after Hurricane Michael. Chairman Lockley said this is like a mandate because they must have insurance. Mr. Moron reported they will discuss this item on Tuesday but Mr. Davis is in a bind because there is no funding for the hurricane recovery people who are assisting his department. He explained he talked with Mrs. Kim Bodine, CareerSource Gulf Coast, and when the workers leave tomorrow there is no more funding. He stated this is a federal issue and they need to contact their federal delegation to get the money released to the Department of Economic Opportunity and

then to CareerSource. Mr. Moron reported the Board asked him to contact the warden at the prison and talk about inmate crews. He explained the prison was a Phase 2 but have now gone back to Phase 1 since there may have been positive cases at the Franklin Correctional Institute so the county is now further away from getting inmate crews. Commissioner Parrish said it is correct they have positive cases. Mr. Moron explained Mr. Davis is in a tough position with not having this additional help. Mrs. Griffith questioned if they should talk with Ms. Traci Buzbee, The Management Experts, about possibly getting CARES Act funding to hire temporary help. Mr. Moron stated yesterday he talked with Ms. Buzbee and she is looking for funding but it cannot be for positions that were budgeted or show as an employee. He explained it must be strictly COVID recovery. He explained if the county gets relief and they can use 25% of CARES Act funding for the shortfall it reduces the \$1.5 million. Mr. Moron cautioned the Board they have to be careful how they use this funding or it will gone very quickly. He said they may not have a problem spending the money by December 31, 2020 but may have to re-address their priorities. He explained Ms. Buzbee is creating a spreadsheet that will track temporary budget line items. Mr. Moron reported the Board has to discuss the budget line items and make some decisions and they will work it out in accordance with the Clerk's Finance Office. Chairman Lockley asked how long it will be before she will know about this funding. Mr. Moron said in relation to the revenue shortfall hopefully the Heroes Act will be acted on by the federal government before they take their August break and then the county will know if they can use the \$500,000 for the revenue shortfall. Mr. Moron explained then they can decide what line items they will spend the rest of the CARES Act funding for. Mrs. Griffith stated the middle of August the Office of Economic Development and Research with the Department of Revenue will have another revenue estimate conference so they may re-assess the estimates. She reported hopefully if the estimates are substantially different they will reissue the estimates and they will be better. Commissioner Parrish said because they are not able to get this inmate labor to run these essential services because of COVID can they get some money to use for the temporary workers. Mr. Moron answered yes, and he and Ms. Buzbee may need to write up a job description for the workers that specially explains what they are doing and that it is directly related to COVID. Chairman Lockley asked how long this will take. Mr. Moron replied not long because Ms. Buzbee is working on the language. He said the question is how much the county wants to spend on this labor. Chairman Lockley questioned how much money is available to spend. Mr. Moron clarified he and Ms. Buzbee will recommend a priority but the Board must make a decision on how much money is placed in each line item. Chairman Lockley said while they are working on this they also need to call the county's representatives in Washington and tell them they need help. Mr. Moron stated he will call and request they get the money to CareerSource and also make sure the language is placed in the Heroes Act that allows them to use the money for revenue shortfall and employees. Commissioner Boldt questioned if the Board should write a letter. Mr. Moron said they could address that on Tuesday. He explained he would like to make a telephone call and then report back to the Board and then they could follow up with a letter. Commissioner Parrish asked if there is a way for these employees to continue to work through CareerSource rather than making them temporary Franklin County employees. Mr. Moron said he will ask Ms. Bodine. Commissioner Jones questioned if they would give the funds to CareerSource. Commissioner Parrish explained he does not want to

increase the county work force and then when the inmates come back these individuals do not have a job. He said he is not sure what kind of program is set up but it may be better to provide funding to CareerSource until their funding comes through. Commissioner Parrish asked if these will be county employees if they are paying them. Commissioner Jones said everyone employed at CareerSource may be OPS which would pay a higher hourly rate but receive no benefits. Commissioner Parrish reported he would like to know what the county would be obligated for. Mr. Moron said if money gets allocated he will let the Board know. Mrs. Griffith stated the county has a class of temporary employee and to avoid paying retirement they must anticipate the position lasting less than 6 months. She advised the Board if they did advertise for temporary employees they would advertise the position for up to 5 months. She stated they would also need to work less than 29 hours a week to avoid the health insurance benefit. Commissioner Parrish asked how many hours these employees work now. Mr. Davis replied 40 hours. Commissioner Parrish said that may be an issue because 29 hours may not be enough. Mrs. Griffith reported they may need a lot of temporary part time workers. Chairman Lockley inquired how many workers they have in the Solid Waste Department and the Road Department. Mr. Davis said Solid Waste contracts for 15 workers but they are down a few. Ms. Virginia Messer, Road Department, stated their department is supposed to have 5 workers but are down to 3. Mr. DeWitt Polous, Mosquito Control Department, said he has an inmate crew in November through the winter for ditch work and if they cannot get the inmates they will need someone to do this work. Chairman Lockley asked how many workers this requires. Mr. Polous responded 5. Chairman Lockley stated the county will be down 25 people. Mr. Moron added he has also had discussions with Clerk Johnson and Mrs. Brownell about ordering tanks and sanitizing solution for county buildings but they will need someone to train and be responsible for this work because the county only has 1 custodian and 1 maintenance person. Mr. Moron thanked Mr. Polous and Mrs. Brownell for their help about the solution and what the person should wear. He explained Mrs. Brownell thinks she has what they needs to wear but 1 person will be needed to do this work when the Courthouse is closed. Commissioner Parrish said this must be someone the Board trusts to go into the buildings after hours and must be a county employee. He reported some offices have confidential information and this cannot just be a temporary employee but someone who will do the right thing for the county. Mr. Moron agreed and said he was responsible when they sprayed the buildings on the weekend. Mr. Davis pointed out with the increase in parks it is getting tough for the 6 man crew to do all this work so he will be coming back later for more help. Chairman Lockley asked how many more he is asking for. Mr. Davis was not sure at this time. Mr. Davis explained that is why they are behind now because they are trying to maintain the areas they have and parks are being added. Chairman Lockley said Mr. Davis needs to give them a number and they will work on it. Commissioner Parrish asked if there is no increase in this budget. Mrs. Griffith reported there is an increase in insurance and there is a request for 2 trucks to be purchased from the Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Parks & Recreation Department budget. Commissioner Jones questioned if there are 15 workers from CareerSource that work at the landfill. Mr. Davis stated no, most of the workers are helping with Parks & Recreation. Chairman Lockley said they will be working on getting the workers back. Mr. Davis thanked the Board and Mrs. Griffith for their help.



Mr. Moron informed the Board the noise next door is a contractor working on upgrades to the State Attorney's Office.

### **Library**

Mrs. Whitney Roundtree stated there is no increase in the budget and no significant changes. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Library budget.

### **Courthouse Maintenance**

Mr. Moron said he is presenting 4 budgets-Courthouse Maintenance, Building Department, Planning & Zoning and Administrative Services and there are no increases or reductions in any of the budgets. Mrs. Griffith stated the Courthouse Maintenance budget actually handles the repair and maintenance of 7 locations-The main Courthouse, the Courthouse Annex, the new Courthouse Annex in Carrabelle, the Supervisor of Elections' Office building, the old jail storage location, the Public Defender's building and the Chapman Auditorium location. She said in the 2019-2020 budget there are lingering repairs going on for the State Attorney's Office and they are trying to get those accomplished in the next fiscal year. Commissioner Boldt asked what the Chapman Building has to do with Courthouse maintenance. Mrs. Griffith explained there is nowhere else in the budget to place this item. She reported there is a tenant in the building but after a certain amount the county is responsible for the repairs on the building. Mr. Moron stated this is a county building. Mrs. Griffith reported the tenant is responsible for a certain amount of repairs. Mr. Moron said there are two tenants that complete work on the building.

### **Building Department**

Mrs. Griffith reported there is no change to the budget but there was an increase in Building Department fees so there is an additional \$64,000 in other revenues that she read in the opening narrative. She explained the Board cannot assess fees higher than what it cost to run the Building Department. Mrs. Griffith reported she estimated the proceeds at approximately \$200,000 and right now the total budget is \$204,000 so they are even but there are not enough months yet to establish a trend to know if these fees will allow for more expenditures and improvements in the Building Department or they are going to remain at the current level. Commissioner Massey explained if they do not spend these funds then they must lower the fees. Mr. Moron said they will wait to get the history for a few months before they make decisions about how to use the money in a more efficient way. He stated when most counties went to Phase I they issued permits on an emergency basis or not at all but Franklin County continued to issue permits on a regular basis and he has to see if the fees level out in the future or stay the same. Mrs. Griffith pointed out home construction is considered to be essential so construction on residences did not stop during the shutdown. Commissioner Boldt stated they are doing research on a code enforcement officer or a role of this type so maybe these fees could be used to fund this position.

## **Planning and Zoning**

Mrs. Griffith stated there is an error in the forms and this budget will be reduced by \$3,000 so there is no increase. Mr. Moron reported Steve Patterson, Building Inspector, is working toward becoming the Building Official and is doing well but he has to wait a certain amount of time before being certified. He explained in early spring he will finish his training and move into the Building Official position and Mr. Gary Millender, Building Official, will probably retire. He said Mr. Millender is waiting for Mr. Patterson to get his certification. Mr. Moron explained he is not sure how this will affect the budget. Commissioner Parrish asked if another person will be hired when Mr. Millender retires and Mr. Patterson moves into his position so they will not be limited to one inspector. Commissioner Jones agreed they will need another person. Mr. Moron agreed they will need a backup. Mrs. Griffith agreed this could be funded if the increase generates enough. Commissioner Parrish stated Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, entered the DROP Retirement option so they need to hire an Assistant County Planner to be learning from him before he retires. Mr. Moron said he has been working on this but planning is not the same as it was before and they may need less planning. He said they must determine how much of Mr. Curenton's day is spent in planning and how much is grant management. He reported the Board needs to decide if they want a planner as an employee, a contract employee or if they want to use the services of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC). He explained Mr. Curenton feels more of his job is about grants management than planning. Commissioner Boldt asked if Mr. Curenton has a certain date for retirement. Mrs. Griffith said he entered DROP in April and it is for 5 years. Commissioner Massey stated Mr. Curenton can leave whenever he wants to. Chairman Lockley questioned if the planner handles the grants too. Commissioner Parrish reported the Assistant Planner handled grants before but now that only Mr. Curenton is there he is keeping up with all of this work. Mr. Moron stated Mr. Curenton is working with Mrs. Cortni Bankston on learning grants management. He said the grants part is easier than the planning part so he will make this item a priority and address it. Commissioner Jones pointed out Mr. Curenton is the only person LAP certified in the entire county. Mr. Moron reported Mr. Curenton is also working with Mrs. Bankston to make sure she is LAP certified.

## **Administrative Services**

Mrs. Griffith said there is no change in this budget request. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Courthouse Maintenance Budget, the Building Department Budget, the Planning & Zoning Budget and the Administrative Services Budget.

## **Emergency Management**

Mrs. Pam Brownell, Emergency Management Director, stated there is no change in her budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Emergency Management Budget. Mrs. Brownell reported the storm has moved back to the east. She stated it will move several more times before they know its path. Mrs. Griffith explained the Emergency Management Budget

comes from three sources which are a state grant provided by the Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$105,806, a federal grant in the amount of \$53,720 and local support in the amount of \$69,671. Mrs. Brownell stated they are participating in hurricane conference calls and COVID calls. Chairman Lockley asked when the storm will hit. Mrs. Brownell stated the middle of next week. She reported messages were sent to Alligator Point residents warning them the road will go if the storm comes this way so they need to prepare to shelter in place. She explained they warned them because they will start seeing tropical force winds before next week and the wave action is what will take the road.

Commissioner Parrish left the meeting.

### **Mosquito Control**

Mr. Polous stated there is no increase in the budget. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Mosquito Control Budget. Chairman Lockley asked about their equipment. Mr. Polous informed the Board his department has 2-2013 trucks and a 2009 truck. He stated next year they will need to replace all 3 trucks but they can finish this season with the trucks they have now. Commissioner Parrish returned to the meeting. Mr. Polous reported software costs are always increasing and he covers these costs with extra in other line items. He said next year they will need to replace some items. Mrs. Griffith reported this budget receives \$33,403 in state support and \$183,517 of local support. Mr. Polous said he was asked to participate in some programs and received funds from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which is helping to offset some of the other expenses. Mrs. Griffith reported several years ago Zika funding paid for some pesticide purchases and a portion of a truck. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Polous to keep them updated on his equipment. Mr. Polous said they should be okay. He reported they perform routine maintenance on their equipment. Mr. Polous stated the mosquito control complaints have increased the last 3 weeks because they had a part time and a full time employee out. He explained he accumulated 70-80 hours of comp time helping spray. He reported the complaints have also picked up because of the rain.

Commissioner Boldt asked if anyone in these departments get bids on supplies and equipment and said this should be a process used by the county departments. Mrs. Griffith said Ms. Messer in the Road Department calls and gets prices. Ms. Messer agreed they get prices for items. Mr. Polous stated they complete the same process on pesticide purchases. Mrs. Griffith reported this happens with a lot of departments. She explained they call her office wanting copies of the old invoices because it helps in negotiations with the vendor.

### **Extension Office**

Mr. Erik Lovestrand, County Extension Director, said he has a slight increase that the University of Florida (UF) would like to request. He explained this is not an increase to his extension program operations but is the result of a recent promotion. He explained he was promoted from Extension Agent 2 to Extension Agent 3 as part of the university's permanent status

system. He reported the UF is asking the county pay the portion of the agent's salary so there is an 80/20 split and the county's portion is 20%. He said that is what they do around the state but most of the offices have a 60/40 split or 70/30 split. Mr. Lovestrand explained Franklin County is the only county they are requesting the 80/20 split in. He stated the annual increase would be \$2,342 to the extension portion contributed by the county. Mr. Lovestrand stated this portion of his budget has been the same since 2014. Commissioner Boldt said this is a new level of credential as Mr. Lovestrand has been certified to a new level and it is a compliment to the county. Mr. Lovestrand explained the timing is not good but it is based on when he came into this job and the process involved with the promotion. Chairman Lockley asked if the UF is supposed to take care of this item. Mr. Lovestrand stated UF has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the county to share costs for the agents in the extension offices. Commissioner Jones questioned if this increase is included in this budget. Mrs. Griffith answered yes that amount is in the budget request. She reported the \$85,699 in the budget includes the 80/20 split. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Extension Office Budget.

Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Griffith recommends they address the items scheduled for 3:30 p.m. because she will present these budgets and no one is scheduled to appear. He explained they will then recess and come back at 1:30 p.m. to address the remaining budgets. Mr. Moron reported some of the individuals will appear in person and some will appear via telephone.

### **Auditor Fees**

Mrs. Griffith reported Mr. Ralph Roberson, Roberson & Associates, has proposed a 2% increase which equates to \$1,500. She said this is the first increase they have asked for since becoming the county's auditors. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the budget for Auditor Fees.

### **Insurance**

Mrs. Griffith reported Capital Health Plan (CHP) has not been able to provide a firm renewal rate due to the pandemic and they are trying to estimate claims history and deferred procedures. She explained the increase is \$144,492 as she estimated a 10% increase on the renewal rate but hopefully that will not occur. Mrs. Griffin stated the Franklin County School Board renewed at an 8% increase. She reported last year the increase for the county was 4%. Mrs. Griffith said in talking with CHP they felt the 10% would be sufficient. She reported once they receive the rates then she will go through and adjust the budgets. She hoped to have a firm rate at the next meeting so the Board can make a decision. Mrs. Griffith reported the Board can go out for bids for insurance or look at other carriers if they are interested. She said the worst case scenario for the increase has been entered in the budget. Mrs. Griffith explained several months ago the Board allow them to send a letter to Pat Thomas & Associates so they could price some different options with Standard Dental Insurance. She explained as long as they move the county covered life insurance (\$10,000 in accidental death and \$10,000 regular death coverage) from Florida Combined Life at a rate of \$2.40 per month

to Standard the rate would be reduced to \$1.30 per month per employee. She stated this would pull the employee dental rate down from \$27.20 per month to \$25.84 per month and give the employees a better plan. Mrs. Griffith reported in the proposed plan in and out of network would be at the same level. She said the local dentist complained about being out of network with Standard as it resulted in higher out of pocket charges for employees. She explained by switching over and having the Standard Life Insurance they will get a lower rate and a better plan. Mrs. Griffith stated another concession the county has to make is that Standard wants to come in and talk with employees about a voluntary life insurance. Chairman Lockley asked if the local dentist will take this insurance. Mrs. Griffin answered yes, and said in network and out of network will pay the same amount. Commissioner Boldt commented he likes this and it has been well negotiated. Commissioner Parrish stated the school board received an 8% increase and questioned why the county does not have their rate. Mrs. Griffin replied the school board plan renews July 1<sup>st</sup> so they had to give them a rate. She stated the county renews October 1<sup>st</sup> and they usually give the rate in early July so they should know the rate any day. Commissioner Parrish inquired if they will increase 10% if they know the county budgeted 10%. Commissioner Boldt expressed his opinion that CHP would not do that because the county would compare rates around the region. Commissioner Parrish reported the rates will be higher than CHP and there is not a plan that provides the same benefits. Chairman Lockley asked about other insurance companies. Mrs. Griffith said the insurance carriers in the county are United Health Care, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Capital Health Plan. She explained the Florida Sheriff's Association has a self-insured risk pool and they reached out to her for our census information but she has not heard back from them. Mrs. Griffin reported she will follow up on this information but she is not fond of the self-insured plan. She stated Commissioner Parrish is correct it is hard to beat the CHP rates. Chairman Lockley questioned why the county cannot fall under the state plan. Mrs. Griffith reported the state pays a higher premium per employee than the county does because the state subsidizes family coverage and the county does not. Commissioner Boldt reported there are 1,243 people in the county insured under CHP. He said that was one of the reasons they picked the management company they did for the hospital because they will work with CHP. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Insurance Budget.

### **Carrabelle Redevelopment Trust**

Mrs. Griffin said each year they transfer to the increment districts and City of Carrabelle's area is along the waterfront. She reported all the supporting documentation is behind the estimate sheet. She said in 1996 the City of Carrabelle established the Carrabelle Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and the 1996 base year taxable value was \$7,423,025. Mrs. Griffith reported the taxable value in 2020 is \$22,303,470. She explained in the tax increment districts the difference between the base year and the current year and for any of the growth the money is multiplied by the county's millage rate and the entity receives the funds. She stated for the City of Carrabelle the distribution this year is \$84,103. She said there was about a \$3,000 increase in the distribution between the 2 tax increment districts

### **Apalachicola Redevelopment Trust**

Mrs. Griffin reported the City of Apalachicola passed their tax increment district in 2014 and the base year value was \$31,376,822. She said their 2020 current taxable value is \$40,915,846. She stated the anticipated payment to the City of Apalachicola for this year is \$53,914. Mrs. Griffith pointed out the cities determine what they do with the funds and any questions about the expenditures would be directed to the cities. Commissioner Parrish asked if the cities are supposed to contribute. Mrs. Griffith said they are but the exact contribution is a question for them. Commissioner Parrish asked if one of these cities has not contributed anything for about 7 years and said they were not going to accept any more money until they caught the payments up. Mrs. Griffith agreed they discussed this matter last year. Mr. Moron stated the city did not get their legal issues with that plan worked out. Commissioner Parrish questioned if the county should hold the money until the city works out their legal issues. Mr. Moron said the county has to release the money. Commissioner Parrish asked if they are required by statute to fix all these issues. Mrs. Griffin stated the county is required to distribute the money according to statute.

Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Carrabelle Redevelopment Trust budget.

Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Apalachicola Redevelopment Trust budget.

### **Grants and Other Funds**

Mrs. Griffith read the following grants and funds for the Board:

#### **FUND 122, Law Enforcement Educational Fund**

\$2.00 Fee Collected on County Criminal, County Traffic and Circuit Criminal Cases – see FS 318, which outlines the assessment of these fees – and FS 938.15, which specifies how the fees are to be spent. Eligible expenditures include criminal justice education degree programs, training courses, and basic recruit training for law enforcement personnel. There is approximately \$90,635 available in this fund.

#### **FUND 123, Law Enforcement Trust Fund**

A small balance of \$3,189 remains in the fund to be used for investigation expenses by the Sheriff's Department – this balance is from years ago when the County Commission received the proceeds from forfeitures.

#### **FUND 125, Healthcare Trust Fund**

As passed by voters, the Franklin County Discretionary Sales Surtax of 1% took effect on January 1, 2008. The estimated proceeds this year will be \$2,338,160.

Mrs. Griffin reported this is the same estimate that was used last year because as of yesterday the Florida Department of Revenue and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research has not released the sales tax revenue estimates. She said she does not anticipate the taxes

collected within the county to have the same negative impact as state shared revenues. She reported they received their proceeds check for the discretionary sales surtax and for all taxable sales within the county for the month of May they were only off 10%. She explained Franklin County was shut down to vacation rentals until just before Memorial Day weekend so that is good news that the reduction is only 10%. Mrs. Griffith said there has been a lot of tourist traffic in the community because people are able to socially distance and the area is not heavily populated. She reported south Florida is being heavily impacted by the travel restrictions but Franklin County has not seen the same thing and seems to have rebounded strongly for sales taxes collected within the county.

50% of the sales tax proceeds each year acts to defray the operating costs of Weems Memorial Hospital, \$120,000 goes to support clinical operations and the balance of the sales tax proceeds as well as 100% of the interest earnings is held for capital outlay projects. At the end of 2020, barring any additional capital expenditures from the fund, there will be approximately \$5.8 million available in the fund.

#### FUND 139, Bald Point Trust Fund

This fund has been existence since 1999 when the state purchased a large tract of land on Alligator Point. The county received approximately \$500,000. Per the Agreement dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 1998 - \$50,000 was to be used to asphalt the realigned main road along the new right-of-way. The \$450,000 balance was then placed into a county trust fund whereas principal and interest may only be used for expenditures in the Bald Point/Alligator Point area. This fund has been utilized over the years as grant match for FEMA funds and there is approximately \$314,250 available.

#### FUND 141, Local Option Gas Tax Road Paving Fund

In the early nineties the Local Option Gas Tax was voted in for Franklin County. This was a five cent sales tax on every gallon of motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in Franklin County. In August of 2016, the Board voted to increase the local option gas tax rate to six cents per gallon. Franklin County was the only county in Florida that had not adopted the sixth cent and due to that reason, the county was not eligible to apply for SCRAP program grants with the Florida Department of Transportation. The state revenue estimate of sales tax collections for the next fiscal year is \$282,572 – this is a decrease from the prior year but the State of Florida is anticipating a negative impact on the local option gas tax proceeds due to the reduction in tourism related travel. The expenditures provided for by these sales tax proceeds is governed by FS 336.025 – for authorized “transportation expenditures”. At the end of this next budget year, there will be approximately \$1,586,456 accumulated in the fund to go towards a future paving project.

These funds are split between the (5) districts and the balances by commissioner do vary. There is \$785,954 budgeted in State grant proceeds for the survey, design, permitting and construction costs associated with the repaving, widening and roadway compliance for .90 miles of Timber Island Road in Carrabelle from US Hwy 98 to the Carrabelle River.

#### FUND 143, Boating Improvement Fund

Boating Improvement Fees are deposited monthly from fees collected by the Franklin County Tax Collector – the county anticipates \$7,975 in annual fees will be deposited to the fund this next year. This fund provides the local

grant match for projects funded by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commissions' Boating Improvement Grant Program. Boating Improvement Grants are awarded on a competitive score on a grant application. The ability to provide a local match increases the County's appeal for program grants. In the upcoming budget there is approximately \$54,425 that can be used as grant match towards future applications.

#### FUND 144, SGI Fishing Pier Maintenance Fund

In 1999 Franklin County entered into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to take ownership of the ½ mile remnants on both sides of the bay of the Old Bryant Patton Bridge to St. George Island. The agreement transferred the \$1.52 million dollars that the state would have incurred to tear down the old bridge over to Franklin County. The county received the \$1.52 million on February 22, 2006 and now has fishing piers on St. George Island and Eastpoint. In June of 2012, during Tropical Storm Debby, a barge broke loose from a Progress Energy construction project and drifted into the St. George Island Fishing Pier – approximately 165 feet near the causeway was demolished by the barge. To provide access to the severed fishing pier, the county paid \$654,367 to bridge the 165 foot gap. There was a lengthy legal battle with the Progress Energy subcontractor Orion Construction (the owner of the barge) to seek reimbursement for the damage. In January of 2016, a mediated settlement agreement was reached and in February of 2016 the county received a check for \$575,000 as payment for the damages. At this time, there is \$1,716,664 available in the St. George Island Fishing Pier Maintenance Fund. The Joint Participation Agreement with the state specified that with the county's receipt of the funds "the COUNTY agrees that it will assume full responsibility for maintenance of those portions of the bridge transferred and shall assume sole liability for said portions immediately upon said transfer". The funds received from this JPA with the state came with the condition that Franklin County is now responsible for these portions of the old St. George Island Bridge. In the event the fishing piers are damaged in a storm, the repair or demolition of the remnants of the old bridge would be the responsibility of the county. The responsibility of the repair and maintenance indefinitely of the SGI Fishing Piers should discourage any expenditure not relative to the direct and necessary repairs of the fishing piers. The county also received FEMA funds from Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Michael to do repairs along the access road to the St. George Island Pier. The repairs are estimated to cost \$96,181 and are currently in progress.

#### FUND 150, CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Trust Fund

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 there was a terrible disaster in Franklin County. Fueled by high winds, a controlled burn got out of control and rapidly swept through nearly 1,000 acres of property in Eastpoint. The wildfire consumed approximately 38 homes, displaced 132 people and the fire moved so quickly that many escaped the blaze with only the clothes on their back. The overwhelming response to this disaster has been remarkable, although the damage and loss will be felt by the community for years to come. The county purchased 24 travel trailers at a cost of \$237,240 which were transferred to the Capital Area Community Action Agency to be used as emergency housing for the displaced residents. Other non-profit organizations within the county also provided temporary and permanent housing assistance. The county has received a \$2,630,588 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide permanent housing for up to 38 families. To date, ten families have received permanent housing provided by this program, eight more families are in the process and there is funding available for more as applicants are qualified. There is approximately \$1,489,762 in grant funds available.

#### FUND 151, Revolving Loan



In 1996 there was disastrous flooding and through the Department of Community Affairs the county was awarded an Emergency Assistance Community Development Block Grant. Apalachee Regional Planning Council handled the administration of the grant and in 1997 the CDBG grant provided emergency loans for businesses and individuals involved in the Seafood Industry. The idea behind the grant was for the county to setup a 'revolving loan' fund to use in future emergency situations. Many loans have been repaid, however, ARPC turned the administration of the loan program over to the county and the county has been unable to re-coup some of the loans due to insufficient collateral. DCA inquires on the delinquencies of these loans when they conduct their annual monitoring visits. Right now, the loan fund has a balance of approximately \$305,580.

#### FUND 160, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)

This special assessment funds the fire departments throughout the county – revenues for each district are estimated from rolls generated by the Tax Collector's Office. The total estimated operating revenue for the MSBU fund for next fiscal year is \$522,264 – the volunteer firefighters of each district are covered under the Workers Compensation Policy of the County – the transfer out to each district takes the estimated revenue for each fire district less the share of expenditures (workers comp and administrative expense for the postage and assessment notices). The county setup the MSBU in 1987. The rates currently in effect were set by a resolution dated 08/18/09 for all districts with the exception of Alligator Point and St. George Island. Voters approved an increased rate on single family residences for Alligator Point and St. George Island and the rates were revised for those two districts by a resolution dated 05/21/13 – the rates are currently as follows:

TYPE OF PROPERTY	ANNUAL ASSESSMENT
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	\$50.00, ALLIGATOR POINT & SGI \$95.00
MULTI FAMILY RENTAL UNITS	\$50.00 PER UNIT NO MAXIMUM
MOBILE HOME PARK RENTAL SPACES	\$16.00 PER SPACE, \$160.00 MINIMUM, \$375.00 MAXIMUM
TRAVEL TRAILER-RECREATION VEHICLE RENTAL SPACES	\$8.00 PER SPACE OVER 16', \$100.00 MINIMUM, \$375.00 MAXIMUM
MOTELS, HOTELS, INNS, B&B	\$10.00 PER UNIT, \$100.00 MINIMUM, \$500.00 MAXIMUM
COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS	\$100.00 PER BUILDING, \$375.00 MAXIMUM
MULTIPLE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	\$375.00
VACANT PARCELS	\$10.00

#### FUND 163, E911 Fund

Revenue for this fund is generated by fees collected by each voice communication service provider located within a county at a rate of 50 cents per month per each service identifier. The intent of the fee is to provide funds to county governments to pay certain costs associated with their E911 systems. FS 365.172 outlines eligible expenditures of this fund and in this next fiscal year there is a percentage of the E911 related employees and other E911 expenditures being paid for by this communication charge and Supplemental Grant.

## FUND 170, Airport Fund

The Airport Fund is self-sufficient in the upcoming year. Revenues for this fund include: the annual lease with TP Auto Transport will generate \$12,000 in the next year, annual lease with CAAZ for airport land will generate \$1,500, annual lease with Smiling Skies will generate \$6,000, annual lease with Forgotten Coast Flyers, LLC will generate \$30,000 and FBO Rent with Centric Aviation will generate \$30,000. The \$.25/gallon fuel commission paid to Franklin County by Centric Aviation is anticipated to generate about \$30,145. These revenues all defray the costs of operating expenses for the Apalachicola Airport including the insurance expense for the hangar facilities and storage tank liability policies. There are several grant projects for the Airport in the next fiscal year. In grant funded projects: there is \$135,496 in additional pavement marking funds, \$689,729 to design and construct a North/South taxiway, and a \$779,711 TRIP Grant to rehab the apron pavements.

## FUND 180 and 181, Affordable Housing Assistance Trust Fund and HHRP Trust Fund

Franklin County will not receive the standard \$350,000 annual allocation for rehabilitation or down-payment assistance for qualifying residents in next year's budget. The amount budgeted in the upcoming year for the SHIP fund is simply remaining funds from the current allocation. The Florida Housing Finance Corporation through the Hurricane Housing Relief Program provided over \$1,000,000 in funding to harden existing residences for qualified homeowners or provide for full replacement of mobile homes built before 1994 as part of community resilience measures. Fund 181 is newly created as these funds were required to be in a separate fund as part of the grant agreement.

## FUND 301, Capital Outlay Reserve Fund

In the capital outlay fund, there will be \$152,491 available in the fund for mandated future GIS mapping updates for the Property Appraiser's Office, \$100,000 in annual debt service payments for the Franklin Boulevard property, \$149,880 is FEMA funds transferred from the Road Department to purchase a grass tractor in the upcoming fiscal year, and there is \$61,140 budgeted for (2) new trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department whereas a (5) year repayment schedule has been established for the fund and \$371,912 available for infrastructure or other capital improvements.

## FUND 302, Landfill Management Escrow and FUND 304 Landfill Tipping Fee Fund

Per FS 403.7125 – Franklin County must maintain an escrow fund for future closure and long-term care requirements of the Franklin County Landfill. At this time, there are adequate funds in the escrow account to meet the minimum funding requirement of Rule 62-701.630(5) Florida Administrative Code. Every (5) years, the county is required to have an engineer evaluate the remaining capacity of the landfill, estimate closure costs based on current construction pricing and estimate the remaining useful life of the landfill. This is called a re-cost. In the past months after Hurricane Michael, landfill revenues are four times greater than and thus four times the normal volume of waste has been processed by the landfill. Not including the volume of amnesty/curb-side debris pickup which was continued for months after the Hurricane without revenue. The 2018 closure cost estimates were \$2,564,449 for closure and \$3,171,016 for long-term care post closure. Based on trend and volume, at the next re-cost cycle to be completed in 2020, Franklin County estimates the minimum balance requirement in the landfill management escrow to be approximately \$1.8 million. The excess non-reoccurring proceeds estimated to remain in the tipping fee fund at 09/30, the county will be able to make a one-time transfer into the Landfill Management

escrow of \$291,857 to hedge against future escrow requirements and landfill expansion. This transfer will bring the balance in the escrow fund to \$3,120,128.

Commissioner Massey inquired about the meeting tomorrow. Mr. Moron said that was scheduled in case they needed additional time but the Board agreed not to address the non-governmental organizations unless there were cuts. He stated they will review these items and check with Mrs. Griffith. He said they can set some dates in September if needed. Commissioner Massey stated their funding never increases. Mrs. Griffin agreed the funding level has remained the same for several years. Mr. Moron clarified they are not meeting tomorrow. He said after this afternoon's meeting that is the end of the budget workshops.

Commissioner Jones questioned if they could cut the budget by doing a payment plan for the equipment for the Road Department. Mrs. Griffin agreed they could do a payment plan. She said the transfer to pay for the equipment was a transfer from FEMA funds that had accumulated in the Road & Bridge Fund. She stated they also received some FEMA reimbursements for equipment hours and materials. Mrs. Griffith reported this is one time revenue for a onetime expense. Commissioner Jones stated Hurricane Michael was rough but it is good to have the unanticipated funds to look at so they can cut back more where they need to.

Mr. Moron stated they need to set the dates for the public hearing. Mrs. Phillips said these dates must be on the TRIM notice and must be advertised. She suggested the dates of September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m. The Board agreed with these dates. Mr. Moron reported public comment will be received at the public hearings. Commissioner Parrish stated if the county can use some of the CARES Act funding to make up for lost revenue then they could cut the budget more. Mr. Moron said hopefully they will know by mid-August. Mrs. Griffith reported they can decide today on the budget and then can reduce the budget but cannot increase the budget. Commissioner Parrish stated their constituents are facing hard times in relation to COVID-19 so they need to get the budget down as low as they can go for the people they represent. He explained they need to try and help people and still provide the same services. He reported they should lower taxes if possible. Mr. Moron said the county has 105 positive COVID-19 cases. Commissioner Parrish stated if the positivity rate is 6.6% then they should not recommend starting school as the positivity rate should be below 5%. Commissioner Massey reported Leon County has delayed starting school until October 31st. Mr. Moron said at 1:30 p.m. the first department is the Health Department so they can receive an update. Commissioner Jones reported so far the school system rolled everything out to delay 4 days or a whole week. He expressed concern that some kids are not receiving an education virtually and it is not working out. The Board discussed the opening of school and the issues facing families.

The meeting recessed at 11:39 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 130 p.m.

## Health Department

Ms. Sarah Hinds, Health Department Director, requested renewal of the \$49,000 to support core public health services in the county. She said this is the same amount they have requested for years. She stated this funding supports services through the medical clinic and is tied to a position for one of the nurses. Mrs. Hinds presented the services provided by this nurse. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Health Department Budget. Commissioner Boldt thanked Ms. Hinds for her updates. Ms. Hinds said another update will come out tomorrow.

