

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MAY 6, 2026
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jones speaking, I would like for you to please stand for the invocation and pledge, but before we do the invocation, we are going to observe a moment of silence for Mr. Jerome Collins and his family and his passing. I thank everyone, most of the people, in this room, for helping to try to diligently find him and bring some closure for this family. Thank you, each, and everyone, for every bit of effort you made. The Board observed a moment of silence for Mr. Collins. Chairman Jones led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Request to add two manual checks from Mrs. Griffith. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the agenda with addition of two manual checks requested by Mrs. Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.**

Awards and Recognitions

1. Chip Sanders -- Recognition of Outstanding Community Service

Commissioner Croom speaking, in light of the tragic, tragic event taking place the last couple of weeks with Mr. Collins and his family, you know, we had many people assisting our law enforcement. Our EOC has been in constant communication with law enforcement and me. It was a very tough situation, but there is one person who always seem to show up on scene and self-initiate when families of Franklin County need them and offer assistance. He is not on anyone's payroll. You do not do it for any notoriety. He does it because he loves his county and he cares for his people. And this is not the first incident that he showed up on, I think probably two decades ago, he assisted one of my family members on St George Island. I like to think of him as the guardian of the Gulf. He's Franklin County's ram in the bush. I want to recognize this man for always being there for our county when we need him the most. This man is Donald Chip Sanders. So, thank you.

Chip Sanders speaking, all right, good, right. It is a lot. Thank you all. And one thing these guys, they put in a lot of effort. Man, and you know, I appreciate y'all letting me come alongside y'all and getting what we got to do going, I know public says what they have to say, but right there with y'all, and everything y'all did was correct, I want to make sure y'all know that, and I want to thank the sheriff for this awesome hat for the rescue team. You know, let us just all stick together. You know, when I do this stuff, it is all just instinct. As he was saying, a lot of people do not know, I saved his mom and his dad 20 years ago, when they were on the jet ski and I was just a little 15. No, they were one of my first rescues. They 10 times bigger than me at the time, and I was able to get them. So, it has just always been my passion, my heart, make sure we can rescue people I do not too much care for recovery, because there is a lot of drama come with that. But we got to do what we got to do to bring ours home. So, I appreciate you all and going home to eat breakfast. I definitely want to give a big shout out to Chief Jay Abbott. Mark Vale retired US Coast Guard Master Chief, all my Coast Guard buddies that taught me a lot of stuff, my instincts that I know, and also Steve Rash for making sure I got a jet ski to do this. Yeah, I do not want to leave those guys names out, very important. Chairman Jones speaking, thank you. So, I do want to add something Chip if it is okay.

Just from life, we are reminded it is who I am, so I am going to share what I know from the pages of scripture. We are reminded that our neighbors not always who we want them to be, but our neighbors, that person in need, that person that we just happen to be in their vicinity, and we can help provide that need, and that's what builds and makes community and above and beyond everything that you've done and been involved in up to this point, like, what the commissioner said, you're not on a payroll. You are doing it because it is part of your community. You are showing yourself who your neighbors are, and that helps build community and community. Truly, we all live together. So, thank you for everything you have done to express love and community, because we need more of that, not less. There are too many things today that people choose to divide over, but we should all be able to unite over our community where we live, and thank you for that. Mr. Sanders speaking, you're welcome. Thank you, guys. Y'all have a good one. I am going to eat breakfast.

2. Sheriff's Department -- Florida Corrections Employee Week & National Police Week

FRANKLIN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES' WEEK

WHEREAS, maintaining safe communities and upholding the rule of law remain essential priorities for Franklin County, Florida; and

WHEREAS correctional deputies and correctional support staff serve a critical role in protecting public safety through the secure operation of detention facilities, supervision of incarcerated individuals, and support of successful rehabilitation and re-entry efforts; and

WHEREAS correctional employees work in demanding and often challenging environments that require professionalism, integrity, accountability, and courage while ensuring the safety of fellow staff, inmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS the dedicated men and women serving within the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Corrections Facility contribute daily to maintaining order, promoting rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and strengthening families and communities throughout Franklin County; and

WHEREAS correctional professionals demonstrate resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment while performing duties that often go unseen yet remain vital to the justice system and community safety; and

WHEREAS Correctional Employees Week provides an important opportunity for citizens, community leaders, and local government to recognize and express appreciation for the service, sacrifice, and dedication of correctional employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, do hereby recognize and proclaim the week of Sunday, May 3, through Saturday, May 9, 2026, as Franklin County Correctional Employees Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, has hereunto set their hands and seal this 6th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-six.

FRANKLIN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS maintaining safe communities and protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens remain fundamental priorities for Franklin County, Florida; and

WHEREAS law enforcement professionals serve with honor and dedication to safeguard life and property, prevent crime, enforce laws, and maintain peace and order within our communities; and

WHEREAS the men and women of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office demonstrate professionalism, courage, and integrity while responding to emergencies, protecting vulnerable populations, and serving

residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS Franklin County Law Enforcement Week honors those deputies and officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and recognizes the continued commitment of those who faithfully serve their communities each day; and

WHEREAS Franklin County Law Enforcement Week provides an opportunity for citizens, community leaders, and local government to express gratitude and appreciation for the service, sacrifice, and dedication of law enforcement professionals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, do hereby recognize and proclaim the week of Monday, May 1, through Sunday, May 17, 2026, as Franklin County Law Enforcement Week in Franklin County, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, has hereunto set their hands and seal this 6th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-six.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Sanders, and Commissioner Croom, the Board adopted the resolutions for the Franklin County Law Enforcement Week and Franklin County Correctional Employees Week. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, while they are still here and before they leave, we should not, in my opinion, there should be weeks to celebrate. What you guys do, you should be celebrated every day, and I just want to extend my appreciation for everything that you all do for our community, for our county, keeping it safe. I know that you guys see some things that none of us could ever even imagine, both on the corrections and the law enforcement side. So, from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate you guys and everything that you do and your years of service to our county. So, thank y'all.

Chairman Jones speaking, thank y'all very much, you guys, ladies, and gentlemen, sometimes see the worst of us to help preserve the best of us. It does not know I noticed. Thank you for everything you do.

Commissioner Croom speaking, the job is not easy, and, you know, oftentimes corrections get overlooked, but they are just important as our road deputies and our law enforcement and like this past, you know when we did on this tragic incident with Mr. Collins, you know your law enforcement was working around the clock to find closure, to solve that case, and even yesterday, they worked tirelessly yesterday. And I am so proud of our sheriff office and grateful for our sheriff office. You know, the sheriff has brought the bar up. He demands excellence, and this is one of, one of the top Sheriff office, and I'm very grateful for your service and your service to Franklin County.

Commissioner Sanders speaking, just one thing. We have had a lot of tragedy in this county for the past three or four weeks, since Easter and but if the people have pulled together, and there is a lot of hurting in this county, and then I, as a commissioner, all I can do is pray. But let me let you know something the heaven, the doors to heaven, is open because God listens to prayers. And. And I am like Commissioner Croom and the rest of the commissioners up here. I have the Collins family on my on my heart. Pray for them every day. If anybody knew Mr. Jerome, he was just Mr. Jerome, you know what I mean. And then the other the three teenagers you know who nobody knows what God's plan is, but God knows, and when you walk on faith, you know that God this is part of that, but you all are being protected with a hedge around you. God has a hedge of protection around you because people of Franklin County pray for you every day, and that is it, all law enforcement. But anyway, y'all make us proud. I do not care if your corrections, law enforcement, whatever, it is all part of the game, isn't it? It is all part of it, what you have got to do. And I just thank y'all. I thank everybody you know, Chip Sanders, East Point Fire Department. You know, all, all these people, and this is what I tell the commission a lot the backbone of our community, the asset that we have in this community is our people. Our people because they love each other. They are in public service. Public service is part of what makes us who we are, but and our greatest asset in Franklin County is the people. So, you know, that is the way I feel. But anyway, thank you for what I you do, and I am glad to call

y'all my friend and family.

Commissioner Amison speaking, I will make mine quick. I know just about all of y'all personally, but I am going to tell you the chairman kind of alluded to it. We are a small community, so most of the calls that you guys get, you know people, and I'm going to tell you the way y'all handle it. I do not know if I could do that. Y'all handle everything with class, with respect to one another, from the time somebody gets picked up, from the time they go to the jail and had to spend a night up there at the hotel. But I am going to tell you just I do not know how you do it, and I appreciate y'all, and please keep up the good work, because the community supports you 100%.

Approval of Minutes and Payment of County Bills

3. Approval of Minutes

4. County Bill List for Payment

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the FCBCC Regular Meeting minutes from 3/18/2026 and 4/1/2026 and the Payment of County Bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

Mr. Brian Callahan speaking, good morning. My name is Brian Callahan. I am resident of the county. I do live right up the street from the airport. The reason I am here today is to get answers to three or four specific questions that have been asked, but I am not getting straight forward results from asking those questions. So, the reason I am here today is to get answers to just a few questions regarding what is going on at the airport. I have asked these questions, but I have not been provided, you know, straightforward answers. Steve has a copy of the questions so that he is prepared to sort of blindsides anyone, and hopefully my intent was to speak just before Steve gives his update on airport operations and so forth, and then perhaps have an opportunity at the end of his presentation to ask the questions. If these three questions are not answered. Chairman Jones speaking, if you are wanting to do that, we can wait and do that later in the meeting. I thought you wanted to speak during public comments, but you are good. Mr. Callahan speaking, my hope is that he answers the three questions. All right, the three questions are number one, who is. Chairman Jones speaking, hold on, just so let me clarify. We can do that, but if you want to do that, maybe you need to do it in that part of the meeting, like you specified, because we are not going to do it questions. Now, as far as answering questions. Mr. Callahan speaking, I understand that is my mistake. Chairman Jones speaking, I called you up at the wrong time as well. Mr. Callahan speaking, okay, any preference, Steve? Chairman Jones speaking, please address the board. Yes, sir, you are up here for the board. You are not here for Steve, I understood I called you at the wrong time. If you have a general public comment, it is at the beginning of the meeting. I will call you back at that time. Mr. Callahan speaking, that is okay. We can do that then. Chairman Jones speaking, all right, thank you.

Department Directors Reports

5. Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Roads and Bridges

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Detail of Work Performed and Material Hauled by District (see attached documents)
(March 30, 2026 – April 29, 2026)**
- 2. Calendar of Inmates Received March 30, 2026 – April 29, 2026 (attached)**

6. Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Action Items: None

Informational Items: ROW Debris Pickup/Recycle Material Hauled/DOC Squad Report (attached)

7. Jennifer Daniels – Emergency Management Director

No report will have one at the next meeting.

8. Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control Director

Action Items: None

Information Items:

1) Mosquito Control Operations Update

Mosquito Control operations this month have primarily focused on surveillance and monitoring efforts throughout the County. Staff have continued routine mosquito trapping in multiple areas to track population levels and identify species. All collected specimens are counted and identified, which helps guide our response and ensures that any future treatments are both targeted and appropriate.

Due to the continued dry weather conditions and lack of rainfall, mosquito activity has remained low across the County. Trap counts have reflected very minimal activity, and at this time we are not seeing any significant mosquito populations.

Because of these low counts, we have not started our spray season yet. Mosquito Control follows state guidelines that require certain thresholds to be met before spraying is conducted, and at this time those conditions have not been reached.

We received a small number of mosquito-related complaints during this period. Each location was inspected, and no significant mosquito activity was found. Based on conditions and observations, these concerns were most likely related to sand gnats (no-see-ums), which are common this time of year and are not affected by traditional mosquito control treatments. Staff will continue routine surveillance to monitor for any changes, especially as weather conditions shift and rainfall increases.

2) Equipment Calibration and Readiness

During this reporting period, Mosquito Control staff completed calibration and inspection of all ULV spray equipment. This process ensures that application rates are accurate and equipment is operating properly, which is important for both effectiveness and compliance.

General maintenance and operational checks were also performed to ensure all equipment is in good working condition. This keeps the program prepared to respond quickly if mosquito populations increase.

3) Training and Professional Development

Mosquito Control staff attended the Beach Mosquito Control 10th Annual Northwest Florida Public Health Mosquito Control Workshop. The workshop included training on mosquito species identification, larvicide resistance, proper application techniques, habitat management, and updates from FDACS.

This training helps ensure staff remain up to date on current practices, regulations, and treatment methods, and supports continued effective and responsible mosquito control operations within the County. Staff also earned continuing education credits required to maintain their licenses.

4) Statewide / Arbovirus Update

At the state level, Florida continues routine monitoring for mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus, Zika, dengue, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. At this time, there are no significant increases in activity affecting our area. Some travel-related cases have been reported in other parts of the state, primarily in South Florida; however, no local concerns have been identified for our region.

9. Whitney Roundtree – Library Director

Action Items: None

Informational Items:

Libraries Transforming Communities Grant Award

The Franklin County Public Library has been selected to receive a \$10,000 award through the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant. I am currently completing required webinars and training sessions. As part of the grant process, the library will

conduct community conversations to assess accessibility needs and priorities. These conversations will help guide future improvements and ensure that library services better meet the needs of all community members before implementation begins.

Library Newsletter

The Spring Library Newsletter remains available at both branches and online. It includes updates on upcoming programming, services, and Summer Reading information.

Summer Reading Program 2026

The 2026 Summer Reading Program will run from June 14 through July 25. This year's theme, "Unearth a Story," will feature programs centered on dinosaurs, archaeology, and paleontology. Final preparations and promotional efforts are ongoing.

Holiday Closure – Memorial Day

The Franklin County Public Library will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Eastpoint Branch Programs

- Mahjong Club – May 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Open play session for adults interested in Mahjong, encouraging social interaction and recreational play.

