

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MARCH 25, 2026
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, and Otlice Amison
Commissioners Absent: Anthony Croom, Jr.
Others Present: Michael Moron-County Coordinator and Attorney David Theriaque

Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jones led prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comment cards submitted.

Action Item: Interim County Attorney

Board action to authorize David A. Theriaque, Esquire, and the Law Firm of Theriaque & Spain to serve as the Interim County Attorney until Thursday, May 7, 2026. Compensation shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that Mr. Theriaque is currently charging the County.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve with comment, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Ward speaking, I know we are going to have to pick and choose what our top priorities are, but one of my priorities is I know we were supposed to have a blighted structure public hearing this March 18, it was delayed, so I would like to get that on the forefront so we can proceed when we have our magistrate hearings. Because we all got an email today, I am sure about a blighted structure on St George Island. I would like to make sure that, and I know there is a lot of things to cover, but I would personally like that to be one of the top priorities. Mr. Moron speaking, to clarify, that is if we are going to have a, was it a workshop first then a public hearing where we look at the, remember the ordinance that we are going to combine Wakulla with ours and then do that? I will get with Attorney Theriaque on that. Commissioner Ward speaking, I think we were going to have a workshop. What we discussed, because we had a lot of stuff that we took, I had sent you the ordinance, but there was a lot of discussion about what we want and what we did not want in the ordinance. That is what I think we decided to do the workshop. Sooner than later, I want to get that done. That is all I had. Chairman Jones speaking, any other discussion before we vote? **Motion carried 4-0.**

Action Item: Proposal to assist with response to request for documentation

Board action to request a quote from David A. Theriaque to engage his staff to assist the County with gathering required documents for The Landing v. Franklin County Bert Harris Act Lawsuit.

Mr. Moron requested the Board authorize him to discuss this with Attorney Theriaque to come up with a quote for the Board to approve. Attorney Theriaque's office would assist in gathering discovery for Landing vs. Frankling County Bert Harris Act lawsuit. Commissioner Sanders asked if Attorney Theriaque had someone on staff who could assist with this. Attorney Theriaque noted that he and Mr. Moron had spoken earlier and would speak again tomorrow about the parameters for this document production. It is an extensive document request. It is going to require emails, text messages on many categories pertaining to the Landing lawsuit. **Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Amison. Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Amison speaking, so next Wednesday, are we going to have an executive session? Mr. Moron speaking, no we had actually postponed that. It was in my last report. Chairman Jones speaking, so we do need to reschedule that, correct? Mr. Moron speaking, yes at some point we will ask Attorney Theriaque to let us know when. Commissioner Sanders speaking, Attorney Theriaque please make sure that Michael has all your contact information.

So, in case one of us needs to get ahold of you, because there are some items coming up in the next board meeting. Attorney Theriaque noted that he already has my cell, work number and email. Chairman Jones thanked Attorney Theriaque for being willing to help us during this time.

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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