

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 29, 2021
9:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Bert Boldt, II-Vice-Chairman, Noah Lockley, Joseph Parrish, Jessica V. Ward

Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Linda Phillips-Finance Director, Danny Gay-Assistant Finance Director, Erin Griffin- Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator, Michael Moron—County Coordinator

Call to Order

A. Public Notice

Chairman Jones called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer and Pledge

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

Public Comments

Mr. Mason Bean said he did not come before the Board to take away anyone's raises, he just asked the Board to keep in mind the RESTORE, Cares, and Triumph funds would run out in time. He said now is the time to tighten the belts and challenge the constitutional offices on how they can save money. Mr. Bean said he was in attendance to support the Board.

Mr. Moron stated there were no attendees via Zoom for public comments. Mr. Moron gave an overview of how the meeting would flow.

Mrs. Griffith gave an introduction for the workshop as follows:

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Preliminary Information**

The Property Appraiser is required to certify to the County Commission the taxable value of real property by July 1st 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 7.90%. At this increase in value, one mill

will generate \$2,334,119 in 2021. In the current budget, the millage rate of 5.7761 generated \$12,365,955. In the upcoming budget, the current millage rate of 5.7761 would generate \$13,482,104. 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 and omits the added value of new construction from the calculation). The rolled-back rate is 5.3991 and would generate \$12,602,141 in ad valorem proceeds – the preliminary millage 5.4707 with \$12,769,331 in property tax proceeds is currently 1.33% over the rolled-back rate, which equates to \$167,190 over in ad valorem proceeds. The difference between tax revenues from one year to the next excluding the effects of the tax increment districts and value of new construction is \$403,376.

The sales tax revenue estimates which were released late by the State of Florida’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research forecast a recovering State 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 State government, 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. The improving state economy has increased the State Shared Sales Tax Revenue Proceeds by \$315,657 for the general fund and \$123,718 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

The total budget in 20/21 is \$62,287,079 and the preliminary budget for 21/22 totals \$77,179,864. The change in total budget is \$14,892,785. 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 \$1,689,727, Weems Memorial Hospital fund budget is more than the prior year by \$2,920,315, the Tourist Development Fund Budget grew by almost \$700,000 due to the levy of the additional 1%, and there is also an additional \$8,590,661 in grant funded projects for road paving and drainage projects, FEMA restoration efforts and the Franklin County Airport.

In 2021, Homesteaded Properties with just values exceeding taxable values, saw an increase in assessed value of 1.4% based on CPI. A homeowner with a house valued at \$150,000 with a \$50,000 homestead exemption would have paid \$578 in county taxes in 2020. At the proposed 2021 rate and the CPI adjustment to value, that homeowner would pay \$555 in county taxes.

Items that increased the operational budget (\$1,372,499) less those with decreases (\$967,556) 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 20/21 budget to the 21/22 budget are summarized in the table below.

REVENUE LOSSES / INCREASES TO THE BUDGET	AMOUNT
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCREASE	\$277,405
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUDGET INCREASE	\$11,137
SOLID WASTE BUDGET INCREASE	\$37,516
PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET INCREASE	\$43,188
LIBRARY BUDGET INCREASE	\$6,991
BUILDING DEPARTMENT (Department fully funded by revenues)	\$149,539

FISCAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET INCREASE	\$91,676
MOSQUITO CONTROL BUDGET INCREASE	37,610
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET INCREASE	\$1,300
DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET INCREASE	\$8,900
TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS TRANSFER INCREASE	\$24,019
HEALTH INSURANCE 4% INCREASE	\$104,663
PRELIMINARY DRAFT PAY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	\$450,000
PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$40,178
FRS RETIRMENT CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE	\$88,377
TOTAL COST INCREASES TO THE BUDGET	\$1,372,499
OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET	AMOUNT
INCREASE IN STATE SHARED REVENUES (General Fund)	\$315,657
INCREASES IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES (Self-Sufficient Department)	\$196,986
INCREASE IN AD VALOREM OFFSET FUNDS	\$81,690
DECREASE TRANSFERS TO ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (Recovering Sales Tax Revenues)	\$245,732
DECREASE TRANSFER TO LIBRARY FUND	\$70,364
DECREASE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUDGET	\$37,127
DECREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET (FEMA Assistance)	\$20,000
TOTAL OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET	\$967,556
TOTAL SUMMARIZED REVENUES LOSSES / INCREASES NET OFFSETS / REDUCTIONS TO THE BUDGET	\$404,943

Chairman Jones confirmed that with the proposed budget a home that is valued at \$150,000 the taxes would be \$578 with the current budget, but with the proposed budget they would be \$555. Mrs. Griffith gave clarification on the capital summary what was included in the proposed budget and what was projected capital projects. Commission Parrish asked if all the capital outlay projects were included in the budget. Mrs. Griffith said they were included in the budget. Commission Boldt asked if the proposed salary increases from Evergreen were included in the proposed budget. Mrs. Griffith said they were included and noted they were higher than originally presented because they were not inclusive of FICA and retirement dollars. Commissioner Parrish asked if adding FICA and retirement increased it from \$320k to \$450k. Mrs. Griffith said it probably won't be that high, but a lot of the sheriff's department is in the high-risk class. Mrs. Griffith said the FICA rate is 7.65%, high risk retirement is 25% and regular class retirement rate is 10.82%. Mr. Moron said for today's purposes the Board is reviewing the budget and tentatively approving. Mrs. Griffith said that we may end up looking at a five-year implementation plan, it is all up in the air. They are in the process of confirming the correct data was used to create the worksheets. Chairman Jones noted the plan would not be final until the final year of implementation. It will be tweaked, and different things changed throughout the multiple year implementation.