- Book Club – May 12 at 12:00 PM

Monthly discussion group for adult readers.

- Creation Station – May 13 at 4:00 PM

Hands-on maker program for children and families focused on creativity and interactive learning.

- Adult Crafts – May 14 at 2:30 PM

A social crafting program for adults; supplies provided.

- Writer's Forum – May 20 at 1:00 PM

A collaborative space for writers of all levels to share work and receive feedback.

Carrabelle Branch Programs

- Tech Help – May 5, 12, and 26 at 11:00 AM

One-on-one assistance with devices, software, and general technology questions.

- Video Game Hour – May 1, 8, and 15 at 4:30 PM

After-school gaming program for teens and tweens.

- Blood Bus – May 7 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Community blood drive hosted at the Carrabelle Branch.

- SBA Program – May 14 at 11:00 AM

Small Business Administration program offering resources and guidance for local entrepreneurs.

- Adult Crafts – May 21 at 2:30 PM

A social crafting program for adults; supplies provided.

- Creation Station – May 27 at 4:00 PM

Hands-on maker activities for children and families.

10. Steve Kirschenbaum – Interim Airport Manager

1. Informational Items

● Infrastructure & Maintenance:

○ Runway 18/36: Cleaning and remarking of Runway 18/36 is complete. The project is on track to restart this week for 14/32, 06/24 and the ramp areas following a brief pause for backflow protector installation and soil sampling.

○ Approach & Perimeter: The Road Dept. has cleared the Runway 18 approach and reclaimed fencing along Bluff Rd. (Thank you Buster)

○ Signage: Development of the solar-lit airport entry sign (TDC funded) is ongoing.

○ Licensing: Airport licensing inspection is successfully completed.

● Facility Improvements:

○ Completed maintenance on the 60x60 hangar door and the Maintenance hangar

door.

- Installed an emergency shut-off system to ensure student safety at Haney.
- Ordered privacy fencing for Haney, sewage issues have been resolved and three door locks are currently undergoing repair. (Haney budget to date attached) as well as signage.

- Events & Partnerships:

- Airshow 2026: Pentagon, FAA, and DoD approvals for military support have been secured. The event website is nearly ready for launch.

- Space Florida: A meeting is being scheduled with the AOED for their June meeting to discuss operational synergy and future possibilities.

- Emergency Response: A fire on the northeast side of Runway 6 was successfully managed by Apalachicola Fire and I directed State Forestry to the site for remediation.

- Strategic Outreach:

- Trying to set up a meeting between Commissioner Jones, the AOED Board Chair, the Airport Manager to get on the same page with our lobbyist.

- Commissioner Amison is investigating the feasibility of an Air Ambulance service following the cancellation of the Gadsden County Air Ambulance project.

II. Discussion Items

- Grants & Contracts:

- Job Growth Grant: KAAF was not selected for this funding cycle.

- Military Fueling: Reviewing DLA (Defense Logistics Agency) approval for military contract fuel. (Info attached)

- Technology & Utilities:

- Virtower: Relocation to the FBO office is required. This necessitates either a bandwidth upgrade to the existing Starlink (Centrics) or a dedicated County account.

- Performance: March this year and last year Virtower activity reports are attached for review of airport operations (Attached)

- Environmental & Planning:

- The DEP violation is officially closed, with penalty restoration requirements waived. (Attached)

- Avcon is going to prepare paperwork with our environmental consultant to move forward with Runway 24 clearing utilizing dormant FAA funds. Also, I am getting proposals from logging companies for other areas of the airport.

- Initiating wetlands delineation for the remainder of the property as part of the current planning grant.

III. Action Items

- FDOT Disaster Staging: FDOT requests a license agreement to stage disaster relief road and tree clearing equipment (5–7 acres) at KAAF. Board approval is needed to proceed with the agreement.

Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, just one action item. I have Maurice Clay on Zoom with us right now. He is the right of way acquisition administrator from FDOT, and we have something exciting for the county. Not only do we have Duke Energy staging at the airport in event of a disaster, FDOT wants to stage their road clearing equipment at the airport, which would be an incredible benefit for the county, because we would be the first to get cleared for them to get out of here. There is a spot at the end of runway 18, with access to Bluff Road that would be a perfect spot for them. What they are looking to do is put trailers for their people there to sleep and live for the duration of the event that they are clearing. Maurice is on the line. And Michael, could you bring up that picture too? I am asking is permission for the county to sign the agreement that was reviewed by legal. Maurice, are you there? Mr. Maurice Clay speaking, yes, I am here. Mr.

Kirschenbaum speaking, the county commission would like to know exactly what you are proposing, and hopefully we will get a good answer today for you. Mr. Clay speaking, I want to thank the county commission for the opportunity to meet with you all and speak to you. FDOT is needing seven to ten acres during weather events, to house mobile, self-contained mobile units to house our workers during these events. I like Steve said, we would like to put it in your community, and then it enhances your ability to be cleaned up first. Again, it is self-contained just seven to ten acres, and depending on the weather event, will be the dependent upon how many units we put on the seven to ten acres. Again, it is just for our workers to sleep, and then they will go out during the daytime and clear right of way for the community. Any specific questions? Chairman Jones speaking, commissioners, you have any questions? So, I do have one question, this is going to be like a Memorandum of Understanding you are wanting to do with the county? Mr. Clay speaking, it is a lease agreement. Chairman Jones speaking, lease Agreement, okay. What are the terms as far as how many years? Mr. Clay speaking, I think it says five to ten years, but it is specified in the agreement, the number of years and then with the option to renew. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, and Mr. Chairman. I have a question for Maurice, are these units self-contained? What are you doing about wastewater, electric and clean water? Mr. Clay speaking, they are self-contained? So, we would not need anything from you. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, all right. And the other thing is, for us, if it works with the county commission, I think that we should do this as a gift to FDOT. They give us probably a million and a half, two million a year for district three, for the airport, and I think this be a good give back for FDOT. I do not think there is no money involved in this Maurice, is there? Mr. Clay speaking, correct, no money involved. Mrs. Griffith speaking, I have a question. I see five to seven acres. Is that already clear? Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, yes, what we would do is for the duration of the event, and the airport board approved this, is close runway one eight, and then there would be access to the end of runway one eight, where we have paved surfaces, where we have cleared surfaces, there would be quadruple the amount of property that they need, and it would not interfere with airport operations during that time.

Commissioner Ward speaking, that was my question, Mister Chairman, was, is this going to interfere with airport operations because I do not want to. I know when Michael hit, we were like the only airport where we received a lot of Duke stage there. We had a lot of people staging. We were only airport really within so many miles where we were able to get air flights in and out for supply. So, I do not want that to be impeded. Furthermore, I got a question, when was this added to our agenda Michael? Because this is the first, I have heard of the action. Chairman Jones speaking, it is at the bottom of the report. Commissioner Ward speaking, I know I see it now, but when was it added to our agenda? Mr. Moron speaking, it was added last week. What I should have done, Steve does his report opposite from everybody else. I just copied and paste without realizing the action was last, where it should have been first, but it has been there. It was kind of buried in his report because of how he had it. Commissioner Ward speaking, I did not see that is why I am like, why are we doing action. Mr. Moron speaking, and if I, Mr. Chairman, if I may, this is a good thing to have at some point, because, honestly, they had asked me about this, FDOT did ask me about this back when they did the Ben Franklin when they were here to install a statue, kind of let the ball fall on that one. I would not I prefer not to get into what Steve said about the whole, you know, grants that they give us. That is not the reason we are doing this. Let us kind of leave that out of the conversation. A few things, number one, I would if the board is ready to approve this today. One, it has to, you have to let Attorney Shuler look it over, because couple of things, we got to make sure it does not in any way there is any issues with Duke Energy's staging area you have already agreed to. So, we have to make sure they are two separate areas, and they both could basically live together in the airport. We have to, like Steve said, realize that we will be closing one of our three runways, which I think is fine. I am not sure if Duke has done that when they have been here. Possibility, I am not sure, been a while. Thank God. And we want to make sure that we integrate our FBO into this project too. So, any approval will be a contingent approval this morning, on doing that. Again, I think it is a very good thing to if we can work it out, to get it done. You know, the more I am with Steve, the more people that are staging at the airport, more helpful it is for Franklin County, but we got to make sure we can do this the right way. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, Mr. Chair also when Duke Energy staged, they staged on the ramp area of runway six two four, where we have the air show. So that entire area was theirs. Runway 624 was open. Runway 1432 was open. Duke can stage simultaneously with FDOT, and they are separated by at least a mile and a half, maybe two miles, they are separated, and each would have their own entrance to the facility. **Commissioner Amison speaking, Mr. Chairman, yes, I will make a motion that we approve this contingent on the attorney's review of the**

contract. Commissioner Croom seconded. Chairman Jones speaking, all right, so we have a motion to approve by Commissioner Amison, and since been seconded by Commissioner Croom, and we have made this contingent upon attorney review of this contract. I do think, because the problem in Florida is in our section of Florida, how many times are we watching the weather during hurricane season, and if something comes around the peninsula, the first word out of their mouth is Apalachicola? Literally, just like that. It is not a matter if it is when, maybe we will never need it. But you know, it is better to be prepared. This is part of emergency preparedness, emergency response, so I am thankful for the opportunity to have this partnership. Commissioner Amison speaking, well, Mister Chair, the thing about it is, it might say Apalachicola, but by them being staged there they it is a wide, broad net that it cast out. I am just glad we have such an asset that facilitates something like that for our neighbors as well. That is right, it helped the whole region. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, I have a question, though, before we vote on the motion, if you do not mind. Do we need to make it contingent on checking with Duke Energy as well, making sure there is no interference with them? Chairman Jones speaking that is going to be part of the review. Because they have a designated area set up in their memorandum with us, correct? Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, yes, well, there is the picture right there. There's Bluff Road on the straightaway, and that is the area, and it is massive. Commissioner Amison speaking, just, I got one quick question, just because I am curious. But what about their equipment? Where are they going to stage equipment? Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, is the equipment going to be in the same area? Mr. Clay speaking, no, we are just using it for housing, no equipment. Chairman Jones speaking, all right, any other questions before we vote, or concerns? All in favor? Any opposed. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, commissioners, as far as the four questions that Mr. Callahan has, I would be more than happy to answer them, but I do not think this is a forum for a discussion. So, I will be happy to answer those questions. Chairman Jones speaking that is fine. I was going to ask that question, and I am not trying to not give Mr. Callahan an opportunity to present anything to the board, but I am understanding that maybe the questions he has about airport, airport stuff, we are not going to know the answers to this board is not but that is fine. We will give him his chance to present.

Mr. Callahan speaking, okay, good morning. I am Brian Callahan. I do live in Apalachicola, just up the street from the airport. I have, just like I said earlier, a few questions that I want to put on the record and want the answers to be on the record actually as well. Question number one, who is managing construction at the airport right now? Question number two is who holds the NPDES permit for the, it is an industrial permit, who holds that permit for the airport? Our county employees familiar with the terms of that permit? And then number three, are county permits required for airport construction, and are those permits, or essentially the NPDES and any county permits are they available for review at the airport manager's office? And that is my questions. Chairman Jones speaking, do any of us know any answers to those questions?

Mr. Moron speaking, I prefer Steve. I understand you have answers, but I would prefer that Steve and I know the one project where I think we are referring to is the cleaning of the runway. I would prefer that Steve with the gentleman, maybe John Collins and our who does what is the name of Scott's company, Steve. I am sorry, the environmental company, Back Roads Environmental, I would prefer they have a sit down and a discussion and then we bring this back to the board for Steve's presentation. I know you want him to answer. You want to answer to the best of the ability of us. I can now, if you want to let Steve try and take a snap attempt at it now fine. Chairman Jones speaking, I would rather know we are giving a valid answer. I am not saying that Mr. Steve's not prepared. It is not what I am trying to say. I am trying to say that we need if the answer we are given, we need to know that is the answer. It. Let me put it that way. Sometimes if we do not know, we do not know, and we need to find out. So, I am good with that. Mr. Moron speaking, I just think in this deal, more heads are better than just one. That is again, Steve, that is no, do not take a slight to that. That is not what I am saying. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, no, Mr. Chairman, I will not answer the questions, but I just want to give you a quick overview, and we can bring back the NPDES permit. Chairman Jones speaking, I am not trying to not answer the questions, but I want to make sure it is an answer. No, I am saying I am not again, that is not slight to you. Steve. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, all right, so, I will do all the research and get AVCON involved in this, and we will come back to the next meeting. Chairman Jones speaking, okay because we also want to know the answers to those questions. There is no construction currently happening at the airport. There is nothing being built at the

airport. There are no hangers being built. There is no construction happening at the airport.

Mr. Callahan speaking barely audible, construction and maintenance project, which is ongoing at the airport right now, I believe referred to it as construction and maintenance. I am with you. I think it is a maintenance project. Yes, if it were, license just searching projects, it brings up a whole other requirements that would have to be met. But I do believe that my question who is managing that project? It is not really right now, runway plenty. It is a reasonable question, and that the airport manager should be able to answer that question. Straightforward matter, is it the airport manager does the or is it the county resident engineer, construction manager? Mr. Moron speaking, you know, we cannot hear this gentleman from where he is sitting. And Mr. Chairman, as he is walking up here, that is why I would ask for a sit down and we end the discussion. Now, I understand what the gentleman is asking for, but I think there is, I could tell you right now, standing here, he is saying construction. We are saying maintenance. We let the airport professionals, let them handle it. They can answer that question. Steve can get it answered to him as soon as possible, and to the board and let them have that discussion right now, so that there is nothing on the record said that will come from, maybe I hate the word unqualified, but you know what I am trying to say. Chairman Jones speaking, no, we do not know the answers to that, this board does not. I do not. So, I know, like with other projects, not airport, other projects, it depends on what the project is and what is being done. Some of them are being managed by Dewberry engineers. Some of them have CEI , some it depends on what level of the project you are talking about, because different people manage different parts of it. So, I do not know that anything at the airport is different. You know what I mean? So that is what we are going to do. I think that is the best thing to do, because we just want to make sure what answers we give you are valid answers, and they are the answers, and they are not going to change. Mr. Callahan speaking, okay, I would like to rephrase question number one to include maintenance. Chairman Jones speaking, okay, all right, that is fine. It is not a problem. Yes, sir, thank you. Mr. Kirschenbaum speaking, I will have a report for you all for the next meeting, addressing all of his issues, with Back Roads Environmental and AVCON and I will keep the County Coordinator in the loop. Chairman Jones speaking, all right, that works well. Thank you.

