

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JUNE 7, 2022
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron—County Coordinator

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

- a. **FCBCC Regular Meeting 5/17/2022**
- b. **FCBCC Workshop 5/17/2022**

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the minutes of the FCBCC Regular Meeting and Workshop 5/17/2022. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Payment of County Bills

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Payment of County Bills. Motion carried 5-0.

5. FWC - Bear Management Program Update

Mr. David Telesco, Bear Management Program Coordinator, from the Florida Wildlife Commission, gave an update on the management of the bear population in Franklin County. Commissioner Ward inquired as to the effectiveness of a bear hunt and the placement of trapped bears. Chairman Jones voiced concerns over the bear population versus the human population. He would like to see the issue addressed. Mr. Billy Sermons thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Steve Kirschenbaum asked the Board to act on the clearing at the airport, proposed taking \$10k for the airport manager to rent a machine from CAT in Tallahassee, and task an employee from the road department to clear the runway. He also spoke to the Board about purchasing power for the airport manager.

Ms. Debra Jordan spoke to the Board about the State Marshal workshop and her view on how the information was put out to the public. She also noted the responsibilities of the Board to the public regarding the fire departments.

Mr. Gordon Hunter echoed Mr. Kirschenbaum's suggestion of clearing at the airport using in-house management.

Mr. Wayne Williams spoke to the Board about the recently formed Seafood Work and Waterman's Association and informed the Board they will be scheduling a meeting soon. He said that he would not support limiting licenses.

Ms. Paige Richards spoke to the Board in regard to the control of the bear population. Mr. Moron suggested scheduling a

meeting with representatives from the two local garbage services, FWC staff, Chairman Jones, and himself to discuss possible resolutions.

Department Directors Reports

7. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges - Howard Nabors

a. Informational Items

Mr. Nabors had no action items for the Board.

8. Solid Waste Director - Fonda Davis

a. Informational Items

Mr. Davis had no action items for the Board. Mr. Davis informed the Board that the landfill permit has been renewed for another five years. He also announced that the Franklin County Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with the Franklin County Dixie Youth League will host the 2022 Dixie Youth District 2 Softball Tournament. The tournament will be held on June 17th-20th at the Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex. Commissioner Boldt asked Mr. Davis to see if the EMT service could provide an ambulance on standby for the tournament.

9. Emergency Management Director - Pam Brownell

a. Informational Items

Mrs. Brownell had no action items for the Board.

10. Extension Office Director - Erik Lovstrand

a. Action Item: Extension Telehealth Project Expenses

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Extension Telehealth Project Expenses. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Informational Items

11. Library Director - Whitney Roundtree

a. Informational Items

Ms. Roundtree had no action items for the Board.

Other County Reports & Requests

12. Interim Airport Manager - Ted Mosteller

a. Informational Items

Mr. Mosteller had no action items for the Board. The Board discussed the clearing of the runways.

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

Action Item: Re-appoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to the CareerSource Board

Attached to my report is a letter from Mrs. Kimberly Bodine requesting the reappoint of Mr. Ted Mosteller to another three-year term on the CareerSource Gulf Coast Workforce Board. Mr. Mosteller is interested in continued service on this Board and meets the required criteria for membership.

Board action to re-appoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to the CareerSource Workforce Board representing the private sector seat for another three-year term.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Ted Mosteller to the CareerSource Workforce Board representing the private sector seat for another three-year term. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Building Official - Steve Paterson - Docks, Seawalls, and Site Prep Permitting - Request

Board Action:

Approve transfer of Fill permits, docks, seawalls & Boatlift permits to Zoning Department for review and permit issuance.
Approve Fee schedule for Docks, seawalls, & Boat Lifts

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the transfer of fill permits, docks, seawalls & boatlift permits to the Zoning Department for review and permit issuance and approved the fee schedule for docks, seawalls, & boatlifts. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Florida Opioid Settlement (Walgreens) - Attorney Michael Shuler

Attorney Shuler recommended the Board sign on to the third Opioid Settlement agreement stating it opened up for sign on June 6th. **On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt and Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Florida Opioid Settlement (Walgreens) and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.**