Meeting Items

B. Workshop Schedule

Sheriff

Sheriff AJ Smith addressed the Board in person and said that Mrs. Coulter was available by phone to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairman Jones asked for clarification on the FDLE compliant emails. Sheriff Smith said that is why they purchased the new CAD system and other things to come up to speed with technology and security. Mrs. Coulter explained their IT team obtained some quotes for them to be compliant with FDLE and the extra layer of encryption that they require to bring the office into compliance. She explained that they must maintain the email accounts of employees even those who leave for public records we must keep active for two to three years. The license and software that follow FDLE compliance costs a lot. Any computer that is linked into the sheriff's office must be compliant with FDLE requirements. Mrs. Coulter said they were hacked in 2019 and it was a complete nightmare. She noted that it was very costly, and the hacker racked up a lot of money, over \$20-30k worth of charges. FDLE has tightened down on their protocols. Sheriff Smith everything is done in the vehicles. Mrs. Coulter said they won't to avoid being a backdoor for someone to hack into the FDLE.

Chairman Jones thanked them for the clarification. Sheriff Smith said they certainly don't want to be back in a situation where they are hacked again. Mrs. Coulter said she had to notify the State and every single person that was affected by the breach, and it was thousands of people. Commissioner Boldt asked if ransom was paid, and Sheriff Smith said it was not.

Chairman Jones noted that he was told the best way to deter hackers is to reboot your devices on a regular basis.

Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Sheriff's budget. However, he said that he would like a breakdown of the increases. Sheriff Smith said that he plans to meet with Mrs. Coulter and cut where they can cut. He said everything is going up on the cost of business and his office will try to negotiate as much as possible. If there's something we can fix, like the air conditioner that went out, we took funds from the jail rather than asking the county to pay for it. If it's something we can do ourselves we are going to do it. Sheriff Smith said he will come back to the Board next month with a presentation on what he is looking at regarding pay increases. He said that he just returned from conference and every sheriff in the State is in the same boat trying to retain employees or obtain new employees. He said the starting salary for Leon County is \$50k, Gulf County is \$41k and Franklin is \$32k. Sheriff Smith said that he has lost deputies to the City of Apalachicola as well due to their starting salary being \$37k. Commissioner Boldt said he wanted to reemphasize the importance of sharpening our pencils about our vendors. The county has been loyal to vendors for many years, and he believes we should negotiate with them to get the best price possible. He believes we should run the county business almost the same as a private business.

Property Appraiser

Mrs. Casey Nash, Franklin County Property Appraiser's Office, appeared before the Board. Mrs. Nash stated their budget did not change from last year. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Property Appraiser's budget.

Tax Collector

Mr. Rick Watson, Franklin County Tax Collector, appeared before the Board. Mr. Watson stated their budget did not change from last year. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Tax Collector's budget.

Mrs. Griffith noted that with some of the initial CARES money the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector both received a new software as a service cloud-based system that runs consecutively with the two offices. The Property Appraiser had some money set aside in the capital outlay fund to use as GSI mapping expenses. She agreed because while these two systems run consecutively as far as to not have any data lapses with in that first year, we pulled those expenses out of the capital outlay fund to run those software systems consecutively. Next year their budgets will be the same, there will just be one year overlap.

Clerk of Courts

Clerk Maxwell, Franklin County Clerk of Court, appeared before the Board. Clerk Maxwell stated their budget did not change from last year. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Clerk of Courts' budget.

Supervisor of Elections

Mrs. Heather Riley, Supervisor of Elections, said her budget has a small increase due to a settlement agreement with Nelson vs Desantis where they are now required to provide Democracy Live. Democracy Live is a suite for ADA compliancy to allow ADA voters to vote online. The postage expense also increased due to the census mailings and mass mailings due to Senate Bill 90. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Supervisor of Elections' budget.

Road Department

Mr. Howard Nabors, Superintendent of Public Works, stated there is no change to their budget. Commissioner Lockley asked how the equipment was. Fairing. Mr. Nabors said they have been working with Mrs. Griffith to replace some of the trucks and lo-boy. The lo-boy has about a million miles on it. Mrs. Griffith explained how the capital outlay fund residual balance would be used for the large down payments on the equipment. Mr. Nabors said he hoped to purchase a new excavator next year after paying the lo-boy off. Mrs. Griffith said it would best to wait until the lo-boy is paid off to purchase the excavator. Chairman Jones said this is really the first time we have asked department heads to do this, to forecast what equipment will be needed in the future, and he feels this is proactive in our approach. Mr. Nabors noted the starting salary for the road department is

\$25k and they have lost employees to the City of Apalachicola because their starting salary is \$28k. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Road Department's budget.

