

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 18, 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

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

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present the Board approved the minutes from the FCBCC Regular Meeting 10/4/22, Special Meeting 9/27/22, Regular Meeting 9/20/22 and Special Meeting 9/7/22. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Payment of County Bills

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

5. Awards and Recognitions

a. Franklin Needs Inc.

Mr. David Walker introduced Franklin Needs Inc. group and announced they are presenting a check to Weems Memorial for the purchase of a new mammography system. Mrs. Jessica Sparks from Franklin Needs said their organization had raised \$137,250 to match the grant funds received for the purchase. Commissioner Boldt and Commissioner Lockley thanked them, and Mr. Moron noted how this is a positive thing for the hospital. Mr. Walker requested board approval to purchase the mammography system.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve the purchase of the mammography system. Commissioner Ward thanked the group and said now our local ladies can get a mammogram locally. Mr. Walker noted that the hospital goals are to invest in three areas which are the staff, patients, and facilities. Some people cannot drive for a mammogram so this will help those. Commissioner Parrish thanked this private organization for helping, noting it is very needed. **Motion carried 5-0.** Chairman Jones thanked Franklin Needs for all they do for in the community.

Mr. Walker gave an update on his report, noting they are still working on the Carrabelle Pharmacy, other USDA small grants, probably will be applying for CT trailer. Mr. Moron asked where we are on timeline for new wing at hospital. Mr. Walker said we are in the process of figuring costs, and once we have that we will bring back to the board.

Mr. Moron said before we move on to public comments, I want to see if any of the Board would like to say anything about the picture of 'We love Eastpoint'. Chairman Jones noted it has been a long time coming for both channels, as a Board we have fought for over the past six years that I have been here. We are going to do what we can to help all of Franklin County be all it can be. Thanked Mr. Alan Pierce for being the go between the Corps and the Board. You can demandingly ask but you can't demand anything of a government agency. Thanked the Board for their support. Commissioner Boldt said the payoff of patience is huge and this is a result of that. Commissioner Ward said just so the public is aware, we did have the discussion about making it a

navigational channel and increasing the depth. Chairman Jones noted maintenance schedule shows they are supposed to dredge every six years. Commissioner Ward noted that they had spoken with Congressman Neal Dunn about this matter also. Mr. Moron said there were some videos on Facebook that they are in the water. Commissioner Boldt said this is known as after care in some ways. Just like the landfill we have to set aside money for the closure for the landfill. Proactively planning with the Corps, in five years we can start actively working to re-dredge.

6. Public Comments

Ms. Debi Jordan spoke to the Board about progress reports for Lanark Village Fire Department for organizational meeting. She would like to know if we can have a long-term plan. She asked the Board to review the special zoning regulations for Lanark Village, they are hugely restrictive and it prohibits landowners for doing almost anything on property. She inquired about the county ordinance 97-17 and if there is an ethics procedure in place to prohibit county employees to steer businesses to private corporations.

Mr. John Berry spoke to the Board about the county commissioner policies for Franklin County employees both contract and non-contract as to the ethics side of the equation as to steering business and doing business with the county. Is it allowable or is there procedures in place to prevent it? He said there seems to be a conflict of interest.

Constitutional Officers

7. Sheriff's Office - Renee Brannon - 911 Grant

Action Item: MOU Update Regional 911 Grants

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the MOU to update Regional 911 grants. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Directors Reports

8. Superintendent of Roads and Bridges – Howard Nabors

Mr. Nabors had nothing for the Board. Commissioner Ward noted that she will call him after the meeting to discuss their earlier conversation.

9. Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis

Mr. Davis had no action items for the Board. Commissioner Boldt noted they have an open house for hazardous waste disposal, concurrent with Amnesty Day on Saturday. Mr. Davis said we have accumulated 2000 tons in the past few months. The landfill hours have moved to winter hours, October 1st we moved 7-4:30. Since we are shorthanded, we are going to move to the winter hours which are 8:30-4:30.

Mr. Moron said he is asking to put on hold the management of Armory to TDC. We are going to shift the responsibility to Melissa West at the landfill. We have Evergreen scheduled to be here on the 31st to reevaluate some of the job descriptions. We will explain to them the responsibilities that Ms. West will be doing and see what their approach is.

Mr. Moron noted that he is going to approach Evergreen to have Mr. Davis's job description reevaluated. He said he doesn't he was compensated for taking back Parks and Recreations. Mr. Moron said he is not saying his compensation is not right, but he would like them to review for accuracy. Mr. Moron said he will report back to the Board once the results have been received. Mr. Moron noted that we are also having Evergreen look at Parks and Recreation employees also. They have to work weekends, they worked during the days we were closed for the storm.

10. Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell

Mrs. Brownell reported to the Board that they have spoken with National Weather Service, and they agree we can lift the burn ban. We will note in the information that this applies to all the county with the exclusion of Lanark.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved lifting the countywide burn ban with the exclusion of Lanark Village. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Extension Office Director – Erik Lovstrand

Mr. Moron announced that Mr. Lovstrand is attending a conference and unable to attend today. Chairman Jones said Mr. Lovstrand had mentioned some time back that they were working with DCF and IFAS to get the nutrition program back at the school. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Moron to ask him to update the Board on this.

12. Mosquito Control Director – Dewitt Polous

Mr. Scott attended as Mr. Polous is out on vacation. He noted they are transitioning into ditch work, cleaning ditches with inmates, with the cooler weather it is slowing down.

Other Reports

13. TDC Administrator – John Solomon

Mr. Solomon had no action items. He announced that the Franklin County entrance signs will begin being installed in the next week or two. Hope to have some photos to present soon.

14. Interim Airport Manager – Ted Mosteller

Mr. Mosteller had no action items for the Board.

Mr. Moron presented Item 3 from his report at this time.

3. Action Item: Airport Obstruction Removal Contract

At your September 20th regular meeting, Mr. John Collins of AVCON stated that Collins Land Services out of Tallahassee was the lowest bid, with a \$138,500 base bid, for the Obstruction Removal Project that would clear the obstruction/vegetation around Runway 18 approach. Once completed and inspected, Runway 18 should be reopened. The County has received a contract, with all necessary documentation, from Collins Land Service for the Chairman's signature. The project will commence once the Board approves the contract.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Collins Land Service \$138,500 contract to remove the obstruction/vegetation around Runway 18 approach.

