

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 5, 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

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

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the minutes from the FCBCC Regular Meeting and Workshop on June 21, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Payment of County Bills

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the payment of county bills. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Franklin Correctional Institution - Warden Conner - Inmate Labor Update

Warden Conner gave an update on inmate labor. He brought Sgt. Harris and Sgt. Chisholm with him. Sgt. Chisholm will be taking Sgt. Harris' place after her retirement. Warden Conner explained they have substantially fewer inmates than pre-Covid. He noted the shortage of inmates is statewide. Just in our region, we are short 999 inmates on our outside squads. The fact is we just don't have the inmates that we did pre-covid. He wanted to assure the Board that he wants to send out every inmate that is available to send out. Warden Conner explained the qualifications for inmates to be eligible for work release. Warden Conner asked Mr. Nabors if it would help if they could transport all inmates in one vehicle. Mr. Nabors noted that would save on fuel costs. Chairman Jones said there were some misunderstandings as to how the inmates had to be picked up. Chairman Jones said knowing that we could possibly send one vehicle to pick up all of the inmates, will be beneficial. Warden Conner noted that at the end of September or the first of October, he would like to do a re-entry activity and he would like the Board to attend the exercise. This will show some of the frustrations that some of the inmates face upon release. He said that he will send the information out once it has been finalized. Commissioner Lockley said that he is glad he is looking out for the community. He asked about the numbers pre-Covid, Warden Conner noted that the population is coming back up, but it is 20-30k less. Warden Conner said initially they were not accepting inmates mid-Covid, but he will provide the Board with numbers. Commissioner Boldt asked if the Sheriff can bring in inmates to help. Chairman Jones said the Sheriff does have a separate work squad. Commissioner Parrish noted that he has been receiving a lot of social media feedback about the ditches being overgrown. He said that he does appreciate Warden Conner coming today and this information will help the public to understand exactly what is going on. Chairman Jones said we are going to have to decide if we are hiring more people or explore different ways to obtain our work squads.

6. Florida Forest Service - Clinton Davis - Request

Mr. Davis informed the Board of the Southern Pine Beetle outbreak in the timber stands along McIntyre Road and

the Forest Service requested to use the 1.8-mile stretch of McIntyre Road from 319 down to the intersection that turns to the boat ramp for logging operations. Mr. Davis would like the Board to approve the temporary use of McIntyre Road for this logging operation. Mr. Davis provided a slideshow outlining the growing areas being affected by the pine beetle outbreaks explaining pine beetles, the damage they cause to timber, and the remediation process. Attorney Shuler explained the process of adopting an emergency ordinance and giving the Board statutory authority. Attorney Shuler presented the proposed ordinance as follows.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT ISSUED TO THE FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE FOR MCINTYRE ROAD, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Pursuant to Franklin County Ordinance 2022-13, this special use permit is issued to the Florida Forest Service, so that they and their independent contractors are authorized to use vehicles with more than two axles on that part of McIntyre Road that County Ordinance 92-3 limits to vehicles with two axles.

This special use permit is specifically limited to the use of said McIntyre Road for the treatment and removal of pine trees infested with the Southern Pine Beetle as described by the Florida Forest Service to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners on July 5, 2022.

While the Florida Forest Service may require its independent contractors to maintain and repair said McIntyre Road, the Florida Forest Service understands and accepts that it is responsible to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners for the repair and maintenance thereof and will promptly make such reasonable repairs and maintenance thereof as requested by Franklin County. The Florida Forest Service is not required to improve McIntyre Road beyond the condition of the road immediately prior to the issuance of this special use permit.

Road Maintenance Standard: The aforementioned part of McIntyre Road shall at all times remain passable by a passenger car in the same manner that it is passable immediately prior to the issuance of this special use permit. After the expiration of this special use permit, that part of McIntyre Road regulated by County Ordinance 92-3 shall be returned to the condition it was in immediately prior to the issuance of this special use permit.

Expiration: This special use permit shall expire on August 10, 2022 and may be extended in ten-day increments as may be necessary to complete the treatment and removal of the pine trees infested with Southern Pine Beetle.