Solid Waste, Solid Waste Grant

Mr. Fonda Davis, Solid Waste Director, stated there was a slight increase in their budget and some things they are asking for. Commissioner Lockley asked how their equipment was holding up. Mr. Davis said the heavy equipment is in good shape, but it is trucks that will need to be replaced. Mrs. Griffith said that two of their trucks are from the 1990s and have \$400k and \$250k miles on them. The purchases will be funded through the capital outlay funds. He does have funds in his budget and once he pays off one piece of equipment, he will be able to purchase another. Chairman Jones said it is important to keep the equipment up to date to serve the needs of the community. Commissioner Boldt asked about budgeting and plans for increasing landfill in the future.

Mrs. Griffith noted that Hurricane Michael ate up about 10 years of our landfill space. The Board needs to look at land acquisition, do we have enough funds, where are we going to relocate or can we purchase adjacent property to landfill.

Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the budget for Solid Waste.

Animal Control

Mr. Fonda Davis stated there was no change in this budget. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the budget for Animal Control.

Mrs. Griffith noted they have funds available to pay the payments for the new vehicle requested to be purchased. The payments are coming out of the regular line item for animal control.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Davis said there was a slight increase in their budget due to the new employee. Chairman Jones inquired as to what duties the new employee would be fulfilling. Mr. Davis said the workload has picked up and they are having a hard time keeping up with the seven employees they currently have. Commissioner Lockley noted that things have been added to their workload. Mrs. Griffith said the SGI restroom facilities were added and the old facility is still being maintained. She said they can anticipate the Eastpoint fishing pier restroom duties as well as tourism increasing the burden on our parks and recs department. They are tasked with multiple things such as stocking the facilities, trash pickup, maintaining parks and keeping up with the beach flags.

Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the budget for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Davis said that he appreciates everything that the Board does for his department and noted that salary is important to his employees. He said our employees come to work every day and there has to be a way that we can let them know that we appreciate them.

Courthouse Maintenance

Mr. Moron stated there was no increase in their budget. Mrs. Griffith said we do have projects in the works. We are currently waiting on an assessment by Southeastern Consulting to make some needed repairs to the flashing which is causing leaking issues. We will also be doing some painting repairs. Mrs. Griffith noted that the health department in Carrabelle will need a new roof. Since there are no funds assigned to pay for this, it will be taken from the courthouse maintenance budget. Mrs. Griffith anticipates the cost to be between \$25-30k. Mr. Moron said the Southeastern engineers have pretty much guaranteed there was no structural issue with the courthouse due to the issues on 4th Street and Leslie Street. The courthouse is in pretty good shape. Mr. Moron said he has reached out to the City of Apalachicola, and they are working to repair 4th Street as quickly as possible. They have contracted with Jason White. The piece of equipment to do the job is rather expensive to bring in. Mr. Moron said the city is looking for a funding source to complete the repairs to Leslie Street between Highway 98 and Commerce Street. Mr. Moron reported that the striping for Leslie Street, between Commerce Street and Water Street, has been completed. He thanked Mrs. Brownell for providing the electronic signage to inform traffic that it is now a two-way street. Chairman Jones asked if they had received quotes for the repairs on Leslie Street, and Mr. Moron said they had not. Chairman Jones noted that without quotes he thought they would have a hard time getting funds to repair because they would not know how much it would cost. Commissioner Lockley said that all of that is on the city, and we don't have to pay for that. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Courthouse Maintenance budget.

Library

Ms. Whitney Roundtree requested to transition Ms. Nancy Cuffman from a permanent part time employee to a permanent full-time employee. Ms. Roundtree said that Ms. Cuffman was a dedicated employee who had been with the library for three years. Ms. Roundtree said this transition would help alleviate any staffing issues they have at the Carrabelle office. After the transition, they would have two full time employees and one part time employee. Ms. Roundtree noted that Carrabelle is the busiest of the libraries and is open on the weekend. This transition would allow for the possibility of expanding their hours. The transition would increase the library's budget by \$5,000. Mrs. Griffith noted that two of the full-time library employees receive an insurance waiver, thereby saving the county money. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the library budget.

Building Department/ Planning and Zoning

Mrs. Griffith said she would like to interject that DR424 presented by the property appraiser for last year reported the value of new construction at \$14 million last year, and the upcoming year at \$31 million dollars. The value of construction in just one year is through the roof. Mr. Moron thanked Mr. Paterson for being an active and aggressive building official. In doing so, Mr. Patterson runs the office in the most efficient way while serving the customers. Commissioner Boldt pointed out Mr. Patterson's recent certification and the importance of that to the county.

