

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AUGUST 16, 2022  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Bert Boldt, II-Vice-Chairman, Noah Lockley, Joseph Parrish, Jessica V. Ward  
Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron—County Coordinator, and Jessica Gay-Deputy Clerk to the Board

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

**2. Prayer and Pledge**

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

Chairman Jones clarified for the public that the Eastpoint and Apalachicola dredging projects will be at a six to eight-foot minimum guarantee which is the original depth of the channel.

**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 FCBCC minutes from the following meetings: FCBCC 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. Public Comments**

Mr. Rudy Ming is not in favor of beach renourishment and the things that would come with it. No reason for the renourishment to be done.

Ms. Cheryl Sanders came to talk about Project Pebble, and another project that could coincide with it, Project Alpha. A company that is going to disassemble old aircraft. We could utilize the vocational side of the school with welding, etc. Find out what vocations they have at school and how we can build upon them. Tell y'all to look at it and see where it may blend with project Pebble. Big article in Tallahassee Democrat. Ms. Sanders asked the board to go back and remember about beach renourishment. It was voted down by three commissioners, adhering to what the people wanted.

Mr. Randy Taylor resident and not technically representing the fire department. Had a four-year autistic who was on vacation, who fell out of, bed and dislocated their shoulder, seizing, it was about 45 minutes before EMS arrived. We need an EMS dispatch location somewhere between Lanark and Summer Camp. We can do better as a community for ourselves as well as the tourists who come here.

**Department Directors Reports**

**6. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges - Howard Nabors**

**a. Informational Items**

No action items. Not present in person.

**7. Solid Waste Director - Fonda Davis**

**a. Informational Items**

Mr. Davis had nothing for the Board. Commissioner Parrish said he received two or three calls regarding recycling. Mr. Davis said there is no market for it right now other than cardboard. We have bins placed throughout the community. On the other recycle items it is not cost-efficient to collect. Those materials are of a small amount and not as clean as they should be.

**8. Emergency Management Director - Pam Brownell**

**a. Informational Items**

No action items. Not present in person.

**9. Mosquito Control - Dewitt Polous**

**a. Informational Items**

Mr. Polous had no action items for the Board.

**10. Extension Office Director - Erik Lovestrand**

**a. Informational Items**

No action items. Not present in person.

**11. Library Director - Whitney Roundtree**

Ms. Roundtree gave a brief overview of her report to the Board.

**a. Action Item: State Aid to Libraries**

Requesting signatures for the 22-23 Florida State Aid to Libraries grant agreement and certification of library hours.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the 2022-2023 Florida State Aid to Libraries grant agreement and certification of library hours.** Commissioner Lockley inquired as to how much the grant was for. Ms. Roundtree said they do not know at this time. Mrs. Griffith noted that it was around \$60K last year. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **Other Reports**

**12. Interim Airport Manager - Ted Mosteller**

**a. Informational Items**

Mr. Mosteller gave an overview of his report to the Board. Mr. Mosteller made a note of concern when a lady came to the meeting who was handicapped with a walking cane and had problems with getting to the meeting room. He noted in the future we should hold meetings at EOC or an ADA-compliant facility. Attorney Shuler asked whose side of the water meter broke; Mr. Mosteller said it was on the side of the county. The water leak was three feet from where the standpipe comes up. They had to dig up the concrete. Chairman Jones asked if the city was going to replace the meter. Mr. Mosteller said the meter has been changed. Commissioner Lockley inquired about ADA, noting we are not supposed to have meetings unless there is ADA accessibility. Mr. Mosteller said he understands that and noted Mr.

John made all of the arrangements.

## **Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board Report**

### **13. Variance Requests**

#### **a. 1909 Indian Harbor Road**

Consideration of a variance request to construct a single-family residence 7 feet into the front 25-foot setback and 31 feet into the rear 50-foot wetlands setback. Property is described as 1909 Indian Harbor Road, Lot 3, Indian Bay Village, George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Aaron Sarchet, agent for Jay Noonkester, applicant.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the variance request to construct a single-family residence 7 feet into the front 25-foot setback and 31 feet into the rear 50-foot wetlands setback. The property is described as 1909 Indian Harbor Road, Lot 3, Indian Bay Village, George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

### **14. Critical Shoreline Applications**

#### **a. 1909 Indian Harbor Road**

Consideration of a request to construct a 1,620 square foot single-family dock which includes a 4-foot-wide access walkway with a 10'x14' platform on property located at 1909 Indian Harbor Road, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Aaron Sarchet, agent for Jay Noonkester, applicant. State and Federal Permits have been received.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request to construct a 1,620 square foot single-family dock which includes a 4-foot-wide access walkway with a 10'x14' platform on the property located at 1909 Indian Harbor Road, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

### **15. Commercial Site Plan Applications**

#### **a. 357 Hwy 98**

Consideration of a request to construct a 10'x20' addition at property described as 357 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by RW Thomas, agent for Kenneth Shiver, Applicant.

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 10'x20' addition at property described as 357 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

### **16. Final Plat Applications**

#### **a. Coastal Paradise Subdivision**

Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of 3 Lots on a 5 +/- acre parcel 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 and Septic)

The Board recessed at 9:42 am and reconvened at 9:55 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for Final Plat approval of 3 Lots on a 5 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, located in Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Destiny Subdivision**

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

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved a request for Final Plat approval for 8 lots on a 9.67 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, located on Frank McKamey Way, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 5-0.**

**17. Lot Reconfiguration Applications**

**a. Elaine Boone**

Consideration of a request to reconfigure 6 lots located in Section 35, Township 7, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County Florida. Request submitted by Elaine Boone, Applicant.

Attorney Shuler recommended the Board table so that he can determine legality. There are specific statutes that authorize the board to change the legal description on a deed of record. Attorney Shuler s requested the Board table to allow time to research the matter.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board tabled the Lot Reconfiguration Application by Elaine Boone to allow Attorney Shuler time to research. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Bankston announced that the My Franklin County zoning website is set to be launched on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Moron said that we are separating the zoning and building department from the county’s website to make it easier for the public to search.

Commissioner Ward said she had a sneak peek and thanked everyone who had a part, noting it will be a great asset. Commissioner Parrish asked if we could put on the website that if you have something coming before P&Z, the applicant or someone representing you needs to attend the meeting to answer questions. Commissioner Boldt this is one way that you have made county commissioners look good. Mrs. Bankston noted that there will be a link to the payment portal available as well. Chairman Jones said doing things like this is not going to stop interaction with the public, it’s just changing the format. You are still communicating through phone and email. This is another way to communicate with our residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Victoria Hart spoke to the Board about the facilities at the Apalachicola airport. She said that signage needs improvement. There are several laws regarding public laws and public meetings. She said that she pulled up to the building and there were no handicap parking spaces. There was only parking available beyond her ability to walk. Only steps to access the meeting, no ramp no elevator, and no public restrooms. She noted that she uses a cane sometimes because of her heart. She had to get help to get out of the car, and to the meeting room. The meeting should have been held in a facility with ADA compliance. She asked that in the future there be additional planning and thinking of handicapped persons. Commissioner Lockley apologized and said that it will not happen again.

The Board moved to Mrs. Griffith’s report at this time.

**Public Hearings 11:00 a.m. (ET)**

**18. Public Hearing - Prohibiting Parking and Occupation on Public Property**

**11:00**

**a.m. (ET)**

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROHIBITING THE PARKING AND OCCUPATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CAMPERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, WATER VESSELS AND MOBILE HOMES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TOWING AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE AFTER NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR RECOVERY OF TOWING EXPENSES, COSTS OF STORAGE AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Item addressed during Attorney Shuler's report.

## County Staff & Attorney Reports

### 19. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator - Erin Griffith

#### a. Action Item: FRDAP Grant Agreement - Vrooman Park Improvements

Franklin County received the \$200,000 FRDAP grant agreement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Vrooman Park Improvements Project. Five years ago, the county received a \$50,000 FRDAP grant to add the T-ball field and improve the playground and pavilion. This phase will fund drainage improvements for the two primary fields which will require a substantial amount of fill, sod, and clay, replacement of the irrigation system for the two fields, and replacement of the perimeter fencing with the drainage improvements (whether swales or French drains) along the exterior perimeter between the fencing and the path around the park and the access path to the dugouts and concession area, renovation of the batting cage and dugouts, and the construction of a 6' access sidewalk for those with mobility impairments to be able to easily access the park facilities (restrooms are at the back of the Concession Building and the bleachers between the fields are inaccessible by wheelchair or carriage). I have requested a task order from County Engineers Dewberry and Associates to develop the design and bid specifications for the drainage improvements and sidewalk construction. This will be the first project element to be completed. Once this project is ready to go to bid, I will come back to the Board to appoint an advisory committee of park users for this project as it will take careful coordination to schedule the work between sports seasons and will need community input on the other project elements.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the \$200,000 FRDAP Grant Agreement for Vrooman Park.**

Commissioner Ward said from the beginning this is something that she wanted to have done. She said they want to make the park more handicap accessible and will need input from parents of baseball and softball. She said that she is going to reach out to some people who may want to participate with the committee. Chairman Jones noted that the stormwater improvements will definitely be a help. **Motion carried 5-0.**

#### b. Action Item: FRDAP Grant Agreement - SGI Playground Improvements

Franklin County has also received the \$200,000 FRDAP grant agreement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the SGI Playground Improvements. In recent years the county has made strides to improve ADA accessibility at the Beach Park location. The new restrooms are code-compliant, and a Mobi-mat now connects the east side parking area to the beach at Lighthouse Park. The existing playground equipment was removed earlier this year as it had deteriorated beyond repair. The previous set had only minimal play equipment, no surfacing beyond sand which was not accessible by wheelchairs or carriage, and contained no inclusive equipment for users with sensory or mobility impairments. The

proposed playground improvements will lie southeast of the lighthouse and will be located landward of the coastal construction control line (just north of the prior playground). The primary project elements include the construction/installation of an inclusive playground with surface accessibility enhancements/shade and a picnic area. The supporting project elements include low-maintenance native landscaping and turtle-friendly low-voltage security lighting. This project will be based upon a design/bid proposal that will have equipment and features based on contract pricing. Evaluation criteria such as installation timelines, durability, design/usability, and warranty. At the next meeting, I will come back to the Board with the RFP solicitation, proposed ranking criteria, and a request to create an advisory committee for this project to assist in ranking and evaluating the proposals and later cost negotiations subject to available funds with the highest ranked vendor.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish and Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the \$200,000 FRDAP Grant Agreement for the SGI Playground Improvements.** Chairman Jones said this has been a longer process than it should have been, but this is very important for the residents who live on the island and the visitors. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**c. Action Item: Landfill Feasibility Study - Transfer Station / New Landfill**

As mentioned previously, 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. As reported in July, I asked County Engineers Dewberry and Associates for a proposal to present for consideration by the Board to assist the county in 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 attached proposal will address the 'unknowns' at this time and help weigh the counties options moving forward by establishing cost estimates, needs, and requirements relative to transitioning to a transfer station operation vs. a landfill expansion cost estimate based on expansion data less the associated costs specific to a new site location/property acquisition. This study will also provide a basis for a RESTORE construction grant application with Treasury with necessary cost estimates should the county decide to pursue transitioning to a transfer station operation whereas construction costs would be eligible for RESTORE funding.

**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 Landfill Feasibility Study Task Order with County Engineers Dewberry & Associates. Motion carried 5-0.**

**d. Action Item: SGI Fishing Pier Access Road - No cost time extension**

FEMA-funded repairs are underway on the SGI Fishing Pier Access Road. The contractor has experienced delays due to a delay in the delivery of the guardrail material and rain. The areas of damaged pavement have been removed and the contractor anticipates being able to pave tomorrow, weather permitting.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached no-cost time extension change order #1 which will extend the project's final completion date to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the SGI Fishing Pier Access Road Repairs. Motion carried 5-0.

**e. Action Item: Armory Change Order**

Cook Brothers, Inc. has been working with project architects Gilchrist, Ross, and Crowe to address issues that have come up during construction at Fort Coombs Armory. The proposed items include window repairs and replacement in the men's restroom, wall repairs in the meeting room, removal of contaminated insulation in the mechanical room, and removal of mechanical piping protruding below the new ceiling in the meeting room. The total proposed increase in costs is \$18,380 for all items mentioned. As the project is moving along quickly, the architects feel comfortable that a construction contingency of \$5,000 should be enough to see the project to completion after any additional work covered by this proposal. Does the BOCC wish to address any of the issues outlined in the attached costs proposal? If approved, the architects will draft a formal contract change order for approval at your next meeting for the approved task items. If any additional task items are approved, does the BOCC wish to request TDC funding for the additional expense as Coombs Armory serves as the county's convention center?

Commissioner Parrish asked if this was \$18,000 additional money and if they are suggesting that the money comes from TDC. Mrs. Griffith said it would have to come from TDC and their board would have to approve it. Mr. Moron said this is one of the things that we can ask TDC to pay for that is a perfect way to spend the money.

**On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved asking TDC to fund the \$18,380 for the individual task items for the Fort Coombs Armory Project.** Mrs. Griffith noted that the project is ahead of schedule. She also noted that the \$18,380 is for the items mentioned above and asked the Board if they wanted to approve a \$5,000 contingency for the architect. Commissioner Parrish asked if it was in the original project. Mrs. Griffith stated that the contingency was not included in the original project. **Commissioner Parrish amended his motion to include approval of the \$5,000 contingency for the architect. Commissioner Lockley seconded the amended motion.** Commissioner Ward asked if anyone had spoken with TDC about the expense. Mrs. Griffith said Mr. Solomon is aware and will have to present the item to the TDC board for approval. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**20. County Coordinator - Michael Morón**

**a. Action Item: Forestry Fire Protection Agreement**

Currently, the Florida Forest Service provides fire protection for 59,173 acres of county-owned forest and wildland based on Contract #1911 dated 07/01/1988. Last week, county staff received a request from the Florida Forest Service to amend the contract reducing the fire protection coverage to 44,342 acres. The reduction in acres will also reduce the cost of the coverage from \$4,142.11 to \$3,103.94. The State needed this amendment signed and returned last week so that the reduction would be in effect for the upcoming fiscal year. So, I had Attorney Shuler review the amended contract and asked the Chairman to sign it.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and ratified the Chairman's signature on the amendment to Contract #1911 with the Florida Fire Service.** Commissioner Ward asked why the area had decreased. Commissioner Parrish said so this is a county-owned forest, so if we wanted to do something there, we could? Mr. Moron said he can't really answer that question. Commissioner Parrish said he always thought it was state-owned. Mr. Moron asked if the Board would like him to get a map of what they are saying we own. Attorney Shuler said he believes this is just a typo and he has never heard that the county-owned 44k acres. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **b. Action Item: VFD Communications**

Recently, the Board has heard of and discussed communication issues between the Sheriff's Dispatch office and all the County's Volunteer Fire Departments and Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department's need for a new repeater. Over the last few weeks, Mr. Tal Whiddon (Williams Communications), Mrs. Renee Brannan (Chief Dispatcher), and I have discussed possible solutions to these issues. We are still working on some options to have all the Volunteer Fire Departments use the same notification procedures on VHF channels and E-Dispatch. However, this morning I do have a \$13,784.38 quote from Williams Communications for the purchase and installation of a new repeater for the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department. I am assured by Mr. Whiddon that this repeater will have the capability to be incorporated into whatever communication option and plan the Board agrees to for all its Volunteer Fire Departments. There is a separate \$26,854.00 quote, for the purchase and programming of new radios for the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department which will be for paid for by the VFD. I recommend that the County pay for the new repeater. I've discussed this matter with a representative of the City's VFD, and they agree with this recommendation.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized a \$13,784.38 payment for a new repeater for the City of Apalachicola's Volunteer Fire Department.** Commissioner Lockley said he wants to fix all of the repeaters and radios throughout the county. Mr. Moron noted that SGIs repeater relies on phone lines, so we are going to have to figure a better way. Mr. Moron said we are looking at them all to come up with a plan. Commissioner Parrish echoed Commissioner Lockley's sentiment that we need to fix it throughout the county. Mr. Moron gave a special thank you to Mr. Carl Whaley, as he was a good sounding board in this process. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **c. Discussion Item: BOCC Meeting Rules**

As you have been reviewing the draft copy of the Board's meeting rules and procedures, would you like to discuss any items in the document or suggest any possible changes? Are we ready to add a final draft of the rules to the next meeting agenda or report?

Commissioner Ward asked if we could add something about people joining via Zoom. For example, how long the delay is, and add verbiage about pausing for a response to allow for delay. We could also add that if you have a presentation you must appear via video Zoom. Commissioner Boldt explained to the public what the purpose of the three-minute rule is, to efficiently run the meeting. The three-minute rules are not related to restricting freedom of speech.

## **d. Informational Item: Weems Presentation - Carrabelle Pharmacy**

Weems will be on the September 20<sup>th</sup> agenda to discuss a new pharmacy at Weems East in Carrabelle. Mr. David Walker asks that you contact him with any questions or concerns about the pharmacy prior to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **e. Informational Item: Fire Coordinator Upcoming LVSJ Meeting Update**

The next meeting with the LVSJ VFD Fire Coordinator will be in late August or early September. I am working on the logistics to live stream and record that meeting on Zoom. I will advertise the date on local media and the County's website once it has been scheduled.

Commissioner Boldt noted that we may should look at stationing an ambulance in Lanark Village, so the east end of the county has more access. Commissioner Boldt now that we have taken over governance of VFD, one of the benefits we now have is the ownership of the building and property. Maybe we could



modify the building to accommodate EMS.

**f. Informational Item: TDC Vendor Advertisements**

The Request for Qualifications advertisements for the TDC vendor contracts should be in next week's newspapers. We will advertise the RFQs using the same process as with other bids, which is to advertise in the Apalachicola Times, the Panama City News Herald, and on Demand Star. Attorney Shuler is currently reviewing the RFQs before we submit them for advertising.

**g. Informational Item: Final Airport Master Plan Reminder**

Links to the Final Airport Master Plan documents were uploaded to the County's website last week to allow the public an opportunity to review and submit comments. These links will remain there until September 15<sup>th</sup> and then the Final Draft will be presented to you, with comments, at your September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval and submission. Here is the link:

<https://www.franklincountyflorida.com/2022/08/10/aaf-airport-master-plan-final-draft/>

**h. Informational Item: Alligator/Bald Point Parking Committee Update**

Commissioner Boldt is working on a list of names to submit to this Board for final approval to create an Alligator /Bald Point Parking Committee to discuss and create options for discussion on long-term parking solutions for the public that want to enjoy the beach. This committee will consist of APTA members and non-APTA members. Commissioner Boldt expects to have this list to the Board in September.

**i. Informational Item: Ethics Class Date Update**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Ethics Class is now scheduled for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in this meeting room. As stated in an earlier meeting, I will extend an invitation to City Commissioners and Constitutional officers that may need this class.

**j. Informational Item: FAC Calendar Submission**

I would like to publicly thank your Tourist Development Council for submitting pictures, on behalf of the County, to the Florida Association of Counties for their 2023 FAC Calendar Photo Contest. This year's theme is "Keep Calm and Love Water".

**The Board moved to the PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME.**

**21. County Attorney - Michael Shuler**

**a. Action Item: Public Hearing on Ordinance to Remove RVs, Other Vehicles and Vessels Used as Residences from Unimproved Right of Way**

Attorney Shuler presented the proposed ordinance to the board explaining what had initiated the draft of the proposal.

Commissioner Boldt asked if this includes if someone buys a piece of property and puts a camper on it. Attorney Shuler said no there is a separate ordinance that already regulates the ability to occupy a camper. For instance, there is allowance during construction, or if someone comes to visit. This ordinance refers to being placed on public property and not abandoned. If it were abandoned, you could

red-tag and tow away. These are not abandoned. Chairman called for public comments and there were none. Attorney Shuler said the Board can discuss among themselves at this time. He noted that the Board could adopt as presented or adopt with changes or table/deny. Chairman Jones noted in the heading there is a reference for the cost of storage. Attorney Shuler said it will be towed to whatever facility the towing company uses and they will have to pay the storage company to recover.

Attorney Shuler said the process would be that the county would notify the tow company and the tow company would pick it up if not removed during the time allowed by the notice. Attorney Shuler said the tow company will sell the property to recover their costs. Commissioner Parrish said he wanted to make sure there is a penalty for having it towed. There should be something in the ordinance that if you put things on public property there is a certain fine amount. Chairman Jones said he believes this is valid, but if there is a penalty on the front end then you can almost assure, they aren't going to move it because they are going to be paying a fine. I think over time it will work itself out.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the proposed ordinance to Remove RVs, Other Vehicles, and Vessels used as Residences from the Unimproved Right of Way. Motion carried 5-0.**

**b. Action Item: 342 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Florida, Property Purchase**

Board Action Requested: Board approval for issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$181,564.25 and to authorize the chairman to sign the closing documents.

**On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$181,564.25 and authorized the Chairman to sign the closing documents. Motion carried 5-0.**

**c. Action Item: Leave No Trace Ordinance - Possible Expansion of Geographic Area**

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and possible action to include Carrabelle Public Beach in the Leave No Trace Ordinance requirements.

Commissioner Ward asked if we may utilize the people who do turtle control so that we aren't relying on parks and recreation. She said that she could reach out to them to see if they would be interested. Attorney Shuler we can chat to see if they want to get involved, but I would have to review the legality of having private citizens enforce county ordinances. Commissioner Lockley said there could be an issue with volunteers overstepping their authority.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved including Carrabelle Public Beach in the Leave No Trace Ordinance requirements. Motion carried 5-0.**

**d. Informational Item: McIntyre Road Special Use Permit**

The signed special use permit to allow the Florida Forest Service to use McIntyre Road for the removal of pine trees infested with the Southern Pine Beetle is attached.

The permit expired on August 10, 2022, and Forestry was informed not to use McIntyre Road any longer unless and until they secured an extension of the permit from the County Commission.

**e. Informational Item: Medical Examiner Temporary Agreement**

Attorney Shuler reported that he has received the signature pages for the temporary medical examiner contract. The original signature pages have been delivered to Mr. Moron so that he can distribute a fully signed copy to the county and the medical examiner, Dr. Thogmartin.

**f. Informational Item: First Workshop to Consider Possible Overlay District for Highway 98 Corridor, Eastpoint, Florida**

The Eastpoint Civic Association indicated at their last meeting they intend to perform the feasibility by the end of September. They will hold the next workshop after the feasibility study so we will have the benefit of the study.

**g. Informational Item: Local Building Code and Local Licensing**

**h. Informational Item: Alligator Point VFD Property Purchase**

Mr. John Berry appeared before the Board with some information on the purchase of the property from Alligator Point. There are two lots of Angus Morrison and lot 5 that were purchased with MSBU funds. How do we buy something from ourselves? If something was purchased with MSBU funds it shouldn't be in someone else's name.

## **Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment**

### **22. Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Boldt said he had the opportunity to spend some time with Mrs. Griffith regarding our budget. He encouraged each of the board to sit down and go over it with her. He commented on the uniqueness of Lanark Village.

Commissioner Lockley said he would like for the airport to start applying for money to make the airport ADA compliant, noting all of the buildings are supposed to be ADA-compliant. In the meantime, he requested that they hold their meetings at the EOC or at the county so people with disabilities can get in. He requested all county buildings be inspected for ADA compliance. Mr. Moron said that they plan to check from the parking lots to the ramps, etc. He said that he will get with Mr. John Collins and the engineer and will have something to report to you at the next meeting.

Attorney Shuler asked if everyone who filled out a speaker card was able to speak. Mr. Moron confirmed everyone was able to call back once we were back online.

Commissioner Boldt said we have many options moving forward on the Alligator Point Drive, we have an excellent study coming up from MRD. He suggested we work with the Supervisor of Elections to create a ballot for the residents who live in that area to decide how we move forward.

Chairman Jones said that just to put all of the residents at ease, the dredging contractor has begun putting up permit signs over the weekend. He would like to make sure the public is aware they are about to commence that type of work. Both projects are supposed to be the same width and depth as they were the last time they were done. The minimum is 6-8 feet, but the overrun can be 10-12 feet.

### **23. Adjournment**

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

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**Ricky Jones – Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts**

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