Each person signing this special use permit represents that they are authorized to sign on behalf of either Franklin County or the Florida Forest Service.

The Board has determined that an emergency exists, immediate enactment of this ordinance is necessary, and that they are waiving the necessary advertisement requirements. On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the emergency ordinance allowing for a special permit for the temporary use of McIntyre Road. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Constitutional Officers

8. Sheriff's Office – Ginger Coulter – Request

Mrs. Coulter presented and discussed the Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties grant. Mrs. Coulter is seeking Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on this grant award.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve ratifying the Chairman's signature on the Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties grant and to modify the budget

to reflect this grant. The total grant is \$410,000, but this current year's budget amendment is \$102,500.

Commissioner Ward confirmed that this is a state grant for sworn officers and correctional officers. The state is funding this due to us being in a fiscally constrained county. Commissioner Ward would like the officers to realize the Board cannot guarantee this on an annual basis. Mrs. Coulter said she did put this in the study plan, and that this could change. Commissioner Boldt would like to make a note that this is an extra opportunity bonus. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Department Directors Reports

9. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges – Howard Nabors

Mr. Nabors had no action items. He noted they have been working on the grass cutting and managing the limited amount of inmate labor. The Board discussed the transportation of the inmates. Commissioner Lockley inquired about the budget and if they would have funds to finish out the year. Mr. Nabors noted that they are running tight and may have to make a move. Mr. Davis said that his budget is running tight also. Mr. Moron asked that they contact Mrs. Griffith prior to the board meeting so that a resolution could be presented to the Board. Mr. Nabors noted that he will be checking on McIntyre Road daily and noted they may want to mention keeping the ditches clean also. Mr. Moron said that he will mention this to Mr. Davis.

10. Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis

Mr. Davis informed the Board of the 2022 Franklin County Dixie Softball Teams Advance to State. The Franklin County Dixie Softball Teams will be advancing to State. They will be going to Florida State Dixie Tournament, held in Liberty County, Florida on July 4th, and July 8th. The Darlings, Angels X-Play, Ponytails X-play, and Belles. Mr. Davis noted that they do provide each team that goes to state \$2,500 and \$5,000 to nationals.

The Board addressed the following item at this time.

Waste Management - Doug Rainer - Contract Renewal Discussion

Mr. Moron introduced Mr. Rainer and opened up the floor for discussion. Chairman Jones said he did not have any questions. Commissioner Boldt asked Mr. Rainer if they had considered a gradual increase rather than all at one time. Mr. Rainer said it had been discussed but they prefer not to go that route. They do propose a \$2 discount per ton.

Attorney Shuler asked if the per-ton increase was the only change being proposed. Mr. Rainer said there were other changes than the per-ton rate increase. Mr. Rainer said the proposed changes included increasing the per-ton rate, removing the cap on the CPI, requiring the CPI be done every year as opposed to every other year, and providing a \$2 discount per ton if a certain threshold is met. Attorney Shuler said his recommendation to the Board was to allow for his review of the proposed changes prior to Board approval. Advising the Board to table to the item and revisit after a complete revised contract is received. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to table the item and allow Attorney Shuler to work with Mr. Rainer to revise the contract for the Board's review and bring it back to the Board for approval.**

Attorney Shuler noted that the current contract has two limitations the CPI is capped at 3.5% so the current ton rate could not go up more than 3.5% and the CPI could only increase every other year. Mr. Rainer said they are looking for an agreement from the Board to move forward with renewing the contract in order to have their attorney draft an agreement for Board consideration. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board not no action at this time and wait for a complete revised contract.

Commissioner Parrish rescinded his motion to table the item.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to authorize Attorney Shuler to work with Waste Management to draft a contract for Board approval. Motion carried 5-0.

