

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AUGUST 20, 2025  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Office Amison, and Anthony Croom, Jr.

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the agenda as published. 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 Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Payment of County Bills and the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Awards and Recognitions**

**3. Sheriff A. J. Smith -- Franklin County Deputies -- Letters of Commendation**

Sheriff Arnold gave a brief synopsis of what occurred on this day. He noted that they only have one ambulance and had two life threatening injuries at one time. Franklin County deputies responded with Liberty County Sheriff's office and provided tourniquets that provided lifesaving efforts for these individuals.

**PROCLAMATION**

**Recognizing the Life-Saving Actions of Sergeant Nunez, Investigator Rester, and Deputy Hathcock**

**WHEREAS** on June 12, 2025, Sergeant Nunez, Investigator Rester, and Deputy Hathcock of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office responded to a call for service regarding an individual in medical distress; and

**WHEREAS** upon notification, they quickly responded to two life-threatening emergencies that occurred minutes apart in immediate need of lifesaving measures: and

**WHEREAS** demonstrating exceptional composure and skill, Sergeant Nunez, Investigator Rester, and Deputy Hathcock administered prompt and swift action to stabilize the life-threatening scenes.

**WHEREAS** this act of valor and professionalism reflects the highest standards of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, importance of working together with our neighbors, and serves as an inspiring example of courage and service to our communities.

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Franklin County, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office wish to publicly recognize and commend these deputies for their selfless service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, A.J. "Tony" Smith, Sheriff of Franklin County, Florida, Dusty Arnold, Sheriff of Liberty County, and do hereby proclaim our profound gratitude and highest

commendation to Sergeant Nunez, Investigator Rester, and Deputy Hathcock for their heroic, life-saving actions on June 12, 2025.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Franklin County to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the above proclamation.** Chairman Jones thanked the officers for doing what they know to do and what they are trained to do, remember today that you have made a difference in the lives for all eternity. Commissioner Ward thanked the officers and noted that we appreciate your service. Commissioner Sanders thanked Sheriff Arnold for coming and noted that is what we as a county do is protect the citizens that we serve. Commissioner Croom thanked the deputies, Sheriff Smith, and Sheriff Arnold. He thanked Sheriff Smith for equipping your deputies and making sure they have the right tools in their toolbox. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Sheriff Smith and Sheriff Arnold presented each of the deputies with an award and certificate. Chairman Jones recognized Sheriff Smith for his recent appointment to the sheriff's association.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

#### **Department Directors Reports**

##### **4. Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director**

No action items.

Commissioner Ward said she wants to make sure that if we are waiting until next meeting, we do so retroactively. Mrs. Griffith noted that as long as they are moving within the Evergreen pay scale, directors are able to do this independently. Commissioner Ward extended her appreciation to Mr. Corey for fixing the concrete bench. She also thanked them for getting a bear proof can at Alligator Point.

##### **5. John Solomon – TDC Administrator**

###### **1. Carrabelle History Museum**

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the TDC Board voted to recommend approval of a request from the Carrabelle History Museum for a Museum Infrastructure Grant for up to \$12,675 for façade improvements, sign additions, landscaping improvements, and improved exhibit lighting. This comes out of the Museum Infrastructure Grant Program.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved Carrabelle History Museum Infrastructure Grant for up to \$12,675.** Chairman Jones reminded the public that we started this about three years ago. Mr. John noted that the first year was hard getting people interested in it, but it has moved along smoothly. Mr. Solomon noted that every museum we have is non-profit. It is a blessing to be able to do these grants for non-profits. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jones noted that we have been trying to put up some new signs coming into Eastpoint. We are held up with DOT getting a permit. The TDC did hear this item and they have approved to pay for them. Mr. Solomon noted that this will replace all four of the signs. Chairman Jones noted that he did not think it would have gotten this far had it not been for Representative Shoaf and his efforts in getting it passed along. Commissioner Amison asked about the Vietnam Memorial. How could we get some better signage to direct tourist to that area? Mr. Solomon noted that if you all will come up with a plan or idea, get together. Chairman Jones noted that we should probably present the city with the idea and make sure they are in agreement. Mr. Solomon noted that he has been in talks with them also about a brochure advertising the memorial.

##### **6. Steve Kirschenbaum – Interim Airport Manager**

###### **1. Hangar Rental to Haney**

Board authorization to direct County Attorney to review lease documents for Chairman to sign to begin project of first college campus in Franklin County.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Motion carried 5-0.**

###### **2. Air Show**

Board approval to move Air Show over to a local nonprofit recipient, Franklin Education Foundation. This will

hopefully help them as a fundraiser for local projects, including Haney and Tango Flights. Chairman Jones inquired that you are just asking for the monies going to the foundation. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted yes and if it remains a county event, we cannot sell tickets, sponsorships, etc.

**On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved moving the air show over to Franklin Education Foundation. Motion carried 5-0.**

### 3. Remarking/Pressure Washing

Board approval of contract with Florida Airfield Maintenance, JV for runway/taxiway cleaning and remarking project. Contract attached. Mrs. Griffith noted that we do not have an agreement or notice to proceed with FDOT at this time. Should you approve this today, she would recommend you approve contingent upon receipt of a signed contract document and notice to proceed from FDOT. Chairman Jones noted that he may have something like this in his email, that did not make it back to her yesterday. Commissioner Ward asked could we do it contingent? Mrs. Griffith noted that we do not have a draft agreement for you all to look at. I feel like timewise, you are fine with waiting until the next meeting. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders to table until the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.** Commissioner Ward confirmed this is FDOT grant funding this project. Chairman Jones noted that the draft contract needs to go before the AEOD board before coming back to us. Commissioner Sanders asked what is the latest on North American. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted that it is done, it is going back to the AEOD. He said he spoke with them last week and the conversation became very argumentative. He noted that we will find another project. Commissioner Sanders noted that it had sounded too good to be true. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted that we tried, and it was not a good deal for us. Commissioner Croom asked when the air show was. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted that it is second week November 15th.

