

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JUNE 6, 2023
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Ottilie Amison, and Noah Lockley

Others Present: Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Erin Griffith-Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator, and Jessica Gay-Deputy Clerk to the Board

Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Moron noted the order of the agenda will be changed up a bit. Mrs. Griffith will present her report after the Awards and Recognitions. Ms. Anita Grove will present her request via Zoom after Mrs. Griffith's report. Ms. Denise with the Florida Association Trust will report to the Board after Awards and Recognitions and before Mrs. Griffith.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the agenda with changes as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes and Payment of County Bills

1. County Bill List for Payment
2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the County Bill List for Payment and the minutes from FCBCC Regular Meeting May 16, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Awards and Recognitions

3. Mrs. Pat O'Connell - Recognition of Appreciation Award

Mrs. Cortni Bankston presented an award of appreciation to Mrs. O'Connell. Mrs. Pat thanked the Board for allowing her to work with them. Commissioner Ward said this is not a retirement we are going to still call you. Chairman Jones thanked Mrs. Pat for things that others may not even be aware of that you do. Commissioner Sanders told Mrs. Pat to enjoy the walk on her new journey.

Ms. Denise Vogelgesang with Florida Association of Counties Trust (which provides the insurance for the county) reported to the Board that Franklin County showed the highest decrease in the past fiscal year for new claims filed. Thanked the Board for watching citizens funds wisely and reducing those claims. The general liability rate is based on the payroll figures.

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

1. Board Action: Triumph Fuel Farm Project – Award of Bid and Contract

At the last meeting, the Board approved the funding amendment agreement from Triumph Gulf Coast which increased the project total to \$2,311,182 for the Airport Fuel Farm Project. After the third advertising attempt, one bid was finally received from contractor MDM Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,992,725.90. Triumph has reviewed and approved the bid documents and the proposed construction contract. Airport engineers AVCON have also issued a recommendation to award the project.

Board action to issue a notice of award and authorize the Chairman’s signature on the attached construction contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, to approve issuing a notice of award and authorize the Chairman’s signature on the attached construction contract.

Commissioner Lockley inquired about where the company is from, and Mrs. Griffith noted that she does not have that information with her. Commissioner Amison inquired about the time frame. Mrs. Griffith said they have 360 days to fulfil the contract. Commissioner Amison asked Erin to get him the fuel farm information to retrofit what is out there.

2. Board Action: County Wide Dune Restoration Project – Advertisement

The county has received formal approval of the construction activities amendment in the RESTORE multi-year implementation plan from the US Treasury. At this time, the county can move forward with advertising for proposals for professional engineering and construction oversight services for the County-wide Dune Restoration Construction Project. The estimated \$1.5 million dollar project will follow the recommendations of the restoration study by completing template dune and coastal hammock restoration at the two county beach park locations: St. George Island’s Lighthouse Park and Carrabelle Beach Park, and implement a county-wide dune vegetation project whereas the county would engage a contractor to install a varied vegetation footprint between 6 and 7.5 feet along the toe of the dune areas along 11 miles of public beaches (excerpt pasted below of the four project segments from figure 27, page 34, of the attached report), consisting of four miles of St. George Island, .8 miles along Carrabelle Beach, 5 miles of Alligator Point and 1.2 miles of Bald Point. Native coastal vegetation will 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. The county will need to secure consent from interested property owners for the plants to be installed along the dune areas of private property. The objective of the project as outlined in the county’s Multiyear Plan Amendment is to: 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.

As the restoration of the coastal hammock and the installation of post and rope boundary to restrict foot traffic onto the dunes will affect access to the beach at the SGI park location for EMS/law enforcement/patrol vehicles, the scope for that park will also include the installation of a 12’ wide Mobimat rated for vehicular traffic along the far west boundary of the park and ADA parking and accessibility improvements along the same western boundary.

Board action to approve advertising for proposals for professional engineering and construction oversight services for the County-wide Dune Restoration Construction Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved advertising for proposals for professional engineering and construction oversight services for the County-wide Dune Restoration Construction

Project. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Board Action: Womack Creek Bridge Repair Construction Contract

Dewberry Engineers and FDOT have reviewed the bids and recommend awarding the bid for the repairs to the Womack Creek Bridge on CR 67 in the amount of \$1,491,400 to the low bidder. As all bids were more than the available grant funds, low bidder North Florida Construction further reduced their original bid by an additional \$150,000 and FDOT has come up with an additional \$260,000 in grant funding for the project. Mark is still negotiating with AECOM for the CEI work on the project, but at this time it appears that it will take up to \$22,689 from the district's paving funds to complete this project. This project corrects safety deficiencies as noted in the FDOT bridge inspection report and it is recommended that the county proceed with this repair as soon as possible.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the notice of award to North Florida Construction for the Womack Creek Bridge Repair Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison and Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized Chairman to sign the notice of award to North Florida Construction for the Womack Creek Bridge Repair Project. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jones asked if it was normal for the county had to put money in with FDOT projects. Mrs. Griffith noted that FDOT does not have the money they used to do to increase in prices. We may have to start breaking our projects down to smaller projects.

4. Board Action: EOC Congressional Funding Request Grant Agreement

Two years ago, Franklin County submitted a congressional funding request to Neal Dunn's office for \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center. Attached is the formal grant award agreement from the Florida Division of Emergency Management. At this time, the new EOC is expected to cost around \$4,000,000. Through various programs and grants, and positive forward motion during this year's legislative process, the county is close to being able to fund this project once the state's budget is finalized.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached grant agreement for the \$1,000,000 in federal funds channeled through the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached grant agreement for the \$1,000,000 in federal funds channeled through the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Board Action: TDC Museum Grant Award – Carrabelle History Museum

TDC Director John Solomon is unable to attend today due to a scheduling conflict with the Visit Florida Board Meeting. In his absence, he has asked me to bring up the following request whereas if approved, the Carrabelle History Museum can move forward with their project as soon as possible. In the Spring of 2022, the City of Carrabelle applied for a \$50,000 special category grant from the Division of Historic Preservation to install a wheelchair lift at the Carrabelle History Museum. As construction costs have increased, the museum has applied for an additional \$25,000 museum infrastructure grant from the Franklin County Tourist Development Council. The TDC board met and recommended awarding the \$25,000 reimbursable grant at their May 10th meeting.

