

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 19, 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, and Michael Moron—
County Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

2. Prayer and Pledge

Commissioner Ward led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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 County Bills. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Weems Memorial - David Walker (CEO) & David Bowling (Alliant) – Update

Mr. Walker introduced Mr. Michael Cozar who will be coming in as the new president and CEO of Alliant. Mr. Cozar has been in hospital operation for over forty years, working with various hospitals within the region. He affirmed that Alliant would continue to offer quality care. Commissioner Lockley welcomed Mr. Cozar aboard. He asked if we would be getting the same service or better. Mr. Cozar said with his close proximity being in Chipley, you will probably be seeing me a lot more because it is only a two-hour drive. You will see more of the capabilities of Alliant and what we are able to provide. Commissioner Lockley asked if the financial situation is stable. Mr. Cozar said he will let Mr. Bowling provide an update on the financial side. Mr. Cozar said Mr. Bowling's new title is Chief Operating Officer of Alliant Management Services. Mr. Bowling said the hospital is in a good position. Our plans going forward to provide services to Weems, we will be actively recruiting for a CFO for the hospital, but Alliant will support us in the meantime. Alliant staff will be attending all meetings, and services will include compiling financial statements. They will continue to integrate the electronic records project. Commissioner Lockley inquired about the new building for the hospital. He said that the Board needs to know the numbers and when we are going to start. Is it time to begin the process of obtaining a loan with USDA? Mr. Bowling said that is something to evaluate whether to apply for the new loan. We would like to do is certainly conduct a board strategic plan, which will involve key stakeholders determining what services this hospital and community need. We will be working closely with Tallahassee Memorial to determine what services we need to bring in and putting a strategic plan together is definitely on the list of things we want to complete this year. Commissioner Boldt said the most valued asset of our community is the health of our residents. He said he is pleased with Alliant and their services and pledged to continue working with them.

5. Public Comments

Mr. Bruce Hoffman spoke to the Board representing the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department asking for assistance in communication between the various departments that provide emergency information. He said they have no ways to contact other departments. Has been told by various people that it is a city issue, some say county issue. He is requesting the Board do something about the communication, if a repeater is needed, please do that. Urged the Board to fix the repeater before someone is injured. Mr. Moron said he hears two separate issues, there is a radio issue between the firefighters, and the other problem is an equipment issue between dispatch at the sheriff's office. Mr. Moron said Mrs. Brannan from the Sheriff's office said we need to replace all of the communication equipment between all of the fire

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departments. A better communication system is needed. Mr. Moron asked if the Board wanted him to get with Mrs. Brannan and all of the chiefs to talk about the issue and bring back information to the Board. Commissioner Ward said she believed this would be prudent. Commissioner Ward inquired about the police department pulling over emergency vehicles if they are exceeding the speed limit over 5 mph. Mr. Hoffman said they were informed last night that if they exceed the speed limit by 5 mph they can be pulled over for speeding. Chairman Jones said we need to sit down and discuss this issue and get everyone on the same page. Chairman Jones said they need to be able to respond. Mr. Moron said he will need to get a quote for the radio system.

Constitutional Officers

6. Clerk of Courts – Michele Maxwell – Report

a. Action Item: Value Adjustment Board Appointments

Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Boldt volunteered. Attorney Shuler noted it has been the Board’s policy to appoint members of the Board who are not running for office.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board appointed Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Lockley, and reappointed Mr. Donnie Gay as the citizen member. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Superintendent of Schools - Steve Lanier

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO DETERMINE IF THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO CONTINUE THE .5 MILL FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS FOR THE ESSENTIAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

Mrs. Shannon Venable, Finance Director for the Franklin County School District, presented the request to the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the referendum. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Directors Reports

8. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges – Howard Nabors

a. Informational Items

Mr. Nabors had no action items. He noted that he has been doing a lot of sign maintenance throughout the county. Commissioner Boldt inquired to see if the signs could be welded in so that they can’t be stolen.

9. Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis

a. Action Item: 2022 FRANKLIN COUNTY SHARKS AAU TOURNAMENT

As the Board has expressed support in the past for a basketball program, Allison Speed has stepped up and formed a team. Mr. Speed has requested assistance from the parks department with the cost of the team’s hotel expenses when they travel to AAU tournaments in Orlando on July 18-21. Please see the attached information sheet.