The Board recessed at 9:50 and reconvened at 9:58 am.

RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening

11. Invitation To Bid: DW Wilson Pickleball Courts

Project is located at 100 Gibson Road in Apalachicola, Florida and consists of constructing six pickle ball courts, three pavilions and other associated appurtenances

COMPANY	LOCATION	BID AMOUNT	BID BOND
BCL Civil Contractors, Inc.	6608 E Highway 22 Panama City, FL 32404	\$425,395.83	Yes
Premier Athletic Surfaces	PO Box 13562 Tallahassee, FL 32317	\$786,467.00	Cashier's Check for 5%
F&F Construction	420 Reid Ave Port St. Joe, FL 32456	\$500,000.00	Yes
Pillar Perfect Construction	PO Box 25 Carrabelle, FL 32322	\$524,410.65	Yes

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward to release bid packages to Dewberry for review and recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator Report

12. Erin Griffith – Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator

Mrs. Griffith speaking, Commissioners, I am actually going to, I would like to wait and do action items eight

through 11 after Christian and Louie get up. Or we can, I guess I can do it, do them at the very end of mine before Louie and Christian. Whichever is easiest, whichever works, is fine, but yeah, I do agree to do those okay from the others. Chairman Jones speaking, commissioners of one through seven, are there any that y'all want to pull to discuss independently, or do you want to do on this consent? Alright, so pleasure the board on a motion to approve items one through seven on Mrs. Griffith's report as consent.

On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved items 1 through 7 from Mrs. Griffith's report. Motion carried 5-0.

1) BOARD ACTION: CONSOLIDATED SOLID WASTE GRANT APPLICATION

Attached is the annual consolidated solid waste grant application. In the current fiscal year, the award was \$93,750. This annual operating grant helps to offset some of the costs associated with the Solid Waste Department by providing funds for some fuel expenses, waste tire recycling/ disposal, hazardous waste disposal charges, and testing fees. Board Action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application.

2) BOARD ACTION: CPTA PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Grant applications were due on May 1st for the Florida Department of Commerce's Community Planning and Technical Assistance Grant Program. The county submitted a \$104,900 application to fund updates to the county's comprehensive plan. Board action to grant retroactive approval for submission of the attached funding request.

3) BOARD ACTION: FDEP VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

ARPC has been under contract with Franklin County to complete the county's vulnerability assessment. This assessment models the future flood hazards to public infrastructure and predicts changes to flood zones within the county over the next 100 years. Completion of this assessment is required to gain access to the many flood mitigation grant programs offered through FDEP. Most of the data for completion of this project has already been compiled, however the state has reviewed the deliverables and some changes in the map methodology have been requested. In the attached amendment, the grant award agreement is extended for an additional six months to December 30, 2026. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached grant award amendment.

4) BOARD ACTION: FORT COOMBS ARMORY CONVENTION CENTER CHANGE ORDER #6

The armory project is nearing completion – the contractors are completing the last of the finish work and working on several project elements to improve ADA access to the building. County staff, the TDC administrator, contractors and project architects walked through the building last Wednesday to compile the final project punch list. An open house/ribbon cutting event is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of June 17th, details to follow. The Armory is scheduled to re-open on July 1st. The attached \$11,124.30 change order will improve ADA accessibility at the entrance to the building and will replace the damaged/cracked concrete sidewalk areas. One additional change order will be received for the project which will include the items discussed during the punch list walk-through. Progress photos are included in a folder attached to this report.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign change order #6 for the Fort Coombs Armory Convention Center Project.

5) BOARD ACTION: CDBG PROJECT APPLICATION – COMP PLAN COMPLIANCE LETTER TO COMMERCE.

Attached is a draft comprehensive plan compliance letter to the Florida Department of Commerce relative to the CDBG Franklin County Water and Sewer Improvements Project Application. This letter will certify to the Department that the project would be compliant with the current goals, objectives and policies of the Land Use and Housing Elements of the County's current

Comprehensive Plan. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached comp plan compliance letter for the CDBG project application.

6) BOARD ACTION: JAIL AC UNIT

Two weeks ago, the Sheriff's Department contacted staff with an emergency repair request as one of the A/C units in the jail dormitory had gone out and was not repairable. Thompson Total Air Solutions replaced the 10-ton unit as quickly as possible at a cost of \$24,500. Board action to approve the attached quote and authorize payment from the jail's maintenance funds to replace the dormitory AC unit.

7) BOARD ACTION: ADD LAKE MORALITY ROAD FOR INCLUSION IN ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE RRTP PLAN

Franklin County is part of the Apalachee Regional Transportation Plan. The regional transportation plan was adopted in January of 2025 and was developed through partnerships with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation and the five rural counties excluded by other transportation planning corridors: Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf and Franklin. The ARPC is currently collecting annual updates for the plan, and the Widening and Resurfacing of Lake Morality Road will need to be added as it is a current grant project application and the road serves as a truck route to divert traffic around residential areas of Carrabelle and connects CR67 to Highway 98.

Board action to add and submit the Lake Morality Widening and Resurfacing Project for inclusion in the RRTP project list as part of the annual update.

Chairman Jones speaking, Mrs. Erin, if you want to go ahead and do yours, and then we will go to their report to do it after you tell us. Mrs. Griffith speaking, okay, gotcha. Well, I will go ahead and cover the or actually, I need to add two later items. I do need to request for manual checks to be issued by the Clerk's finance office for the inmate medical insurance premium. The renewal has not come in yet, but we do have to pay that before the next county commission meeting, and that premium is typically \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month based upon occupancy at the jail, and that would be made payable to King Insurance. And then also, one of the other action items that were just approved was the emergency repair of one of the jail ac units for Thompson Air Conditioning. So, it would be the check for them for that replacement of that unit as well. Chairman Jones speaking, so that those were late add items before we take any motion or vote on that, I will call for public comment if anyone wants to comment about it. It was not on our published agenda. So, if you want to comment, now is the time to do so. You do not have to have a speaker card filled out for this. It was not on the agenda. Mr. Moron, see if anyone attended via zoom wishes to comment. Mr. Moron speaking, everyone attending on Zoom, the Chairman has asked if anyone would like to comment on this particular item, the manual checks that Mrs. Griffith referred to before they take board action, indicate by raising your hand. No hands raised, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Jones speaking, okay, we have passed public comment on this, items that was added to the agenda, that was not published. What is the pleasure of the Board for these items?

LATE ADD: BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL OF (2) MANUAL CHECKS

- King Insurance: Inmate Medical renewal is occurring this month, invoice will need to be paid before the next meeting, the average monthly expense historically has been between \$3,000 to \$4,000.
- Thompson Total Air Solutions: Payment for installation of emergency replacement of jail AC unit approved above as action item 6, \$24,500.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the issuance of the two manual checks as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Griffith gave information items at this time. Mrs. Griffith speaking, just board information, the FRDAP Island View Park project is out again for bids. The mandatory pre bid meeting will be held on May 14th at 10am and the bids will be open at the June 3rd meeting. The Margaret Key Library parking area

project is also currently out for bid. The bids will be opened at the May 20th meeting for that project, and we are also awaiting road paving estimates from Roberts and Roberts for Miller and Jubilee streets in Lanark in the courthouse annex parking area, resurfacing in Carrabelle. Commissioner Sanders speaking, Miller and Jubilee that right of way is more than 35-foot, 40 foot. It is about 60 to 100 because it is wide back. The man that is just bought the old junior food store out there and put the boats out there. He uses that right of way behind, behind the stove there and on the side. So, we, I am going to try to go by and talk to him. I went by one day last week. He was not in. But anyway, and see if we can get him. The other thing the Carrabelle annex. Now, Carrabelle annex that is concrete up in there. Commissioner Ward speaking, it is very, it is cracked. I asked Erin last week about this. It is cracked very badly, okay, and I don't know if the clerk can attest to, it definitely needs something done, because there's roots, there's, it's just, as I've said before, many times, I feel like that our county offices is a reflection of us as a county, and that, you know, they need to have a certain esthetic look, and we fix that annex up. I just think that we need to, you know, if we can try to get the parking lot it resurfaced or redone in some way. Mrs. Griffith speaking, if Roberts and Roberts have no solutions, then we will actually work on the concrete. Commissioner Sanders speaking, I like concrete. Personally, I like it, but it has got a lot of cracks in it. And if you do that, put acid all over those cracks, it will pop that up in a couple of years. Commissioner Ward speaking, yeah. I want it done right. Obviously, I know you know budgetary constraints too, but however, it could be done, I am okay with I just want it to look good shape and not have to recircle back and redo it another couple years, want it done right. Commissioner Sanders speaking, see the whole front and the whole back and next side, exactly. But concrete, you might want to get a hold of one of our concrete people, yes, and see what kind of estimate they would give you, just that we can kind of put concrete. If we decide they do not want concrete, want asphalt, we need to take that up. Commissioner Ward speaking, I can pay for it with my road paving funds, correct? Commissioner Amison speaking, if it is concrete, they are going to take the concrete up before. My question is it just surface cracks and then water erosion, or do we have a root issue? That's Commissioner Ward speaking, I think it is both, a combination everything. Really, it is, I do not know when the last time it was done, but it is in bad shape. Mrs. Griffith speaking, probably when it was constructed. Commissioner Sanders speaking, it needs it. I mean, it needs to be redone, but let us do it right, and we will not have to worry about it again. Chairman Jones speaking, yeah, it might require going a little bit deeper to get a better outcome. Just is what it is. Anyone else? Mrs. Erin, I do have a question. Do you know about when they are supposed to start doing any road paving on the stormwater project on the island? Mrs. Griffith speaking, actually, they were working on a few more of the inlets. I think they had to maybe order a new inlet and get a couple of them lowered and so he thought that by the end of the month, we should see a lot of pavement. Chairman Jones speaking, I noticed the other day down by Paddy's, close to Paddy's where I think it is third that comes in there, yeah, that, water was down there. I just wanted to hear that, and I wanted the public to hear that, because one it is going to be done, and kind of let them know what the timeline is as well. So, it is later in the year than we wanted to be but I will remind everyone that we actually held off the project and waited until later to start because of some of the requests from the business owners on the island. So, it just takes as long as it takes. But thank you for that. Mrs. Griffith speaking, also some of the inlets as well, they will actually be cutting, actually side slots in. So, you know, those that actually are not in the roadway surfaces, that is something that you know people will see after the fact, where there is actually a side slot where water is not only coming in from the top, but also from the side. Chairman Jones speaking that will be very helpful. So hopefully, at the end of all of it, we, we, I am not saying we will not have any water from third to third, but it should not stay there all day. Mrs. Griffith speaking, yeah and actually, with the little bit of rain that we got over the weekend, the ponds actually worked wonderfully. I was good that run. Chairman Jones speaking, anything else for Mrs. Erin before we move on. Commissioner Croom speaking, I got one thing right here, Erin, where are we at on having a discussion about the whole healthcare insurance. Mrs. Griffith speaking, actually, we need to set something up with Debbie with CHP, reach back out. Commissioner Amison speaking, Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Erin, have you heard from Mr. White about the spot-on Prado and Brownsville? There are areas I know he told me that he had some stuff scheduled. I just wanted to again bring it up publicly, that way people know we are working on it. Mrs. Griffith speaking, yes, it is in his queue. I think he just kind of has a convergence of things going on right now. Commissioner Amison speaking, okay, I just did not know if, by chance, y'all had any conversation. Mrs. Griffith speaking, I have not. Commissioner Amison speaking, I wanted to ask you publicly just so everybody knows that we all are working. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, I have got something for Erin. If you cannot answer this, you do not know the answer, that is

okay. It is okay, I do not want to put you on spot. I guess it was a message board that we use for, you know, advertisements of things that was damaged, and the insurance company, the person that ran into it, was supposed to send a check, or send a check to fix it or to purchase another one. Do you recall that? Mrs. Griffith speaking, would that have been like the sheriff's department message board? Commissioner Ward speaking, yes. Mrs. Griffith speaking, okay, I believe the insurance actually settled that. I think I forwarded a check. I will check on that. Commissioner Ward speaking, I did not know if it was coming through you or Ginger at the Sheriff's Office, or how that was going to work. Mrs. Griffith speaking, yeah, it would have come through the league, and then they typically would pursue the other person's insurance for reimbursement. So, I will check on that. Commissioner Ward speaking, okay, thanks. Chairman Jones speaking, so Mrs. Erin, since you are going to check on this, let me ask you a question to go along with it. Could you also find out if they did issue a check, find out if the sheriff's office uses those funds to purchase another message board? That is what it should be more if we are missing a message board, we need another one.

The Board moved to EMS Presentation at this time.