## Weems Hospital

Mr. David Walker, CEO at Weems Memorial Hospital, stated the annual budget was submitted for the hospital, clinics and ambulance service in the amount of \$14,755,305. He requested the Board tentatively approve the budget. Chairman Lockley said the budget did not go up. Mr. Walker said the sales tax is lower than last year but they expect that because tourist dollars are going down. He read the amount of money received from the healthcare surtax and the subsidies provided. Mr. Walker said the COVID money is helping and the new bills may allocate another round to money to hospitals. Chairman Lockley asked when they will get the machine that does the rapid COVID-19 test. Mr. Walker stated this equipment will be received the end of August. Commissioner Boldt questioned where the equipment will be placed. Mr. Walker reported it will go in the lab. He stated they are updating equipment while they can with the additional funding. Commissioner Massey asked if their budget is the same as last year. Mrs. Griffith explained the only ad valorem tax proceeds that go to the hospital are for the ambulance and that subsidy is unchanged. Commissioner Boldt inquired if they received \$3 million in COVID-19 funding from the CARES Act. He questioned if this money is in a bank account and earmarked for special spending. Mr. Walker responded yes, it is earmarked for COVID related purchases as well as lost revenue. He stated they can purchase anything to prepare, prevent and prepare for COVID-19. He stated they are updating equipment that offers remote patient monitoring. Commissioner Boldt said Mr. Bill Storck, Chief Financial Officer, reported at the last Hospital Board meeting that they started to update their contracts and are asking for better rates. Mr. Walker stated they have a preliminary analysis of their negotiations for the top 3 payors and they will receive an additional \$369,000 the first year, \$433,000 the second year and \$451,000 the third year. Commissioner Boldt said they need to analyze everyone to make sure they are paying what they should and re-file if they are missing documentation. Mr. Walker reported Mr. Storck and Mr. H.D. Cannington, former CEO, started this process in March when there was \$1.2 million outstanding and now the balance is about \$95,000. He pointed out that does not mean they will collect all of this money because they were some bad insurance rates. He explained they are working on this list on a weekly basis and have revenue cycle team meetings. Mr. Walker reported the negotiations of the contracts have improved but are still low so they will go back and address them again. Commissioner Boldt asked if they have an accounting firm helping them. Mr. Walker answered yes, Mr. Brian Hall, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, is looking at this matter and thinks the rates are still low. Mr. Walker

reported the county is geographically isolated but these insurance carriers must still provide service to their policy holders. Commissioner Boldt stated there are many different layers of the federal government that are interested in the hospital. He explained the hospital is critical and money came in specifically earmarked for rural hospitals. Mr. Walker stated Texas A & M did a national webinar with the National Organization of Rural Health Offices and he was asked to sit on a panel to talk about their relationship with Texas A & M. He said they are also looking at other resources to bring into the county. He reported they want to leverage their funding sources and diversify the money they are receiving. Chairman Lockley tentatively approved this budget.

### **TDC**

Mr. John Solomon, TDC Director, stated their budget request is \$1,717,805 which is a 2% decrease from last year's budget. Commissioner Boldt asked what will be reduced that they normally spend money on. Mr. Solomon said they are able to reduce payments to land acquisition and a couple of projects in this year's budget will not be added back in. Chairman Lockley asked if things are picking up. Mr. Solomon answered yes and said hopefully he will have a good report at the next meeting. Mrs. Griffith stated Franklin County's tourism numbers are good compared to the rest of the state. Mr. Solomon agreed the county may have an increase for the year despite COVID-19. He explained after the rentals reopened the TDC focused on the county having wide open spaces. He stated they did minimalist advertising but let people know there was a place to get away from large crowds. Commissioner Jones tentatively approved the TDC budget.

### **Circuit & County Judge**

Mr. Grant Slayden, Trial Court Administrator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, appeared via telephone. He thanked the Board on behalf of Chief Judge Jonathan Sjostrom. He stated their budget request is the same and a majority of the budget comes from dedicated statutory fees and costs. He reported their budget request is \$41,331.00 and there is no change from previous years. Mr. Slayden said they reduced the technology fund which offset any potential increase. He reported they are in the process of submitting a request for CARES Act funding which is separate from their base budget. He offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved this budget.

### **State Attorney**

Ms. Mary Dean-Barwick, State Attorney's Office, appeared via telephone. She stated they are requesting \$24,150 which is the same budget as last year. She explained this funding pays for their technology, telephone and internet. She reported Mr. Moron has been great in working with them to expand their office space. She thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Dean-Barwick thanked Mrs. Phillips and said she is knowledgeable and helpful about what they can spend and what they cannot spend. She reported they have purchased laptops to allow their

staff to work more efficiently remotely. Ms. Dean-Barwick offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Jones tentatively approve the State Attorney's budget.

### **Guardian Ad Litem**

Ms. Deborah Moore, Guardian ad Litem, appeared before the Board via telephone. She said she is proud of their staff and guardian ad litem advocates that have transitioned for this crisis. She stated they are working to serve the children in Franklin County and beginning the middle of March have worked remotely and visited with the children virtually. Ms. Moore explained the middle of June they added face to face contact visits with the children and caregivers. She stated they complete this work for about 4 weeks and then had to revert back due to the resurgence of cases. Ms. Moore reported they have a formal reopen plan for their office but do not have a date at this time. She stated they served 52 children last year in Franklin County. She explained the numbers have been high for all of their counties for the last couple of years. Ms. Moore reported Franklin County is one of the strongest counties in retaining their volunteers and has 11 strong advocates. She explained their goal for all 5 counties including Franklin County is to recruit more guardian ad litem advocates that reside in the county. She stated one new advocate was added with the new online training. Ms. Moore reported they are currently serving 39 children which is low but some cases were discharged. She said their budget request is \$6,466. Ms. Moore offered to answer any questions. She emphasized their circumstances for the children continue to be substance abuse and domestic violence. She stated they have an incredibly strong team for every child in the community and she will do everything she can to make sure this continues. Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved the budget.

### **Dog Island Conservation District**

Mr. Chris Teaf, Dog Island Conservation District, thanked everyone that helped them. He said their budget request is the same at \$11,000 in unrestricted funds for operation of equipment and maintenance of equipment, waste management, dock maintenance and repair and landing craft operations on Dog Island. He reported they have also requested as they have in the past a tipping fee credit at the landfill of \$6,000. He offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Dog Island Conservation District budget.

### **Apalachee Center**

Mr. Dean Hilton, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with the Apalachee Center, stated their funding request is level compared to last year. He explained they provide assistance with Baker and Marchman Acts in relation to crisis stabilization and detox for Franklin County residents. He offered to answer any questions. Mrs. Griffith said their request is the same as last year. Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved the Apalachee Center budget.

### **Franklin Soil & Water Conservation**

Mrs. Griffith stated their operating expenses of \$798.50 are unchanged. She explained they pay a portion of a shared employee with 4 other counties that are all part of the same water district. She reported there is about a \$600 difference in the budget from last year. Commissioner Massey tentatively approved the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation budget.

#### **Public Defender**

Mrs. Griffith stated they have an increase of \$1,535 in office supplies. Mrs. Phillips said the increase is in technology funds. Commissioner Jones tentatively approved the budget.

Mr. Moron reminded the Board the public hearings will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Mrs. Griffith stated the NGO's funding will stay the same. Commissioner Jones tentatively approved the budgets of the NGO's.

Mrs. Griffith reported right now what will go out on the TRIM Notice is the millage rate of 5.9026 which is 3.69% over the rolled back rate. She explained they can go down from this rate but cannot go above the rate. Mrs. Griffith stated if the revenue estimates come in the middle of August when they convene again for the next revenue estimating conference they can make the adjustments and any positive changes. She reported they can also address any CARES Act funding and final estimates from CHP.

#### **Commissioners' Comments**

There were no Commissioners' comments.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

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

**AUGUST 4, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order**

*A. Public Notice*

*To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore, this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGLBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's YouTube Page.*

*The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences. Those wanting to participate during "Public Comments" on the agenda should use the teleconference system by dialing 1-844-844-0014 and when prompted enter 540166#. Once the "Public Comments" agenda item is completed, the conference call will be disconnected.*

*Any person who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, must have a record of the proceedings. He or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.*

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- B. July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. July 7, 2020 Workshop Minutes

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on July 7, 2020.**

**Payment of County Bills**

- D. Bill Lists for Payment



7/21/2020  
8/4/2020

**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.**

**Department of Health – Sarah Hinds (Administrator) - Update**

Mr. Moron stated Ms. Hinds is on the telephone because the numbers for COVID-19 are up. Ms. Hinds reported for the past 11 days the state positivity rate has been around 11% and hopefully they will start to see some stabilization. She said as of yesterday Franklin County had 158 cases with 23 of the cases being inmates. Ms. Hines explained there will be more inmate counts to add to the total and they expect to see a jump this week in the overall case numbers. She stated they have cases in household settings and exposure in workplaces, businesses, and at funeral gatherings. She said some health care workers have also tested positive. Ms. Hinds reported they are seeing community spread in Franklin County. She said they are trying to explain the data in the community briefings so the community can understand what is happening. She reported the [floridahealth.gov](https://floridahealth.gov) page provides a lot of information and they are trying to provide the community with the best behind the scene look at the numbers such as the number of inmate cases. Ms. Hinds stated they provide local briefings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She reported to receive this information they can text [franklincv19 to 888777](tel:888777) and the briefings will come to their cell phone in the form of a text message. She stated the positivity rating for Franklin County is 5%. Ms. Hinds explained they do not want the positivity rate to go higher and they have shared the positivity benchmark so they can help understand the trends. She reported the state monitors the positivity rate to determine if the county is healthy enough to move forward with the reopening phases. She stated in addition to medical capacity and in addition to the medical capacity and hospital capacity and downward trends they also look at positivity and how many are positive each week in the community. Ms. Hinds reported on Friday they will share 2 weeks of positivity data available in Franklin County and Gulf County. She stated the governor monitors this information daily but they look at it locally on a weekly level. Ms. Hinds said the positivity rating went from 6% to 5% and they have some decreased testing due to statewide closings due to the storm last week. She pointed out they did not stop any testing at their locations. She reported Pancare is planning to stop their rapid testing in the community and this decision was made to prepare for rapid testing on school grounds. She explained they will be working with Pancare on this effort. Ms. Hinds reported they continue to test for COVID-19 at the Health Department and Weems Memorial Hospital is also providing testing. She explained people should not come here from another county just to get tested because the Health Department is trying to use the appointment slots for Franklin County residents. She stated visitors should get tested before they leave home and wait for those results. She reported if they are in close contact with someone waiting for test results they should stay in place until they receive a negative result before traveling here. Ms. Hinds explained if they are worried about an exposure that happened during their stay here then it is fine to test here. She stated they try to prioritize testing for people with symptoms. She explained symptoms can take from 2-14 days to occur. Ms. Hinds reported Mrs. Emerald Larkin, RN, is present on the phone also and they have seen patients becoming infected from 7-12 days after exposure to a positive case. She stated if a person does not have symptoms they can quarantine for 14 days. She explained the goal is to stop the spread of the virus. Ms. Hinds stated they are working closely with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Chamber of Commerce on a business campaign to promote businesses that are stepping up to

protect employees and customers during the pandemic. She reported when this campaign is finalized they will present it at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Boldt stated he appreciates the best health practices and said it provides an overview of how they care in Franklin County. He said he is pleased to see the continuity of care that they are doing throughout the county in honoring state and federal guidelines. Ms. Hinds stated she appreciates the leadership of the Board to help protect the health and safety of all residents.

## Public Comments

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

Mr. Mike O'Connell, former president of the St. George Island Civic Club, stated Mr. Jim Morris, current President of the St. George Island Civic Club, was unavailable today so he asked him to represent the club. Mr. O'Connell reported today there are 2 significant issues on the agenda for St. George Island that will affect the island in a positive manner. He explained there is a RESTORE funded project that directs an engineering firm to design a remedy for stormwater problems that have been present for years. Mr. O'Connell said flooding is a serious issue for the visitors and businesses and this design will allow them to address their paving and parking issues in the coming years. He reported the second item is the opening of bids for construction of a new bathroom on the island. He stated they are very excited about this project and it will be a wonderful addition to Lighthouse Park and the island. Mr. O'Connell reported these 2 agenda items represent the next chapter in their 2020-2025 vision for St. George Island and primarily the business district. He stated the Civic Club will provide any assistance the county needs in the upcoming years. Mr. O'Connell said the St. George Island Civic Club would like to thank the Board for paving Bayshore Drive from Franklin Blvd. to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He reported the business owners are very excited about this work. He thanked the Board for everything they do for them.

Ms. Candace Millender, a resident of Buck Road in Eastpoint, stated she has appeared before the Board before and would like the county to take over Buck Road. She reported they have been fighting for this for over 10 years and they pay county taxes every year and receive no services from the county. She explained all water runoff from Ridge Road washes their road out and the ditch ends in her yard and has nowhere to flow. Ms. Millender said there could be a solution if the water department that has the end acre with a well would dig a ditch through their property and let the water flow to Bear Creek. She explained all the water from Ridge Road flows through a trench made during the fire. She stated all the tree tops were trimmed and left in the ditches and were never cleaned up after the fire or the hurricane. She said the culvert at the end of the road is grown up and in the county right-of-way. Ms. Millender stated she has called several times to have that fixed and the right-of-way filled in so they are not falling down a drop to the road. She explained this has never been done but a little dirt was shoveled to one side of the road. Ms. Millender said 3 roads in Commissioner Jones' district have been paved in a week so the county has funds to fix roads. She said 2 of the roads that were paved were dirt roads. Ms. Millender reported she would like her road to be taken over by the county because it was deeded to all the residents by the previous owner. She explained they are not creating a homeowners association and the county has access to the road and can fix it. She stated she has never asked for this road to be paved but asked for it to be drivable.

Chairman Lockley said Buck Road is a private road and the county does not work on private roads. He reported the water district is separate from the county so she would need to contact them.

## Department Directors Report

### Superintendent of Public Works – Howard Nabors

Mr. Nabors reported 3 temporary employees have left and 2 employees retired so his department is down 5 people and has no inmate assistance. He said they are doing the best they can with grass cutting, ditch cleaning and road work. He presented his action item for the Board, as follows:

#### E. Road Department Board Report

##### Action Items

1. Mr. Robert Lolley's last day was Thursday, July 30, 2020. Mr. Lolley worked for Franklin County for 7.5 years as an Inmate Supervisor and reached the age for retirement.  
Action: Asking for Board for approval to advertise for an Inmate Supervisor Position simultaneously in house and to the public with a starting salary of \$25,000.

**Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve advertising for an Inmate Supervisor Position simultaneously in house and to the public with a starting salary of \$25,000. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked if his department is down 2 employees. Mr. Nabors answered yes and have advertised for the other position. He reported 1 application has been turned in for the first position. Commissioner Massey asked Mr. Nabors to look at the ditch on Buck Street and fix the drop off. Mr. Nabors said they have looked at this and fixed it but it may have washed out from the rain. He agreed to check this area. Commissioner Massey stated they need to do something because school is going to start and the school bus cannot go down this road and turn around. He explained in the past the county has done a temporary fix and they need to do it again. Commissioner Massey said in relation to grass cutting their mowers have a lot of hours and if they break down the county will be in trouble. He asked if there is FEMA money available to replace one of the tractors for grass cutting. Mrs. Griffith reported the money is in next year's budget so starting October 1<sup>st</sup> this money is in the Capital Outlay Fund. Mr. Nabors stated he has talked with Mrs. Griffith because 1 of the grass tractors is 16 years old and the other 1 is 8 years old. Commissioner Massey expressed concern that if this equipment is not working they will have no way to mow the grass. Commissioner Boldt asked if they can make it until October. Mr. Nabors answered yes. He explained the time involved with getting parts for repairs during the pandemic. Mr. Nabors said they need a low boy to haul equipment and the motor grader should be close to being paid off. Mrs. Griffith reported once the motor grader is paid off then Mr. Nabors will have the payment funds to purchase the low boy. Mr. Nabors explained the low boy hauls equipment for multiple county departments. He stated the Road Department is the only department that has trucks to haul equipment with. Commissioner Boldt questioned if they can lease this equipment. Mr. Nabors stated yes, it would cost \$8,000 a year. He said the low boy truck will cost \$170,000 and the trailer will cost \$47,300. Commissioner Boldt asked if this money is in the budget. Mrs. Griffith stated once the motor grader is paid off the funds will be available the upcoming year. Mr. Moron explained there is a balance between leasing and purchasing equipment. Commissioner Boldt said Mrs. Griffith has explained how sometimes leasing will extend

their budget and give more budget flexibility. The Board discussed the situation with leasing the dump trucks. Commissioner Jones stated the county would have to intend to have the low boy truck for 25 years for the lease to pay off. Mrs. Griffith questioned if this truck is an option with Capital Truck. Mr. Nabors answered yes for \$8,000 a year. Mrs. Griffith said they would have to pay for the low boy trailer. Mr. Nabors stated he thinks the trailer would come with the truck and then they would get a new one every year. Mrs. Griffith said that would be a great deal. Mr. Nabors agreed to re-check this offer. Commissioner Boldt stated this is responsibly spending the public's money. Mr. Moron explained if they know they are going to lease the equipment then they can budget those funds every year. Mrs. Griffith said the payment funds are already in the budget. Commissioner Massey asked how long they have had the current low boy. Mr. Nabors estimated 20 years and it was used when the county purchased it. Commissioner Boldt asked if the county gets favor in leasing rates. Mrs. Griffith answered yes and said the county gets a break from Capital Truck because they do not pay federal excise tax which is a benefit to the company and the county. She explained the county owns the trucks for 15 months and then the trucks are turned back in and the company markets the trucks to private entities. Chairman Lockley asked if the price is the same. Mrs. Griffith stated the price stayed the same and the prior lease was for 13 months and the new lease was for 15 months. Mr. Nabors asked if they can get the grass tractor on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Griffith answered yes, the funds are in the Capital Outlay Fund and will not affect ad valorem proceeds this year. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Lockley stated they will get the grass tractor and check on the low boy. Mrs. Griffith reported these items are in next year's budget and they have to pay off the motor grader. Mr. Nabors stated if they have any extra money this year or next year he needs 2 more F-150 trucks which will cost approximately \$30,000. He explained some of the trucks they are driving are old trucks that were given to them by the Mosquito Control Department. Chairman Lockley asked Mrs. Griffith to look into this matter and let the Board know what they can get. Mrs. Griffith agreed to check into this matter and also to get a quote from Capital Truck on the lease for the low boy. Mr. Moron stated this should have been addressed at the budget workshop. Mr. Nabors said they normally do talk about these items at the budget workshop but they were in a hurry and did not want too many people in the room. Chairman Lockley reported they made a mistake and should have asked about his equipment. Commissioner Massey stated they have FEMA money to take care of one of these items.

Attorney Shuler inquired if Mr. Nabors has heard from anyone from Deseret Ranches in relation to 8 Mile Road and 10 Mile Road. Mr. Nabors reported the posted signs are gone but the posts are still there. Attorney Shuler stated he and Mr. Moron met with Deseret Ranches representatives last week and they will remove the no trespassing signs from the road and relocate them to the edge of the forest so people will stay out of the private forest. Attorney Shuler thanked Mr. Nabors for confirming this has been done. Mr. Nabors questioned if they are going to remove the poles because they are close to the road and are a safety issue. Attorney Shuler advised Mr. Nabors to pull the poles up and set them on the side of the road in their woods. Mr. Nabors agreed to take care of the poles.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

5. Highway 67 Striping Project: The Road Department has received numerous complaints of the lack of visible striping on Highway 67 while driving at night, especially when it is raining. Since Roberts and Roberts are in the County working on the Airport road project and the Board waived the County's bid policy to save on mobilization costs, we asked Roberts and Roberts for a proposal to stripe Highway 67. This striping will start at Crooked River Bridge (that where the FDOT paving

project will end) and end at the County line. Roberts and Roberts provided quotes for the use of striping with paint or thermoplastic. I recommend using paint, as it is less expensive and FDOT has a future project to pave north of Crooked River Bridge.

Request: Board action to authorize Roberts and Roberts to stripe CR67 from Crooked River to the County line with paint for a total of \$17,187.00.

Mr. Nabors said they have received complaints for 5-6 years but he did not know if in the future they were going to pave this road all the way to the end. He stated there is no striping on this road. Commissioner Parrish asked if this is a county road. Mr. Moron answered yes, Highway 65 is a state road but Highway 67 is a county road. Chairman Lockley questioned which option is better. Mr. Moron explained the thermoplastic lasts longer but will cost almost \$60,000 more than painting. He said if DOT does have another project later it would pave over what the county has done. Chairman Lockley asked if DOT is coming back with another project. Mr. Moron answered yes, and said Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, estimated the project will be in 2-3 years. He said the paint should last that long. Mr. Nabors agreed and said DOT will also mill that road. Mr. Nabors reported the first paving project will go from Highway 98 to Lake Morality Road. Mr. Moron said the DOT project will start at Highway 98 and go to Crooked River Bridge and should be starting soon but then there will be another project to go beyond that. Commissioner Boldt asked if there is a sidewalk project beginning in this area. Mr. Moron answered yes, but it will not interfere with the road project. Commissioner Massey reported they are working on the sidewalks now. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Roberts and Roberts to stripe C.R. 67 from Crooked River to the county line with paint at a cost of \$17,187.00.**

Mr. Moron offered Item #6 from his report, as follows:

6. Timber Island Bridge Repairs: A while back, FDOT did an inspection at the Timber Island Road Bridge and forwarded their findings to the Road Department. Mr. Nabors, Road Superintendent, asked the local FDOT contractor, Ferrovia, for a quote to make the necessary repairs based on the FDOT inspection. Mr. Nabors received a \$5,985.00 quote from Ferrovia for the repairs and recommends proceeding with this project.

Request: Board action to authorize Ferrovia to do the maintenance repair work on the Timber Island Road Bridge for \$5,985.00.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Ferrovia to do the maintenance repair work on the Timber Island Road Bridge for \$5,985.00.** Mr. Moron stated he checked with Mr. Clay Kennedy, Dewberry, because they have another project going this way but their scope of work does not include any of this work. Mr. Nabors reported they will use divers to do some of this work so that is not something the county could do.

Chairman Lockley asked if the public will be safe when they put this stripe on the road. Mr. Nabors answered yes, and commented it is a long way from Lake Morality Road to Highway 98. Commissioner Boldt questioned if all the bids include labor. Mr. Moron replied yes.

### Information Items

2. Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District (see attached documents)

## **Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis**

### **F. Solid Waste Directors Report**

Mr. Davis said his report does not have any items that require Board action. He stated they are placing COVID-19 signs throughout the county at St. George Island and Carrabelle Beach. He reported the signs request people social distance.

Mr. Davis reported there are 2 more dune walkovers left to remove at Alligator Point and they are starting back on this work.

Mr. Davis questioned if they have found out any information from CareerSource about the workers. Mr. Moron responded no but Ms. Kim Bodine, CareerSource, is on the agenda for a different reason but will probably provide an update on this item.

Mr. Davis reported the Animal Control Department is doing well.

Commissioner Boldt inquired if he has looked at the mobile recycling project again and if he has received any bids for materials. Mr. Davis said he can meet with Commissioner Boldt later because he has information about a company that sells mobile units. He stated the market is still down so he did not entertain the conversation with this company

Mr. Moron offered the following item for the Board's consideration:

16. Tipping Fees: After some discussion at your July 30th Budget Workshop, the Board directed me to add increasing tipping fees for any out of town garbage, debris, trash or waste that came across the scales at the County's Landfill to today's agenda. Staff will need specific direction from the Board on how much to increase the tipping fees as Mr. Fonda Davis, Attorney Shuler and I attempt to provide some options to the Board.  
Request: Board discussion and direction on how much to increase the tipping fees for out of town garbage, debris, trash or waste at the Landfill.

Chairman Lockley said the county needs to charge at least the same amount in tipping fees as other counties are charging. Commissioner Massey stated Mr. Davis needs to make that decision because he knows how much is being dumped from other counties. Commissioner Boldt agreed they need to find out what other counties are charging. Commissioner Parrish reported that was the discussion at the budget meeting. He said they want to inquire what other surrounding counties are charging and if they are charging a different amount for people bringing materials from out of the county. He stated the county is buying a new tub grinder and he questioned what they are doing with the chips. He explained our landfill and Gulf County's landfill are still burning from chips they have already chipped. Commissioner Parrish said the county is buying a new tub grinder for \$800,000 and people are bringing in debris from out of the county and they need to help pay for this equipment. He explained the chips go through a process, catch fire and then smolder for years and he would like to know how they are going to deal with the chips. Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Davis is hoping to find someone who will purchase the chips and he has some options like burying the chips. He explained these expenses at the landfill will cost the residents because the budget will increase to take care of these items and people from out of the county that are using the landfill should help also. Commissioner Parrish reported they

are getting more in tipping fees but the additional debris is also filling up the landfill. He stated the decision is up to the Board but he feels like someone should help the county bear these costs. Commissioner Massey agreed people in this county should not take care of other counties issues and they need to be charged. Commissioner Boldt reported it is not only the tub grinder but they also need property for expanding the landfill. He explained the tub grinder is a short term focus but the property is a long term focus. Commissioner Parrish stated they also had to purchase a track loader to load the tub grinder so the county is incurring a lot of expense. He said they want to help people like they did in disaster response after Hurricane Michael but that should be over now and yet the county is still receiving out of county debris. Commissioner Parrish reported Mr. Davis and the citizens are bearing the brunt of this. Commissioner Massey stated the county has helped but people from out of the county have to start paying. Chairman Lockley questioned if the pulp mills buy the chips. Mr. Davis commented he checked with Telogia Energy and they looked at the chips but they were too trashy. He said hopefully they can clean them up. He reported they make a strainer that could be purchased to help with the chips. Mr. Davis reported now that the incinerator is going they can try to burn the small vegetation. He stated hopefully with the tub grinder someone will purchase the chips or the county can give them away. Chairman Lockley asked if they will come get them if the county gives them the chips. Mr. Davis answered yes. Commissioner Boldt inquired if they can sell the chips as mulch. Mr. Davis said they cannot be used in this way because there are different types of materials mixed in. He reported when the county pile of chips ignited it smoldered for a long time because there was a mix of chips and dirt. He explained they do bury the chips and mix it with dirt so it does not take as much dirt for cover. Mr. Moron agreed they will check around and compare prices and see who has this type of policy and bring something similar back to the Board. Chairman Lockley stated if they do not want to pay then the county can shut them off. He said the county has helped as long as they can. He reported if they want to pay then the county has to make sure it is worth it.

Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

19. Inmate Labor: As I stated at the July 30th Budget Workshop, with the assistance of Mr. Fonda Davis, I was able to talk to Warden Duval a few weeks ago and he explained that the prison was at Phase II at the time which did not allow non-DOC personnel to supervise inmates. He also stated that it was his last week and a new warden would be in place within a week or two. It is my intention to reach out to Warden Conner to an update.

Mr. Moron said the new warden's secretary called for the livestream information for the Budget Workshop so he could watch the meeting. He stated he may be watching again today and at some time he will contact him. He explained with the increase of COVID-19 at the prison they may go back to Phase 1 which is more restrictive. Mr. Moron stated it may be a while before the county has any inmate labor. Commissioner Parrish said they will not allow non-DOC personnel to supervise the inmate crews but he will take DOC inmate supervised crews. He stated the inmate crew does not have to have a county supervisor. Mr. Davis reported Parks & Recreation had an inmate crew of 15 with a DOC supervisor. He stated the Road Department also had 1 crew supervised by DOC. He said now with the increase in cases they will not let any of the squads out. Commissioner Parrish clarified the county does not have to supervise the inmates and when they send a DOC supervisor they get more inmates. He reported when they talk with the new warden they need to tell him the county needs some help. Chairman Lockley said there was an inmate crew out 2 weeks ago because he saw them out with a DOC supervisor. Mr. Moron agreed they were out with Phase 2 but it was still limited. He

said he will call and find out if they went to Phase 1. Commissioner Boldt said the DOC supervisors have a higher level of training and safety. Commissioner Massey stated it is better for DOC to supervise the inmates and not have any of the county workers get in trouble.

Commissioner Parrish said Mr. Davis has a lot of stuff to take care of with Parks & Recreation, Animal Control and Solid Waste and he appreciates the job he does for Franklin County. He thanked Mr. Davis for the job he does for the county. The Board thanked Mr. Davis. Mr. Moron said he needed help because of some COVID-19 exposure in his office and Mr. Davis sent a couple of employees to assist him in dealing with Courthouse matters. Commissioner Boldt agreed he has been responsive in his district too. Commissioner Parrish stated Mr. Davis worked for him before he came to work for the county and he does an excellent job. Mr. Davis thanked the Board and said it is good working with them.

#### **Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell**

Mrs. Jennifer Daniels, Emergency Management Coordinator, said Mrs. Brownell apologies for not being here today. She read her report, as follows:

G. Action Items:

1. Request the Boards Approval to retroact the Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS) Plan extension request letter signed on 07/21/20 by Chairman Lockley.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to retroactively approve the Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS) Plan Extension request letter.**

2. Request the Boards Approval and Signing of the Funding Agreement with FEMA for Public Assistance for COVID 19.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and sign the funding agreement with FEMA for Public Assistance for COVID-19.**

Commissioner Massey thanked Mrs. Daniels for her work.

Mr. Moron offered the following item for the Board's consideration:

1. Local State of Emergency (COVID-19): As authorized by the Board, Chairman Lockley signed COVID-19 Local State of Emergency (LSE) Declarations for the weeks starting July 13th, July 20th, July 27th, and August 3rd.  
Request: Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the stated COVID-19 LSE Declarations.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on the COVID-19 LSE declarations from July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:



2. Local State of Emergency (Potential Tropical Cyclone 9): Mrs. Pam Brownell, Emergency Management Director, requested the Chairman's signature on a Local State of Emergency Proclamation for what was anticipated as becoming Tropical Cyclone 9 and became Hurricane Isaias.

Request: Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Potential Tropical Cyclone LSE.

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Potential Tropical Cyclone LSE.**

Commissioner Jones inquired about the CARES Act. Mr. Moron said Ms. Traci Buzbee, The Management Experts, is calling in today.

Chairman Lockley asked if there are any more storms. Mrs. Daniels said there are a few waves they are watching.

Information Items:

3. EOC Staff along with our CERT Volunteers continue to distribute washable & Reusable cloth mask throughout our community. We have partnered with the City of Carrabelle and City of Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce along with the St. George Island & Eastpoint Visitor Centers to assist with distribution to local businesses and residents. We will continue this effort as long as supplies are available.

4. EOC Staff are working diligently with DOH Staff regarding the COVID-19 virus. This includes hosting meetings with representatives from DOH, Sheriff's Dept. Weems, and EMS, as needed. We also are assisting with Conference Calls, information distribution from DOH via Alert Franklin, Facebook and our EOC Website.

5. EOC Staff continue to participate in conference calls with State DEM, Region 2, DOH, FEMA, etc. regarding COVID 19. We also continue to update WebEOC with missions for PPE, Local State of Emergency, and SitReps.

6. EOC Staff continue to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. (Please see attached report regarding Hurricane Michael Projects). 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. EOC Staff has also began the FEMA reimbursement claim process for COVID-19.

Commissioner Parrish questioned if the county has to continually sign the LSE for COVID-19. He asked if there is a way Chairman Lockley can just sign these until COVID-19 is over rather than having to come back to the Board. Mr. Moron stated the Chairman signs the LSE every Monday morning and even though he has permission they are brought back to the Board to ratify so it is in the Board record. Mr. Moron pointed out there was a public records request for the LSE's recently.

**Extension Office Director – Erik Lovestrand**

Mr. Lovestrand reported there are no action items in his report but he has 1 more information item. He stated he just finished a 6 month summary of Extension Program activities and clientele that they have been serving. He reported a lot of this was done during COVID-19 and he wanted them to know his office has been very active. Mr. Lovestrand presented this report to the Board.

Commissioner Parrish inquired about #1 on the information items in relation to CARES Act funding for fisheries. Mr. Lovestrand reported there is CARES Act funding specifically focused on fisheries related businesses. He stated there is \$10 million allocated and Florida will get a share of the funding based on a number provided by the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC). He explained it is targeted toward commercial fishery related businesses, aquaculture related businesses and charter fishing businesses. He stated it is for any business that makes their living off of the fishing industry. He said seafood dealers are also included and can apply for the funding. Mr. Lovestrand explained a spending plan draft has been put together by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and is being submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in early August. He stated when NOAA approves the plan the funding will be distributed through the National Marine Fisheries Commission to the applicants that are successful in applying for the funding. Mr. Lovestrand stated instructions for applying are on FWC's website. He explained they have a good layout showing the draft plan and what people can expect. He stated there is an application period of 30 days for people to submit applications. Mr. Lovestrand said it is targeted to businesses that have lost revenue due to the pandemic. Commissioner Parrish asked for this link to be forwarded to the Commissioners. Mr. Lovestrand agreed to forward this information. Mr. Lovestrand reported he will have an article coming out in The Apalachicola Times next week and he also placed the information digitally in some other locations. Commissioner Parrish discussed issues with people being available to work during the pandemic and the problems this causes with a loss of revenue for the business. Mr. Lovestrand explained the business needs to be able to document at least 35% revenue loss over this 3 month period of COVID-19. He reported this figure is compared to the average revenue over the last 5 years. Commissioner Parrish said the 2 month lockdown was very harmful to the seafood industry because the restaurants were not open and they could not sell the seafood. Mr. Lovestrand agreed a lot of products were lost because they were perishable. Chairman Lockley asked if this funding is also for wild caught oysters. Mr. Lovestrand reported it is for aquaculture and wild caught oysters if they can document a loss of income due to COVID-19. Chairman Lockley questioned if this is a loan or a grant. Mr. Lovestrand responded a grant. Commissioner Boldt brought into discussion partnering in a new grant with Bay County and Gulf County for removal of marine debris from coastal habitats. Mr. Lovestrand said he participated in the application for funding with the Bay County Extension Director who put this application together. He explained the project was approved for \$3 million in grant funds through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Mr. Lovestrand reported this project will address marine debris in all 3 counties. He stated he worked with FWC on locating targets in Franklin County that were included on the list for funding. Mr. Lovestrand said he will be working with the project director who was hired by the Bay County Extension Office and FWC to get boats removed in the bay and creeks. He said they have even included a structure along Highway 98 that has fallen into the water along the shoreline. Mr. Lovestrand explained good information has been received from FWC about the coordinates of the vessels and whether or not fuel has been removed from the vessels. He stated the title for the vessel gets surrendered and turned over to NOAA. He reported there are 15-16 large targets for Franklin County included in this project. Commissioner Boldt stated this is good because there are a lot of private homes that have been abandoned and are falling into the water. He questioned if these items are considered marine debris. Mr. Lovestrand said they can be but are not always considered marine debris. He went on to say derelict vessels are not included because FWC will look at those items under the Derelict Vessel Program that has a separate pot of funding. He explained the vast majority of vessels are in Bay County because they had so much damage. Commissioner Parrish said he is talking about boats and buildings but there is a fine line on private property issues.

