

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
9:00 AM  
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, Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron—County Coordinator, and Jessica Gay-Deputy Clerk to the Board

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

**2. Prayer and Pledge**

Chairman Jones led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting 1/18/2022. Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Payment of County Bills**

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the payment of the February 1, 2022 - Bill List. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Special Project Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Update**

Mr. Pierce updated the Board on the dredging projects. He said that it is possible the Corps is already in the area, but he is not sure if it is the crew that will be dredging the channels. The Corps has received funds to dredge the intercoastal and once they are finished, they will begin out projects. The Two-Mile disposal area has to be monitored by bird management; the Corps is interested in taking over this responsibility. There might be a need for short-term financing. Mrs. Griffith has sent out letters to Peoples South and Centennial Bank. She will send it to the other area bank also. Hopefully, the Consortium will be sitting on go to send over the money, but if a loan is needed it should be short-term. Chairman Jones said he does know that they are dredging but he is not sure if it is the ones doing our work. Mr. Pierce said that he will give them a call as soon as the time is appropriate and update the Board.

## **6. Public Comments**

There were no requests for public comments.

### **Constitutional Officers**

#### **7. Clerk of Courts – Michele Maxwell – Report**

Clerk Maxwell informed the Board that Kofile picked up the records for Phase I. She said that we are still waiting to hear from Ms. Buzbee on an answer as to the ARP funds. Mr. Moron said that she is probably waiting on the April 15<sup>th</sup> final rules to come out since the scanning of the files is not directly related to Covid. Chairman Jones said the final rule has already been made and it is his understanding that we can designate whether to use the final rule or interim rule. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Moron to follow up with Ms. Buzbee to see if we can designate the final rule and move forward. The county has received \$1.7 million and will receive an additional \$1.7 million in one year from the initial deposit. The funds are based on population. Mr. Moron said there is a different set of rules if you are getting less than \$10 million. Clerk Maxwell said the amount needed for the records to be scanned is a total of \$192k. \$82K has been paid through the CARES money. This will be a complete scanning of all official records but does not include coast records. The very first record dates back to the 1800s. Commissioner Boldt said that scanning of the records allows word search capability and will be available on the Clerk's website.

### **Department Directors Reports**

#### **8. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges – Howard Nabors**

##### **Informational Item**

- a. Detail of work performed, and material hauled by district (see attached documents)

Mr. Nabors noted that they have not had inmate labor for the past couple of weeks due to lockdowns. He reported that the Womack Creek Bridge would need emergency repairs or have to be closed. Chairman Jones asked about the contract with FDOT through a local current contractor, talked about redoing the contract for what we do in Eastpoint. Mr. Nabors will have it ready for the next meeting and it involves inmate labor. Mr. Nabors said the contract has been expired for 10+ years. This is something we can talk about at the next meeting.

Mr. Moron said what we are looking for with the Womack Creek Bridge is the Board to make a motion to declare that the situation is an emergency and do some temporary repairs. There is a grant for construction coming in 2023, but we can't wait that long. DOT said we have to do something now or face possible closure. We need to do something ASAP. Mr. Moron said he is going to ask Clay if he can get an estimate to see what it would cost. Clay said he called two different contractors but wasn't able to get in touch with one. Clay said the west headwall is separated and leaning toward the body of water to the west. It is recommended to install temporary sheet piling. We could get a local contractor to drive some temporary sheet pile to hold it in place. The contract before the board is the design of replacement of headwalls, but the construction money won't come through until next year. We need to do something temporary to keep the road open. Mr. Moron asked the Board to raise the bid requirement to \$25K from \$10K and authorize up to \$25K for the repairs. Attorney Shuler asked Clay if an authorization up to \$25K would be sufficient to make the temporary repairs. Clay said that he believes so but with the way

construction costs have been he cannot guarantee. Attorney Shuler said based on the facts presented he believes there is a basis for a declaration of a state of emergency to make the repairs if more than \$10K but less than \$25K. He recommended the Board adopt a motion declaring an emergency, authorizing the repairs up to \$25K. **Commissioner Boldt made a motion declaring an emergency, authorizing the repairs up to \$25K, declaring an emergency, authorizing the repairs up to \$25K, and putting up safety traffic signage in the area. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Ward thanked Mr. Nabors for getting the signage out on Ryan Drive to warn drivers of road conditions. Commissioner Boldt asked if we could consider putting out safety signage on Route 30 and Hwy 98, possibly barricades and signage temporarily. Mr. Nabors said that he checked it, and the barricades were there but someone had put them in the bushes. He replaced them and made sure the lighting was working.

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

### Informational Items

- a. New Hires and Replacement Position: - Mark Custer has been hired for the replacement Equipment Operator position in Solid Waste. Our new hire employees are Mackenzie Wilson for Equipment Operator Solid Waste and Keondre' Sewell for Groundkeeper Inmate Supervisor Park and Recreation.
- b. Right-of-Way Debris Pickup/Recycled Material (see attached report)

Commissioner Ward said she would like to dedicate something at Vrooman Park in memory of Charlie Cate Odom. She said that she had talked with Mrs. Morgan Thompson along with other parents, and they would like to dedicate the playground area in her memory. **Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve dedicating the playground at Vrooman Park in memory of Charlie Cate Odom, seconded by Commissioner Parrish.** Chairman Jones said he felt this was very appropriate. Commissioner Ward noted that Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly is designing the sign. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Boldt inquired about the fencing area at Lanark Village and if the purpose of the fenced-in area is to keep Oak Street clear of all of that. He asked if it is appropriate for property owners to put their vegetation in front of their homes for it to be picked up. Mr. Davis noted that the apartments are congested, and they need to use a central location.