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's signature on the Collins Land Service \$138,500 contract to remove the obstruction/vegetation around Runway 18 approach. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Action Item: Airport Obstruction Removal Grant Application

In addition to the Runway 18 approach obstruction/vegetation removal project, the Board tasked Mr. Collins with securing funding for an obstruction/vegetation removal project for an additional 250 acres at the Airport. The total estimated cost for this project is \$935,000. The intent of the project is to remove all trees that are either a current obstruction or will become an obstruction over the next 10 years. The County has received the FAA grant pre-application that includes the Grant Pre-Application Checklist, the Grant Pre-Application cover letter, the Detailed Project Information Sheet, a Project Sketch and ADO CATEX. If the Board is ready to proceed with the application, approval and the Chairman's signature is needed.

Board action to approve the grant pre-application and authorize the Chairman to sign the required documents.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the grant pre-application and authorize the Chairman to sign the required documents. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Moron noted they will work to get the hangars inspected within the next few weeks. Mrs. Griffith met with FAA about the FBO lease, we are borrowing an agreement from New York, because it has already been approved by FAA. We will get that over to Attorney Shuler to review. We must prove that we are charging the FAA fair market value. Commissioner Boldt inquired about

the FBO benefiting from fuel proceeds. Mrs. Griffith noted that they do, thinking it's around 25 cents per gallon.

Presentations and Requests

15. Weems CEO - David Walker - Hospital Update

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

Attorney Shuler said out of abundance of caution the Board should make a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the Board to move to the Fiscal manager, County manager and possibly Attorney report at this time.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved amending the order of the agenda to allow for the Board to move forward to the Fiscal Manager, County Manager and Attorney Reports at this time. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Board Action: Creation of Advisory/Ranking Committee for SGI Lighthouse Beach Park Playground Improvements Project

As the county works through the commencement checklist for the FRDAP program, in addition to a current survey and proof of clear title, the county must also remit a final conceptual drawing and budget figures for the equipment at the beach park facility. Fortunately, the FRDAP program does allow for playground equipment to be purchased via contract (or piggy-backed contract) pricing and that will help to move the project forward quickly. The total cost is estimated to be around \$300,000 to accomplish all project elements included in the FRDAP grant application which includes inclusive equipment, inclusive surfacing, shade, and picnic seating/benches. The St. George Island Civic Club has raised nearly \$40,000 and Commissioner Jones intends to approach TDC at the meeting tomorrow to request funding assistance in the amount of \$60,000 to complete the beach park facility improvements. The county will need to formally establish an advisory/ranking group for the contract pricing-based proposals from inclusive playground suppliers. In addition to myself and Mark Curenton as county representatives, the following community members have expressed interest in the project and are park users: Samantha Fortunas, resident and business owner, mother of three small children and attendee of the initial public meetings for project input last year during the application process, Marie Allen, resident, and grandmother of a child living with special needs, and Amy Hodson, resident and Executive Director of the St. George Island Lighthouse Association.

Board action to appoint the proposed members mentioned above to the SGI Lighthouse Park Playground Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking Committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt and Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board appointed Samantha Fortunas, Marie Allen, and Amy Hodson to the SGI Lighthouse Park Playground Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking Committee. Chairman Jones noted that he is good with these selections. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Board Action: Creation of Advisory/Ranking Committee for Vrooman Park Improvements Project

As this project is also a FRDAP project, in addition to an updated survey and proof of clear title, the county must also remit final budget estimates for the Vrooman Park Improvements Project. This project will be slightly more complicated and slower to complete as Dewberry Engineers will have to design and engineer the drainage improvements and handicapped access ramp. This project will require the county to go through the formal bid solicitation process for the large project elements before moving forward with improvements to the dugouts and batting cages. The lighting project will also be in progress at the same time which will require a lot of coordination for all work to be completed between sports seasons. The county will need to formally establish an advisory/ranking group for the project coordination between sports seasons and design elements of the improvements to the dugouts and batting cage. In addition to myself and Mark Curenton as county representatives, the following community members have expressed interest in the project and are park users, devoted parents, volunteers, and active participants with the sports leagues: Levi and/or Collette Odom, Amber and/or Steven Peterson, and Morgan and/or Jason Thompson.

Board action to appoint the proposed members mentioned above to the Vrooman Park Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking

Committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board appointed Levi and/or Collette Odom, Amber and/or Steven Peterson, and Morgan and/or Jason Thompson to the Vrooman Park Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking Committee. Commissioner Ward noted that Mr. Odom started this project, and we did get the batting cages repaired but if maybe we could get a pole barn type covering over them. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Board Action: Change Order Alligator Drive Repair Project

The final completion date for the FEMA funded repairs of Alligator Drive is set for October 31st – the concrete cap and sheet pile work is finished on both sides of the road and paving is near completion. Several progress photos shared by Oyster Radio are attached to this report and a final inspection of the project is set to occur next week. On October 10th, contractor Anderson Columbia reached out to project engineers Dewberry in regard to adding an additional area of resurfacing to the project to allow for a smooth transition between old and new asphalt. The tie-in area is a 16'x22' section of deteriorated asphalt outside of the area of FEMA scoped repair. I have discussed this change order with Commissioner Boldt and he would like to proceed with the \$6,239.20 of additional paving work to smooth the transition between old and new if the board agrees and will pay the additional expense with paving funds.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order #5 in the amount of \$6,239.20 for the Alligator Drive Repairs Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached change order #5 in the amount of \$6,239.20 for the Alligator Drive Repairs Project. Commissioner Boldt said he had the opportunity to drive down the rebuilt road and it really looks good. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Board Action: Change Order SCOP C30A Project

Southeastern Consulting Engineers recommends the acceptance of the attached change order for the C30A widening and resurfacing project. The original construction plans called for ground-in rumble strips which are not as visible in inclement weather as the white profiled thermoplastic edge lines. The attached change order results in a net cost reduction for the project of \$1,950.17. County engineers Dewberry have also submitted an access permit to FDOT for a safety modification to add a stop sign at the intersection of CR30A and Highway 98. No response has yet been received on that request.