Mr. Richard Lewis speaking, good morning. Today, I have Cristgen Graham with me, the new EMS director for the county. I have known him for a long time, over 10 years, for sure, I have worked with him as a partner. We have worked in some of the same services. He has multiple degrees of certifications, including critical care. He has worked for multiple flight services. He comes with a wealth of knowledge, and he is really proven in this past month, why we made the right decision, he has a lot of experience with community outreach and PR, which is really big here in Franklin, and we need to continue that. While we started years ago, over 10 years ago, there was an issue with EMS, and we worked as a community with a command support of the commission, and we became a premier service in the region. Mr. Graham is going to take this to the next level with some of his certifications and training and his experience and training, we are going to have some of the best providers in the region, and recruiting is going to go through the roof, and we're already seeing that in a lot of areas, a lot of outside applications and high quality and high people that we are really happy to have been coming on board. So, without further ado, this is Cristgen Graham.

Mr. Cristgen Graham speaking, thank you. Commissioners, first of all, thank you guys for the opportunity to come here and lead EMS here in Franklin County. I really appreciate it, and I am definitely looking forward to this endeavor. I will reiterate what Loui said. I feel like we are definitely on our way to becoming one of the top rural services in the state, and that is, ultimately my goal, is to see if we cannot become the top rural service in the state, and with that, we are on track to continue to make this transition happen come June 1. A little update on the hiring. So, we are 100% staffed when it comes to our EMS captains' positions, and 100% staff when it comes to our EMS paramedics. We have hired all of our full-time positions for that and for our EMTs. We have hired eight of our full-time positions. The last one I am waiting on his official acceptance for him to email me back, but he has verbally confirmed to me that he is going to accept that full time position. So as soon as I get that official confirmation from him, we will be 100% staff from the full-time perspective of EMTs. We have also gotten four PRN or as needed EMTs and paramedics on board to help fill some of those if we have, whether we have call outs or people take time off, etc., to help fill those positions. So, we stay staffed and ready to serve with that again. Want to obviously, thank you guys for this opportunity, and very excited to take on this endeavor and build a service. But I do not want to leave out anybody. I want to thank Loui. He has been tremendous help in getting this going over the last 30 days, with little less than 30 days to go before we make this transition go into effect. I definitely could not have done it on my own, and he has been integral part of that. I would also like to thank Mrs. Erin and Michael as well. They have been tremendous resources and help trying to get all this put together and lastly, again, thank you all for taking on this, for this community, and you know, allowing us to build a county service here. It is going to definitely be a fantastic endeavor for the county. So, with that, I will be happy to answer any questions that you guys may have. Chairman Jones speaking, anyone have any questions? Commissioner Croom speaking, just one thing, Mister Chair, so I know you are still working on your assessments. What do you see a priority? What you will be coming for us with like top priority? Mr. Graham speaking, yeah. So, you know, I think that first is, you know, getting in and getting everybody together and, of course, building that culture for the county and stuff like that. I do know we've kind of talked about, we have obviously a new ambulance slated to come at the end of the year, which is definitely going to help. I know we have a few backup ambulances, reserve ambulances that are pretty high in mileage, that are there.

Obviously this one that is coming is definitely going to help that significantly. But I do think that in the future, we definitely need to be looking at how we are going to continue to replace that older side of the fleet. Chairman Jones speaking, especially with the fact that it takes so long once you are ordering to actually get them. It is not just like you, you know, like if you want to go today and get a Chevy truck, you go to the dealer and get it. It does not happen that way with these vehicles. Mr. Graham speaking, Correct. The ambulances are about an eight month to a year. So, it is, it is definitely, you know, order, and wait, hurry up and wait for it. So, it is definitely a big task to take on and obviously plan for. Commissioner Croom speaking, so I will say this, I had Erin to print me off all the applications, thirteen to fourteen. I went through each one of them and you did stand out. You through your lesson. I went through independently, not telling nobody, like picking my tops, but I liked it, your resume, your background certifications. I think, think we are heading in right direction. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mister Chairman I have got a question again, welcome. I do want to, when you get settled in, reach out to me and I will sit down and talk. But just a quick question, and I asked you before the meeting. How many are you seeing, like a mass exodus of people leaving because the county's taking it over? Or is it you have got the same people that are wanting to stay on, that are going through the hiring, rehiring process, and such. Mr. Graham speaking, yeah. So, we are seeing pretty much everyone come over out of the current full-time staff, we have had one that has decided to go PRN, they are not from here, they are there. They travel, and they have had an opportunity to go back to where they currently live, but still want to stay on here. But you know, like I like I said before, we've we are virtually, at this point, 100% staff with our full time and everybody seems very excited about the opportunity to work in the county service. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from everybody that has interviewed and we have extended offers to about how excited they are to take on this new service and help build, build the service. I think everybody is very excited about starting that and building a brand-new service and starting from the foundation. So had very positive feedback. Chairman Jones speaking, so it is not really a question, but just an observation. So, I do like that. One of the words that you said was culture, not saying we have had a bad culture. I am just saying when you do not, you create culture right in your work environment. That is part of the job, especially if you are not in your position, you are going to be managing all these people reporting you ultimately. So, the culture you create is going to going to help and it is going to affect the residents. So, I am thankful to hear that, because if you just let culture be whatever it is, it will be whatever it is. There will constantly be a back and forth or whatever, but it was like I was telling somebody this morning at work. I said, look, here is the thing, you cannot truly, and this is just a personal reflection. You cannot truly have authority over anybody unless you know what it is like to be under authority. That is the only way it works. It does not, there is no authority vacuum right now. You know, I am here, and everybody else is here. So, knowing that there is an intentional focus to establish not only the service we are trying to do, but the culture of that service, I think, is very positive. And I just wanted to know that I caught that when you are saying it. Mr. Graham speaking, well, thank you. I appreciate that. Culture is definitely a, got to have culture to build a leading service. So, because at the end of the day, you spend more time around those people than you probably are your family. Chairman Jones speaking, absolutely. Well, thank you, sir.

The Board moved to action number 8 from Mrs. Griffith's report at this time.

8) BOARD ACTION: DRAFT FRANKLIN COUNTY EMS SERVICES – TIME, ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY & STAFFING AND MINIMUM COVERAGE POLICY

The Franklin County EMS department will operate under a separate set of personnel and operating rules than other county departments. The EMS department will be comprised of hourly-shift employees whose payroll processing will be based upon a two-week pay cycle with 48 hours on and 96 hours off. The shift employees will follow a separate calendar as far as holidays observed and leave accruals. The attached draft time, attendance and leave policy was modeled after existing EMS policies from Wakulla County and Weems.

A) Board action to send the attached draft policy on to labor attorney Trevor Carson and the county auditors Langton and Associates for review and policy recommendations.

As part of the separate operating rules for EMS, attached is the draft staffing and minimum coverage policy. This policy establishes minimum and full staffing levels for Franklin County EMS field

operations. Consistent staffing is critical to maintaining safe, reliable emergency medical services for the communities served throughout Franklin County. This policy further sets expectations for voluntary overtime usage and supervisor leave to always ensure appropriate coverage.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized sending the attached draft policy to the labor attorney Trevor Carson and county auditors Langton and Associates for review and policy recommendations. Chairman Jones speaking, question, Mrs. Erin, just to verify. So, it is 48, two on three off, basically? Mrs. Griffith speaking, that is going to be a question for Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham speaking, two on four off, or 48 hours on, and they have 96 hours off, yes, sir. Chairman Jones speaking, but it is still going to be and then it will be two and four. Mr. Graham speaking, correct? So, one shift to work 48 when they are getting off, the next shift will come in for 48 when they are getting off, the third shift will come in for 48 and then the cycle restarts. Yes, sir. So, we have three, basically full-time shifts. So, we are on 24/7. Chairman Jones speaking, just wanted to make sure, because I know, like the sheriff's office, they get two on three off, three on two off. You know what I mean? So, I just wanted to 100% know what we were looking at. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, I also in the policy as I was reading it, because my thing is, I want to make sure with the minimum staff, you know, an ALS truck, because a lot of people do not realize if you have, you know, ALS truck, you cannot really transport critical patients out of county. So, we want to make sure that that is the minimum staffing, and it is, it is noted in that policy. So, I wanted to make sure that that was in there and it is. So, thanks. **Motion carried 5-0.**

B) Board action to send the attached draft policy on to the labor attorney Trevor Carson and the county auditors Langton and Associates for review and policy recommendations.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized sending the attached draft policy on to the labor attorney Trevor Carson and the county auditors Langton and Associates for review and policy recommendations.

Chairman Jones speaking, is there any discussion, commissioners? Commissioner Amison speaking, what kind of overtime controls are going to be in place. Mr. Graham speaking, so that is definitely part of the minimum staffing policy that is in place to try and make sure that we are being very diligent in the overtime that is being paid out with it. Obviously, you know, with 48-hour shifts, there will be built in overtime, just by nature of the job, but when it comes to offered over time, over and above that, that is one of the things in the minimum staffing policy that is addressed is to make sure that we are being diligent and doing that. Chairman Jones speaking, so, to tag along with that, let me ask this. So, is it going to be enough in that policy? Is it going to be where, if you have to have overtime, or somebody is not able to be there, and you are so we are going with the PRNs first? Mr. Graham speaking, correct. That is and we are hoping to, obviously, you know, gain more PRN staff to help our pool. But the that would first go to PRNs, see if any of those could pick up. And hopefully they picked up the shift prior because somebody scheduled off, but PRNs would be up first and take those open positions. Chairman Jones speaking, alright, any other questions or discussion before we vote? Commissioner Croom speaking, well, I did not have much on this one, but I think some of the approvals require an EMS director and or designee, who would be designee? Mr. Graham speaking, so, at this point it would be myself, obviously would be first, and if we were need to, we would either go to the board or the commissioner really quick. Mr. Lewis speaking, so the language designee is put into a lot of these. So, if Cristgen goes on vacation, say he goes to Jamaica, he is going to have somebody that is going to cover, one of his captains. So, we want to have language in there to cover those type of situations. Commissioner Croom speaking, alright, that is what I was wondering. Mr. Graham speaking, it would be a captain that basically, I would appoint as who would be filling in for me, if I was, I got you at a point where I was on unreachable for whatever reason. Chairman Jones speaking, any other questions? **Motion carried 5-0.**

9) BOARD ACTION: LEAVE BALANCES FOR WEEMS EMS EMPLOYEES HIRED BY FRANKLIN EMS

County Staff recommend allowing current EMS Employees of Weems Memorial who are hired by Franklin EMS to bring up to 160 hours of vacation leave and up to 320 hours of accumulated sick leave during this transitional period if requested by the employee.

Board action to authorize the acceptance of leave balances above from Weems Memorial Hospital for existing EMS employees who are hired by the county.

Chairman Jones speaking, I have a question before we make a motion to vote on this. So, is it in this policy is it a use it or lose it at the end of the year? If they do not use vacation time? Do they lose vacation time? Mrs. Griffith speaking, there is, that is in the policy. Chairman Jones speaking, I am just making sure it is going to be consistent. That is all I am asking. Commissioner Ward speaking, that was my question, too, Chairman.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the acceptance of leave balances above from Weems Memorial Hospital for existing EMS employees who are hired by the county. Motion carried 5-0.

10) BOARD ACTION: EMS BILLING COMPANY PIGGYBACK CONTRACT – DIGITECH COMPUTER, LLC

EMS Director Cristgen Graham and EMS Consultant Richard Lewis are recommending approval of vendor Digitech Computer, LLC for the EMS billing service. This vendor is one of the leading EMS billing service providers and is well known in Florida as well as nationwide. The county's procurement policy allows for the county to piggyback from other public solicitations so long as sufficient supporting documentation is provided for that procurement, response, contract terms and confirmation of satisfactory performance. The attached awarded RFP with the City of Fernandina Beach stipulates the following fees paid to the vendor for billing services: A Billing Fee equal to 4.95% of net monthly non-Medicaid EMS billing collections; A Medicaid Flat Fee of \$10.00 per transport; plus A HIPAA Notice Fee of \$2.00 per transport, subject to a monthly minimum fee of 5,000, which will be charged for any month where the fees total less than \$5,000. The company's website does have links to several video testimonials from existing clients for reference: EMS Billing Client Testimonials- Digitech and the RFP response included a map of other Florida communities utilizing the service:

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached contract based upon the piggyback pricing with the City of Fernandina Beach's contract upon review and approval by county attorney Michael Shuler.

Commissioner Croom speaking, Mister Chair got a question. So, I guess my biggest concern when I was going through this, I did not see any performance agreements in this contract. It is, in essence, we are paying a percentage of collection, but there is nothing upon the vendor to actually maximize those collections. So, we are paying \$5,000 monthly, correct? Regardless of call volumes? Mrs. Griffith speaking, correct. Commissioner Croom speaking, you know, for smaller agency, smaller system, we can be overpaying during our slower months.