***Mrs. Griffith addressed the following from her report at this time.***

### i. BOARD ACTION: Landfill Permit Renewal Task Order

The 5-year operating permit renewal for the Franklin County Landfill is due on February 28<sup>th</sup> – Dewberry Engineers has submitted a cost proposal for the renewal of \$37,400. The landfill has been in operation since 1989. The largest component of the permit renewal is the surveying of the volume of waste in the Franklin County Landfill as the permit is based on aerial space at a certain slope to a maximum height limit. The overwhelming volume of debris that was processed in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael may significantly reduce the remaining years of life at the landfill and from this permit renewal, the county can use the data going forward to determine a long-term plan for the future.

Board action to approve the Dewberry Proposal for the landfill permit renewal.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Dewberry Proposal for the landfill permit renewal. Motion carried 5-0.**

j. Board information: SGI Old Restroom Building at Lighthouse Park

At your last meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Fonda Davis mentioned coming back to the Board with a plan for the old restrooms at the SGI Lighthouse Park. After careful review and consideration of expenses and demands at the park location, Mr. Davis would prefer to keep the old restroom building as an auxiliary restroom to be used during the peak season of March 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The old restroom building does have some issues with clogged drains, wood rot in the floor and will need the full replacement of the drain field at a cost of \$9,000 to be ready for use this season. Mr. Davis feels the public would be best served preserving the old location. Parks and Recreation can fund the repairs in this fiscal year to keep the restrooms operational, however, any renovations beyond basic repair would not be possible until the following budget cycle. It has also come to the county's attention about the poor condition of the existing playground set at Lighthouse Park. A FRDAP grant application has been submitted for new inclusive playground equipment and the application has made it to the recommended funding priority list. Mr. Davis is going to look at the existing playground to see if any resurfacing or sealant can be applied to make sure the existing set is still safe to use prior to the construction of the new playground if approved.

Chairman Jones said he would be happy to present the request to the TDC board, and there are funds. Chairman Jones said as to the playground it is better to have it taped off than an injury. Mrs. Griffith noted that the playground was replaced in 2015. Commissioner Parrish asked if there were different types of playground equipment that would hold up longer. Mrs. Griffith said she can research other types of materials. Chairman Jones suggested looking into plastic. Commissioner Lockley asked if it would be more feasible to take the playground equipment down rather than taping it off. Mr. Davis said it does seem best to take it down. Commissioner Lockley expressed concerns that the tape may not deter kids from getting on it. Chairman Jones said if it is not usable it is a safety issue. Attorney Shuler suggested putting up some fence webbing until the equipment can be taken down. Commissioner Parrish asked if there could be a sign put up informing the public that new equipment is coming soon. Commissioner Boldt noted that he would like Mr. Davis to look into adding diaper changing stations in the old restrooms. Mr. Davis said he will check into it.

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

### Informational Items

a. EOC Staff are attending FEPA Annual in Walton County on 01/30/2022-02/04/2022. Staff will be attending the following courses:

Pam/Jennifer – are registered for the F-ROC Cat A seminar F-ROC Cat B seminar. Amanda – registered for the Fundamentals of an EM Professional. All three of us are registered for FL-608- Emergency Work Eligibility training and the operation “Shot in the Dark” tabletop exercise.

- b. Jennifer Daniels attended the FEPA Certification Committee Meeting at FEPA Annual on 01/30/2022. She is a member of the Certification Committee. She is also the Region 2 Alt. Area Governor for the FEPA organization.
- c. 01/24/2022 Completed the Monthly Required IPAWS Training.
- d. 01/24/2022 Completed the required EMPA, EMPG, and EMPG – ARPA quarterly report.
- e. 01/21/2022 Attended the Virtual HLMP Meeting with FDEM. Per FDEM – An extension letter was submitted to FDEM to allow for unforeseen work to be completed on 2 HLMP Project homes to ensure compliance and reimbursement.
- f. 01/21/2022 Attended the Virtual FEPA County EM Director’s Working Group Meeting.
- g. 01/13/2022 Attended the Webinar/Training Hydrology 101 Basic Refresher.
- h. EOC staff are updating the logistics plan including the Emergency Fuel Plan.
- i. EOC Staff are updating our Templates for Public Messaging.
- j. EOC Staff is in the planning process for a Build a Disaster Bucket Event. This event will be used to educate residents on how to better prepare for a disaster. This Event will in part be made possible by the Duke Energy grant in the amount of \$10,000 received by FCEM.
- k. EOC Staff are in the review process of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans for Weems Hospital and St. James Bay Rehab.
- l. EOC will be hosting a G-205 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role 06/21/22-06/24/22. Scheduled Class and Emailed County and City officials inviting them to register and attend.
- m. EOC will be hosting an L105 PIO (Public Information Officer) Class 04/04/22-04/07/22. Scheduled Class and Emailed County and City officials inviting them to register and attend.
- n. 01/21/22 Contacted American Reg Cross regarding the fire on Wilderness Road. Requested a team be deployed to assist family members.
- o. 01/24/22 5 City of Apalachicola Employee IDs were made as requested.
- p. 01/21/22 5 Message Board signs were brought back to the EOC for scheduled maintenance.
- q. 01/21/22 Completed the IPP (4-year training plan) for FCEM.
- r. With COVID cases rising again in Franklin County, we are taking this opportunity to remind residents that EOC Staff continues to update our Kiosks located throughout Franklin County with COVID Information along with Preparedness information for storms and disasters.  
KIOSK LOCATIONS:  
Carrabelle – Franklin County Courthouse Carrabelle Annex Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce  
Eastpoint – Carquest  
Apalachicola – Franklin County Emergency Management Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce  
Apalachicola Post Office
- s. 01/20/22 Posted information regarding COVID Home Test Kits to social media and Kiosks for the public to request.
- t. EOC Staff attended the FDOH Weekly Update call on 01/19/22.
- u. Sent out emails regarding CPR/First Aid Class being hosted at FCEM. Emails were sent to county officials and directors.
- v. 01/21/22 Updated LMS Working Group Contact list including email address.
- w. 01/21/22 Completed the Annual LMS updates including 27P-22.004 form for Annual Compliance.
- x. In the process of scheduling aG-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions class to be hosted at FCEM in April. Will email invite to register as soon as instructor dates are confirmed.