Board action to approve the TDC's recommendation to award the Carrabelle History Museum the \$25,000 grant to go towards the costs of installing a wheelchair lift at the Museum.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the TDC's recommendation to award the Carrabelle History Museum the \$25,000 grant to go towards the costs of installing a wheelchair lift at the Museum. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Board Action: Lanark Village EMS Task Order Garlick Environmental

Dewberry Engineers have completed the attached preliminary site layout for the Lanark Village EMS Station. As there are wetlands delineated on the survey, the site will require additional environmental services. Garlick Environmental has submitted the attached fixed fee, \$1,050 proposal for the wetland's delineation for the Lanark site. Once Garlick Environmental completes the field work, the county will be able to determine the wetland function, quality, and appropriate setback if any for the site. This amount will be paid by the health care trust fund as the new EMS station will be an upgrade for the ambulance service.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached task order from Garlick Environmental.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached task order from Garlick Environmental. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Board Action: Historic Preservation Grant – Maritime Museum Project

The Tourist Development Council was awarded a historic preservation grant in the amount of \$188,500 for the exhibits needed for the Maritime Museum at Buddy Ward Seafood Landing Park. The grant manager has approved the attached proposed contract with Bay Media for interpretive content research and the development of 15-20 display signs.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached contract with Bay Media for \$24,075 for the content research and development of the display signs for the Maritime Museum Project.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached contract with Bay Media for \$24,075 for the content research and development of the display signs for the Maritime Museum Project. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Set Dates for Budget Workshops

Update: The court calendar has been confirmed and this meeting room is available for the proposed budget workshop dates of Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th. Both days will begin at 9:00 a.m. with county constitutional officials and county departments beginning the session, followed by non-governmental agencies and non-profit organizations. Formal revenue estimates from the State of Florida will be released in early July.

Board action to approve the budget workshop days for Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous

vote of the Board present, the Board approved the budget workshop days for Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Board Information: Miscellaneous Project Updates

- The restoration of the pavilions at Carrabelle Beach Park is quickly moving forward. The contractor has now finished repairing and painting the east side kiosks. The bathroom and west pavilions are now closed and under repair. The painting on that side of the park is expected to be completed this week and the roof work on the pavilions is scheduled to start within two weeks.
- The fencing at Vrooman Park has been removed and the MUSCO Energy Efficient Sports Lighting poles have been installed at Vrooman Park for the baseball fields. The pole bases have also been installed for the basketball court lighting. The wiring for the poles is in progress and the county will be going to bid for the drainage, ADA access path work and fencing within the next few weeks.
- St. George Island's Inclusive Playground at Lighthouse Park opened for play this past Friday. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony will not be held until sometime in the Spring upon completion of all the projects elements. Items still to be completed at this time include the Picnic Pavilion and Shade Structure with tables on the east and west sides of the Playground (utilizing volunteer labor), the community funded swing set and auditory musical toy, the turtle friendly bollard lights, landscaping, and signage.
- Playground refurbishment at Kendrick Park, DW Wilson Park and Vrooman Park is set to begin early next month.

Chairman Jones inquired about the ADA compliance for the door at the courthouse. Commissioner Sanders noted we need to include the library and courthouse annex as well. Commissioner Ward spoke regarding Vrooman Park being designated ADA accessible we can start attracting tourist, walking path we do not have the funding to do that now. We must do some extra fencing. We are working on it trying to get parks looking better. Chairman Jones asked if there was a way, we could move the playground away from the road. Mrs. Griffith said we would have to completely redesign, maybe in the future. Or adding barricades in the future. Chairman Jones noted maybe putting railing up. Commissioner Ward said she does agree. There is a lot of things going on behind the scenes.

The Board moved to the following item at this time.

13. Anita Grove – ANNER – Plants from Indian Creek Living Shoreline – Request

Mrs. Anita Grove spoke to the Board via Zoom. Reserve working with conservation Corp, the youth force. Working with Franklin 98 project, putting in a plant and breakwater on 98 to prevent washout during storm events. We are working with the Corp to make sure this happens. We need about 800k plants. The slide you are looking at is Indian Creek. It was purchased in 2009. Permit to take plants from donor sites. Since this is county property, we are asking to use this as donor site. Could we harvest some of that spartina at Indian Creek to be repotted and eventually put into the 98 projects. Chairman Jones said you are asking to thin them out to use them for the other project. Mrs. Grove noted we have a DEP permit, but since it is county property, we wanted your permission.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the request to relocate some of the spartina at Indian Creek to be used for future 98 projects. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Lockley asked for staff to investigate any other projects we may need for this. Mr. Moron said they have already checked with Mr. Curenton, and he is good with this.

Public Comments

Wanda Rose spoke to the Board about an issue with Duke giving electric without permits. Just want to make sure we are progressing with that issue. Chairman Jones confirmed we are. Carrabelle will give water access without a permit. Is that a conflict of interest? Chairman Jones said the county does not have any utilities. Mr. Moron said the building official will be up later and we can ask him. Mr. Moron said I believe you must bring proof of water and sewer to get your permit. See we are discussing a golf cart ordinance for Lanark. Consistency if each one of these are separate is there consistency so that everyone knows what we are doing.

Constitutional Officers

4. A. J. 'Tony' Smith - Sheriff - Parking Issues on Alligator Point

Mr. Moron noted that Sheriff Smith notified him this morning he has been in discussions with Clerk Maxwell regarding the booting and collection of fines. They have not been able to completely resolve the issues and he would like additional time to speak with her before bringing the matter to the Board. Mr. Moron noted that he would add the item to a future agenda once the issues have been resolved.

Department Directors Reports

5. Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Roads and Bridges

Mr. Nabors noted they have installed some the signage at Alligator Point and have some more ordered. He said he had some calls from Alligator Drive, all side roads have access to golf carts which is basically Bald Point. Attorney Shuler noted all side roads that connect to Alligator Drive and all subdivisions including down to Gulf Shore Blvd. Mr. Nabors also received calls about the boat ramp at S curve on Alligator Drive. No parking, safety issue, only way to fix it would be to dig it up.