Mr. Lewis speaking, yeah, so, you are 100% right, but when you look at the averages over the last 10 years, that is going to be a rare case that happens for the first couple of months. When we start this, there will be a slow incline. So, the first few months, we will be overpaying. Because when we build for something, it can take up to six weeks before we get a return, before we start getting income from that that billing period. And then we will see a big spike when we start catching up, and then it will start leveling off. And when you look at this, is something that I have had to work a lot with, when you look at the billing you, we want to look at our average collections per transport, and those are going to be measured metrics that we hold them to. And part of what we are going to have to do, and part of what we will be working with Cristgen with, is how to hold our feet to the fire. And if we do not hold our feet to the fire, then they will, they will do the bare minimum. Commissioner Croom speaking, my concern is the benchmarks. Mr. Lewis speaking, yeah, I have worked with three different billing services now, and I have noticed that we have to stay on them. While we set clear expectations as what I have done in Wakulla, but you know, this is how much we expect to collect, and they do end up meeting that. So that is going to be like on us to make sure that they

perform the way they should. Commissioner Croom speaking, one other thing that I had is see, there was a 30-day termination pause in there? I would rather 60 to 90 days, because we are dealing with billing, and if something goes wrong, it is going we need a transition time when it comes to billing. So is there any way we can check and see if they can do a 60 to 90 days at least. Mr. Lewis speaking, I know they can. But would it do anything with the piggyback? Would that mess up how we? Attorney Shuler speaking, I will need to look at that Commissioner Croom because when we piggyback, we typically just have to accept the contract as it was already approved by the other governmental agency. But I will double check that. Commissioner Croom speaking, because if something happened that does not give us enough time to transition 30 days, we are dealing with all you know, everything that is involved in billing. Attorney Shuler speaking no, good point. Commissioner Croom speaking, those are only two things that I have highlighted. Chairman Jones speaking, make sure I am understanding what we are doing, and I am fine with it, but I just want to make sure I understand. So, I know it has got the breakdown of what they are charging for this, for that, and the other, but it appears to me that the final outcome, if all that adds up to less than \$5,000, we are still paying \$5,000. Mr. Lewis speaking, correct. Chairman Jones speaking, I want to make sure that is what I was understanding, because it is what I was looking at. Commissioner Croom speaking, I am not opposed to it at all, you know, but I just want to make sure we tighten up this agreement check the county's revenue. Mrs. Griffith speaking, Attorney Shuler, could that be done as like a contract amendment? Chairman Jones speaking that is what I was thinking. Mrs. Griffith speaking, maybe a contract amendment? Attorney Shuler speaking, I will look at it. Mrs. Griffith speaking, okay, after we execute the original contract. Mr. Moron speaking, junior attorney here. Mrs. Griffith speaking, just trying to move things along. Chairman Jones speaking, so did we already have a motion and second on this? We did not. What is the pleasure of the board? **On a motion by Commissioner Croom, 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 based upon the piggyback pricing with the City of Fernandina Beach's contract upon review and approval by county attorney Michael Shuler. Motion carried 5-0.**

11) BOARD ACTION: ASSUMPTION OF EASTPOINT EMS STATION LEASE AGREEMENT

Attached is the existing lease agreement between Weems Memorial Hospital and Sellers Tile Distributors for the Eastpoint EMS Station, located in Suite C at 171 US Highway 98, Eastpoint. The monthly lease is \$1,500 per month for a three-year term and is in effect until November 30th, 2027. Franklin EMS will assume this existing lease effective June 1st.

Board action to approve and authorize the chairman's signature on a lease assumption agreement once drafted by the county attorney.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman's signature on a lease assumption agreement for the Eastpoint EMS Station once drafted by the county attorney.

Chairman Jones speaking, do we have any discussion, commissioners? Commissioner Croom speaking, Mr. Chair, I got something on this, lot of contracts. I did not see any kind of a termination clause on here was that a three year. Attorney Shuler speaking, I have not looked at the agreement. I have it printed and sitting on my keyboard at the office. Chairman Jones speaking, it is already scheduled to end in in three years and that is what the narrative says, so it is in 2027. Mrs. Griffith speaking, as far as an early out, I am not sure on that, but the action item is subject to Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Croom speaking, page five, section twenty-one, it is one of my very bigger concerns. It talked about the landlord and the lien information. So here it says, landlord gets a lien on all tenant properties and can seize and sell EMS equipment if default occurs. Maybe that will not happen, but that includes, like, our medical equipment, radios, and everything on there. Chairman Jones speaking, if that happens, we got bigger problems. Commissioner Croom speaking, I just found it odd that it was in there. My issue, my recommendation is, I wanted to carve that out, exclude the government equipment and emergency equipment. That is what I want to do. Attorney Shuler speaking, I have printed I have not read it, but I will take note of both of your comments, Commissioner Croom. Commissioner Croom speaking, and the last was page two, section five, use the premise it says paramedics on there, and probably to say EMS services instead of just saying paramedics. Attorney Shuler speaking, Commissioner Croom on the early termination provision that you

are discussing is that also like a 90 day? Chairman Jones speaking, on Mrs. Griffith's report, it is effective until November 30, 2027, so we are already in the middle of that lease agreement. We are just changing it from Weems to us. This is what I understood. Commissioner Amison speaking, we are not really negotiating the contract. We are just assuming. I think a lot of what Commissioner Croom stated that would be in the renegotiation process. We are just assuming this. You know, if we do not assume it, we try to do it now, everything we lose this we are losing. So, I am just, it is a whole another problem. I mean, you got great points but we kind of middle of ball. Commissioner Croom speaking, yeah, I know. But listen, when you, I am sure you do too, but I deal with so many contracts. Got over one time, so that is why I make sure I look at contracts I understand not happen again on my watch. Attorney Shuler speaking, Mister Chairman, my instructions are just to do a straight lease assumption of the terms as they are, and then when it comes time for renewal, there will be a further negotiation between the board and landlord. Chairman Jones speaking that is what I heard. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jones speaking, I will say this before we transition to something else. Yeah, this is different. We've never really kind of been here before, but I'm thinking it is going to be a lot better. It is going to we're going to find out a couple of things we're going to have. We are going to know for sure that the numbers we look at going forward, once we separate this with Weems, are Weems numbers. They are not intermingled or comingled with EBMS stuff. You know, I do think it's going to be better that we're going to have a more streamlined approach, but I do think that, and I'm glad to understand that the board feels the same way that we are definitely going to our goal is to always have three ALS ambulances, because we're such a wide county, we're not deep, about two and a half miles deep, but we're 70 miles wide, so a lot of area to cover. It is long runs, plus where we have to take people to but all these are necessary, important steps that are part of that, and we will put our best foot forward and see where it goes and we do. Thank you for being here today, sir, it was good to meet you. Mr. Graham speaking, thank you all so much. I think we are on the right path to going to the top. So, it is a lot at once, and it's a lot to cram in these, you know, this transition period, but I think we're going to get rolling, and once we get rolling, we'll be cruising. So, yeah, thank you all.

12) BOARD INFORMATION / MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT UPDATES:

- FRDAP Island View Park Project – project is out again for bids. Mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on May 14th at 10:00 a.m., and the bid will be opened at the June 3rd meeting.
- Margaret Key Library Parking Area – project is currently out for bid. The bids will be opened at the May 20th meeting.
- Awaiting road paving estimates: Miller & Jubilee Streets in Lanark, Courthouse Annex Parking Area Resurfacing in Carrabelle

Presentations/Updates/Requests

13. Richard "Loui" Lewis (EMS Consultant) & Christgen Graham (EMS Director)

EMS Transfer Update

***Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

14. Grayson Shepard -- Riparian County Stakeholders Coalition Appointee

Apalachicola River Dredge Update

Chairman Jones speaking, Mr. Grayson Shephard and before you stand up, I want to, we are changing the name. Is that what we are doing changing the name? Mr. Shephard speaking, so, yeah, we are changing the name. It has been the RCSC. It will still remain the RCSC but just to make it a little clearer, we are doing business as the Apalachicola River Counties Alliance, ARCA. Makes it a little simpler since riparian counties can be the Suwannee River. Just for an update, I know Otlice went up to the Albany meeting, but the Corps of Engineers is doing an environmental assessment right now. It is supposed to come to a close in March of 2027 so a little less than a year from now is when they are going to decide what they are going to do. But I want to explain this little graphic I gave you. This is done by John Albert. He is with the River Keepers. He is actually in the room here today. If the Corps of Engineers dredges, they want to maintain a river depth of seven to nine feet. Right now, as it stands, by releasing water, that water, the river level comes

up, and they will have that seven to nine feet. The key word there is navigation. Navigation does not mean dredging. It does not require dredging. Navigation just requires the water level to be deep enough for these barges to get through. The Corps of Engineers likes to control the water. If they dig the ditch deep, they do not have to release as much water because they have already got their seven-to-nine-foot ditch through the river. So ultimately, what we are looking at is the Corps of Engineers does not really want to release the water. They want to keep it up there for Atlanta, Georgia. Bottom line is where it is at. Now, the Corps of Engineers really does not care about our oysters. We have understood that, and just want to know that releasing more water is going to help our oysters. So, whatever we do to kind of make sure that we can get more water is going to help us all out. Now the key thing here with Franklin County and with the board and all the counties along the way, is the spoil. The deal with removing the spoil right now, the Corps of Engineers is planning on taking it at least 10,000 feet away from the riverbanks. Wherever they do dredge the sand is going to use for other purposes or whatever. Right now, they have been dumping it along the riverbank, and everybody understands how the sands getting back into the river and flowing into our bay, and it is causing problems so that getting it 10,000 feet away is key. The problem with Franklin County is the Eastern riverbank is owned by the federal government and the state of Florida. It is Franklin County, but we do not own the land. The only part of the land we do own is south of Pin Hook, basically six miles between here and just above the river trestle. The western side of the bank, above that is Gulf County. So unfortunately, we do not have a whole strong leg to stand on when it comes to where to spend. Spoil is going to go in Franklin County. Gulf County controls, like I said, the western bank, the state and the Feds own the eastern bank. So, it is pretty imperative that we really stay close with this ARCA with these other counties because they do have pull with the Corps of Engineers as far as where that sand goes. And that is what the Corps of Engineers is aiming at. That is their key agenda for this environmental assessment, is where that sand is going to go. And like said, we do not have a strong leg to stand on as Franklin County. So collectively, you know, not that this is an action item, but we really need to stick with the other counties. It is imperative, because it looks like the Corps of Engineers is going to try to break us apart and go to each county commission with some kind of proposal that might benefit us, but not everybody else, and they might get a proposal that benefits them, but not everybody else. But if we can stay together unified, we are stronger, so we are not at that point yet, but just down the road. You guys really need to understand we have got to be team players with other people, because they have got a little more pull with the Corps than we do right now. But back to the word navigation. It is a double-edged sword. With this they have already fixed the locks at Jim Woodruff dam, and they are working their way on up basically, to get the Eufaula. Once they do that, we are going to get more recreational traffic. There is going to be boats coming down here, and that is going to bring dollars to Apalachicola. The barges carrying stuff that is not going to affect us one way or the other. They are not going to stop and get fuel. They are not going to stay at the hotel. Those guys are traveling on through. But if we do get the river opened up to where people can come down from Alabama, they are going to be bringing their houseboats, bringing their jet skis, things like that. They will stay at the hotels. They are going to hit our restaurants. So, I want everybody to really understand that navigation is not a bad thing. So, if it involves dredging, if you look at the little graph, and this is the quotes at the top are from the Corps of Engineers, you can read what they say. Bottom line, if they dredge, they only have to let 9300 cubic feet go through the dam to come down here to us, if there are times of really low water, they will have to release water to get the ditch deep enough for barges to come through. So, when we are extremely dry, it could be a good thing that they have to release water to get this to keep the ditch deep, but if, if there is no dredging, they are going to be releasing more water to keep the river deep enough for navigation. So pretty much that is it. I have got some good news, just guys on if you looked at the news, but the El Nino that is coming this summer is going to be record setting, and what that means for us is probably lower chance for hurricanes, which is going to be good, and it also means more rain, probably in the fall, in the winter. So, we are looking like we might be coming into a good, wet winter. Knock on wood. We can hope for it, but right now, that is what it looks like. But that is pretty much all I have got to say. Unless you guys have any questions for me, you know, I am going to the meetings, talking to people, doing what I am supposed to do for you guys.

Chairman Jones speaking, thank you for that. So, I will say this, you know, 100% respect you. But I disagree with some of the stuff you are saying. I think part of the problem you have is when, in the current state of the river, if you let water loose, the complaint from the river keepers and other organizations have been that it is killing fish because it is putting fish up on the edge of the banks. That is because the rivers are filling