15. SHIP Program - Lori Switzer-Mills - Request & Update

a. Action Item: Down Payment Assistance

Ms. Lori Switzer-Mills informed the Board that during a recent audit of SHIP files, it was noted that an applicant didn't have her spouse's income on her application. SHIP required the spouse's income to be added and when recalculated the applicants did not qualify for funding. SHIP requires that the funds be placed back into the fund and monies recouped from applicants. The applicant states they do not have the funds to repay and will need to pay back in payments. Commissioner Parrish asked if the county would receive interest. Attorney Shuler said he had some conversations with finance and there was some concern about keeping up with the interest calculations. Attorney Shuler said he can research the prevailing market rates for this type of situation, and that he intends to modify the mortgage so that the Board has collateral for repayment. The Board discussed this item and if the loan would be paid back with interest.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve the repayment of the loan to the County with interest and to authorize the Clerk of Court to issue a manual check for the reimbursement to the SHIP fund. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action Item: Hurricane Housing Recovery Funds

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the change order from \$107,015.60 to \$110,499.60 for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Funds for the mobile home replacement located at 354 25th Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentations and Updates

16. Second Harvest - Shari Hubbard - Update

Ms. Shari Hubbard gave an update on the Second Harvest Food Bank to the Board.

17. Apalachicola Bay Systems Initiative - Dr. Sandra Brooke - Update

Dr. Brooke gave an update on the Apalachicola Bay Systems Initiative to the Board.

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

18. Public Hearing - Zoning Change 10:30 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 5 +/- ACRES OF LAND IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FROM R-3 SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 SINGLE-FAMILY MOBILE HOME DISTRICT.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. Mr. Moron noted that the applicant was available online if the Board had any questions. **On a motion by Commissioner Parrish seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a**

unanimous vote of the Board present the Board approved the ordinance rezoning 5 +/- acres of land in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 8 West, from R-3 Single-Family Estate Residential to R-2 Single-Family Mobile Home District. Motion carried 5-0.

**19. First Public Hearing for FFY 2021 and/or FFY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Dennis Dingman, Summit Professional Services, Inc.
11:00 a.m. (ET)**

Purpose of the Hearing

- Two public hearings are required to ensure the public can voice opinions on the proposed grant application.
- This hearing is held to outline the types of grants that are possible; a second hearing will be held to review the draft grant application before it is submitted to DEO.
- The FFY 2021 grant application due date is July 21, 2022.

Program Overview

The Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program is a competitive grant program that awards funds to eligible cities, counties, towns, and villages. An eligible city must have a population under 50,000, and an eligible county must have a population under 200,000. CDBG Program Objectives • Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income persons; • Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or • Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency. Regular Categories and Activities - \$700,000 A local government may have only one of these grants open at any given time. • Housing Rehabilitation - Assists low- and moderate-income residents with physical improvements that address code, safety, and other rehabilitation items. In some cases, severely damaged structures may be demolished and replaced. • Neighborhood Revitalization - Assists communities with infrastructure improvements, such as paving, fire protection, drinking water, sewer, flood and drainage, handicap accessibility in public facilities, and other similar activities. It is required that no less than 51% of the residents who benefit from these activities be low to moderate-income. • Commercial Revitalization - Provides funds to address improvements to downtown or commercial districts, including water, sewer, sidewalks, parking, building facades, etc. Economic Development Category - up to \$1,500,000 (Depending on job creation numbers) A local government can be awarded one new economic development grant every year and there is no limit to the number of these grants that can be open at any given time, provided all grants are on schedule. A local government may apply for an economic development grant even if it has an open housing, neighborhood, or commercial grant provided that the grant is on schedule. There is no deadline - funds are awarded on a first come/first-serve basis. Funds are awarded based upon the number of jobs the project will create or retain at a ratio of \$34,999 per job, up to \$1,500,000. These funds are used to build the infrastructure necessary to attract new businesses or retain expanding businesses. Job creation is required, and at least 51% of the jobs created must be available to low to moderate-income persons. (Low to moderate-income jobs are defined as positions requiring no more than a high school diploma. If additional training is required, the company must provide this training at no cost to the employee.) It is important to note that the Economic Development Category requires the participation of a business that is willing to commit to job creation or job retention.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS 1. "MOTION TO PROCEED WITH AN FFY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE REGULAR CATEGORY." 2. "MOTION TO PROCEED WITH AN FFY 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE REGULAR CATEGORY SHOULD THE FFY 2021 CDBG NOT BE FUNDED." 3. "MOTION TO PROCEED WITH A 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY SHOULD AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT BE IDENTIFIED.” 4. “MOTION TO PROCEED WITH AN FFY 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY SHOULD THE FFY 2021 CDBG NOT BE FUNDED.”