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

BOARD INFORMATION: Landfill Permit Renewal and Cost of Closure

The Franklin County Landfill consists of an active Class III landfill (yard debris, construction, and demolition

only), a closed and inactive Class I landfill, a composting operation, a yard trash processing operation, a waste tire collection center, operation of a transfer station, operation of an air curtain incinerator, serves as a clean materials recovery facility and processes composting wastewater. In May, the landfill's five-year operating permit was renewed. Every five years, a comprehensive review and analysis are done to assess the remaining useful life of a landfill site. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the permitting agency and as part of the landfill licensure process, licensees must demonstrate financial assurance that funds are available to meet the costs of closure. Financial assurance requirements have been in place since the early 1980s to ensure proper and adequate resources are available if closure becomes necessary. The unprecedented amount of storm and construction debris processed in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael has shortened the remaining useful life (capacity) of the landfill to approximately ten years from 2022. The cost-recalculation for closure is \$4,493,486 and \$1,631,799 (\$54,343 per year) for long-term care post closure. Based on the specified inflation factor in the report of 1.041, the county will need a balance in the Landfill Management Escrow Fund of \$3,704,953 by the end of the next fiscal year ($\$4,493,486.36 \times 1.041/43$ years of estimated total life = $\$108,784.17 \times 34$ years of actual life = $\$3,698,771.78$ + annual funding required to meet annual long term care cost by closure date $\$6,291.49$). The current balance in the county's landfill management escrow fund is \$3,318,535. An estimated transfer of approximately \$386,418 will be needed in the upcoming budget to meet the county's financial assurance responsibility. This amount is \$186,418 more than the \$200,000 per year that is currently budgeted from your tipping fee fund. It is necessary for the county to preserve any spread between tipping fee rates charged by the county and those charged by vendor Waste Management for the processing of household garbage to ensure that the county has funds available to meet the mandated assurance. As we approach the end of life of our existing landfill, it will be necessary for our county to explore alternatives moving forward as the permitting process for all of these activities is lengthy and difficult. I have asked county engineers Dewberry and Associates for a proposal to present for consideration by the Board at the next meeting to assist the county by outlining options and providing cost estimates moving beyond our existing landfill, whether it be trying to construct and permit a new landfill site or the transition to a transfer station operation similar to many other coastal counties (Gulf County in particular).

The Board addressed the Public Hearings at this time.

11. Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell

a. Action Item: EMPA Grant

Request the Board's approval and signing of the EMPA, Emergency Preparedness and Assistance Grant, Agreement Number A0267, for the fiscal year of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$105,806.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve the EMPA, Emergency Preparedness, and Assistance Grant, Agreement Number A0267, for the fiscal year of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$105,806.00. Chairman Jones requested the motion be amended to include 'approved contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review of the contract'. **Commissioner Ward amended her motion to approve the EMPA, Emergency Preparedness, and Assistance Grant, Agreement Number A0267, for the fiscal year of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$105,806.00 contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review of the contract. Commissioner Boldt seconded the amended motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. Action Item: CDBG-DR HMGP

Request the Boards approval and signing of the Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) match agreement for the generators.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) match agreement for the generators contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review of the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish asked for an update on the new EOC building. Mrs. Daniels said at this time we have sent in the markups to the EOC design group. We are waiting on some information from the FAA also.

12. Extension Office Director – Erik Lovstrand

a. Informational Items

Mr. Lovestrand had no action items for the Board.

13. Library Director – Whitney Roundtree

a. Informational Items

Ms. Roundtree updated the Board on the following.

1) The Franklin County Public Library has started a Teen Advisory Board (TAB). By joining TAB, local teens will now have the opportunity to make new friends, suggest materials for the library's collection, plan programs and events for teens and earn community service hours. The first meeting will be held on August 10th at 4:00 PM. Applications can be picked up and returned to any FCPL branch.

2) WILD has voted to join the Panhandle Library Access Network's OverDrive cooperative. This will greatly increase our patrons' ability access to digital materials. WILD will be covering the cost, so as not to strain the individual libraries' budgets.

3) The FCPL has received a generous donation of \$60,000 from the trust of Mary Anne Shields. I have been speaking with Erin Griffith regarding the immediate needs of the library for which these funds could be used.

Other Reports

14. Interim Airport Manager – Ted Mosteller

a. Informational Items

Mr. Mosteller had no action items for the Board. Commissioner Lockley inquired about the hanger roofs leaking. Mr. Mosteller said this will be addressed during the action items. He said the roofs need to have immediate attention. Mr. Moron noted that Mr. Collins would be including this in his report.