## County Staff & Attorney Reports

### 7. Cortni Bankston -- SHIP Administrator/Compliance Coordinator

Mrs. Bankston gave an overview of code enforcement.

Commissioner Amison thanked Mrs. Smith for her hard work. He noted that we need to find some way to recognize her. She is doing a fine job. He noted that she is going way above and beyond. Think she needs to be recognized in some way. Commissioner Ward noted that she agrees, and she is an asset. Commissioner Ward noted that she has a list of things for code enforcement that she wants. One is an abandoned blighted structure ordinance. She noted that he will meet with Michael on Friday about this, and we may pull you in. Make sure that we are successful with code enforcement. Commissioner Croom asked how many cases do we have pending court litigation? Attorney Shuler noted that we do not have any scheduled with the magistrate that I am aware of. Mrs. Bankston noted that we have a couple that we have reached out to for updates. We have about ten that we need to go before the magistrate. We still try to work with them. Chairman Jones noted that we have one case that has not been ruled on by the magistrate. Chairman Jones noted that we need to make sure they are complying to the timelines that we have outlined in our policies and procedures.

#### Peddler's License

Total licenses applications: 11

- 3 rejected – applied but made no payment within the 30 days of invoice request
- 8 issued

Mrs. Bankston noted that the software is ready for the short-term rental licenses. Chairman Jones noted that he believes we will need to hold a public hearing. We already had the ordinance in place, but we repealed it because we did not have the software in place.

#### SHIP Program

Total Applications Received: 62

Applications Processed: 25

Eligible Applicants: 11

Breakdown:

- 3 Down Payment Assistance cases – completed
- 3 Emergency Assistance cases
  - 1 completed

- 2 pending
- 5 applicants are scheduled for inspections.
  - 1 inspection completed to date.
  - 4 applications pending inspections.

Florida Housing confirmed that it is acceptable to include donated materials as a part of SHIP Rehab projects. A list has been created for materials that can be donated. Staff will keep a log of all donations and the estimated value of these donated items per home. The log will track which home it was used in and be put on our SHIP annual report as public contributions. We can discuss ways to thank contractors/public for their donated materials. Staff feels by being able to utilize donated materials, it will lower the materials cost for the SHIP contractors and leave more funds for actual rehab.

Commissioner Ward asked had we heard anything on the CDBG funding. Mrs. Griffith noted that we have not heard anything, but she will reach out this afternoon and provide an update.

#### Program Efficiency Update

Since Tina Boone joined the team to assist with SHIP application processing, turnaround time has improved significantly.

### **8. Erin Griffith – Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator**

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved items 1-9. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **1. BOARD ACTION: FAA AIRPORT TAXIWAY A REHABILITATION DESIGN GRANT**

Attached is a \$145,646 grant award agreement from the Federal Aviation Administration to design and develop bid specifications for the rehabilitation of the 3,900-foot Taxiway A at the Apalachicola Regional Airport. This grant will pay for approximately 95% of project costs up to the maximum award with the balance to be paid by state grant funds.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached FAA grant award agreement for the Airport Taxiway A Design Grant.

#### **2. BOARD ACTION: LANARK EMS – ADDITIONAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR**

As construction of the Lanark EMS Station is moving along quickly (see progress photo below), the attached \$2,675 task order from project engineers Dewberry will cover the additional architectural design and specifications for the building to have a fully integrated backup generator on-site. Once specifications are complete, a change order with contractor Oliver Sperry will be forthcoming for installation and setup. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached task order for the design and specifications to install a backup generator at the new Lanark EMS Building to be paid by the Health Care Trust Fund.

#### **3. BOARD ACTION: WEEMS HOSPITAL WIRING UPGRADE FOR CONNECTION OF NEW CT SCANNER & GENERATOR**

At the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board approved Weems's grant funded purchase of a new CT Scanner through GE Healthcare and the necessary building modification work to fit the new scanner through vendor GE's vendor EEI. The county also received an HMGP emergency generator replacement grant for the Weems and just recently the new, much larger, 250KW backup generator has been delivered and setup on-site. The existing electrical connections and distribution panels from the old generator are not large enough to support the power loads of the new generator and the new connections needed for the CT Scanner. The attached \$129,881 change order from EEI will include the necessary electrical upgrades (which will be labor intensive and require replacement of multiple switches and loaded distribution panels) for both pieces of equipment and the necessary electrical engineering and the required transmittals for ACHA approval. Board action to approve reimbursement to Weems hospital from the Health Care Trust fund for EEI's change order to complete the necessary wiring upgrades for connection of the new backup generator and CT Scanner to be paid by the Health Care Trust Fund.

#### **4. BOARD ACTION: TDC SPORTS ARENA FUNDING REQUESTS – DW WILSON &**

## **KENDRICK SPORTS ARENAS**

Franklin County has been working to improve the two county sports arenas in hopes of attracting more tournaments and sports-related tourism. After completion of the new batting cage structures at DW Wilson Sports Arena in Apalachicola and Kendrick Sports Arena in Carrabelle, the board instructed staff to obtain quotes for overhead lighting and power for the pitching machines. Cates Electric has provided the attached two quotes: DW Wilson Sports \$6,220.28 and the Kendrick Sports Arena \$16,619.98 (also includes junction/step up for pickleball court if lighted at later date). A quote is forthcoming for Vrooman Park; however, this cost will be paid by the Parks and Recreation Department.

- A. Board action to approve sending the two quotes as a project funding request to TDC for their review and recommendation.