Board action to accept and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order number 2 for the CR30A Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board accepted and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached change order number 2 for the CR30A Project. Commissioner Parrish said on the stop sign issue, there have been several people who have come to him who had almost had accidents. He said he thinks this is a needed design and it is all about public safety. Chairman Jones said he has also had numerous conversations with people about that intersection. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Board Action: Coastal Partnership Initiative Project Design Indian Creek Park

At the September 6th meeting, the Board approved the development of a grant application for the Coastal Partnership Initiative Program for the design and permitting of approximately 50' of the commercial dock with finger piers at the head of Indian Creek. Attached to this report is the completed grant application period on October 31st. The Coastal Partnership Initiative Program provides assistance with working waterfront areas. Indian Creek Park has (6) commercial dockage slips included in the management plan on file with the Florida Communities Trust (the entity which provided the funds to acquire the park). At the time of acquisition, the existing commercial crabbers were grandfathered in as tenants. At this time, only two of the original crabbers remain and they have since moved from the unimproved slips at the head of Indian Creek to the two slips closest to the ramp.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached completed grant application for the Coastal Partnership

Initiative Program.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached completed grant application for the Coastal Partnership Initiative Program. Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Griffith to look into how much it is going to cost to dredge this area, as there is almost no water there. **Motion carried 5-0.**

6. Board Action: CIP Design Patton Drive Improvements Grant Agreement

Franklin County has received \$54,602 from the Florida Department of Transportation's County Initiative Grant Program to survey, design, permit, and prepare construction plans/specifications to widen and resurface the .735 miles of Patton Drive from SR30 (US 98) to SR300 Island Drive. This project will widen the road from the existing 10' lanes to two standard 12' wide travel lanes. Roadway swales and ditches will also be regraded to improve drainage.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached grant agreement and resolution of authorization.

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 grant agreement and resolution of authorization. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Board Action: RESTORE Multi-Year Implementation Plan Amendment: Current RESTORE Projects: County-Wide Dune Restoration and SGI Storm Water Improvements

As the county has formulated scopes, project details, and preliminary construction cost eliminates moving forward with the RESTORE County-Wide Dune Restoration and the St. George Island Storm Water Improvements Projects, an amendment to include the construction activities in the county's RESTORE program multi-year implementation plan will need to be approved after the completion of a well-advertised 45-day public comment and review period. Once the plan is amended to formally include the construction activities, the formal construction grant can be submitted to Treasury for approval. The referenced dune study, construction cost estimates, and preliminary designs are included as attachments to this report. The purpose and objective of the estimated \$1.5 million dollar County-Wide Dune Restoration Project as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative:

Purpose: In April 2022, MRD Associates, Inc. completed a County-wide Dune Restoration Study funded with Planning Assistance dollars provided by the RESTORE Act Direct Component Program. This study identified four (4) shoreline segments along approximately 11 miles of coastline in need of restoration and provided cost-effective solutions to rebuild and increase the stability of the dunes. Based upon the findings and recommendations of this study, the County intends to pursue the construction template dune and coastal hammock restoration at the two county beach park locations: St. George Island's Lighthouse Park (Current Cost Estimate: \$215,782) and Carrabelle Beach Park (Current Cost Estimate: \$228,944) and implement a county-wide dune vegetation project (Current Cost Estimate: \$257,250). A varied vegetation footprint of between 6 and 7.5 feet could be installed along the toe of the dune areas along 11 miles of public beaches (the four project segments shown in figure 27, page 34, of the attached report consisting of four miles of St. George Island, .8 miles of Carrabelle Beach, 5 miles of Alligator Point, and 1.2 miles of Bald Point). Native coastal vegetation would be placed on 18" centers in staggered rows for a natural look. Approximately 171,500 plants would be needed for the county-wide effort at an estimated installed cost per plant of \$1.25. Franklin County would obtain written consent from interested private property owners for the plants to be installed along the dune line. As cited in the study 'Native dune vegetation provides significant benefits to beaches, dunes, uplands, and wildlife (FDEP, 2022). Salt tolerant dune plants: build protective dunes by trapping and stabilizing wind-blown beach sand, reduce erosion losses by wind and storms, provide a buffer against storm surges and salt spray, provide shelter for wildlife, and block light pollution for nesting and hatchling sea turtles.'

Objectives: 1) Improve existing dune structures at public park facilities by increasing crest elevations, crest widths, and side slopes utilizing template dune restoration methods; 2) Improve existing dune structures by assisting beach-front property owners by planting vegetation to assist in the development and growth of the dunes on private property.

The purpose and objective of the estimated \$4.5 million dollar St. George Island Storm Water Improvements Project as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative:

Purpose: Franklin County contracted with Dewberry Engineers for the planning and design phase of the St. George Island Storm Water Improvements project. This phase is nearly complete and was funded with Planning Assistance dollars provided by the RESTORE Act Direct Component Program which determined the need for the installation of approximately 1,489 linear feet of 18” piping and 3,186 linear feet of 24” piping, and 3,270 square yards of asphalt patching and resurfacing, sod improvements, other required piping, and restoration activities to complete the overall objectives of the Storm Water Improvements project. The purpose of this phase is to fund the construction portion of the project which will include all activities mentioned above to extend, enhance, and construct storm water drainage facilities to increase the capacity for the commercial district of St. George Island.

Objective(s): 1) Increase storm water drainage capacity

Board action to approve the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the two projects already in the existing County RESTORE Multiyear Plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Parrish and Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the two projects already in the existing County RESTORE Multiyear Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Board Action: Addition of Construction of Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building to County’s RESTORE Multi-Year Plan

The purpose and objective of the estimated \$2.5 million dollar Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative.

Purpose: Franklin County is coming to a crossroads whereas there are only two options to extend the capacity of the landfill: 1) the County will need to acquire or purchase a large tract of suitable land, complete a lengthy

permitting process through FDEP and build a new landfill at an estimated construction cost of \$10 to \$15 million, OR 2) the County will construct a ‘County Transfer Station’ operation in lieu of a new landfill to dispose of waste at a private facility inland at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. A possible alternative site for a new landfill has not been identified and coastal property is expensive and in short supply. Franklin County proposes pursuing option #2 at this time to construct a transfer station operation with RESTORE Act Direct Component Program dollars. In July 2022, Franklin County contracted with Dewberry Engineers to conduct a Franklin County Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station Feasibility Study in order to produce pre-construction design services. The Feasibility Study will estimate costs to permit and construct a Municipal Solid Waste transfer station and administrative building utilizing capacity, intended size, and level of service of the proposed facility based on current and future tonnages; estimate the manpower and equipment operations costs to properly operate and maintain the proposed transfer station, and determine the estimated cost to transfer municipal solid waste to a selected disposal facility. Franklin County will use the results of the Feasibility Study to formulate a scope of work and budget for construction costs.