He explained individuals should have insurance to help if there is damage to their home or it washes away. He reported homes along the water are not normally considered marine debris. Commissioner Parrish described the locations of some of these boats that will be removed. Mr. Lovestrand stated FWC does a regular burning program in the marshes in the head of the bay and these large structures and boats are impairing their ability to burn the areas so they want to remove the vessels.

#### H. Extension Office Report

##### **Informational Items**

###### General Extension Activities:

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics interpretation of soil test results, murder hornets, bees, citrus and blueberry production, CARES Act funding for Fisheries-related businesses, rose pruning for better flowering, controlling invasive hydrilla in a private pond, and more.

###### Sea Grant Extension:

2. Extension Director worked with a team of five FL Sea Grant agents and two UF food safety professors to plan and co-host a two-day in-service training on the topic of Seafood Safety titled "How do you See Your Seafood." The primary audience was UF/IFAS faculty who work with seafood industry segments and State regulatory staff, primarily from FDACS. Interactive sessions and presentations were conducted via Zoom and provided information on a variety of topics focused around safe seafood handling practices, how the industry is regulated, and future anticipated challenges for seafood supply and demand.

3. The Extension Director participated on a planning team with other FL Sea Grant agents who work with clientele in aquaculture-related industry, regarding the initiation of a new intern program that will pair UF interns with various aquaculture businesses to provide an educational opportunity for interns, as well as providing staffing assistance to the businesses. Funding will be coming from FL Sea Grant to pay intern's salaries.

###### 4-H Youth Development:

4. 4-H youth are participating in a virtual 4-H University program this year due to the COVID pandemic.

5. A virtual 4-H Plant Camp is being conducted and available to Franklin, Bay and Gulf County youth.

6. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

###### Family and Consumer Sciences:

7. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.

8. Yearly statistics for nutrition programming in the schools were provided to the Franklin County Health Department for their reporting purposes.

#### **Library Director - Whitney Roundtree**

Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Roundtree is meeting with the Wilderness Coast IT Group at this time. He said the Board has her report and there are no action items. He asked the Board to let him know if they have any questions and he will have Mrs. Roundtree call them.

#### I. Library Director Report

##### **Informational/Reference items:**

1. The job posting for the two FT Library Assistants closes July 30th, 2020. I will begin interviewing and vetting applicants the following week. Eight applications have been received.

2. We have extended the deadline for the Summer Reading Challenges by one week, until August 7th, to allow more time for entries. Prizes will be drawn August 10th.
3. The libraries have seen a slow, but steady increase in usage. From July 1st- July 27th the Carrabelle branch had 514 physical check outs (not including digital materials) and the Eastpoint branch had 511 (not including digital materials). We also added 153 new and donated items to combined collection.

Mr. Moron asked to amend the Agenda to allow Mr. Solomon to present his report and then have the Planning & Zoning report. He stated they will then have Mrs. Beaudry address the Board, conduct the bid opening and continue with the Agenda.

Chairman Lockley asked if they filled the positions at the Library. Mr. Moron said she sent an email yesterday about what needs to be done after she fills the positions and he told her she needs to inform the Board. Mr. Moron stated he will ask her to call Chairman Lockley. Mr. Moron explained her report said there were 8 applicants and he assumes she interviewed all of the applicants.

#### **TDC - John Solomon (Administrator) – Report**

Mr. Solomon read his report for the Board, as follows:

##### **K. TDC Administrator's Report**

##### **Information Item:**

##### **Collections:**

1. The Collections for the month of May were \$123,839.27. Which is a 25% decrease from May 2019. This is a much higher collection number than originally estimated. That being said lodging was only open for 12 days in May. Attached you will find the collections report as well as a screen shot of the Software the TDC uses KeyData Dashboard. The first screen shot is for January 1st 2020 to December 31st 2020. If you see from June 1st to September 30th which shows that the occupancy is higher than last year in the same time period and, in some instances, much higher. Taking into account that this same time period last year was a record for collections in Franklin County. Compared to Northwest Florida as whole and some major tourist destinations in North West Florida they are showing a decrease in bookings compared to last year. The second chart shows a comparison of how Franklin County looks compared to Northwest Florida and Florida as a whole.

Mr. Solomon discussed the report for the Board and said starting around May 20<sup>th</sup> their collections increased above last year's collections and for the rest of the year they have been above what the collections were last year during the same time period. He pointed out this time last year was a record collection for the TDC. Mr. Solomon reported they are only down \$100,000 from last year's collections and looking at the paid occupancy rates for June and July they should match or surpass that amount.

Commissioner Parrish left the meeting at this time. Mr. Solomon explained a chart that shows Franklin County versus Northwest Florida and Florida in general on collections and Franklin County is over 25% higher in percentage on paid occupancy for 2020 than Northwest Florida and Florida in general. He said these are amazing numbers for the county in relation to collections and taxes. Mrs. Griffith read the following information:

In 2017, Visit Florida shared a study called the ‘Contribution of Travel and Tourism to the Florida Economy’. In that publication, Franklin County ranked second in Florida with 62% of employment being supported by tourism. The tourism industry in Franklin County results in property management businesses, cleaning services, yard maintenance, construction, fishing charters, dining, and spending in local shops and groceries. This economic activity contributes directly to Franklin County’s share calculation for state shared sales tax revenues, gas tax proceeds and health care trust fund tax dollars. To put the market in perspective, the state estimated Franklin County was going to have over 70 million dollars in taxable transient rentals this prior fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020 – for the third least populated county in Florida with a population just over 11,000 people, counties with similar taxable sales include much larger counties such as Flagler, Indian River, Marion, Martin, Pasco and Santa Rosa. We need to bring attention to the fact that the Tourism industry does have a positive impact on the county budget.

Mr. Solomon thanked Mrs. Griffith for this information. He explained if the TDC collections show a decrease that is multiplied for the county collections. He reported since they are showing an increase or a match that will mean the county collections will be similar to last year or more. Mr. Solomon reported TDC has a great team and during COVID-19 they have worked hard and understand the sensitivity of the area and are not doing heavy marketing. Mr. Solomon said knowing the county is leading the way in percentages and tied with last year for paid occupancy is good news.

Commissioner Jones read the following:

The Flagler Awards are an annual statewide competition recognizing outstanding Florida Tourism Marketing. The Program was created by Visit Florida to honor the countless individuals and organizations that help position Florida as the number 1 travel destination in the world. Each year the Flagler Awards pay tribute to the efforts of those who use their skills, resourcefulness, creativity and innovation to market Florida to the world.

Commissioner Jones said this year Franklin County TDC was notified that they have won 3 Flagler Awards but they do not know what place they have won. Commissioner Jones stated the first award was for television advertising for the 14 minute television show “Discover the Forgotten Coast”. He reported the second award is for resource promotion material category for the Franklin County Visitors’ Guide and the third is the direct marketing category for “The Villages Open for Business and Peace and Quiet Invitation. Commissioner Jones stated the awards ceremony has been cancelled but they will receive notice and hope one award will be a Henry which is top place. He said there are good things going on in TDC. Mr. Moron questioned if these are statewide awards. Commissioner Jones answered yes. Commissioner Boldt said it shows the cooperation of the different departments in the county as they look at good health guidelines. He stated people view Franklin County as a safe harbor to come and enjoy their tourist opportunities. He explained the county does not have the problems they are facing down south and that is due to the quality management they have done in the last few months. The Board thanked Mr. Solomon for this work.

Recessed at 10:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

**Planning and Zoning – Amy Ham-Kelly – Report 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Moron said all the people who have requests are on the phone and muted and if they have a question or the Board has a question they will be unmuted to speak. Mrs. Ham-Kelly provided her report, as follows:

**Critical Shoreline Applications**

- M. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 3, Block H, Magnolia Bluffs, 215 North Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has all State and Federal Permits. The dock will be 269' x 4' with a 26' x 6' terminal platform and a 12' x 20' boatlift. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Charles Galloway, applicant. (Existing House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into East Bay. Staff recommendation is to approve this item.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

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

- N. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 46, River's Edge, 208 Sand Bar Road, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has all State and Federal Permits. The dock will have a 23' x 6' and a 10' x 40' fixed boardwalk, a 6' x 20' walkway and a 6' x 40' floating hinged dock. Request submitted by Dan Garlick, applicant. (Proposed House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into the Apalachicola River. Staff recommends approval of this item.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

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

- O. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 25, Indian Bay Village, 2009 Seminole Lane, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant will need State and Federal Permits. The dock will have (2) 78' x 4' boardwalks over wetlands, 130' x 4' dock and a 20' x 6' terminal platform. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for John Sims, applicant. (Proposed House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into the Apalachicola Bay. The State and Federal Permits have been issued.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

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

- P. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 28, Indian Bay Village, 2023 Seminole Lane, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has State permits and will need the Federal permits. The boardwalk over wetlands will be 199' x 4' and the dock will be 436' x 4' with (2) 10' x 20' boatlifts and a 6' x 20' terminal platform. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Timothy Padgett, applicant. (Proposed House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into the Apalachicola Bay. The Federal permit has not been issued yet. Staff recommends approval of this dock subject to obtaining the Army Corps of Engineer Permit.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request subject to obtaining the Army Corps of Engineer permit.**

- Q. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 16, Heron Bay Village, 2215 Sea Gull Way, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant will need State and Federal Permits. The boardwalk over wetlands will be 120' x 4', the dock will be 438' x 4' with (1) 30' x 13' Boatlift and (1) 12' x 20' Boatlift and a 20' x 8' terminal platform. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Hugh Whitehead, applicant. (Proposed House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into the Apalachicola Bay. The State and Federal Permits have been issued. Staff recommends approving this item.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

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

- R. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 3, Block R, Peninsular Point, Unit 5, 1545 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has both State and Federal Permits. The dock will be 229' x 4' with a 6' x 20' terminal platform and a 12' x 20' proposed boatlift. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Robert Kirby, applicant. (House Under Construction- #29097)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This dock will extend into Alligator Harbor. The State permit for the 40' extension has been received. Staff recommends approve of this item subject to obtaining the Federal permit.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**Commissioner Boldt made a motion to approve this request subject to obtaining the federal permit. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked if they are continuing to get their permits. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they will not issue the county permit until they have the Corps of Engineers permit. **Motion carried; 5-0**

- S. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lots 5-6, Block M, Peninsular Point, Unit 3, 1529 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has both State and Federal Permits. The dock will have a 6' x 6' platform and the dock will be 225' x 5' with a 12' x 25' boat slip with lift, a 8' x 20' terminal platform, an 8' x 5' floating jet ski platform with a separate 4' x 10' stairs. (The 8' x 22' portable building would not be permitting in the VE Flood Zone nor in the Critical Habitat Zone). Request submitted by Aaron Sarchet, Florida Environmental Land Services, agent for Michelle Darpel and Lonnie Davis, applicant. (Existing House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The dock will extend into Alligator Harbor. Staff recommends approving the dock and stairway in this application.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the dock and stairway in this application.**

- T. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 5, Block 51, Unit 5, 309 Gander Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant has both State and Federal Permits. The dock will be 5' x 28' with a 8' x 20' terminal platform and a 10' x 20' boat slip with lift. Request submitted by Aaron Sarchet, Florida Environmental Land Services, agent for Rudy Rowe, applicant. (The proposed house is situated over wetlands.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The dock will extend into a canal off of Apalachicola Bay. There is an isolated Corps of Engineers' wetland on the lot that will have to be filled to build the house. The applicant has an Army COE (Federal Permit) to fill this wetland for a house pad. Staff recommends approving this item.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

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

Mr. Moron said when he talked to the Board about the consent agenda these items would be presented and Mrs. Ham-Kelly would ask for one motion that covered all the requests. He reported if they had questions on an item that item would be removed and they would discuss it separately. He said they would not go through each request because the Board would have already talked with Mr. Curenton and Mrs. Ham-Kelly about the requests. Commissioner Jones stated the extended problem with the dock permits is making sure they are constructed right and take into consideration the riparian lot lines. He said they need the building department to make sure these docks are being placed where they are permitted and not wherever they want to construct the dock. Commissioner Jones reported that is the purpose behind what they are doing and the riparian lot lines are important and it is difficult to address once the structure is in place. Commissioner Parrish said this must be stressed by county staff when the applicant get their permits. He stated they need to know that the county will check behind them. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion that staff warn people that once they get the permit that permit allows them to build the dock where it is stated.** He explained if they build across the riparian lot lines and do not build according to the permit that has been issued then they are subject to having to remove the dock and start over. **Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley said they need to follow the permit or they will have to remove the dock. Commissioner Boldt reported this may be another assignment for a code compliance department. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

### **Final Plat Applications**

- U. Consideration of a request to Final Re-Plat "Island Breeze" to "Island Breeze Phase II" a 4 lot subdivision lying in Section 28, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Thurman Roddenberry, agent for Charles and Angela Overstreet, applicants.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The promised changes have been made to the parcels south of Highway 98. Staff recommends approving this item.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve the final re-plat. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones asked if they are re-doing the properties south of Highway 98. Mrs.



Ham-Kelly presented the final plat and said the original plat had a road that was platted in the center of the 2 south properties on Highway 98 and all the lots entered through Highway 98 through that 1 road. She explained in the re-plat they took the road out and the 2 back lots will access off CC Land Road and the 2 front lots will access off of Highway 98. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said that is basically the only difference but the language on the 4 south side parcels say the lots have access to these parcels. She reported the lots on the south side are not buildable. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

### Commercial Site Plan Review

- V. Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review for an 8,000 square foot climate controlled self-storage facility located at 162 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. 32 Units will be conditioned and 8 non-conditioned units. Request submitted by Wade Brown, Edwin Brown and Associates and Jonathan Barwick, Southeastern Engineering, agents for 98 Storage, LLC, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This project is located in front of the existing Seminole Self Storage buildings in Eastpoint. This application appears to meet all the requirements for a commercial development. Staff recommends approving this items.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.** Commissioner Boldt stated he looked at the site plan and drove by the property and this is well done

- W. Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review for (5) 18' x 40' Recreation Boat Storage Units located on Lots 6 & 7, Block 1, David Brown Estates, 257 Creamer Street, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Christopher B. Varnes, applicant. (Building #5 will extend 2 feet onto Lot 6 which is also owned by Mr. Varnes and is currently zoned C-4 Mixed Use Residential)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Mr. Varnes owns Lots 6 and 7, Block 1, David Brown Estates, except for a 30' x 40' parcel out of Lot 7 owned by Water Management Services (St. George Island Water System). The property is zoned C-4. This proposal meets the requirements for commercial development.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated this item has been withdrawn by the applicant. She reported the applicant will come back and do commercial site plan on another property.

- X. Consideration of a request to construct a Commercial Pool, Pole Barn Activity Center, Men/Women's Bath House, 4 Coastal Suites, Laundry and Check-In Center located at 909 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Michael Seamon, Cox Pools, agent for Coastline Rentals, LLC, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** There are 8 parking spaces shown on the site plan. The enclosed structure such as the restrooms, coastal suites and check-in will have to meet the flood elevation requirements. There is no indication on the site plan about how the stormwater will be taken care of. Staff recommends approve subject to receiving any required stormwater permit or exemptions.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request subject to receiving any required stormwater permit or exemptions.**

### **Land Use/Re-Zoning Applications**

- Y. Consideration of a request for a Public Hearing to change 1.40 (+/-) acres parcel for a Land Use Change from Commercial and Residential to Commercial and a Re-Zoning from C-4 Residential Mixed Use and R-4 Single Family Home Industry to C-3 Commercial Recreation on property described as 16 North Franklin Street, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request Submitted by (Eastpoint Lands LLC) Bruce Millender, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** A portion of the property in this request is located on the easement for the electrical transmission line through Eastpoint. I am uncertain what development Duke Energy will allow beneath their transmission line. The applicant has not submitted any analysis to support this request. Staff recommends tabling this request until the applicant supplies more information about the requested change.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny Public Hearing Request

Commissioner Jones asked if the request is for a public hearing. Mrs. Ham-Kelly replied yes. Chairman Lockley said they cannot table this request for a public hearing. Commissioner Jones explained that is why he is confused because every time they have a request like this the Board approves going to a public hearing. He asked if this can be worked out at the public hearing. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated this matter could be discussed at a public hearing but the information is part of the analysis that is required. Chairman Lockley inquired if they are just asking for a public hearing and nothing else. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes, they are asking for a public hearing to change the property zoning and land use. Chairman Lockley stated they have to give them a public hearing and cannot deny a public hearing. Attorney Shuler explained staff did not recommend denying the request but asked to table for more information. He said they are correct and the Board's policy has been to send people to a public hearing and not deny the public hearing. Attorney Shuler reported he does not know the reason for the tabling or what other information is being requested so he is not in a position to advise the Board on staff's request. He said the recommendation is not to deny the request but staff is looking for more information from the applicant so they can make a recommendation. Attorney Shuler stated it is the Board's discretion if they want to proceed to a public hearing and work it out there. Commissioner Parrish asked if they send this item to a public hearing and the request is denied then the applicant cannot re-apply for a year. Attorney Shuler stated that is correct. Commissioner Parrish reported Duke Energy does not allow anyone to development anything under their transmission lines. He explained if the transmission lines are damaged then they must get to the area with trucks and cannot have development under the transmission lines. Commissioner Parrish said if they table this request to get more information and then they hold a public hearing then it may be approved or it could be approved like it is. He stated this transmission line runs down the middle of Eastpoint and the last time it came up Duke Energy said they could plant flowers but they are not going to allow you to develop under those lines. He reported they cannot rezone the property under Duke Energy's transmission line because they do not own the property. He explained the request and part of the rezoning is the easement Duke Energy has for the transmission lines. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported this will affect the next request also. Chairman Lockley stated they will not be denying the request. Commissioner Parrish reported staff is asking for more information. He stated if that part is not removed the request will probably be denied and he cannot reapply for a year. Mrs. Ham-Kelly

explained they are asking to table until the applicant can provide documentation from Duke Energy that what they are anticipating putting there can be done. She said they do not want to go through the whole process and then Duke Energy says they cannot do this. Commissioner Massey questioned if it is best to table this matter and see what Mr. Millender can do. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated the table is not denying him due diligence but tabling this matter so he can find out if Duke Energy will allow anything in the easement. Commissioner Parrish asked how he can rezone something he does not own. Mrs. Ham-Kelly responded he owns the property but is not allowed to do anything in the easement. Commissioner Parrish explained he can rezone the property he owns but not the easement. He said this will set a precedent for Duke Energy and they are not going to do this because they would have to do it for everyone in this situation and then they could not maintain their transmission lines. Chairman Lockley questioned how long it will take to get this information. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated that will depend on the applicant because he would need to contact Duke Energy. She went on to say the analysis is done by the applicant. Commissioner Massey asked if the applicant is wanting to table. Mrs. Ham-Kelly was not sure but felt the applicant wanted this to go forward. She reported Mr. Curenton went through the analysis and recommends tabling this request until the applicant provides further analysis. Mr. Moron said it sounds like they need to table this for the applicant's protection. He reported this will save it from being denied and having to wait a year to reapply. He stated the best course forward is to table this and let the applicant get this information to satisfy the staff and then come back with a favorable response and then proceed with a public hearing. Commissioner Parrish said he cannot rezone property he does not own and must remove that portion with the easement. Chairman Lockley reported they can table it and then if the applicant is not satisfied they can give him a public hearing. Commissioner Jones questioned if tabling this before it goes to the public hearing is the most economically sustainable because it does not cost any more money. Mrs. Ham-Kelly agreed and said once it is approved for a public hearing they charge the applicant and the land use and rezoning is \$500 per item and he has 2 items. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley said to tell the applicant to get the information because it is needed. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

- Z. Consideration of a request for Public Hearing to change .34 (+/-) acres parcel for a Land Use Change from Commercial and Residential to Commercial and a Re-Zoning from C-4 Residential Mixed Use and R-4 Single Family Home Industry to C-3 Commercial Recreation on property described as 15-4<sup>th</sup> Street, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request Submitted by (Eastpoint Lands LLC) Bruce Millender, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This property is located on the easement for the electrical transmission line through Eastpoint. I am uncertain what development Duke Energy will allow beneath their transmission line. It is located on 4th Street, which connects to Otterslide Road and carries more traffic than the average residential street in Eastpoint. The applicant has not submitted any analysis to support this request. Staff recommends tabling this request until the applicant supplies more information about the requested change.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny Public Hearing Request

**Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley said to tell the applicant to bring this information. Commissioner Parrish asked what he wants to do with .34 of an acre. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated he wants to do RV parking pads for workforce housing. Commissioner Parrish questioned how many he wants to put on 1/3 of an acre. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said it will depend on the water and sewer availability and the health department regulates the number of units on the lot. Commissioner Parrish inquired why they do not have this

information before it comes to the Board. He questioned if they have a site plan. Commissioner Parrish asked how they are supposed to make an informed decision without this information. He clarified they approve the rezone and then have site plan approval. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes commercial site approval. Commissioner Massey inquired what the applicant wants to put on the property. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated RV pads. She explained the Health Department requires a certain size paved pad for RV's. Commissioner Massey said he wants to have an RV park. Mrs. Ham-Kelly replied yes, that is her understanding. Chairman Lockley asked if the lots are next to each other. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said no, and described the locations. Commissioner Massey agreed with Commissioner Parrish that they are not going to allow a camper under the power line. Chairman Lockley asked if he must have permission to pull a camper under their transmission line. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported Duke Energy would have to approve anything they do and that is the information they do not have and the reason for the request to table. Mr. Moron said this is the same issue because Duke Energy has easements and that is their property. Commissioner Parrish reported if you rezoned this easement it would be for Duke Energy not for Mr. Millender. Chairman Lockley asked if this is his property or Duke Energy's property. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported Mr. Millender has the deed but there is an easement through the property and he is asking for the whole property but does not have a sufficient analysis. Mr. Moron clarified Duke Energy has an easement on Mr. Millender's property. Commissioner Parrish said the property is basically dedicated to Duke Energy for the power line. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

#### **Langton Consultants - Melissa Beaudry – Update**

- L. RESTORE Act- Direct Component Funding Update  
Franklin County "Pot 1" projects approved in the MYP:
  - 1. County-wide Dune Restoration: \$110,000.00  
Sixteen (16) miles of coastline including St. George Island residential area, the Carrabelle Beach area, Alligator Point, and Bald Point
  - 2. St. George Island Storm water Drainage Improvement: \$110,000.00  
The commercial district on St. George Island, which runs from 3rd St. East to 3rd St. West, from Gorrie Drive to Bayshore Drive, and covers approximately 70 acres.  
The process for getting funding through the RESTORE Act is a complex and frustratingly long process. A timeline of the main aspects of the process so far are as follows: Treasury approved the MYP on January 23, 2020 and the next stage in the process was to develop and submit full grant applications and submit those into the online system. In 2020 Treasury closed their open application system to transition to a different application format and reopened a new application portal in June 2020. In March 2020 the RFQs for both projects were submitted to Treasury for desk review in anticipation of submitting them with the grant applications. On July 20, 2020 we received approval from Treasury for the RFQs and are now submitting the grant applications in the online system.  
Once the applications are submitted, they will be reviewed through an iterative process and then approved by Treasury. A grant award is anticipated for the projects in October or November and work can begin on both projects immediately. As the grant award date approaches, we can release the RFQs for bid in anticipation of the grant award. We will continue to work with staff throughout the process and will continue to update the board of developments as we work toward grant award on these and future applications.

Ms. Beaudry appeared via telephone. She reported they are the county's consultants working on the RESTORE Pot 1 project. She explained the process has been extremely frustrating and she wanted to provide an update for the Board. She stated the MYP (Multi-year Implementation Plan) was approved

the beginning of 2020 and unfortunately with timing the grant cycle closed after the MYP was approved. Ms. Beaudry reported Treasury told them the cycle closed because they are improving the process. She stated they just reopened the new online application system and it looks similar to them but Treasury says it is more efficient. She said they are hopeful this means they can submit the application and it will not take a year to get a grant award as it has in the past. Ms. Beaudry explained the 2 projects that they have approved in the MYP is \$110,000 for county-wide dune restoration and \$110,000 for the St. George Island Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project. She reported these items will be 2 planning grants to do all the design work for these 2 projects. She stated they are in the final stages of putting these applications in the system and then they must go through the process of getting approval. She estimated it will take 2-3 months to get approval which would be October or November. Ms. Beaudry explained once they get further into the approval process and have an anticipated award date they can start the bid process so they will not lose any more time. She stated they will put together the applications in a way that they will streamline some designs straight into construction instead of having to do a different application for construction. Ms. Beaudry stated she is waiting on approval from Treasury saying she can do this. She reminded the Board Langton Consultants do not get paid until the work is done. She said they understand the frustration and want the projects to move forward. She reported they continue to work with Treasury and are available to do more reports if needed or to answer any questions. Commissioner Jones said he would like the public to know when they started the process for these 2 projects. Ms. Beaudry replied the Board starting talking about the MYP in 2018 and they started work on the MYP in 2019. She said they developed the MYP and then went out to public comment and then to review by Treasury. She reported they got approval for the MYP on January 23, 2020. She explained they had issues with the portal being closed and reopened and this is the county's money and it should be flowing continuously but this is still a grant application that goes through the federal system and has open and closed dates. Ms. Beaudry reported the portal just reopened on July 1, 2020 and they received approval on July 20<sup>th</sup> for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ's). She said now they are ready to submit in the online system. Commissioner Jones stated the county has been in this process for 1-2 years. Commissioner Boldt said he is interested in the county wide dune restoration and asked what the MYP stands for. Ms. Beaudry reported the MYIP or MYP as Treasury calls it is the multi-year implementation plan. She stated this is the planning document that Treasury requires for a county to plan how they want to spend their allocation over the 15 years the money will become available to the local governments. Ms. Beaudry said the document will be updated when the projects get moving and she will come back to the Board to plan ahead on what money will be available and what future projects they want to use the money for. She reported they will use the same model for projecting when the funds should be used, what the scope of work is and how it meets eligibility. Ms. Beaudry explained the MYP is the planning document required before submitting applications for specific projects. Commissioner Boldt questioned if the \$110,000 is only for design work on these projects. Ms. Beaudry answered that is correct and once they have the design then they will understand the construction costs and that will be funded through RESTORE. She explained the first 2 construction projects would be the first use of funds after approval of the planning grant. Commissioner Boldt requested Ms. Beaudry keep them informed and show illustrations so they can show their constituents. Ms. Beaudry reported she will also be talking about RESTORE at the next Board meeting because she would like to let the Board know when she gets the applications submitted. She said when there is time on the agenda she can also provide an outline of the MYP, what funds are available and how they can plan for other projects. Commissioner Parrish explained a lot of counties that received BP funds had their money planned out

and what they wanted to use their money for. He reported the county came up with the dune restoration project after Hurricane Michael washed most of the dunes away on St. George Island and some on Alligator Point. He stated they tried to come up with a plan to build the dunes back. He said the county has not planned long range because things change so much. Commissioner Parrish reported the county is also moving slower than other counties because they are doing project by project. Commissioner Parrish explained they do not want to obligate all of the money at one time because things change. He stated they are trying to take care of issues as they come along rather than doing a 10 year plan and allocating and spending all of the money. He explained if something comes up that needs to be addressed this is a funding source. Commissioner Parrish stated they have discussed obligating \$4 million for beach renourishment to protect the road at Alligator Point but problems have come up with putting back the beach if it washes away because FEMA will only pay 50% of the costs. He explained without a mechanism in place to generate the other 50% this project will not move forward. Commissioner Parrish said the MYIP means they can allocate money over 10-15 years but they do not want to get a plan approved that far out when things change quickly. He reported some counties did a 10 year plan and there money is already allocated. Commissioner Parrish said the previous Board decided they would not allocate all this money because the money does not go away and is at Treasury in the name of Franklin County. He reported the oyster industry may need more help and there are many items that could come up and this is the funding mechanism for those items. Commissioner Parrish stated the allocation comes down each year for 15 years so they are letting the allocation build up. He reminded the Board this is a onetime funding source. Commissioner Parrish explained these are just the planning grants and they do not know how much it will cost to implement the plans. Commissioner Jones asked what the reasonable expectation is between the design and the projects going out to bid. Ms. Beaudry reported that is contingent on how long the consultants take to plan the project. She stated they are not bound by Treasury to have a certain amount of time between planning and construction. She explained once they go out for bids for the planning work and the consultant is selected and they get better numbers on the construction costs they can start even if the final design is not done. She stated if she can get the budget and scope then she can start to put together the MYIP process in the grant application. Ms. Beaudry reported this can be done concurrently with the planning work so when they are ready to submit the application for the construction they are not losing too much time. She said it will depend on how long the design work takes and a couple of months must be allowed for Treasury's review. Ms. Beaudry reported she hopes they will be under construction by the summer or fall of next year but that is based on factors they do not have control over. She explained in relation to what Commissioner Parrish said he is right about the county's conservative approach to the funding. She commented they are working with other counties and even though it looks like Franklin County is going slower they are doing the right thing by not planning out and creating expectations to the public on projects that are not necessarily a priority years down the road. Ms. Beaudry explained a lot of counties are running into an issue because they planned out their money and priorities changed so now they are having to go back and re-do the planning document and process. She pointed out a county can have to start the process over for a simple scope change. Ms. Beaudry reported Gulf County had to re-start the process on their beach nourishment project. She said it does appear Franklin County is moving slower but it is a more efficient way to use the funds. She reported when they look at the MYIP it does not say they have to dedicate the money and find new projects. She stated that money can sit in the account to the benefit of Franklin County for whatever time it takes for the county to find new projects. Chairman Lockley thanked Mrs. Beaudry for her report.

## RFP / RFQ / Bids Opening

- J. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified Florida licensed general contractors of Florida licensed builder, company or corporation interested in constructing: St. George Island Restroom Design.

The project is located at 2 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Florida 32328 and consists of the construction of an elevated restroom building, handicap ramps, deck, water service connection, and septic sewer on St. George Island, Florida.

Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud at the August 4, 2020 Franklin County Board of County Commission regular meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. (ET) at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Mr. Moron opened and read the bids, as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Storm Construction, LLC	Carrabelle, FL	\$450,000.00
OliverSperry Renovation	Tallahassee, FL	\$568,893.00
North Florida Construction, Inc.	Clarksville, FL	\$468,001.00

All companies submitted bid bonds. Mr. Moron stated the bids will go to the engineer for review. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to send the bids to the engineer for review and a recommendation.** Mrs. Griffith inquired if the Board would like her to research financing alternatives for construction. Mr. Moron said the cost will be paid back through TDC. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct Mrs. Griffith to research financing alternatives for the construction.**

### Weems Memorial Hospital - David Walker (CEO) – Update

Mr. Walker thanked the Board for their work. He stated Mrs. Brownell in partnership with the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) delivered 30,000 masks and 1,000 face shields to the hospital which increased their personal protective equipment (PPE) availability. He explained in the ongoing partnership with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) a wound clinic is coming to the hospital. He stated they are having ongoing discussions and meetings with TMH representatives to add their service lines to the hospital and clinic. Mr. Walker explained there are a lot of people in the county going out of county for wound care services so they would bring this service to the grounds of the hospital. He reported they want to have this service at the hospital because they receive better reimbursement rates. He said there are staff at TMH that have family owned homes in the county and are willing to help staff this clinic. Mr. Walker reported they will start small and build the program up as demand increases. He said they feel with the number of people leaving the county for wound care they can have the program here in the county. He stated they are trying to create access to care.

Mr. Walker reported in working with TMH they hosted a physician here last month that is interested in working in Franklin County. He said the physician toured both the hospital and clinics and has a

background in critical access hospitals and rural health clinics as well as EMS. He stated TMH offered the position and contract and the physician has accepted and his tentative start date is November 23, 2020. Mr. Walker explained TMH will pay market share price for the lease of their facilities for this physician. He stated this physician has family in Ocala and wants to move back to the area. He said the physician talked with the previous administration about coming here and he stayed in contact with Ms. Ginny Griner, Weems Memorial Hospital, through the years and then got this opportunity. Mr. Walker reported the physician likes Weems Memorial Hospital and currently works at a critical access hospital, oversees the EMS and runs the clinic. Mr. Walker stated they are very excited about that part of the partnership.

Mr. Walker stated they are still participating in statewide calls with the Surgeon General and the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) about bed availability and ICU beds. He said they are also monitoring staff for surging hot spots. He explained when areas have a surge the state employs nursing professionals to come into the communities to assist hospitals. Mr. Walker reported they still have monthly calls with TMH and Capital Regional Medical Center to continue to partner with them during the pandemic. He explained they may be on a downward turn with COVID-19 but they still have flu season coming up. Mr. Walker said when school starts back they will have to work together because there are a lot of variables. He stated in Franklin County the health care entities have joined together and are also working with other county and city departments in relation to COVID-19. Mr. Walker said there is also a regional strategy with the major hospitals in Leon County and Bay County. Commissioner Boldt reported the wound care clinic is spectacular and he has seen it successfully operated at TMH. He pointed out Capital Health Plan (CHP) also has a wound care clinic within their facility. Commissioner Boldt reported he specializes in post wound care management and invites the hospital to consider having a compression garment component post wound care. He said the staff will know about this item. Commissioner Boldt estimated the partnership with TMH is worth about \$300,000 with bringing in the physician and all the components that go with it. He stated the county has a tremendous opportunity with TMH and the management company working with TMH.

Commissioner Boldt asked about standard flu vaccinations as they enter the new flu season. Mr. Walker reported a flu vaccination campaign will come out from the Health Department and Weems Memorial Hospital will join in. He said the campaign will probably start in September and they will encourage people to get a vaccination before the season starts. Mr. Walker reported their clinical department has talked about this and could do a campaign but prefer to do it in partnership with the Health Department because they specialize in these items.

Mr. Walker reported his action item is the Paycheck Protection Program. He explained last month they were able to apply for this program for the funding was exhausted. He stated People's South Bank assisted them with the loan and they received approval for \$930,855 which would cover 2 ½ payrolls. He reported the loan will be fully forgiven. Mr. Walker explained 60% of the money must be used for payroll costs but they will use 100% for payroll. Mr. Walker stated they were able to get the loan because they receive less than 50% of their revenue from the county. He requested Board action to accept the loan and open the account at People's South Bank. He stated initially when this program started public hospitals could not apply because they were owned by public entities. Mr. Walker reported a lot of lobbying occurred and they came up with a rule that if they receive less than 50% of revenue from the county then they could apply. He explained a lot of small rural critical access



hospitals applied early on and the money ran out. He said they were notified there was a window of opportunity to apply and they applied and received the money. Mrs. Griffith reported one of the requirements is to set up a separate account so they can easily verify payroll expenditures. She explained they need authorization from the Board to set up a new account. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept the loan and open the account.** Commissioner Boldt said this is another example of how the federal government favors rural hospitals. Mr. Walker stated there may be a push for more funding for infrastructure needs for small rural hospitals. He reported they want to be involved and make sure Franklin County is not forgotten. He thanked the Board for their support. Chairman Lockley said if the Board had gone the other way this money would be going to Port St. Joe. He stated they did the right thing to keep the hospital here. Commissioner Jones clarified the Board is in the process of engaging with Mr. Jim Coleman's company, Alliant, to see what they can come up with. He said there have been several statements indicating this was done and he questioned where they are in the process. Mr. Moron explained they are continuing to negotiate with Mr. Coleman and based on the negotiations they will make a decision. Chairman Lockley reported his understanding was they had 2 choices and they have not picked Mr. Coleman yet but out of the 2 they went with Mr. Coleman. Commissioner Jones agreed that is correct.