Commissioner Sanders said she talked to Caleb Brown our engineer, only thing to do would be to dig it up, and it would require a permit. What kind of liability does this put on the county? Commissioner Sanders directed Howard, Michael, and Caleb to get together to come up with solution. There is no parking down there. The marina is private property, and we do not have anything to do with it. If y'all can come up with some type of solution. Mr. Nabors said we can dig out what we can and replace it with rock or shell. Chairman Jones asked was this like what we have at Old Ferry Dock where it is just blown out. Mr. Nabors said no it is different.

Commissioner Ward discussed taking parallel parking out and doing perpendicular at Carrabelle Wayside Park. Mr. Moron noted that we would need to get with Caleb our engineer and have him draw up something for the Board's review. Commissioner Lockley asked for Mr. Nabors to begin looking at the equipment needed for the upcoming budget cycle.

Mr. Moron said the auction went well and a lot of the equipment went for a lot more than anticipated. Mr. Nabors noted that everything was sold. Mr. Moron said that anything that could be started was started up and running for the bidders to see. Mr. Moron noted that money will go back to each department's budget. Chairman Jones asked MR. Moron to get an update on the amount of funds collected from the auction. Mr. Nabors said he would like to get a couple of pick-up trucks out of the funds his department receives if possible.

Commissioner Amison asked if we have any equipment to help level out at airport at the end of 1836, do we have anything to help grate it out a little better. Mr. Nabors noted they have a root rake and an old John Deere tractor. Commissioner Amison asked if they could get together to see what we can come up with. We can use the dozier in that area.

6. Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Action Item:

Landfill Cap

Two of our monitoring wells have been showing constituents of concern. FDEP has required Franklin County to provide a Preventative Measure Plan that will give a chance to mitigate the groundwater issues by trying to slow down the leachate production with a cap of clay. This cap would be a step toward final closure. REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Allow the purchase of clay for the class 3 (C&D) up to hundred thousand dollars from the tipping fee account.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to approve the purchase of clay for the Class 3 (C&D) up to \$100,000 from the tipping fee account. Commissioner Sanders noted this is something we have known was coming for a while. Mr. Moron can this be reused if we go the direction of transfer station. Mr. Davis said it cannot be reused but this is a step towards closure.
Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Davis noted that we have a warranty with Muscoe and every five thousand hours they replace the lamps. They will be replacing all the lamps.

Mr. Moron presented item 1 from his report at this time.

1. Discussion Item – Vandalism Incidents at County Park Restrooms

Discussion and possible action based on the discussion. Attached to your report is a collection of pictures, from Commissioner Ward, of incidents of vandalism to County Park restrooms. Commissioner Ward would like to discuss options on preventing further incidents of vandalism and damage along with additional compensation to county employees that must deal with the clean-up and other similar situations.

The Board discussed installing cameras, hiring extra staff, and closing the restrooms at certain times to combat the issue. There is an influx of people coming into our community, and we must do something to compensate our employees. Mr. Davis said he must hear it from both sides. Commissioner Ward noted that she wants to know what is going on because we are going to get the calls. We may need to look at closing some of these facilities. Maybe we need someone devoted to certain locations. Appreciate y'all letting me take time to talk about it. Commissioner Sanders said she agreed and has no problem with closing those restrooms at night. She noted that we need security lights. We have a lot of money invested in these facilities. Commissioner Lockley said the only way you are going to get a handle on this is having someone sit there 24/7. Commissioner Ward said if we put cameras up and signs it may deter some of it. There are multiple ways we could fix the problem its just what is the most effective way. Commissioner Amison asked if Mr. Davis was contacted about an employee posting the vandalism on Facebook. Mr. Moron noted the post was during working hours and without supervisor permission. Chairman Jones noted we have about got the SGI facilities paid off, maybe we could use TDC funds to hire attendants to slow this down. The other thing is we are in the middle of year three of a pay plan, we may need to do two years at one time. I do not see any other way; it would be difficult to single out one single department. Mr. Moron recapped the Board's discussion noting they would like him to add to this to his report for consideration at a future meeting. Close bathrooms from sunrise to sunset, however, this puts a strain on Mr. Davis employees. Agree we could put cameras up that upload to the cloud. He noted he can get a quote for cameras for all the bathrooms. Mr. Moron noted he will talk to Erin about the Board thinking of doing two years for salary increases. Commissioner Ward asked him to add lighting. I am not sure how much lighting is needed. Commissioner Amison said we need to communicate with the sheriff's department. Have them patrol/check facility so that we can narrow it down. Mr. Davis asked if they could add some hazardous pay. Chairman Jones said we may could do motion detected lighting, have signage asking to report vandalism and add note to sign that says call/report here if this facility needs attention.

The Board moved to Public Hearings at this time.

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

7. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND - 10:30 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Mrs. Bankston noted there has been no opposition for either of these requests. Mr. Robert Heidi noted that he is just looking for continuity. We are surrounding by C-4. This is a unique property. Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. **On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved an ordinance REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (LOT 8). Motion carried 5-0.**

8. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND - 10:35 a.m. (ET)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. **On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the ordinance REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (LOT 7). Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board moved back to the following at this time.

9. Jennifer Daniels – Emergency Management Director

1. FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Program MOA

Request the Board to retroact the approval and signature of Chairman Jones for the FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Memorandum of Agreement electronically signed on 05/10/2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board retroactively approved the FEMA Integrated Alert Warning System MOA and authorized Chairman Jones to sign electronically on 5/10/2023. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Revision to Sandbags Distribution

Request the Board's approval to allow the EOC to stage prefilled sandbags only for elderly and special needs residents.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved allowing the EOC to stage prefilled sandbags only for elderly and special needs residents. Chairman Jones asked if the sandbags really do anything? Mrs. Daniels noted that if you do not pack them correctly, they are not effective. In major flooding situations it is more of a feel good than anything. Chairman Jones said we could make sure residents know there is a correct way to stack them to make them more effective. Mrs. Daniels noted that have ordered additional sandbags. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Information Item

1. 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Outlook

Commissioner Ward inquired about reentry tags. Jennifer come anytime M-F 8:30-4:30. The time to get your tags is now. Please do not wait until we have a storm on top of us. You can go to our website; complete the application and we will mail you the tags. Chairman Jones said now is the good time to locate tags if you have them. Ms. Daniels noted they do not expire. Also please sign up for Alert Franklin. Commissioner Amison asked if we are in a burn ban. Ms. Daniels said we are not; Lanark is due to the fire department situation. Attorney Shuler noted Mr. Whaley had requested the sign be put up reminding people the ban was still in effect in Lanark.

10. Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control Director

Mr. Polous spoke regarding the mosquito control noting he could turn it up and be within range. Chairman Jones said people ask me and I am pretty sure we only do what we are allowed to do. Mr. Polous noted that we must do a droplet analysis. We stay on top of it and the state requires it. Commissioner Lockley inquired about the yellow flies. Mr. Polous said the droplets are so small because we are targeting mosquitos. They are a nuisance, but they do not carry any diseases like mosquitos. Commissioner Ward said on your report you are still waiting on a response from Evergreen to hire someone? Mr. Polous noted they were waiting on the amount that we can hire them at, we have someone who wants to transfer from one of the cities. There is experience level we are trying to address. Mr. Moron said go ahead and advertise with the salary that you know now. The Board then could change the salary. Mr. Moron said he would press Evergreen as much as he could. Mr. Polous said it was built in the years of service. Mr. Moron said we do not normally advertise with years of experience. Go ahead and advertise then we can decide. Mr. Polous noted that he did hire for the part time position.

11. Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director

No action items. The Board had no questions for him. Chairman Jones thanked him for being here and for what they do for the community.

12. Whitney Roundtree – Library Director

Ms. Roundtree noted they have a door with accessibility button. However, it needs to be looked at so that they are compliant, and all our facilities are accessible. Ms. Roundtree noted issue with not being on the mowing schedule. She asked Michael to get with her after the meeting. Ms. Roundtree gave an overview of her written report of the past and upcoming events at the libraries.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Fuentes to present before the Board at this time. Mr. Fuentes noted there had been some discussion and recommendation that they go after the \$500k from Florida Housing. He noted that he thought the district is going to go for a different funding source because we feel the district can find other sources that does not require the 20% and it is not worth it to lock it in to that. Mr. Moron said what was heard at workshop was this is another Denton Cove project. Mr. Moron said he was glad Mr. Fuentes came soon to clear that up for the public. Commissioner Amison noted the ineligibility that would have been associated with the prior discussed funding. Chairman Jones noted that the EPWSD board

knows what they want, and they are not going to make any compromises. The money that they were offering is just not worth it. There are other funding sources. The bottom line is the land belongs to Eastpoint Water and Sewer. We can always go on to something else. Attorney Shuler asked if they are using federal tax credits to fund anything on your project. Yes, I believe so.

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

1. Possible Purchase of Three Acres of Land from the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District

Attached to my report is an aerial showing approximately 45 acres of land owned by the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District (EPWSD). This is the proposed site of the 38-acre workforce housing project that you considered on May 16, 2023.

EPWSD proposes that the county enter a contract with it for the purchase and sale of three acres of land at an appraised price, not to exceed a total purchase price of \$75,000.00.

The three-acres parcel proposed for consideration by EPWSD is located along Highway 65 at a location to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and consideration of the purchase of three acres of land from the EPWSD fronting on Highway 65 at a total purchase price not to exceed \$75,000.00, and approval for the Chairman to sign the contract and authorizing an appraisal for the property.

If the appraisal comes in at like \$100k the parties could choose to walk away or renegotiate. Commissioner Amison asked what the zoning was now. Attorney Shuler noted he believe it is zoned agricultural. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and Commissioner Ward, the Board approved the purchase of three acres of land from the EPWSD fronting on Highway 65 at a total purchase price not to exceed \$75,000.00, approved the Chairman to sign the contract and authorized an appraisal for the property. Chairman Jones abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0.**

Other Reports

13. Ted Mosteller – Interim Airport Manager

Mr. Mosteller noted that Mr. Kirschenbaum wanted to make a statement to the Board. However, he had to leave the meeting early. Mr. Mosteller announced the airport board will be holding a special board meeting on June 13th to discuss the FBO lease. Mr. Mosteller informed the Board that Mr. Neil Nichols has resigned from the board due to work schedule conflicts. Commissioner Amison said he was assigned as alternate. He is an active pilot with Delta and his schedule does not allow him the time to devote. Mr. Mosteller noted that the lighting is already in the works. Mr. Mosteller noted that Mr. Kirschenbaum would like to get AVCON together with the Property Appraiser for some mapping issues for the Master Plan.

Action Item:

Florida Airports Council (FAC)

Request to join the FAC as a member. Fee is \$330/year for AAF.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request to join the FAC as a member. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Lockley asked if FAC could assist us in finding jobs. Mr. Mosteller said they are a force behind the scenes of airport. This security plan that is required for the airport licensing that we are dealing with. Mr. Moron said can FAC lead us to economic develop. Commissioner Amison inquired about the security plan is that something new. Mr. Mosteller noted that we have had one since 2005 it has to be updated every two years. He noted that he is trying to get contact information for all tenants, phone numbers at a minimum. Everything has changed. Mr. Mosteller noted that he had spoken with Andrew at Centric, and he believed he would be reaching out to him.

Chairman Jones clarified that the airport board is an advisory board to the County Commissioner Board. He noted that if there is any discussion the Board needs to have with our Property Appraiser, they would need to make that recommendation to the Board, and we would have a conversation with the Property Appraiser.

14. Steve Paterson - Building Official - Zoning Department Reorganization Update

Mr. Paterson noted that they have no control over water taps, electrical. A lot of times vacant property owners go ahead with water taps to lock in price.