- y. Reviewed the FEPA Legislative update for information pertaining to Emergency Management and FCEM Funding.
- z. Scheduled FCEM for attendance at EM Day at the Capitol on February 10th.
  - aa. Reviewed and updated county Contacts in SharePoint as required by EMPA/EMPG grants.
  - bb. EOC Staff attended the FDOH Weekly Update call on 01/19/22.
  - cc. 01/24/2022 and 01/27/2022 EOC hosted a CPR Class presented by EMS Director Lewis.
  - dd. EOC Staff are verifying our SERT Emergency Sites including Disaster Recover Center's, County Staging Areas, County Points of Distribution, Sandbag Distribution Locations, etc.
  - ee. Contacted Howard regarding dumping sand at Sandbag Distribution Locations. Contacted FCSD regarding inmates filling sandbags.
  - ff. EOC Staff are in the planning process for a WebEOC training for all persons who work the EOC during a disaster. This training will allow for ease of use of the WebEOC software during an event. Notices for this training will be sent out very soon.
  - gg. EOC Staff are updating standard use forms for use during events/disasters.
  - hh. 01/26/2022 Attended the FDOH Weekly update Virtual meeting.
  - ii. 01/26/2022 Took F250 To FCSD to have it cleaned for trip to FEPA.
  - jj. 01/27/2022 Attended the Virtual Partner Planning Briefing with National Weather Service Tallahassee.
  - kk. Updating Contacts and the EOC Notification Directory.
  - ll. Contacted Varner Plumbing regarding on-demand hot water heater not producing adequate hot water. May need to be replaced.
  - mm. 01/27/2022 Made adjustment to EMPA Report per Teresa with FDEM.
  - nn. Programmed and placed message board in Eastpoint for the Cooper Family Benefit.

Commissioner Lockley asked about the smoke detectors and advertisements. Mrs. Brownell said they will send out some flyers and put a notice at the post office. Commissioner Boldt said he has noticed that the fire department at Alligator Point is standing by to install the smoke detectors. Commissioner Boldt said he thought they should be distributed door to door and ask people to enter their homes to install them. **Commissioner Boldt made a motion to request that the volunteer fire departments initiate a program to take the smoke detectors that have been provided in the county, distribute them actively to residents and vulnerable people in our county who need active fire detectors in their homes. Seconded by Commissioner Lockley.** Commissioner Parrish said he agrees with the thought, but he is worried about liability. If they aren't installed correctly then would the fire department be liable? Attorney Shuler suggested the Board hold off and let Mr. Moron speak with the fire chiefs to get some input from them. There is a plan in place for the supply and distribution of the smoke detectors. **Commissioner Boldt withdrew his motion, Commissioner Lockley seconded.**

*Mrs. Griffith presented the following items from her report at this time.*

- d. BOARD ACTION: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement – Generators Franklin County has received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant agreement for the purchase of generators at strategic response locations: Franklin County EOC, Apalachicola Regional Airport

(2), Weems East Medical Clinic, Weems Hospital, and the Franklin County Courthouse (portable). The match for the surface-mounted, hard-wired generators will be funded by a grant provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The match for the portable trailer generator unit for the Courthouse will be funded by the Courthouse Maintenance budget. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached HMGP Generator Grant Agreement.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached HMGP Generator Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.**

e. BOARD ACTION: Time Extension Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Franklin County has received a modification to the agreement for the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program between the Division of Emergency Management and Franklin County. All funds have already been obligated in this project. The attached modification simply extends the expiration date of the project from December 31<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2022.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program modification to agreement.

Commissioner Parrish asked what the modifications were. Mrs. Griffith said it extends the time for inspections needed not additional houses. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program modification to agreement.** Commissioner Lockley inquired as to where the houses were located. Mrs. Brownell said they were equally distributed among the area, and that most were done in Apalachicola. Mrs. Brownell noted that the program has ended, and legislation decided not to fund it this year. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jones inquired about the hours for Item M. Mrs. Brownell said it will be a three-day class from 8-5. Their office will put out the information closer to time. Mrs. Brownell explained that the class would provide you with the skills to be a public speaker in whatever entity you are representing. She said there is space for 30 people. EOC is paying for the class and limiting it to Franklin County at this time. Mr. Moron suggested Mrs. Brownell push the information out to the constitutional offices.

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

### Informational Items

#### General Extension Activities:

a. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on topics related to black bear damage to banana trees, insect pest identification, tree health, camellia scale problems and treatment, and more.

b. Extension staff continued training regarding new events planning software being adopted by the NW Extension District.