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved proceeding with an FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant in the Regular Category. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved proceeding with an FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant in the Regular Category should the 2021 CDBG not be funded. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved proceeding with a 2021 Community Development Block Grant in the Economic Development Category should an eligible project be identified. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved proceeding with an FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant in the Economic Development Category should the FFY 2021 CDBG not be funded. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Fair Housing Public Information Meeting for the Public and the County Commission - Dennis Dingman, Summit Professional Services, Inc 11:10 a.m. (ET)

Basic Facts About the Fair Housing Act

What Housing Is Covered?

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. In some circumstances, the Act exempts owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker, and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

What Is Prohibited?

In the Sale and Rental of Housing: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing,
- Refuse to negotiate for housing,
- Make housing unavailable,
- Deny a dwelling,
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling,
- Provide different housing services or facilities,
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental,
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting), or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

In Mortgage Lending: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap (disability):

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan,
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans,
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees,
- Discriminate in appraising property,
- Refuse to purchase a loan, or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.

In Addition: It is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right.
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

Additional Protection if You Have a Disability

If you or someone associated with you:

- Have a physical or mental disability (including hearing, mobility, and visual impairments, chronic alcoholism, chronic mental illness, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, and mental retardation) that substantially limits one or more major life activities,
- Have a record of such a disability, or
- Are regarded as having such a disability.

your landlord may not:

- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing. (Where reasonable, the landlord may permit changes only if you agree to restore the property to its original condition when you move.)
- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing.

Example: A building with a "no pets" policy must allow a visually impaired tenant to keep a guide dog.

Example: An apartment complex that offers tenants ample, unassigned parking must honor a request from a mobility-impaired tenant for a reserved space near her apartment if necessary to assure that she can have access to her apartment.

However, housing need not be made available to a person who is a direct threat to the health or safety of others or who currently uses illegal drugs?

Requirements for New Buildings

In buildings that are ready for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, and have an elevator and four or more units:

- Public and common areas must be accessible to persons with disabilities,
- Doors and hallways must be wide enough for wheelchairs, and
- All units must have:

- o An accessible route into and through the unit,
- o Accessible light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other environmental controls,
- o Reinforced bathroom walls to allow later installation of grab bars, and
- o Kitchens and bathrooms that can be used by people in wheelchairs.

If a building with four or more units has no elevator and will be ready for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, these standards apply to ground floor units.

These requirements for new buildings do not replace any more stringent standards in State or local law.

Housing Opportunities for Families

Unless a building or community qualifies as housing for older persons, it may not discriminate based on familial status. That is, it may not discriminate against families in which one or more children under the age 18 live with:

- A parent,
- A person who has legal custody of the child or children, or
- The designee of the parent or legal custodian, with the parent or custodian's written permission.

Familial status protection also applies to pregnant women and anyone securing legal custody of a child under 18.

Exemption: Housing for older persons is exempt from the prohibition against familial status discrimination if:

- The HUD Secretary has determined that it is specifically designed for and occupied by elderly persons under a Federal, State, or local government program, or
- It is occupied solely by persons who are 62 or older, or
- It houses at least one person who is 55 or older in at least 80 percent of the occupied units and adheres to a policy that demonstrates an intent to house persons who are 55 or older.

A transition period permits residents on or before September 13, 1988, to continue living in the housing, regardless of their age, without interfering with the exemption.