1. Request to contract with Mr. Gary Millender for inspections. He has proposed a rate of \$50 per inspection with a minimum of five inspections per day. This will be on an as needed temporary basis to help relieve some of the workload of Mr. Patterson and his department. Mr. Patterson noted that Attorney Shuler would need to assist in drafting a contract to work out the details. **On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to approve request to contract with Mr. Gary Millender for inspection services at a rate of \$50 per inspection with a minimum of five inspections per day.** Commissioner Sanders noted that she had some reservations when the idea of a hiring a company to complete the inspections. However, Mr. Millender has served the county many years. Chairman Jones asked if Mr. Patterson had the advertisement ready for the position. Mr. Patterson said he did not but is working on it. Chairman Jones noted that he is just one of five members, but he does not want us to do this and wait an additional year to advertise. Mr. Paterson noted it has been a very busy year. **Motion carried 5-0.**
2. Mr. Paterson informed the Board they would like to combine the zoning and building departments. He said he plans to run it as a team effort and see who fits best in each position. He noted that he intends to be hands on during this transition. Mr. Paterson noted that Mrs. Cortni will be moving into a different position. Mr. Moron noted that they have Cortni doing so many things besides being the zoning administrator including handling all the complaints. He noted this often takes her out of the office. Currently, the other clerks do not handle zoning at all. It is a bad look to have two or three people sitting there and no one who can help someone with a zoning issue. This is at no fault to anyone. With this change, the building clerks will now be zoning and building clerks. We plan to reassign Cortni however she will still manage complaints. She will chair the LTPT committee, handle more administrative work, and assist Erin short term with the budget and projects remaining. In the long term, Cortni will work with Mr. Curenton to be the middleman between the ARPC in working on the comp plan and zoning ordinances. Mr. Moron noted that Steve still has a vacant position and needs Board permission to advertise. Commissioner Ward spoke in support of the change provided staff is okay with the additional duties being assigned. She spoke in support of compensating staff for additional duties. She noted that our county is growing, and we need to make sure we have staff to accommodate. We must make sure all our county staff is taken care of. We must make sure they are compensated. Commissioner Ward noted that Florida statute does state that we can only give raises based on fees received in the building department. She noted that she would not want to give any raises that we cannot continue. Mr. Paterson noted that even with the proposed raises our salaries are below

the state averages. He noted that if we were to get to the point that a cut was needed, he believed we could cut from other areas. Commissioner Ward noted that she wants to make sure our services are not compromised. Mr. Moron noted that we are talking about adding an additional job to all the permitting clerks. Mr. Moron said he does not agree with it being a raise, as it is more like compensating for additional duties assigned. Commissioner Ward asked what Mr. Paterson needed to get these people compensated for what they are being asked to take on. Chairman Jones said if you want us to approve hiring someone else, I think no motion should be taken today moving people up, without it being properly on the agenda. If there wants to be an action to hire someone else for the department, I am good with that. Commissioner Amison noted that with the salary you probably are not going to get anyone. Commissioner Ward noted we could approve to advertise for the vacant permitting clerk and add the other to the agenda for the next meeting with details. Commissioner Lockley noted that one person cannot keep up with the workload. Commissioner Ward said we must give salaries that people can live on. We must take care of our employees.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison to advertise position for a permitting clerk. Mr. Paterson noted that we will be hiring with zoning in mind. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Moron presented item 8 from his report at this time.

8. Discussion Item – Travel Trailer Ordinance

The Board recently held a public workshop to discuss updates to the Travel Trailers, Motor Homes, and Mobile Campers Ordinance (Ordinance 82-06). Public comments during the workshop ranged from asking the county to simply enforce Ordinance 82-6, to allow for hardship situations so that the County's homeless situation is not worsened by simply enforcing this ordinance. Is the Board ready to give Attorney Shuler some direction on amending Ordinance 82-06 to include some type of hardship waiver, perhaps by a permit process, and present that draft for another public workshop discussion. In addition, the Sheriff asked for stiffer penalties that would allow him to enforce this ordinance as a law enforcement officer rather than depending on code enforcement. Will the Board direct Attorney Shuler to make those changes as part of the update to the Ordinance? Board discussion.

Mr. Moron suggested having Steve and Angela prepare in writing criteria for hardship and bring back to the Board.

Presentations and Requests

15. Anita Grove - ANNER - Plants from Indian Creek Living Shoreline – Request

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

16. Kim Bodine - CareerSource - MOU/IFA's Approval

1. Budget
2. MOU/IFA's

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the CareerSource 2023-2024 budget and the Tri County Community Council Inc. MOU. Motion carried 5-0. Thanked the commission for the lease in the armory, key for us financially. Thank you so much for doing that for us.

17. Tim Center - Community Action Agency - SHIP Program Update

Mr. Center gave a brief overview of his written report below.

Per the contract with Franklin County to administer the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), the Agency completed the following.

Upon execution of the contract with Franklin County, the Agency established staffing for Franklin SHIP. Rose Griffith was assigned a primary role. Staff participated in training with Michael Chaney, Florida Housing Coalition, on July 12, 2022, August 11, 2022, and September 22, 2022.

Franklin County held a housing workshop in late summer. Ms. Griffin represented the SHIP application process which opened September 1, 2022. Applications were received and reviewed.

Staffing for the program changed when the Agency's Disaster Recovery Supplemental Funds grant expired. Ms. Griffin was funded by this grant. Her last day with the Agency was October 30, 2022.

The Agency regrouped and reassigned Angela Webster to be the point person in Franklin County for Franklin SHIP. The Franklin SHIP manager is Terry Mutch. Terry worked with Michael Chaney, Lori Switzer, Linda Phillips, and Michael Moron. A series of trainings and meetings took place in 2023, including:

JANUARY 2023

January 5 - Agency meeting to discuss SHIP responsibility reassignments
January 14 - Final inspection for Virginia Duggar (Owner Occupied Rehabilitation)
January 26 - SHIP introduction meeting with Michael Chaney (9 AM - 10 AM)

FEBRUARY 2023

February 2 - 2nd Training Meeting with Michael Chaney (9AM - 10AM)
February 14 - 3rd Training Meeting with Michael Chaney (9AM -10AM)

APRIL 2023

April 13 - 4th Training Meeting with Michael Chaney (9AM-10AM)

April 20 - Visit to Franklin County Annex for SHIP file review
April 26 - Agency SHIP production meeting

MAY 2023

May 3 - 5th Training meeting with Michael Chaney (2PM - 3PM)
May 16 - Onsite training visit from Michael Chaney to review SHIP files and provide file maintenance guidance.
May 17 - Agency SHIP production meeting
May 24 - Agency SHIP production meeting
May 27 - Visit to Franklin County Annex for application/file review

During this time, the Agency can report the following residents have applied and will receive services based on the determination of eligibility.