The attached quote was also requested from Musco Sports Lighting for the installation of energy efficient sports lighting rated to 140 MPH winds at DW Wilson Sports Arena. This is the same lighting system that is currently in use at Kendrick Sports Arena in Carrabelle (which was also funded in part by TDC sales tax proceeds during the park's construction) and Vrooman Park in Eastpoint (Hurricane Michael Assistance Funding). The attached \$998,900 quote is based upon Sourcewell contract pricing and will replace the aged poles on baseball fields 1-4, the basketball court and the T-ball court at the park.

- B. Board action to approve sending the attached quote as a project funding request to TDC for their review and recommendation.

Note: Both Kendrick Sports Arena and DW Wilson Sports Arena have pickleball court improvements in progress, lighting improvements for those areas are planned in the future.

## **5. BOARD ACTION: FORT COOMBS ARMORY CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT – ARCHITECT'S CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION**

The county now has a fully executed construction contract with F&F Construction of Port St. Joe for the TDC funded Fort Coombs Armory Convention Center Improvements Project. Armory Architect's Gilchrist, Ross, Crowe have submitted the attached scope and \$36,230 fee proposal to provide the necessary construction oversight for the improvements in which work will begin in the next few weeks. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached proposal from Gilchrist, Ross, Crowe Architects.

## **6. BOARD ACTION: DISTRICT 2 RESURFACING PROPOSAL CHANGE ORDER – RIO VISTA DRIVE**

Roberts and Roberts construction was recently awarded the Phase IV widening and resurfacing of CR67 Project. Due to proximity and similarity of scope to the CR67 paving project already going on in District 2, the attached \$127,725 change order proposal to resurface Rio Vista Drive reflects reduced mobilization expenses to resurface that road while the CR67 project is underway. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached proposal from Roberts and Roberts to resurface Rio Vista Drive be paid by District 2's paving funds.

## **7. BOARD ACTION: CR370 ALLIGATOR DRIVE MULTI-USE PATH PHASE IV FROM MARINA TO S- CURVE BOAT RAMP DESIGN REVISIONS**

The county's grant award agreement for the Phase IV multi-use path improvements from the Marina to the S-Curve Boat Ramp is moving through FDOT's layers of review and is slated for construction funds in state fiscal year 2028. The original plan set was completed years ago and will necessitate additional design changes, updates to the specifications and bid documents to match the FDOT construction award – the cost to produce the necessary revisions to the plan sets is estimated to cost \$9,500. FDOT has requested the attached letter from the county stating that the county will pay for the revisions to the plan set for the project to continue moving forward to construction award. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached letter in which the estimate cost of the plan set updates will be paid from District 2's paving funds.

## **8. BOARD ACTION: SHERIFF'S JAG GRANT – INSTALL POWER STATIONS IN VEHICLES**

The Franklin County Sheriff's Department has received the attached \$2,161 federal grant award agreement from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's JAG Grant Program. The attached agreement will provide funds to purchase portable power stations including USB cables, jumper cables, pump tubes and adapters, and carry cases for

FCSO patrol units. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached grant award agreement.

**9. BOARD ACTION: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF MISSED CHANGE ORDER  
BEACH PARKING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Upon review of payment details for the Beach Parking Improvement's Project which was completed last year as part of the county's American Rescue Plan Improvements, it was noted that a change order had been missed during construction. This \$10,079.40 change order included the installation of the additional sand fencing along the south boundary of the parking area and the permanent water tap for the landscaping. This change order increased the total contract price of the beach parking improvements to \$324,786. Board action to grant retroactive approval and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order which was missed last summer when the project was under construction.

**10. BOARD INFORMATION: MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT UPDATES**

- SGI Multi-Use Path Resurfacing from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> is currently out for construction bids
- Apalachicola Health Department Siding Repairs are underway
- Installation of the Sylvester Williams Park Playground Equipment was completed over the weekend. Parks and Recreation will handle the ordering and installation of the engineered wood fiber surfacing and border materials.
- Kendrick Sports Arena Pickleball Court Construction old tennis court demolished, pre-stressed concrete slab has been poured, interior fence supports installed
- TDC Spending Plan Revision – Development of Project List for TDC Board's Consideration and vetting of projects for required study - Section 6 Improvements – please provide additional concepts to draft list as needed

Commissioner Croom asked us to add land acquisition for Vrooman Park. Commissioner Amison asked for us to look at artificial turf for DW Wilson and Kenrick Park. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Griffith to call Brandon. Yesterday I stopped by EMS project in Lanark and asked them when they are going to get power. She noted that Duke Energy initially told them eight weeks. They are hoping to install the electricity next week. Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Griffith to call Brandon and let him know that. Commissioner Sanders noted that they are doing a fantastic job.

The Board recessed at 10:05 am and reconvened at 10:16 am.

Chairman Jones noted that we did not have any public speaker cards this morning, but he failed to state that on the record. He noted that we do have some public comments for agenda items.

**9. Michael Morón – County Coordinator**

Chairman Jones asked if he had the wording needed for the TDC vendor contract extensions. Mr. Moron noted that Attorney Shuler could pull the language from a previous extension.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved items 1-3 from Mr. Moron's report. Motion carried 5-0.**

**1. Action Item: TDC Vendor Contract Addendums**

At your last meeting, the Board approved an extension to the TDC vendor contracts as part of the TDC Administrative Services contract discussion. The new end date for the TDC vendor agreements will be September 30, 2026. Attorney Shuler will need authorization to create the necessary amendments to those agreements. Board action to authorization Attorney Shuler to create the amendments to extend the TDC Vendor contracts to September 30, 2026.

**2. Action Item: TDC Administrative Contract Extension**

The RFQ for TDC Administrative Services will not be advertised, opened, interviewed, and selected prior to the current contract expiration date of September 30, 2025. Therefore, an extension until October 31, 2025, is recommended. Mr. Solomon has no objections to this extension. Board action to extend the current TDC Administrative Services contract to October 31, 2025.