Mr. Steve Paterson said there was a significant increase in their budget from last year. However, Mr. Paterson noted that their department is fully funded through building permit funds and does not receive funds from ad valorem taxes. He said that by statute all funds received by the building department must be spent within the building department. Mr. Paterson said that House Bill 1059 requires the county to have the capability to accept all applications, photos, attachments, and payments electronically by October 1st. Mr. Paterson said they are in the process of acquiring the software to facilitate this compliance. Mr. Paterson said there was some employee training that would need to be done in the coming year and they would like to hire an additional building inspector either part or full time. Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Paterson if his budget had the money to fund this new hire, and Mr. Paterson said that it does. Commissioner Boldt asked if they had the potential to offer a better salary due to their budget being based on the permit fees. Mrs. Griffith said the salaries will be determined by the pay plan and they will be market based. Mrs. Griffith said that even with the increases Mr. Paterson has requested there is still a surplus of \$39,416. She said those funds cannot be spent on any other purpose except for the enforcement of the Florida building code or the building department activities. Mrs. Griffith said that we hope when the pay plan comes in that the \$39k will be enough to fund any adjustments that have to be made within the building department. Commissioner Lockley asked if the new employee would have to be a licensed building inspector and Mr. Paterson said they will have to be licensed or eligible to obtain their license. Mr. Paterson said he also plans to hold some workshops for the public and the contractors to educate the public on the changes to our flood plan, help them to learn to how to navigate and allow them to learn what they can do. Mrs. Griffith noted that Wakulla and Gulf County are currently using the program. Mr. Moron this will be training for the contractors to learn how to use Citizen Serve software. They will be able to apply and pay for permits online. Mr. Paterson noted that they were currently in process of digitalizing all the old files. Mr. Moron said they would be going all the way back to as far as they have paper documents. Commissioner Boldt asked if old floor plans would be accessible. Mr. Moron confirmed that they would be available. Commissioner Lockley commended Mr. Paterson for coming in with a money maker. Chairman Jones noted that this is the first year that the building department budget will not be partially funded by ad valorem taxes. Mr. Moron said he would like to give credit to Mrs. Amy Kelly because she pushed the new fee plan. Mr. Moron said we brought our county fees up to surrounding county fees. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Building Department's budget.

Administrative Services/Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator

Mrs. Griffith said the assistant grant administrator position went away and the \$37,127 funding was moved to the fiscal manager position funding. The professional services budget was reduced by \$20,000 due to Mr. Pierce's FEMA related services reducing. Mr. Moron's budget decreased by 25.65%. Mrs. Griffith's was a completely new request for \$91,676 included salary, benefits, and office supplies. There was an overall budget increase of around \$40,000. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Administrative Services/Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator budget.

Emergency Management

Mrs. Brownell said there was a slight increase of around \$1,200. The increase is due to an increase in maintenance cost on buildings, equipment, and data for kiosks. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the Emergency Management. Mr. Moron thanked Mrs. Brownell for bringing out signs during the storm. Mrs. Brownell said that was part of the increase, they had to ensure new signage and equipment purchased through the CARES funds.

Mosquito Control

Mr. Dewitt Polous said there was a slight increase because they wanted to hire a new employee to help with the spraying and additional duties. It is a lot of duties for two full time employees to keep up with. There are a lot of requests from people wanting them to spray. The state wants them to do a lot of things, but they can't keep up due to limited staff. Commissioner Parrish noted that with the increase in minimum wage the county would be looking at closer to about a \$40k increase over the next three years to add an additional employee. Chairman Jones noted that we are still down about ten employees compared to what we had at the height. Chairman Jones noted that the services being provided have increased. Mr. Polous said that they had a hard time getting the routine large ditches cleared because there was a reduction in inmate labor. Mr. Polous said he could use this employee to assist with the ditch clearing and require they have some equipment experience. Chairman Jones said in talking with Mr. Nabors about it, you can't get in there and do it manually because of time, but if you try to do with large equipment, it will mess yards up. Commissioner Parrish said that the mosquitos have been bad this year and they aren't getting any better. Mr. Polous said he would like to step up the larvicide. Commissioner Parrish asked which one was better for environment. Mr. Polous said he believed it would be the larvicide because you can target it. We must follow state guidelines to not kill beneficial insects. Commissioner Boldt said there is a drainpipe on route 30 off Hwy 98 elevated and it will not fully drain. There is always water in the wetland. These are subtle things that cause more manpower. Do you think the position should be half time for a year and see how it goes? Mr. Polous said the state requires a license and certification and it would be hard to find someone to do this on a part time basis. Commissioner Parrish asked what the \$1k increase for cost of living meant. Mrs. Griffith said that she meant to remove that from the report. Commissioner Lockley asked if he was having trouble retaining employees. Mr. Polous said that he lost an employee a few years ago due to a higher rate of pay through the city. Some of transferred from the mosquito control to the road department not so much for higher pay but because of the certification requirements. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the Mosquito Control budget. Mr. Polous noted that he did put in for a new truck that was include din that. Mrs. Griffith noted that it was not put in the preliminary budget, there was not a funding source to do so. The trucks in service are starting to give him so issues and the sprayers will have to be repaired in the coming years. Commissioner Lockley asked if they were sharing a truck. Mr. Polous said yes, he shares a truck with Mr. Nabors. Mrs. Griffith noted that it was a capital outlay fund request but was not included in his budget. It may be something the board wants to stagger. Possibly hire a new employee this year and buy a new truck next year. Commissioner Parrish asked if Mr. Nabors could pass down a vehicle when he replaces with the two new ones. Mr. Nabors said he does not have a vehicle in good enough shape to pass down. Commissioner Parrish said Mrs. Griffith was trying to convey that we may need to stagger the hiring and purchase of new vehicle. Mr. Polous asked if he needed to choose. Mr. Polous said if he had to choose, he would purchase the new vehicle. He can't continue to use the vehicle he is