Objective: 1) Construct Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station operation and administrative building; and 2) Extend current capacity (remaining useful life) of the existing landfill

Board action to approve adding the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building to the County’s RESTORE Multiyear Plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved adding the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building to the County's RESTORE Multiyear Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

9. BOARD ACTION: ROLLING LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM ROAD DEPT. DUMP TRUCKS

It is time to renew the rolling dump truck lease-purchase agreement for the Franklin County Road Department. The cost of a new 2023 heavy-duty Mack dump truck is \$146,950. The county will own two trucks for up to twenty-four months, making the first lease payment of \$17,500 per truck as budgeted with the second-year payment increasing to \$18,750 per truck. Before the third payment, the trucks will be traded with Nextran at market pricing and replaced with two new model year dump trucks. This program allows the road department to have reliable dump trucks, covered by an added extended warranty with little maintenance expense year after year. This is the fifth renewal of the rolling lease program with vendors Leasing2 and Nextran which was previously Capital City Truck.

Board action to approve the attached resolution and authorization for the Chairman to sign the five-year lease purchase agreement with Leasing 2 to finance the purchase of two new dump 2023 Mack Model GR64B dump trucks in the amount of \$293,806.64 from Nextran of Tallahassee and the trade-in of the 2021 trucks, last four of the VIN Numbers 4377 and 4373 subject to review and approval of the agreement by County Attorney Michael Shuler.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the resolution and authorization for the Chairman to sign the five-year lease-purchase agreement with Leasing 2 to finance the purchase of two new dump 2023 Mack Model GR64B dump trucks in the amount of \$293,806.64 from Nextran of Tallahassee and the trade-in of the 2021 trucks, last four of the VIN Numbers 4377 and 4373 subject to review and approval of the agreement by County Attorney Michael Shuler. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Griffith requested the Board approve the Clerk to cut a check for the purchase of the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department property in the amount of \$231,646.25. **On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, to approve the request.** Chairman Jones called for public comments. Mr. John Berry asked to speak. He said he had reviewed the documents in their entirety, and has several questions, PDE study or do we have plans once it is purchased, no time limits for the fire department to be removed, responsibility for assets on the property, look at the closing statement and whom the title payments went to. **Motion carried 5-0.**

10. Board Information: Miscellaneous Project Updates – BRIC Projects moving forward, Florida boating improvement program application Buddy Ward Floating Dock, Carrabelle Beach Historic Preservation Grant, etc.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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

16. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED USE OF A 5.24 +/- ACRE PARCEL OF LAND 10:30 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED USE OF A 5.24 +/- ACRE PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO INDUSTRIAL USE.

Mrs. Bankston presented the request to the Board. Mr. Brandon Adkison appeared before the Board. Commissioner Ward said she has done extensive research on this property, the property across the street is industrial and this property was once industrial. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. Chairman Jones said there were a couple of emails received in opposition to this change. They brought up a couple other issues such as due notice, etc. Mr. Adkison said the people that sent the emails do not live here. Mr. Adkison said the wrecked cars that are parked there are not visible. Mrs. Bankston said there was a complaint to DEP, it was investigated and closed with no violations.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the ordinance amending the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan to change the permitted use of a 5.24+/- acre parcel of land in Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, from Residential to Industrial Use. Motion carried 5-0.

17. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 5.24 +/- ACRES OF LAND 10:35 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 5.24 +/- ACRES OF LAND IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the ordinance rezoning 5.24+/- acres of land in Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, from R-1 Single Family Residential District to I-1 Industrial District. Motion carried 5-0.

18. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.69 +/- ACRE OF LAND - 10:40 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.69 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-4 SINGLE-FAMILY HOME INDUSTRY.

Mrs. Bankston presented the proposed request to the Board, she noted she and Mr. Curenton have reviewed it and they recommend Board approval. Mr. Daren Guillotte appeared as the property owner. 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 0.69+/- acre of land in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 8 West, from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-4 Single Family Home Industry. Motion carried 5-0.

Recess/Reconvene

19. Recess 10:45 a.m. (ET)

The Board will recess to allow Chairman Jones and Commissioner Ward, as Canvassing Board members, to participate in Public Logic and Accuracy Testing for the election voting machines at the Supervisor of Election's Office.

20. Reconvene 12:30 p.m. (ET)

The Board recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with Commissioner Boldt absent.

Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board Report

21. Critical Shoreline Applications

a. 1244 Angus Morrison Road

Consideration of a request to construct a 288 square foot single-family dock consisting of a 4'x32' access dock, a 10'x16' terminal platform, and two (2) 10'x12' boat slips on property described as 1244 Angus Morrison Road, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Application submitted by Linda Landrum, agent for Kyle Landrum applicant. State and Federal Permits have been received.

On a motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request to construct a 288 square foot single-family dock consisting of a 4'x32' access dock, a 10'x16' terminal platform, and two (2) 10'x12' boat slips on the property described as 1244 Angus Morrison Road, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 4-0.

22. Re-Zoning & Land Use Change Applications

a. 470 Hickory Hammock Road

Consideration of a request for a Public Hearing to rezone a 32.97 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 4 West at property described as 470 Hickory Hammock Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant is requesting a rezone of the property from A-2 Agricultural - one (1) dwelling unit per 40 acres to R-6 Rural Residential - one (1) dwelling unit per 10 acres. Request submitted by Charlotte Schneider and Jacqueline Etheridge, agents for Michael and Pamela Mills, applicants.

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 a Public Hearing to rezone a 32.97 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 4 West at property described as 470 Hickory Hammock Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant is requesting a rezone of the property from A-2 Agricultural - one (1) dwelling unit per 40 acres to R-6 Rural Residential - one (1) dwelling unit per 10 acres. Motion carried 4-0.

b. 201 Beaver Road

Consideration of a request for a Public Hearing to rezone a 50 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 4 West at property described as 201 Beaver Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant is requesting a rezone of the property from A-2 Agricultural - one (1) dwelling unit per 40 acres to R-6 Rural Residential - one (1) dwelling unit per 10 acres. Request submitted by Paige Joseph, agent for Lyda and Charles Shultz, applicants.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for a Public Hearing to rezone a 50 +/- acre parcel of land lying in Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 4 West at property described as 201 Beaver Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The applicant is requesting a rezone of the property from A-2 Agricultural - one (1) dwelling unit per 40 acres to R-6 Rural Residential - one (1) dwelling unit per 10 acres. Motion carried 4-0.