**3. Action Item: September 17th Meeting Date Change**

The FAC Innovation & Policy Conference is scheduled for September 17th & 18th. September 17th is a scheduled BOCC regular meeting date. Will everyone's schedule allow for the Wednesday, September 17th meeting date to be rescheduled to Tuesday, September 16th? Board action to move the BOCC regular meeting from Wednesday, September 17th to Tuesday, September 16th starting at 9:00 a.m.

4. Discussion/Action Item: TDC Seat Appointment

At your last meeting, the Board ranked the candidates that submitted applications to serve on the Tourist Development Council. Mr. Torben Madson was ranked #1 of all eight candidates. Commissioner Amison asked Attorney Shuler to do due diligence and verify that Mr. Madson met the statutory (Section 125.0104 F.S.) requirements to serve on the TDC. While reviewing Mr. Madson's application, Attorney Shuler realized that he was listed as a reference on that application. Once he informed me of that matter, we agreed to forward this request to the County's outside labor consultant, Attorney Trevor Carson of Carson, and Adkins. Attorney Carson asked for specific information and rendered the following opinion: It is my opinion that the applicant meets the statutory requirements. Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, requires six members of the council to be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development. The applicant indicates that he is a parade organizer for the Mardi Gras parade and is a founder of the Salty Barkers Mardi Gras Krewe. It is my understanding that the Mardi Gras parade is a large tourism event for Franklin County bringing in a large number of people from outside of the county. Therefore, it is my opinion that the applicant is qualified to sit on the TDC board based on his involvement in the Mardi Gras parade. Board discussion and possible action to appoint Mr. Torben Madson to the TDC.

Commissioner Amison noted that he asked for the opinion just so everything is tidy and clean. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board appointed Mr. Torben Madson to the Tourist Development Council. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Discussion/Action Item: PUD Public Hearing Scheduling

At your August 6th regular meeting, the Board authorized a public hearing to receive public comment on the Planned Unit Development Evaluation Ordinance that was approved at the public hearing held on Friday, July 25th. As per the Board's discussion during that meeting, at the upcoming public hearing, the Board will not entertain any changes to the draft ordinance, including the exclusion of PUDs for any area or section of unincorporated Franklin County. Keeping in mind that you have two budget public hearings scheduled in September, and Attorney Shuler needs to coordinate with Attorney Theriaque and Ms. Mills-Gutcher, when would you like to schedule the public hearing? Board discussion and action to schedule the PUD public hearing.

Ms. Allison Goodson spoke via Zoom. 10:24 you are not required to rubber stamp the ordinance.

Commissioner Ward inquired about making SGI a special district, would it be prudent for us to get this board together, start this process, before tackling this PUD ordinance again. Chairman Jones noted that it is at the pleasure of the Board. Chairman Jones noted that outside of the plantation there is only two properties that are five acres or more on the island. As we are discussing a special district, it changes everything. Commissioner Sanders noted that if y'all start doing a special district for SGI, I am going to ask for one for Dog Island and Alligator Point. Chairman Jones noted that the advisory board and special district is not all about PUDs. Commissioner Sanders noted that when you start excluding a part of the county, you are going to open it up for all. Commissioner Amison noted that Dog Island, St. George Island and Alligator Point are special places. They deserve to have a special district due to their geography. They are different than the rest of the county. I think that is the best approach to handle this. Commissioner Sanders asked would it be prudent of us to look at the special districts before moving forward with the PUD. Mr. Moron noted that was the plan before. Commissioner Sanders noted that we would create a citizens committee to determine the uniqueness of the districts. Commissioner Croom asked if the three areas mentioned become special districts, would they be combined or would each have their own district. Mr. Moron noted that they are unique and would probably need their own.

Commissioner Ward noted that the state required us to do the preservation. Attorney Shuler noted that he has not researched it and it was in place when he came along. Chairman Jones asked are you wanting to delay this public hearing until then? Commissioner Ward noted that it would be prudent for us to back up a bit and do this special district.

Mr. Bean said we are not sure this is worthwhile. We worry about what can be done if we are designated a special district. Commissioner Sanders noted that we have no control over the city of Apalachicola and the city of Carrabelle. Mr. Bean noted that density was an issue in Lanark and the flooding. Mr. Moron noted that we stopped

the fill ordinance discussion because it was the argument. Commissioner Amison noted that as long as he is sitting on the Board, St George Island will not dictate what the rest of the county looks like. He noted that he does not think SGI wants to be a special district.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Amison to see how the discussion goes with special district on SGI before moving forward with the PUD hearing.** Chairman Jones noted that when we have the town hall, I am sure it will attract attention. I do believe the island wants preferential treatment as far as fill, clear cutting, etc. Commissioner Sanders asked if she could then go to her district and see if they are interested in moving to a special district.

Ms. Allison Goodson noted that it seems to me it has been made clear that SGI wants this hearing. It makes more sense that we hold the second hearing while we are moving through the special district issue.

Commissioner Ward noted that she is not amending her motion. She said that she has heard that people want a special district, and now some are saying they do not. Commissioner Croom noted that he is going to do what he feels is right for this county. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Attorney Shuler noted that in recent legislative session, the senate passed SB 180 a law that is retroactive to the fall of 2024 until fall of 2027. Essentially what it is says is that the Board cannot create a law that causes development to be more difficult.

6. Discussion/Action Item: 34-8 Warren Ave Variance Request

The following is an excerpt from the May 21, 2025, BOCC regular meeting.