using. Commissioner Parrish said mosquito control is all about community safety. Mr. Polous asked the Board to just do the pickup truck and do away with the request for the new employee at this time. Commissioner Parrish said the Board had requested the department heads let them know what needed equipment was anticipated in the future. Mrs. Griffith said the Board would need to do the amendment to remove the new employee and purchase the vehicle. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the Mosquito Control budget to reflect the change removing the new employee and adding the purchase of a new vehicle.

Commissioner Boldt asked if we had the ability for department heads can set aside funds for future year purchases. Mrs. Griffith said most of the departments do have funds set aside for payment funds, but Mr. Polous' budget did not. Commissioner Boldt said he thought the Board should set aside payment funds for future years. Commissioner Boldt asked if we could set aside funds for future salary costs for each department. Commissioner Parrish said he was not in favor of putting funds out for personnel. He agrees with the Mrs. Griffith to put funds in like an escrow for funds to be used for future purchases. Chairman Jones said that this was the spirit behind the Board asking for future capital improvements, for the public to know what purchases we are looking at into the future.

Veteran's Services

Mr. Elliott absent. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Veteran's Services budget.

Extension Office

Mr. Lovestrand thanked the Board for their past budget increases and noted that they did not have a budget increase this year. Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved the Extension Office budget.

Health Department

Mr. Griffith stated there was no change to the Health Department budget of \$49k. Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Health Department budget.

Weems Hospital

Mr. David Walker introduced Mr. Chris Joyner, the hospital's interim CFO and Mr. David Bowling CFO with Alliant. Mr. Walker said the hospitals current budget is \$15,985,000 of that \$5,798,000 comes from capital outlay funds, \$1,169,080 from the 50% sales tax and \$764,000 from EMS operations. Mr. Walker said he feels the return on investment from the sales tax is beneficial. Mr. Joyner shared that the hospitals net revenue is \$750K, with 168 days cash on hand, and that number came up from 127 as of last month. Mr. Joyner said collections were up from May to June. In May collections were \$700K and in June they were \$1.9 million. This included a Medicaid settlement for \$500k but was still a substantial increase. Mr. Joyner said that in reviewing the hospitals records he has not found any significant errors, one error where funds were placed in the wrong general ledger account. He said that Mr. Nick Gesham was reviewing and negotiating the payor contracts and the projected results from the negotiations would yield an additional \$300-

400k in revenue for the next three years straight. Mr. Joyner said the plan was to roll those funds back to the staff in the way of a retirement fund and salary parity. Mr. Walker told the Board that the hospital had been recognized as one of three hospitals in the nation for their telehealth efforts. They were recommended by the Florida Rural Health Office for the award. Telehealth is a major opportunity for our community. The EMS was utilized amidst the pandemic to bring telemedicine to patients in their homes. Mr. Walker said the US Army of Telemedicine Advanced Research Center had contacted them and may want to do a project with them. Our connection with TMH we will be able to integrate more into our hospital. Mr. Walker said we are not where we want to be as a hospital, but we are better than we were. He said that he feels good about the financial situation of the hospital with the people that we have on board. Commissioner Boldt praised the positive report. Mrs. Griffith said that at the end of 2022 there should be \$7.48 million available in the healthcare trust fund for the construction of a new facility or remodeling. Mr. Walker said that Mr. Louie, the EMS director, may come back and make a request for another EMS vehicle 272K we will want to take that out of the capital outlay fund because we are trying to do salary parity and retirement benefits for staff. Six to nine months return for the vehicle to be here. Chairman Jones said if we are looking at parity for the hospital are we also looking at the clinics. Mr. Walker said the salary parity will go for the clinics, hospitals, and EMS. Mr. Walker said they should be able to implement phase 2 & 3.

Chairman Jones asked if they are going to look at leave time for employees as he understood some must use vacation time for sick days. Mr. Walker said what they have now is an accrual system. Mr. Walker said how it works is if there's a holiday the employee must use their time to take off. However, if you work on a holiday, they receive compensation when accruing leave time. Commissioner Lockley asked how far out we were about a new facility. Mr. Walker said he feels that we need one but noted that we must figure out how to fund it. Mr. Walker believes that we can get it done with the financial team that we have on board. We are running out of space, and a new facility for the residents of Franklin County. Commissioner Parrish asked about Calhoun and Liberty County getting a legislative appropriation. Mr. Walker said he spoke with Mr. Shoaf and he did put in in contact with someone.