If You Think Your Rights Have Been Violated

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) administers and enforces federal laws and establishes policies that make sure all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice. You can contact the Housing Discrimination Hotline at 1-800-669-9777 (Voice) or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

HUD is ready to help with any problem of housing discrimination. If you think your rights have been violated, the Housing Discrimination Complaint Form is available on the HUD website at -

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/topics/housing_discrimination

for you to download, complete and return, or complete online and submit, or you may write HUD a letter, or telephone the HUD Office nearest you. You have one year after an alleged violation to file a complaint with HUD,

but you should file it as soon as possible.

RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening

21. Request for Proposal - Special Magistrate Legal Services

The Board received one proposal from Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, 304 Magnolia Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401. The proposed lead attorney is Jennifer W. Shuler with Cole Davis as the proposed alternate attorney. Attorney Shuler noted for the record that Mrs. Shuler was married to a distant relative of his, however, being there is only one proposal he did not feel this would constitute a conflict.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized sending the proposal to the review committee for recommendation. The review committee will consist of Mrs. Erin Griffith, Mr. Mark Curenton, and Attorney Michael Shuler. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Sealed Bids - Scale Station Modular Building

The Board received one bid from Quick Buildings Modular, LLC of 703 Merwina Avenue, Mobile, Alabama 36606. The bid amount is \$81,784. The review committee will be Mr. Doug Shuler and Mr. Fonda Davis.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized sending the bid from Quick Buildings Modular, LLC to the review committee for recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

County Staff & Attorney Reports

23. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator - Erin Griffith

a. Board Action: SGI Fishing Pier Access Road Repairs Construction Contract

At your last meeting, the Board issued a notice of award after the missing appendices were reviewed and approved for the FEMA-funded SGI Fishing Pier Access Road Repairs. The project consists of replacing riprap, repairing guardrail and ribbon curb, and patching the storm-damaged asphalt roadway. Once the construction contract is signed, the county will hold a pre-construction meeting on-site and issue the notice to proceed with an anticipated start date of Tuesday, July 5th. The contractor will be instructed to limit disruptions and allow for public access as much as possible while the repairs are being completed. A Message board will be placed on-site to inform users of construction.

Board Action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached construction contract and subsequent notice to proceed when available with Pigott Asphalt and Sitework, LLC.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the SGI Fishing Pier Access Road Repairs Construction Contract and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached construction contract and subsequent notice to proceed when available with Pigott Asphalt and Sitework, LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Board Action: Island View Park Notice to Proceed

On Tuesday, May 31st, the pre-construction meeting was held at Island View Park. The attached notice to proceed has a proposed start date for the construction project of June 13th. This project is complex and will require a variety of construction materials. The park will remain closed during construction due to the unsafe and unusable condition of park infrastructure. The current contract dictates a 90-day completion timeline to September 11, 2022, barring any unforeseen delays caused by inclement weather or supply chain delays affecting materials outside of the contractor's control. Please be aware, that since COVID, the county has experienced first-hand the delays plaguing the construction industry for specialty items such as sheet piles and concrete which are project elements.

Board Action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Notice to Proceed with North Florida Construction, Inc.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached Notice to Proceed with North Florida Construction. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Board Action: Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application

Attached is the annual consolidated solid waste grant application. In the current fiscal year, the award was \$90,909. This annual operating grant helps to offset some of the costs associated with the Solid Waste Department by providing funds for some fuel expenses, tire, and hazardous waste disposal charges, and testing fees. Board Action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Board Action: E911 Sole Source Supplier and Grant Agreements

(Cancelled, items covered by Attorney Shuler's Report)

e. Board Action: Armory Sprinkler System Construction Contract

At the meeting, the Board issued the Notice of Award for the Fire Suppression System and Paint Improvements at the Armory Convention Center to Cook Brothers, Inc. The construction contract documents have been reviewed and approved by Architects Gilchrist, Ross, and Crowe. Once the contract is signed by the Board, a construction timeline will be made available, and a reasonable re-open date can be established for when bookings can resume.

Board Action to accept and authorize the chairman to sign the attached construction contract with Cook Brothers, Inc. at the reduced contract price of \$687,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board accepted and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached construction contract with Cook Brothers, Inc. at the reduced contract price of \$687,000. Motion carried 5-0.