#### Sea Grant Extension:

c. Extension Director participated in another meeting of the Community Advisory Board for the ABSI project, being led by FSU.

d. Extension Director participated in another meeting of the SUNS working group to discuss potential nature-based projects to mitigate issues related to stormwater, erosion, and other coastal topics.

e. Extension Director participated in another meeting for a grant project funded by the TNC SOAR program to study nutrient removal capacity by aquacultured oysters.

4-H Youth Development:

f. The shooting sports archery club continues to meet and practice twice monthly.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

g. Our Family Nutrition Program assistant continues providing nutrition programming in local schools.

Agriculture/Home Horticulture:

h. Extension Director and several Master Gardener Volunteers participated in the Apalachicola Arbor Day event this year. Trees provided by the Florida Forest Service were given away and Extension staff was on-hand to answer people's questions and provide general planting and care information.

## **12. Library Director – Whitney Roundtree**

Action Items

a. Requesting permission to close the libraries on Monday, February 7th, 2022, for Wilderness Coast's Staff Development Day at the Wakulla Lodge. This is an annual event hosted by Wilderness Coast Public Libraries to help employees hone their skills, re-establish relationships with their co-workers and ignite new interest in projects and goals. Closing early will be open 9-1 p.m.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request to close the libraries at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for Wilderness Coast Staff Development Day at the Wakulla Lodge. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. Requesting signature for the Certification of Hours, Free Library Service, and Access to Materials for the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services State Aid to Libraries Grant Application.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the Certification of Hours, Free Library Service, and Access to Materials for the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services State Aid to Libraries Grant Application. Motion carried 5-0.**

Informational Items

c. Friends of the Library will sponsor the Carrabelle Annual Book, Soup, and Bread sale on Saturday, February 19th at 10:00 AM. All soup and bread donors can drop their donations off starting at 9:00 AM. All proceeds benefit the continuing services of the Franklin County Public Library.



d. We've partnered with the Department of Children and Families to have a Care Navigator on site at Franklin County Public Library branches beginning January 5th! What's a Care Navigator? As part of Hope Florida – A Pathway to Prosperity, Care

Ribbon cutting for the new gazebo will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

Chairman Jones asked about the Music as a Second Language Program. Ms. Roundtree said she is working on it and has to talk to the teachers to see if they are okay with in-person lessons. We may have to move to virtual lessons. Chairman Jones said this is really a good program. Mr. Moron asked if they would be having any programs to assist with tax preparations. Ms. Roundtree said that AARP isn't doing it this year. She did have a lady reach out to her that may be interested in offering some assistance. Mr. Moron asked for Ms. Roundtree to provide him with the information, and he will put it out on the website.

Navigators provide one-on-one support to develop an individualized plan to help customers achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Hours

Carrabelle Branch Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Eastpoint Branch Thursdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Library Events:

Franklin County Public Library Eastpoint Branch 160 Hickory Dip Rd

Eastpoint

(850) 670-8151

- February 1st- STEAM (ages 6-9) at 4:00pm. This is a program that teaches children about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. There will be a lesson on one of these topics and a craft or project.
- February 8th – Diabetes Awareness at 10:00 am-11:00 am. This is a monthly program that you can come to and have all your questions answered about Diabetes from a trained professional. John is here to answer any questions you may have. No appointment is needed, and this is a free program.
- February 8th– Book Chat at 1:30 pm. This is a monthly group that meets to discuss the current books they have been reading or maybe interested in reading. There is no set book for this group; the book of choice is up to the individual.

- February 8th & 22nd - Storytime- 4:00pm. Come to the library and listen to a story read by a member of our staff followed by a craft that the children can take home.
- February 15th - STEAM (ages 10-13) at 4:00 pm. This is a program that teaches children about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. There will be a lesson on one of these topics and a craft or project.
- February 16th - Writers forum at 1:00 pm. Interested in becoming a writer? This group meets once a month to discuss new ideas and learn useful tips from local author, Dawn Radford.

Franklin County Public Library Carrabelle Branch 311 St. James Ave. SE

Carrabelle (850) 697-2366

- February 4th- Book Chat at 1:30 pm. This is a monthly group that meets to discuss the current books they have been reading or maybe interested in reading. There is no set book for this group; the book of choice is up to the individual.
- February 3rd & 17th- Maker Space at 4:00 pm. This is a group of kids who meet to learn how to build and design different things and learn about different topics, like science and art.
- February 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - Plant Clinic at 11:00am-1:00pm. This program is hosted by the Franklin County Master Gardeners. If you have any concerns or questions about your garden and plants this is the place to find the answers.
- February 8th- Anime Club-4:00pm. This group meets once a month to discuss new events and their favorite anime characters, books, and more. It is a great way to meet others who share the love of anime and to make new friends.

### **Other Reports**

**13. Interim Airport Manager – Ted Mosteller**

Informational Items

- a. Update on meeting with John Collins
- b. All projects and issues addressed in previous meetings are still ongoing
- c. Questions/Discussion

*Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report at this time.*

**Action Items**

- a. Airport Grant Extension: In order to combine current FDOT funds

which expire on June 30, 2022, with upcoming FAA funds that won't be available until June/July 2022, for an apron rehabilitation project at the Airport, AVCON, on behalf of the County, applied for an Amendment for Extension of Public Transportation Grant Agreement so that one construction contract could be issued to complete the work and so the FDOT funds could be used to fulfill the 10% match requirement for the FAA funds. FDOT sent that agreement yesterday for Board approval. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Grant Agreement Amendment to extend the FDOT funds.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the Grant Agreement Amendment to extend the FDOT funds. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Moron said there is a lot going on at the airport and Mr. Collins is going to start giving the Board an update every few months.