#### **Clerk of Courts – Marcia M. Johnson – Report**

Clerk Johnson presented her report, as follows:

##### **DD. Clerk of Courts Report**

###### **Action Items:**

1. Board action is requested relative to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB):
    - a. Two county commissioners must be appointed;
    - b. A citizen member who owns homestead property within the county must be appointed. The citizen member cannot be a member or employee of any taxing authority. Mr. Donnie Gay has graciously agreed to serve should it be the desire of the Board.
- Board action is requested to appoint two commissioners and to appoint Mr. Donnie Gay as the citizen member to the VAB.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to appoint Commissioner Boldt, Chairman Lockley, and Mr. Donnie Gay to the Value Adjustment Board.** Attorney Shuler said Chairman Lockley is involved in an election. Mr. Moron explained they usually appoint the Commissioners that are not running for election. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Commissioner Parrish, Commissioner Boldt and Mr. Donnie Gay to the Value Adjustment Board.** Clerk Johnson said Mr. Moron is working with Mrs. Hines to use Zoom for the hearings. Mr. Moron agreed all the meetings would be virtual. Clerk Johnson stated last year they did not have any hearings so they will hope for the best this year.

###### **Information Item:**

2. For information, a copy of the county's audit reports for the year 18/19 has been provided to the Board and has been posted on the county's website.

Clerk Johnson said the county had a good audit and there were no findings to worry about.

Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Griffith has some updates on the budget and then they will break for lunch and come back at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Griffin provided the following update:

At the Budget Workshop on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> the BOCC set a preliminary millage rate for the TRIM notices at 5.9026, just below the current millage rate of 5.9494. The renewal rates for Capital Health Plan were not available at the time of the budget meeting and an estimated 10% increase (\$144,492 in additional cost) was used for the preliminary budget presentation. Capital Health Plan released the renewal rate yesterday at a 2% increase. The cost for individual coverage will rise from \$645.31 per month to \$658.22 per month. This reduction from the estimated 10% increase to 2% will reduce the proposed budget by \$114,599. Although the rate that will go out on the TRIM notices will be the 5.9026, at the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing if all other conditions remain the same, the BOCC will incorporate this reduction and the preliminary millage rate will fall to 5.8490 – from 3.69 percent over the rolled-back rate to 2.75% over the rolled-back rate. We are hopeful at this time that further reductions will be possible with legislative progress on HEROES funding for revenue losses by county government and updates from the second revenue estimating conference later this month.

Chairman Lockley said they are lucky. Commissioner Jones agreed a 2% increase on the insurance is low.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

#### **CareerSource Workforce - Kim Bodine (Executive Director) – Request**

Ms. Bodine appeared via telephone. She said annually the Board approves their budget and waiver. She reported the budget is included in the Board's packet. She explained the budget is higher this year than last year because they anticipating money for the displaced worker grant. Ms. Bodine stated without additional grants their budget is usually about \$5 million. She reported if the Board has any questions then she will have the finance person available to answer the questions. She explained in relation to the Individual Training Account (ITA) Waiver under state law they are required to spend 50% of their Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for classrooms and other types of training. She said it has been difficult for them to manage how to spend the money because they cannot force people to go into training. Ms. Bodine stated right now it is more difficult to get individuals interested in going into training because of the pandemic. Ms. Bodine said they usually seek a waiver to make their goal 30% of their funding but they strive for 50%. She reported for the year that ended June 30<sup>th</sup> they were about 40% for the amount of dollars required to go into training. She explained the reason they ask for the waiver is because the penalties for not hitting their mark are punitive and rolls into the following year to increase the amount they must spend. Ms. Bodine stated they like to air on the side of caution with this request. She said the Board has approved this ITA Waiver for many years. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the budget and ITA waiver.**

AA. Request:

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act require local workforce development areas to partner/work with specific entities within the community and to outline their commitments through the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU/IFA) between partners. It is also required that each MOU/IFA is approved by the chief elected officials in each county where CSGC serves. These documents were last written and approved in 2017 for a three year term; therefore, all must be renewed in 2020.

All one-stop partner programs must contribute to the infrastructure costs and certain additional costs of the one-stop delivery system based on their proportionate use, as required by 20 CFR 678.700 and 678.760, 34 CFR 361.700 and 361.760, and 34 CFR 463.700 and 463.760. A partner's contribution must be an allowable, reasonable, necessary, and allocable cost to the program, consistent with the Federal Cost Principles set forth in the Uniform Guidance.

Attachment1: Copy of the remaining mandatory MOU/IFA for:

1. Dept. of Education, Division of Blind Services

Ms. Bodine said the Board approved some of the MOU's at the last meeting but the Division of Blind Services had not completed their portion of the MOU yet so it is being submitted this month with the other items. She explained the MOU outlines what they are committing to in supporting their work and what they are committing to do in supporting the work of job centers. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this MOU for the Department of Education, Division of Blind Services.**

Mr. Moron stated the last item is the email Ms. Bodine sent yesterday. Ms. Bodine reported the email was concerning some data they requested from DEO related to unemployment claims. She explained normally when someone applies for unemployment they are required to register in the job matching system (Employ Florida) for the State of Florida which is administered through Workforce Boards. She stated because of the pandemic, social distancing and the large number of people being unemployed within weeks DEO stopped the migration of data to them and the Governor waived the requirement for individuals to register in this system. She said the Governor also waived the requirement during the pandemic for job searches. Ms. Bodine explained because of this they cannot reach out to individuals that applied for unemployment through the system to get them registered for work. She said they also wanted to look at the number of individuals and any commonality and reach out to them. She reported at some point this requirement not to register and do job searches will end and they do not want a huge amount of people to try to get in the system at one time. Ms. Bodine stated they have always had access to this information in the past and starting in March they requested the information be transmitted to them so they could start to assist these individuals over the phone with getting into the system to prepare for when the pandemic ends. She explained DEO decided that in order for them to access the data the County Commission needed to sign an agreement allowing them to receive the data. Ms. Bodine stated they are confused why now they must have a new level of approval for data they have always received in the past. Ms. Bodine reported yesterday they sent a sample agreement for the County Commission. She said she shared this information with Mr. Moron and he sent it to Attorney Shuler for review. Ms. Bodine reported Attorney Shuler had some questions and she believes she has answered his questions. She explained for the Board to be more comfortable

with them receiving the data they could create an agreement with the county describing why they need the data, what they use the data for and that the data is secure. Ms. Bodine stated everyone that works in a job center and has access to data has to complete a security agreement with the State of Florida. She reported the agreement the county signed last month with DEO also has sections that clarifies how they are to treat confidential information. Ms. Bodine stated when the agreement with DEO is finalized then she will come back to the County Commission to see if they will agree that DEO can share the data with them. Commissioner Parrish said if they are allowed to receive this data they will not force someone into a job until the state tells them they must do this to keep collecting their unemployment. Ms. Bodine responded they cannot force anyone into a job but at some point the unemployment will end and people will be looking for jobs. She explained at that time all of them will have to go through the process of registering and they are trying to be proactive and keep that from happening all at once. She reported they would like to reach out to these individuals with help registering and with job leads. Commissioner Parrish pointed out right now most people are not looking for a job and he does not want to put their constituency in a different place than everyone else in the state. He questioned if they just want to get a head start registering people into the system. Ms. Bodine said that is correct. Commissioner Parrish asked how they will reach them if they cannot contact them by telephone. Ms. Bodine explained they will push this information out on social media and do press releases with the media. She stated they understand the climate and that many people are concerned about getting back out in the workplace and in the public. She stated they would like for individuals to make contact with them early on so when they get ready to work they are already in the system. She reported if they can get registered over the phone then they do not have to come in the office. She stated they can work with them virtually and they can go into Employ Florida and look for jobs if they have access to a computer. Ms. Bodine explained when they are ready to get back to work they are there to assist them. Commissioner Parrish suggested this information be advertised in the newspaper so they know this service is available to them but that they are not forcing them to give up their unemployment. Ms. Bodine pointed out registering with Employ Florida does not have any bearing on unemployment claims. She reported right now they can receive 13 weeks of state unemployment and when that is exhausted they can get 13 weeks of pandemic federal unemployment assistance. She stated on top of that they have been receiving \$600 a month but they do not know what will change until the next federal package is passed. Ms. Bodine said the most any individual can receive is 26 weeks of unemployment. She explained many people have already moved from the state unemployment into the federal unemployment so eventually they will be out of unemployment benefits. She stated they want to be sure when that happens they are there working with them and helping them get ready to go back to work. Commissioner Parrish reported some of these people will be getting close to the end of their unemployment. He explained letting them know that there is only 26 weeks of unemployment should be part of the notice so they know it will be to their advantage to pre-register. Commissioner Boldt asked if employers are getting in touch with them to let them know they have jobs. Ms. Bodine answered yes, but they are having a difficult time finding job seekers who are ready to go back to work. She explained the process of employers offering back jobs to individuals. Commissioner Boldt asked if there is a possibility of an open air job fair under the current COVID situation. Ms. Bodine stated they could host that event but they are trying to reach people through their contact information and pushing job openings on social media but they are not getting information from job seekers. Commissioner Parrish inquired about forms that should come to employers when their former employees have applied for unemployment and said his business has not received any of these forms saying they have applied for unemployment and asking if their job is no

longer available. He stated if businesses were receiving these forms there would be a lot of people off of unemployment. Commissioner Parrish said as long as this agreement does not cause any disadvantage to their constituency then he does not see anything wrong with the agreement but they need to hear Attorney Shuler's comments. Attorney Shuler inquired if the data set they are asking for under the MOU with DEO is information that pre-COVID was already available to them. Ms. Bodine stated that is correct. Attorney Shuler asked if the county under pre-COVID was required to provide oversight of this data as opposed to the county oversight of the information they will receive in the MOU. Ms. Bodine replied no, they never had separate agreements for this information. She reported whatever is written in the local elected official agreements that they have with them that maintains that they are responsible for making appointments to their board and if they have disallowances on spending the county is responsible. Ms. Bodine said they have never requested data from DEO before that has required a separate security agreement. Attorney Shuler explained his concern is this contract imposes upon the County Commission a level of oversight of Ms. Bodine and the information she receives, how she protects it and what uses she makes of it. He said he informed Ms. Bodine they barely have enough county staff to provide our own essential services and do not have enough staff to oversee the management of this data that will be coming from DEO to CareerSource. He said he questioned how they can resolve this additional layer of liability that the state is intending to impose on the county. Attorney Shuler reported Ms. Bodine proposed a contract between the county and CareerSource. He stated this is similar to agreements they have with people who provide services to the hospital in regards to HIPPA requirements. He reported this separate agreement is between the county and CareerSource to use the data appropriately because there is definitely not going to be any county oversight day to day because the county does not have the ability to that. He questioned why the state would ask the county to do that. Attorney Shuler reported from a public policy standpoint this gives the people of the county an opportunity to get into the system and get re-employed when they are allowed to go back to work. He said the county probably does not have much choice but he wanted the Board to be aware of this additional level of responsibility the state is imposing on the county. Commissioner Parrish said his concern is the county signing another agreement for the release of the information and if that will adversely affect the people of Franklin County and if not, why is DEO implementing this extra level of oversight. Attorney Shuler stated he had the same question and discussed it with Ms. Bodine but he is not sure they have an answer. He explained this is what DEO is requiring of her organization and the county before they will release the data and Ms. Bodine needs the data to help people in the county so he will try to mitigate the risk to the county in terms of providing oversight through a separate agreement. Attorney Shuler reported the county has a good working relationship with Ms. Bodine's organization and have confidence in who they are partnering with. Commissioner Parrish asked if the surrounding counties have already signed with CareerSource. Ms. Bodine reported no one has signed because DEO has just provided a draft copy of the agreement. She stated she provided the agreement to county managers at Bay County, Gulf County and Franklin County and asked them to pass it on to their legal counsel. She explained DEO has not normally given them good turnaround time on these items so she wanted to give the counties time to look at the agreement. Ms. Bodine commented all 24 state directors have asked why they are doing this because they already have agreements with local governments that govern these items. She pointed out they signed an agreement with DEO that had language that they did not care for but DEO responded their legal counsel said they have to do this. She said it is creating problems for them in explaining it to local governments and she thinks this agency is going to proceed this way on other things too. Ms. Bodine reported CareerSource Gulf Coast has never had a data breach but she is not sure about the agency.

She assured the Board the data will be protected. Chairman Lockley asked if a person is drawing unemployment and someone needs them to work will they lose their benefits. Ms. Bodine replied no, this has nothing to do with starting or stopping unemployment benefits. She stated they will just help people that are unemployed and want to go back to work register in the system so they can find a job. She explained if the Governor changes his mind before the benefit stops and they must register to receive benefits then they will have a huge amount of people at one time and that will not be a good situation. Chairman Lockley said the county will be blamed for this. Mr. Moron explained if they do not do this and the Governor changes and everyone has to look for a job then they can will say they are behind because of the county. Attorney Shuler reported this is a draft but they have not received a final version so the Board is not in a position to make a decision now. He explained they wanted the Board to be aware of the situation when they need to make a decision. Mr. Moron questioned when the Board must make a decision. Ms. Bodine felt they would finalize the agreement in the next 2 weeks. She explained they have been asking for the data since March and hoped they would get it in increments as individuals have their claims go through so they could reach out monthly to them but it has not moved quickly. She reported if DEO is looking for feedback and she will send comments from the County Commissions and their legal counsel but they do not normally see much change. Chairman Lockley stated once a person exhausts their benefit and wants to work they will come to her so they do not need to do anything. Ms. Bodine explained if they all come at the same time that is going to be an issue. Commissioner Boldt asked how many people in Franklin County are drawing unemployment. Ms. Bodine responded around 700 people and they did not help all of these individuals apply for unemployment. She explained some people probably went through the process on their own. Chairman Lockley said her organization should be able to hire some extra people to get this done. Ms. Bodine reported they only have 2 staff people in Franklin County and if half of the people came in it would be difficult to assist them in the timeframe. Commissioner Parrish asked if they should have Attorney Shuler contact DEO and inquire why this agreement is needed and in the meantime they will be looking at the draft that was submitted. Ms. Bodine stated she would fully support that idea. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct the County Attorney to get in touch with DEO about the MOU and ask why this is needed and why this information cannot be released to the Workforce Board as it always has been without having another level of bureaucracy and try to get an answer within the next 2 weeks at the same time they receive the draft and they have to make a decision as a Board.** Attorney Shuler requested the contact information for DEO. Ms. Bodine agreed to provide this information. Commissioner Boldt asked about the information Ms. Bodine is trying to obtain. Ms. Bodine said she is not sure why they will not release the information because they always had access to it in the past. Commissioner Parrish reported there has nothing to do with the loyalty of her organization but it is about what is coming out of Tallahassee. Attorney Shuler said they do not need to amend the motion but he mentioned earlier as a small rural county they lack the technical staff to have meaningful oversight of the data set being provided to Ms. Bodine. He asked if he could add some language to this affect in addition to the message of the Board in the motion. Commissioner Parrish said he would expect that he would add that. He said they trust their local Workforce Board and have always worked well together and questioned why they need this extra agreement. Commissioner Boldt asked if they have protection from this type of event. Ms. Bodine answered yes, they have criminal insurance and are insured in all ways. Commissioner Boldt stated they should show how well prepared they are. Ms. Bodine reported she can provide this information to Attorney Shuler. She explained anyone who has access to confidential records signs a security agreement with them for

the state that lets them know if they use any confidential information there are criminal penalties. Commissioner Boldt inquired if DEO does sight surveys every year. Ms. Bodine replied yes, DEO monitors them and CareerSource has a full time monitor and a financial audit.

Chairman Lockley asked about the people that are working with Workforce that have been laid off and if the jobs are gone or will come back. Ms. Bodine said she has been told from a DEO contact that they feel like the extension and new monies for the Hurricane Michael grant will be approved but they are not sure if it will be approved at the full amount they requested. She reported for the Bay County, Gulf County, and Franklin County region they requested \$29 million to cover the next 2 years through September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Bodine stated the entire request was \$39 million but the rest of the money is for counties to the north and east. She explained DEO sent the proposal to the regional office on May 5<sup>th</sup> and they send it to the national office. She reported they asked them to make a change and shorten the time by a year and sent it back by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Bodine stated they are saying statutorily they have 45 days from the day they received it but they do not count from the first time they received it. She reported DEO says they think it will be approved before August 20<sup>th</sup> but the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has until then to make a decision. Commissioner Parrish asked if they could write a letter to support this because they need these workers. He stated they cannot get inmate crews out to work and they need help. He reported this is detrimental to the county and they would be willing to support her in this matter. Mr. Moron asked Ms. Bodine to tell the Board what they are telling all the federal representatives and delegates that reach out to them. Ms. Bodine reported the delegation has called and emailed and USDOL is still giving the same response that statutorily they have 45 days from July 2<sup>nd</sup>. She explained the county has supported her with a letter and she sent it with the package that went to USDOL. She reported they have had letters of support from all of their communities and most of the work sites within the communities and from local elected officials. Ms. Bodine said they have sent information that they need this and have a lot of recovery to do. She expressed concern that USDOL may take until August 20<sup>th</sup> to make a decision because a lot of their workers are working remotely and have had to quickly distribute a lot of COVID money. Commissioner Parrish said the Board has done all they can with the letter but they support Ms. Bodine and need the workers. Ms. Bodine agreed they need the workers and said they hate to lay people off particularly now but they did not have the money. She explained the burn rate of this grant is about \$150,000 a week and the funds are specifically for those workers and their salaries and they could not use other funds. Chairman Lockley asked if Ms. Bodine will contact them after the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bodine stated she will contact the county when they get an answer. She explained once the money is approved it takes about a week for the money to get flowing. She said as soon as it is approved they will start putting workers on. Chairman Lockley inquired if it will be the same amount of people they had before. Ms. Bodine responded she thinks it will be the same amount of people. She reported if they approve the full request they may be able to add a few positions. Ms. Bodine said they have requested more COVID money but have not had much response from that request. Chairman Lockley asked if that is a different program. Ms. Bodine answered yes, she said it could provide some relief but it is slow and they may have the Hurricane Michael money by then. Ms. Bodine apologized and said she wished it could move more quickly and they could continue on and not have a break in operations. She said the new grant will run through September, 2022. She thanked the Board for their support on the other agreement and said it is important that DEO hear from their partners and maybe they will rethink it.

#### **SHIP Program - Lori Switzer Mills (Administrator) – Request**

Mrs. Mills offered her report for the Board, as follows:

CC. SHIP Administrator's Report - 8/4/2020:

Action Items:

1. The Board approved 8 contracts, at your July 7, 2020 regular meeting, to purchase Hurricane Housing Recovery Program homes for qualified County residents. What was not included in those contract totals were tag/title cost, permit fees, and pump out fees/inspections, for some of the home recipients. Attachment #1 is a breakdown of each mobile home recipient amended cost.  
Request: Board action to authorize the amended contracts that include the original bid amount plus costs and fees, with Ironwood Homes for the 8 HHRP home recipients.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to authorize the amended contracts that include the original bid amount plus costs and fees, with Ironwood Homes for the 8 HHRP home recipients.**

**Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** Mrs. Mills said the attachment has the breakdown for each mobile home and an explanation of the fees. Mr. Moron said the contracts should be contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Attorney Shuler asked if the amounts are still under the county's bid policy. Mr. Moron answered yes. Mrs. Mills stated 2 trailers were supposed to be delivered this week and 4 next week but they were delayed due to the storm. **Commissioner Massey amended his motion to include that the contract is contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Parrish amended his second.** Commissioner Jones stated people are confused that these mobile homes are for people tied to CDBG for the fire victims. He said he assured them this is a different pot of money and all from the storm. Ms. Mills said these are HHRP funds. Chairman Lockley stated these funds are from Hurricane Michael and are state funds not county funds. Commissioner Massey agreed these are hurricane funds and said an advertisement was placed in the newspaper about these funds. Mrs. Mills stated the money is from Florida Housing Finance for hurricane disaster. Chairman Lockley reported Hurricane Michael happened in 2018 and they knew the funds were approved but the county just received the funds. He said it just happened that trailers are coming in for the fire victims and storm victims at the same time and people are confused. Chairman Lockley explained this is state money and there are state rules and guidelines. He said Mrs. Mills asked to advertise in the newspaper and the Board approved it. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

2. After performing the septic inspection, it was determined that four of the eight home recipients would need new septic systems. I got a list of certified septic installers for this area and requested quotes and of the four companies that I contacted, only Collins Construction of St. George Island provided estimates for the four home recipients that needs new septic systems. These estimates are based on visual inspections of the property, so Collins estimates are the "worst case scenario". Some of the installation costs could be slightly over the County's maximum bid amount, and one of the septic installations may put a home recipient over the \$75,000 limit. The septic installations will be paid from the HHRP funds.  
Request: Board action to proceed with Collins Construction for the installation of the four septic systems. If any of the installations are over the Board's \$10,000 bid policy limit or causes any of the home recipients to go over the \$75,000 program limit per household, these projects will be paused and brought to you for your approval at the August 18th meeting.

Chairman Lockley asked if any of these trailers could be hooked up to city sewer. Mrs. Mills said she does not know. Commissioner Parrish asked if there is any way to bring these back into the budget.



Mrs. Mills answered no, because the one trailer that is over the limit is an exposure d trailer which costs more because the person lives close to the bay. She reported the limit for the new home strategy is \$75,000 and she thinks it will be over the limit but she is not sure because she only has an estimate now. Commissioner Parrish inquired if she will bring this trailer purchase back to the Board if it is over the limit. Mrs. Mills answered yes. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to proceed with installation of the four septic systems and come back with the ones that are over the limit.**

3. Governor DeSantis authorized \$120 million of the State of Florida's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation to Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) to assist Floridians that have been negatively impacted by the CORONA-19 pandemic and struggling to pay housing expenses such as: rent, mortgage payments, and emergency repairs that will keep families stably and safely housed.

In general, the CRF is a portion of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress into law by the President in March 2020 in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. Florida Housing's CRF Fund for Impacted Homeowners and Renters will be administered by the local State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program housing office in your community. Florida Housing staff are working with the local governments and SHIP Programs in preparation to begin the application process in each community as soon as possible.

Franklin County will receive \$175,000. The next step is for the Board of County Commissioners to approve and sign the CRF Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (attached) and the CRF Sub-Grantee Agreement (attached) between the County and I.

Mortgage, rent, and utility assistance will be provided for very low, low, and moderate-income applicants. Each household will receive a maximum of \$2500 in assistance.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to sign the CRF Sub-Recipient and the CRF Sub-Grantee Agreement.**

We are required to advertise for 10 days before accepting applications. I plan to run the ad in the Times in the August 13th paper. Applications will be accepted on Monday, August 24th. The application period will be ongoing until the funds are spent. We will have packets available for pickup at the SHIP office on August 13th.

Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the CRF Sub Recipient and the CRF Sub-Grantee Agreements.

**Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey asked if she will make sure they actually need this before they get it. Mrs. Mills answered yes and offered to go over the strategy if they would like her to. She said Attachment 4 is the strategy. She reported applicants must show they have been or are currently unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Boldt clarified the county is not liable for any of the recipients that might miss a rent payment or mortgage payment and this is only an added supplement. Ms. Mills stated yes, they are just helping them get caught up on their bills. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

Request: Board action to authorize future payments of CRF funds, if awarded.

Mrs. Mills said it might be possible to get another round of money. She reported on the calls they were encouraging them to get approved for any future payments while they were getting the

agreement signed. Commissioner Parrish stated as long as the County Commission is notified if future payments come through he will make a motion. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize future payment of CRF funds if awarded as long as the County Commission is notified when the future payments come through.**

Request: Board action to revisit applicants, if the funds are available and pay future Rent, Mortgage or Utility Payments over the \$2,500 limit. This would ensure that the funds are spent by the December 30, 2020 deadline.

Mrs. Mills said if the funds are not spent they must be returned. She stated they never know how many people will apply. She explained if they do not have enough then they could go back and pay more for the existing applicants. Commissioner Parrish said he thinks she should bring this back to the Board at the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and see what funds are left over. He explained he does not want to allocate all the money and then more applicants come in later. He suggested they wait and work through this until the last meeting in November or the first meeting in December. Commissioner Parrish said there may be more applicants than they think. He explained he would like to spread this out so everyone has a chance for assistance if they need it. Mr. Moron asked if the second round of funding would also need to be spent by December. Mrs. Mills did not know but said they had another training tomorrow and she could ask. She said they want them to make sure they spend the money by December 30<sup>th</sup> so they do not have to send any money back. Commissioner Parrish stated it probably depends on how many applicants they have and how fast they go through the money and not making future payments. He explained this is why he does not want to go through with future payments. Commissioner Parrish said if they spend these funds by December it may help the chances of getting another round of funds. He felt there were going to be more applicants than Mrs. Mills expects. Mrs. Mills reported people are already hearing about this program and contacting her but they cannot help them if they are on social security and did not lose any income. She said she has turned people away and they will have to go to the Capital Area Community Action Agency (CAP) because they also have funds and their rules are different than hers. Mr. Moron explained they think the money that CAP will receive will be confined to low and very low income and only the SHIP Program will be able to help people with medium income. He stated they must work with CAP to move individuals to the appropriate agency to help as many people as possible. Mrs. Mills said she has already talked with Mrs. Angela Webster, CAP, and they will work together. Attorney Shuler questioned if she asked for permission to exceed a cap of money in the event that the applicant pool is smaller than expected and what the authority was for the county to exceed a cap that the state imposed on the funds. Mrs. Mills responded the county set the cap and they can set whatever cap they want. She explained if they get close to December 30<sup>th</sup> and there are no applications for the money then she will come back to the Board. Mr. Moron stated the Board may want an update in November or earlier and then the Board can make a decision. Commissioner Parrish suggested Mrs. Mills come back in September and then appear once a month to keep the Board informed. He said this will also keep the public informed if there are still funds available. Chairman Lockley stated the money will be spent in September.

**CDBG Administrator – Deborah Belcher (Administrator) – Report**

Mrs. Belcher said in the past she has asked for Board approval of individual homeowner applicants for assistance before they were placed on the bid list but now they may appear on her report a couple of times. She presented her report, as follows:

BB. CDBG Administrator Report

**Action Items**

1. The County's CDBG grant expires 10/1/2020. The County should apply for a grant modification to extend the grant expiration date. DEO normally extensions in 6-month increments, and will support a request for a 6-month extension. This will allow plenty of time to finish the CDBG mobile home replacements. If the work is completed before the April 1, 2021 extended deadline, the County may close out the grant before the deadline.

**Requested Action:** Authorize a modification to the CDBG subgrant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, extending the grant expiration date from 10/1/2020 to 4/1/2021.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a modification to the CDBG Sub-grant agreement with DEO.**

2. William Gordie, 608 Ridge Road, has applied for CDBG mobile home rehabilitation or replacement relating to the Eastpoint Wildfire. The age and condition of his damaged mobile home make replacement the appropriate type of assistance. Mr. Gordie is eligible for CDBG mobile home replacement assistance.

**Requested Action:** Approve the CDBG mobile home replacement application for William Gordie, 608 Ridge Road.

Mrs. Belcher said this request has already been included in the bid package. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present it was agreed to approve the CDBG mobile home replacement application for William Gordie at 608 Ridge Road.**

3. Billie Dalton, 658 Ridge Road, has applied for CDBG mobile home replacement assistance. Mr. Dalton received a donated mobile home but wants a CDBG-funded new mobile home. Mr. Dalton is eligible for the CDBG mobile home replacement. I recommend that Mr. Dalton's current mobile home be transferred to Charlie Golden and Allison Yowell. Mr. Charlie Golden (son of Charles Golden who received home replacement assistance from the County) was living in a camper at the time of the fire, and his camper was destroyed. Golden and Yowell have purchased a lot on Home Place Road (off Ridge Road) and are installing a septic tank, Eastpoint Water and Sewer Authority water connection, and power pole, to live in a camper with their 3 children. Mr. Dalton's used mobile home would give this struggling young couple a permissible permanent dwelling. CDBG funds can pay for the removal of the home from Dalton's property, and Capital Area Community Action can pay for additional setup costs of the home on the Golden-Yowell property.

**Requested Action:** Approve CDBG mobile home replacement application, Billy Dalton, 658 Ridge Road.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve a CDBG mobile home replacement application for Mr. Billy Dalton at 658 Ridge Road. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones inquired if the trailer that is being relocated for Mr. Golden and Ms. Yowell will be in the home place on Ridge Road. Mrs. Belcher replied yes. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

4. A third CDBG mobile home replacement bid package was developed and advertised, with a pre-bid meeting held. Bids for 7 specific homeowners previously approved by the County, and generic bids for potential sites, were received July 9, 2020 from Ironwood Homes of Perry. Clayton Homes (CMH) of Panama City did not get their proposal submitted to the County. **I submitted a report to the Board for the scheduled July 21, 2020 regular meeting, which was cancelled.** In that report, I recommend award of CDBG mobile home replacement funding for the following 7 homeowners, based on Ironwood Homes of Perry's bid. **Due to the urgent nature of the home replacement, County Coordinator Michael Morón authorized me to proceed with the home replacement mortgages and contracts. Those documents were executed July 23, 2020.**  
**PLEASE RATIFY THE FOLLOWING:**

- a. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Anna Creamer, 568 Wilderness Road, in the amount of \$77,583.84 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- b. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Arlene King, 680 Wilderness Road, in the amount of \$80,575.84 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- c. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for William Gordie, 608 Ridge Road, in the amount of \$75,923.52 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- d. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Billy Dalton, 658 Ridge Road, in the amount of \$76,306.02 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- e. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Lucy Bettinger, 697 Ridge Road, in the amount of \$77,484.22 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- f. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Steven Shiver, 700 Ridge Road, in the amount of \$74,299.92 plus CDBG mortgage costs.
- g. Approve CDBG mobile home replacement funding for Jim Joyner/Anita Kennett, 701 Ridge Road, in the amount of \$69,577.88 plus CDBG mortgage costs.

Mrs. Belcher requested a formal acknowledgement of a waiver of the CDBG limit of \$75,000 because of the 7 homes 5 are over the limit for various reasons from tree removal to new utility hookups.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to formally waive the CDBG limit of \$75,000 and ratify award of CDBG mobile home replacement funding for the 7 listed homeowners. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked how much they were over. Mr. Moron read the prices for the mobile homes. Mrs. Belcher reported the most expensive one includes a sewer bore that will also benefit a future home next door. Mr. Moron asked if a neighbor can tap into that sewer bore. Commissioner Jones said a sewer pit can serve 2-4 houses. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

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5. Bonnie Langley, 659 Ridge Road, has been approved for mobile home replacement. As confirmed by a professional land surveyor, the property where her existing mobile home is located is not the lot she actually owns. She owns the vacant lot (649 Ridge Road) to the left (south) of her present location. There are 2 more homes to the right (north) of Bonnie Langley's on the same block, and each of the 3 owners thought they were located correctly and do not want to move a lot south. The owners are trying to resolve the ownership situation. We received a bid to replace Bonnie Langley's damaged mobile home on her correct lot, including clearing some trees and making the utility connections. If the ownership situation remains the same, the County can fund the replacement home at the correct location and demolish the existing home. If Ms. Langley is able to obtain the 659 Ridge Road location, the cost of the replacement home will be reduced.

Mrs. Belcher said she will get a revised price for this mobile home replacement and the price should be better because the other site is better. She stated she will bring this back very soon.

## **RESTORE Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Report**

Mr. Pierce did not have a report.

## **County Coordinator – Michael Morón – Report**

Mr. Moron read his report, as follows:

### **EE. County Coordinator's Report**

#### **Action Items**

1. This item was addressed during the Emergency Management Department report.
2. The Board handled this matter during the Emergency Management Department report.
3. Dewberry FEMA Service Agreement: In 2018 the Board entered into a two-year professional services agreement with Dewberry Engineering for project management, engineering & environmental services for FEMA funded recovery. This agreement included options for renewals up to five years. I recommend renewing this contract for three additional years.  
Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the addendum extending this professional services contract for three years.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the addendum extending the professional services contract with Dewberry Engineering for 3 years.**

4. Dewberry Task Orders: Below are three (3) Task Orders from Dewberry for the Board's review and approval:
  - a. Assist with survey, design, bidding, and contract award and construction inspection of the repairs to County Road 30A East and West Washout areas. These professional services will be performed as described in the Task Order #4 for a lump sum amount of \$59,250.00.
  - b. Assist with survey, design, bidding, and contract award and construction inspection of the repairs to the Eastpoint Fishing Pier and Parking Area / ADA Restrooms. These professional services will be performed as described in the Task Order #5 for a lump sum amount of \$39,750.00.
  - c. Assist with design, bidding and contract award and construction inspection of the repairs to the St. George Island Fishing Pier Road. These professional services will be performed as described in the Task Order #6 for a lump sum amount of \$9,600.00.Request: Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on Dewberry's Task Orders #4, #5, and #6 for the amount stated and services described in each Task Order.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the 3 task orders from Dewberry Engineering.**

5. The Board addressed this item earlier in the meeting.

6. This matter was handled during the Road Department report.

7. Road Paving District 5: At an earlier meeting, the Board waived the County's bid policy to save on mobilization costs and authorized Roberts and Roberts to pave roads in the County. Commissioner Massey asked for a proposal to pave Sybil and Court Streets in his District. Roberts and Roberts submitted a \$70,135 proposal to pave these streets which will be paid from District 5 paving funds. Request: Board action to authorize Roberts and Roberts to pave Sybil and Court Streets for \$70,135.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Roberts and Roberts to pave Sybil and Court Streets for \$70,135.**

8. CR 30A CEI Advertisement: The Florida Department of Transportation has signed the agreement for the resurfacing of CR 30A from the Gulf County line to 13-Mile Road and returned it to the County along with the Notice to Proceed. The Board needs to authorize the Planning Department to advertise for a Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) consultant for this job. Request: Board action to authorize CEI advertisement for the CR 30A project.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a CEI advertisement for the C.R. 30A project.**

9. CR 67 CEI Advertisement: The Florida Department of Transportation has signed the agreement for the resurfacing of CR 67 from Highway 98 to the Crooked River Bridge and returned it to the County along with the Notice to Proceed. The Board needs to authorize the Planning Department to advertise for a Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) consultant for this job. Request: Board action to authorize CEI advertisement for the CR 67 project.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a CEI advertisement for the C.R. 67 project.**

10. Alligator Point Multi-Use Path Advertisement: The County Commission received the Coastal Construction Control Line permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for construction of the Alligator Point Multi-Use Path. The next step in the process is to advertise for CEI services and construction bids for the portion of the multi-use path from the marina to Tom Roberts Road. Due to time constraints and the cancellation of the July 21 BOCC meeting, the Planning Office has already submitted the required advertisements to the newspaper. The CEI proposals will be opened on September 1 and the construction bids will be opened on September 15. Request: Board action to ratify staff's submittal of the required advertisements to the newspaper.