34-8 WARREN AVENUE: A consideration of a request to encroach 6' beyond the 11' allowance in the S-4 District to construct an addition to the residential structure. Property is located in Lanark Village, Franklin County, FL. Request submitted by George and Teresa Bookwalter, applicants. Commissioner Sanders asked if there was any resistance at the meeting for this, Mr. Paterson noted no. Commissioner Ward asked if there have been other instances like this approved. Mr. Paterson noted that in the past the board there had already approved these types of request. Mr. Paterson noted that no one showed up in resistance of those. Commissioner Sanders noted that she is going to have the board help her in making this decision since this is in the S4 district. Mr. Moron asked are you hinting towards tabling this? Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve. Commissioner Ward seconded, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the variance request for 34-8 Warren Avenue. Commissioner Ward noted that we need to move forward with continuity. Commissioner Ward noted that she is at an impasse because there has been a precedence set, but staff recommended against it. Mr. Stiehl noted that the zoning code specifically identifies that this zoning prohibits any setbacks. There are locations that have buildings that are closer than the setbacks would allow. Mr. Stiell noted that he recommends the board deny the variance. Commissioner Amison asked whatever happened to the special zoning board over there, was it dissolved? Commissioner Sanders noted that it was dissolved by the BOCC. Commissioner Ward asked if there was any hardship that you are aware of. Mr. Stiehl noted that the applicant has stated that this is for a quilting room, and he does not see that as a hardship. Attorney Shuler noted that my memory is that citizen advisory board was not created by ordinance it was just created by motion of the board. The ordinance was never amended to include the advisory board. Commissioner Sanders rescinded her motion to approve and made a motion to table. Seconded by Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Ward asked if there is a way, they can work with staff to make this comply with our code. She noted that she just wants to make sure that we do what is right. Chairman Jones noted that if we are going to table, Justin can review and get that information to all of us. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Sanders asked if the other Board members have had the opportunity to research this variance request. Commissioner Sanders is ready to vote on this request. Board discussion and possible action.

Commissioner Sanders noted that encroachments have been allowed in the past. **On a motion to approve by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward.** Commissioner Ward noted that we need to try to stick to what we have on the books for the future however precedence has already been set. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Discussion/Action Item: Vacant PZA Seats

At the last meeting, the Board was made aware of two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board. Those vacant seats contributed to moving the PZA monthly meeting from August 12th to August 19th due to a lack of quorum. Has any Board member been successful with recruiting candidates, especially for the at-large seat, or should I advertise the vacant seats on the County's website? Board discussion and possible action.

8. Discussion/Action Item: Team Franklin Meeting/EDC Preliminary Update



On Friday, August 15th, Chairman Jones attended the Team Franklin meeting and was on that agenda to discuss the creation of a County Economic Development Council, the Federal Opportunity Zone, and a SHIP Advisory Board. The County's EDC consultant, Mrs. Mary Swoope, attended the meeting with Chairman Jones. Chairman Jones has an update from that meeting and would like the Board to approve the EDC concept (document attached). Board discussion and possible action to approve the EDC concept.

9. Discussion Item: FWC Commission Meeting

The entire Board attended the FWC's Commission regular meeting held in Havana on Thursday, August 13th. On the agenda were the proposed rules for the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Management and Statewide Regulations. Board update.

Commissioner Ward noted that each of us commissioners have meetings individually with FWC scheduled. She noted that her goal is to speak with them about regulations, limited entry along with some other things. Commissioner Croom noted that his main thing to discuss with them is enforcement as this is something we have to have. Commissioner Amison noted that when they adopt option two with 100, the language reads that 100 participants in perpetuity. He noted that he plans to be at the next FWC meeting, he is going to double down and see if we can have that language stricken, as to not limit our bay to just 100 harvesters a year.

Chairman Jones noted that he was glad to have to tell people that he was wrong. He had told several people that he had never seen FWC make a motion or vote against what staff recommend. Commissioner Sanders noted that it is odd that both times they have voted against staff, it has been with something in Franklin County. Commissioner Sanders noted that they finally understand that recreational harvesting is not from a boat. The most important thing is when Chairman Barreto said can we give those Franklin County folks preference and they said no you cannot. Hoping they can go back in the record and find where it was approved previously.

10. Discussion Item: Legislative Delegation Hearing

The Legislative Delegation, for the upcoming Legislative Session, is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, August 21st at 2:30 p.m. (ET) here in your meeting room. With that information, today is the only opportunity to discuss items that can be presented at tomorrow's delegation hearing. Board discussion.

11. Informational Item: CAB SGI Special Zoning District

The Board approved the creation of a Citizen Advisory Board. The purpose of this CAB is to confer with County staff and Commissioners on the creation of a special zoning district for St. George Island. I have created a one-page application (attached) for interested candidates, which will be available on the County's website for download. The application will contain instructions on where to return once completed. Chairman Jones, Ms. Bree Robinson, and I will start interviewing potential candidates in early September and will present a 5-to-7-member board for your approval in October.

12. Informational Item: Next Meeting Date

Your next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

*The Board moved to public hearings at this time.*

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

**10. 11:00 a.m. (ET) Establishing a uniform addressing system**

Attorney Shuler presented the proposed ordinance and purpose of such.

An ordinance of Franklin County, Florida, establishing a uniform addressing system; providing definitions; providing for the assignment of numbers on buildings; requiring the posting of numbers on buildings, providing for a penalty; providing for severability and an effective date.

Chairman Jones called for any questions from commissioners and there were none. Chairman Jones called for public comments at this time.

Ms. Donna Knutson proposed an amendment to the ordinance requiring beach homes have numbers on the beach side of houses. She asked the Board to consider adding this. Ms. Knutson noted that this is for emergency services.

Mr. George Pruitt asked if there was already a statewide law that requires addresses be visible. Chairman Jones noted yes, and we are trying to bring our law in line with state standards.

Chairman Jones called for public comments online and there were none.