in from where it has been historically dredged. So yes, they do need to turn water loose, but they have not been turning water loose at all. That's the reason we've been seeing what we've been seeing in our bay, part of the historically, part of the outcome when this Board of County Commissioners actually sided with the River Keeper on a lawsuit that was done before I ever got in the seat, the result was they stopped dredging the channel. Now, yeah, there's stuff they need to do. They need to do it better. I do think Franklin County needs to leverage the fact that the state owns so much of our property and demand our legislators to help us get sites so the spoil can be properly disposed of. But if we do not get the Corps in there, dredging anything, everything there is going to stay like it is. There is no way to address it without them being there. So, I do think it is harder for us. But as far as us being engaged with and playing along with everybody else, we have the organization we have asked you to be a part of. We have given them money for 12 years now. We have been at the table. We have been a part. We have not tried to be separate. So, you know that is but I do think that that navigation does need to happen. It is going to come from dredging. And I know for a fact, when they were still barges coming down the channel, I helped fuel them at Jimmy Gander's dock. So that is, that is, that is a far stretch to say that you are not going to get anything else but kayaks and sailboats. That is, I am sorry, okay, I just disagree 100% and I am not bad mouthing you at all. I thank you for volunteering. That just shows how complex this issue is, because at the end of the day, we have to find a way that we, everybody kind of gets what really needs to be gotten. But I am still of a mind, if we do not get them to do any dredging at all, everything that they have done wrong in the past will never be able to get addressed. That is one of my concerns. Mr. Shepard speaking, well, I do want to state, I mean, the ARCA, it is definitely, we are not against dredging. We are not against navigation. It is not doing one side or other. Just want what is best for Franklin County. Well, that is what we are all out with this. Chairman Jones speaking, but, yeah, but I think part of it if I do not see the I could be wrong. I do not see the Corps, if they are not going to do what they want to do. I am telling you right now I have been dealing with for a while, they are not going to do anything we want them to do. That is just the nature of the beast we are dealing with. Mr. Shepard speaking, I am afraid, just my thoughts, I am afraid they are going to do what they want to do regardless. Chairman Jones speaking, so hopefully all we can do is keep pushing from enough angles to actually get some of what all of us know needs to be done, done at the same time. That is all we can do. Mr. Shepard speaking, anybody else had any questions? Commissioner Amison speaking, Mr. Chairman, I do have something to say on this, because I have been one of the ones that has been, you know, get the dredging back, and I still, I do not have any issue with the dredging, but I want to know the facts of what I am looking at. And for the longest I have had that, and y'all heard me say it, it takes water to float a boat. Well, I have figured out that well, you can still float a boat without releasing water. You just dig the hole deeper, and that is basically what is going to transpire here. I did talk with Attorney Shuler, and I do not know if you had time about the, what is the terminology of the water manual. What water control manual? Water control manual. That you know from my understanding, and you may want to clarify this for me, but if they have got enough water to navigate, they do not have to release. The release in that control manual is based on the depth of the water for navigation. So just hypothetically, if there is no dredging, they have to maintain a certain depth. They have to release. It is mandatory that they release water according to that manual. Is that correct? Attorney Shuler speaking, that's the way I understand it. But no, I have not had a chance to pull up the water control manual and review it. My suggestion has been and I am happy to do it if that is what the board wants, but was to have this County Coalition actually look at the water control manual and see if there is something in there which indicates that the Corps has a preexisting authority to reduce the water flows in the event of dredging. I do not know the answer to that question right now, but that seems like it is at least a reasonable inquiry. Commissioner Amison speaking, the reason I am asking or having this discussion is, like I said before, I have been I am all for having commercial traffic or having traffic navigation back on the river. I mean, it is like Grayson mentioned, it is a two-edged sword. Really, you are going to have, it will bring some economic opportunity down to us, but then my bay side of the brain is it is not going to give us any more water that we dearly need. So, I mean, again, I am not opposed, but, but I am kind of going back looking at it through a different lens, if you will only go say I'm doing a 180 but it just at first, I was under the assumption that we were going to get water. But potentially we may not get any more water, we will just get more boats or more traffic, which is fine. I mean, because we, you know, we still have a local economy that would thrive on tourism stuff coming down. I agree with you. If Mr. Jimmy does not sell that fuel dock between now and then, it might be pumping some fuel, but I am just saying it is, you know, it is a damned if you do, damned if you do, damned if you do not. Kind of excuse this way, I kind of feel with it truly is. Mr. Shepard speaking, there is a lot of variables that are at

play. There is a lot going on, and we do not know really, but by March 2027, there will be a decision made, and we are trying to, ARCA is trying to get a seat at that table with Corps of Engineers as kind of as a stakeholder. We are not right now. There are other entities that are, so we are trying to get on there so we can kind of have a little preview of what is coming down the pike. So, we are working on that. Chairman Jones speaking, that would be good, if that is possible to do. Mr. Shepard speaking, yeah, I will definitely, I figure I will probably come back to you guys in two or three months if there is something new, or if anything really important comes up that I need to bring to your attention, I will definitely. Chairman Jones speaking, I do not know if there is, but if there is anything we can do to help further that conversation, to make sure that we have a seat at the table through that group, please let us know. We will do whatever we can. We will push every button and see what comes up. All right. Appreciate you guys.

Chairman Jones speaking, come on up here, sir. Mr. Alber speaking, respectfully, I am John Alber. I am president of the board of Apalachicola River. I am new in the office. It was not a lawsuit that stopped dredging. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection in 2005 denied a permit to the Army Corps of Engineers to continue dredging. The Corps stopped in 2001 and they applied on their own because there was no traffic. Yeah, virtually no traffic by that time coming up the river. And what there was extremely expensive to move up the river. The Corps found it cost 30,000 a barge to move traffic up the river, because there was so little and because dredging costs so much. So, what stopped dredging was that DEP decision based on the damage that the Corps had done to the river, its failure to correct that damage and the terrible economics that underlined the whole navigation project. So, there was no lawsuit then. There is a lawsuit now by River Keeper, and it has been underway since 2017 it involved state of Georgia, the state of Alabama, Florida did not participate. The county did not participate. And the goal of that lawsuit is to change the water control manual to force the Corps to release more water downstream. So, we all want more water downstream. The question is, how to do it? Yeah, that is all.

Chairman Jones speaking, so my understanding, and that is fine, I am fine with being corrected, but my understanding was before all that happened. There was an amicus brief filed by the River Keeper. This board agreed to sign on to that amicus brief, and within the resulting years is when those decisions started being made. So, whether that had a part of it or not, there was definitely discussions being had, and there were people that were saying what needed happen, what did not happen, and DEP sided with not happening. That maybe I am drawing the wrong inference, but those are facts of what went on. Mr. Elber speaking, we have filed Amicus briefs in various litigations that is not being a party to the litigation. We did not start it. We were not a party to it, so it is really a friend of the court, and we have been that, but we did not start the lawsuit that stopped dredging. The DEP stopped dredging on their own. Chairman Jones speaking, thank you, sir. Commissioner Ward speaking, I would just like to add. I would love for the Army Corps to present themselves at this meeting. I would love for that to happen. I do not think it would happen. Mr. Moron speaking, but we will need a few more deputies than we have there.

15. Caroline Smith & Stacy Slavachick -- Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Ms. Caroline Smith speaking, good morning. It is nice to be back here. And yes, I will be doing both agenda items. So, I will try to keep them brief, but definitely happy to take questions on either. So first off, I would like to give you all an update on the SHIP program for Franklin County. So, I know Mr. Moron has been keeping you in the loop. Recently, we got tapped, I think it was around November, December last year, to come in and help with the transition with the SHIP program as Cortni was leaving. We have been kind of committing ourselves in the last couple of weeks to help y'all close out your old fiscal years for SHIP and get the program back on track. So, I just wanted to give you a little update about what we've been working on and what we're going to be focusing on next. So as far as things that have already been completed, we went back into your Local Housing Assistance Plan or LHAP for 2021-2022 to make some adjustments, basically to rectify some issues we were having with awards that were made increase the amount. Accounts that were allowed for rehabilitation projects, for purchase assistance projects, and created a new activity under the rehab strategy to allow for the demolition reconstruction projects, and submitted that to Florida Housing Finance Corporation. That was approved, we are all set, basically that laid the foundation for us to be able to close out fiscal year 2021-2022. So that is what we are working on right now. We did have to move around some applicants between some of the older fiscal years to meet the county set asides per the

SHIP regulations. So that does mean we have a few projects, three, to be exact, that are currently open or are going to have to be closed out before that fiscal year can be closed out, but we are working on that now. We are hoping to have that finished up in the next couple months at the latest, but we can keep you up to date as that proceeds. And then once that is closed out, we will be able to jump into fiscal year 2022-2023. Hopefully knock that out by the end of this calendar year, and then move into 2023-2024. These are all kind of estimates for timeline. We will be working as fast as we can. But as you know, with a housing project, sometimes you hit delays. We have to go through bids. So, there is kind of a timeline that kind of forms as it happens, but we will do our best to keep things on track and set you up to start the next calendar year with a more recent fiscal year allocation. And to that end, one other thing that we will be working on in the next couple of weeks is submitting your new LHAP to Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Once we get that approved, the county will have access to more recent SHIP allocation here. I believe you will have access to the 2025-2026 fiscal year, which has not been awarded yet to Franklin County. So, we are just trying to get you back on track, doing the best we can, and I am happy to answer any questions y'all may have about that. Chairman Jones speaking, any questions commissioners?

Commissioner Ward speaking, I have one, and if you cannot answer that's okay, Caroline. So obviously, you guys, I appreciate y'all taking that on. I know it was a big task. It is still a big task. So, my question, though, is you said you have got three projects to close out before we can move forward. So, the current applicants that we have with SHIP right now that have applied, I do not know how many there are total? Was there eight? Ms. Smith speaking, it is a very long waiting list. I think it is actually closer to about 40 or 50 people who are on there right now, including folks who have been applying over the last couple of years. Commissioner Ward speaking, so, my question is when, for one I guess, will those individuals have to reapply? How long are the applications good for? Ms. Smith speaking, that is good question. So, a good number of them have already reapplied. They reapplied when Cortni was running SHIP in the last kind of the, I guess second half of 2025. So, we do have some new applications for them. As far as other individuals, I am not sure. We have to check if their income qualifications had not been done, then we might be able to keep their application and just kind of move them forward in the process. The application tends to be just kind of basic information about themselves, and as long as none of the key items have changed, like, they are still a homeowner, the property still applies. They are still, you know, meeting the other eligibility requirements, they might be able to move forward with the old application. Commissioner Ward speaking, and then my other question, I guess, would be, I know you have got the three projects that you are saying about two months that has not been closed out. When I get, I guess the next question would be, we are looking at roughly, and I know timelines can be skewed a bit, six months to a year before these new applicants that are on the wait list will be able to know if they were approved? Ms. Smith speaking, it is hard to say exactly. When we do, so for fiscal year 2022-2023 as of my last check of it, there is still some space to encumber some additional projects so we could potentially complete or help some of these applicants under that fiscal year, this calendar year. And there's definitely room under fiscal year 2023-2024. So, I think some of these folks could be served by the end of the calendar year. And then it is a long wait list, though. So, it is not going to be everyone will have to prioritize folks who are very low or low income just because of the set asides and what has already been met or not been met. And then going into the future fiscal year allocation, we can see who is left and what we can help with. Mr. Moron speaking, can I jump in a second. So, I could tell you this, working with Caroline and Stacy and even Michael Cheney up at the state level. So, he did let us know, and I do not know, once Caroline moves around for those two fiscal years, that has to be closed out. That is really holding us back. He did indicate to me, it looks like from his first review, we are going to have to at least get five applicants that are very low in income. So that changes the waiting list to some degree because you have to go and pull, you know, yes in order, but they have to be very low income. So, I just want to be very clear, because some people are going to say, well, wait a minute, how did they get ahead of me? That is the problem right now we have those set asides that we have to meet. Caroline could probably rattle it off the top of her head. I cannot, but I know we have to. Ms. Smith speaking, very low, I think it is, was at 60%? So, it is a big number. Mr. Moron speaking, just want the board and the public to understand, you know, the state is telling us we have to meet that, that benchmark for very low-income people, to address them in some ways. So that might present a problem. If you do not have any more questions for Caroline, there are two items in my report I would like to address before we address that commission.

1) Action Item: Amended SHIP Agreement • Based on my request, Apalachee Planning Council submitted an amended contract for administration of the SHIP Program. • The original agreement did not include close out of FY 21-22 and FY 22-23. This amended agreement includes those years along with a cost of \$5000 per year to close out and submit the required State documents and reports • Board action to approve the amended contract contingent on Attorney Shuler's review.

Mr. Moron speaking, I basically, I am not even going to read them, because basically, you guys have had a chance to do that. Page 19 to the very bottom. One is we had to amend the SHIP agreement we had with ARPC to allow them to close out 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. What I am asking the board with this amended agreement I will try to make it short. So, you know, with SHIP you have admin money, but you have to use that admin money within three years. So, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 that time has passed, so we could no longer tap into that admin money to have them close it out. So as part of the agreement, which Attorney Shuler, he reviewed the original one, so he is just going to review the new language that we are talking about here, I'm asking the board, as part of this motion to allow me to pay them, and it's usually it's 35,000 it's only 5000 for each of those years, because most of the work was already done. They just need to close it out and file the appropriate reports. I am asking for \$5,000 per year, which would be \$10,000 and that is paid out of professional services, because I cannot tap into the admin money. Now we do not lose the admin money. It goes, it basically goes into the grant money. And we know, you know, it does not roll, it rolls into the grant money. And we can use that to build, to assist someone. That is part of the motion I will be asking for in one and in two, this is more information to SHIP manufactured homes. We have finally gotten that issue straightened out for Smith and for Turner. So, I am going to kind of hand it off to Caroline because we have got to that point. I think I could, because she has to tell us which year to pull that money from. But we are ready to order. I am just bringing back to you so you are informed, and I have on record that you were aware that it was a change, and we are going to order those two manufactured homes now. Just asking for board action to approve the amended contract contingent upon attorney's review. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the amended contract contingent on Attorney Shuler's review. Motion carried 5-0.**

2) Action Item: SHIP Manufactured Homes Purchase • As the Board is aware, County staff and Apalachee Regional Planning Council are working to reconcile past SHIP Program fiscal years and filing the close-out reports with the State. • Part of reconciling the program is ordering three manufactured homes that were approved by the previous SHIP administrator. • Two of the three homes are ready for purchase, pending your final approval. • The first of the two is a manufactured home for Mr. Robert Smith in Apalachicola. The total cost of this home, including site preparation, is \$123,244.60. • The second manufactured home is for Mrs. Angela Turner in Eastpoint. The total cost of this home, including site preparation, is \$107,669.60. • Both homes will be paid from different SHIP fiscal year grant funds and recaptured program funds. • The third manufactured home is on hold until zoning issues can be worked out. • Board action to approve the purchase of the SHIP funded manufactured homes for Mr. Smith at \$123,244.60 and Mrs. Turner at \$107,669.60 and authorize manual checks for the down payment.