Commissioner Parrish suggested using the funds we have saved as a match to build a new hospital. He said there is other pots of money available and believes this puts us in the position to access some of these funds that are available. Mr. Walker said that he will make the push and let them know they have the commissioners' support. Commissioner Parrish asked what we are doing about the uptick in the delta variant. Mr. Walker said they will have a testing/vaccination clinic next week. Mr. Walker said he will reach out to Ms. Sarah Hinds and coordinate a county wide clinic. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Walker to keep the commissioners updated on the activities. Mr. Walker said they will put in the newspaper and get the information out to the public. Mr. Moron explained that most of the health department staff is out due to COVID. Ms. Hinds is out of town at a state meeting. Mr. Moron said on the construction of the hospital, Mr. Coleman asked the board to give him a year to level out the operation and financial situation of the hospital. Mr. Moron reminded the board that Mr. Coleman said he would be willing to meet with the Chairman, Mr. Moron and Mrs. Griffith and go before Triumph to encourage and explain the claw back on the Triumph funds and make sure we can use the money to start construction of the hospital. Mr. Moron noted that Ms. Jessica Holly, Representative Shoaf's employee, was listening via Zoom. Mr. Walker said he felt the hospital could make a good case on how they can create and

sustain jobs. Commissioner Lockley said he believes we shouldn't wait a year. The hospital is doing good, and the need is there. Commissioner Lockley said he thinks it is time to make a move. Commissioner Boldt said he would like to encourage making this pitch to Triumph. He said the other thought is that we are old pros at opening up COVID clinics and feels we are ready to take the lead again. Commissioner Lockley said let's go ahead and get our name on the list with Triumph and that way we will be ahead of the game. Commissioner Lockley said he is ready to see some bricks and mortar. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Weems Hospital budget.

Circuit & County Judge

Ms. Elizabeth Garber said their budget is the same as last year. There are additional funds that will be requested for two licenses for Zoom. They have requested these fees be paid by the State. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Circuit and County Judge budget. Commissioner Boldt commended their team for the social distancing setup and solution. Ms. Garber also commended their IT team.

Tourist Development Council

Mr. John Solomon said their annual budget was for \$2,407,850. Commissioner Lockley asked if this is the amount they anticipate. Mr. Solomon said most of their budget is for the infrastructure. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the Tourist Development Council budget.

State Attorney

Ms. Mary Barwick said the State Attorney's office relies on the Franklin County budget for building facilities as well as technology which includes telephones, computer supplies, internet, and a small IT department. Ms. Barwick thanked the Clerk's office for working with them for purchases. Ms. Barwick said that Mr. Moron has played a huge role in security for their office. They are requesting a continuation of last year's budget in the amount of \$24,150. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the State Attorney budget.

Public Defender

Mr. Michael MacNamara said the Public Defender's office had an increase in their budget in the amount of \$1,135 for supplies. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved Public Defender budget. Commissioner Boldt inquired as to how the judges liked the new technology. Mr. MacNamara said the judge's information all comes through the same as before, it is just different on the public defender's end.

Guardian Ad Litem

Ms. Deborah Moore updated the Board on their annual program and encouraged the Board to volunteer to serve. They are currently serving 32 children; all the counties have slowed down during the summer. Case load has increased over the past few years. All the staff continued to support children remotely, but they just started going back into the homes. Ms. Moore noted that

they have received some resignations but were able to fill those positions. Ms. Moore said they have made an error on the numbers that they reported. The number used to get the percentage and dollar amount is not correct. They have made multiple calls to the state to get those corrected. The amount is close to where it was last year. Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Griffith how the Board should proceed if the numbers presented were not accurate. Mrs. Griffith asked Ms. Moore if the \$7,219 was the highest number it would be and then it would come down. Ms. Moore said it would be higher because the numbers did not include the children who were discharged. Mr. Moron is it possible to get a corrected budget to the Board by Tuesday for the next Board meeting. Ms. Moore said it would come from Tallahassee. Mr. Moron asked her to get the revised budget from Tallahassee and provide to the Board at their next meeting for tentative approval. Ms. Moore said there was 22 additional children who received services. Commissioner Parrish asked them to calculate the estimate based on the numbers provided with the previous children. The estimate was \$12k. Ms. Moore will provide a final number before the final budget hearing. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Guardian Ad Litem budget for the revised amount of \$12k.

Franklin Soil & Water Conservation

Mrs. Erin Griffith said there was a small increase for a shared employee and \$798.50 for office supplies. The budget is relatively the same. Chairman Jones asked if the amount included the entire \$1k raise. Mrs. Griffith said it was a \$4k annual raise for the shared employee split between the four counties. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation budget.