23. Final Plat Applications

a. St. George Bay Phase II

Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of Four (4) lots and One (1) common area lying in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Thurman Roddenberry, Agent for William E. Simmons, Applicant.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for Final Plat approval of Four (4) lots and One (1) common area lying in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Motion carried 4-0.

24. Ordinance Amendment

a. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

Consideration of a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include language to comply with the State's perils of Flood requirement in Section 163.3178(2)f) F.S.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved amending the Comprehensive Plan to include language to comply with the State's perils of Flood requirement in Section 163.3178(2)f) F.S. Motion carried 4-0.

25. Eastpoint Overlay 2nd Workshop - Update

Attorney Shuler noted if the Board decided to move forward with the overlay there are different stages of the process which include two required public hearings. Chairman Jones noted some of the issues are things in our zoning code and may not be needed for overlay. Attorney Shuler noted it was discussed during the second workshop, that there may not be a need for an overlay based on codes. Chairman Jones said he will reach out to the civic organization to see where they are moving forward.

RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening

Mr. Moron noted that there is one member of the selection committee that will not be able to attend. Mr. Moron noted that one package was received from Collins Land Services that he believes to be regarding the airport project and unrelated to RFQs. Mr. Moron and Mr. John Solomon opened the RFQs in the order below.

26. RFQ - TDC Internet Marketing

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to perform internet marketing for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

1. 2K Web Group, Apalachicola, Florida
2. Michael Yobington, Tallahassee, Florida
3. Patty Ford Sacramento, California
4. Evok Advertising, Lake Mary, Florida

27. RFQ - TDC Print and General Marketing

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to perform print and general marketing for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

1. Bay Media Services, Apalachicola, Florida

28. RFQ - TDC Local Radio and On-line Advertising

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to perform local radio and online advertising services by the radio station for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

1. East Bay Broadcasting, Eastpoint, Florida

29. RFQ - TDC Local Television Airtime & Video Production

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to perform local television airtime and video production services for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

1. Forgotten Coast TV, Apalachicola, Florida

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present the Board authorized submitting the bids to the review committee for scoring (meeting tentatively set for 10/27). Motion

carried 4-0.

County Staff & Attorney Reports

30. Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator – Erin Griffith

1. BOARD ACTION: CREATION OF ADVISORY/RANKING COMMITTEE FOR SGI LIGHTHOUSE BEACH PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

As the county works through the commencement checklist for the FRDAP program, in addition to a current survey and proof of clear title, the county must also remit a final conceptual drawing and budget figures for the equipment at the beach park facility. Fortunately, the FRDAP program does allow for playground equipment to be purchased via contract (or piggybacked contract) pricing and that will help to move the project forward quickly. The total cost is estimated to be around \$300,000 to accomplish all project elements included in the FRDAP grant application which includes inclusive equipment, inclusive surfacing, shade, and picnic seating/benches. The St. George Island Civic Club has raised nearly \$40,000 and Commissioner Jones intends to approach TDC at the meeting tomorrow to request funding assistance in the amount of \$60,000 to complete the beach park facility improvements. The county will need to formally establish an advisory/ranking group for the contract pricing-based proposals from inclusive playground suppliers. In addition to myself and Mark Curenton as county representatives, the following community members have expressed interest in the project and are park users: Samantha Fortunas, resident and business owner, mother of three small children and attendee of the initial public meetings for project input last year during the application process, Marie Allen, resident, and grandmother of a child living with special needs, and Amy Hodson, resident and Executive Director of the St. George Island Lighthouse Association.

Board action to appoint the proposed members mentioned above to the SGI Lighthouse Park Playground Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking Committee.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

2. BOARD ACTION: CREATION OF ADVISORY/RANKING COMMITTEE FOR VROOMAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

As this project is also a FRDAP project, in addition to an updated survey and proof of clear title, the county must also remit final budget estimates for the Vrooman Park Improvements Project. This project will be slightly more complicated and slower to complete as Dewberry Engineers will have to design and engineer the drainage improvements and handicapped access ramp. This project will require the county to go through the formal bid solicitation process for the large project elements before moving forward with improvements to the dugouts and batting cages. The lighting project will also be in progress at the same time which will require a lot of coordination for all work to be completed between sports seasons. The county will need to formally establish an advisory/ranking group for the project coordination between sports seasons and design elements of the improvements to the dugouts and batting cage. In addition to myself and Mark Curenton as county representatives, the following community members have expressed interest in the project and are park users, devoted parents, volunteers, and active participants with the sports leagues: Levi and/or Collette Odom, Amber and/or Steven Peterson, and Morgan and/or Jason Thompson.

Board action to appoint the proposed members mentioned above to the Vrooman Park Improvements Project Advisory/Ranking Committee.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

3. BOARD ACTION: CHANGE ORDER ALLIGATOR DRIVE REPAIR PROJECT

The final completion date for the FEMA-funded repairs of Alligator Drive is set for October 31st – the concrete cap and sheet pile work are finished on both sides of the road and paving is near completion. Several progress photos shared by Oyster Radio are attached to this report and a final inspection of the project is set to occur next week. On October 10th, contractor Anderson Columbia reached out to project engineers Dewberry in regard to adding an additional area of resurfacing to the project to allow for a smooth transition between old and new asphalt. The tie-in area is a 16’x22’ section of deteriorated asphalt outside of the area of FEMA scoped repair. I have discussed this change order with Commissioner Boldt and he would like to proceed with the \$6,239.20 of additional paving work to smooth the transition between old and new if the board agrees and will pay the additional expense with paving funds.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order #5 in the amount of \$6,239.20 for the Alligator Drive Repairs Project.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

4. BOARD ACTION: CHANGE ORDER SCOP C30A PROJECT

Southeastern Consulting Engineers recommends the acceptance of the attached change order for the C30A widening and resurfacing project. The original construction plans called for ground-in rumble strips which are not as visible in inclement weather as the white profiled thermoplastic edge lines. The attached change order results in a net cost reduction for the project \$1,950.17. County engineers Dewberry have also submitted an access permit to FDOT for a safety modification to add a stop sign at the intersection of CR30A and Highway 98. No response has yet been received on that request.