Down Payment Assistance

Forty-four residents currently have been approved for Down Payment Assistance Loans. These loans are forgiven over ten years. The Agency will implement an annual written notice to all recipients to provide a status report of their loan status.

Emergency Repair

Six residents received emergency repair loans. These loans are forgiven after five years. Based on the information in the files, two of the six have satisfied the terms of the five-year loan. The Agency will implement an annual written notice to all recipients to provide a status report of their loan status.

Rehabilitation

Nearly 70 residents have received loans to cover rehabilitation of their homes. Six residents will fulfill the loan terms over the coming year. The Agency will implement an annual written notice to all recipients to provide a status report of their loan status.

New Applications

Franklin County has used an annual month-long application process for Franklin SHIP each September. The Agency received more than 30 applications for services including rehabilitation and down payment assistance. Staff have been in contact with all applicants to complete their applications for the purposes of prioritizing work to be done. Residents have until June 21, to complete their applications.

Applications for Down Payment Assistance can receive assistance for the purchase of a home up to \$285,000. Once applications are complete, applications will be ranked, and vendors will be contracted to complete the work needed. The Agency has until the end of 2025 to complete work for eligible clients. The goal is to complete the work within one year of application.

Seven residents no longer need assistance. A couple residents on the waiting list applied again for services.

The Agency recommends a year-long open application process with prioritization points being assigned to residents who are seniors, have a documented disabled resident in the home, or are single mothers. This will permit those on the waiting list to better understand and prepare for the likelihood of their application being accepted and receiving services.

Waiting List

About eight residents applied for in 2021-22 and await services from Franklin SHIP. These residents will receive priority after they have been recertified for eligibility.

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

- 18. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND - 10:30 a.m. (ET)**
AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4 COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

**19. AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND - 10:35 a.m. (ET)
AN ORDINANCE REZONING 0.16 +/- ACRE OF LAND IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 9
SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-4
COMMERCIAL MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.**

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

County Staff & Attorney Reports

20. Erin Griffith – Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator

Report addressed earlier in the meeting.

21. Michael Morón – County Coordinator

1. Discussion Item – Vandalism Incidents at County Park Restrooms

Discussion and possible action based on the discussion.

Attached to your report is a collection of pictures, from Commissioner Ward, of incidents of vandalism to County Park restrooms. Commissioner Ward would like to discuss options on preventing further incidents of vandalism and damage along with additional compensation to county employees that must deal with the clean-up and other similar situations.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

2. Action Item – CPTA Grant (ARPC)

Board action to approve a CPTA funding request to assist with the cost of ARPC's update of the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

At your February 21st meeting, the Board approved, by motion, to request a proposal from the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to assist the County with updating its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. ARPC and county staff agreed to apply for a DEO Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant (CPTA), with ARPC's assistance, that would reduce any cost to the County for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance updates. Attached to my report is the Letter of Request, the CPTA proposal, and a ARPC letter of support for your review. I am requesting Board action to approve the request and authorize the Chairman's signature on the necessary documents.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request and authorized the Chairman's signature on the necessary documents. Motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Lockley absent.

3. Action Item – Eastpoint July 1st Freedom Event Road Closure

Board action to approve a request from the Eastpoint Civic Association to close Highway 98 in Eastpoint as stated, including a FDOT permit, for the July 1st Freedom Festival Event. County staff received a request from the Eastpoint Civic Association to close Highway 98 for Eastpoint's July 1st Freedom Festival. The FDOT permit will request Highway 98 closure in Eastpoint from Shuler Street to School Road. The Sheriff's Department will reroute traffic to Avenue A.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison and Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved a request from the

Eastpoint Civic Association to close Highway 98 in Eastpoint as stated, including a FDOT permit, for the July 1st Freedom Festival Event. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Action Item – St. George Island July 4th Parade Road Closure

Board action to close County roads on St. George Island for the July 4th Wet and Wild parade.

Chairman Jones is requesting Board approval to close County roads on St. George Island for the St. George Island Wet and Wild July 4th parade. The parade route is the same as prior years, starting on the corner of West Pine Avenue and W 1st Street continuing eastward on Pine Avenue then making a southerly turn on E 4th Street. The parade route continues E 4th Street then turns west onto Gulf Beach Drive until reaching the corner of W 1st Street. The route then takes a short southern turn on W 1st Street, then an immediate turn westward onto West Gorrie Drive ending on the corner of West Gorrie Drive and W 3rd Street. The Sheriff's Department will reroute traffic on St. George Island during the parade, and since there are no closures of State roads, there is no need for a FDOT permit.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorizing to close County roads on St. George Island for the July 4th Wet and Wild parade. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Action Item – Dusty May's Letter of Support Request

Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support as requested by Mr. Frank 'Dusty' May based on his discussion with the BOCC at the May 2, 2023, regular meeting.

At your May 2nd regular meeting, there was an extensive discussion with Mr. Frank 'Dusty' May regarding waterflow that is negatively affecting Apalachicola Bay. Mr. May discussed efforts of his group, Baysavers, in Washington D.C. to remedy this situation, however, without the State of Florida's cooperation, there will be no progress with rectifying this problem. At that May 2nd meeting, Mr. May asked the Board to hold off on a letter of support until he was able to meet with State officials to discuss the problem and a plan, with a proposed timeline, to rectify this situation. Mr. May is ready to proceed and is asking the Board to consider authorizing the Chairman's signature on a letter of support. A draft copy of the letter is attached for your review and consideration.