Commissioner Croom asked could we add the additional language Ms. Knutson requested without readvertising. Attorney Shuler noted that he would recommend the Board adopt the ordinance as presented. He noted that when emergency services arrive, they do not arrive via the waterfront, they arrive on the roadside. Commissioner Ward noted that for beach goers on the beach, if they call 911, they do not know where they are. Attorney Shuler noted that this is a policy change for the Board. Attorney Shuler noted that he believes this is a change that can be added without readvertisement. Chairman Jones noted that we will be adding a section that if the house is so many feet from the road, we will need to add a section. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board table this matter to a date/time certain, let me come up with language and bring back to the Board. Commissioner Amison recommended revising the language to add if your house abuts the public beach, you are required to display address on the roadside and beachside. Attorney Shuler noted that he believed he could work with this language and add to the ordinance before the board today.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, the Board approved the ordinance with an amendment to require houses that abut the public beach to display their E-911 address on the roadside and beachside of the house. Motion carried 5-0.**

## 2. MSBU

Attorney Shuler presented the ordinance to the Board.

An ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida amending Franklin County Ordinance 2013-1 to rescind all requirements for a vote of the property owners before the resolution establishing the amount of the special assessments for fire and rescue municipal services benefit units described in 2013-1 can be amended; Repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herein, or parts of ordinances in conflict; providing for severability and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Ward asked for Attorney Shuler to elaborate on what got us to this point.

Attorney Shuler noted that there were concerns about the cost of the election for a countywide vote. Just as the board imposed the vote requirement upon themselves, you are allowed to remove the requirement. There will be costs as we move forward, I do have a recommendation that the board hire a firm to complete a rate study. Today does the board want to remove the requirement for the public to vote before we start the process of a rate increase.

Commissioner Sanders noted that Alligator Point and St George Island came to us for more money. At the time, we had the power to do this without a vote. That is why the 2013 was created. Commissioner Sanders noted that she has had a lot of people talk to her about it too. The money for this vote was taken out of MSBU funds. Commissioner Amison said he thought we could not use the money out of the MSBU to pay for the election? Commissioner Sanders noted that each fire department paid a certain amount. Commissioner Ward noted that basically we have all fire departments requesting an increase and that is a huge task for our election's office. Chairman Jones noted that this would be every property owner not just resident. There were reservations on the part of the supervisor of elections because currently they do not do any elections for all property owners. Commissioner Amison noted that every property owner has to be contacted and provided the opportunity to vote. Chairman Jones noted that the last thing you would want to do would be to hold an election and have someone come back and say they were not allowed the opportunity to vote. Chairman Jones noted that he thinks it would be smoother for the board which the people have elected to vote on it.

Chairman Jones called for public comments at this time.

Jason Timbrook Chief of SGI – will of us that our individual property owners are allowed to vote on the increase. We are going to oppose.

George Pruitt of Eastpoint – we elect the county commission to make these decisions for us without having to spend \$30K of MSBU funds on an election. In favor of putting that power in the county commissioner hands.

Ray Pierce resident of Alligator Point fire department – our residents support our fire department. He noted the expense of equipment purchase and repair. Thank you for your support and we encourage you to help us today. He noted that we are more unified than you think, we have four fire departments.

Terry Rigsby property owner at Alligator Point – we are very proud of our volunteer fire department, and we support them 110%. When they said we need money we will gladly increase the rates. One concern is hiring a firm to perform a rate study. If you go to this proposed ordinance, you ought to be able to rely on the departments and the chiefs. I would hate to see the process drag out because there is another entity costing time and money.

Mr. Lott thanked Commissioner Sanders for attending our community meeting. He noted that 95% of those attending that meeting opposed this ordinance. Request that his letter to commission and attorney be recorded. The right to vote on MSBU by property owners? The cost of holding a MSBU those funds are subtracted by the MSBU dollars received. Why is it necessary?

Commissioner Sanders noted that Mr. Lott wrote a letter, and she would like to make sure that is included in public records. Mr. Moron said is the board considering tagging some of the MSBU funds to pay for elections? Chairman Jones noted that at the end of the day residents and property owners are paying that. If we are doing it that way, you are taking this money away from the fire departments. He noted that we vote on all of the other taxation in the county, and he does not see where this is any different. Commissioner Ward noted that she can see both sides.

Teresa Jacobs spoke to the Board asking who is paying for the consultant firm? Chairman Jones noted that he believes that will be paid through the professional services line item. Ms., Jacobs asked will there be a time period. Chairman Jones said if it is going to a vote, it would most likely not be done until November of next year. The timeline is an issue, and we are aware of it. She said that she is not a fan of giving up her vote as a property owner.

Lyra Erath thanked the Board for their time. She noted that they love their fire department and they do need these funds. There are a lot of ways to accomplish an election. You just have to go to your tax rolls. We know we need the money, who starts the process.

Chairman Jones noted that the current ordinance has not been used since 2013. The supervisor's office is like all of our other offices, they work on a tight budget and timeframe. We do our best to make the best use of your tax dollars. Either way it is going to cost the taxpayer money. How do we get the money that our fire departments need?

Chairman Jones explained how we are today. What assurances can the commissioners give us that the process will move forward?

If I give up my vote, will I have assurance that this is going to move forward and speed up the process. Commissioner Sanders said the thing about it is whether it goes for a vote to the people or the Board. The money will not go to the fire departments until November 2026. There is no way to speed this up. We need accountability and transparency. So that if someone ask us why we gave them this amount, we can have the backup.

Chairman Jones noted that TRIM notices have already been sent out and the increased amount is not listed on them.

Attorney Shuler suggested conducting an official rate study which was done with AP beach renourishment. Then the Board would go through the public hearing process to increase the MSBU funds. Attorney Shuler noted that he can talk with the consultant and explain to them that he wants the increased rates to be included with the TRIM notices next year. He noted that he does have contact information for the company used previously and he will be in contact with them if the Board authorizes him to do so.

