

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MAY 23, 2023
1:30 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, and Otlice Amison

Others Present: Michael Shuler-County Attorney and Michael Moron-County Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

2. Prayer and Pledge

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

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Dredge Agreement

Attorney Shuler presented the request to the Board to approve the emergency contract for additional dredging of the Eastpoint Channel. The previously agreed perimeter would have fallen short at the boat ramp on Payton Drive restricting public access to the Eastpoint channel. The additional dredging will run approximately 200 wide and 100 depth six feet deep past mean water line. The proposed cost is \$5,500 per day with an estimated 3–5-day completion. Requesting the Board declare an emergency and award a bid to the subcontractor. The Board will need to approve a bid for the removal of spoil and pulling up of pilings to facilitate the additional dredging. Chairman Jones noted that this is being done to facilitate a future boardwalk and to increase water access from the boat ramp.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to declare an emergency and award bid to the subcontractor to complete the additional dredging as described above. Motion carried 4-0. On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to award a bid to local contractor for the removal of spoil and pilings not to exceed \$10,000 threshold. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Jones noted that this matter came about when he asked to review the survey documents. We are spending a lot of money and have waited a lot of years to have this done. If we do not have access to get to the Eastpoint channel it would have all been done for nothing. Commissioner Ward noted that the process has not been easy. She noted that someone may need to check on the dredging project in Apalachicola to make sure we do not have the same issue at Lombardi's. Chairman Jones noted that we should check to be sure that all county owned accesses along the channel are correctly dredged.

5. Commissioners' Comments

There were no additional comments.

6. Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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