Board action to accept and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order number 2 for the CR30A Project.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

5. BOARD ACTION: COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE PROJECT DESIGN INDIAN CREEK PARK

At the September 6th meeting, the Board approved the development of a grant application for the Coastal Partnership Initiative Program for the design and permitting of approximately 50’ of commercial dock with finger piers at the head of Indian Creek. Attached to this report is the completed grant application which will need to be signed by the chairman and submitted before the close of the application period on October 31st. The Coastal Partnership Initiative Program provides assistance with working waterfront areas. Indian Creek Park has (6) commercial dockage slips included in the management plan on file with the Florida Communities Trust (the entity which provided the funds to acquire the park). At the time of acquisition, the four existing commercial crabbers were grandfathered in as tenants. At this time, only two of the original crabbers remain and they have since moved from the unimproved slips at the head of Indian Creek to the two slips closest to the ramp.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached completed grant application for the Coastal Partnership Initiative Program.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. BOARD ACTION: CIGP DESIGN PATTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT AGREEMENT

Franklin County has received \$54,602 from the Florida Department of Transportation’s County

Initiative Grant Program to survey, design, permit, and prepare construction plans/specifications to widen and resurface the .735 miles of Patton Drive from SR30 (US98) to SR300 Island Drive. This project will widen the road from the existing 10' lanes to two standard 12' wide travel lanes. Roadway swales and ditches will also be regraded to improve drainage.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached grant agreement and resolution of authorization.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

7. BOARD ACTION: RESTORE MULTI-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AMENDMENT: Current RESTORE Projects: County-Wide Dune Restoration and SGI Storm Water Improvements

As the county has formulated scopes, project details, and preliminary construction cost estimates moving forward with the RESTORE County-Wide Dune Restoration and the St. George Island Storm Water Improvements Projects, an amendment to include the construction activities in the county's RESTORE program multi-year implementation plan will need to be approved after the completion of a well-advertised 45-day public comment and review period. Once the plan is amended to formally include the construction activities, the formal construction grant can be submitted to Treasury for approval. The referenced dune study, construction cost estimates, and preliminary designs are included as attachments to this report.

The purpose and objective of the estimated \$1.5 million dollar County-Wide Dune Restoration Project as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative:

Purpose: In April 2022, MRD Associates, Inc. completed a County-wide Dune Restoration Study funded with Planning Assistance dollars provided by the RESTORE Act Direct Component Program. This study identified four (4) shoreline segments along approximately 11 miles of coastline in need of restoration and provided cost-effective solutions to rebuild and increase the stability of the dunes. Based upon the findings and recommendations of this study, the County intends to pursue the construction template dune and coastal hammock restoration at the two county beach park locations: St. George Island's Lighthouse Park (Current Cost Estimate: \$215,782) and Carrabelle Beach Park (Current Cost Estimate: \$228,944) and implement a county-wide dune vegetation project (Current Cost Estimate: \$257,250). A varied vegetation footprint of between 6 and 7.5 feet could be installed along the toe of the dune areas along 11 miles of public beaches (the four project segments shown in figure 27, page 34, of the attached report consisting of four miles of St. George Island, .8 miles of Carrabelle Beach, 5 miles of Alligator Point, and 1.2 miles of Bald Point). Native coastal vegetation would be placed on 18" centers in staggered rows for a natural look. Approximately 171,500 plants would be needed for the county-wide effort at an estimated installed cost per plant of \$1.25. Franklin County would obtain written consent from interested private property owners for the plants to be installed along the dune line. As cited in the study 'Native dune vegetation provides significant benefits to beaches, dunes, uplands, and wildlife (FDEP, 2022). Salt tolerant dune plants: build protective dunes by trapping and stabilizing wind-blown beach sand, reduce erosion losses by wind and storms, provide a buffer against storm surges and salt spray, provide shelter for wildlife, and block light pollution for nesting and hatchling sea turtles.'

Objectives: 1) Improve existing dune structures at public park facilities by increasing crest elevations, crest widths, and side slopes utilizing template dune restoration methods; 2) Improve existing dune structures by assisting beach-front property owners by planting vegetation to assist in the development and growth of the dunes on private property.

The purpose and objective of the estimated \$4.5 million dollar St. George Island Storm Water Improvements Project as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative:

Purpose: Franklin County contracted with Dewberry Engineers for the planning and design phase of the St. George Island Storm Water Improvements project. This phase is nearly complete and was funded with Planning Assistance dollars provided by the RESTORE Act Direct Component Program which determined the need for the installation of approximately 1,489 linear feet of 18" piping and 3,186 linear feet of 24"

pipings, and 3,270 square yards of asphalt patching and resurfacing, sod improvements, other required pipings, and restoration activities to complete the overall objectives of the Storm Water Improvements project. The purpose of this phase is to fund the construction portion of the project which will include all activities mentioned above to extend, enhance, and construct stormwater drainage facilities to increase the capacity for the commercial district of St. George Island. Objective(s): 1) Increase stormwater drainage capacity

Board action to approve the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the two projects already in the existing County RESTORE Multiyear Plan.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

8. BOARD ACTION: Addition of Construction of Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building to County's RESTORE Multi-Year Plan

The purpose and objective of the estimated \$2.5 million dollar Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building as outlined in the attached Multiyear Plan Amendment Narrative.

Purpose: Franklin County is coming to a crossroads where there are only two options to extend the capacity of the landfill: 1) the County will need to acquire or purchase a large tract of suitable land, complete a lengthy permitting process through FDEP and build a new landfill at an estimated construction cost of \$10 to \$15 million, OR 2) the County will construct a 'County Transfer Station' operation in lieu of a new landfill to dispose of waste at a private facility inland at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. A possible alternative site for a new landfill has not been identified and coastal property is expensive and in short supply. Franklin County proposes pursuing option #2 at this time to construct a transfer station operation with RESTORE Act Direct Component Program dollars. In July 2022, Franklin County contracted with Dewberry Engineers to conduct a Franklin County Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station Feasibility Study in order to produce pre-construction design services. The Feasibility Study will estimate costs to permit and construct a Municipal Solid Waste transfer station and administrative building utilizing capacity, intended size, and level of service of the proposed facility based on current and future tonnages; estimate the manpower and equipment operations costs to properly operate and maintain the proposed transfer station, and determine the estimated cost to transfer municipal solid waste to a selected disposal facility. Franklin County will use the results of the Feasibility Study to formulate a scope of work and budget for construction costs. Objective: 1) Construct Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station operation and administrative building; and 2) Extend current capacity (remaining useful life) of the existing landfill

Board action to approve adding the attached narrative and preliminary budget matrix for the construction component of the Landfill Transfer Station and Administrative Building to the County's RESTORE Multiyear Plan.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

9. BOARD ACTION: ROLLING LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM ROAD DEPT. DUMP TRUCKS

It is time to renew the rolling dump truck lease-purchase agreement for the Franklin County Road Department. The cost of a new 2023 heavy-duty Mack dump truck is \$146,950. The county will own two trucks for up to twenty-four months, making the first lease payment of \$17,500 per truck as budgeted with the second-year payment increasing to \$18,750 per truck. Before the third payment, the trucks will be traded with Nextran at market pricing and replaced with two new model-year dump trucks. This program allows the road department to have reliable dump trucks, covered by an added extended warranty with little maintenance expense year after year. This is the fifth renewal of the rolling lease program with vendors Leasing2 and Nextran which was previously Capital City Truck.