Mr. Lott spoke again via zoom. He asked if the vote is returned to the county commission does that mean there want to be any costs adjusted from the MSBU funds that go to the fire departments. If the vote remains with the public, will those funds be deducted from the MSBU? Chairman Jones noted that is correct.

Mr. George Pruitt noted that we have a current firefighter 1 class now. It is \$600 a man. As far as finances and what we need. Our financial reports are provided by a professional CPA. He noted that at each meeting the treasurer provides a financial report and hands out to anyone who requests it.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, the Board adopted the ordinance**

**as presented.** Chairman Jones asked if they needed to amend his motion to allow Attorney Shuler to contact consultant. Attorney Shuler noted that he will bring that up during his report. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Banning all fires on the public beaches of Franklin County  
Attorney Shuler presented the ordinance to the Board.

An ordinance of Franklin County, Florida, banning all fires on the public beaches of Franklin County; providing for a penalty; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and establishing an effective date.

Attorney Shuler read portions of the ordinance on the books from 1994. Chairman Jones noted that he wanted to make sure the public was aware this ordinance was already on the books. This ordinance would allow us to address a lot of the complaints we already have. Commissioner Sanders said a few years ago we had the mullet fisherman requesting warming fires. Commissioner Ward said on the ordinance it says that turtle nesting season beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Shuler noted that it should be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name unstated – spoke regarding an administrative code which prohibits fires during turtle season. She is supportive of the ordinance. She would say any fire because people do not clean up after themselves.

Roy Wilcox noted he appreciates the friends of the reserve presentation. The fires on the beach are a health and hazard issue. Would like to prohibit all year long not just during turtle season. The debris left behind is an issue.

Karen Jimerson noted there is a lot of fire debris on the beach. It is dangerous for hatchlings, mothers and the people who work with them.

Mason Bean said he hates to see us pass more laws when what we really need is more education.

Donna Knutson spoke asking for the turtles to be protected.

Doug Jimerson noted the issue is getting worse noting fires should be at least during turtle season if not the whole year.

Lyra Erang from Alligator Point turtle patrol spoke in support and noted the turtle people are looking for the Board's support.

Cindy (last name inaudible) spoke regarding the fires leaving behind unsightly and dangerous debris. She noted that she is the one who found the large construction debris.

Allison Goodson spoke supporting the ordinance.

David Covington asked what is difference in the ordinance on the books and the new ordinance? Why cannot we amend the ordinance that we already have on the books. Agreed with Mr. Bean saying we have to educate and communicate. Suggest that we put this in the rental units to let them know. He noted that the public and private beach could be an issue. Agrees it should not be year-round but during turtle season.

Jacobs from AP use our resources wisely and go with what the state allows which is no fires on the beach. Ban it like the state does.

Commissioner Ward noted that a lot of good points have been brought up. She has received community input from the public who are not here today. She noted that she does understand Mr. Covington's comment about public/private beach confusion. I do think we need to enforce whatever we put in to place. She noted that she feels like we need to incorporate this verbiage into the new ordinance. So that the sheriff's department can go out and quote this language. Attorney Shuler noted that they are two separate ordinances, and we give the sheriff a copy of both ordinances.

Commissioner Croom said he is unsure about the prohibition all year long. Not everyone is drinking and not law abiding. Chairman Jones noted that he has only more emails than he received about covid over this issue. There is a way that you can do a permit. Some other counties are doing permits. All of those things are adding other steps for us to enforce. At the end of the day, I am under the understanding there are people who like to have fires on the beach, and they do it responsibly. I am not for a yearlong ban. Then you are penalizing everyone for the bad habits.

Commissioner Amison said that he had a gentlemen approach him a few years ago with a business to set up fires. Why couldn't we add some language that it has to be in a contained pit? Chairman Jones noted that even in doing that, there would still be an element of education.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the ordinance as presented with the edit of the date from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Commissioner Ward said she would like to add signage from private and public beach. Chairman Jones noted that we can use TDC funds for this signage. We could possibly add to dune walk over signage. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board moved back to Mr. Moron's report.

10. Discussion Item: Legislative Delegation Hearing

The Legislative Delegation, for the upcoming Legislative Session, is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. (ET) here in your meeting room. With that information, today is the only opportunity to discuss items that can be presented at tomorrow's delegation hearing. Board discussion.

Chairman Jones noted that he received some language from Mr. Paterson regarding septic tanks and private providers. I just want to make sure they are aware of the outcomes of the laws they are implementing. Also, the discussion of how long it is going to take for Eastpoint to receive the fire truck because the fire truck was 600 days out.

Commissioner Ward noted that she would like to add in the shooting range appropriation. Commissioner Amison asked if that would conflict with what they are trying to do out there? Commissioner Ward noted that the way Team Florida is working right now, it is going to be years before they are ready to build on the county property there. Commissioner Amison will bring up the language regarding FWC. He noted that he still has a lot of heartburn about the funding for restoration. We have no funding moving forward. We spent all this time and money on pilot studies. Chairman Jones noted that we will need to be sure and advertise for the town hall meetings on the website. Commissioner Sanders noted that Alligator Point is still missing a lot of medical calls. They are going to try and relocate some. The antenna is not pointing east and west, its pointing north and south. Williams Communication is trying to get a license so they can put an antenna up on Oyster Radio tower. We are working towards it and will like to have y'all a recommendation by the second meeting in September. Mr. Pierce from AP FD spoke regarding the tower. He noted that it's not just AP radios that are the problem. Its countywide. Chairman Jones asked was it the radios or the towers? Chairman Jones said it seems like we have had companies that are fixing the problem and they are not fixing anything. They are just making money off of Franklin County. Mr. Moron noted that it is truly to have the actual problem known.