### **Presentations and Requests**

#### **14. Kwentin Eastberg – ARPC – Request**

Mr. Eastberg would like to address the board about the Florida Department of Transportation's – Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) and discuss re-establishing a Regional Transportation Area that was previously in existence over a decade ago. There exists an agreement between Calhoun-Gulf-Jackson counties, and also an agreement between Franklin-Liberty counties. This proposed agreement seeks to combine both areas into an interconnected Region across multiple contiguous counties and has the potential to allow counties to apply for regional transportation projects.

A quick fact sheet was presented and the details are listed below.

What is it?

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major Growth Management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

Who is eligible to participate in the program? Eligible partners are shown in the chart on the right. These partners must form a regional transportation area, pursuant to an interlocal agreement, and develop a regional transportation plan that identifies and prioritizes regionally significant facilities.

You mentioned an interlocal agreement. What does the interlocal agreement have to include?

To qualify for TRIP funding, partners must sign an interlocal agreement that:

- includes development of the regional transportation plan
- delineates the boundaries of the regional transportation area
- provides the duration of the agreement and how it may be changed

- describes the planning process, and defines a dispute resolution process

Is there a local match required?

Yes. TRIP funds are to be used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs for public transportation projects. In-kind matches such as right-of-way donations and private funds made available to the regional partners are also allowed. Federal funds attributable to urbanized areas over 200,000 in population may also be used for the local/regional match.

Eligible Partners

- Two or more contiguous MPOs
- One or more MPOs and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- A multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law
- Two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- MPOs comprised of three or more counties

Is this a grant program like CIGP?

No. TRIP is not a grant program like the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP). It is a matching program designed to leverage investments in regionally-significant road and public transportation projects. Regional partners submit a prioritized list of projects, identified in a regional transportation plan, to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District

(see map on reverse). The FDOT District then selects projects for inclusion in the 5-year work program. Please note the Department may not program a project using TRIP funds unless the project meets the requirements of Section 339.2819, F.S.

What is the source of TRIP funding?

TRIP is funded as specified in 201.15 F.S. and the State Transportation Trust Fund.

How much money will my area get?

TRIP funds are distributed to the FDOT Districts based on a statutory formula of equal parts population and fuel tax collections. See the reverse side for a list of FDOT District TRIP contacts.

Are there any eligibility criteria for TRIP projects?

Yes. Projects to be funded through TRIP must, at a minimum:

- Serve national, statewide or regional functions and functions as part of an integrated transportation system,
- Be identified in the capital improvements element of the appropriate local government comprehensive plan that is in compliance with Part II, Chapter 163, F. S.,
- Be included in the MPO LRTP, the STIP, TIP and consistent with the local government comprehensive plan,
- Be consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) developed under Section 339.64, F.S.,
- Be in compliance with local corridor management policies adopted in the applicable local government comprehensive plan, and
- Have commitment of local, regional, or private matching funds.

Projects funded under TRIP will be included in the Department's adopted work program developed pursuant to Section 339.135, F.S.

Does the Department give priority to certain types of projects?

Yes. As provided by law, the Department will give priority to projects that do the following:

- Provide connectivity to the Strategic Intermodal System,
- Support economic development and goods movement in rural areas of critical economic concern,
- Are subject to local ordinances that establish corridor management techniques,
- Improve connectivity between military installations and the Strategic Highway Network or the Strategic Rail Corridor Network and
- The extent to which local matching funds are available to be committed to the project.

Chairman Jones said from serving on the ARPC board, he believes this is something we need because we aren't a part of a regional transportation project. He said he believes it is a step in the right direction for us. He is happy that DOT is about to start on the road between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. He hopes that going forward having this in place will help. Mr. Eastburg said once the agreement is signed; staff will have to create a transportation plan. The projects don't have to be cross-county, it just has to serve the goals of the program. Mr. Moron asked about the airport, and if the project might be able to get creative on special projects.

**Commissioner Boldt made a motion to approve the proposed agreement which seeks to combine both areas into an interconnected Region across multiple contiguous counties allowing the potential for counties to apply for regional transportation projects. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Lockley asked which county included in the project was the largest. Mr. Eastburg said according to the size he would think Jackson but as to population, he is unsure. Mr. Pierce said he would think Gulf County would have more people. Commissioner Lockley said that a four-lane highway is needed up Hwy 65. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Eastburg asked if the board would like to go ahead and appoint someone to the committee. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to nominate Chairman Jones and Commissioner Boldt as the alternative. Seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

## County Staff and Attorney Reports

### 15. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator – Erin Griffith

- a. BOARD ACTION: SCOP Womack Creek Culvert Permanent Repairs Design Franklin County received a SCOP grant agreement from the Florida Department of Transportation for Phase I of the Womack Creek Culvert Repairs on CR67. This phase entails the survey, design, permitting, and development of the construction plans, specifications, and bid documents

for the construction of new headwalls, cleaning and repairs of the arch corrugated metal pipes, and the addition of barrier walls to replace the guardrails over the culvert. As Franklin County follows the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (F.S. 287.055) in selecting engineering firms for design improvements, the ongoing county engineering contract with Dewberry and Florida Statute 287.055 allows for the county to negotiate with the contracted engineer for the CR67 Womack Creek Repairs. Staff negotiated with Dewberry and recommended accepting the attached \$108,189.00 proposal.

Board action to approve the attached proposal and authorize the chairman to sign.