ACTION REQUESTED: Hotel Expense of the County AAU Basketball Team

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved payment of the hotel expense of the county AAU Basketball Team. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Informational Items

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Mr. Davis reported to the Board that the playground equipment has been installed in Carrabelle. Commissioner Boldt noted that the restroom needs to be rehabilitated. The ramp needs to be reinforced in regard to wheelchair access and to make sure the facilities are working well.

Attorney Shuler presented the following item from his report at this time.

c. Action Item: Waste Management Inc. First Addendum to Contract

At your last meeting, the Board considered the proposal of Waste Management, Inc. to extend their current contract for an additional five-year period. This extension is authorized by the current contract. A copy of the proposed addendum and the original contract is attached. In sum, the tonnage cost will rise from approximately \$17.00 per ton to \$29.00 per ton, with a discount of \$2.00 per ton if the County delivers more than 1,400 tons in any given month. The other change is that the CPI adjustment will occur annually instead of once every two years and the current 3% cap will be eliminated. Except as amended, the original contract will remain in full force and effect.

Board Action Requested: Discussion and possible action on the proposed First Amendment.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the First Addendum to the Waste Management, Inc. contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Moron noted that it would be easier for the finance department if we book the rooms with the county credit card. Mr. Davis said that since they have already booked and traveled, they would need to be reimbursed this time.

Commissioner Lockley said he had a resident reach out to him about cleaning out his ditch in the city limits on Avenue D. Commissioner Lockley explained that the county is not responsible for this inside the city. Mr. Moron said that he will reach out to the city manager to clear up the issue.

10. Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell

a. Informational Items

Mrs. Brownell had no action items for the Board.

11. Extension Office Director – Erik Lovstrand

a. Informational Items

Mr. Lovstrand had no action items for the Board.

Chairman Jones asked if they were still able to have a functioning 4H program. Mr. Lovstrand said they have a program that includes youth from Carrabelle and Eastpoint. Mr. Lovstrand noted they are primarily focusing on archery.

12. Mosquito Control – Dewitt Polous

Mr. Polous had no action items for the Board. Mr. Polous noted that he has begun running ads on both local radio stations.

Other Reports

13. Interim Airport Manager – Ted Mosteller

a. Informational Items

Mr. Mosteller had no action items for the Board. He reported trouble with multiple mowers at the airport. Commissioner Lockley inquired as to the leaks. Mr. Mosteller noted that it is still in the works. Mr. Moron said they are waiting to get the package together in order for it to be advertised for bids.

Presentations and Requests

14. FSU Coastal & Marine Lab - Sandra Brooke Ph.D. - Request

We would like to initiate a pilot project with the farmers in Alligator Harbor, by placing four 44” x 44” x 24” shell collection bins near the road to the east side of Lynards Landing boat ramp. The bins would be collected every other day and brought to the FSUCML property to condition for restoration. We would place the bins away from the beach where people gather and fish, and the bins would be locked to avoid them being used as

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trash receptacles or raided by bears. I have copied Mr. Reid Tilley, who holds an oyster lease in Alligator Harbor and who will be coordinating this effort.

Commissioner Boldt asked if we needed permission from DEP or FDOT. Dr. Brooke said she had spoken with both the Bald Point State Park and FDEP. They are both fine with it as long as it is not on their property and above the mean high-water line. Commissioner Ward inquired about the smell, are there people that live in the area? Dr. Brooke said that no one is living near there, but they are concerned with the beachgoers. They will go down every other day to collect the shells and will go more often if needed.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved placing four 44” x 44” x 24” shell collection bins near the road to the east side of Lynards Landing boat ramp. Motion carried 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board Report

15. Variance Requests

a. 700 East Pine Ave

Consideration of a request for a variance to encroach a max of 13 feet into the front 25-foot setback to accommodate an 80’x30’ home addition as to avoid disruption into the sand dune. Property is described as 700 East Pine Ave Unit 4, Block 39, Lot 1, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Bryce Ward, agent for Tim and Ana Anthuis, applicants.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for a variance to encroach a max of 13 feet into the front 25-foot setback to accommodate an 80’x30’ home addition as to avoid disruption into the sand dune. The property is described as 700 East Pine Ave Unit 4, Block 39, Lot 1, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

b. 575 US Hwy 98

Consideration of a request for a variance to encroach approximately 20 feet into the front 25-foot setback to construct a front porch addition. Property described as 575 US Hwy 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Randall Crews, the applicant