Commissioner Sanders noted the letter includes the Apalachicola Bay. Originally, he was speaking on the St. Andrews Bay and St. Joe Bay. Chairman Jones said some of the things we had questions on, it looks like he has the answers, but we do not have them. He is asking us to support something basically blind because we do not know what he worked out. Mr. Moron said I will ask him to come back and basically respond. He can send it in writing and then if you need him to come in, we can go that route. Commissioner Amison said I have had multiple conversations with Dr. May, it is the first time the Corps of Engineers was sitting on go. They are waiting on this letter to get the matching funds. The sooner we can get this support to DEP. I got him to email me an individual sheet, and I would like to share that with the other commissioners. This is the one thing attainable that would benefit our system. That is a win all the way around. I believe why the Corps is so aggressive is they have been in a water war for years. The data is in, and it is shocking the amount of sediment and flow we are losing. This is the one project that is going to benefit our community just as much as Bay or Gulf County. It will probably benefit us more because of the economic benefit of the oysters etc. We have a more diverse eco system than they do. Mr. Moron said do you want to do it contingent on Dr. May sending a letter. Chairman Jones said if Commissioner Amison is in support of it.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward contingent on getting a summary from Dr. May to the Board, seconded by Commissioner Amison. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Action Item – Scheduling Public Workshops and Public Hearings at 5pm

Board action to schedule all future public workshops and public hearings at 5:00 p.m. (ET).

Commissioner Ward would like the Board to discuss and approve scheduling all future public workshops and public hearings at 5:00 p.m. (ET) to allow for increased public participation.

Commissioner Ward spoke in support of having public hearings and workshops in the evenings. Chairman Jones said I think it gives a greater flexibility. I have had several people say they wanted to be there, but they could not. Commissioner Ward said we can do it as a trial run and then if no one attends we can go back to the old way.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to schedule all future workshops for 5 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Sanders said she has no problem with it, and she lives on the other side of the county. Commissioner Amison said the public's perception is y'all have it set up so we cannot be there. I agree whole heartedly especially for the workshops this is the time for the public to voice their opinions. Commissioner Sanders said I think a good workshop was Alligator Point on the golf carts. Commissioner Amison said the good thing about Alligator Point is most of those folks have retired. Commissioner Amison said ABSI wonders why the public does not attend the eight-hour meetings they hold. People cannot just pop out of work and attend three-hour meetings. Chairman Jones said he thinks this is a step in the right direction. Attorney Shuler said the board has done the 5-o'clock meetings before. He said he will be there whenever y'all tell me to be there. Chairman Jones said if you are doing them at 5 in the afternoon you could do two a month. **Motion carried 4-0.**

7. Action Item – BOCC Meeting and Public Comments Policy and Procedures

Board action to adopt the BOCC Meeting and Public Comments Policy and Procedures as presented.

Attached to my report is the most current version of the BOCC's Meeting and Public Comments Policy and Procedures for your review and adoption. This document basically, with a few updates, is the written version of how the BOCC conducts its meetings. If everyone is comfortable with the language, the Board can adopt this document today. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted the BOCC Meeting, and Public Comments Policy and Procedures as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

8. Discussion Item – Travel Trailer Ordinance

The Board recently held a public workshop to discuss updates to the Travel Trailers, Motor Homes, and Mobile Campers Ordinance (Ordinance 82-06). Public comments during the workshop ranged from asking the county to simply enforce Ordinance 82-6, to allow for hardship situations so that the County's homeless situation is not worsened by simply enforcing this ordinance. Is the Board ready to give Attorney Shuler some direction on amending Ordinance 82-06 to include some type of hardship waiver, perhaps by a permit process, and present that draft for another public workshop discussion. In addition, the Sheriff asked for stiffer penalties that would allow him to enforce this ordinance as a law enforcement officer rather than depending on code enforcement. Will the Board direct Attorney Shuler to make those changes as part of the update to the Ordinance? Board discussion.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

9. Discussion Item – Commissioner Ward's Weems and Alliant Meeting

Commissioner Ward recently met with Weems Memorial administration representatives and Alliant Management representatives. Commissioner Ward will update the Board on what was discussed during this meeting. Board discussion.

10. Discussion Item – EPWSD Workforce Housing Project

On May 23rd, the Board heard from Eastpoint Water and Sewer District representatives and a

developer regarding a proposed public/private partnership workforce housing project. Chairman Jones would like to clarify some of the statements made at the workshop, especially regarding the low to very low income 20% requirement. Board discussion.

11. Informational Item – SJLVFD Fire Truck Inspections & New Truck

As an update, Robert Amick of the Florida State Firemen’s Association, submitted a proposal to inspect the five fire trucks at the St. James Lanark Village Fire Department. Staff approved that proposal and those trucks on the schedule to be inspected. Mr. Amick also submitted a diagram of the new fire truck (attached) that will be ordered once the State’s budget is signed and approved by the Governor.

12. Informational Item – Herbicide Application Notifications

Duke Energy recently submitted letters informing the County of upcoming vegetation management herbicide application to be competed in Franklin County within the next few weeks. Affected areas include unincorporated Franklin County, as well as the City of Apalachicola and the City of Carrabelle.

22. Michael Shuler – County Attorney

1. Possible Purchase of Three Acres of Land from the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

2. Possible Golf Cart Ordinance for Bald Point

Board discussion of whether to adopt an ordinance to authorize the use of golf carts on Bald Point Road, Alligator Point.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and possible approval of a public hearing to consider an ordinance to extend the golf cart ordinance at Alligator Point to include Bald Point Road.

3. Possible Golf Cart Ordinance for Lanark Village

Board discussion of whether to authorize a golf cart ordinance for Lanark Village for the area north of Highway 98, beginning at Alabama Street, where the Ho Hum RV Park is located, to Putnal Street, where the old Putnal Station is located.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and possible approval of a public hearing to consider an ordinance to authorize the use of golf carts in Lanark Village north of Highway 98, beginning at Alabama Street and running west to Putnal Street.