Dog Island Conservation District

Mr. David Brady said that there was an increase in their budget from \$11k to \$19,900. Mr. Brady said the reason for the increase was an anticipated purchase of a new tractor. Their current tractor which is 23 years old required repairs in the past year in the amount of \$9k. The plan is to lease a tractor for 8 years at the price of \$14k annually. Mr. Brady said the taxable value of property on Dog Island is \$26 million with around \$103k coming back to the district. Commissioner Parrish said that he is not in favor of unrestricted budget allocation. Mr. Brady explained that their allocation has always been unrestricted. Commissioner Parrish asked if this would be a recurring expense and Mr. Brady said that it would be as the lease is for 8 years. Mrs. Griffith noted that the county is unable to provide the services to Dog Island that they do for the other communities. Commissioner Boldt noted that their community is volunteer driven. Chairman Jones asked for clarification on the amount being requested. Mrs. Griffith confirmed the amount to be approved was \$19,900. Mrs. Griffith explained that with the landfill credit it totaled the \$25k figure. Commissioner Lockley asked how often the ferry ran. Mr. Brady said the ferry runs on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and that it is available to residents for private charter seven days a week. Mr. Brady said that the ferry helps with medical assistance also. Mr. Brady said there were 133 homes on Dog Island. Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved the Dog Island Conservation District budget.

Apalachee Center

Mr. Dean Hilton said there was no change to their budget. Commissioner Parrish asked how many people they serve. Mr. Hilton said that he did not have that information but would imagine it was up due to Covid. Commissioner Parrish requested Mr. Hilton provide the Board with numbers so that when questioned by constituents they would have information to relay to them. Mr. Hilton noted that the funding is based on statute and population. Commissioner Parrish tentatively approved the Apalachee Center budget.

Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Griffith if she was prepared to present her items from the 3:30 p.m. agenda. Mr. Moron asked the Board if there was any intention of reducing the non-governmental budgets listed on the agenda for Friday. If not, would they like to address those items today instead of meeting again tomorrow? Chairman Jones recommended handling the business in front of them and go from there.

Auditor Fees

Mrs. Griffith said there was an increase of 3.5% increasing the budget from \$76,325 to \$78,925. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Auditor Fees budget.

Insurance

Mrs. Griffith said there was no increase in the Standard dental and life insurance, and there was a 4% increase in the health insurance. The cost of the health insurance increase is \$104,663 this includes the five new full-time hires. Mrs. Griffith noted that we are pulling out the new hire for the mosquito control. Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Griffith confirmed who all this includes. Mrs. Griffith said this total includes all County employees, inclusive of the sheriff's department. Commissioner Parrish said on the one page 174 employees with health coverage, 20 with waivers and 38 retirees. Mrs. Griffith noted that the retirees (38) the Board pays 50% of their coverage. Mrs. Griffith explained that once an employee is eligible for Medicare the insurance coverage subsidy ends. Commissioner Ward 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 2021 is \$23,658,241. 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 \$89,087. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Carrabelle Redevelopment Trust budget. Commissioner Lockley inquired as to who oversees the expenditures. 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.

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 2021 current taxable value is \$44,671,006. She stated the anticipated payment to the City of Apalachicola for this year is \$72,949. Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved the Apalachicola Redevelopment Trust budget.

Grants

Mrs. Griffith read the following grants for the Board:

FEMA – Alligator Drive Road Repairs

Federal funds: \$3,897,103

State funds: \$649,517

County match with DEO Hurricane Michael Recovery Grant: \$649,517

Total Project: \$5,196,137

SCOP Timber Island Road Resurfacing Project

State funds: \$754,161

SCOP Widen & Resurface CR67 Construction

Description: The project is for the construction and CEI for CR67 Widening and Resurfacing Project. Project will widen, resurface, stabilize the shoulders, culvert extensions and widen lane with 5' shoulders. The project will begin at SR30 and run 6.044 miles to Cricket Creek Bridge.

Budgeted: \$2,829,414

SCRAP C30A Construction Resurfacing Project

Description: Construction and CEI of roadway resurfacing and widening along CR301 from Franklin County line mile post 0 to Thirteen Mile Road mile post 1.553.

Total Project: \$563,668

FEMA C30A East & West Washouts

Estimated Total: \$830,968.34

FEMA federal \$623,225

DEMA state \$103,872

County match from DEO Hurricane Michael Recovery Grant: \$103,872

Total Project: \$830,969

Airport Design and Construct Lighting Rehab for Runway 6-24 and Taxiways B & D

Grant Total: \$800,000

Triumph Airport Fuel Farm Project

Triumph Grant Award: \$1,059,000

Total Project: \$1,084,000

County match obligation: \$25,000 from airport funds

Trip Airport Pavements Apron

Description: The objective of this project is to rehabilitate the pavements associated with Runways 14-32, 6-24, Taxiways B and D, and the West and East Aprons.
Total Award: \$779,711

Chairman Jones asked about the DOT project Hwy 98 to Carrabelle bridge, is that something outside of the county's budget? Mrs. Griffith confirmed that is being done by DOT.

Commissioner Boldt gave an update on the construction of road at Alligator Point. Temporary standby due to the price of sheet piling has increased. Anderson Columbia continues to smooth out and maintain the road during storms. Chairman Jones asked how this affects their timeline. Mrs. Griffith said this will be at their risk. Commissioner Boldt said they have a large amount of manpower, and they can possibly knock it out. He said that they are always leaving one lane open, and they are not working on the weekends or holidays.

Other Funds

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 \$82,211 available in this fund.