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for a variance to encroach approximately 20 feet into the front 25-foot setback to construct a front porch addition. Property described as 575 US Hwy 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler advised that Commissioner Ward had asked whether she has a voting conflict due to the applicant being her cousin. Attorney Shuler said that he has determined that she does not have a conflict and she is required by law to vote on this matter.

16. Commercial Site Plan Applications

a. 136 Hwy 98

Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan review of commercial recreational Pole Barns on a 1 +/- acre parcel located at 136 US Highway 98. Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Christopher Varnes, applicant. (A different site plan was reviewed and approved by P&Z in September 2020)

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for a Commercial Site Plan review of commercial recreational Pole Barns on a 1 +/- acre parcel located at 136 US Highway 98. Motion carried 5-0.

b. 160 E Pine Avenue

Consideration of a request to construct a 14’x24’ Storage shed on property located at 160 E Pine Avenue, FCBC Regular Meeting

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Unit 1, Block 5E, Lots 31 and 32, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by John and Sheryl Simmons, Applicants

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request to construct a 14'x24' Storage shed on property located at 160 E Pine Avenue, Unit 1, Block 5E, Lots 31 and 32, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Sketch Plat Applications

a. Destiny Subdivision

Consideration of a request for Preliminary plat approval for 8 Lots on a 9.67 +/- acre of land lying in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, located on Frank McKamey Way, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Application submitted by Paige Joseph, agent for Danny Bilger, applicant

Mrs. Bankston noted that one of the issues the P&Z board had was that Lot 1 is mostly all wetlands and will not be buildable. Also, noting all of the other lots will need variances. Chairman Jones asked if it would be appropriate to send this back to the P&Z board to have them request the applicant redraw the lines. Commissioner Ward said the item should be tabled and sent back to P&Z to have the applicant redraw this to get the best benefit out of their property. Mrs. Bankston said she will talk to the applicant and Roddenberry to see if they can draw out the buildable space. Commissioner Boldt said he really wants to be cautious in regard to the wetlands and hopes they will be very conservative in the redraw.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to table the application and send it back to the P&Z board for revisions. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Coastal Paradise

Consideration of a request for Sketch plat approval for 3 Lots on a 5 +/- acre of land lying in Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, located in Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Application submitted by Thurman Roddenberry, agent for John Dozier, applicant. (Well & Septic)

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Sketch plat approval for 3 Lots on a 5 +/- acre of land lying in Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, located in Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida.

Attorney Shuler brought up that the Board's policy in this particular area has traditionally been labeled as unbuildable. The three lots on the south side of 98 have been labeled as not being buildable. As this moves forward, he wanted the public and Board to be aware that other than maybe a dock, no permanent structures would be buildable on that side of 98.

Motion carried 5-0.

RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening

18. ST. GEORGE ISLAND BOAT RAMP REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FWC Agreement No. 21107

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking civil engineering services relating to the design and permitting of a wave attenuation device and a boat loading dock on the seawall outside of the existing launch basin. These improvements will protect the existing boat launch basin and provide a place to tie up vessels while the vehicles and trailers are parked or retrieved. Responding individuals or firms must be licensed engineers in the State of Florida. The selected individual or firm will have 360 days to complete the design and permitting.

Response Deadline: Monday, July 18, 2022, at 4:30 P.M. EDT

Opening Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at The County Commission meeting which begins at 9:00 A.M. ET.

This project is funded with assistance from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. By submitting a letter of response, the Consultant certifies that no principle is presently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any government department or agency.

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Information regarding the proposal and the complete Request for Proposals package can be obtained from Mark C. Curenton, County Planner, 850-653-9783 x-160 or markc@franklincountyflorida.com. In order to ensure a fair, competitive, and open process, once a project is advertised for proposals, all communications between interested firms and the County must be directed to Mark C. Curenton, County Planner, 850-653-9783 x-160 or markc@franklincountyflorida.com.