Presentations and Requests

**15. Waste Management - Doug Rainer - Contract Renewal Discussion
Item addressed earlier in the meeting.**

16. AVCON - John Collins - Airport Project Requests

a. Action Item: Approval to release bid documents for Obstruction Removal

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved advertising for bids for the Obstruction Removal project. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action Item: Approval to release bid documents for Fuel Farm Replacement

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved advertising for bids for the Fuel Farm Replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action Item: Approval for Resolution to move \$400k from the “Design and Construction of Stormwater and Drainage Improvements” to “Design and Construction of Hangar Roof Upgrades”

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve a resolution moving \$400K from the Design and Construction of Stormwater and Drainage Improvements to Design and Construction of Hangar Roof Upgrades, contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Boldt confirmed the County would be reimbursed by the FDOT. Motion carried 5-0.

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

17. Public Hearing - Rezoning 10:30 a.m. (ET)

An ordinance rezoning 5 +/- acres of land in Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, from R-3 single-family estate residential to R-2 single-family mobile home district.

Mrs. Bankston presented the request to the Board. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

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 33, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, from R-3 single-family estate residential to R-2 single-family mobile home district. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Public Hearing - Rezoning 10:35 a.m. (ET)

An ordinance rezoning 5 +/- acres of land in Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, from R-3 single-family estate residential single-family mobile home district.

Mrs. Bankston presented the request to the Board. Mr. Mashburn appeared via Zoom and noted that they were requesting this, so they give the property to their kids. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

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 33, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, from R-3 single-family estate residential single-family mobile home district. Motion carried 5-0.

County Staff & Attorney Reports

19. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator – Erin Griffith

a. BOARD ACTION: Alligator Drive Time Extension – Change Order #3

Once again, the Alligator Drive Hurricane Repair project is being affected by conditions beyond the control of the contractor. As part of the project includes the installation of vinyl sheet pile material along the north side of the road in addition to the stainless sheet pile wall along the gulf, utility poles, junction boxes, and supply lines along the right-of-way and the contractor is still struggling to get the necessary shipments of concrete for the cap. The attached change order #3 will extend the substantial completion date to September 21, 2022.

Board action to approve the attached change order number #3 with Anderson Columbia for the FEMA repairs of Alligator Point.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the attached change order number #3 with Anderson Columbia for the FEMA repairs of Alligator Point. Motion carried 5-0.

b. BOARD ACTION: FEMA C30 Washouts – Quantity Reconciliation & Time Extension Change Orders 2 & 3

Attached are two change orders for the FEMA C30 West Washouts Project. Change order #2 is a reduction of \$35,906.67 in contract price due to the reconciliation of materials with contract contingency and change order #3 extends the ready for the final payment completion date to July 27, 2022. This project is mostly complete at this time and an additional 30 days will allow for the contractor to permanently stabilize the side slopes of the project. The final pay request will not be released until the grassing is established and erosion concerns are addressed.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change orders 2 and 3 for Pigott Asphalt and Sitework, LLC.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the chairman to sign the attached change orders 2 and 3 for Pigott Asphalt and Sitework, LLC. Motion carried 5-0.

c. BOARD ACTION: Sheriff's E911 Grants

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized and approved the chairman to sign the attached revised terms and conditions of the E911 Grant S17-21-02-56 and State Spring Rural Grant. Motion carried 5-0.

d. BOARD ACTION: Ferrovial Services – Emergency Repair Timber Island Bridge

Timber Island Bridge was inspected by FDOT, and the report noted necessary repairs were needed to maintain load ratings. Failure to perform the repairs could result in bridge closure or reduced weight limits on the bridge. Ferrovial Services contacted the Road Department in May with an \$18,225 repair quote based on the inspection report. Ferrovial is in the area now and was instructed to proceed with the repairs as they were necessary and addressed an immediate safety concern. The repair will include cleaning and sealing cracks up to .08 inches wide in span 2-9, cleaning and sealing the map cracks in the far approach slab, removing dirt and debris from the bridge deck, patching any spalling in the bridge deck, applying T-70 methacrylate and seal the entire bridge. Board action to proceed with the emergency repairs needed at the Timber Island Bridge.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved proceeding with the emergency repairs needed at the Timber Island Bridge. Motion carried 5-0.