**On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the attached proposal from Dewberry and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. BOARD ACTION: Construction Contract Addendums for FEMA Funded Recovery In 2021, Franklin County entered into construction contracts for the FEMA funded repairs of Alligator Drive (Anderson Columbia), the Eastpoint Fishing Pier Washout Repairs (North Florida Construction), and the repairs of the C30 Washouts (Pigott Asphalt and Sitework). Per FEMA policy and guidelines, the attached contract addendum incorporates the required provisions and terms which are to be included in all contractual agreements for services in connection with the response and recovery effort from an emergency disaster event. This agreement addendum and its provisions were adhered to during the activation of the contract even though not on the original executed contract before the disaster between the contractors and the County.

Board action to formally approve the Addendum to Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contracts with Anderson Columbia, North Florida Construction and Pigott Asphalt and Sitework for FEMA funded repairs and authorize the chairman to sign.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to formally approve the Addendum to Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contracts with Anderson Columbia, North Florida Construction and Pigott Asphalt and Sitework for FEMA funded repairs and authorize the chairman to sign.**

Commissioner Lockley asked how long it will take. Mrs. Griffith said the Alligator Drive project should be final in April, C30 should be completed soon, Eastpoint Fishing pier completed and Island View Park going out for bid soon.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

c. BOARD ACTION: Change Order #3, SCOP Widen and Resurface CR67

The grant-funded project for the widening and resurfacing of 6.044 miles of CR 67 from SR30 to the Cricket Creek Bridge is now complete, change order #2 was approved as the final change order in December but further reductions in the final quantities have resulted in the need for another reduction by change order #3. Change order #3 is a final reduction for quantities and materials for a further reduction of \$66,629.80 in the contracted price with C.W. Roberts.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign change order #3 for a further cost reduction of \$66,195.80 with C.W. Roberts Contracting for the final quantity reconciliation on the CR67 SCOP project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign change order #3 for a further cost reduction of \$66,195.80 with C.W. Roberts Contracting for the final quantity reconciliation on the CR67 SCOP project.** Commissioner Boldt inquired about the cost savings; Mrs. Griffith responded that the previous reduction was \$55k. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- d. **BOARD ACTION:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement – Generators Franklin County has received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant agreement for the purchase of generators at strategic response locations: Franklin County EOC, Apalachicola Regional Airport (2), Weems East Medical Clinic, Weems Hospital, and the Franklin County Courthouse (portable). The match for the surface-mounted, hard-wired generators will be funded by a grant provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The match for the portable trailer generator unit for the Courthouse will be funded by the Courthouse Maintenance budget. **Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached HMGP Generator Grant Agreement.**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

- e. **BOARD ACTION:** Time Extension Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Franklin County has received a modification to the agreement for the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program between the Division of Emergency Management and Franklin County. All funds have already been obligated in this project. The attached modification simply extends the expiration date of the project from December 31<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2022. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program modification to agreement.

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

- f. **BOARD ACTION:** Resolutions Authorizing Transportation Alternatives Grant Applications Attached are two resolutions authorizing the chairman to sign the grant applications for the two Transportation Alternatives projects the County is applying for this year: the

widening/resurfacing/safety and ADA improvements SGI multi-use path between 6<sup>th</sup> Street East and 7<sup>th</sup> Street West and the construction of a multi-use path along River Road in Carrabelle. The Board has ranked the SGI multi-use path improvements first and the River Road multi-use path second on the priority list. A public meeting was held last year for input on the River Road Multi-Use Path, but one will need to be advertised for the SGI Multi-Use Path improvements.

It is recommended that the Board authorize the adoption of the attached two resolutions and authorize the advertisement of a public meeting for the SGI path project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the adoption of the two resolutions listed below and authorize the advertisement of a public meeting for the SGI path project. Motion carried 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** walking helps meet the goals, objectives, and policies of the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan, and

**WHEREAS** the Center for Disease Control encourages people to walk for fitness, transportation, and fun; and,

**WHEREAS** there are many residences and businesses along Gulf Beach Drive; and

**WHEREAS** many of the residents in this area walk or bicycle along Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island, for their health and recreation; and

**WHEREAS** the existing Phase I section of the multi-use path is over twenty years old, is narrower than FDOT standards, and needs improvements in drainage, ADA accessibility, and signage for safety,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that they support the design, safety, and construction improvements of the multi-use path along Gulf Beach Drive on St. George Island from 6<sup>th</sup> Street East to 7<sup>th</sup> Street West, and Ricky D. Jones, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the Transportation Alternatives Grant Application requesting funding to design and construct the improvements for this multi-path.

This Resolution was adopted by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.



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FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** walking helps meet the goals, objectives, and policies of the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan, and

**WHEREAS** the Center for Disease Control encourages people to walk for fitness, transportation, and fun; and,

**WHEREAS** there are approximately 66 residences located on River Road between Highway 98 and the intersection of Mill Road and numerous other residences on roads off of River Road; and

**WHEREAS** many of the residents in this area walk and bicycle along River Road for their health and recreation; and

**WHEREAS** there is not a paved path along River Road for people to walk or bicycle on, resulting in them walking or bicycling in the roadway or on the grassed shoulder of the road,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that they support the design and construction of the multi-use path along River Road from the junction of River Road and Mill Road to US Highway 98, and Ricky D. Jones, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the Transportation Alternatives Grant Application requesting funding to design and construct this multi-use path.

This Resolution was adopted by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.

g. **BOARD ACTION:** Message Boards for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department

The Franklin County Sheriff's Department has requested assistance from the Board to replace (2) message boards. The current message boards in use by the Sheriff's Department are around twenty years old and have become costly and difficult to maintain. As the interim rule for the American Rescue Plan does not go into effect until April 1<sup>st</sup>, purchases with ARP funds should be directly related to COVID response and outreach at this time. As the message boards will likely be an allowable expense, staff recommends going out to bid for replacing the (2) message boards at the Sheriff's Department with anticipated funding provided by the American Rescue Plan once the final rule goes into effect.