If interested, qualified Consultants are required to submit the original and two (2) copies of the letter of response to the Franklin County Clerk's Office, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 by the response deadline. All letters of response shall be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope "RFQ SGI Boat Ramp Improvements".

Mrs. Griffith announced that only one bid was received, and the bidder was Dewberry Engineers from Port St. Joe, Florida.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved releasing the single bid received from Dewberry Engineers to county staff for review. Mrs. Griffith noted that FWC does not require more than one bid. **Motion carried 5-0.**

County Staff & Attorney Reports

19. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator – Erin Griffith

a. BOARD ACTION: Alligator Point Beach Restoration Project Scope and Coastal Consulting Agreement (less MSTU/MSBU development section)

Board Action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached agreement for Coastal Consulting Services for MRD Associates, Inc. less Task 5 for the conceptual development of an MSTU which can be discussed at a later date once preliminary construction and maintenance costs are established.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the chairman to sign the attached agreement for Coastal Consulting Services for MRD Associates, Inc. less Task 5 for the conceptual development of an MSTU which can be discussed at a later date once preliminary construction and maintenance costs are established. Motion carried 5-0.

b. BOARD ACTION: Alligator Drive Multi-Use Path Project: AECOM CEI Contract Extension and FDOT Request for Additional Funds

Board Action to accept and approve the attached County-Wide Dune Restoration Study as prepared by MRD Associates, Inc.

Board Action to accept the scope recommendation above moving forward for the development of a RESTORE construction grant application for the County-Wide Dune Restoration Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board accepted and approved the attached County-Wide Dune Restoration Study as prepared by MRD Associates, Inc. and accepted the scope recommendation above moving forward for the development of a RESTORE construction grant application for the County-Wide Dune Restoration Project. Motion carried 5-0.

c. BOARD INFORMATION: County Budget Update & Budget Workshop Schedule

20. County Coordinator – Michael Morón

a. Action Item: DISC Village Letter of Support

DISC Village, Inc. is a private, non-profit, 501c3 corporation that provides a full continuum of behavioral healthcare along with child welfare and criminal justice services to Franklin and other area counties. To expand and upgrade their behavioral health services in Franklin County, they are applying for a grant, with the assistance of Representative Jason Shoaf's office, and asking the Board to sign a letter of support. As the deadline was noon on Friday, July 8th, I asked the Chairman to sign this letter of support with the anticipation that the Board would agree. Sheriff Smith also supports this grant application.

Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for DISC Village's grant application to expand and

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upgrade their behavioral health services in Franklin County.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board ratified the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for DISC Village's grant application to expand and upgrade their behavioral health services in Franklin County. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action Item: Website Search

Chairman Jones and Commissioner Ward asked that I research the possibility of allowing users of the county's website Agenda & Minutes page the ability to search the minutes and agendas by entering a word or phrase in a text box. I contacted our website administrator/vendor, and it will cost up to \$4,300 to create this feature on the county's website Agenda and Minutes page. Once the application is created, county staff may need to rescan some of the older minutes and agendas so that those files can be searched by the application.

Board action to authorize the creation of an application for a cost of up to \$4,300 that would allow users to search minutes and agendas on the County's website.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the creation of an application for a cost up to \$4,300 that would allow users to search minutes and agendas on the County's website. Commissioner Ward expressed her support for this application, and how it will streamline things better and provide better transparency to the public. Commissioner Parrish asked if this would help with public records requests. Mr. Moron said yes, it will allow us to be able to suggest they search for it on our website but will not alleviate the responsibility of answering public records requests. **Motion carried 5-0.**

c. Action Item: Alligator Drive Project Request

As the Alligator Drive project is progressing, there is a need for an additional load of beach sand. The need for the sand is not part of the original project scope, so Commissioner Boldt will pay the \$800 cost from District 2's paving fund to have the sand delivered to the project area.