Commissioner Ward noted that she would like to meet with CHP again. CHP is under the impression that we have all of these providers that we do not. They are misguided as to who they think the providers are in the county. I would like to be a part of the meeting. I have notes and documentation. Chairman Jones noted that another thing that needs to be discussed with them is we need to know what the holdup is for CHP being accepted in Gulf County. Commissioner Amison asked them to find out where they are at with licensing in Gulf County. Mr. Moron noted that he will get it set up.

Commissioner Amison said with TDC why we cannot use TDC funds with boat ramps. Mrs. Griffith noted that is something that we do plan on changing with the spending plan amendment. Chairman Jones noted that the change is there is still criteria to be met but it opens us up to a lot of things we could not do before.

**11. Michael Shuler – County Attorney**

Request for authorization to contact Acentura in order to get an estimate for a rate study. Chairman Jones asked Attorney Shuler to see if this can be done in the next few months. Chairman Jones called for public comments. Ray Pierce asked the Board that whatever they do, please do sooner versus later. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Attorney Shuler to contact Acentura for an estimate on a rate study for MSBU. Motion carried 5-0.**

1. Possible Property Swap with Duke Energy

Duke Energy has conditionally agreed to the Board's request to cost share the \$11,500.00 expense for engineering a road design so that they can consider the Board's request to build a paved road underneath their transmission line

crossing the entrance to the Duke Energy property proposed for the land swap. Duke Energy offers to pay one-half the cost at closing of the land swap. I suppose their purpose is to provide an incentive to close and if the closing does not happen then they do not have to pay. Board Action: Discussion and action on Duke Energy's proposal.

**On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved Duke Energy's proposal on the property swap. Motion carried 5-0.**

2. No Parking Sign Request for 300 Ocean Mile

I received a request for no parking signs at the entrances to 300 Ocean Mile on St. George Island. As I understand it, parking on the right of way near the entrances is causing a line-of-sight problem for persons exiting 300 Ocean Mile. The request is to place no parking signs adjacent to the entrances to provide a clean line-of-sight for vehicles exiting 300 Ocean Mile, approximately 20 feet on either side of each entrance. Your ordinance allows the placement of no parking signs as approved by the Board. Board Action: Discussion and action on the request for no parking signs adjacent to the entrances at 300 Ocean Mile.

Chairman Jones noted that there are also people parking on the bike path and that needs to be included.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for no parking signs adjacent to the entrances at 300 Ocean Mile. Motion carried 5-0.**

3. SB 784 Plat Resolution Designating County Coordinator as Authorized Administrative Person to Sign Plats  
A copy of SB 784 is attached. A draft resolution is also attached. SB 784 fundamentally changes the processing of applications for plats and replats. No longer will they be reviewed by Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Commission or the County Commission. SB784 requires the appointment of an administrative official to process applications for plats and replats. The draft resolution nominates the County Coordinator for that position, with the prior advice of the county planner and county engineer concerning compliance with all state and local laws, rules, and regulations. Board Action: Discussion and action on the draft resolution appointing the county coordinator as the administrative official responsible for approving, approving with conditions or denying applications for plats and replats.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board the resolution appointing the county coordinator as the administrative official responsible for approving plats and replats. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Correction of Scrivener's Error on Zoning Map

Last week, it was discovered that a mapping error on the zoning map for part of Bald Point incorrectly identified approximately 2.8 acres of privately owned residentially zoned lots from R-1 residential to P-2 Preservation. This scrivener's error can be corrected by a motion and vote of the Board to direct staff to correct the zoning map. In 2009, Franklin County adopted ordinance 2009-11 rezoning multiple parcels of state-owned lands in Franklin County to P-2 Preservation. Specifically, at Bald Point a 4,859.33-acre parcel of land was rezoned to P-2 Preservation and due to a mapping error approximately 2.8 acres of privately owned lots were incorrectly colored as being P-2 Preservation on the Zoning Map. The map attached to ordinance 2009-11 shows outparcels excluded from the ordinance. Therefore, the ordinance clearly indicates that the 2.8 acres of privately owned residential lots were not intended to be rezoned to P-2 Preservation. A copy of 2009-11 is attached. The Future Land Use Map designation of the approximately 2.8 acres of privately owned lots remains Residential, not P-2 Preservation. The Zoning Map needs to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map. The scrivener's error can be corrected by a motion directing staff to change the Zoning Map from P-2 Preservation to R-1 Residential for the approximately 2.8 acres of privately owned lots which are presently incorrectly shown as P-2 Preservation on the Zoning Map. Ms. Bree Robinson is working on a narrative which will include a specific description of the lots to be changed on the zoning map from P-2 Preservation to R-1 Residential, together with color copies of the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map showing the incorrect designation of these lots as P-2 Preservation. Board Action: Discussion and action directing staff to correct the scrivener's error on the zoning map.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board directed staff to correct the scrivener's error on the zoning map. Chairman Jones noted that it will also be corrected on the GIS and mylar maps. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Amison noted that we need to get some contracts with the fire departments. Attorney Shuler noted that he has not received any official response from the departments. Attorney Shuler noted that he wants them all to be as consistent and uniform as possible. Chairman Jones asked if the Lanark agreement puts them under Sunshine law? Yes. Attorney Shuler noted that Sunshine is more of an obligation due to the receipt of public funds. Mr. Moron noted that each department will be required to provide financial information but each of them may look different.

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

**12. 11:00 a.m. (ET) Establishing a uniform addressing system**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**13. 11:05 a.m. (ET) Rescind all requirements for a vote of the property owners before establishing the amount of the special assessments for fire and rescue Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU)**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**14. 11:10 a.m. (ET) Banning all fires on the public beaches of Franklin County**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**Commissioners' Comments**

There were no further Commissioner comments.

**Adjournment**

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

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**Ricky Jones – Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts**

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