Commissioner Amison made a motion to approve scheduling a public hearing for the golf cart ordinances in Bald Point and Lanark Village. Commissioner Sanders seconded with the addition that she would like to hold a workshop for Lanark Village before a public hearing. Commissioner Amison amended his motion to include the change stated above. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Attorney Shuler confirmed that the Board is approving scheduling a public hearing for the Bald Point golf cart ordinance, and scheduling a workshop followed by a public hearing for the Lanark Village golf cart ordinance. Commissioner Ward noted that all our areas are different, so that is why we need separate ordinances for the different areas. Each area is completely different. We have FDOT state highways vs county highways, and multi-use paths, etc.
Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Shuler noted that he misstated the speed limit on Alligator Drive earlier in the meeting. It is 30 mph and not 35 mph.

4. Use of Alligator Point/St. Teresa Volunteer Fire Department of 4th of July Celebration

The Alligator Point VFD has requested permission to use the fire department for their annual July 4th celebration.

Late last year, the Board purchased the fire department.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and consideration of the request to use the fire house at Alligator Point for a July 4th Celebration.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to approve the request to use the fire house at Alligator Point for a July 4th Celebration. Commissioner Ward inquired as to what the liability was. Attorney Shuler said we have already been added to their liability policy as additional insured. Attorney Shuler said he could reach out to them to make sure if they are shooting fireworks, they have a rider. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to make sure they know they cannot use the upstairs portion of the building. **Motion carried 4-0.**

5. FDOT Request for Perpetual Easement

FDOT is undertaking a roadway project along Highway 98 from South Franklin Street to the foot of the Carrabelle bridge.

As part of this project, FDOT has requested that Franklin County authorize and grant to them a perpetual roadway easement over approximately 5,200 square feet of property owned by Franklin County.

The purpose of the easement is to allow FDOT to install an erosion control device south of Highway 98 to protect the highway from erosion.

This property is located approximately 1/10th of a mile east of Shell Bay Road and approximately 2/10th of a mile west of Frank McKamey Road.

I have attached the FDOT request, the easement, the resolution, and the construction plans. Basically, they are going to use articulated concrete blocks and cover it will sod. The erosion control device will be landward of mean high tide, per the plans.

Board Action Requested: Approval of the Resolution and Easement and approval for the Chairman to sign and deliver them to FDOT.

Chairman Jones asked if this was on the side of 98. In that area of question some of that is narrow. Attorney Shuler said he has looked at the property, double check the chain of title that we own the property, it was donated along with some others in the 1990s. Sanders said Dan Garlick had a client that wanted to back fill that property, finally Dan came back and wanted to donate it to the county.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approve the Resolution and Easement and approved the Chairman to sign and deliver them to FDOT. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Stormwater Easement Deed Subject to Right of Cancellation

Attached is a stormwater easement deed subject to a right of cancellation by either party. The easement is located approximately 400' north of the intersection of 24th Street and Bluff Road, Apalachicola, FL. A drawing is attached to the easement deed.

Franklin County will be responsible for the maintenance of the drainage.

Board Action Requested: Acceptance of the drainage easement and authorization for the Chairman to sign the easement deed.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board accepted the drainage easement and authorized the Chairman to sign the easement deed. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Request for Franklin County to Accept Land Donation

Ms. Jenny Wolff, Trustee, contacted the Planning and Zoning Department recently and asked if Franklin County would accept a donation of an eroded waterfront lot at Alligator Point. She may ask the county to execute an IRS charitable donation form. The value of the donation will be determined by the Property Appraiser's valuation. We have accepted similar donations in the past and signed the charitable donation form required by the IRS.

An aerial from the Property Appraiser's office is attached showing the location of the property. The parcel is approximately 88 feet wide and about 100-feet long. Generally speaking, it is located at the intersection of Chip Morrison Drive and Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Florida.

The Property Appraiser's office indicates that the property has a fair market value of \$102,000.00, in rounded-up numbers. The IRS form is attached to this report.

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and possible action to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign the charitable donation form based on the valuation of the property determined by the Property Appraiser.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board accepted the donation and authorized the Chairman to sign the charitable donation form based on the valuation of the property determined by the Property Appraiser. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Yaupon Garden Club a/k/a Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc.

The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. has requested that Franklin County accept a donation of the old Yaupon Garden Club in Carrabelle, Florida, a/k/a Lots 1 & 2, Block 154, Range G-8, Pickett's Addition, as per an unrecorded plat of Carrabelle, Florida, now in general use.

Does the Board want to have the building official inspect the condition of the building?

Board Action Requested: Board discussion and possible action to accept the donation property and building on the property.

Commissioner Ward noted there may be issues with the building in terms of the roof and electrical. I do not think it is going to hurt to have Steve look at it to see what the repairs will entail. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board table the item until Steve has a chance to go out to inspect the property. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to table the acceptance of the donation of property and building as described above until our building inspector has inspected the property. Motion carried 4-0.**

Attorney Shuler informed the Board the county was sued on Thursday. Commissioner Lockley was served as the registered agent, which is completed not legal because they should have served the Chairman, essentially some property over in Eastpoint, the ditch has not been maintained resulting in flooding of private property; it is not a county ditch, or culvert, and we do not maintain it. Attorney Shuler noted that he has already communicated with their attorney.

Chairman Jones noted there are continued discussions with the different levels of contractors with this dredging project there was some concern it is not level like it needs to be. We have had some discussion with them and what they need to do to rectify. Both ends were added by us because it was not on the original contract, and we used TDC funds to pay for it. We are trying to do our best to make sure all of that is done to the best of our ability. Chairman Jones noted he has been out on the boat once needs to go again.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Amison noted he met with Andrew and Tara with Centric regarding the contract; we should be able to bring it back at the next meeting. This has been a back and forth, they are fine with the

point we are at right now. It has been a good negotiation process. Mr. Moron said the airport board is going to meet again before our next commission meeting.

Chairman Jones noted in meeting with ARPC he has had discussions and it has been about nine years since they created dues. Base was 4000 and then 7 cents for each resident. Talked about moving minimum of 5000, would put us paying \$6100. In retrospect, Leon County would be paying about \$45k instead of \$9K. He noted it would be coming up before our budget stuff.

Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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