Board action to authorize an additional load of beach sand delivered to Alligator Drive for \$800 which will be paid from District 2's paving fund.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized an additional load of beach sand delivered to Alligator Drive for \$800 which will be paid from District 2's paving fund. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Informational Item: TDC Vendor Contract Advertisement Update

Mr. John Solomon, TDC Administrator, and I met last week to review the Request for Qualifications for vendors providing services to the TDC. We will meet again next week to review and edit the Instructions and RFQ Documents that are part of the RFQ and then submit the request to the print media for advertising. Once the RFQ has been submitted then we will discuss a process for ranking the submittals.

e. Informational Item: Housing Summit Reminder

As a reminder, there will be a Housing Summit this afternoon at 5 p.m. (ET) here in your meeting room. This summit will be streamed on Zoom for viewing and participation.

Commissioner Boldt gave a brief overview of the Organizational Meeting for Lanark St. James Volunteer Fire Department held on July 18, 2022. The Franklin County Fire Coordinator, Mr. Robert Amick, held an initial organizational meeting which provided information on the creation of a new volunteer fire department for the Lanark Village St James Fire and Rescue District, provided information to the public regarding the regulatory requirements for volunteer fire departments and volunteer firefighters, and gathered the names and contact information from those persons who are ready, able and willing to be considered as firefighters and administrators for the District. The meeting was well attended with approximately 30-35 in attendance. Commissioner Parrish said that he is glad to hear that the community has come together to do the right thing for the betterment of the community.

21. County Attorney – Michael Shuler

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Action Item: Attorney to represent the Value Adjustment Board

Board Action Requested: Reappoint Attorney Rachel Chesnut as the Value Adjustment Board Attorney

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. By a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board reappointed Attorney Rachel Chesnut as the Value Adjustment Board Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Action Item: Waste Management Inc. First Addendum to Contract

At your last meeting, the Board considered the proposal of Waste Management, Inc. to extend their current contract for an additional five-year period. This extension is authorized by the current contract. A copy of the proposed addendum and the original contract is attached. In sum, the tonnage cost will rise from approximately \$17.00 per ton to \$29.00 per ton, with a discount of \$2.00 per ton if the County delivers more than 1,400 tons in any given month. The other change is that the CPI adjustment will occur annually instead of once every two years and the current 3% cap will be eliminated. Except as amended, the original contract will remain in full force and effect.

Board Action Requested: Discussion and possible action on the proposed First Amendment.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

b. Action Item: Consideration of Process for Overlay District for Highway 98 Corridor, Eastpoint, Florida

Commissioners, I am proposing the following process for consideration of a possible overlay district for the Highway 98 Corridor for part of Eastpoint, Florida. I am proposing holding an advertised public workshop before the PZBOA advisory board on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, for the purpose of receiving public comments on ideas that the public may suggest for consideration in the proposed overlay district. A similar workshop was held for the SGI overlay. Due to scheduling, the planner, Allara Gutcher, will not be present. This workshop will allow the county to gather information for the planner to consider for the second workshop. Things to consider for the proposed Eastpoint Overlay will include the boundaries along Highway 98 to be included in the overlay, possible changes to the principal and allowable uses of property within the overlay boundary, and whether to establish design and landscaping requirements; to include other suggestions from the public.

A second public workshop before the advisory PZBOA board will be held on September 13, 2022, for additional public comment and for the planner to make a presentation on the proposed overlay based on public input from the first workshop.

Following the two workshops, a draft overlay district will be prepared and presented to the Board of County Commissioners for commissioner comment and additional public comment.

Following the presentation of the draft to the County Commission, the first of two public hearings will be scheduled for the Board to consider the adoption of an ordinance establishing the proposed Eastpoint Overlay.

Finally, like was done with Alan Pierce when he was a consultant for the county, I would like Board approval for the planner to contract through my office and I will again add her fees to my monthly invoice for reimbursement by the Board.

Board Actions: Board discussion on the process and whether the Board has additions or corrections to the process for consideration of the proposed Overlay District for Eastpoint along part of the Highway 98 corridor and Board consideration of allowing me to hire the planner through my office and receive reimbursement from the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the process for consideration of the proposed Overlay District for Eastpoint along part of the Highway 98 corridor and authorized Attorney Shuler to hire the planner through his office and receive reimbursement from the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action Item: Request to Hold Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance

A circumstance has arisen where at least one person has parked an RV within an unimproved county right of way and is living there. While there are a number of state laws on the books that authorize towing from roads and right of way, I do not find any state law or local ordinance which addresses this circumstance. There may also be a houseboat on blocks within another part of this same right of way in another location. I am requesting authority to hold a public hearing for you to consider an ordinance authorizing towing of vehicles from public property designated as a county right of way, but

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which has not been improved with a road.