e. BOARD ACTION: District 5 Street Lights

Commissioner Ward met with Michael Ward of Duke Energy in regard to providing streetlights for safety at busy school bus stop areas in District 5. Duke has submitted the attached estimates and the recurring charges are in line with other streetlights in the county. There is a one-time installation expense of \$1,428.20-\$2,778.76 per pole and an estimated recurring electric charge of \$6.42 per month, per LED light. The county already has two lights in the area of Twin Lakes Road and Ridge and Twin Lakes Road and Wilderness Road, but more lights are needed in the district. Commissioner Ward requests for the lights to be added at the intersections of CC Land and Brian Street, Buck Street and Ridge, Beacon Street and Lighthouse Road, and Frank McKamey Way and Lighthouse Road.

Board action to approve the installation of necessary poles and lights at the four intersections mentioned above.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the installation of necessary poles and lights at the four intersections mentioned above. Commissioner Ward said a lot of these were damaged during the fire. She said she wanted more, but due to costs, she chose these. Mr. Moron noted they requested and received a bus stop list from the Franklin County Schools during the process of choosing locations for the lights. Commissioner Boldt said he would like to copycat this in her district. He asked if it would be possible to add the FDOT bus stop signs with flashing lights. **Motion carried 5-0.**

f. BOARD ACTION: Landfill Modular Scale House Bid Award

At the June 7th meeting, bids were opened to construct and install a 12'6" wide by 22'0" long modular scale station building at the Franklin County Landfill. Only one bid was received from Quick Buildings, LLC of Mobile, AL in the amount of \$81,784. The bid was released to the solid waste director Fonda Davis and architect Doug Shuler for review. The architect did request that the vendor clarifies in the bid transmittal that the plans would be signed and sealed by a Florida engineer and would meet all local building code requirements. The vendor has complied with this request and the architect is satisfied with the proposal.

Board action to issue a notice of award and subsequent purchase order to Quick Buildings, LLC for the construction and installation of a modular scale station.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved issuing a notice of award and subsequent purchase order to Quick Buildings, LLC for the construction and installation of a modular scale station. Motion carried 5-0.

g. BOARD INFORMATION: SGI Storm Water Project – Preliminary Design and Cost Estimate

Dewberry Engineers has finished the preliminary design and cost estimate to be used in the construction grant application with the US Treasury for the RESTORE Program. The updated preliminary design includes the installation of over 4,675 linear feet of stormwater drainage pipes and inlets, the creation of a third retention pond to increase capacity, increases the size of existing outfalls, and resurfaces roadways in the areas of alteration. The preliminary cost estimate for this project is \$4,499,100. In the attached schematic, areas with the shaded highlight indicate areas of resurfacing and the pink line notates new stormwater pipes with corresponding inlets and connections. At this time, the county is still awaiting a response from FDOT in regard to the right-of-way acquisition of the retention ponds along Franklin Boulevard before the design can advance further.

h. BOARD INFORMATION: Landfill Permit Renewal and Cost of Closure Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

i. BOARD INFORMATION: Shields Library Donation

This item was brought up by Ms. Roundtree and will be discussed further at the budget meeting.

j. BOARD INFORMATION: Update on Taxable Value Deferred to the next meeting.

20. County Coordinator – Michael Morón

a. Action Item: Alligator Drive Parking Committee

At your May 17th Workshop on beach parking, the Board was in favor of two options to help solve the beach parking issues on Alligator Point. The first was the positioning of large boulders in strategic locations to avoid illegal parking as a short-term temporary solution. The other option was the formation of a committee that would look at long-term solutions to properly handle beach parking on Alligator Point. Commissioner Boldt is ready to proceed with the formation of this committee and would like Board authorization to allow him to work with APTA and other area residents to present a list of five to seven names that would serve on this committee. Once the committee members are appointed and given a mission statement by this Board, that committee will have a series of meetings to create some long-term parking suggestions for your review, and then present those suggestions, perhaps in a workshop setting.