Board action to approve advertising for bids for (2) electronic message boards for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved advertising for bids for (2) electronic message boards for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 5-0.**

h. **BOARD ACTION: County Equipment Action Authorization**

At the December 7th meeting, Franklin County signed an auction agreement with Florida Auction Network. The auction will be held on

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., at the Franklin County Road Department located at 376 Highway 65 in Eastpoint. There will be a chance for interested parties to preview the items the day before the auction if interested – the Auction Flyer is attached to this report with the auctioneer’s contact information. Attached is a list of surplus equipment and vehicles that county departments have requested to be included.

Board action to approve of the removal from inventory and authorize the sale of the attached list of surplus equipment at the upcoming auction to be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt and Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved of the removal from inventory and authorize the sale of the attached list of surplus equipment at the upcoming auction to be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 5-0.**

i. **BOARD ACTION: Landfill Permit Renewal Task Order**

The 5-year operating permit renewal for the Franklin County Landfill is due on February 28<sup>th</sup> – Dewberry Engineers has submitted a cost proposal for the renewal of \$37,400. The landfill has been in operation since 1989. The largest component of the permit renewal is the surveying of the volume of waste in the Franklin County Landfill as the permit is based on aerial space at a certain slope to a maximum height limit. The overwhelming volume of debris that was processed in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael may significantly reduce the remaining years of life at the landfill and from this permit renewal, the county can use the data going forward to determine a long-term plan for the future.

Board action to approve the Dewberry Proposal for the landfill permit renewal.

***Item addressed earlier in the meeting.***

j. **Board information: SGI Old Restroom Building at Lighthouse Park**

At your last meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Fonda Davis mentioned coming back to the Board with a plan for the old restrooms at the SGI Lighthouse Park. After careful review and consideration of expenses and demands at the park location, Mr. Davis would prefer to keep the old restroom building as an auxiliary restroom to be used during the peak season of March 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The old restroom building does have some issues with clogged drains, wood rot in the floor and will need the full replacement of the drain field at a cost of \$9,000 to be ready for use this season. Mr. Davis feels the public would be best served preserving the old location. Parks and Recreation can fund the repairs in this fiscal year to keep the restrooms operational, however, any

renovations beyond basic repair would not be possible until the following budget cycle. It has also come to the county's attention about the poor condition of the existing playground set at Lighthouse Park. A FRDAP grant application has been submitted for new inclusive playground

equipment and the application has made it to the recommended funding priority list. Mr. Davis is going to look at the existing playground to see if any resurfacing or sealant can be applied to make sure the existing set is still safe to use prior to the construction of the new playground if approved.

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**16. County Coordinator – Michael Moron**

**Action Items**

a. Airport Grant Extension: In order to combine current FDOT funds which expire on June 30, 2022, with upcoming FAA funds that won't be available until June/July 2022, for an apron rehabilitation project at the Airport, AVCON, on behalf of the County, applied for an Amendment for Extension of Public Transportation Grant Agreement so that one construction contract could be issued to complete the work and so the FDOT funds could be used to fulfill the 10% match requirement for the FAA funds. FDOT sent that agreement yesterday for Board approval. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Grant Agreement Amendment to extend the FDOT funds.

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

b. Informational Signs: At your last meeting, Commissioner Boldt asked about placing informational signs at each county park or other location that is part of a repair or new construction project to provide the public with the project's status. As an option, I suggested to Commissioner Boldt that we create a webpage on our website dedicated to the status of county projects. That webpage could include the project's funding source, where the project is currently (engineering & design, advertised for bids, construction phase, etc.), and a timetable. If you agree with this option, is there any additional information you would like on this webpage? Board discussion and direction.

Chairman Jones asked if this would include all projects. Mr. Moron said yes, it would be an informational page for the public on all projects.

**Informational Items**

c. DEP Violation: At a previous meeting the Board discussed a DEP violation letter sent to a resident on St. George Island regarding the permitted capacity of their aerobic septic system versus the number of guests that are advertised online for the same home. The Board asked that I

send the homeowner a letter to inform them that the County is monitoring this matter. Before that letter was sent, the homeowner contacted Commissioner Jones to discuss the issue and agreed to voluntarily make the necessary changes to comply with DEP regulations. With that said, I didn't see a need to send the letter.

Chairman Jones noted that the couple was meeting with him about another topic and when this topic was brought up, the couple disclosed it was their property.

d. State Fire Marshal's Office: State Fire Marshal's Office has confirmed their appearance for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are asking for at least 45-50 minutes as they plan to bring a representative from the Insurance Service Office (ISO) to provide tips on lowering high insurance rates as part of their presentation. I plan to schedule a 1:30 p.m. workshop, similar to today's workshop, to allow for their presentation and an opportunity for Board questions and comments.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the advertisement for a workshop on May 3rd for a presentation from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Motion carried 5-0.**

e. Duke Energy: Duke Energy has informed the County of the following:

I. A planned outage to replace/repair power facilities on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 1 hour with an alternate date of Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This will affect 3000 Pine Log Road, Abercrombie Dock area.