24. County Coordinator - Michael Morón

a. Action Item: SHIP Administration Selection

At your last meeting you heard from Apalachee Regional Planning Council and Community Action Agency on providing administrative services for the SHIP program, as your current administrator will not provide these services after June 30, 2022. To allow for a proper transition from your current administrator for July 1, 2022, start date, it is recommended that the Board select one of these agencies today.

Board action to select either Apalachee Regional Planning Council or Community Action Agency to provide administrative services for the Franklin County SHIP program effective July 1, 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board selected Community Action Agency to provide administrative services for the Franklin County SHIP program effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action Item: TDC Vendor Contract Advertisement

The Board by unanimous vote, at your May 17th meeting, motioned to advertise the TDC vendor contracts. This was last done in 2018 when the Board advertised for Requests for Proposals. If there are no objections from the Board, I will use those same ads after reviewing them for necessary changes. Once we receive responses to the RFP advertisements, will the Board review and rank the submitted packets or would you prefer a review committee made up of a cross-section of members to take on that task and present you with recommendations?

Board discussion and action on using the Requests for Proposals that were used in 2018 and the creation of a committee to review and rank the proposals.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the TDC Vendor Contract Advertisement for RFQs. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action Item: Private Roads Workshop

At your May 3rd meeting the Board agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss the prerequisites and conditions for the County to accept a private road to convert to a county-maintained public road. The Board has not yet set a date for this workshop. Would the Board consider July 19th or August 2nd at 1:30 p.m. for this workshop?

Board discussion and possible action on scheduling a workshop to discuss accepting private roads as county-maintained roads.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board

present, the Board approved the Private Roads Workshop to be held on August 2nd at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Action Item: Housing Summit

A couple of weeks ago, Chairman Jones and I met with Ms. Gladys Cook of the Florida Housing Coalition to discuss possible solutions to the county's affordable housing issues. Ms. Cook suggests allowing the Florida Housing Coalition to host and facilitate a public meeting, sponsored by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Catalyst Program and at no cost to the county, to inform the public on affordable housing, the community's needs, and options and opportunities. They would like to use this meeting room and assist with advertising and community announcements about the meeting. They have facilitated these meetings, referred to as summits, for other counties, the most recent being Lake County. The meeting could be scheduled in June or July and should be no longer than two hours. I will provide Ms. Cook's contact information for additional information.

Board action to authorize the Florida Housing Coalition to host and facilitate a public housing summit here in your meeting room.

The Board discussed affordable housing and what can be done to create more for our community. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Florida Housing Coalition to host and facilitate a public housing summit in the Board's meeting room. Motion carried 5-0.**

e. Action Item: Re-appoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to CareerSource Board

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

f. Informational Item: Department of Health Rate Increase

Attached to Mr. Moron's report is a letter from the Franklin County Health Department notifying the County of changes to the FY 2021-22 contract. These changes include updated funding adjustments, updated verbiage, and other revisions.

g. Informational Item: Annual Wetland Report

Attached to Mr. Moron's report is the Northwest Florida Water Management Annual Wetland Report. As stated in the email "This includes a cumulative summary of wetland impacts permitted by the District's Environmental Resources Permitting (ERP) program together with a summary of wetlands and associated water resource lands restored and protected by District programs."

25. County Attorney - Michael Shuler

a. Action Item: Lanark Village Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioners, I attached the proposed agreement from the Florida State Firefighters Association to act as your Fire Coordinator for the purpose of creating a new volunteer fire department for the Lanark-St. James Fire and Rescue District. The one-page agreement and its costs speak for themselves. Mr. Amick is available via zoom to respond to any questions that the Board may have.

Board Action: I recommend that the Board approve the agreement for the Florida State Firefighters Association to act as your Fire Coordinator to create a new VFD in Lanark-St. James Fire and Rescue District.

Public Comments:

Ms. Victoria Hart spoke to the Board about limiting access to the facilities and equipment. She told the Board they are accountable and responsible for the property. She said it would be prudent to change the locks and close the building. She wanted to know when the job description would be available to the public. She said they would like input from all citizens. She said they would like to work with the fire coordinator.