On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the purchase of the SHIP funded manufactured homes for Mr. Smith at \$123,244.60 and Mrs. Turner at \$107,669.60 and authorize manual checks for the down payment. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Mary O'Brien & Lydia Johnson -- Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Chairman Jones speaking, Ms. Caroline, we are back to you. Ms. Smith speaking, all right. Um, so on to the next agenda item, if you do not mind, I on behalf of my colleagues, Mary, and Lydia, they found out I was going to be here today, and so I am here to give an update, or kind of an announcement/update on a new project that we have at the Regional Planning Council. It is called the SS for a Project, or Safe Streets and Roads for All. Just going to read a little bit from this, but we're going around to each of our counties, because all nine counties are included in this project area to share that we are creating a Regional Transportation Safety Action Plans for the nine counties in our region. And I think since y'all were a part of the R RTP project, the Regional Rural Transportation Plan, and kind of think of this as like a piggyback

project. And so essentially, we are creating a Regional Safety Action Plan for the nine-county region. It is a project that is being funded by the US Department of Transportation. The goal of the project is to identify projects to reduce the risk of serious injuries and fatalities on roadways, basically identifying high injury high risk corridors throughout the region and coming up with safety projects that could be implemented to address them. The main thing to take away, though from the action plan is that by creating one, we are essentially opening up a new pathway for transportation funding in order to access funding that the US Department Transportation has for Safe Street and Road. For all projects, you have to have an action plan in place for your county to prove that you know you are eligible for that funding. So, we are trying to basically allow Franklin County, as well as our other counties who do not yet have an action plan to tap into that source of money. So as part of this project, there is an engagement component. We will be having a series of public meetings later this year, and we are also forming a technical advisory committee to give feedback more closely on the projects that are actually in the action plan. And I was told that for Franklin County, we already have three folks who have agreed to be on the Technical Advisory Committee. Commissioner Jones, thank you very much. I saw your name as one of the members. We also have Mrs. Teresa Segree, who is the Transportation Manager for the Franklin County School District. We also have Miss Sarah Quaranta, who is the Health Officer for Franklin and Gulf counties. So, we really appreciate that, and we will be in touch regarding those. I believe our first Technical Advisory Committee meeting is coming up on May 12, and just see if there is anything else. Yeah, we will continue to keep you in the loop as we move forward, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have about that project, to the best of my ability. Chairman Jones speaking, any questions, Commissioners? Thank you for being here today.

The Board recessed at 11:17 am and reconvened at 11:28 am.

Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board Report

17. Commercial Site Plan Applications

a. 116 Otterslide

A consideration of a request to construct a 2,544 sq ft metal building consisting of four bays for vehicle parking, along with a 10-foot by 20-foot office space. The project also includes a gravel parking area and a stormwater management system in the form of a retention pond. This project is for a heating and cooling business. Property is located in Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by TTA, LLC.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the commercial site plan application for 116 Otterslide. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Critical Shoreline Applications

a. 1150 US Highway 98

A consideration of a request to construct a 4'x153' access walkway and an 8'x20' dock. Property is located in Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Jessica Williams, Edgewater Group LLC, agent for Gramercy Plantation Owners' Association, Inc.

Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, just a quick question. This is a community dock correct? Ms. Robinson speaking, yes, it is. Commissioner Ward speaking, okay, that is all. Commissioner Amison speaking, I should have probably called beforehand, but this is a dock that was there before, then did Michael take that dock out and they are just trying to replace it? Ms. Robinson speaking, yes, it is going to be, in a slightly different area. Let me show you this, the old dot was the recommendation. Chairman Jones speaking, they are still going to have only one dock. but they are moving it. It is how much further down? Miss Bree, it is a little bit further down. Ms. Robinson speaking, I am not sure exactly, but it is in front of the entrance. So, they said it is more accessible for residents to walk down there. Chairman Jones speaking, yes. So, I think the other one was a little bit closer to the school, or more to the east. And it was maybe before you get to the curve, anyway. So, it is still in the same straightaway. The other dock you actually

had to walk around and through the community to actually get to it. This one is coming out the ingress and egress. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman, as long as no one else has questions or concerns, I will make a motion to approve. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the critical shoreline application for 1150 US Highway 98. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. 1603 E Gulf Beach Dr

A consideration of a request to construct a multi-family dock consisting of a 4' x 372' access dock, a 6' x 48' access dock, an 8' x 20' terminal platform, six 2' x 20'-foot finger piers, and six 14' x 20' uncovered slips, 2 with boat lifts. Property is located on St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by William Reid Hicks, Better Built Docks, agent for Grace Bay Subdivision.

Chairman Jones speaking, and how did the P&Z board view? Ms. Robinson speaking, oh, this was a recommendation to approve. Chairman Jones speaking, okay. And this is also like, so it is for the subdivision. Is also like for the entirety of everybody that's there kind of deal? Ms. Robinson speaking, it is a true multifamily dock. There are six lots. So technically they could build one dock with 12 slips, but they have chosen to do one slip per lot. Chairman Jones speaking, the two lots that are requesting boat lifts do they have homes in progress? Or it is two lots merged? Ms. Robinson speaking, so, one home in progress, there is a cover letter submitted. I will put it up on the screen from the applicant, stipulating which slip goes with which parcel ID, so it is in accordance with Franklin County's code. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the critical shoreline application for 1603 E Gulf Beach Drive. Motion carried 5-0.**

c. 2144 Hwy 98 W

A consideration of a request to construct a 680 sq ft single-family dock consisting of 4'x130' access walkway and 8'x20' terminus. Property is located in Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Jessica Williams, Backroads Consulting, agent for William Phelan.

Commissioner Sanders speaking, exactly where, where is this located Bre around the Great Wall, or what? Ms. Robinson speaking, um I have got it pulled up on the screen. Let me know if you can see. Commissioner Sanders speaking, yeah, that is where, that is what it looked like to me, too, the Great Wall. They are building a house. They are finally building a house there. Yes, after all these years. Chairman Jones speaking, so she is referred to the sea wall that they have there Bre that seemed to be way above what needed to be but it has lasted for decades. So, they it right. Commissioner Amison speaking, what contractors was that we might need them? This is an unpowered dock? Chairman Jones speaking, yes that is correct. Miss Bre this is unpowered, correct? Ms. Robinson speaking, yes, correct. They are just asking for a lift.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the critical shoreline application for 2144 Hwy 98 W. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Variance Requests

a. 169 Campfire Lane

A consideration of a request to construct 225 linear feet of seawall to be placed above the MHWL, but within the Critical Habitat Zone (50' from MHWL). Property is located in St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Erica Wiewel, Moore Bass Consulting, agent for Richard Kearny.

Commissioner Sanders speaking, this sea wall is not going to be in the coastal construction, right? Ms. Robinson speaking, yes, ma'am, it is not. It is exempt from state and federal permitting. So, this is just a Franklin County decision. Since it is in our critical habitat zone, we require a variance. Commissioner Sanders speaking, and you can see that it is already a rock revetment there. So, but planning and zoning

vote for both of them. Ms. Robinson speaking, they did. They recommended approval on both parcels. **On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the variance requested for 169 Campfire Lane. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. 171 Campfire Lane

A consideration of a request to construct 225 linear feet of seawall to be placed above the MHWL, but within the Critical Habitat Zone (50' from MHWL). Property is located in St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Erica Wiewel, Moore Bass Consulting, agent for Richard Kearny.

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 the variance requested for 171 Campfire Lane. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Re-Zoning Request

a. 2323 Enabob St

A consideration of a request to rezone the property from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-2 Single-Family Residential/Mobile Home in order to allow a mobile home to be placed on the property. Property is located in Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Patricia Lively & Julia Friday.

Chairman Jones speaking, so today we are not looking at a rezoning request. They are asking for a public hearing. Ms. Robinson speaking, I believe that is the way it works. Attorney Shuler speaking, you are correct, Bree. Ms. Robinson speaking, okay, and with advertising dates, I did take a peek at those and to see when we could get the ad placed. The earliest meeting that this could go on with it advertising for 10 full days would be at the June 3 meeting. Chairman Jones speaking, well, I would defer to the rest of my commission here about the public hearing. What is the pleasure of the board to grant the request to have a public hearing? Commissioner Sanders speaking, they want to. Then we have to comply with that because they, I mean, they are requesting it. **On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved scheduling a hearing on the re-zoning request for 2323 Enabob St. Motion carried 5-0.**

County Coordinator & Attorney Reports

21. Michael Morón – County Coordinator

a. Angela Lolley -- Administrative Coordinator

- 1) Citizenserve Public Portal
- 2) Citizenserve Code Enforcement Application
- 3) Code Enforcement Ordinance Update

Ms. Lolley speaking, good morning. Can y'all hear me? Chairman Jones speaking, yes. Ms. Lolley speaking, all right, so I am here this morning to present the new Citizens Serve public portal. I have logged in as one of our regular contractors that has a lot of permit files in their account, just so that you can have a better view. So, when you first log in, you will notice this, you will see this pop up on the screen. And before I go any farther, I want to go ahead and note that most of the things that you see can be changed. So, if you see something that you do not love, let me know, and we can see if we can tweak it. So, then I am going to go ahead and hit, okay. The first thing that you are going to really see pop off the screen here is this public notice, fraud alert. This is something that we put on here months ago because we were having some issues with fraud, some emails going out, and some folks making payments that they really should not have, and I do not this was the best solution to get that information out there to hopefully avoid people making payments that they did not need to be making because it was not coming to us. So, we left that on there. That size, I was trying to get it reduced, but that is as small as we could get it for now. We can maybe change this to be a part of that pop up

somehow. If you guys want to give me some feedback on that, that would be appreciated. Moving on from there, you will notice that these tabs up here at the top have stayed the same, and the information over on the left-hand side here is also the same we are going to scroll on down. We have got an announcement up here that notes the changes in the development process, where they go through the planning and zoning department. First, this is just to kind of let the public know what the process looks like, so that they are not completely lost if they have never gotten a permit with Franklin County. Moving on down, we have got our quick links here. You can go and view your active request, and then you are going to see everything. So, these are the this is the list of everything that is under review for this user. Can also go into issued and see what has been issued and so on and so forth. So, you can go to inspection request straight from here, so you do not actually have to go into a permit to be able to request an inspection now. So here we are going to just type in the permit number that I have ready, and then our permit pops up. So from here, you can choose to go into the permit to see all the permit details that would be like if you're not certain that this is the right one, for example, or you can just go straight to request an inspection, and then from here, you just go and pick the one that you want, and you pick the date that you want, and you can type in a gate code or a key code here, if you want to. Notice there is not a red line over here, so it is not required, whereas these are required fields. So, if you do not have anything that needs to go there, you can just hit submit. Then you see where your inspection has been requested. So, you hit OK, and then it actually takes you into the permit where you can go into the inspection tab here and verify that. I am sorry it is going very slow, and where you can verify that it has been scheduled. So, I actually scheduled this one, and it was already scheduled for next week, so I am going to cancel that, and now it is gone. But you can also go in and reschedule from that same area, super easy to use. Does anybody have any questions so far? Chairman Jones speaking, any questions Commissioners? Mr. Moron speaking, Commissioners understand that this was driven, especially give Commissioner Ward the credit for wanting to make sure we get something really easy, really simple for the public as they use that application. Keep in mind this application covers your building department, zoning department with permits, and then now it which you will speak to in a minute here or two, and then it will cover the code enforcement too. Ms. Lolley speaking, so, moving down, we have got the navigate our departments. This is nice because you can click directly into any of the departments, or you can go directly to an application from here. So, it is very user friendly in that regard. And this is on under the My Account page and go into the home page. The home page is more designed, it is very similar layout, but it is more designed for folks that do not have an account. So, this is what they would log in and see. It is the same basic layout. You know, with a quick link, they look a little bit different, but same basic layout. Again, everything is clickable, so you can go in and navigate each department independently when you go into the department, of course, that page is going to be specifically things that department can help you with. Let us go back. I wanted to make sure to bring your attention to the search feature. You can go search. I am going to go use that same permit number again, but I am not going to use the whole thing. And, oh, it is not going to work for me this time. It worked for me yesterday. Sorry. So, what it is supposed to do here. So, there is some glitches still, as you can see. So, what it is supposed to do is pull up any permits that have this included in the permit. So, it would include the 341, number, but it would also include any other that start that end in three with two digit, you know, like any anything in that 300 series that end in 300 and something right there. So that is, that is how it is supposed to work. We are still tweaking some things with our search feature, but that is some really nice feature. You can also search by address. Um, I do not know. I think I am having internet trouble. Are y'all hearing me clearly? Okay, good. All right, so we are going to move on to reports. This is a really great feature, so you can go in and search permit report. So, we are going to just pick, let us pick May to date, and we are not going to pick a permit type, we're just going to see what everything we have for the month of May. And then you see, when you do that, you see everything for every department. So, building, zoning, and my guess is code enforcement would also be included in this list. Once it is live, it is just not live yet. So that is a really nice report that has all the, you know, the Quick Access permit details, but if you wanted to, like, focus in on a particular permit is clickable. Right over here, you just click right into that permit number, and it brings you to the permit where you can then view all the permit details. So, moving back to the reports, I like this. This contractor search is very nice. So, if you click into you can choose any contractor there, hit submit, and then that is going to populate all of the building contractors. So, this is contractors that are licensed as building contractors in the state of Florida that is registered in

Franklin County. So, this is going to include their contractor, all of their name, the business name, address, phone number, and then it also includes these details over here, which gives you access to be able to look up, you know, like with DVPR, if there are any complaints or anything, you know, just good information to be able to have on that. It also has the ability to download and print right from the screen. So just very user friendly from there. The last thing I want to bring to your attention on here is the contact tab at the top. We can customize this to include any number of resources, but I have got some basic ones in here that we use all the time. I still have that placeholder there for code enforcement. Some of this was outlined before some changes were made. So, we have got, like, the sheriff's department for 911 addresses. We might want to tweak that a little bit so we include, you know, maybe 911 addresses and code enforcement under the Sheriff's department, for example. We will just have to look at that. We have direct links to the Clerk of Court and the Road Department here for when, if someone needs to reach out to the Road Department for a driveway permit, for example. So anything else that you can think of that needs to be included here, I'd be happy to add, we've got, like, the water and sewer districts for all of Franklin County here, I believe, and any other resources that would be helpful for users, I'll be more than happy to add in there, um, oh, and I wanted to also mention the portal has been checked and verified for ADA compliance, and we are in compliance with everything that we have, all the changes that have been made. And I just want to put out there that our goal is to always make the portal as user friendly as possible, so anyone has any trouble navigating the portal, if you'll reach out to the department that you're trying to work with, whether it be the building department or planning and zoning, if you let the department know where you're struggling, we can either help you through it, or we can put a ticket in if the problem is something that needs to be fixed. And that is all I have on this, unless you have some questions that you need clarification on. Chairman Jones speaking commissioners, any questions? Commissioner Ward speaking,

I do have a quick question on as far as this goes. Angela, when you are accessing the portal and say you want to look up a permit, do you have to have I know you mentioned you could navigate to a certain menu, but you do not have to sign in. You can still look up a permit without having a username and password, correct? Ms. Lolley speaking, you can, unfortunately, it will not let me do that right now, because I am logged in as a user. But yes, you do not have to have an account. You do get more details. So, for example, if you do not have an account, you do not see all of the document options. You cannot click into the documents, but you can see, I think, everything else. So, all of the basic permit details you see, you just cannot click into the documents and view those. So, by creating an account, you get you can then see everything that we see, basically. Commissioner Ward speaking, okay, thanks. Chairman Jones speaking, anyone else? Commissioner Croom speaking, this is good. Thank you all for working on this.