Board action to approve the attached resolution and authorization for the Chairman to sign the five-year lease-purchase agreement with Leasing 2 to finance the purchase of two new dump 2023 Mack

Model GR64B dump trucks in the amount of \$293,806.64 from Nextran of Tallahassee and the trade-in of the 2021 trucks, last four of the VIN Numbers 4377 and 4373 subject to review and approval of the agreement by County Attorney Michael Shuler.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

10. BOARD INFORMATION: MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT UPDATES – BRIC PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD, FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION BUDDY WARD FLOATING DOCK, CARRABELLE BEACH HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT, ETC.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

31. County Coordinator – Michael Morón

1. Action Item: Bald Point State Park Management Plan (ARPC Maps)

At your last meeting, the Board discussed the lack of boat ramps for aquaculture leaseholders in the Bald Point State Park updated draft management plan. Chairman Jones and I attended a public open house on Wednesday, October 5th, at the FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point to discuss the management plan and boat ramps. We were able to meet with some of the state agency representatives at this open house and left with the understanding that a boat ramp is still up for discussion, however, it will take a coordinated effort of a few state agencies to accomplish this goal. I recommend that the County submit written comments to the State, requesting that language that states the intent to build a boat ramp on the east of the county for the aquaculture leaseholders be included in the updated management plan. The Chairman assisted with a request to ARPC's GIS specialist to create a map that indicated the location of all boat ramps in the County and DACS has an online map that indicates the location of leases. Both maps will be attached to our written comments. Chairman Jones may have additional comments regarding the open house and comments to the State.

Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on written comments to the State requesting language of a boat ramp on the eastern end of the county in the Bald Point State Park updated draft management plan.

Mr. Moron noted that the FWC was fine with it, they just weren't sure what entity we need to get in touch with. When we first got there, they kind of acted like the boat ramp was off the table, then we explained to them they had issued the leases, and they need to include a boat ramp. They are the ones in possession of the property. The letter needs to be sent to Rep Shoaf, Senator Ausley, and Governor DeSantis.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on written comments to the State requesting language of a boat ramp on the eastern end of the county in the Bald Point State Park updated draft management plan. Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Moron to make sure he emphasizes that the state owns the land. **Motion carried 4-0.**

2. Action Item: Letter of Support – Seafood Work and Waterman's Association

At your September 20th regular meeting, Commissioner Ward ask that I contact Mr. Wayne Williams of the Seafood Work and Waterman's Association as they were seeking a letter of support from the County. After talking to Mr. Williams, I was able to do a letter of support regarding the reopening of the Bay, a goal shared by Mr. Williams' association and along with other local groups. However, because Mr. Williams never presented and discussed any of SWWA's proposed action or plans in detail to the Board, the letter could not directly support the SWWA. In addition, I erred by releasing the letter before any Board action was taken to authorize the Chairman's signature, therefore, I am asking the Board to ratify the Chairman's signature on this letter of support today.

Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the letter of support given to the Seafood Work and Waterman's Association.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to ratify the Chairman's signature on the letter of support given to the Seafood

Work and Waterman's Association. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Parrish asked what they are asking for. Are they asking to open the bay up tomorrow? What are we trying to do? Mr. Moron explained that the manner in which he wrote the letter was that we shared the same goal to reopen the bay and put the oystermen back to work. We wouldn't want to open the bay up prior to the oystermen being able to work the bay and be supported. Commissioner Parrish said he talked to him also, and he acted like he wanted the bay open tomorrow. There are oysters out there, but is it sustainable? The Agriculture Commissioner recommended we harvest the resources before oil possibly came into the bay. It never went back to being enforced. It wouldn't have been wiped clean and we must go back to a blank slate. How does he know there are oysters? There is none in the east end. Commissioner Ward noted the association has meetings scheduled with some people from the governor's office. The Board discussed that the letter was not specific enough to say when the bay has recovered, we want to open the bay. Commissioner Lockley said he wants to see the bay open, but he does not think it is time to open it. Before we open it, you need a sit down with all the stakeholders, especially the ones out of Tallahassee, if you open it like it was, with no enforcement, you might as well open it two days and get ready for a big meeting. They need to tell us the people who are doing the study we need something to go by. Chairman Jones suggested having FWC provide some information. **Mr. Moron said he will recall the original letter until we can hear from FWC and Mr. Williams on what the plan is.**

3. Action Item: Airport Obstruction Removal Contract

At your September 20th regular meeting, Mr. John Collins of AVCON stated that Collins Land Services out of Tallahassee was the lowest bid, with a \$138,500 base bid, for the Obstruction Removal Project that would clear the obstruction/vegetation around Runway 18 approach. Once completed and inspected, Runway 18 should be reopened. The County has received a contract, with all necessary documentation, from Collins Land Service for the Chairman's signature. The project will commence once the Board approves the contract.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Collins Land Service \$138,500 contract to remove the obstruction/vegetation around Runway 18 approach.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

4. Action Item: Airport Obstruction Removal Grant Application

In addition to the Runway 18 approach obstruction/vegetation removal project, the Board tasked Mr. Collins with securing funding for an obstruction/vegetation removal project for an additional 250 acres at the Airport. The total estimated cost for this project is \$935,000. The intent of the project is to remove all trees that are either a current obstruction or will become an obstruction over the next 10 years. The County has received the FAA grant pre-application that includes the Grant Pre-Application Checklist, the Grant Pre-Application cover letter, the Detailed Project Information Sheet, a Project Sketch and ADO CATEX. If the Board is ready to proceed with the application, approval and the Chairman's signature is needed.