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify staff's submittal of the required advertisements for the Alligator Point Multi-Use Path to the newspaper.**

11. CR 67/Tallahassee Street Sidewalk Project: The bid documents for the CR 67 Tallahassee Street Sidewalk inadvertently included the wrong wage decision form for the contractor to follow. FDOT requires that Franklin County and the contractor, M of Tallahassee, Inc., amend the contract to reflect the new 2020 wage decision. M of Tallahassee has signed the amendment. Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the wage decision amendment form.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the wage decision amendment form.**

12. Opportunity Florida Letter of Support: Opportunity Florida is working on the Regional Rural Development grant application of the 2020-21 year and is requesting a letter of support that states the County will continue our involvement with Opportunity Florida and intends to pay the 2020-21 annual investment \$1,154.90 dues.

Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for Opportunity Florida.

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for Opportunity Florida. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish asked if the county is getting any benefit from Opportunity Florida. Mr. Moron answered yes, they send leads for jobs and airport industry. Commissioner Parrish questioned if there is anything in this grant application for Franklin County. Mr. Moron said he will have to ask. Commissioner Parrish reported they are asking for a letter of support and the dues and he wants to know how the county benefits. Mr. Moron said the dues are in the budget. He explained in relation to the Cares Act funding Ms. Traci Buzbee will team up with Opportunity Florida which will provide an extra level of approval but there will be a minimal cost. He stated they will back up Ms. Buzbee and review every business grant that is received. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

13. Liberty County Letter of Support: The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners wrote a letter (attached to the agenda packet) to USDA Forest Service opposing the closing and/or moving of the camping area adjoining the Whitehead's Lake boat landing on the Ochlocknee River, located in Liberty County. The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners would like Franklin County Board of County Commissioners to send a letter in support to the Forest Service.

Request: Board action to authorize a letter of support opposing the closing and/or moving of the camping area adjoining the Whitehead's Lake boat landing in Liberty County.

Mr. Moron said this request came late yesterday and he did not have time to do any research. He explained this item was added out of respect for the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners but the Board can table this matter if they want until he does the research. Commissioner Parrish stated in relation to the U.S. Forest Service, Liberty County is composed of a lot of national forests so if they do not get allotment from the federal government then they do not have a big tax base. He reported this is why they are at 10 mills and trying to generate enough money to operate the county. Commissioner Parrish said if they want to close boat ramps then the county gets no public benefit or money so he understands and he support it. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize a letter of support.**

14. One Pay Credit Card Agreement: Mrs. Amy Kelly and I met with a representative from CIVITEK to discuss their online One Pay Credit Card service. Currently, any customer that needs to pay for a permit over the phone has to give all of their credit card information to one of the permitting clerks, a process I am not comfortable with. With the One Pay service, a customer would go to an online link to pay for a permit, armory rental, or other services, then receive the requested service. Currently, the Clerk of Courts uses this same service for her office as does the City of Carrabelle for water and sewer payments. Attorney Shuler has requested some changes to the contract, which was returned yesterday with the requested changes.

Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the One Pay Credit Card Agreement after Attorney Shuler's approval of the final version.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the One Page Credit Card agreement contingent upon Attorney Shuler's approval of the final version of the contract.**

15. Audio/Video Agreement: As discussed at a previous meeting, staff requested quotes from four companies to install multiple large screen televisions in the meeting room for virtual meetings. Of the four requests we received 2 quotes and went with the lower of the two. I signed a proposal with Inspired Technologies, an official Florida Association of Counties partner, for \$7,250. This amount will be paid from the CARES Act funds received from the State.

Request: Board action to ratify my signature on the Inspired Technology \$7,250 proposal for the installation of four (4) large sized monitors in the Commission Meeting room.

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify his signature on the Inspired Technology \$7,250 proposal for the installation of four (4) large size monitors in the Commission Meeting Room.**

16. The Board discussed the tipping fees during the Solid Waste Director's report.

17. Assistant Planner: At your July 30th Budget Workshop, the Board discussed the importance of creating an assistant planner position as Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, is in the State's DROP program and can retire at any time. I discussed this matter with Mr. Curenton along with the option of working with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) for this service. Mr. Curenton suggested a meeting with ARPC to discuss the County's planning needs versus what ARPC could offer and then have a discussion with the Board at a future meeting.

Request: Board action to authorize staff to meet with ARPC to discuss future planning services for the County.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize staff to meet with ARPC to discuss future planning services for the county.**

#### **Information Items**

18. Eastpoint/2 Mile Dredge Update: Inform the Board the staff received a letter from the US Army Corps of Engineers updating us on the status of the Eastpoint and Two-mile dredge project. A copy is attached to the agenda packet.

19. Inmate Labor: As I stated at the July 30th Budget Workshop, with the assistance of Mr. Fonda Davis, I was able to talk to Warden Duval a few weeks ago and he explained that the prison was at Phase II at the time which did not allow non-DOC personnel to supervise inmates. He also stated that it was his last week and a new warden would be in place within a week or two. It is my intention to reach out to Warden Conner to an update.

20. CARES Act Funds update: Inform the Board that Mrs. Traci Buzbee, your CARES Act fund consultant, has been meeting, discussing, and working with Constitutional Officers, County Departments, Civic Groups, the Tourist Development Administrator, the Health Department administrator on the CARES program. She is collecting requests from these entities and creating an expense spreadsheet which will be converted to a spending plan. The Oversight Committee meets weekly via teleconference to discuss and review all related issues and request. Ms. Buzbee is in



constant communication with FDEM regarding any new rules or questions posed to her locally and has also reached out to Opportunity Florida to serve as the business grant applications reviewer. Mrs. Buzbee is on the phone to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Moron said she was supposed to be on the phone but they will meet with her on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and he can ask her any questions the Board has. Commissioner Jones questioned if they are using the simplest way for businesses to apply. Mr. Moron stated he has seen the emails that they think it is difficult. He pointed out they must verify applicants have not received any other funds. He explained the Board is aware if applicants receive any other money and let the county know then the county will get penalized and have to go after them for the funds. Mr. Moron stated Ms. Buzbee is trying to make sure that she has as much information as possible. He said if they need help Opportunity Florida is willing to assist. Chairman Lockley asked if this is close to what Mr. Lovestrand is doing. Commissioner Jones said his understanding is that is a separate allotment through IFAS. Mr. Moron said they must make sure that applicants are not getting money from each group. Commissioner Parrish questioned when the Board gets to have input on what the money is being spent on. Mr. Moron explained as soon as they get a draft of the spending plan it will be submitted to the Board for their approval and they can suggest changes. He said they are trying to determine what goes to the county, the constitutional officers, the two cities, civic clubs and businesses associations. Mr. Moron stated they are trying to get the spreadsheet within the \$2 million budget and then the Board can address it. Commissioner Parrish inquired if they should have input before that or information because they are getting nothing until he comes up with a final draft. He said they do not know what is going on and have no input and he is uncomfortable with that. Mr. Moron explained they are not approving anything. Commissioner Parrish stated they are building up expectations when the Board has no idea of what is going on. He explained he does not like that and likes to have information of how they are progressing. Commissioner Parrish questioned who the oversight committee is. Mr. Moron replied him, Ms. Buzbee, Mrs. Brownell, and maybe Mrs. Daniels. Commissioner Parrish stated he would like to be better informed of where they are heading before it is final. He explained if he thinks they are going down the wrong road then he is going to say something. Commissioner Parrish stated he would like information sent to his I-pad of where they are going and who is applying instead of a spreadsheet and then if the Board removes something at the end then they are the bad guys. Mr. Moron explained the only people that have seen the spreadsheet is the oversight committee so no one knows what they might get. He reported they asked for a wish list from each group and then they go through the requests and see what is allowed. Mr. Moron explained when they bring the spreadsheet to the Board they can present what is allowed and what they can spend. Mr. Moron stated the \$500,000 for the 25% that comes back to their revenue was not considered and just appeared so they had to make adjustments. He reported they are not trying to keep the Board out but want to give them an informed very well put together package to look at. Mr. Moron stated they are not saying anyone is approved or denied. Commissioner Parrish inquired if businesses are included. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Parrish asked what happens if businesses come to him to be included and the money is already allocated in the spreadsheet. He explained they may need to break down the businesses to allow for more people. Commissioner Parrish said he does not know what is going on so he does not know what to tell people. Mr. Moron stated the Board will make a decision on how much money goes to businesses, the county and cities. He explained without knowing what they want they can't tell them what the numbers are. Commissioner Parrish stated whoever is included in the spreadsheet needs to be notified that this is not set and subject to change. He reported they need to know this is not guaranteed and the Board has not seen the spreadsheet. Commissioner Parrish stated

they cannot fund just certain ones and not include everyone. He said they need to know this is their wish list and may not be funded because they do not want to build up expectations. Mr. Moron stated in the beginning he thought they would have trouble spending \$2 million but he was wrong. Commissioner Parrish reported the Board has not even seen the spreadsheet and may have other ideas. Chairman Lockley stated Mr. Lovestrand was talking about a similar program this morning and he questioned why private entities and government are together. He said one program should just handle private requests and another program handle the government requests. Commissioner Parrish pointed out it all must be COVID related. Commissioner Parrish said if a business gets the payroll protection plan then they are not eligible for this program and asked if that was correct. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Jones agreed they cannot double dip. Mr. Moron said that is the term they used. Commissioner Parrish said it can also affect how much money you receive through the payroll protection plan. He explained someone could get a large amount out of these funds because they did not get the payroll protection plan. Commissioner Jones inquired if they have already asked businesses to turn in applications and if the deadline has already past. Mr. Moron reported August 1<sup>st</sup> was the date just so they would have a wish list for the Board as soon as possible. He clarified just because they submit an application does not mean they are promised anything. He said if they do not have the appropriate paperwork then that will not work. Commissioner Jones asked about the businesses that did not know what they are discussing now and are trying to meet that deadline. Mr. Moron said he will ask Ms. Buzbee but she was trying to get a list to submit to the Board. Mr. Moron inquired if Mr. Lovestrand's program is just for seafood. Commissioner Jones replied it included seafood related. Chairman Lockley reported that program is for the private sector. Chairman Lockley asked if government can apply for that program. Commissioner Jones reported it will not be hard to spend this money by December. He suggested it would be better not to have hard numbers now but get better numbers so when it is presented to the Board they are solid numbers. Mr. Moron said in following what Commissioner Parrish stated they want to make sure the Board is involved in the breakdown of the money. He stated there are a lot of categories and they must be fair about the breakdown. Mr. Moron said like Chairman Lockley said if the private sector can access the other program then they need to direct them there. Commissioner Parrish stated he thought the spending plan was on the original \$500,000 but they are doing it for the whole \$ 2million. Mr. Moron said the first 25% will probably have to go to reserve until a decision is made by the Legislature about the Heroes Act and the county using the money for revenue shortfall. Commissioner Parrish asked if that is what they are going to do with the first \$500,000. Mr. Moron answered yes. Commissioner Parrish reported they are already spending some of the initial \$500,000 on a sign campaign, all the work to his office, and televisions so they cannot use it for the 25%. Mr. Moron stated it is basically their reimbursement so they can spend it how they like. He explained they can either use the first \$500,000 to pay the bills back quickly and put \$500,000 in reserve. He stated they are saving that \$500,000 for revenue so when the Heroes Act passes then they can use that portion in the budget and lower the millage rate even more. He reported they still have access to the other \$1.5 million as needed. Commissioner Jones stated some of the language in the Heroes Act moves the time line for the money too. Mr. Moron reported he will bring up all their concerns at the meeting tomorrow.

21. Small County Grant (Solid Waste): Chairman Lockley signed the Solid Waste Small County Grant. No action is needed on the Chairman's signature as this is part of the County's approved budget.

22. USDA De-obligation Letter: County staff received the official notice from USDA de-obligating the \$10,000,000.00 George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Improvement project that was obligated on June 22, 2015.

Mr. Moron said this morning a few comments were made about which way the Board went concerning the hospital. He explained they said they would start negotiations with Alliant and Sacred Heart sent a letter pulling back their offer. He said the county never said no to Sacred Heart. Mr. Moron stated Commissioner Parrish said he wanted to give this a chance and see how this works out and if it doesn't then they would make another decision after that. Commissioner Parrish reported Sacred Heart pulled back after the county de-obligated the money with USDA to build a building. He explained part of Sacred Heart's proposal was wanting the county to build them an \$8 million building because they do not want the old hospital. Commissioner Boldt commented they pulled back and lost their option. Mr. Moron said he will make the letter from USDA part of this Board file.

Commissioner Massey stated the county vehicles, ambulances and buses are using Buck Road and they are not able to go down the road. He reported they are saying they are going to sue if they cannot get the vehicles down there. He explained the ambulance could not get down the road to pick up a child due to the condition of the road. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to temporarily fix this road until Attorney Shuler finds out something. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt said this is the right thing to do temporarily at the present time. Commissioner Parrish stated this is temporary because every time it rains it will wash it out again so this is not fixing the problem. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Lockley said this is a onetime deal and it is a private road. He explained when other private roads appear at the next meeting then are going to get something done too because he is not just going to do one.

#### **County Attorney – Michael Shuler – Report**

Attorney Shuler did not have a report.

#### **Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Lockley stated he has a problem with the librarian that was hired. He explained she had interviews last week and told a lady she was the only applicant that applied and was interviewed for the job. He reported 1 person put in for the job and there were 2 jobs open. Chairman Lockley stated 2 people were hired and 7 people were interviewed. He commented from last week she did not have time to interview 6 more people and whoever she hired for this position the other person took the interviews and she did not interview. Chairman Lockley said he has a problem with this and he is going to call the labor attorney and have them check it out because it is not right. He advised Attorney Shuler he wants this looked into and he wants the labor attorney to review it.

#### **Board Information**

FF. ORDER APPROVING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S PETITION TO REVISE UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL TARIFFS

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

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

**AUGUST 18, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order**

*A. Public Notice*

*To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore, this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's YouTube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences. Those wanting to participate during "Public Comments" on the agenda should use the teleconference system by dialing 1-844-844-0014 and when prompted enter 540166#. Once the "Public Comments" agenda item is completed, the conference call will be disconnected. Any person who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, must have a record of the proceedings. He or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.*

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes scheduled for approval.

**Payment of County Bills**

*B. Bill List for Approval*

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

## **Public Comments**

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

Mr. Ted Mostellar, Mission Based Apalachicola, said on Mr. Moron's report there is an item about the Bay City Work Camp. He explained in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael the First Methodist Church with authorization used this building to store and distribute disaster relief supplies. He said they are still doing this from the church. Mr. Mostellar reported this area was in deplorable condition and they made improvements so the building was usable for this purpose. He asked the Board to consider allocating the insurance money to repair the building for future use instead of demolishing it.

## **Department Directors Report**

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

Mr. Nabors did not have a report. Chairman Lockley asked how the grass cutting is going. Mr. Nabors stated they are behind but are working on St. George Island and will move to Carrabelle, Lanark Village and Alligator Point. Chairman Lockley explained they are going to be behind but they should just do the best they can. Mr. Nabors reported they got their temporary help back on Monday so they have 3 more workers. He said he thinks Mr. Davis got his workers back too.

Mr. Moron asked if they checked into leasing the low boy. Mr. Nabors stated they contacted the company but right now there is a freeze on all leases because no trucks are selling. Mr. Moron asked him to let the Board know when this changes so they can discuss it for budget purposes.

### **C. Road Department Report**

#### **Information Items**

1. Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District (see attached documents)

### **Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis**

Mr. Davis did not have any action items. He said there have been some concerns about the baseball fields but they are waiting to see if they are going to have soccer. He explained they let the field grass over waiting for soccer. Mr. Davis said if they do not have soccer then they will till up the fields for baseball.

### **D. Solid Waste Director Report**

#### **Information Item**

1. Right-of-way Debris Pickup/Recycle Material Hauled Report (see attached document)

### **Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell**

Mrs. Brownell stated she has an action item that came in after her report was submitted. She requested Board approval for the Chairman to sign an extension for the Non-Congregate Sheltering Plan. She reported this plan must be turned in every 30 days to FEMA. She asked for Board approval for the Chairman to sign this document when the time comes up and then at the next meeting the Board can retroactively approve the plan. Mr. Moron said this item just like the Local State of Emergency (LSE) can just be included as an information item so it is part of the record. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to retroactively approve the Chairman signing an extension for the Non-Congregate Sheltering Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign these extensions as they come up.**

Mrs. Brownell said they are watching the second storm and they may have to look out for it next week.

E. Emergency Management Report

Information Items:

1. EOC Staff posted our 2020 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for Public Review on 08/12/20. The public review period was from 08/12/20 – 08/14/20. We advertised this review on Oyster Radio, EOC Facebook page, and the County Website.
2. EOC Staff along with our CERT Volunteers continue to distribute washable & reusable cloth mask throughout our community. We have partnered with the City of Carrabelle and City of Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce along with the St. George Island & Eastpoint Visitor Centers to assist with distribution to local businesses and residents. We will continue this effort as long as supplies are available.
3. EOC Staff are working diligently with DOH Staff regarding the COVID-19 virus. This includes hosting meetings with representatives from DOH, Sheriff's Dept., Weems, EMS, as needed. We also are assisting with Conference Calls, information distribution from DOH via Alert Franklin, Facebook and our EOC Website.
4. EOC Staff continue to participate in conference calls with State DEM, Region 2, DOH, FEMA, etc. regarding COVID 19. We also continue to update WebEOC with missions for PPE, Local State of Emergency, and SitReps.
5. EOC Staff continue to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. (Please see below report regarding Hurricane Michael Projects). 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. As you can see, Project #'s 79475, 81069, and 81073 have moved from EHP Review to Pending Recipient Final Review. We are in contact with our PDMG regularly regarding these projects and will update the Board as soon as the State Review is completed. EOC Staff has also began the FEMA reimbursement claim process for COVID-19.

**Extension Office Director – Erik Lovestrand**

Mr. Lovestrand stated he has no action items. He said he mistakenly attached the report from the last meeting to the Board packet. He presented a hard copy of his current report for the Board.

F. Extension Office Report

**Informational Items**

General Extension Activities:

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics interpretation of soil test results, murder hornets, bees, citrus and blueberry production, CARES Act funding for

Fisheries-related businesses, rose pruning for better flowering, controlling invasive hydrilla in a private pond, and more.

Sea Grant Extension:

2. Extension Director worked with a team of five FL Sea Grant agents and two UF food safety professors to plan and co-host a two-day in-service training on the topic of Seafood Safety titled "How do you See Your Seafood." The primary audience was UF/IFAS faculty who work with seafood industry segments and State regulatory staff, primarily from FDACS. Interactive sessions and presentations were conducted via Zoom and provided information on a variety of topics focused around safe seafood handling practices, how the industry is regulated, and future anticipated challenges for seafood supply and demand.

3. The Extension Director participated on a planning team with other FL Sea Grant agents who work with clientele in aquaculture-related industry, regarding the initiation of a new intern program that will pair UF interns with various aquaculture businesses to provide an educational opportunity for interns, as well as providing staffing assistance to the businesses. Funding will be coming from FL Sea Grant to pay intern's salaries.

4-H Youth Development:

4. 4-H youth are participating in a virtual 4-H University program this year due to the COVID pandemic.

5. A virtual 4-H Plant Camp is being conducted and available to Franklin, Bay and Gulf County youth.

6. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

7. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.

8. Yearly statistics for nutrition programming in the schools were provided to the Franklin County Health Department for their reporting purposes.

### **RESTORE Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Report**

Mr. Pierce read his report, as follows:

N. RESTORE Coordinator's Report:

#### **Information Item**

1- Inform the Board that I have informed FEMA that the public comment period for the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the repairs to Alligator Drive closed on August 10. The county received no public comment. The project will now move to the funding queue. Because the project is more than \$1M, the project has to receive approval from some standing congressional budget committee. As I understand it, this is a required step but no one will tell me how long it will take. At this time, Anderson Columbia is still standing by.

Mr. Pierce stated he hopes when this project gets through the funding que, Anderson Columbia will still honor their bid and they will build the road.

Mr. Pierce reported he talked with Ms. Susan Skelton, Executive Director of Triumph, and they are happy that Attorney Shuler and the Triumph attorney are working things out. He said by the next Board meeting they may have an agreement with Triumph for the \$1 million project at the Airport. He



explained they are doing a one to one match with the project they already have under construction. He reported initially Triumph wanted the county to guarantee a number of Department of Transportation (DOT) projects in the 5 year work plan but sometimes these plans change. He stated they assured Triumph the county will continue to put public money into the airport.

Mr. Pierce reported the Board may be aware that during a previous Legislative session a state senator got \$750,000 in DEO funds allocated to Franklin County as a match for various hurricane projects. He said in the DEO agreement they set \$600,000 as a match for repairs to Alligator Drive which left \$150,000 unallocated. Mr. Pierce reported they need \$100,000 for the County Road (C.R.) 30 match so there will be an amendment to the agreement. He stated that leaves \$50,000 unallocated but they may put the extra on Alligator Point. He reported there may be a third amendment if they find another project that will be funded by FEMA. Commissioner Parrish asked about Island View Park. Mr. Pierce stated Island View Park is a mitigation project that Mrs. Brownell included in the mitigation submission. He said that is one of the reasons it has taken too long. He explained when they do a mitigation project they must do a cost benefit analysis and that slows down the project. Mr. Pierce stated he did mention Island View Park in his email. He said he does not know when Island View Park will be done. Commissioner Parrish stated he doesn't know either but there will be a match requirement and they need to get the project done. Mr. Pierce said one of the challenges the county and the state recognize is some of the design of Island View Park has to be reconsidered. He explained the parking lot needs to be paved with asphalt instead of installing pavers. He commented the ramps were poured concrete and they were undermined and collapsed so they will build back with pile supported ramps just like a normal boardwalk. He reported this will reduce the cost to rebuild significantly. Mr. Pierce reported the landscaping will also be simplified. Mr. Pierce said he does not know what the cost will be but it will be less than the original construction price. He stated they are eager to get the money tied up since it has been sitting there for a couple of years. Mr. Pierce reported he thinks in the second amendment they will send the money to Alligator Point and C.R. 30 and if there is money left over they will see how long it takes to get the money. Mr. Pierce reported at some point DEO is going to want them to do something with the money. Commissioner Parrish said in talking with the engineer it may be October before they are ready on C.R. 30. Mr. Pierce reported the DEO agreement has an expiration date of June, 2021 for C.R. 30 so hopefully they are okay for C.R. 30 and Alligator Drive. Mr. Pierce stated he does not know the timeline for Island View Park. Commissioner Boldt asked if they are considering money to rebuild the boardwalks and dune restoration. Mr. Pierce explained the dune restoration does not have a match because it is being done with RESTORE funds. He was not sure where FEMA stands on the dune walkovers but said the match is not that great. He reported he would rather have these funds reserved for a big project like Island View Park.

Mr. Moron stated they must wait until 10:00 a.m. to do the Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning items and that is why they are going out of order on the Agenda.

#### **Clerk of Courts – Marcia M. Johnson – Report**

Clerk Johnson presented her report to the Board, as follows:

M. Clerk's Report to Board 8-18-2020

### Action Item

#### 1. County Held Tax Certificates

Pursuant to F.S. 197.502(7), the Clerk is tasked to notify the County Commission when there were no bidders on county-held tax certificates that went to public tax deed sale. The list attached is the fourth batch of county-held tax certificates that have been advertised for sales. Sales were held on July 13, 2020 and August 10, 2020, and nobody bid on them. These properties are available should the county wish to purchase them or you can waive your rights to purchase them at this time, and they will be placed on a List of Lands Available for sale. If not purchased, they will escheat to the County after 3 years. I have attached the list plus a copy of the forms on each for the Chairman to sign on whether you elect to purchase or not. These properties are within the same area as the properties I presented to you on April 9th that you elected not to purchase. **Action requested by the Board: a motion to either elect to purchase or elect not to purchase these properties.**

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed not to purchase these properties.**

### Information Item

2. For information and as a reminder, the first budget public hearing is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th.

Clerk Johnson reported the Value Adjustment Board will have an Organizational meeting today at 1:30 p.m. in this room.

### County Coordinator – Michael Morón – Report

Mr. Moron provided his report, as follows:

#### O. County Coordinator's Report

### Action Items

1. SGI Bathroom: At your August 4th meeting, bids for the construction of the St. George Island Restroom design were opened and read aloud. Of the three bids received and opened, Storm Construction, LLC was the lowest at \$450,000. Upon Dewberry's review of their bids, there were a couple of required items that were not included in their bid packet. The first was evidence of authority to do business in the State of Florida, which was resolved by looking them up on SunBiz.org for their active status. The other was a list of their subcontractors which was provided to the County within a couple of days (attached to the agenda packet). The list of subcontractor requirement is a holdover requirement from FDOT bids and advertisements that should not have been included for this project. Since these are technical deficiencies that do not affect price, time, changes to the work or quality of work, it is within the Board's authority, as stated in the advertisement, to waive these informalities. The other option would be for the Board to disqualify Storm Construction and award the project to North Florida Construction for a total cost of \$468,001. Request: Board action to waive the informalities in Storm Construction's bid package and award them the project for \$450,000 or disqualify Storm Construction and award North Florida Construction the project for \$468,001.

Mr. Moron reported this is the same company that was awarded the bid to do the Road Department building. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to award the bid to Storm Construction.**

**Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Attorney Shuler said the motion should be to waive the informalities and award the bid to Storm Construction. **Commissioner Massey amended the motion to waive the informalities and award the bid to Storm Construction. Commissioner Jones amended his second. Motion carried; 5-0.**

2. CARES Act: At your August 4th meeting, Commissioner Parrish stated that he wanted the Board to be involved earlier in the CARES Act spending plan creation process. In front of you is a comprehensive package from your CARES Act consultant, Ms. Traci Buzbee that includes funding requests and the required forms, from County Departments, Constitutional Offices, County partners, and local businesses. These requests have not been vetted or approved as yet. Ms. Buzbee will be on the September 1st meeting agenda to review the package with the Board and at the end of the presentation would like direction on matters like setting maximum requests for each "group". As I stated at the last meeting, Ms. Buzbee has requested and received a \$3500 quote from Opportunity Florida to review all business applications. Is the Board willing to proceed with this agreement today so there is a head start on business application reviews prior to your September 1st meeting?

Request: Board action to authorize Ms. Buzbee to engage Opportunity Florida to review all business applications.

Mr. Moron stated Ms. Buzbee is the county's consultant and he agrees with her that they need an independent third party to review the business applications. He explained this is the area that is difficult because they must determine if the business has already received other funds. He reported smaller businesses are complaining the application is too much so maybe Opportunity Florida can work with Ms. Buzbee and with the business community. Mr. Moron explained they could use zoom to do a meeting to assist the businesses through the process. Mr. Moron reported hopefully Opportunity Florida will play a dual role. Commissioner Jones said it is advantageous to the Board because there must be a way for businesses to check a simpler list that they have received funds and then worry about the process of getting money from the CARES Act. He stated using Opportunity Florida as a third party is the right thing to do. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to hire Opportunity Florida to review all business applications.**

3. HHRP Homes: At your last meeting Mrs. Lori Switzer-Mills, your SHIP administrator, explained that some of eight (8) Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) home recipients required new septic systems and total costs for the installation for some of the home recipients could exceed the County's \$10,000 bid policy maximum amount. Mrs. Switzer-Mills forwarded three estimates (included in the agenda packet), for home recipients' septic installations that will exceed the County's \$10,000 bid policy. The Board will need to waive the County's bid policy to allow the installation of these septic systems. As the Board is aware Mrs. Switzer-Mills requested quotes for septic installation from four contractors and only Collins responded.

Request #1: Board action to waive the County's bid policy and authorize the three septic installation proposals that exceeded the County's \$10,000 maximum for the HHRP home replacement project.

Attorney Shuler explained his understanding is some of the trailers have been ordered and some are on-site waiting to be installed. Mr. Moron agreed 1-2 are in that situation. Mr. Moron said they must order the trailer before they work on the permit for the septic tank. Attorney Shuler reported it seems like this work should have been done before moving forward with spending \$80,000 on a trailer. Attorney Shuler said the closest exception they have is to declare a state of emergency as to getting the \$80,000 structures installed. He stated the county has already paid for the trailers so they are stuck. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to declare an emergency and waive the bid policy up to an amount of \$11,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked how much over this work is. Mr. Moron answered the most expensive is a little over \$11,000. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

In addition, the HHRP home recipient at 27 Bayview in Apalachicola total project cost has exceeded the \$75,000 set by the County by \$4,431.40. The need for an Exposure D unit, due to windstorm requirements, and a new septic system are the reason for the additional costs. The Board will need to waive the \$75,000 maximum cap for this HHRP project and authorize the \$79,431.40 total cost of this project.

Request #2: Board action to waive the \$75,000 maximum project amount for the home recipient at 27 Bayview Drive in Apalachicola and authorize the \$79,431.40 for this project.

Mr. Moron said the need for exposure d mobile homes and a new septic system is the reason for the additional cost. He stated they need to waive the \$75,000 cap and authorize \$79,431.40 for the home recipient at 27 Bayview Drive in Apalachicola. He explained the Board established the cap so they can waive the cap. Commissioner Parrish asked if some of the others were waived for septic systems. Mr. Moron said Mrs. Mills was able to negotiate down and received a better price and this is the only one over the \$75,000. Commissioner Parrish stated it is over because of the exposure d requirement and the new septic system. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to waive the \$75,000 cap and authorize \$79,431.40 for the recipient at 27 Bayview Drive in Apalachicola.**

4. Road Striping: Recently, the Board authorized Roberts and Roberts to pave Bayshore Drive on St. George Island, Plum Street and Creamer Street in Eastpoint, and 19th, 20th, and 21st streets in Apalachicola. Roberts and Roberts completed this project for \$10,000 less than proposed. Striping for those County streets were not included in that proposal. Roberts and Roberts is working on the change order that will decrease the project by the net amount of \$6,250 (\$10,000 project reduction - \$3750 total striping cost). Request: Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the \$6,250 change order, authorizing the striping of the County streets stated above.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the \$6,250 change order authorizing the striping of the county streets stated above.**

5. P&Z/BOA Emergency Ordinance: Emergency Ordinance 2020-15 temporarily suspending meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment and authorized the Franklin County Planner to exercise the powers and duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment sunsets today, August 18, 2020 at 12:01

p.m. (ET). With that in mind, is asked Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly, Zoning Administrator, to contact members of both Boards to receive input on moving forward. There are some members that prefer that the County Planner continues to review applications, two members, one from each Board, that want us to go back to the format prior to COVID-19, but a majority of the members are willing to participate if we do the meetings virtually using a Zoom format or something similar. I recommend that the Board extends the Emergency Ordinance until your October 6th meeting which would allow time to discuss this matter in more detail and agree to a format to proceed with.

Request: Board action to extend Emergency Ordinance 2020-15 sunset date to October 6, 2020.

Mr. Moron said this will allow the County Planner to do one more Planning & Zoning and two more Board of Adjustments meetings. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt an Ordinance extending the Emergency Ordinance 2020-15 sunset date to October 6<sup>th</sup>.** Attorney Shuler explained there is a certain format for adopting emergency ordinances. He advised the Board the motion needs to include a finding that the immediate enactment of the ordinance is necessary and there is a declared state of emergency and that it is necessary by a 4/5 vote of the Board that they waive the usual notice requirements otherwise required by Chapter 125 which is a 10 day notice in the newspaper. **Commissioner Jones amended his motion to reflect the County Attorney's comments: to include a finding that the immediate enactment of the ordinance is necessary and there is a declared state of emergency and that it is necessary by a 4/5 vote of the Board that they waive the usual notice requirements as required by Chapter 125. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley reported the County Planner is doing extra work and has to do his own work too. He said this is not in his job description and he has deadline for his regular job too. He stated they should provide compensation for this extra work. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Commissioner Boldt asked if this should be retroactively applied at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when the Assistant Financial Clerk is here to address the funds for this work. Chairman Lockley said the County Planner has work to do and this is additional work and he is having to do both. Commissioner Boldt asked him to let Mr. Curenton know about this discussion. Mr. Moron stated he will discuss this with Mr. Curenton and Mrs. Griffith. Chairman Lockley reported he was in Mr. Curenton's office and saw what he was going through. Mr. Moron said he will add this item to his report for the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

6. Agent of Record: After the Board agreed to the new plan option and rates for the County's dental and life insurance plans through Acentria Insurance at the budget workshop, Chairman Lockley signed the Agent of Record Notification Letter on August 11th. A copy of the letter is attached to the agenda packet.

Request: Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Agent of Record Notification Letter.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Agent of Record Notification Letter.**

7. DOC (Bay City) Workcamp: Dormitory B (#12) at the Bay City Workcamp was in poor condition and a section of the roof which was damaged in Hurricane Michael has fallen in. Recently it was discovered that someone had been camping in one of the other vacant dormitory buildings at the work camp location and this building poses a significant safety and

liability concern. This building shell is approximately 9600 square feet. The other buildings at the location are in better condition. This building is on county insurance and there is approximately \$45,566 in insurance proceeds for this location that can be used for the demolition of the structure. The size of the building equates to an annual insurance expense of \$5,204 and as this structure is unusable, when it is demolished Franklin County will be able to remove this building from coverage. To reduce the project cost, the Board may consider waiving the tipping fees of the construction debris. In addition, would the concrete blocks have any value as rip-rap?

Request: Board action to solicit bids for the tear down of Dormitory Building B (#12) at the old DOC Work camp at 1001 US Highway 98 and waive construction debris tipping fees to reduce costs.

Mr. Moron stated this is the item Mr. Mostellar was referencing under public comment. He said he understands what Mr. Mostellar is saying but they do not think the money that is available will replace the roof so the county would have to add some money. He reported the building is in bad shape and he does not think it is worth saving. He apologized for not attaching pictures so the Board could see how bad the building is. He pointed out they are not tearing down the whole complex just this particular building. The Board discussed the location of the buildings in the complex. Mr. Moron reported Mrs. Brownell has a plan to get the other building restored to use and he has contacted Cates Electric about this matter. Chairman Lockley asked if the people that were camping are gone. Mr. Moron answered yes, the county secured the building they were in. Chairman Lockley asked if there are cameras in this location. Mr. Moron responded no. Commissioner Parrish stated the Board authorized the cameras 3 years ago but they still do not have them. Chairman Lockley reported they need the cameras because that would have stopped the campers. Commissioner Boldt questioned if this area is the area the Sheriff is considering for a rehabilitation facility. Mr. Moron said yes, and he talked to the Sheriff and he does not have any problem with this. Chairman Lockley questioned if the Sheriff said he would fix the building. Mr. Moron answered no. Chairman Lockley reported they told the Sheriff they did not have the money to repair this structure but he wanted to make sure the Sheriff knew about this before it was torn down. Commissioner Boldt said the old slab should be left for a future foundation. He reported by demolishing the building they are saving money on insurance costs. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to solicit bids for tearing down Dormitory Building B (#12) at the old DOC work camp at 1001 U.S. Highway 98 and waive the construction debris tipping fees to reduce costs.** Chairman Lockley stated they need to get cameras on this property. He said if someone gets hurt there it will cost the county money. Commissioner Parrish questioned if there is signage on the fence. Mr. Moron was not sure but said he would ask Mr. Shane Phillips, Courthouse Maintenance, to look. He said they need to put up signs and then work on adding the cameras. Commissioner Parrish suggested the signs say unauthorized personnel prohibited.