Ms. Debi Jordan said that she agreed with Ms. Hart on this particular issue. She expressed her gratitude to the Carrabelle Fire Department for their assistance along with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. She would like to note for the record two calls to the FCSO, one on June 2nd regarding a verbal disturbance and one on June 1st on 100 Putnal Street (Waste Pro fire). She noted there have been issues with the audio for the meeting. She brought up FS 633.408 and 633.502-536 and noted the Board's responsibility to keep the public safe. She would like mutual respect from the Board. Ms. Jordan encouraged Commissioner Parrish and Commissioner Lockley to answer her calls. She urged the Board to change the locks on the building.

Mr. Chris Crosby said it has been dissolved but not resolved. He noted that residents do not feel safe, and he urged the Commissioners to speed up the process. He said that residents feel like the locks should be changed by the Board already. He said the fire coordinator needs to come in and meet with both groups. He indicated he was in favor of background checks.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board approved the agreement for the Florida State Firefighters Association to act as the Fire Coordinator to create a new Volunteer Fire Department in Lanark-St. James Fire and Rescue District. Commissioner Ward said if we are going to take ownership of this property, we need to change the locks in order to allow those that are allowed in there. Chairman Jones said he does agree, however everything we are doing has to be done through a legal process. Attorney Shuler said the organizational meeting should be held within the next few weeks and all of the public will be welcome to attend. **Motion carried 5-0.**

b. Action Item: McIntyre Road Ordinance Public Hearing

The Florida Forest Service has requested that the Board allow it to use McIntyre Road for logging. I told them that a county ordinance prevented them from doing so.

Board Action: Does the Board want to authorize a public hearing to consider whether to allow log trucks on McIntyre Road?

Commissioner Parrish inquired as to why the ordinance was initially put in place. Attorney Shuler noted that at the time the ordinance was put in place, the log trucks were tearing up the road and the school busses weren't able to pass through. Commissioner Parrish asked if we could require a bond so that in the event the road is damaged, the Board would have a way to pay for repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board authorized holding a public hearing to consider whether to allow log trucks on McIntyre Road. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action Item: 911 Request from Ms. Renee Brannen

The 911 Administrator, Ms. Renee Brannen, emailed me a request for the Board to approve the following: Franklin County/Rapid Deploy NG911 Bundle SaaS Agreement addendum. Ms. Brannen tells me that the addendum is paid for from the regional grant and is necessary for public safety because it allows dispatch to map the call. I have not received the contract yet, but Ms. Brannen tells me that she needs this sooner than later and would prefer that the Board approve this subject to attorney review instead of waiting two more weeks until your next board meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the NG911 Bundle SaaS Agreement addendum which allows dispatch to map the calls, subject to Attorney Shuler's review. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Informational Item: Lanark Village VFD

Chairman Jones said he does agree that the locks should be changed, and he would like the Board to entertain a motion to authorize Attorney Shuler to begin the process.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Attorney Shuler to begin the process of changing the locks at the Lanark Village VFD. Attorney Shuler noted that the fire department has been dissolved and the Board of County Commissioners has not selected a group. Attorney Shuler said anyone who would like to volunteer the Board welcomes them. **Motion carried 5-0.**

e. Informational Item: 1426 East Gulf Beach Drive, SGI

f. Informational Item: RV Enforcement

Chairman Jones said that he had met with the executive board of the Eastpoint Civic Association. They would like to do a zoning overlay of the district. Two things they are asking: They want the county to regardless of the zoning of a piece of property, would like to see all future storage units be north of the power line and we figure out a way to address C-4 properties so that they don't all become residential.

Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment

26. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Ward said she recently made a trip to Gardners Landing. Even though they are not county-owned parks, she said that she may come to the Board for a letter of support so that we can get these ramps and parks back up. Fort Gadsden is temporarily closed but are they going to fix it. Commissioner Ward wanted the community to be aware that she is working to get the repairs done to reopen these parks. Commissioner Lockley said that he would like information added to the website announcing the programs available for the kids. Commissioner Boldt noted there will be an upcoming workshop

held to discuss a possible pharmacy in Carrabelle.

27. Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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