Board Action Requested: Board action authorizing a public hearing to consider the ordinance described above.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized a public hearing to consider the ordinance described above. Chairman Jones commented that he felt it necessary to move forward with the public hearing even if the RV is moved so that we have something in place to allow us to handle these issues in the future. Commissioner Parrish noted that this is necessary in moving forward with code enforcement. Commissioner Boldt noted that there are multiple RVs on properties for no other purpose but recreational, could this be used to address those issues? Attorney Shuler noted that this is coming up on the agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

d. Action Item: Request Authority to Enforce Apparent RV Ordinance Violation at 150 Old Ferry Dock Road and 158 Hickory Dip Road, Eastpoint, Florida

There is an apparent RV ordinance violation at 150 Old Ferry Dock Road and 158 Hickory Dip, Eastpoint, Florida. The RV owners have been personally served with notice of the violation and given a deadline to cease and desist, but the RV remains following the expiration of the deadline. These RVs are located on private property.

Board Action Requested: Board action authorizing enforcement of the RV ordinance, to include, but necessarily be limited to, a lawsuit.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized enforcement of the RV ordinance, to include, but necessarily be limited to, a lawsuit. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Action Item: Request to Hire Planner for Ordinance 82-6 Regulating Campers and RVs Update

The Board has previously authorized me to review and recommend possible changes to the scope and enforcement mechanism for ordinance 82-6 that regulates Campers and RVs. I request Board approval to hire a planner, Allara Gurcher Mills, to provide planning advice and testimony on the proposed update to ordinance 82-6. She is the same planner working on the proposed Eastpoint Overlay ordinance. I also request Board approval for her to contract through my office and I will add her fees to my monthly invoice for reimbursement by the Board.

Board Action Requested: Authority to hire Allara Gurcher Mills to provide planning advice and testimony for the proposed update to Ordinance 82-6 and Board approval for me to contract with her through my firm and receive reimbursement from the County.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to hire Allara Gurcher Mills to provide planning advise and testimony for the proposed update to Ordinance 82-6 and approve Attorney Shuler to contract with her through his firm and receive reimbursement from the County.

Commissioner Ward explained the need for hiring the planner for expert advice that she may have on this and for any future litigation that may arise on this issue.

Attorney Shuler noted that the last time the Board spoke of amending the ordinance the room filled up, it is the Board's obligation to protect the tax base and the development of the tax base. **Motion carried 5-0.**

f. Action Item: Possible Purchase of Land at 342 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Florida

The Board authorized the purchase of the property located at 342 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Florida. This lot abuts the West boundary of the current county parking lot in Eastpoint next to the Suwannee Swifty. We are in the due diligence period and are still awaiting the appraisal. An issue for the Board to consider is the height at which the proposed nature center/museum would have to be built off the ground. I obtained an elevation certificate from a surveyor and provided it to your Building Department. They advise that the finished first floor will be 13.5 feet off the ground. This is substantially similar to the community center height in Apalachicola.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion concerning the height that the structure will be built.

Chairman Jones said is good with these findings and doesn't believe the height restrictions will be reduced anytime in the near future.

Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment

22. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Ward congratulated Chairman Jones for his recent appointment to the Florida Association of Counties Board. Chairman Jones said he would like to thank everyone who had a hand in the meal that was shared among the various fire departments in the county. Commissioner Ward received an email from FDOT stating they are in the design phase for the crosswalk in Carrabelle Beach near the RV park. Commissioner Lockley said the Board needed to look at obtaining a new building for a possible board room or Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Moron said he is already looking at that and discussing it with Mrs. Griffith. Mr. Moron noted that we have some funds set aside from the American Rescue Plan however land is an issue. Mr. Moron assured Commissioner Lockley that the staff is looking for resolutions.

23. Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

The audio is available upon request. Please e-mail jgay@franklinclerk.com, call 850-653-8861 to speak with the Administrative Assistant, or submit a request in writing to obtain audio of this meeting.