Board action to authorize Commissioner Boldt to create and submit a list of appointees for the committee to look at long-term solutions for beach parking on Alligator Drive.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Commissioner Boldt to create and submit a list of appointees for the committee to look at long-term solutions for beach parking on Alligator Drive. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action Item: Local Technology Planning Team

As the Board is aware, Florida Statutes directs the Office of Broadband to build and facilitate local technology planning teams representing cross-sections of the community. There has been a lot of Federal and State funding set aside for broadband, however, the creation of a Local Technology Planning Team is a necessary step so that Franklin County can tap into these funds to benefit its residents. Below are the names I have thus far as appointees, however, Commissioner Boldt will need to select one of his two recommendations and Commissioner Lockley will have to recommend an appointee from his district.

District 1- Pat O'Connell

District 2- Tony Middleton

District 3- David Walker

District 4- Kevin Ward

District 5- Cheryl Fritsch-Middleton

Board action to appoint the members to the Local Technology Planning Team.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board appointed the above-listed members to the Local Technology Planning Team. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action Item: CareerSource Gulf Coast Annual Budget

Attached to my report is the CareerSource Gulf Coast 2022-23 budget. As you are aware, State law requires approval of their budget by each county in the workforce area that they serve each year.

Board action to approve CareerSource Gulf Coast 2022-23 Annual Budget as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the CareerSource Gulf Coast 2022-23 Annual Budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Action Item: FAC Conference Items for direction or action

Last week each of you attended the Florida Association of Counties annual conference. As you attended the many sessions offered at the conference, are there any ideas or subjects you would like to discuss and have staff research?

Board discussion and possible direction.

Commissioner Ward said we are going to have to start looking at our long-term future for the county. We really need to look at our unrealized revenue. Such as fuel tax, and sales tax. Moving forward we need to look at our infrastructure.

Chairman Jones and Commissioner Parrish would like to look at funding for flooding issues, and stormwater management. Commissioner Parrish noted that there is funding available to mitigate some of the flooding issues. He suggested having ARPC do an assessment which is required to qualify. The deadline to apply for these funds is September, so we don't have time to go out for bids and hire a contractor to perform the assessment. Maybe we can get with ARPC to see if this is something they have already included in their assessment, and if not, ask them to include it. Commissioner Parrish noted that Northwest Florida Water

Management can't directly apply for the funds, but they can apply on behalf of the counties.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approach ARPC about performing an assessment on stormwater on behalf of the county if it hasn't been done already. Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones noted that the State legislature along with money set aside from the Federal government, there is over one billion dollars set aside. Commissioner Parrish noted that since we are a fiscally constrained county, we don't have to meet the 50% match. Mrs. Griffith informed the Board that the Grant application for the vulnerability assessment they approved at the last meeting, was submitted by the deadline. Hopefully, we will get funded. Mr. Moron asked if we could use the stormwater funding to repair Leslie Street. Chairman Jones said it would require a planned assessment. Mrs. Griffith noted that she thought they have already included it in their study. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jones in speaking with commissioners around the state, everyone is having issues in getting inmate labor. Also, when they are going out for bids, they are receiving one. We need to move forward with compiling a strategic plan for Franklin County.

Commissioner Boldt is in support of having someone who can be dedicated to searching for funding sources. Chairman Jones said in the near future the Board will have to increase staff or hire more consultants. Commissioner Ward noted that all counties are facing the same issues, large and small.