FUND 123, Law Enforcement Trust Fund

A small balance of \$3,193 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. 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 2022, barring any additional capital expenditures from the fund, there will be approximately \$7.48 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 20th 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 \$338,835 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 \$326,967 – 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 \$1,376,167 accumulated in the fund to go towards a future paving project. These funds are split between the (5) districts and the balances by commissioners do vary.

FUND 143, Boating Improvement Fund

Boating Improvement Fees are deposited monthly from fees collected by the Franklin County Tax Collector – the county anticipates \$13,703 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 \$54,413 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. 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 indemnify the SGI Fishing Piers should discourage any expenditure not relative to the direct and

necessary repairs of the fishing piers or access roads. Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Michael damaged the access road to the St. George Island Pier. The repairs are estimated to cost \$109,922 and have not yet been completed. Hurricane Michael caused damage to the newly constructed bathrooms facility and parking area at the Eastpoint pier. The FEMA repairs are underway and estimated to cost \$325,714.

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 \$302,434.

Commissioner Parrish asked what the SGI Fishing Pier Maintenance fund balance is. Mrs. Griffith said the current balance is \$1,545,736.

Commissioner Parrish said that we needed to be cautious taking funds from the SGI Pier Maintenance Fund because eventually the county will have to do something with the pier. He said in the long term the county will be responsible to do something with it.

Chairman Jones said that he met with the Regional Planning Counsel, and they discussed the Board giving the revolving loan fund residual balance to use for match to use for money with DEO. They could turn that \$300k in to \$1million. The total amount we have in the region is close to \$2million that they have out in revolving funds. I've seen a lot of businesses be able to get assistance that normally would not be able to get loans. We have been good about securing sufficient collateral. Commissioner Parrish said with the stipulation that the money would be used to generate additional funds to be used in Franklin County.

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 and Casper for airport land will generate \$3,140, 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 and site rent with Jingoli Power will generate \$180,000. The \$.25/gallon fuel commission paid to Franklin County by Centric Aviation is anticipated to generate about \$31,210. 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. The airport manager position can be funded at \$30,000. Mrs. Griffith said she is working with Mr. Mosteller and Centric Aviation to create a job description. The new

revenue from Jingoli Power will fund needed repairs for FBO hangar roof and the mowing equipment.

FUND 301, Capital Outlay Reserve Fund

In the capital outlay fund, there will be \$84,378 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, \$294,067 for equipment purchases for the Road Department, \$30,570 for a new truck for the Parks and Recreation, \$28,881 for a new truck for Animal Control, \$241,249 for new equipment for the Landfill, and \$65,632 available for infrastructure or other capital improvements.

Fund 302, Landfill Management Escrow - 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 2021, 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 \$200,000 to hedge against future escrow requirements and landfill expansion. This transfer will bring the balance in the escrow fund to \$3,316,890.

We should be planning to acquire land in the next ten years to expand the landfill. Commissioner Ward said that she will be presenting something at the next meeting that may help with this expansion. Chairman Jones said that worst-case scenario if you are moving to another site you must pay to move. Mrs. Griffith said it would be best to expand the existing landfill site. Commissioner Boldt said this may be an opportunity to contact the State to see if they may exchange some property.

Mr. Moron said that Ms. Jessica Holly is listening and though we won't call on her now. We will be in contact with her to discuss.

Chairman Jones asked the Board if they wanted to go ahead with the NGOs today. There are no callers online and no one in the audience to comment. Commissioner Ward said she believes if there is no increase the Board can tentatively approve and allow finance the day off tomorrow. Mrs. Griffith believes we will be able to stick to the same millage rate even with the guardian ad litem adjustment.

Commissioner Boldt said there had been some talk about two new positions in the future, an Economic Development Position, and a Co-Compliance position. He asked if it was necessary to address these within this budget. Chairman Jeons said that he felt we should wait until we have the information from the ARPC and the public hearings. The process has been delayed due to remote work and aligning all the partners. This will be a better approach for the public as they won't feel that we've sprung something on them. Mrs. Griffith said that by having those public hearings, we will be able to create a code enforcement board and have community input on enforcement. It may be a while before we need someone to fill an actual position.

Mrs. Griffith presented the NGOs as follows:

Franklin's Promise – \$9,765 Commissioner Ward tentatively approved.
Carrabelle Food Pantry- \$4,883 Commissioner Ward tentatively approved.
Franklin County Humane Society- \$36,278 Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved.
Refuge House- \$4,466 Commissioner Lockley tentatively approved.
Gulf County ARC Transportation Disadvantage- \$10,079 Commissioner Boldt tentatively approved.
Area Agency on Aging- \$51,581 Commissioner Ward tentatively approved.

Chairman Jones asked if the Board could get an update from the Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Moron said that he will contact them and ask for them to attend a meeting to update the Board.

Chairman Jones said that he spoke to Franklin Foods, and they did not put a budget request in. He said that we did give them money from CARES at one point and he is not sure if they were aware that they could get funds from the regular budget. Chairman Jones said he thought their request would be less than \$10k. Mrs. Griffith noted that from this point forward we could not increase the budget.

Commissioners' Comments

There were no Commissioners' comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ricky Jones - Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell - Clerk of Courts