II. Vegetation trimming away from their lines on the circuits that serve the facilities listed below. There will be no spraying on these areas, just trimming. 376 HIGHWAY 65 MAIN, 376 STATE ROAD 65, 376 HIGHWAY 65 SIGN SHOP, 376 HIGHWAY OFFICE 65, 30 6TH ST VROOMAN PK LTS VROOMAN PK LTS, 210 STATE ROAD 65, 210 HIGHWAY 65 SLUDGE, 270 STATE ROAD 65, 270 HIGHWAY TRLR 65, 270 STATE ROAD 65 OFC SHERIFF, 97 N BAYSHORE DR, 171 US HIGHWAY 98 UNIT C, 0 6TH ST OLD CONC STAND, 93 N BAYSHORE DR, 212 STATE ROAD 65, 210 HIGHWAY 65 SCALE HSE, 210 HIGHWAY 65 LITE, 270 HIGHWAY 65 JAIL, 0 CC LAND RD BALL FIELD, 0 CC LAND RD VROOMAN PK VROOMAN PK, 30 6TH ST, 374 STATE ROAD 65, 731 US HIGHWAY 98, 210 HIGHWAY 65 LANDFILL

f. SGI Lighthouse Fundraising Event: The St. George Lighthouse Association is planning a new fundraiser festival on May 14th. The SGI Shrimpfest will be held in the parking area on the western side of St. George Island Lighthouse Park and the Association plans on this being an annual event held in early to mid-May. There will be food (including shrimp of course), live music, educational displays, and games for the kids. If you

have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Amy Hodson, Executive Director of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

g. CGJ Days Parade: The Camp Gordon Johnston 27th Annual CGJ Days Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2022, starting at 10:45 a.m. (ET). As always, the Board has been invited to participate in the parade which starts at Highway 98 and NW 10th Street intersection in Carrabelle and will travel east to the Highway 98 and CR 67 intersection.

h. ARPC Annual Report: Attached is the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's 2020-2021 Annual Report. There is a lot of statistical data in this report and links to other articles related to ARPC projects. Chairman Jones, your ARPC appointee, and ARPC's Executive Committee Vice-Chairman will discuss some of the data in this report.

i. Code Enforcement Workshop: As a reminder, there is a workshop scheduled for 1:30 p.m. this afternoon to hear the presentation of the final report from Ms. Caroline Smith of ARPC on the Code Enforcement project. This workshop will be on Zoom (login information is on the agenda) and broadcast on Forgotten Coast TV's Facebook page.

Mr. Moron said that Attorney Shuler had reached out to him about helping the family who lost their children and home in a recent fire. Mr. Moron said there is still around \$11k left in the Eastpoint Fire Victims fund. He asked the Board to authorize him to work with Attorney Shuler and see how we can use this money to help the family. Mr. Moron and Attorney Shuler will report back to the Board with their options.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board authorized Mr. Moron to work with Attorney Shuler to see how the remaining \$11k in the Eastpoint Fire Victims fund could be utilized to help the family who recently lost their children and home in a fire.**

Commissioner Ward said that she realizes there are a lot of needy people in the county but unfortunately this family lost their home and two of their children. She said that she feels like this family who has lost so much, needs a lot of help. She thinks this is a great idea. She noted the Sheriff's office had raised around \$68K, the recent benefit dinner raised \$7K, and the yard sale \$4K.

Commissioner Parrish asked if we would need to contact the State to receive their permission. Mr. Moron said no, these funds were donated. Commissioner Lockley suggested talking to the Sheriff's office about the vehicles they are sending to auction to see if one may be donated to the family. Attorney Shuler noted that there are different restraints on disposing of property.

**Commissioner Lockley amended her motion to include directing staff to look into what can be done to donate one of the surplus vehicles to the family, seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Boldt gave an update on the Weems Board Meeting. He said the hospital admin reached out to Nancy Dicky and suggested that we consider looking at a mobile dialysis program. It is being looked into. Commissioner Boldt said that he is very pleased with the progress that our county hospital is making and specifically with the management company Alliant. He said that hospital staff is growing and becoming more diverse. Commissioner Lockley said he is not pleased because we are not doing what we said we were going to do which is to build a hospital. It's time to build a hospital,

Chairman Jones inquired as to the status of the renovations of the armory. He said that he is concerned that the improvements will not be completed before the time for prom. He expressed his concerns and the urgency of getting it done. He suggested putting off the renovations if they could not be completed in time for the use of the armory. Mr. Moron will have a comprehensive status at the next meeting. Chairman Jones said that we need to find a way to get these things done. Commissioner Parrish wished Mr. Moron a Happy Birthday.

#### **17. County Attorney – Michael Shuler**

Attorney Shuler had no action items for the Board.

**Commissioner Lockley said we are putting a lot of work on Commissioner Boldt, and he made a motion to pay travel expenses to the Commissioners who are taking care of things within the county.** Attorney Shuler said he will have to look into the policy for intercounty travel. Attorney Shuler said over the course of a number of years and occasions, he has looked at state law and it does not allow for intercounty travel. He said he is aware of certain counties that do different things. Attorney Shuler said he will look into it and recommended withdrawing the motion and he will bring it back to the board at the next meeting. **Commissioner Lockley withdrew the motion.**

Commissioner Parrish said he can understand why county employees who use county vehicles and county gas would not be reimbursed. Commissioner Boldt thanked Commissioner Lockley for his insight and for the spirit of complementing each other in their districts.

#### **18. Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Jones announced the boys' basketball district game to be held tonight at 7 p.m. He invited everyone to come out and support the team. Commissioner Ward thanked the community as a whole who have come together to help the family in need. She thanked the Sheriff's office,

the restaurants, and the individuals who helped put together the events. She said there will be a benefit car show held at Emerald Coast Credit Union in the future. Commissioner Lockley said it is nice to see the community pull together.

**19. Adjournment**

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

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**Ricky Jones – Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts**