

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 4, 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.

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 Budget Workshop on 7/21/22 and the 2nd Budget Public Hearing on 9/19/22. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Payment of County Bills

a. September 30, 2022 - End of 2021/22 Fiscal Year

b. October 4, 2022

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 from September 30, 2022 – End of 2021-22 Fiscal Year, and October 4, 2022. Motion carried 5-0

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

Mr. Moron requested that the Board reschedule the public hearing due to the Army Corps of Engineers meeting scheduled at the same time. On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved rescheduling the public hearing on the ordinance related to the Location of Garbage Cans in Lanark Village. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Boldt said he thinks this is important to have a good discussion, looking forward to standing by to hear input. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Moron said we will be going through our meeting quickly today so that we can attend the Corps meeting virtually. He noted that this is the Corps' meeting and we do not control the agenda. The format will be to funnel all of our questions to the Chairman. If the public has any questions or comments, we can either take public comments now or open discussion during my item on the agenda. Mr. Moron suggested waiving the public comments cards in order for anyone who would like to present a

question to be able to do so. Chairman Jones said he believes that would be a good idea. Mr. Moron said I will offer my email and monitor that this morning to have your questions and comments before the Chairman before the meeting at 11 am. Commissioner Ward said she did send an email with questions.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Constitutional Officers

6. Clerk of the Circuit Court - Michele Maxwell

Action Item: Special Manual Check for Insurance Open Enrollment

I am requesting the Board's approval to issue a manual check for the employee insurance premium payment. Due to open enrollment and updating all of the employee changes, our finance department was not able to include this check in the regular bill run.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the issuance of a manual check for the employee insurance premium payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Directors Reports

7. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges - Howard Nabors

No action items. Mr. Nabors noted that he did get up with Mr. Turner about the ditch on School Road. There is a portion that someone else owns that we will need to get an easement. I told him we would add him in and cut the ditch regularly. Commissioner Parrish said he liked the calendar that we received showing how many inmates we are receiving. This gives us specific details. Mr. Nabors said that way you know how many we are getting on a daily and weekly basis. Commissioner Boldt noted that the eastern terminus of Gulf Shore Blvd, the road has eroded seaward. He asked if Mr. Nabors' crew could go and see if that debris could be removed and cleaned out. Mr. Nabors said that he would have someone take a look at it, but we will have to make sure we don't get too close to the water. Chairman Jones asked if the calendar was inmates the road department and parks/recs were getting. Mr. Nabors noted that it was just the road department.

8. Solid Waste Director - Fonda Davis

Mr. Davis announced that Mr. Shawn Kilgore was hired for the scale house position, and he had another resignation from Parks and Recs. We are now down two employees. Commissioner Boldt encouraged Mr. Davis to push the benefits the county offers when advertising the positions. Commissioner Ward said she has received a lot of comments on Amnesty Day, and how methodically planned out it was. She commended Mr. Davis and his staff for the success in this for our citizens. Mr. Davis said he could not take all of the credit and noted Sheriff Smith also allowed some of his employees to assist with this.

9. Emergency Management Director - Pam Brownell

Mrs. Brownell had no action items. She did update the Board on two systems forming with one system having an 80% chance of forming some kind of tropical development over the next five days but moving upward and one having an

40% formation and looking at possibly Venezuela. Commissioner Ward asked if anyone down in the area affected by Hurricane Ian needs anything. She said maybe we could help alongside the sheriff. Mrs. Brownell said they are asking for people to donate money through the volunteer Florida organization, and we have posted that on our website. Chairman Jones thanked Mrs.

Brownell and her staff for everything they have done and continue to do.

10. Extension Office Director - Erik Lovstrand

Mr. Lovstrand had no action items. He said he would be happy to answer any questions about his report. There were none.

11. Library Director - Whitney Roundtree

Ms. Roundtree had no action items. She gave the following information,

The Franklin County Public Libraries will be spending the week of October 17-23, 2022, celebrating its Friends of the Libraries group as part of the 16th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week, sponsored by the American Library Association.

The Friends of the Franklin County Public Libraries (FFCPL) was established in 1994. The organization was instrumental in the building of two county libraries. With funds donated to the Friends, the current Carrabelle library building was opened in 2002. In addition, through donations, grants, and a USDA loan, the current Eastpoint building and administrative offices were opened in 2013. The Eastpoint building is completely maintained by the Friends. Franklin County rents the building from the Friends, which helps to offset some of the maintenance costs. The Friends provide funding for the Summer Reading Program as well as other programs throughout the year.

Displays will be set up in each library branch during the National Friends of Libraries Week highlighting the work of the Friends. Anyone who renews or joins during that week for the upcoming year will be entered in a raffle for one of several baskets to be given away.

In addition, the Friends annual meeting will be held on Wednesday of that week, October 19, 2022, at 5 pm at the Carrabelle branch. All Friends members are welcome. New board members will be elected. A special presentation will be made in honor of Jackie Gay, who was instrumental at the beginning of the building fund for Carrabelle through her winnings from Newman's Own and Good Housekeeping Recipe contest for her Frankly Fantastic Gumbo recipe. Refreshments will also be served.

Commissioner Ward said she was able to use some of her district's road paving funds to pave the parking lot at the library.

Other Reports

12. Interim Airport Manager - Ted Mosteller

Mr. Mosteller had no action items. He reported that the new Windssock was received on Wednesday, and it will be installed after the wind settles a little back to normal.

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

3. Action Item: Airport Task Order

Attached is Task Order No. 9 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project at the Apalachicola Regional Airport. Stormwater improvements will include the removal of vegetation and debris from existing stormwater conveyance swales (Exhibit B), replacement of existing stormwater pipes and inlets (Exhibit C), and rehabilitation of the West Apron inlets (Exhibit D). This \$950,000 project is funded by FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement G2194.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on Task Order No. 9 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Apalachicola Regional Airport.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman's signature on Task Order No. 9 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Apalachicola Regional Airport. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Boldt asked if we had a defined movement going forward to ensure that every hangar is supporting an aircraft. Mr. Mosteller said yes. Mr. Moron said we will do an inspection of all hangars and bring a report back to the Board. The Board will have to make a policy decision to address those that are not using the hangars for aircraft-related storage.

County Staff & Attorney Reports

13. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator - Erin Griffith

1. BOARD ACTION: 2022 Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) Update

Attached to my report is the County's 2022 Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP), updated by Mrs. Deborah Belcher. Board approval of this document, including the narrative, is a requirement for DOJ grants. Mrs. Belcher has stated that the 2022 version is very similar to the 2019 version.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2022 EEOP certification and update which was electronically filed.

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's signature on the 2022 EEOP certification and update which was electronically filed. Motion carried 5-0.

2. BOARD ACTION: Budget Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Attached are three resolutions for the adoption of unanticipated revenues as part of the end-of-the-fiscal year bookkeeping. These funds were not included in your original adopted 2021/2022 budget because at the time of budget adoption they were unanticipated. Florida Statute 129 allows a county 60-days after the end of a fiscal year to incorporate unanticipated revenues into the prior year's budget. As grant invoices are processed for work completed through September 30th, resolutions and amendments will be a part of my report through November.

The 1st resolution is for \$555,326 in federal grant funds received from the US Department of Transportation relative to the LAP Alligator Drive Multi-Use Path Project. The 2nd resolution is for \$40,114 in spring auction proceeds which in turn funded capital outlay for the Parks and Recreation Department. The 3rd resolution is for \$125,000 in state grant funds received from the Florida Division of Emergency Management relative to the EOC design grant.

Board action to adopt the three attached budget resolutions.

RESOLUTION FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS the Franklin County Board of County Commission has received \$40,114.00 in unanticipated auction proceeds from the sale of surplus equipment in the landfill, animal control and parks departments to use for expenses associated with Parks Department.

WHEREAS said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and

WHEREAS FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.70.572.6401 Parks & Recreation - Mach. & Equip. > \$5,000 \$40,114.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$40,114.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS 129 (2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of October 2022.

RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS Franklin County will receive unanticipated federal grant revenues in the amount of \$555,326.00 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses relative to the LAP Alligator Drive Multi-Use Path Project and

WHEREAS said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and

WHEREAS FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.572.6301 Infrastructure - Alligator Drive MU Path \$555,326.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$555,326 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS 129 (2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of October 2022.

RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter

129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS Franklin County will receive unanticipated state grant revenues in the amount of \$125,000.00 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the payment of expenses relative to the design of the new Emergency Operations Center and

WHEREAS said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and

WHEREAS FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.20.511.6202 Buildings - Emergency Operations Center \$125,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$125,000.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of October 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted the three budget resolutions listed above. Motion carried 5-0.

3. BOARD ACTION: Budget Amendment - Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Budget amendments move budgeted amounts between line items during the fiscal year. The amendment below is needed to move budgeted funds from the Landfill Tipping Fee Capital Outlay line item to the Tipping Fee Repair and Professional Services line items to cover additional expenses relative to the emergency repair of the landfill pumps and additional fuel surcharge/volume relative to transport and disposal.

DECREASE 304.40.534.6401	Tipping Fees - Capital Outlay	\$	86,165.00
INCREASE 304.40.534.4600	Tipping Fees - Professional Services	\$	35,000.00
INCREASE 304.40.534.4600	Tipping Fees - Repair & Maintenance	\$	51,165.00

Board Action to approve the line-item budget amendment summarized above.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the line-item budget amendment summarized above. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD ACTION: DEO Hurricane Michael Assistance Grant Task Order Lighting Layout

At your last meeting, the Board received the amended scope agreement Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Hurricane Michael Assistance Grant. The new scope includes \$355,000 for the replacement of the ballfield lights at Vrooman Park with modern energy-efficient, programmable, and wind zone-compliant lights. The light poles at Vrooman Park have been leaning since the hurricane and many of the light fixtures were damaged by the storm. As

Vrooman Park has also received FRDAP funding this year for drainage and ADA access improvements, the lighting project will require careful coordination for work to be done alongside other improvements. I asked county engineers Dewberry and Associates for a task order to assist in the layout and preliminary design of the lighting project to be billed at contracted hourly rates as services are needed up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached task order for the Vrooman Park Lighting Project.

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 attached task order for the Vrooman Park Lighting Project. Commissioner Ward confirmed the money to fund this is included in the grant. Mrs. Griffith confirmed. **Motion carried 5-0.**

14. County Coordinator - Michael Morón

1. Action Item: Public Hearing for Lanark Village Trash Can Ordinance Today at 11:00 a.m. (ET) the Board will participate virtually on a Pre- Construction Meeting hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the operations and maintenance dredging of the Eastpoint and Two-Mile Federal Navigation Channels. This time schedule conflicts with today's advertised scheduled public hearing for a Lanark Village Trash Can Ordinance. It is my recommendation that the Board cancel today's public hearing and discuss rescheduling and re-advertising this public hearing at a future meeting.

Board action to cancel today's public hearing for a Lanark Village Trash Can Ordinance.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

2. Action Item: TDC Vendors 90-Day Contracts

Last week, it was brought to my attention that the current TDC vendor contracts would expire on Friday, September 30, 2022. I contacted Mr. John Solomon, TDC Administrator, and he confirmed that the contracts ended on Friday. I asked Mr. Solomon to contact each vendor to negotiate a temporary contract. Mr. Solomon's recommendation is a 90-day temporary contract paid at the 2022-23 Vendor Contracted Retainer amounts, with all other terms and language consistent with the expired contracts. So monthly retainer amounts will go to \$3333.33 for two of the vendors, \$3000.00 for another, and \$1250.00 for the fourth vendor. Mr. Solomon said all other amounts and percentages for additional services will remain the same. I am confident that the process to read aloud the RFQ submittals, presentations before the review committee, and selection of the vendors by this Board will be completed prior to the end of the 90-day temporary contract.

Board action to authorize Attorney Shuler to create a 90-day temporary contract for the four current TDC vendors at the 2022-23 FY Vendor Contracted Retainer amounts.

Commissioner Lockley asked why this wasn't taken care of beforehand and before the expiration of the contracts. I do not see where this takes 90 days to get done. Mr. Moron said we haven't gone out for bid in so many years, it became a process of finding the ads that were done in 2018-19. The TDC had to update the ads to what is expected from the vendors, and then Attorney Shuler had to review the contracts. Mr. Moron said he did not realize that we were looking at the expiration of the contracts at the end of September. We were supposed to open the bids this morning, but unfortunately, we were closed due to the storm. There are several vendors from down south that plan to submit bids. Then the TDC board will review the bids and provide a recommendation to the Board. Unfortunately, the TDC board publicly stated that they just wanted to renew the vendor contracts automatically. We had to keep our arms' distance to avoid any conflicts. Commissioner Lockley said you are asking to pay someone when the job is over. Chairman Jones said Mr. Moron is asking for a temporary contract. Commissioner Parrish said if it doesn't take 90 days, then whoever is awarded the contract will take over the work. While you are following this process, the temporary contract will allow the vendors to continue doing what they are doing, this is just a figure of speech, up to 90 days. Mr. Moron said we could ask Attorney Shuler to write into the contract up to 90 days. Commissioner Parrish said we could do 30 days,

but we may have to do this again provided it is not ready by then. Commissioner Lockley said it needs to be set in stone how it is supposed to be done. Mr. Moron said the Board needs to send the TDC a process on how they want to handle this moving forward. Commissioner Lockley said it does not look good on us to wait until the day after the contract is over.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt to authorize Attorney Shuler to create an up to a 60-day temporary contract for the four current TDC vendors at the 2022-23 FY Vendor Contracted Retainer amounts.

Commissioner Boldt said there is something to be said about continuity of care if there is some way to give merit to the scoring system when reviewing the bids. Commissioner Lockley said he goes along with that too, he is not saying they are not doing their job but according to their contract, they don't work for the county. Commissioner Ward said I do believe the current vendors do a phenomenal job, I agree with Mr. Moron and creating a process in the future so that we are not in this predicament again. Mr. Moron said in regard to the scoresheet, I believe we have to do the scoresheet based on the qualifications/specification of the bid request.

Chairman Jones said he looked back into the minutes trying to find the prior discussion. We had talked about having these contracts staggered. We never voted on this item. The current vendor contracts had automatic renewal. There was no lack of action to wrap this up, we started down a different road. Everything has to be done by this Board in the sunshine and on the records. Commissioner Parrish said we can't have or make allowance for vendors in the past. It must be transparent. We can't give a preference to the current vendors. If so, then going out for a bid is useless. Everyone should be allowed the same opportunity. If you are going to give a preference, there is no sense in going out for bids. We do not do this for contractors.

Commissioner Parrish suggested adding it to the vendor contracts the process of bids, and when they will be due. Commissioner Boldt said he does think there is a very important component of working with vendors, something that is recognized of the years and time being put in by the vendors in the past. Chairman Jones said the RFQs have already been sent out, any discussion we have this morning, is about a future process, it will not affect what has been sent out. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Action Item: Airport Task Order

Attached is Task Order No. 9 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project at the Apalachicola Regional Airport. Stormwater improvements will include the removal of vegetation and debris from existing stormwater conveyance swales (Exhibit B), replacement of existing stormwater pipes and inlets (Exhibit C), and rehabilitation of the West Apron inlets (Exhibit D). This \$950,000 project is funded by FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement G2194.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on Task Order No. 9 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements at Apalachicola Regional Airport.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

4. Action Item: School District Homecoming Parade

The Franklin County School Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 28th beginning at 1:30 p.m. (ET). Highway 98 will be closed from 1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. as the parade commences at the intersection of CA Gillespie and Highway 98, then will travel east on Highway 98, then ending at the Jefferson Street and Highway 98 intersection. The Sheriff's Traffic Division is aware of the parade route and Old Ferry Dock Road onto Bluff Road and Patton Drive onto Island Drive will be the detour routes.

Board action to authorize the closing of Highway 98 and the detour routes on October 28th for the School Homecoming Parade.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the closing of Highway 98 and the detour routes on October 28th for the School Homecoming Parade. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Action Item: FAC 2022 Legislative Conference

Registration is now open for the 2022 Legislative Conference from November 30th to December 2nd at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront in Pinellas County. This is the final opportunity for County Commissioners to debate and vote on the policy priorities that will guide the Association's advocacy efforts throughout the 2023 Legislative Session. If you are planning on attending, notify staff as soon as possible, as this is a popular conference among the membership. Board action to authorize travel and expenses for Board members to attend.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized travel and expenses for Board members to attend the FAC 2022 Legislative Conference.

Chairman Jones said he will be attending the meeting. There is a potential legislative position in reference to the reorganization of the EPWSD. There are a couple of others, I will get those to you. Franklin County is on a couple of policy issues. Mr. Moron said to push really hard because he and Mrs. Griffith do not want to run a water district.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Action Item: Boat Ramp at Alligator Harbor

The following is a request from Mr. Mark Curenton: Recent telephone conferences between the various state agencies and Franklin County revealed that none of the state agencies have any plans to build a boat ramp into Alligator Harbor to support the aquaculture farmers that are working leases in the Harbor. The consensus among the state agencies is that Franklin County is responsible for providing any boat ramp

improvements at the existing locations of Leonard's Landing and Sun 'N Sand Boulevard. The updated draft management plan for Bald Point State Park is available for review now. It does not reflect any new boat ramp into Alligator Harbor. There is a public meeting on Wednesday, October 5, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point to take public comments on the proposed plan. The public, including Franklin County, can also submit written comments until October 19. Does the County want to make any comments about the failure of this draft plan to provide for a new boat ramp into Alligator Harbor? If the County wants to pursue having the State of Florida provide adequate boat access to Alligator Harbor for the aquaculture farmers, which staff member does the County Commission want to assign this responsibility?

Discussion and possible action.

Commissioner Parrish asked who was holding the public meeting. Mr. Moron said the state agency, basically, they have a plan, and they will take comments. Commissioner Parrish said they are the ones issuing these permits to aquaculturally cultivate oysters. Mr. Moron said there are two lots down there for sale, they suggest we should buy those and turn them into a parking lot. That is a residential area. That won't benefit the leaseholder. Commissioner Parrish asked what the state is expecting when they issued all these leases. Mr. Moron said they really don't care. Commissioner Parrish said so it is the county's responsibility to accommodate this. Commissioner Boldt said Leonard's Landing is full of sediment, there is no parking that accommodates a long truck and trailer. I have been pushing that the state should donate property for parking near Leonard's Landing and west of there. There has been no thought to the need of serving these leases that they have created. Mr. Moron said Commissioner Elect Sanders had requested to speak on this issue. Commissioner Ward asked who currently owns the boat ramps. Chairman Jones said these are not boat ramps, more like street ends. Chairman Jones said we have not issued any permits; they have some skin in this game other than issuing permits. They own about 90% of our property, we deserve more than payment in lieu of timber.

We need something from the state of Florida due to them being the primary property owner in the county. Mrs. Cheryl Sanders said the DEP parks and recs should have contacted the county and had someone from the Board sitting on their board. She suggested the county contact DEP and find out why we don't have a representative from Franklin County sitting on the committee. It is very important that we have someone sitting on that committee to ensure that we have the things that Chairman Jones noted. Commissioner Ward said in her discussion with Chris Colberg that when I was talking about cleaning up the parks, I recall him saying something along the line of that, I will reach back out to him to let him know we do need a member from our Board. Commissioner Ward said she will contact Mr. Colberg today.

Commissioner Ward said the state wants to give us the stuff to be responsible for but when we need something, like a bike trail or affordable housing, crickets. Mr. Moron suggested sending a letter after the meeting tomorrow so that we can see what is said. Commissioner Lockley asked if Mr. Moron could find out how many leases have been given out in Franklin County and why we are responsible for the entire thing? Commissioner Lockley would like to know how many leaseholders reside in Franklin County. Commissioner Ward asked from whom they were taking public comments tomorrow, and Mr. Moron said from the public. Commissioner Parrish said neither one of these locations have official boat ramps, you can not get permits to put a boat ramp here. They are not going to let you dredge there. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Mr. Moron to attend on behalf of the county and then draft a letter of response, seconded by Commissioner Boldt.** Commissioner Boldt noted he had received an email regarding the meeting and will forward it to Mr. Moron. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

7. Informational Item: SJLV FD Training Postponed

I've been in contact with Mr. Robert Amick (SJLV FD Fire Coordinator), who resides in the Port Charlotte area, about how he and his family fared from Hurricane Ian. Mr. Amick stated that he and his staff suffered damage to their homes and the office, but they are all safe. They are working on cleaning up and supporting the local fire departments, therefore the October 6th meeting and training at the St. James/Lanark Village Fire Department will be postponed for a couple of weeks. Once a new date is set, that information will be posted at the Fire Department, Chillas Hall, on the County's website, and sent to the local media. I will continue to keep the Board and the public updated on this matter. Commissioner Boldt noted that this announcement was made at the SGIVF meeting last night.

8. Discussion Item: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Pre-Construction Meeting - Operations and Maintenance Dredging of Eastpoint & Two-Mile 1.

Chairman Jones said he plans to reaffirm the overall depth of the Eastpoint channel, in particular. He was told a minimum of 8 ft but will clarify. He said some of the paperwork looks like they are not looking at the entirety of the channel. They are asking us to commit more money, plan to clarify if we need to do a change order while the project is being done. The timeline sent yesterday shows them starting in Eastpoint in a couple of weeks. Then in the next month, they will bring in two dredges to dredge Eastpoint and Apalachicola at the same time. Commissioner Lockley spoke in opposition to giving them any more money. Commissioner Parrish said these are federal channels and should be maintained with federal dollars. The county has had to put in five million dollars, why is this not paid for by the federal government? They are not included in their budgets. The maintenance of these channels is not being submitted in their budgets. It doesn't make sense that we have to take our money out of the consortium to pay for these. It makes you wonder if these are not part of the water wars and not retaliatory. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. Chairman Jones said what started us on the reiteration a few years ago was they let the board know they had three million for appropriation to the channel. Most of that money has been spent on getting us to this point. Commissioner Boldt asked if the channel would provide deeper access. Commissioner Parrish said when you talk about going deeper, they have to determine what they can do with breakwater, it will create so much more of a cubic yard, you can only go so far. I think that has a lot to do with the length and width. This permit will determine what size of the field on the breakwaters. Commissioner Lockley said there is no way they are going to give us money, they have given us money before Hurricane Katrina hit, then they said they had to use it in New Orleans. Discussion about how they asked for more money. Commissioner Parrish as it relates to the funding for these channels, in the future, we are not going to have the ability to pay for it. We would like them to consider it to be submitted as part of their budget. Commissioner Boldt said it

seems that after the project they ought to have a review every other year or so. To know when it is time to refresh those projects and keep us informed. Commissioner Ward said what is frustrating for us, twenty years is too long to dredge a channel, we are low on the totem pole, in the future maybe we should look at a plan to facilitate it more often than twenty years.

15. County Attorney - Michael Shuler

Action Item: Extend the Contract to Purchase Alligator Point Fire Department Property for up to 60 days

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved extending the contract to purchase Alligator Point Fire Department Property for up to 60 days. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- 16. Public Hearings - Location of Garbage Cans in Lanark Village - 11:00 a.m. (ET) AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA REGULATING THE LOCATION OF GARBAGE CANS IN PART OF LANARK VILLAGE FLORIDA; REGULATING CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICK-UP; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

This item was postponed until a later meeting.

Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment

17. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Boldt asked if we could engage Steve Paterson to look at signage at the apartments at Lanark Village. Commissioner Boldt said he would like the Board to consider reinstating the review committee at Lanark Village and asked them to rethink the value of the review board.

18. Adjournment

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

19. Special Notice

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. (ET) the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will participate (virtually) in a Pre-Construction Meeting *hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* to discuss the operations and maintenance dredging of the Eastpoint and Two-Mile Federal Navigation Channels. The public may either attend in person in the Commission meeting room (located at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, FL.) or view the live stream on Forgotten Coast TV <https://facebook.com/forgottencoasttv/>. **This meeting will not be available on Zoom.**

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.