8. DBPR meetings: As you may have seen in the news, Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears has been visiting bar and brewery owners throughout the State to discuss a safe reopening plan for their establishments. Since March 26th, only establishments that sell food along with alcohol have been allowed to operate in the State, therefore all other bar and breweries have been closed. In order to support the local bar and breweries, is the Board willing to send a letter of support to Secretary Beshears stating that Franklin County supports a safe reopening plan for bars and breweries that do not sell food?

Request: Board discussion and possible action to authorize a letter of support to Secretary Beshears for a safe reopening plan for bars and breweries.

Commissioner Parrish stated he has heard from different people and bar owners about this matter. He explained the bars here do not have as many people as in large areas. He reported they gave the vacation rental businesses a letter of support which the Board did and the COVID numbers went up. Commissioner Parrish stated the bars in Apalachicola do not serve liquor only beer and wine and one place in Eastpoint sells liquor. He reported the bars do not hold many people and the businesses he talked to are willing to have 50% capacity. Commissioner Parrish stated they need to send a letter and stipulate the businesses he talked to are willing to do half capacity which is around 50 people. He said people that are going to go here are the people that are allowed to come into the county and it does not make sense for these business owners to lose their livelihood. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to send a letter to Secretary Beshears in support of this with these stipulations.**

**Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Boldt said this is good moderation and allows a controlled reopening plan. Chairman Lockley reported the state is pushing all these decisions on the Board. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

#### **County Attorney – Michael Shuler – Report**

Attorney Shuler requested the Board conduct an Executive Session with he and Attorney David Theriaque, outside counsel, on the pending litigation with HLS Property Group. He said the attorneys need some advice from the Board and would like to have this session pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0118 on September 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Attorney Shuler explained he would be present at that meeting in addition to the County Commissioners, Attorney Theriaque, and Mr. Moron. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize an Executive Session of the Board on September 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Jones reported at the beginning of June there was a motion or direction about the Board making a formal statement on masks. Attorney Shuler stated he prepared an emergency mask ordinance for the last meeting. He said his understanding was there is going to be an alternate path partnering with TDC on a publicity campaign and that is the reason he has not brought up the ordinance. Attorney Shuler reported he has the ordinance with him if the Board wants to address it. He said it was modeled after an ordinance from Leon County. He explained an ordinance was prepared as opposed to an executive order they are allowed to adopt under a state of emergency because of the penalty. He went on to say the executive order has a criminal second degree offense penalty and the ordinance has a monetary penalty. Attorney Shuler pointed out there are exceptions for people with health conditions and children 6 and under and they are not required to wear a mask. Attorney Shuler said he thought they were going down a different path with TDC with the campaign to get people to voluntarily comply with wearing the mask and see where the COVID-19 numbers go. Commissioner Jones reported when the Board made this motion what TDC is discussing was not in place and he is not trying to force the Board into a decision but wanted to follow up on the discussion. Attorney Shuler said the ordinance is ready to go but the public has a wide range of decisions on whether to wear a mask or not and that was the reason they were going to try the educational program first and then the Board will make a decision. Mr. Moron stated someone will be at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to explain the Pledge to Protect campaign. He said Flagler County is using the educational program and trying to

get the public to buy in to wearing the face masks. He stated the Board can compare the two and decide what to do. Mr. Moron reported the ordinance is fine but he questioned if the Sheriff has enough people to enforce the ordinance. He explained they are trying to have a more voluntary approach and have people wear the masks when they go into businesses. Mr. Moron said the Board needs more information on these items. Chairman Lockley commented the COVID-19 numbers are going higher.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

**Board of Adjustment – Amy Ham-Kelly – Report 10:00 a.m. (ET)**

Mrs. Ham-Kelly offered the following report:

- G. Consideration of a request to construct an addition 15 feet into the front setback off of St. Teresa Avenue. Property described as Lots 3-4, Block A, Cochran Beach, Unit 1, 4198 St. Teresa Avenue, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Charles and Leslie Redding, applicants.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommends approving this variance request.

**BOARD ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Mrs. Ham-Kelly said their office has received letters of support from 3 neighbors. She reported the easement is 40 ft. wide and there is nothing there but the power line transmission so there is nothing there to hinder. She reported the road will probably never be constructed. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

- H. Consideration of a request to construct a house 19 feet into the setback off of Castoldi Street, 6 feet into the west side setback and a 15 foot variance into the setback off of Carrabelle Beach Drive. Property described as Lots 5-6, Block B, Range 2, McKissack Beach, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Greg Winters, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommends approving this variance request provided that the house is moved to be 17 feet from Carrabelle Beach Drive.

**BOARD ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Mrs. Ham-Kelly said the property has 2 lots and is 100' x 100'. She said there are roads on 3 sides of the property. She presented a site plan and explained the request. She reported the survey shows the deck on the house to the west is located less than 1 ft. from the property line. She stated the house as designed is 84 ft. long and 36 ft. deep and when the stairs are added the structure will be almost 58 ft. deep. Commissioner Massey said he is not for this request because it is right up against the other man's house. He stated they need to do something different. Mr. Moron unmuted people calling in for public comment. Mr. Chuck Mansfield, an adjacent homeowner, said this home will be 4 ft. from his house and he strongly objects. Mr. Greg Winters, applicant, stated the request would be 10 ft. from Mr. Mansfield's property even though Mr. Mansfield's deck is 10 inches from his property line. He reported the proposed house would be 25 ft. from Carrabelle Beach Drive, 25 ft. from Spacey Drive and a 10 ft. setback from Castoldi Drive. Ms. Lou Ausman, a resident of Carrabelle, stated she lives



across the street and does not want any variances allowed because it could affect her property. Commissioner Parrish explained when people apply for a variance they must have a hardship. He reported they must look at the property lines and setbacks and design a house that fits within the lines. He explained they want people to have some use of their property but there must be a hardship. Commissioner Parrish asked if there is a hardship or he just wants to build a bigger house. Mrs. Ham-Kelly presented the site plan and said the house is 84 feet long east to west. Commissioner Parrish said they must design a house to fit the site and abide by the setbacks unless there is a hardship. Attorney Shuler agreed hardship is one of the factors to be considered in granting a variance. He said the County's Building Code requires a minimum building footprint of 1,000 sq. ft. of heated/cooled space and questioned the amount of heated and cooled space in this design. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board table this matter for more information and come back at a later meeting. He reported the additional information can be presented to the Board at that meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to table this request until further notice.** Chairman Lockley said they are tabling for more information. Mr. Moron said staff will get with the applicant about this information. He reported the neighbors need to send in their objections so they are part of the record. Attorney Shuler reported they need to know what the necessity is for this particular layout on this particular lot. Commissioner Boldt said they need more specific drawings. Mrs. Ham-Kelly presented a site plan. Chairman Lockley stated they need space between the houses for fire protection. Commissioner Parrish explained this is why they have the setbacks. He said when the setbacks are taken away then they do not have this space. He reported the applicant needs to design a house that fits in the footprint of the lot and does not encroach into the setbacks. Commissioner Parrish reported he is asking for 3 different variances which are the 2 side setbacks and the front setback. He stated he needs to go back and redesign a house to fit the lot. He explained the setbacks are there to protect the neighbors and to protect the right-of-way. Commissioner Massey explained this structure would be right up against Mr. Mansfield's house. Commissioner Parrish stated the setbacks are there to prevent this from happening and are used by the fire trucks as Chairman Lockley mentioned. Chairman Lockley asked if there is an empty lot by him. Mrs. Ham-Kelly explained this is an end lot surrounded by 3 roads and she showed a map of the property. Chairman Lockley stated the applicant would need another lot for this request. Mrs. Ham-Kelly agreed he would need another lot to avoid the need for the variance. Commissioner Parrish said the lady across the street will also be impacted if they allow the variance into the setbacks. Chairman Lockley agreed someone could do the same thing to her and that would create a problem. Commissioner Parrish stated if they allow this it would set a precedent and the next person will be allowed the same thing. He said he understands when there is a hardship and they try to work with the applicant. Mr. Moron said staff will talk with the applicant because he probably needs to reduce the footprint of the house so he will not need so many variances or any at all. He stated the neighbors also need to contact staff so their comments are on the record. Mr. Moron reported they will address this request at the next meeting. Commissioner Parrish reported this is why he wants to get back to having zoom meetings with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment so they can look at these items before they come to the Board. He said this will set a precedent and then other people will submit the same requests. He pointed out when they make these planning and zoning decisions they need to pay attention because this is setting up things for years in the future. Commissioner Boldt commented there are standards of practice and quality assurance that help them maintain good quality guidelines so they do not make exceptions that do not have quality assurance standards behind them. He said this cascades into higher values of property and better quality of life.

Commissioner Parrish reported if they had a true hardship then the Board would have to look at it. Chairman Lockley commented if there is not this space and they have a fire then it could burn an entire block. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated there were no letters or phone calls of objection so they need to send them in. She said she will meet with Mr. Winters. Commissioner Massey said he has talked with all of them. Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported no one called the office. Commissioner Massey reported he is their Commissioner so he is speaking for them. Commissioner Parrish stated the objections need to be on the record. Commissioner Massey explained if they start this then it will be requested everywhere in the county. He stated this is not the first request they have turned down.

- I. Consideration of a request to construct a house 15 feet into the front setback off of Alligator Drive. Property described as 1237 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental & Land Services, agent for Walter "Kip" Kuck III, applicant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommends approving this variance request.

**BOARD ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated there is a proposed house seaward of the coastal control construction line. (CCCL). She reported the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring the house to be closer to Alligator Drive. Mr. Moron stated Ms. Peppers is on the telephone if there are any questions. Commissioner Parrish explained they cannot build seaward of the CCCL so they must be closer to the road and this is a hardship not made by the person. He said they have granted these requests multiple times on St. George Island. Commissioner Parrish reported the person just needs to move into the front setback. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

- J. Consideration of a request to construct a house 15 feet into the front setback line off of Highway 98. Property described as 2324 Highway 98 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Ronald and Daisy Laone, applicants.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommends approving this variance request.

**BOARD ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Mrs. Ham-Kelly reported this parcel is located on the south side of Highway 98 along St. George Island Sound. She described the house and the variance requested. She reported the house will maintain the 50 ft. setback from mean high water. She reported if the house is constructed it will be approximately 45 ft. from Highway 98 and a septic system can be permitted on the site. Commissioner Parrish asked if the house meets all the side setbacks. He said he assumes the lot has eroded. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said yes, and presented the map of the property. She reported they have a retaining wall that is out of the 50 ft. setback and critical habitat zone. Commissioner Parrish reported they are meeting the side setbacks and protecting the critical habitat zone by allowing them to move forward. He pointed out they also designed a house that will fit on this lot. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

#### **Planning and Zoning – Amy Ham-Kelly – Report**

Mrs. Ham-Kelly offered the following report:

## Critical Shoreline Applications

- K. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 5 Bay Cove Village, 2031 Sand Dollar Trail, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The dock will be 431' x 4' with a 10' x 20' boat lift and a 6' x 20' terminus. The applicant has both State and Federal Permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Steve Maxwell, applicant. (Proposed House)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommends approving this application contingent of receiving the FDEP permit for the boatlift.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

Commissioner Boldt commented about the length of the dock. Commissioner Parrish explained the dock must go out far enough so they are not prop dredging which means this is a shallow area. He stated the dock must go out where water is deeper and they are not tearing up the sea grasses. He said normally when they have their state permit they have already looked at these issues. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request contingent upon receiving the FDEP permit for the boatlift.**

- L. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock located at Lot 8, Block 65, Unit 5, 709 Randolph Street, St George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The dock walkway will be 15' x 5' and have a 60' x 10' parallel dock. The applicant has the DEP Self Certification. Request submitted by Lee Chapin, applicant. (Proposed Site Plan- No House. This is an after the fact request, dock is already been constructed.)

**P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** (Meeting Date: 2/11/2020) Motion to approve by Member Taranto, Seconded by Member Wilkens, contingent upon applying for a DEP Exemption and obtaining the Federal Permit. Applicant has both Exemption and Federal Permits.

**BCC ACTION:** To Approve, Table or Deny

**Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish stated this is an after the fact permit and he asked Mrs. Ham-Kelly to explain the situation. Mrs. Ham-Kelly agreed he built the dock without a permit from DEP, the COE or the county. She reported Mr. Chapin called to get a power pole permit for his dock and was informed he had not been through the process. Mrs. Ham-Kelly said he applied for the permit and it went before the Planning & Zoning Commission in February. Commissioner Parrish inquired if the dock is within his riparian lot lines. Mrs. Ham-Kelly answered yes, the lot is 90 ft. wide and the dock is 60 ft. She stated a professional survey was submitted. She went on to say they must provide a 25 ft. setback from the riparian lot lines or submit a professional survey saying they have not extended into the setbacks. Commissioner Boldt said they have a survey to be sure the dock is where it is supposed to be. Chairman Lockley reported they need to stop them from building first. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they sent a Memorandum to the marine contractors that they must abide by the requirements. She said if they choose not to build in the correct location then they will need to pull the dock up and put it in the right location. Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated they can also be punished through licensing. Commissioner Boldt reported this is another job for code compliance. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated the applicant will have to pay a double permit fee.

## Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Boldt said he recognized there is integrity in the Franklin County election. He stated he has the privilege of serving on the Canvassing Board alongside County Judge J. Gordon Shuler. He said he would like the public to know what a tremendous quality assurance review the ballots have. He discussed the election equipment and the process of opening and examining the absentee ballots. He reported the public can go there and observe what is being done.

**Information Item(s)**

P. Letter - SummerCamp's Water & Sewer

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts

September 1, 2020  
Franklin County Road & Bridge Department  
Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District  
Detail from 8/13/2020 - 8/26/2020

**District 1**

**Work Performed:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>
VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup	8/13/2020 US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, Ricky Jones)
VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup	8/13/2020 US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, Ricky Jones)
VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup	8/13/2020 US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, Ricky Jones)
VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup	8/13/2020 US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, Ricky Jones)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Box drag	8/18/2020 W 4th Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Bruce Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Wing Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Bledsoe Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 McCloud Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 E Pine Avenue
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Howell Street
Box drag	8/18/2020 W 3rd Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Gibson Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 E 11th Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Buck Street, St. George Island
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Land Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Palmer Street
Box drag	8/18/2020 W 8th Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 W Bay Shore Drive
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Bradford Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Nedley Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 W Sawyer Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 W Pine Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020 Randolph Street
Box drag	8/18/2020 E 9th Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 E Gulf Beach Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 E Pine Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 E 3rd Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 E 2nd Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 E 1st Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020 Bike Path (St. George Island)
Parking lot repair	8/18/2020 Patton Drive Parking Lot (Eastpoint)
Box drag	8/18/2020 Pruett Road
Box drag	8/18/2020 Brinkley Street
Box drag	8/18/2020 Bell Street
Box drag	8/18/2020 E Bay Shore Drive

**District 1****Work Performed:**

	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Road</u></b>
Box drag	8/16/2020	W 5th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 10th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	W 6th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 8th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 7th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 6th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 4th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	Gunn Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	E 1st Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	Akel Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	Porter Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	W 12th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	W 10th Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	W 9th Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020	Patton Street
Box drag	8/18/2020	Baine Street
Culvert installation	8/19/2020	Ridgecrest Parkway
Travel	8/19/2020	Ridgecrest Parkway
Culvert installation	8/19/2020	Ridgecrest Parkway
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 9th Street
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 11th Street
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 9th Street
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 11th Street
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 9th Street
Sign Maintenance	8/20/2020	W 11th Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/22/2020	School Road
Cleaned out culverts	8/22/2020	School Road
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	County Roads Eastpoint, Ricky Jones
Flagged	8/24/2020	Avenue A (District 1)
Flagged	8/24/2020	School Road
Flagged	8/24/2020	3rd Street
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public, Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Bruce Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	1st Street
Flagged	8/24/2020	School Road
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public, Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Patton Street
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public, Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	W Gulf Beach Drive
Sign Maintenance, Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	W Gulf Beach Drive
Flagged	8/24/2020	Old Ferry Dock Road
Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Patton Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	School Road
Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	W Gulf Beach Drive
Sign Maintenance, Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Patton Drive
Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Bruce Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	Old Ferry Dock Road
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	3rd Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	1st Street

**District 1****Work Performed:**

	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Road</u></b>
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	3rd Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	3rd Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	Shuler Avenue
Flagged	8/24/2020	Shuler Avenue
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	1st Street
Sign Maintenance, Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Bruce Street
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	Avenue A (District 1)
Cleaned out culverts	8/24/2020	3rd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/25/2020	E Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/25/2020	E 3rd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/25/2020	E Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 2nd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Bay Shore Drive
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 11th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 1st Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 11th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 3rd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 5th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 1st Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 6th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 7th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 2nd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 3rd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 4th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 5th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 6th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 7th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 4th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 2nd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Bay Shore Drive
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 2nd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 3rd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 4th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 5th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 6th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E 7th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 1st Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 11th Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Bay Shore Drive
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W 2nd Street
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	E Pine Avenue
Pot hole Repair (Fill)	8/26/2020	W Pine Avenue

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**Material HAUL From:****Date****Road****Cubic Yards   Tons**

**District 1**

**Material HAUL From:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Cubic Yards</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/18/2020	E Pine Avenue	1	0
<b>Dirty 89 Lime Rock</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Litter	8/18/2020	Bike Path (St. George Island)	1	0
Litter	8/18/2020	E 1st Street	1	0
Litter	8/18/2020	E 2nd Street	1	0
Litter	8/18/2020	E 3rd Street	1	0
<b>Litter</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**Material HAUL To:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Cubic Yards</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Black Dirt	8/19/2020	Ridgecrest Parkway	18	0
<b>Black Dirt</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/18/2020	St. George Island Boat Ramp	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/18/2020	E Pine Avenue	6	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/18/2020	Baine Street	6	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/18/2020	Bell Street	6	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/19/2020	Ridgecrest Parkway	18	0
<b>Dirty 89 Lime Rock</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>
Milled Asphalt	8/25/2020	E Pine Avenue	3	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 7th Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 6th Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 5th Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 4th Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 2nd Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E 3rd Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	E Pine Avenue	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	W Pine Avenue	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	W 11th Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	W 1st Street	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	W Bay Shore Drive	1	0
Milled Asphalt	8/26/2020	W 2nd Street	1	0
<b>Milled Asphalt</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>

**District 2**

**Work Performed:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	West Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	West Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	Kendrick Road
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	CR67
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	CR67
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	Maxine Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Maxine Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	CR67
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/19/2020	CR67
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Kendrick Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	CR67



**District 2****Work Performed:**

	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Road</u></b>
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Kendrick Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	CR67
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Maxine Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	West Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	W Pine Street (Lanark)
Litter Pickup	8/20/2020	CR67
Litter Pickup	8/20/2020	CR67
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Alabama Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Kentucky Ave
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Spring Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Newman Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Elm Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Massachusetts Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Collins Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Jubilee Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Parker Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Heffernan Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Warren Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Holland Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Carlton Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Oak Street (Louisiana Ave/Pinewood Ave)
Graded Road(s)	8/20/2020	Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)
Litter Pickup	8/20/2020	CR67
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Carl King Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Indiana Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Delaware Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Florida Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Connecticut Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Idaho Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Illinois Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Maryland Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Maine Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Kansas Street
Box drag	8/20/2020	Jeff Sanders Road
Box drag	8/20/2020	Collins Avenue
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Colorado Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	California Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Arizona Street
Litter Pickup	8/20/2020	CR67
Litter Pickup	8/20/2020	CR67
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	Carolina Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/20/2020	CR67
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	11th Street E (City of Carrabelle)
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Duvall Road
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Jeff Sanders Road
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	9th Street E (City of Carrabelle)
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Avenue D NE (City of Carrabelle)

**District 2**

**Work Performed:**

Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public

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Graded Road(s), Road Repair

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Graded Road(s), Road Repair

<u>Date</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>Road</u>
8/24/2020		4th Street E (City of Carrabelle)
8/24/2020		Duvall Road
8/24/2020		McIntyre Road
8/24/2020		Jeff Sanders Road
8/24/2020		McIntyre Road
8/24/2020		I Avenue NE (City of Carrabelle)
8/24/2020		I Avenue NE (City of Carrabelle)
8/24/2020		Avenue D NE (City of Carrabelle)
8/24/2020		County Roads, Alligator Point
8/25/2020		Oleander Terrace
8/25/2020		Lake Morality Road
8/25/2020		Florida Avenue (East)
8/25/2020		Lake Morality Road
8/25/2020		Franklin Street
8/25/2020		Hinton Street
8/25/2020		Titi Street
8/25/2020		Oak Street (Louisiana Ave/Pinewood Ave)
8/25/2020		Infeild Drive (Bluewayer Bay BLVD)
8/25/2020		Lake Morality Road
8/25/2020		Elder Street
8/25/2020		Palmetto Terrace
8/25/2020		Putnal Street
8/25/2020		Apalachee Street
8/26/2020		Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)
8/26/2020		Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)
8/26/2020		Putnal Street
8/26/2020		Hinton Street
8/26/2020		Franklin Street
8/26/2020		Apalachee Street
8/26/2020		Oak Street (Louisiana Ave/Pinewood Ave)
8/26/2020		Harbor Circle
8/26/2020		Harry Morrison Island Road

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**Material HAUL From:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Cubic Yards</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Litter	8/19/2020	CR67	1	0
Litter	8/19/2020	Baywood Drive (City of Carrabelle)	1	0
Litter	8/19/2020	West Drive	1	0
Litter	8/19/2020	Maxine Road	1	0
Litter	8/20/2020	CR67	4	0
Litter	8/20/2020	CR67	5	0

**Litter**

**TOTAL**

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**Material HAUL To:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Cubic Yards</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/13/2020	Stock Pile, CR 370 - Alligator Drive - Alligator	0	17.7299995422
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/13/2020	Stock Pile, CR 370 - Alligator Drive - Alligator	0	18.4099998474
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/13/2020	Stock Pile, CR 370 - Alligator Drive - Alligator	0	18.20999990845
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/20/2020	Collins Avenue	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/20/2020	Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/20/2020	4th Street E (City of Carrabelle)	18	0

District 2

Material HAUL To:

	<div>Date</div>	<div>Road</div>	<div>Cubic Yards</div>	<div>Tons</div>
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/25/2020	Avenue J NE (City of Carrabelle)	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/26/2020	Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/26/2020	Alligator Drive (Temporary Road)	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	TOTAL		108	54.3499984741

District 3

Work Performed:

	<div>Date</div>	<div>Road</div>		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue K (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue K (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue L (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Jacobie Lane (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue L (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Dr. Fredrick Humpry St *7th Street* (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue K (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Jacobie Lane (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Dr. Fredrick Humpry St *7th Street* (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Dr. Fredrick Humpry St *7th Street* (City of Apalachicola)		
Litter Pickup	8/25/2020	Avenue L (City of Apalachicola)		
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Material HAUL From:

	<div>Date</div>	<div>Road</div>	<div>Cubic Yards</div>	<div>Tons</div>
Litter	8/25/2020	Avenue L (City of Apalachicola)	1	0
Litter	8/25/2020	Dr. Fredrick Humpry St *7th Street* (City of Apalachicola)	1	0
Litter	8/25/2020	Avenue K (City of Apalachicola)	1	0
Litter	8/25/2020	Jacobie Lane (City of Apalachicola)	1	0
Litter	TOTAL		4	0

District 4

Work Performed:

	<div>Date</div>	<div>Road</div>		
Remove Trees	8/13/2020	Bluff Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Sacagawea Trail		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Pogy Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Bluff Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Sacagawea Trail		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Bluff Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Pogy Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Bluff Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Pogy Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/18/2020	Sacagawea Trail		
Sign Maintenance, Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public	8/24/2020	Bluff Road		
Checked county roads for safety of traveling for public, Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Bluff Road		
Sign Maintenance	8/24/2020	Bluff Road		
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Material HAUL From:

	<div>Date</div>	<div>Road</div>	<div>Cubic Yards</div>	<div>Tons</div>
Trees	8/13/2020	Bluff Road	9	0
Trees	TOTAL		9	0

**District 5****Work Performed:**

VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup

Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way

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VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup

VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup

VMS Work, Cut Grass, Blowed Sidewalks, Cleaned ditches, Litter pickup

Cut grass in ditches, Cut bushes back

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Cut grass in ditches, Cut bushes back

Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way

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**Road**

US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, William Massey)

Jeffie Tucker Road

North Road

Sand Beach Road

Chason Road

Bouington BLVD

Pitts Road

US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, William Massey)

US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, William Massey)

US HWY 98 (Eastpoint, William Massey)

Michael Way

Wylonda Avenue

Michael Way

Wylonda Avenue

Gardners Landing Road

Airport Road (City of Carrabelle)

Frank McKamey Way

Lighthouse Road (Paved Portion)

Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)

Lagoon Street

Messer Road

Cape Street

Beacon Street

Frank McKamey Way

Mill Road

Jonna Drive

Herndon Road

Quail Run Drive

Woodill Road

Woodill Road

Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)

River Road

Bayou Drive (City of Carrabelle)

Beacon Street

Lighthouse Road (Paved Portion)

Herndon Road

Quail Run Drive

Woodill Road

Frank McKamey Way

Lighthouse Road (Paved Portion)

Messer Road

Cape Street

Quail Run Drive

Jonna Drive

Airport Road (City of Carrabelle)

Timber Island Road (City of Carrabelle)

**District 5****Work Performed:**

	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Road</u></b>
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Bayou Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	River Road
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Mill Road
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Herndon Road
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Lagoon Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Woodill Road
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Frank McKamey Way
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Lagoon Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Cape Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Jonna Drive
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Sharol Court
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Sybil Court
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Pinnacle Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Beacon Street
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Quail Run Drive
Graded Road(s)	8/17/2020	Brick Yard Road (Forestry Road #129)
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Beacon Street
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Lagoon Street
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Messer Road
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/17/2020	Lighthouse Road (Paved Portion)
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Cape Street
Graded Road(s)	8/17/2020	Scotts Road
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Jonna Drive
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Airport Road (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Bayou Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	River Road
Litter Pickup	8/17/2020	Mill Road
Graded Road(s)	8/17/2020	Gardners Landing Road
Graded Road(s)	8/17/2020	Bloody Bluff Road
Box drag	8/18/2020	5th Street
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	River Road
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	Timber Island Road (City of Carrabelle)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	Timber Lane (City of Carrabelle)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	Bayou Drive (City of Carrabelle)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	Airport Road (City of Carrabelle)
Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way	8/18/2020	Mill Road
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020	Brian Street
Graded Road(s)	8/18/2020	Cook Street
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Wilderness Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Carlton Millender Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Wilderness Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Sanborn Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Carlton Millender Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Sanborn Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Wilderness Road
Sign Maintenance	8/19/2020	River Road
Litter Pickup	8/19/2020	Sanborn Road

**District 5****Work Performed:**

Litter Pickup

Sign Maintenance

Beaver Dam - Take Out

Cut grass along shoulders of road on county right of way

Beaver Dam - Take Out

Litter Pickup

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Litter Pickup

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Box drag

Box drag

Graded Road(s)

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Beaver Dam - Take Out

Flagged

**Date****G.****Road**

8/19/2020 Wilderness Road

8/19/2020 River Road

8/19/2020 Bloody Bluff Road

8/19/2020 River Road

8/19/2020 Bloody Bluff Road

8/19/2020 Sanborn Road

8/19/2020 Carlton Millender Road

8/19/2020 Wilderness Road

8/19/2020 Sanborn Road

8/19/2020 Carlton Millender Road

8/19/2020 Carlton Millender Road

8/20/2020 Georgia Street

8/20/2020 Ruth's Drive (City of Carrabelle)

8/20/2020 Herndon Road

8/20/2020 Mill Road

8/24/2020 Sand Beach Road

8/24/2020 Ashley Landing Road (Forestry Road #101-A)

8/24/2020 11th Street W (City of Carrabelle)

8/24/2020 North Road

8/24/2020 Gardners Landing Road

8/24/2020 Bloody Bluff Road

8/24/2020 Wright Lake Road (Forestry Road #101)

8/24/2020 9th Street W (City of Carrabelle)

8/24/2020 Sumatra Cemetery

8/24/2020 Ashley Landing Road (Forestry Road #101-A)

8/24/2020 CC Land

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8/24/2020 County Roads, Eastpoint William Massey

8/24/2020 7th Street

8/24/2020 Wright Lake Road (Forestry Road #101)

8/24/2020 Sand Beach Road

8/24/2020 Hickory Landing Road (Forestry Road #101-B)

8/24/2020 CC Land

8/24/2020 CC Land

8/24/2020 Hickory Landing Road (Forestry Road #101-B)

8/24/2020 Sumatra Cemetery

8/24/2020 Bloody Bluff Road

8/24/2020 Gardners Landing Road

8/24/2020 North Road

8/24/2020 Brick Yard Road (Forestry Road #129)

8/24/2020 Avenue G NW (City of Carrabelle)

8/24/2020 4th Street W (City of Carrabelle)

8/24/2020 Avenue G NW (City of Carrabelle)

8/24/2020 7th Street

8/25/2020 Ridge Road

8/25/2020 Ridge Road

8/25/2020 Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)

8/25/2020 Wilderness Road

**District 5****Work Performed:**

Cleaned out culverts

**Date**

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8/25/2020

**Road**

Wilderness Road

0

**Material HAUL From:**

Ditch Dirt	8/25/2020	Ridge Road	18	0
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**Ditch Dirt****TOTAL****18****0**

Litter	8/17/2020	Messer Road	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Quail Run Drive	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Mill Road	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Woodill Road	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Herndon Road	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Frank McKamey Way	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Lighthouse Road (Paved Portion)	0.600000024	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Lighthouse Road (Unpaved Portion)	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Lagoon Street	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Cape Street	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Beacon Street	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Jonna Drive	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Airport Road (City of Carrabelle)	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Timber Island Road (City of Carrabelle)	0.600000024	0
Litter	8/17/2020	River Road	0.600000024	0
Litter	8/17/2020	Bayou Drive (City of Carrabelle)	0.200000003	0
Litter	8/19/2020	Sanborn Road	1	0
Litter	8/19/2020	Carlton Millender Road	1	0
Litter	8/19/2020	Wilderness Road	1	0

**Litter****TOTAL****7.400000110 0****Material HAUL To:**

Black Dirt	8/20/2020	Mill Road	18	0
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**Black Dirt****TOTAL****18****0**

Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/13/2020	River Road	9	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/17/2020	Brick Yard Road (Forestry Road #129)	36	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/17/2020	Bloody Bluff Road	18	0
Dirty 89 Lime Rock	8/20/2020	Mill Road	18	0

**Dirty 89 Lime Rock****TOTAL****81****0**



**MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2020  
**NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:** Howard Nabors, Road Department  
**TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:** 11

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**Road Department Board Report**

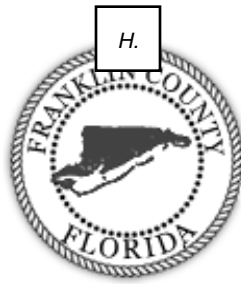
**Action Items**

No Action Items

**Information Items**

2. Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District (see attached documents)





**MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2020  
**NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:** Fonda D. Davis  
Solid Waste & Recycling, Animal Control, Parks & Recreation

**TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:** 0

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**FOR BOARD INFORMATION:**

**Right-of-Way Debris Pickup/Recycle Material Hauled**  
**August 13, 2020- August 24, 2020**

**RIGHT-OF-WAY DEBRIS PICKUP**

Apalachicola	Eastpoint	St George Island	Carrabelle	Lanark	Alligator Point
55.21 TONS	13.43 TONS	35.28 TONS	35.0 TONS	26.60 TONS	29.40 TONS

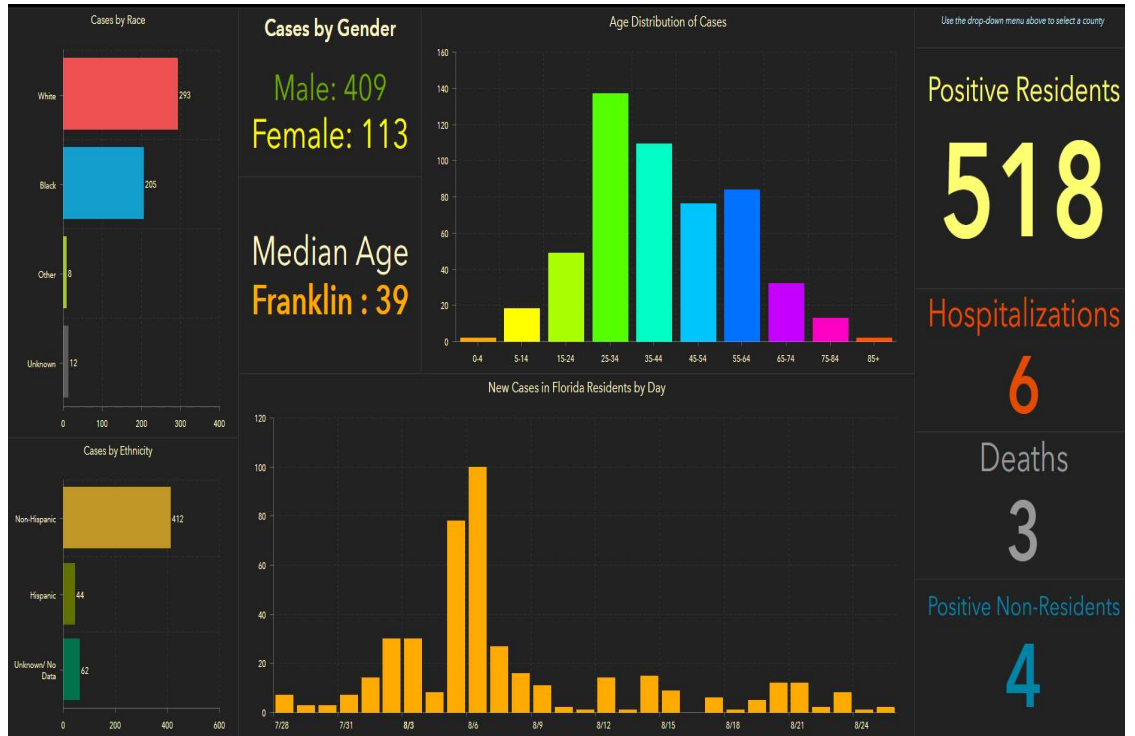
**RECYCLE MATERIAL HAULED**

	Apalachicola	Eastpoint	St George Island	Carrabelle	Lanark	Alligator Point	St James
Cardboard	5.62 TONS	4.03 TONS	5.38 TONS	1.59 TONS	-0- TONS	-0- TONS	.44 TONS
Plastic,Paper,Glass, Aluminum	-0- TONS	-0- TONS	-0- TONS	-0 TONS	-0- TONS	-0- TONS	-0-TONS

**REQUESTED ACTION: None**

TOTAL OBLIGATED AS OF 09/01/20			I. \$1,231,800.80	\$328,037.39		\$1,559,838.19
76655	Alligator Point Road Damage; Combined Michael & Hermine	Pending EHP Review	\$4,187,647.50	\$1,395,882.50	75.0%	\$5,583,530.00
79199	Alligator Point Dunes Walkovers	Pending EHP Review	\$24,867.23	\$8,289.07	75.0%	\$33,156.30
83669	SGL Park - BB Court and Fishing Pier	Pending EHP Review	\$21,683.91	\$7,227.97	75.0%	\$28,911.88
132465	Franklin County Management costs	Pending Formulation Completion	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.0%	\$31,644.50
79475	Franklin County Debris 10- 10 thrus 11/24	Pending Recipient Final Review	\$241,333.94	\$0.00	100.0%	\$241,333.94
81069	WEEMS Hosp Bldg	Pending Recipient Final Review	\$112,500.00	\$37,500.00	75.0%	\$150,000.00
81073	Island View Park E of Carrabelle	Pending Recipient Final Review	\$994,103.09	\$331,367.69	75.0%	\$1,325,470.78
TOTAL OBLIGATED AS OF 08/12/20			\$5,582,135.67	\$1,780,267.23		\$7,394,047.40

7. Below is a copy of the DOH Dashboard 1 regarding COVID-19 Cases in Franklin County as of 08/27/20 at 10:00 am.





**MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2020  
**NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:** Pamela Brownell, Director, Franklin County Emergency Management

**TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:** 2

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**Information Items:**

1. CERT was activated on 8/26/20 to assist with search and rescue efforts for the missing child in Eastpoint, our volunteers remained on scene until the missing child was found.
2. EOC Staff posted our 2020 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for Public Review on 08/12/20. The public review period was from 08/12/20 – 08/14/20. We advertised this review on Oyster Radio, EOC Facebook page, and the County Website.
3. EOC Staff along with our CERT Volunteers continue to distribute washable & reusable cloth mask throughout our community. We have partnered with the City of Carrabelle and City of Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce along with the St. George Island & Eastpoint Visitor Centers to assist with distribution to local businesses and residents. We will continue this effort as long as supplies are available.
4. EOC Staff are working diligently with DOH Staff regarding the COVID-19 virus. This includes hosting meetings with representatives from DOH, Sheriff's Dept. Weems, EMS, as needed. We also are assisting with Conference Calls, information distribution from DOH via Alert Franklin, Facebook and our EOC Website.
5. EOC Staff continue to participate in conference calls with State DEM, Region 2, DOH, FEMA, etc. regarding COVID 19. We also continue to update WebEOC with missions for PPE, Local State of Emergency, and SitReps.
6. EOC Staff continue to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. (Please see below report regarding Hurricane Michael Projects). 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. As you can see, Project #'s 79475, 81069, and 81073 have moved from EHP Review to Pending Recipient Final Review. We are in contact with our PDMG regularly regarding these projects and will update the Board as soon as the State Review is completed. EOC Staff has also began the FEMA reimbursement claim process for COVID-19.