Board action to approve the grant pre-application and authorize the Chairman to sign the required documents.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

5. Action Item: Road Paving Contract Change Order

Commissioner Lockley requested a quote for paving, striping and some repairs to 20th Avenue, Charles Watson, Avenue I between 5th & 6th Streets, and Water Street. The total cost of this change order to the paving contract from Roberts and Roberts is \$103,600 and will be paid from District 3's paving fund. Commissioner Parrish requested a quote for striping for locations intersecting with Highway 98 that required a pipe patch and overlay paving. The total cost for that change order is

\$425 and will be paid from District 4's paving fund.

Board action to approve the paving contract change orders as described above.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the paving contract change orders as described above. Commissioner Lockley said he would like his entire district to be striped. Mr. Moron said they will get with him in order to go over the plan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

6. Action Item: Senior Class Parking Lot Fundraiser

The Franklin County High School Senior Class is requesting the use of the courthouse parking lot as a senior fundraiser from 12:00 noon on Friday and all-day Saturday of the Florida Seafood Festival. They will coordinate with Clerk Maxwell regarding staff parking on that Friday.

Board action to authorize the Senior Class request to use the Courthouse on Seafood Festival Friday and Saturday.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Senior Class request to use the Courthouse on Seafood Festival Friday and Saturday. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Action Item: Meeting Room Changes

Recently, I reached out to Judge Shuler and Court Administration about possible changes to your dais (desk) to better accommodate the full board during meetings. Judge Shuler stated that he received complaints regarding the size of the jury box, so asked if we would consider increasing the dimensions of the jury box with any changes made. I would like to engage Doug Shuler, architect, to draw some plans and create a cost estimate for this project. Mr. Shuler is aware of the County's bid policy. Do you have any ideas or considerations regarding this project?

Board action to engage Doug Shuler of Barnett, Fronzack, Barlowe & Shuler Architects to draw up some plans and provide a construction cost estimate for this project.

Commissioner Lockley suggested contacting other counties for photos of how their courtrooms are set up.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized engaging Doug Shuler of Barnett, Fronzack, Barlowe & Shuler Architects to draw up some plans and provide a construction cost estimate for this project. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Action Item: FAC Broadband Conference

The Florida Association of Counties Broadband Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 and Friday, January 27, 2023, at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach in St. John County. "This summit will serve as a one stop education for Florida's communities to understand and connect with federal, state, and private resources to begin or continue the process to ensure high-speed connectivity all across the state." I recommend that Mrs. Pat O'Connell and Mrs. Cortni Bankston, of the County's Local Technology and Planning Team, attend this conference.

Board action to authorize travel and expenses for Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Bankston to attend the FAC Broadband Conference on January 26 – 27, 2023, in St. John County.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized travel and expenses for Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Bankston to attend the FAC Broadband Conference on January 26-27, 2023, in St. John County. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion Item: Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

The Florida Rural Economic Development Summit will be held in St. Augustine from December

7 – 9, 2022. This is not a Florida Association of Counties event, however some of this event’s sponsors are agencies that are county partners such as Opportunity Florida, Enterprise Florida, Duke Energy and CareerSource. Considering your schedules, are any Board members available to attend?

Discussion and possible direction.

8. Discussion Item: Ethics Training

As we approach the end of the calendar year, due to scheduling conflicts, I’ve been unable to set a date for ethics training. Is each Commissioner comfortable with me setting up the Florida Association of Counties ethics training course on your iPad that you can complete at your convenience? Once completed, FAC will email me a copy of your certificate that will be kept for your files.

Discussion and possible direction.

9. Discussion Item: No Wake Signs Installation

Back in 2021, there was direction from the Board to find a contractor to replace “No Wake” signs damaged during Hurricane Michael. As reported, staff was unsuccessful in finding a contractor. With the assistance of the Sheriff’s Department, staff has found a licensed marine contractor based in Tallahassee that is willing to install the pilings and signs in the Ochlocknee River and Creekmore Channel areas. However, his quote for this project is \$15,600 which is greater than the County’s \$10,000 maximum to require bids. Is the Board interested in proceeding with this project now? If so, Attorney Shuler will need to provide some direction to proceed. Discussion and possible action.

Chairman Jones noted these should be separate jobs since they are on opposite sides of the county.

Attorney Shuler said he will confer with Mr. Moron and get back to the Board later.

10. Information Item: Duke Energy Vegetation Management Herbicide Application Attached is a letter from Duke Energy containing information on an upcoming vegetation management herbicide application that will be completed in our area. Let me know if you have any questions about this project and I will reach out to the appropriate Duke Energy representative.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Moron to forward to Erik Lovestrang to get input on it in the event the public has questions.

32. County Attorney – Michael Shuler

1. Camper/RV Ordinance Update

On July 19, 2022, the board authorized me to hire Ms. Allara Gutcher Mills as a planning consultant for a possible update to the 1982 ordinance regulating campers and RVs.

However, unless the Board directs otherwise, it is my intent to defer consideration of this matter until the Board moves forward with a code enforcement officer, for the following reasons: (1) the current camper ordinance, 82-6, provides for enforcement through the Sheriff’s Department because the penalty for violation of the ordinance is a criminal second-degree misdemeanor offense (Up to 60 days in jail and/or up to a \$500 fine and/or up to 6 month probation) and therefore requires investigation by them prior to issuance of a citation; (2) Enforcement through the Sheriff’s department addresses the issue of potential safety concerns; (3) in my opinion, enforcement of ordinance violations as provided by the current camper ordinance (82-6) is more efficient than filing a civil lawsuit or even code enforcement fines for that matter.

Even if the board moves forward with code enforcement, I would like for the Board to consider leaving enforcement of the camper/RV ordinance with the Sheriff's Department for the reasons set forth hereinabove.

I have forwarded several RV enforcement matters to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, including 150 Old Ferry Dock Road; 158 Hickory Dip Road, and the RV located in the Power line easement behind 150 Old Ferry Dock Road, all in Eastpoint, Florida.

I have also informed county planning staff that unless and until the Board acts to amend ordinance 82-6, the Camper/RV ordinance, they are to forward all alleged camper/RV violations to the Sheriff's Department for investigation and possible enforcement action as determined by the Department after they have first made a reasonable attempt to obtain voluntary compliance.

Chairman Jones said the Board needed to have a discussion on our next agenda regarding code enforcement. We have followed the rules on a camper in Eastpoint, and it is still there after three months. He said he does not think it is going to be an issue the sheriff's department wants to take on full-time.

Commissioners' Comments & Adjournment

33. Commissioners' Comments

There were no additional Commissioners' comments.

34. Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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