ACTION ITEM – Check left off of BILL RUN

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the check for \$9,438.33 that was inadvertently left off of the Bill Run. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Discussion Item: Senior Management Status

At your April 5th meeting, the Board motioned to add Senior Management status to Mr. Charles B. Elliott, the County's Veteran's Service Officer. Franklin County is capped at 10 senior management positions and based on Mrs. Erin Griffith's preliminary research there are currently 9 positions that have been designated as senior management positions. A comprehensive look at positions currently designated versus current management positions without this designation is recommended for your review before any further designations are made. Board discussion.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion directing staff to compile a list of current senior management along with a list of those who should be considered. Seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Discussion Item: Ethics Class

With the ending of the Legislative Sessions and with the FAC summer conference behind you, I would like to schedule your 2022 ethics class. Look at your calendars and let me know if there are any Saturdays in August or September that would present a schedule conflict. Once the date is set, I will invite the constitutional officers and commissioners from both cities to the class. Board discussion.

g. Informational Item: Armory Sprinkler System Update

Mr. Mark Curenton and Mr. Fonda Davis attended a pre-construction meeting for the Fort Coombs Armory Sprinkler System installation on Thursday, June 30th. Mr. Curenton stated that Cook Brothers, Inc., the project contractor, plans to begin construction on Monday, July 11th, and based on the current schedule, the project should be completed by January 30, 2023. I will continue to update the Board as the project progresses.

h. Informational Item: Apalachicola CRA Reimbursement

Last week the county received a \$248,127.00 check from the City of Apalachicola as the refund for the CRA proceeds. As the Board is aware, the City of Apalachicola was not aware that their CRA expired prior to last year, so they should not have received those funds. The Clerk's Finance Office is working with the State's Department of Revenue to correctly "code" these funds into the County's general funds.

i. Informational Item: Draft Rules for BOCC Meetings

Later this week you will receive a draft copy of the Rules of Procedures for your regular meetings. Please review and send me any comments you have regarding the rules. Chairman Jones would like the Board to adopt a final version of these rules at an upcoming meeting.

j. Informational Item: Housing Summit Meeting

At your June 7th meeting, the Board authorized Mrs. Gladys Cook of the Florida Housing Coalition to host a housing summit here in your meeting room. The summit is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. (ET). It will be streamed on Zoom for virtual viewing and participation. Mrs. Cook has reached out to the Sherriff, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. David Walker (Weems) to discuss their specific needs and perhaps have them speak during the summit. A copy of the flyer will be sent to you, the media, and posted on the county's website. If there is anyone else Mrs. Cook should speak to prior to the summit, let me know as soon as possible.

k. Informational Item: DEO Broadband Speed Test

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is asking all Floridians to visit their website and take the Internet speed test and survey at (<https://expressoptimizer2.net/public/index.php?banner=null&entity=Florida&testtype=BPS&recordcounter=2219>). This is an anonymous, one-minute speed test and surveys to help identify opportunities for expansion of broadband services in Florida and can be completed on any device. After taking the test, your anonymous, one-minute speed test results will populate the Broadband Availability Map. The DEO website with the speed test and survey will be posted on the county's website.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Moron to see if there is a Veteran's preference for the Senior Management Status. Mrs. Griffith read a list of requirements from the state of Florida. Mrs. Griffith noted that the cost effect would be something to consider also, as the contribution percentage is substantially higher. Commissioner Parrish asked that the list of employees be considered including whether they qualify or not.

21. County Attorney – Michael Shuler

Attorney Shuler said that he had reviewed the resolution presented by the airport regarding the "Design and Construction of Stormwater and Drainage Improvements" to "Design and Construction of Hangar Roof Upgrades" and he recommends that the Chairman sign the resolution.

Commissioner Boldt asked for Attorney Shuler to make sure the turtle ordinance uniformly includes leave-no-trace across the county. Attorney Shuler noted that he is working on this, and it will be before the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment

22. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Boldt spoke about considering a formal review of the Lanark Village area for the purpose of putting up directional signage. Perhaps an engineering company like Dewberry can give us guidance on the positioning of signage. Chairman Jones noted that this should be covered by 911. Commissioner Parrish noted that homeowners have to display their own addresses on the properties. Commissioner Parrish does not feel it is the county's responsibility to add this information to personal property. Chairman Jones recommended having a GS map done by the regional planning. Mr. Moron suggested having this conversation with Mrs. Brannan at the sheriff's office, and possibly achieving this through electronic mapping.

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Commissioner Lockley said he believes the Board could require the house numbers to be visible. Attorney Shuler said Mrs. Brannan brought an amendment several months ago, one of which was software that would geo-locate the 911 calls. He said he believes they are already on top of this issue.

23. 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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