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**MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2020  
**NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:** UF/IFAS Franklin County Extension Program  
**TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:** None

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## Informational Items

### General Extension Activities:

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics of injured wildlife, fertilization of zoysia grass, soil test results, diagnosis on fungal disease, citrus greening, and more.
2. Extension Director assisted with hosting a webinar by the Natural Resources Program Team on the topic of “Invasive Hitchhikers: how we move pest species around when transporting ornamental plants”. The Cuban tree frog is one that is starting to show up in our Panhandle area.
3. Extension Director participated in a webinar by USDA about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to learn about assistance to various aquaculture crops that are now included. Our local producers of oysters and clams are not eligible under this program because they are eligible to receive assistance under the CARES Act assistance program.

### Sea Grant Extension:

4. Extension Director participated in a webinar hosted by Auburn University titled: "Seafood in the Diet: Consumption Patterns at Retail and Food Service outlets." Related to how Covid has affected distribution and sales of seafood products.
5. Extension Director is coordinating with other Sea Grant agents who have seafood interests in their region to partner with FDACS, industry representation, and the ISSC to develop a virtual HACCP training module specifically for molluscan shellfish. An initial conference call between groups will take place soon.

### 4-H Youth Development:

6. A new adult volunteer will be completing her certification process soon to lead a club in Eastpoint and surrounding area. Focus areas will include leadership, and agriculture/aquaculture production.
7. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

### Family and Consumer Sciences:

8. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.

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**MEETING DATE:** September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:** Whitney Roundtee/Franklin County Public Library  
**TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:** 0

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**Updates/Informational Items:**

1. Attended WILD BOD meeting held August 10<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)
2. Attended FOL meeting held August 12<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)
3. Attended Director's meeting held August 19<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)
4. Employment: New, full-time employee, Arielle Thompson, we will report to the Eastpoint branch August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to begin training. Employment offer accepted for the Carrabelle branch, waiting on drug screening results. All staff members are to be crossed trained at both branches in order to ensure sufficient coverage at each location.
5. The FCPL Summer Reading Program has come to a close. The library hosted 10 virtual events and challenges this summer with a combined participation total of 361.
6. Congratulations to our Summer Reading Challenge grand prize winners, Jayden Jones (Carrabelle Branch) Hunter Brannan (Carrabelle Branch), Maddie Wise (Eastpoint Branch) and Wyatt Oliver (Eastpoint Branch). Each winner received their very own Kindle HD Fire Tablet as a reward for their hard work and continued reading throughout the summer.
7. FCPL will be closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept 7th
8. September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Library cards are free for Franklin County residents with proof of residency (DL, photo Id card, Passport with photo). A library card grants patrons free access to our combined catalog of physical and digital materials. Non-resident members can also obtain a card for a \$10 annual fee.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FDOT FPID NO. 429854-4-68-01**

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking civil engineering services relating to the construction engineering and inspection (CEI) of the multi-use trail and bike path on the CR 370 Alligator Point Multi-Use Path Project. The scope of this project will include the construction of 5' bicycle lanes on C.R. 67 (Alligator Drive) from Alligator Point Marina eastward for approximately 1 mile to the public boat ramp and a 10' multi-use path from the public boat ramp eastward for approximately 1 mile to Harbor Circle on Alligator Point, FL as identified in the County's Local Agency Participation contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Consideration will be given to only those firms that are qualified pursuant to law and that have been prequalified by FDOT to perform the indicated types of work.

Work Types:	10.1 – Roadway Construction Engineering Inspection
Response Deadline:	Monday, Aug 31, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. EDT
Opening Date:	Tuesday, Sept 1, 2020 at the County Commission meeting which begins at 9:00 A.M. ET.

This project is federally funded with assistance from the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). By submitting a letter of response, the Consultant certifies that they are in compliance with FDOT Procedure No. 375-030-006 (Restriction on Consultants Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts) and that no principle is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation on this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency.

Information regarding the proposal and the complete Request For Proposals package can be obtained from Cortni Bankston, Administrative Assistant, 850-653-9783 x-180 or [cortnib@franklincountyflorida.com](mailto:cortnib@franklincountyflorida.com). In order to ensure a fair, competitive, and open process, once a project is advertised for proposals, all communications between interested firms and the County must be directed to Cortni Bankston, Administrative, 850653-9783 x-180 or [cortnib@franklincountyflorida.com](mailto:cortnib@franklincountyflorida.com).

If interested, qualified Consultants are required to submit the original and two (2) copies of the letter of response to the Franklin County Clerk's Office, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 by the response deadline. All letters of response shall be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope "**RFQ #429854-4-68-01; CR 370 Alligator Point Multi-Use Path Project CEI Services**".

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# RELENTLESS PURSUIT



## A DETERMINED NATION

### NATIONAL ★ POW/MIA ★ RECOGNITION DAY

September 18, 2020

[WWW.DPAA.MIL](http://WWW.DPAA.MIL)



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# Franklin CARES Act Program

## Franklin CARES - Activities & Projects

Activities - purchases made by the county or reimbursed to municipalities, Constitutional Officers or departments

Projects - a program that has multiple expenses, such as the Business Grant Program

## Franklin CARES (proposed)

Expenditure Category	Funding
Activities	\$1,231,004
Small Business Assistance (project)	\$250,000
Reserve	\$528,930
Administration	Up to \$105,786
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,115,720</b>

# Submitted Activities (to date <sup>N.</sup>) - Some of the activities being submitted do not qualify as eligible expenses under CARES

- Sheriff's Office
- Property Appraiser's Office
- Tax Collector's Office
- County Departments
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court System
- Clerk of Courts
- DOH/Tourist Development – Pledge to Prevent
- Friends of Franklin County Public Libraries
- Franklin Foods

## Business Grant Program - \$250,<sup>N.</sup>0 allocated

- Business Grants
  - Local businesses **financially impacted** by COVID-19
- Eligible business expenses
  - Employee wages, vendor bills, rent, utilities, promotion, and employee/customer safety costs
- Up to **\$5,000**

## Business Grant Assistance

- Opportunity Florida (\$3,500.00 – out of the admin budget)

**Business Grant Program** – application review and technical assistance

*Agreement between Franklin County BOCC and Opportunity Florida submitted for execution*



## Reserve Account (\$528,930)

- Purpose:
  - Revenue Loss - Potential changes in **federal guidance (HEALS Act)**

# Franklin CARES - Ongoing/Next Steps

- ▶ Ongoing coordination with FDEM
- ▶ Sub-Grantee Agreements
- ▶ Business Grant Program (launch to be determined)
- ▶ Franklin CARES Promotion Campaign
- ▶ Weekly calls (at a minimum) with Oversight Committee
- ▶ Weekly updates to the Board

# NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Zoning on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

Reserved Lot West of Lot 16, Block Z, Lanark Beach, Unit 1, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida lying in Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from C-4 Mixed Use Residential to C-3 Commercial Recreation.

A public hearing on the proposed change to the Zoning Map series will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., in Courthouse Annex Board Room, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. More information maybe obtained and the proposed change may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Contact Amy Ham-Kelly at: 850-653-9783, Ext. 167.

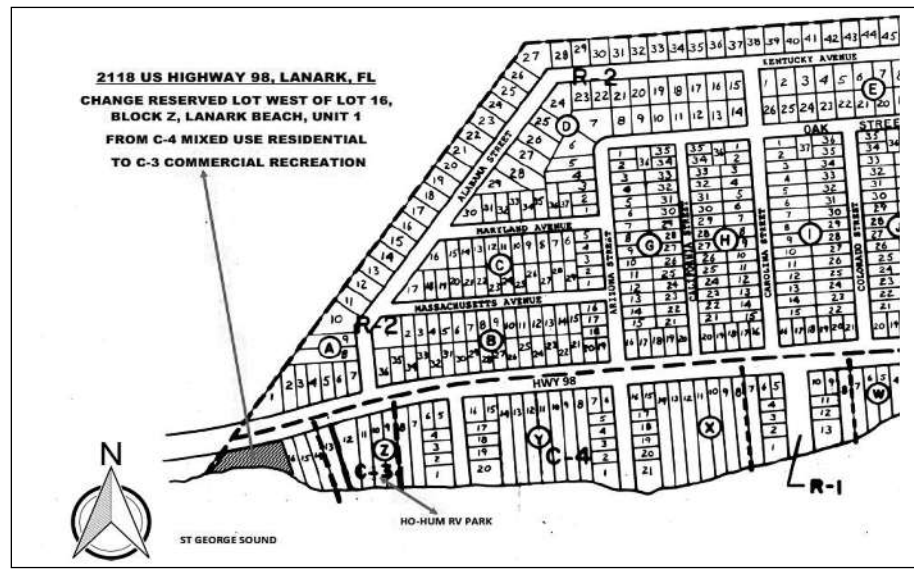
To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's You Tube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences.

Any person who is representing a project or wishes to speak concerning this item will be able to login to this meeting virtually. The login information will be provided online by Thursday, August 27, 2020 by downloading the agenda for the September 1, 2020 Board of County Commission Meeting located at [www.franklincountyflorida.com](http://www.franklincountyflorida.com)

Any person who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, must have a record of the proceedings. He or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Persons wishing to comment may do so by using the virtual meeting login feature noted above during the public hearing or in writing to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Transactions of this public hearing will be recorded. Persons who wish to appeal any action resulting from this public hearing should make the necessary arrangements to assure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence, if any, upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting room is handicap accessible. However, those having special needs to attend the meeting may contact Deputy Clerk, Lori Hines, at 850-653-8861, Ext. 100, at least two business days prior to the public hearing.

PUBLISH DATES: Thursday, August 20, 2020 | Thursday, August 27, 2020



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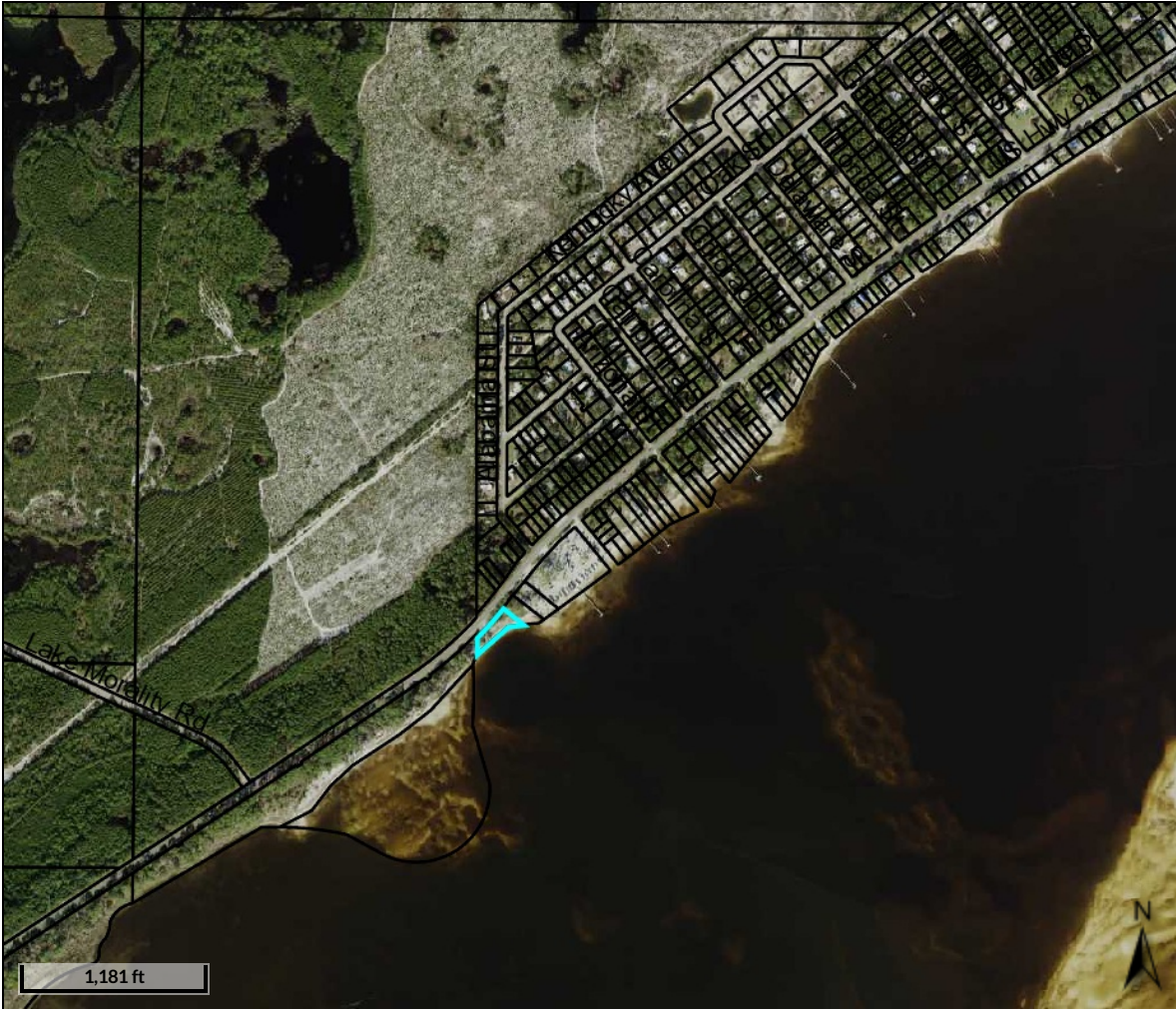
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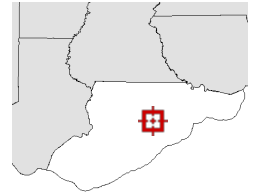
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Overview



Legend

- Parcels
- Roads
- City Labels

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Sec/Twp/Rng	14-7S-4W	Class	VACANT		15076 ALSASK CIRCLE
Property	2118 HIGHWAY 98	Acreage	n/a		PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33981
Address					
District	6				
Brief Tax Description	UNIT 1				

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

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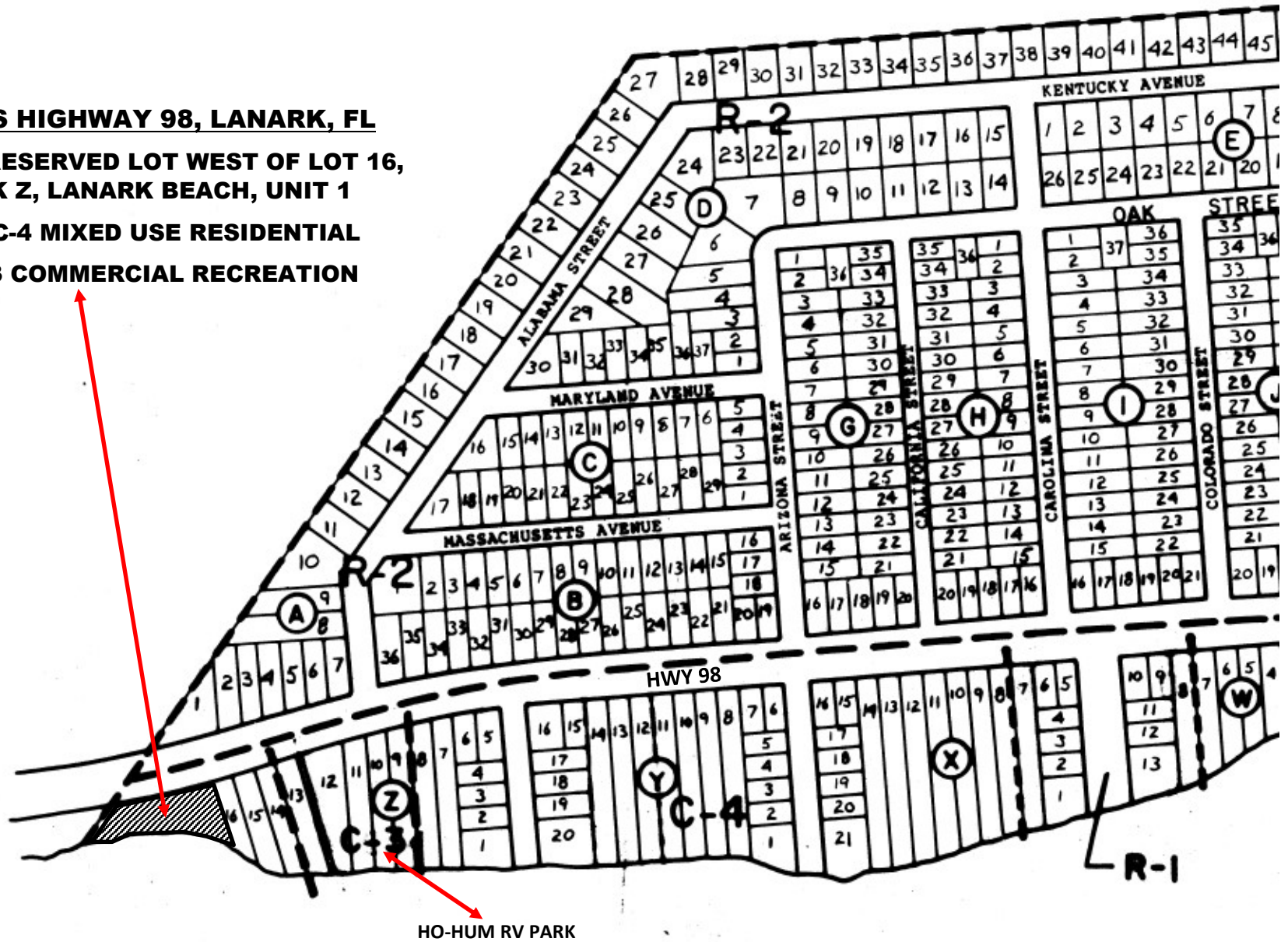
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**2118 US HIGHWAY 98, LANARK, FL**  
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**BLOCK Z, LANARK BEACH, UNIT 1**  
**FROM C-4 MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL**  
**TO C-3 COMMERCIAL RECREATION**



ST GEORGE SOUND





## NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

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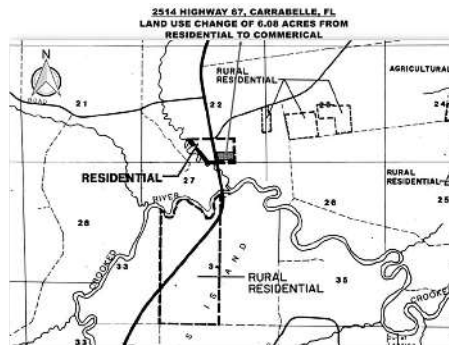
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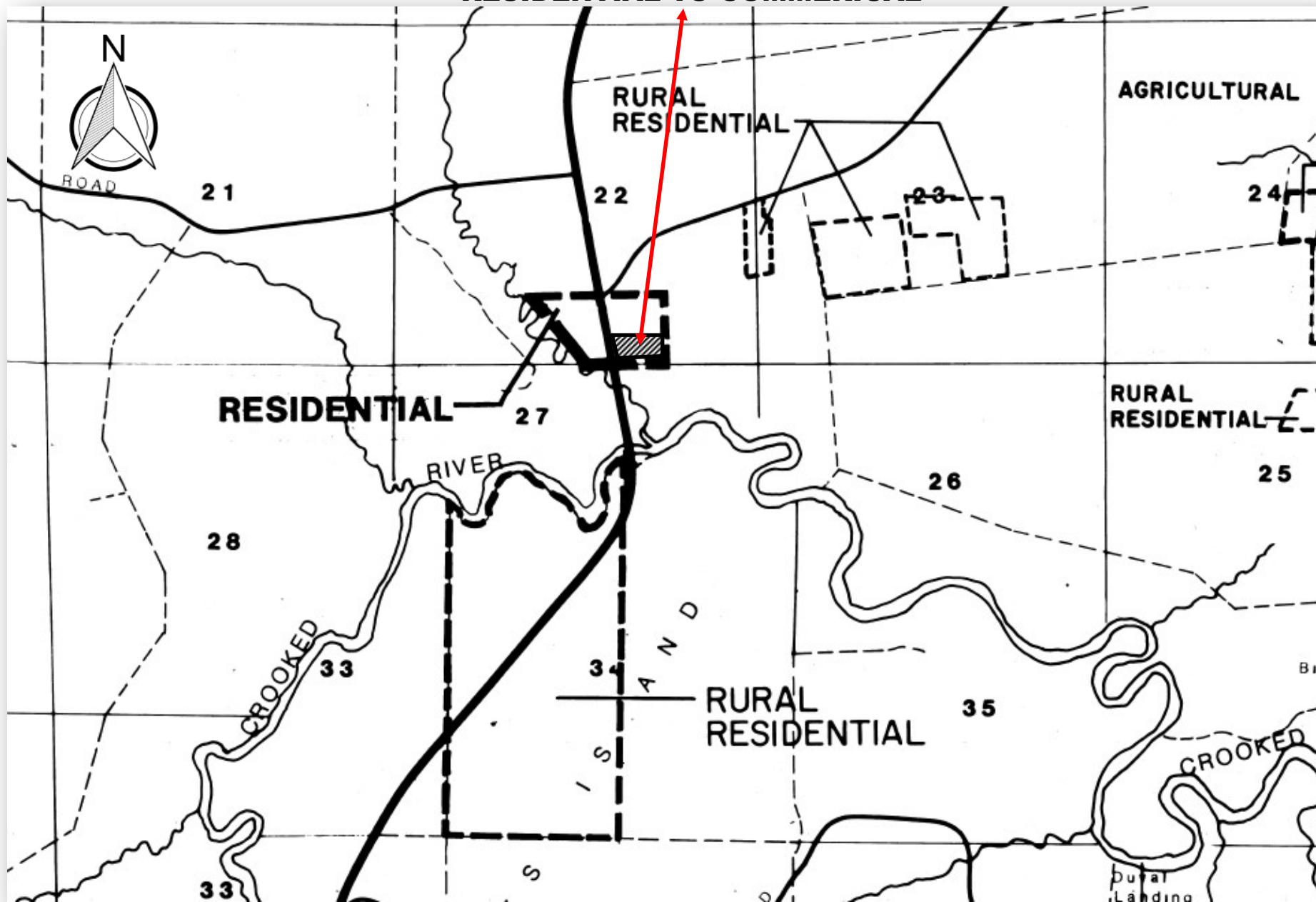
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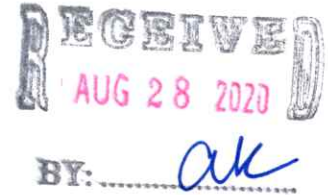
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Hi Michael  
 This is a note I sent to the board  
 Charlie Thompson

This is Charlie Thompson, my wife Angie and myself are lifetime residents and property owners in Carrabelle. We would like our Franklin county Commissioners to know we are strongly opposed to the rezoning of lands up highway 67 North of Carrabelle in the pine log area for commercial use. There are families with homes and property in that area that thought they had the perfect home and life in a natural and peaceful area. Bringing Commercialism and the proposed RV business into that area would not only destroy these homeowners peaceful home life and reduce their property values but also there could be an environmental impact on the area lands, rivers and the ground water quality, etc. that could be forever changed due to the septic systems that would be needed to run the proposed RV park. Also other business that could follow this land zone change!

Thank you Charlie and Angie Thompson

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Good day County Commissioners and other staff of the Franklin Co. BOCC,

I am writing to you today with great concern for one of the agenda items listed for possible adoption on the upcoming Tuesday, Sept. 1st. meeting. They are listed below:

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I will start by saying I am a firm supporter in "chasing the American dream" and believe that this country's economy was designed with the intentions of facilitating the goal of families owning and operating businesses. Afterall, that is what most of us strive to do in our lifetime is create a legacy to pass to the next generation. Within the creation of new businesses it is the local government's responsibility to manage and protect the growth and distribution of land use within their communities

of one that best suits the needs of that desired location, as well as the protection of the community as a whole.

Which brings me to my concern for this proposed rezoning of residential land use to commercial. You see, I am a property owner in the area of this proposed zoning. It is an extremely rural community located approximately 5 miles north of the City of Carrabelle. My property is located within the Pine Coast Homeowner's Association off of Hickory Hammock Road (NE in relation from Highway 67 and the property in question). This road is only accessible from Highway 67 by Jeff Sanders Road. All the roads in this area off of Highway 67 are limestone and county maintained. When my parents originally purchased this property in 2007, they did so with the intentions of having their families living nearby, each on their own separate 10 acre parcel, as the area is governed to only allow 1 family residence per 10 acre tract. This protects not only the peacefully secluded amenities this wooded area has to offer, but also protection to overpopulation of such an important part of our local ecosystem. To the east of this area is Ochlockonee River and just to the west is the Crooked River system. These 2 rivers join at Pine Log Bridge (at the edge of one of the proposed properties in question). And now we are faced with the fear of the development of a quite large (estimated 30 +/- RV/Camping site business expected by the Sapp Family) not only in our area, but with an entrance located off of Jeff Sanders Road.

When overpopulation of land adjoining river systems occurs this can cause the following hazardous issues: Reduced groundwater recharge, decreased base flow in streams, increased erosion, reduced natural filtration of water, and negative impact on stream health including pollution and contaminants from septic systems. Due to the rural nature of this area in question 100% of the residents drinking water comes from private wells in the surficial aquifer system and private in ground septic tanks. As seen in the attached photo from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, these types of surficial aquifers generally produce less water, and, with some exceptions, are used primarily for domestic and smaller public supply wells. The development of a 30 +/- site camping ground in an area where the water supply is limited could be catastrophic for the residents living in this area, bringing not only fears of depletion on our utilized pocket of the surficial aquifer but contamination of the water we drink!

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I have been a property owner in this area since 2013 and a police officer since 2009. Throughout my tenure I have witnessed first hand how an increase in both traffic and population (both long and short term tenants) can result in a negative influence on crime rate and emergencies. Some of the major holidays, when our already existing RV parks in the county have an abundance of guests, they often hire



local law enforcement to perform off duty security Q. der to deter noise complaints, fights, and thefts because there is an increase of seeing those types of issues.

As one may suspect, when there is an increased number of vehicles in an area, there will in turn be an increased risk of traffic issues, including crashes and violations of traffic laws. When you take a seemingly rural residential neighborhood and begin changing the land usage to commercial around it, MASS development will follow! This leads to more people and vehicles in the area, which requires more regulation, maintenance, and emergency resources for that area, costing the county more valuable resources to upkeep. As a resident in the area in question, I for one do not wish to see an influx of crime, traffic, roadway damage (limestone roads) and more stress on local emergency services in my residential neighborhood. I personally feel that that is why it is so important to keep residential areas as such and commercial areas designated for the growth of income driven property purchases.

While this opinion is strictly that, my opinion, I would like to bring to the Commission's attention that one of the parcels of property in question currently owned by Jamey and Beverly Sapp was quick claim deeded from Bobby and Brenda Sapp (parents of Jamey Sapp) to Jamey and Beverly Sapp on 2/10/2020 and 3/11/2020 for \$100 each. (Parcel 22-06S-04W-0000-0012-0030, 10 acres) according to the Franklin County Property Appraiser's online system. If rezoning of this property from residential to commercial is permitted to happen, what would stop the rezoning and commercial development of the 100 acres currently owned by Bobby and Brenda Sapp that is located adjoining the above parcel? When one develops, more will follow!

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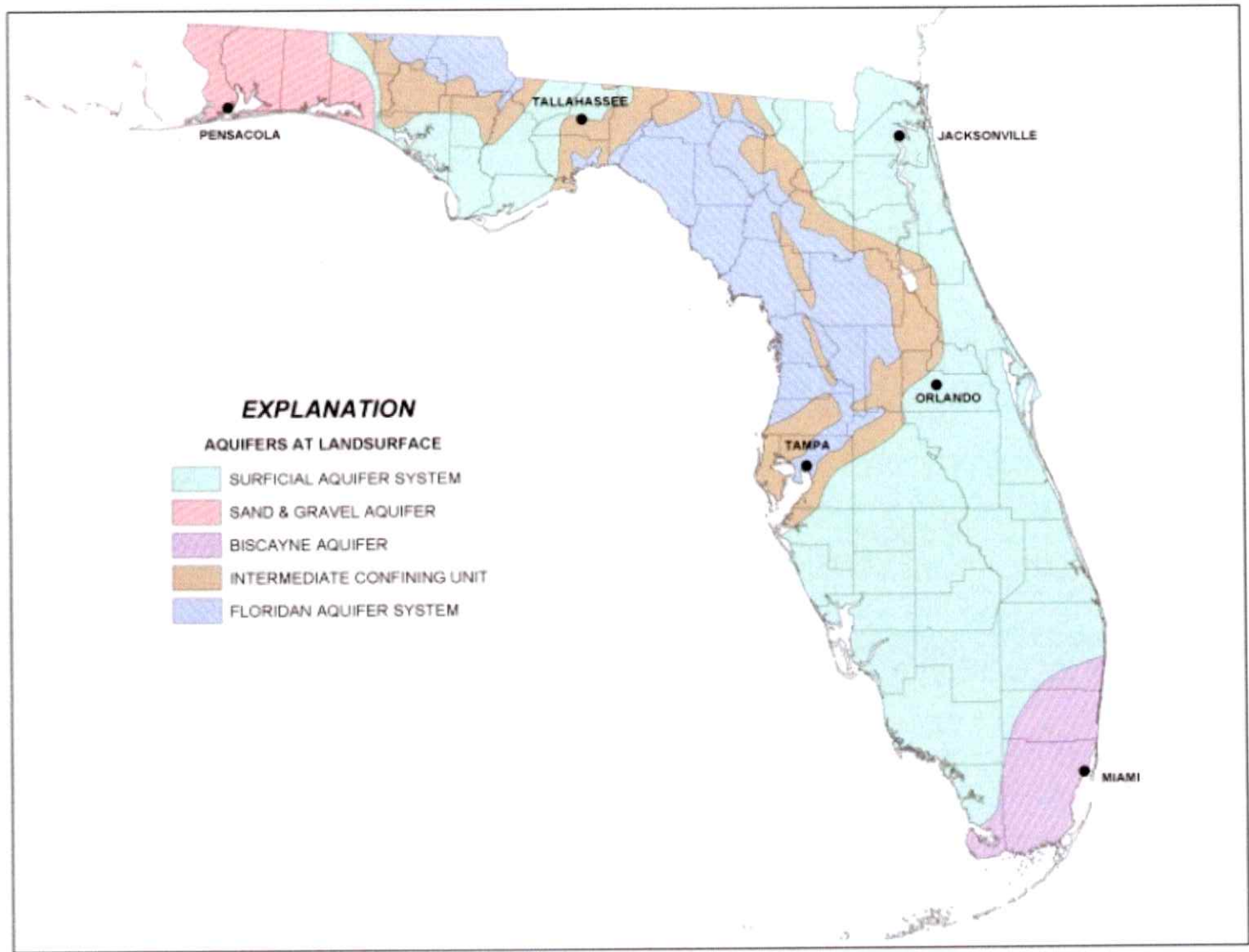
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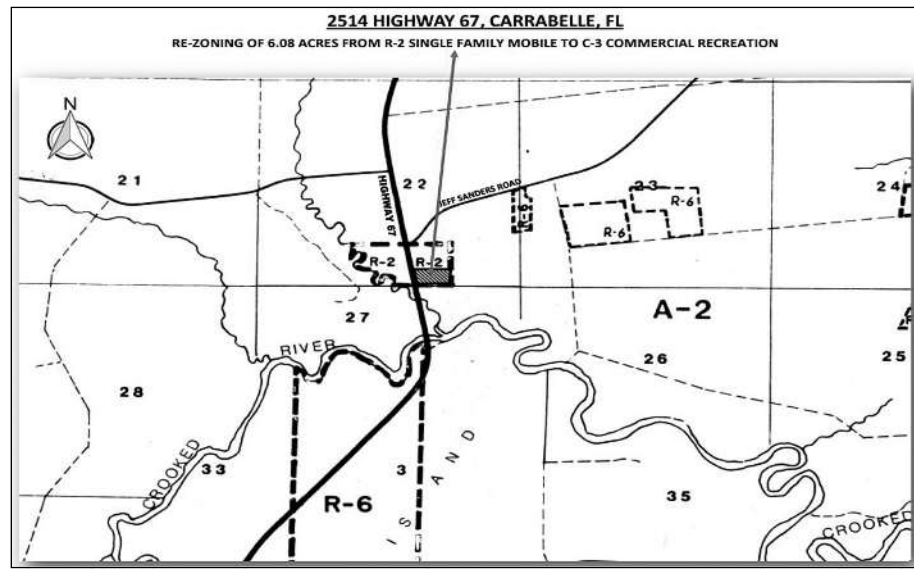
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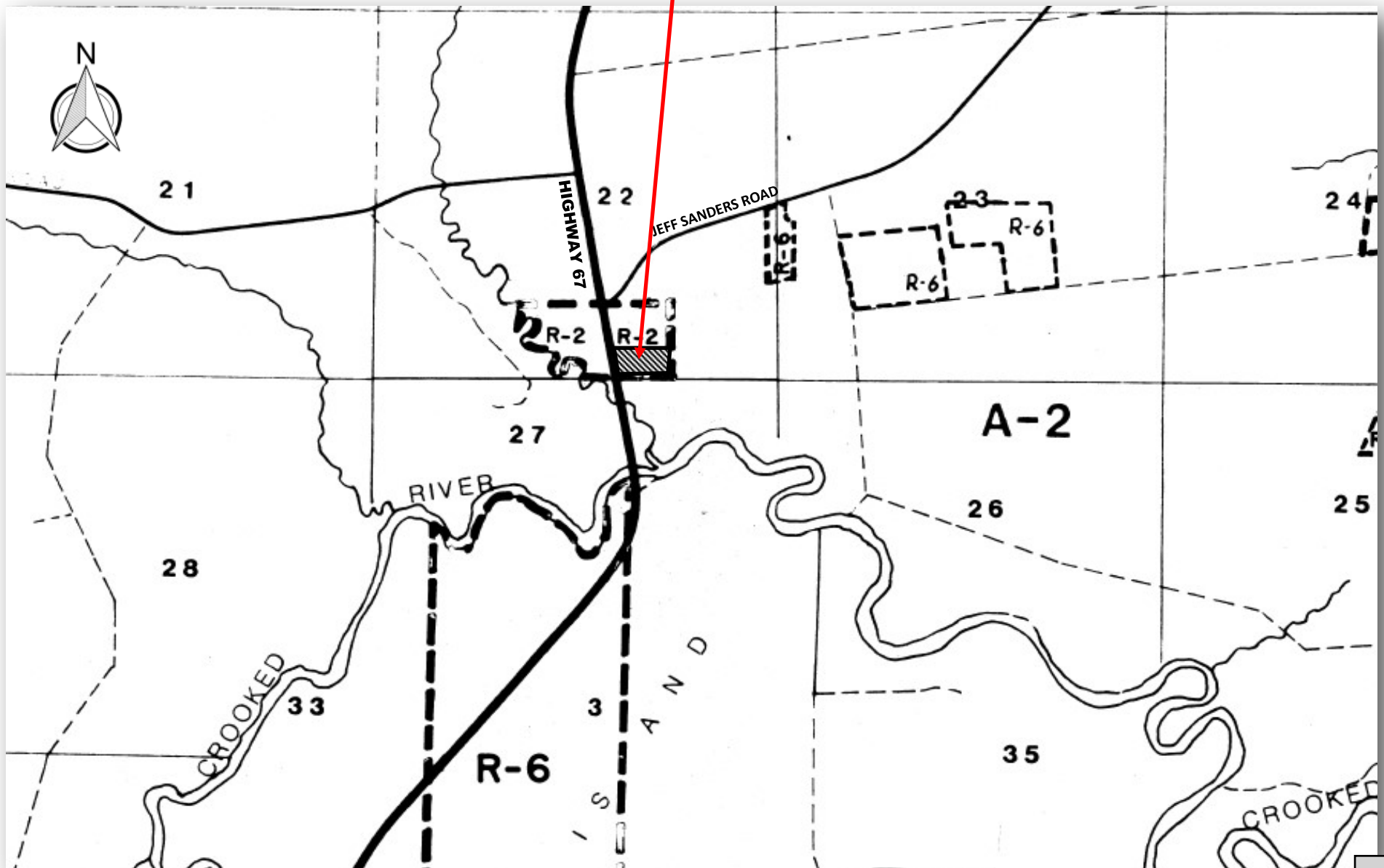
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When overpopulation of land adjoining river systems occurs this can cause the following hazardous issues: Reduced groundwater recharge, decreased base flow in streams, increased erosion, reduced natural filtration of water, and negative impact on stream health including pollution and contaminants from septic systems. Due to the rural nature of this area in question 100% of the residents drinking water comes from private wells in the surficial aquifer system and private in ground septic tanks. As seen in the attached photo from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, these types of surficial aquifers generally produce less water, and, with some exceptions, are used primarily for domestic and smaller public supply wells. The development of a 30 +/- site camping ground in an area where the water supply is limited could be catastrophic for the residents living in this area, bringing not only fears of depletion on our utilized pocket of the surficial aquifer but contamination of the water we drink!

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I have been a property owner in this area since 2013 and a police officer since 2009. Throughout my tenure I have witnessed first hand how an increase in both traffic and population (both long and short term tenants) can result in a negative influence on crime rate and emergencies. Some of the major holidays, when our already existing RV parks in the county have an abundance of guests, they often hire

local law enforcement to perform off duty security R. der to deter noise complaints, fights, and thefts because there is an increase of seeing those types of issues.

As one may suspect, when there is an increased number of vehicles in an area, there will in turn be an increased risk of traffic issues, including crashes and violations of traffic laws. When you take a seemingly rural residential neighborhood and begin changing the land usage to commercial around it, MASS development will follow! This leads to more people and vehicles in the area, which requires more regulation, maintenance, and emergency resources for that area, costing the county more valuable resources to upkeep. As a resident in the area in question, I for one do not wish to see an influx of crime, traffic, roadway damage (limestone roads) and more stress on local emergency services in my residential neighborhood. I personally feel that that is why it is so important to keep residential areas as such and commercial areas designated for the growth of income driven property purchases.

While this opinion is strictly that, my opinion, I would like to bring to the Commission's attention that one of the parcels of property in question currently owned by Jamey and Beverly Sapp was quick claim deeded from Bobby and Brenda Sapp (parents of Jamey Sapp) to Jamey and Beverly Sapp on 2/10/2020 and 3/11/2020 for \$100 each. (Parcel 22-06S-04W-0000-0012-0030, 10 acres) according to the Franklin County Property Appraiser's online system. If rezoning of this property from residential to commercial is permitted to happen, what would stop the rezoning and commercial development of the 100 acres currently owned by Bobby and Brenda Sapp that is located adjoining the above parcel? When one develops, more will follow!

I am humbly coming to you to request that you take into strong consideration the topics I have mentioned in this email. While I can not speak for the other residents of my area, I can speak for myself and my family living in this area after conferring with them. We are all in agreement that the rezoning of this property from residential to commercial will cause some severe negative effects to the future, including ownership and usage sustainability of our own properties and likely cause some catastrophic consequences to the area's environment, infrastructure, and ecosystem. We strongly oppose the adoption of these 4 rezoning ordinances by the board and are expectantly confident that the board will vote NO on this agenda item.

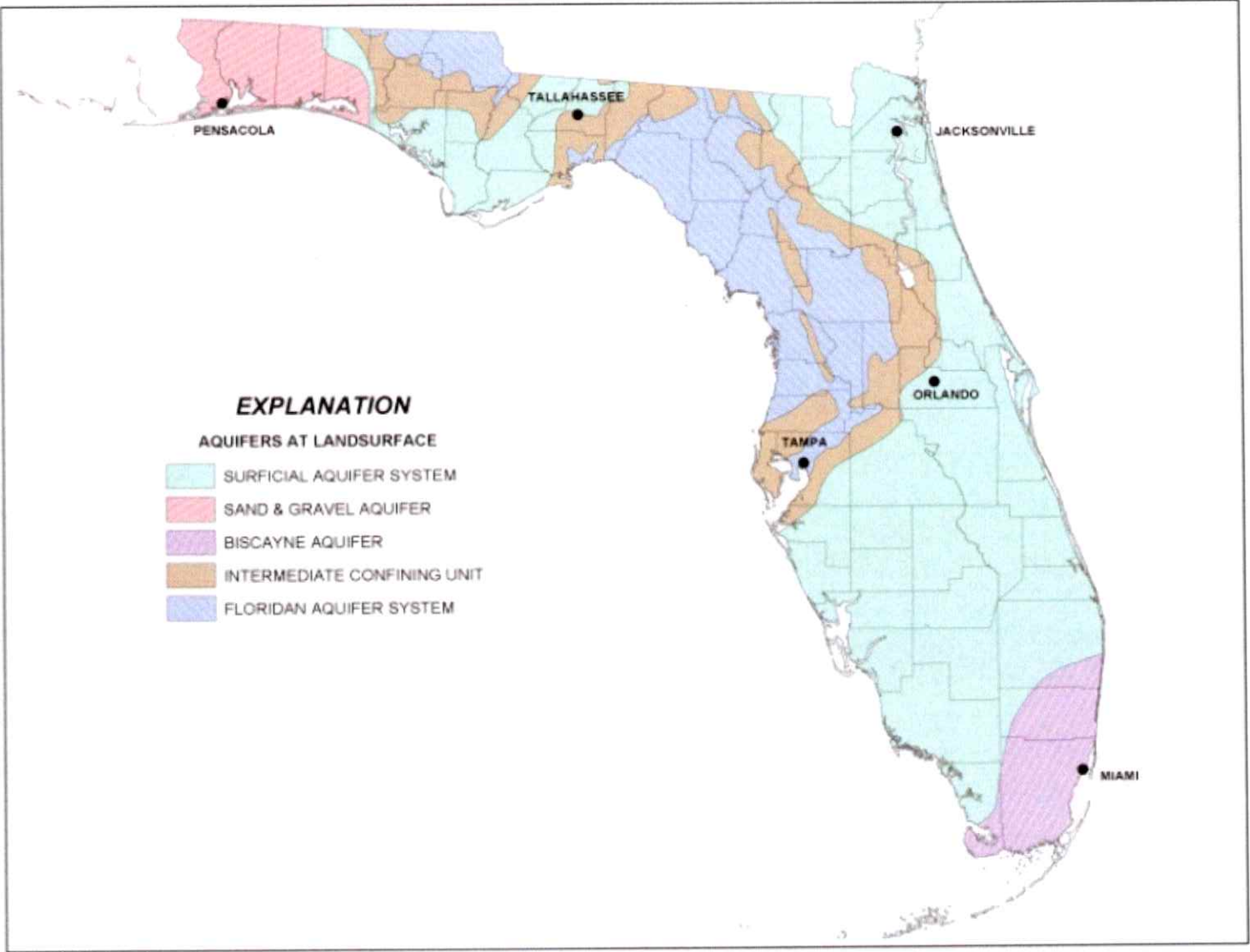
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Resources:

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A public hearing on the proposed change to the Land Use Map series will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 10:40 a.m., in Courthouse Annex Board Room, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. More information may be obtained and the proposed change may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Contact Amy Ham-Kelly at: 850-653-9783, Ext. 167.

To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's You Tube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences.

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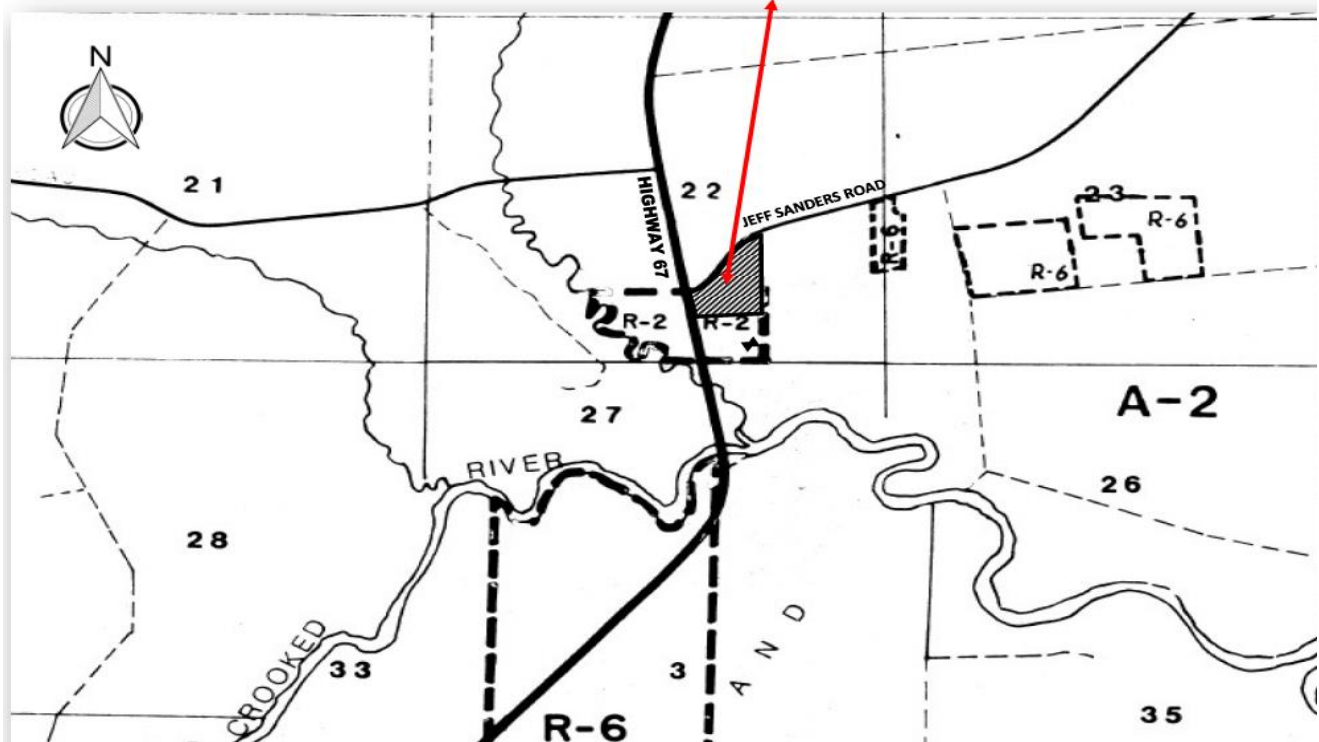
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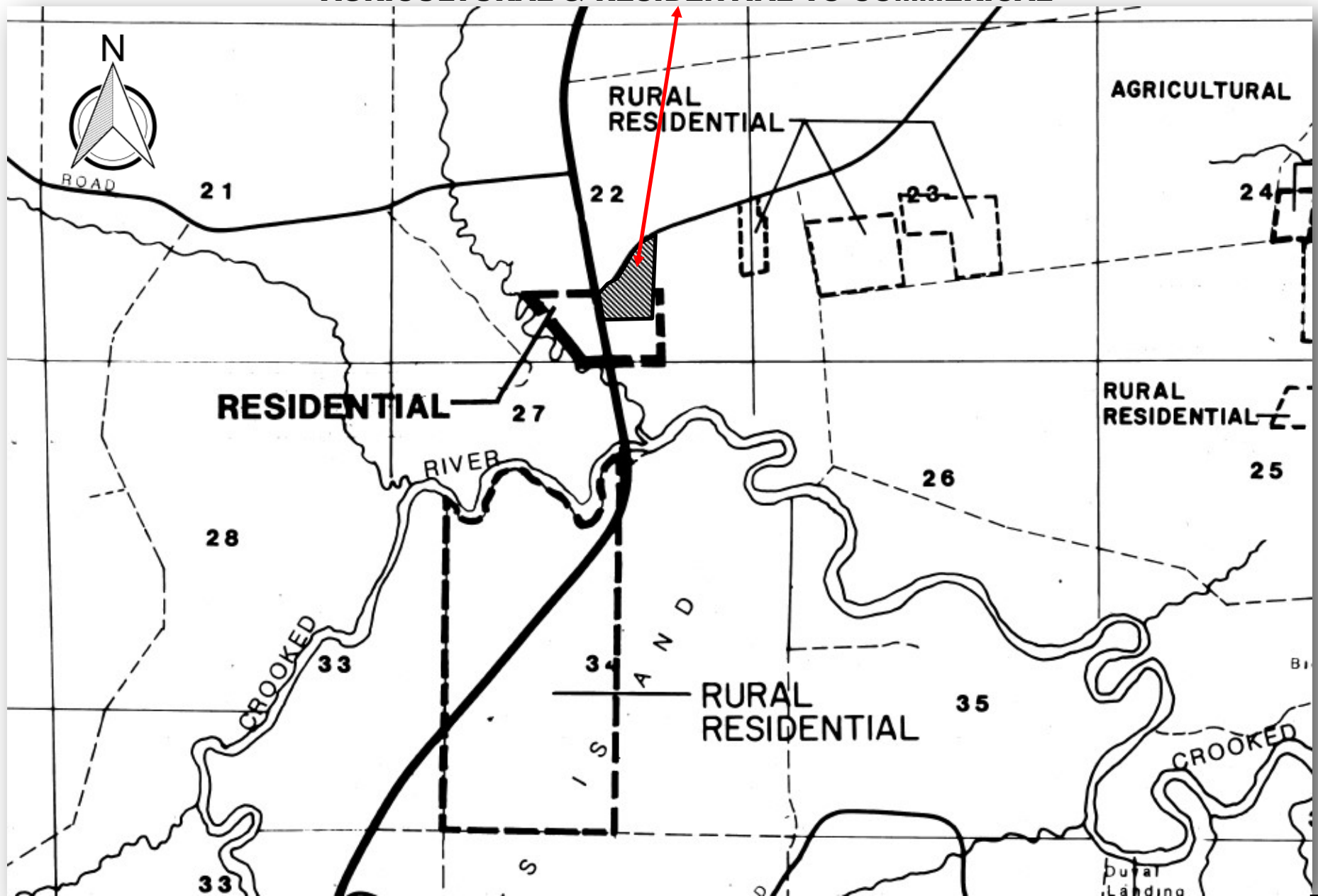
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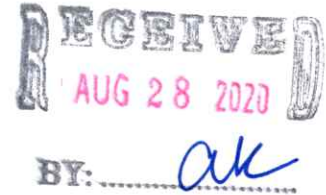
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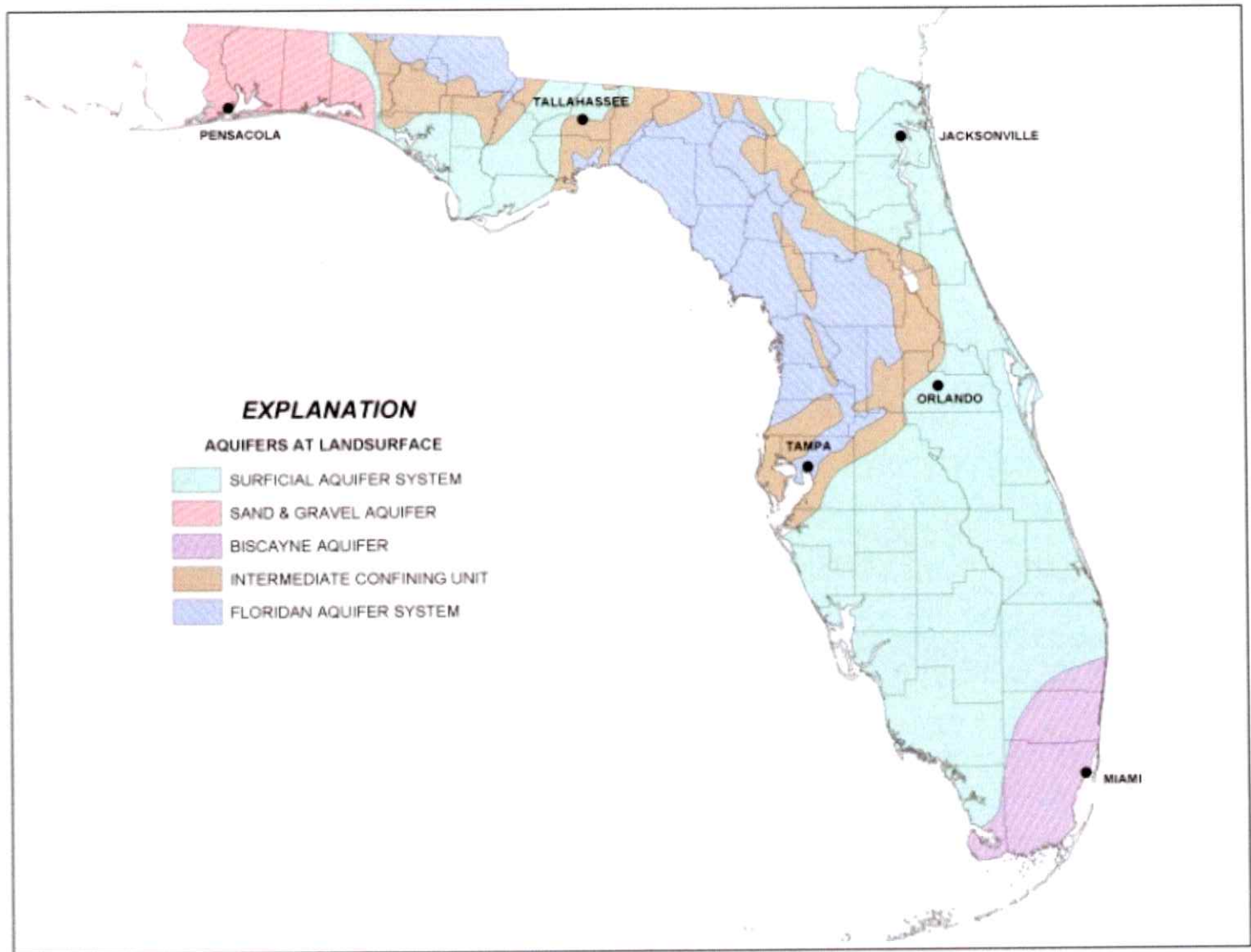
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## NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Zoning on the following parcel of land in Franklin County:

A 10 +/- acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, as shown on the attached map, to be changed from A-2 Forestry Agriculture and R-2 Single Family Mobile Home to C-3 Commercial Recreation.

A public hearing on the proposed change to the Zoning Map series will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 10:40 a.m., in Courthouse Annex Board Room, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida. More information may be obtained and the proposed change may be inspected at the Franklin County Planning Department, 34 Forbes Street, Suite 1, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. Contact Amy Ham-Kelly at: 850-653-9783, Ext. 167. This is a continuation of the public hearing held on February 18, 2020.

To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's You Tube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences.

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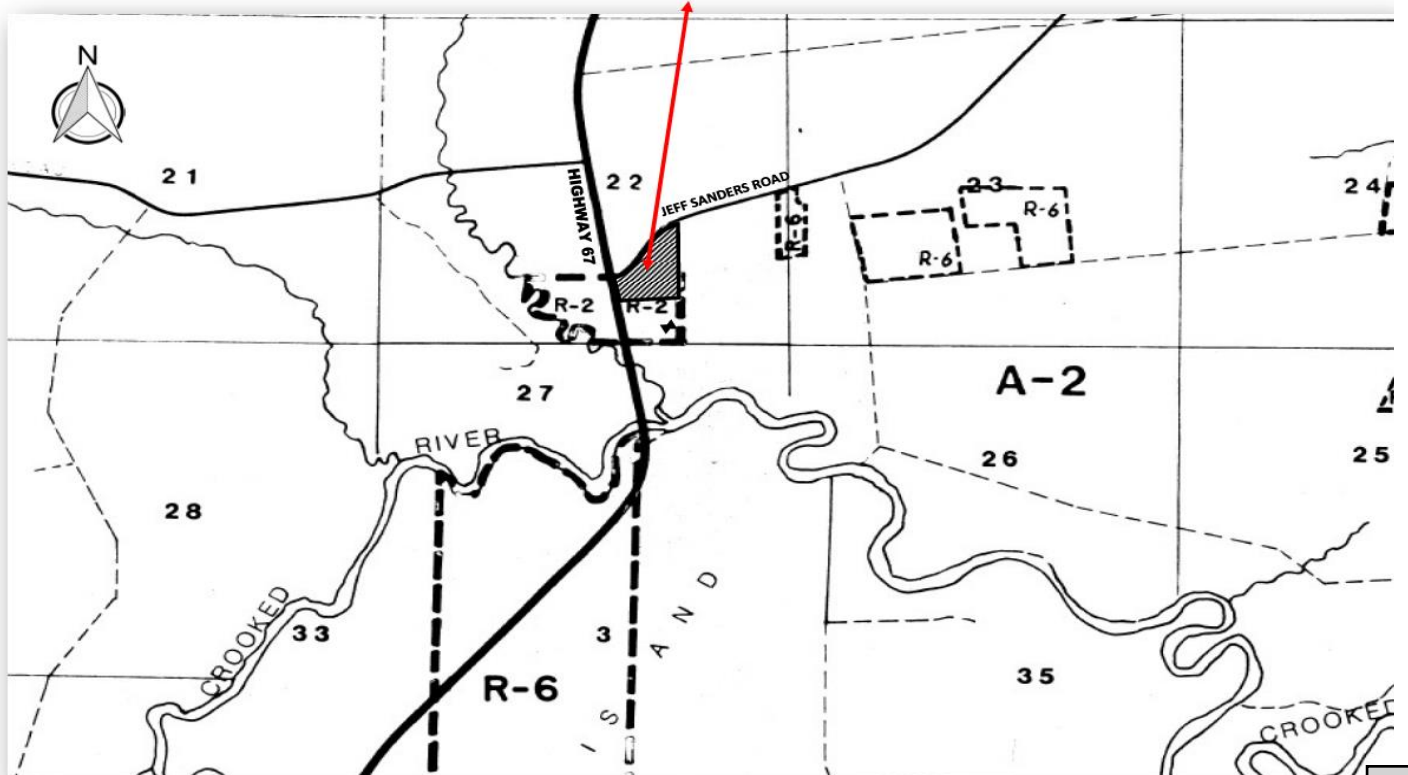
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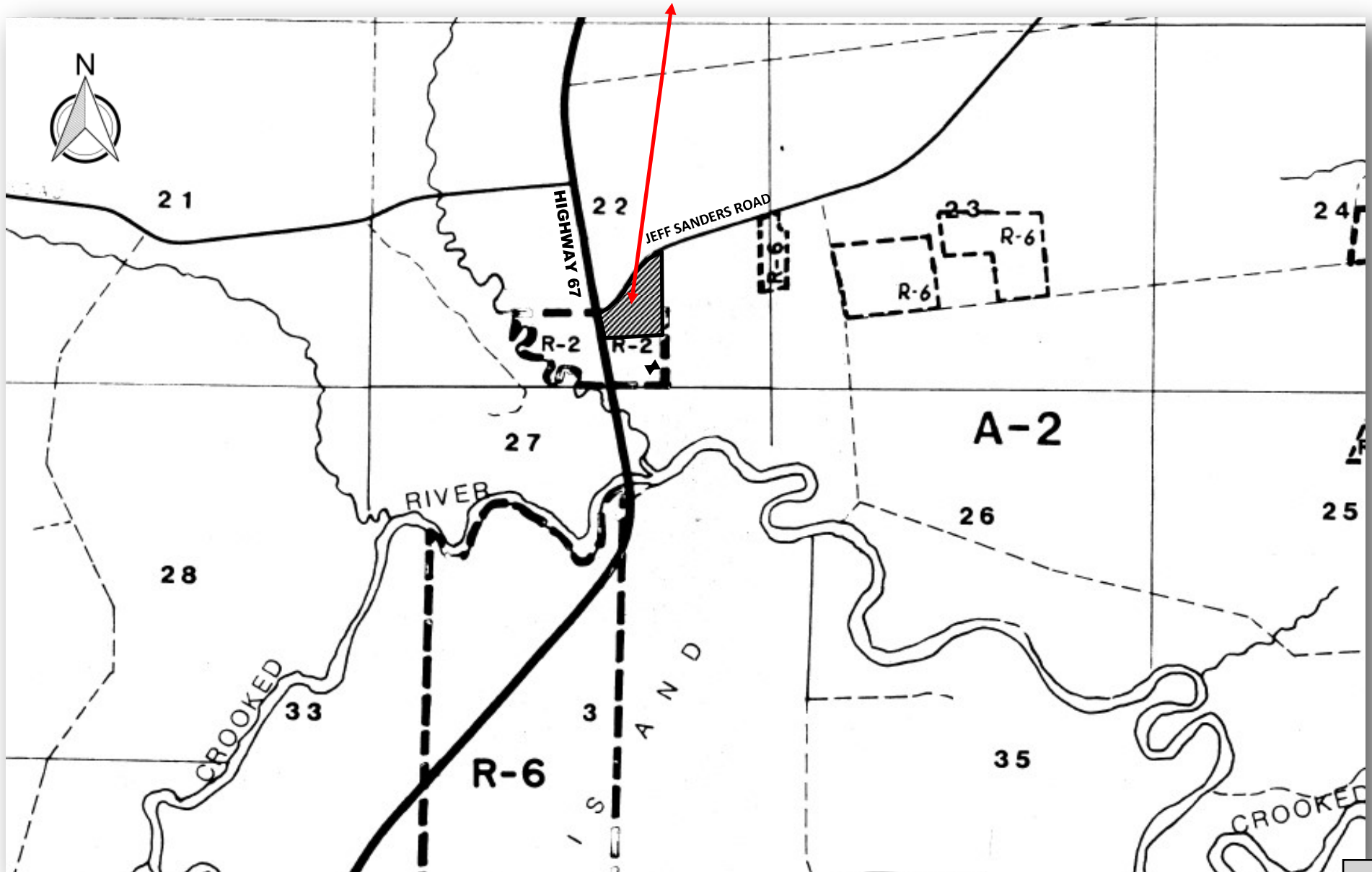
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**From:** Michael Moron <michael@franklincountyflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Candice Sherian  
**Cc:** Amy Kelly-Ham  
**Subject:** Re: Carrabelle Hunters Oppose Pine Log RV Park

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Ms. Sheridan

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On Aug 28, 2020, at 7:28 AM, Candice Sherian <[csweetsheridanot@gmail.com](mailto:csweetsheridanot@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Moron,

I would like to start by saying that I oppose the change to commercial zoning of 2536 Highway 67, Carrabelle, Florida. You may think that your decision Tuesday is a simple zoning change, but your small votes today are affecting the citizen's lives and way of life for even future generations. If you haven't noticed, we are at a turning point in Franklin County. Should you change zoning or ordinances that will force the locals to change how they live and play in their own community?

This zoning change will allow for an RV park that will cater to those who use Tate's Hell State Forest. Who is their clientele? Those who fish or kayak mostly come for a day trip or use the State's primitive camping sites which are much less pricey than a modern-day RV park. The primary outdoor enthusiasts, who venture to Tate's Hell Forest for an extended stay, are hunters. Over the past several years, hunting in Tate's Hell has become more and more popular with non-residents of Franklin County. These hunters are primarily from South Florida. The FWC has set up four hunting zones in the state of Florida. Zone A, furthest south, has a general gun season of September 19-October 18 and November 21-January 3. Zone C, which encompasses most of the counties in Florida from the Georgia line to Palm Beach County, has a general gun season of November 7-January 24. Our Zone D is open from December 12-February 21. The local hunters must wait until mid-December to hunt and then compete with those from other counties in January and February who come here after their season has closed. It has become a competition for hunting land. It has become a safety concern for our citizens and a conservation concern for our natural resource. If we promote Tate's Hell as the next tourist attraction in Franklin County that is what it will become, land for the tourists, or in this case hunters from other counties who have enjoyed their season and will come here to take advantage of ours.

I fear gone will be the days of locals enjoying their own lands. The lands that they pay taxes to support.

Think! We are at a turning point. People are moving in expecting locals to change how they live on their property because they just bought a piece of paradise or are looking to turn a profit. Affordable housing for young working people is almost nonexistent. Now the long-standing, recreational activity that our residents enjoy will be gone in the name of tourism. Let them have the beaches and the bay. Leave our hunting lands to our citizens and future generations.

Vote NO to the zoning changes on highway 67 at Pine Log. Feasibility has not been proven.

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With Best Regards,

Mrs. Candice Sweet Sheridan

1845 Lighthouse Road, Carrabelle, Florida 32322

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**To:** Nikki Millender  
**Cc:** Amy Kelly-Ham  
**Subject:** Re: Zoning Request by Jamey Sapp

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On Aug 28, 2020, at 1:05 AM, Nikki Millender <[millendercatherine@gmail.com](mailto:millendercatherine@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please forward my concerns to all the County Commissioners.

I am a fulltime resident of Franklin County and reside in Carrabelle, I am asking you to please not approve zoning changes requested by Jamie and Beverly Sapp to properties located on Highway 67 North in Carrabelle.

Approving these properties to change it's zoning to Commercial would be detrimental to ther area. The property constantly floods whenever there is a Tropical Storm or Hurricane and with this happening it would cause the river to polluted with Septic Waste because this property would have to have a Septic Tank.

This location is very close to Tate's Hell State Forest , and other property owners that may also want to change their zoning should be the bigger concern. If the door is opened others will follow. People bought out there because of the zoning and density requirements. It's not fair to them. When you are interested in changing zoning on a property you should investigate that option prior. I am totally not in favor of being told what you can or cannot do on your own property EXCEPT when it is changes in zoning issues especially to a commercial designation.

Also, the Boat Ramp located on Highway 67 is not capable of supporting the amount of boat trailer traffic if the property was approved Commercial.

I just feel at this time it is not what is needed in the Carrabelle area. There are already enough campgrounds nearby including camp sites in Tates Hell as well.

Thank You,  
 Nikki Millender

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**Subject:** Sapp RV park

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**Date:** August 28, 2020 at 1:11:42 PM EDT  
**To:** michael@franklincountyflorida.com  
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Hi Michael  
 This is a note I sent to the board  
 Charlie Thompson

This is Charlie Thompson, my wife Angie and myself are lifetime residents and property owners in Carrabelle. We would like our Franklin county Commissioners to know we are strongly opposed to the rezoning of lands up highway 67 North of Carrabelle in the pine log area for commercial use. There are families with homes and property in that area that thought they had the perfect home and life in a natural and peaceful area. Bringing Commercialism and the proposed RV business into that area would not only destroy these homeowners peaceful home life and reduce their property values but also there could be an environmental impact on the area lands, rivers and the ground water quality, etc. that could be forever changed due to the septic systems that would be needed to run the proposed RV park. Also other business that could follow this land zone change!

Thank you Charlie and Angie Thompson

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**Subject: Re: September 1st, 2020 Meeting Agenda Item**

Good day County Commissioners and other staff of the Franklin Co. BOCC,

I am writing to you today with great concern for one of the agenda items listed for possible adoption on the upcoming Tuesday, Sept. 1st. meeting. They are listed below:

\* Items P through S. - adopting the following by ordinance: An Ordinance changing the Land Use of approximately 32.16 AC (4 separate lots) owned by Jamey and Beverly Sapp from zoning Residential, R-2, Agricultural, A-2 to C-3 Commercial Recreational located at 2514 and 2536 Highway 67 N, Carrabelle, FL 32322

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