Chairman Jones speaking, no, I think it is good. So, Ms. Angela, I want to clarify something the part for the building department that is just like for checking permits that have already been submitted, or permits that are already underway, or updates on permits that is not a place I can go and actually apply for a permit, is it? Ms. Lolley speaking, you absolutely can. So, under building department, you can click into building department right here. Or you can go apply for building permit directly from the home page. You can use existing applications or open permits that you have. So, this will show you everything that we had done before. So that is that. This will show you everything that you have, but you can absolutely click into that, apply for a building permit. It is going to take you right to where you go apply again. I am seeing a glitch here that I did not notice before, so I am going to have to tweak this so that I am glad you asked that question. So now I can approach that. So, I do realize anytime you have a new rollout like this, you are going to have some glitches that you have to work through. So that is what we are working on right now. Chairman Jones speaking, okay, so the reason I am asking that if, if there is any way to incorporate it when, whatever that drop down menu is going to look like. So, I am trying to apply for a permit to put a shed at my property. I think it also needs to be incorporated there, because I noticed the driveway permits seem to be separate. I do not want to get lost in the shuffle. So, anything that they can apply for a permit or need a permit for, needs to be in one drop down menu is my concern. I am good with it being there, and I am glad it is there, but I think it needs to be incorporated in any and every permit that you can apply for should be in one drop down menu. Ms. Lolley speaking, okay, so we do have that within like so this is specifically for the building department. So, if you want to go apply for a planning and zoning permit, you can do that here. If you

want to apply for a building permit, you can do that here. So, they are all available through the same program, the software. But now we do not. Chairman Jones speaking, where is the driveway permit? Ms. Lolley speaking, the driveway permit is not included in Citizen Serve, because it is a different department. We provided that as a resource for them to be able to quickly find it when you know if they call in and have questions. But it is not something that we can incorporate right this minute, but there might be a way that we can have that conversation with Citizen Serve, if, if everybody would like to move in that direction, that we can have that all available through Citizen Serve. We can certainly explore that. Chairman Jones speaking, So, I think it would be smoother, just an observation, if it were set up on the first page you are applying. If we are doing a permits thing, the first page you click on, I want to get a permit, then it asks you enough questions to know kind of what you are trying to do. And it would say, okay, you need to apply for these three permits. One zoning, one is a driveway permit, one is you know what I mean? If we are going to have it where it is online accessible, it kind of needs to inform people what they are really going to need. And if we cannot do that, then we are still handicapping ourselves. Ms. Lolley speaking, I understand what you are saying, so that is one reason that I put this announcement here, so that it does let folks know that they have to go through Planning and Zoning first. I think that Planning and Zoning requires the driveway permit so they would be informed of that requirement, at the first step. Um, but if, if you feel like this language needs to be modified, somehow, we can try to figure out how to approach that. The only thing is every project that has lot coverage change does not necessarily require a driveway permit. Sometimes they are adding a shed or swimming pool and so that would not, they already have a driveway that would not require a driveway permit. So that is why I did not include that here. But if you see a way to do that, we can certainly have that conversation. Chairman Jones speaking, yeah, but so to be if I were doing and I am going through that could be one of the questions it is asking me, are you going to need to install a new driveway to have access to your shed? And I say, no, well it does not ask me for a driveway permit. Mr. Moron speaking, I think, I am sorry, Angela. I think we are bordering and do not kill a messenger for the message, but we are bordering on AI, incorporating AI into some of what we are asking for. So basically, when you say what you want, AI will say, okay, well, here is the things tell me what is yes or no. Chairman Jones speaking, but no, not really. So, if I am working at my job and you call and you want to know that you want to do XYZ, you want to get a propane tank put on your property, I have a set of questions to ask you to make sure what I need from you and what you need from me. And so, what I am saying is incorporate what those questions would be into software. So, there should not be a thing later that there should have been five other questions asked that were not asked, and we got to readdress those. It should be streamlined. That is really what I am trying to get at. Ms. Lolley speaking, and I can answer that. We do have that as part of the application process. So, they there is a checklist for both planning and zoning and building departments that outlines whether or not you know you need a driveway permit when it would be required, so that there is a clear explanation of when that is required to the applicant. Chairman Jones speaking, I am talking about permits, period. Mr. Moron speaking, yeah. What I was trying to say, so the key is, what you said, Mr. Chairman, is that when they call you, you have a set of questions, but if you're asking the software, if you're asking it to be face front, that they can log in and not speak to a person, but get those questions answered, that's why I say you're actually starting to because you're asking your software to think through a process for you to determine what you may or may not need. And it is based on questions you answer. Chairman Jones speaking, you give it a set of variables, either yes or no. Mr. Moron speaking, yes. Chairman Jones speaking, yes you are. Mr. Moron speaking, yes you are, but you are asking it if you say no, here and yes here and here is where I need to direct you, you are asking your software to determine based on what you check yes or no, here is where I need to send you next. That is what I am talking about. We are starting to border. Chairman Jones speaking, there should be a checklist that we should already have. Mr. Moron speaking, and they do. That is what Angela is saying. There is a checklist embedded in the application, but that is when you get to that point. You know, if you are asking it to be front and loaded here in the public portal the first page. Chairman Jones speaking, but if you do it, if you wait till the checklist is last, stuff is going to get missed. Mr. Moron speaking, I get you, but a checklist is on the application. When you fill out first, have to fill out your application. Chairman Jones speaking, yeah, on that particular application, but if I need a different application, it is not necessarily going to tell me if I am doing something for my shed. It is not going to be mentioned or addressing the driveway. Currently, it does not mention the driveway. The two are not attached. There should be a normal

process, okay, if you are wanting a propane tank, so what are you going to have on gas? What are you looking for? So, we can talk about what size tank you might need. Okay, you are located in XYZ area, your tanks actually going to have to be buried. Are you good with the tank being buried on your property? There is a logical second. My point is answers. Mr. Moron speaking, but the questions that you are talking about for the gas is a person answering the questions, or is software answering the questions? Chairman Jones speaking, it does not matter if you load that question into the software I am answering yes or no, it does not matter. Should be a normal, standard operating procedure. When I take a phone call and somebody is wanting to do XYZ, okay, are you looking to build? Do you have to rezone your property? What are you looking at? What do you know that you need from here, this is what I can tell you? Mr. Moron speaking, I am not disagreeing with you, but the key difference is what I am trying to explain, or maybe I'm explaining it wrong. When you take a phone call, so you are talking to a person that is going to pull up the checklist and go over that checklist with you as you try to determine what you need. And I want to make sure I am understanding what you are asking for, if you are asking for that for the software, if they log in and you want them to click and get questions answered for them without talking to a person, that is where, again, what Commissioner Ward said in AI is going to have to play an interactive part with that. That is all I am saying, because, like Angela said, they have that question that question list. They have that list as part of the application. So, when you call, you talk to somebody, they are going to go over that list with you, sit down, say. Okay, you are going to need this, not this, you know, like, like Tammy in the zoning department. I heard her so many times she is at the window. She said, okay, you are going to need this. Tell me where you are. Okay, you are also going to need this. You are not going to need it. So, they can do that as humans. Chairman Jones speaking, so we are not going to be able to make a software that is going to accomplish any of that? Mr. Moron speaking, well, I am not saying that we cannot. I am just letting you know we are going to get to the point of where we are going to ask them to ask AI, could do a lot more, do you think? But anyway, I just want to make sure that you understand where I am coming from. Chairman Jones speaking, I am trying to prevent. The only reason I even bring it up because we were asked to have input, yeah, the reason I bring it up, what I am trying to prevent, is the same thing I have heard for nine years now that I've either talked with, and some of its could be the fault of the people. I am not saying it is not the applicant. They have talked with, our building department, our zoning department, or both, and all three, whatever. This is their sixth conversation. They are still told they have two more permits to fill out. There should be a checklist. This is what you are doing. Start here, fill it all out. If there is something we do not need, that is fine, but this is all you are going to do. They should never be a time to come back to say you got to do this, this also, now you also need to do this. I would rather people fill out permits, they do not need, than to come back and say there is something else you do need.

Mr. Moron speaking, I want to ask Angela to do is send you a copy of the applications that include these checklists, and then we can have another conversation of, you know, what we could put on the website? No, I mean, that is good. That is what we want, you know, to make sure we get to the point that we are serving the public in the most efficient way possible. That is what this exercise is all about. Commissioner Sanders speaking, Chairman, I think that will cut down a lot of confusion because an aggravation, because these people going back and forth trying to get these permit, and then you tell them, well, you got one more permit to get. It gets them aggravated, and they get mad at us. Mr. Moron speaking, the Chairman is right too. Commissioner sometime is the applicant, because I can, I could, I could go to Erica and there, and she will say, okay, Michael, here is the email trail. Why? Told them what they wanted, but they kind of pushed that to the side and they just answered what they wanted to answer. So, you are right, commissioners, you are right. It is on both sides, you know. And Commissioner Amison is laughing at me, and I was just saying. Commissioner Amison speaking, it is probably my email. I got a question just right now, Angela, you might be an answer to this, but right now, if I went into the application right now and like, like Mister Jones was saying, or Chairman Jones, but let's say, okay, I go in there and I want to put a shed in, what it is there a feature in there right now that says, is there access to it. I mean, is there anything that would prompt somebody to go to a different department on there to make sure that they are getting it done? And that is because I am not, we are not looking at an application form per se. But is there, you know, any type of language on there that, once they say, okay, this is the project I am going to do. This is what you may potentially need, x, y,

z, and you can go in and say, okay, I have got access. Do not need to go to the road department. Yeah, is that in the application process right now? Ms. Lolley speaking, so yes and no, I cannot really tell you specifics on, like a shed permit, for example, because all sheds do not require that. So, we do not have, like, a standard this is what is required for that. But if, if the shed is going to be put, you know, because we get a site plan also. So, when we see that site plan, when we do our initial review, when we very first get the application, if we see that they are putting in a new driveway, it is addressed immediately. But what I would like to chime in on, and I want you all to know, I am very grateful for the feedback, because it does help us to do better. I asked for feedback from all of our applicants as well. I have made some phone calls to some regulars, just for that reason, because I know that they are going to give me that honest feedback, and I do not want them to sweeten it up. I want them to be genuine and straightforward and not worry about hurting my feelings, because the goal is to make this user friendly. Now, with that in mind, and I hear what you are saying about putting the driveway permit information up on the front page, but we also have things like DEP permits. We have lots of different types of things that do not apply to all of our applications. It is, so we have such a huge variety of applications that range from something as simple as an electrical upgrade all the way to a big commercial, you know, multi building project. So, it is not a one size fits all, and the goal for the home page, really is for it to be clean and help the applicant know where to go for the right application, and then once they have the right application, then we want them to have all the information relevant to their specific project. Mr. Moron speaking, so Chairman Jones, let me ask a question here. Thinking, would you like to ask the board, I'm sorry commissioners, would you like a situation where, like, you just said you rather have them do more or know that more may be needed, like a worst case checklist on, like, a link to worst case checklist for, like, different permits on there, where they can say, oh got it, if I'm going to do this, I might need all these things. You may need all of these. And then they know the worst-case scenario. And then they can be it can be narrowed down when they have a discussion with staff. Would that help?

Chairman Jones speaking, so maybe we narrowed down this way I get what you are saying, with that. So maybe we narrow it down this way. Maybe we can come up with a more straightforward checklist, for people that are either wanting to build a home, remodel a home, or those, like the things that are really common. And, yeah, there is going to be different stuff, you know. There is going to be, you know, different concerns, depending on where you are at. But I just do not, the few people that I have interacted with, and it has not been a ton of people, but the ones that have been, were very upset over the years, they are building a home, and they seem to have multiple times that they are told, nope, here is two more permits you got to fill out. Nope, here is two more permits you got to fill out. It just, there has got to be a way. The things that are common should be a lot easier. Is all I am saying. There should be a straightforward checklist, and if that could be incorporated on the website, I think it would be great if it cannot I understand, because it might take AI to do it. I do not know. I am not trying to replace anybody's job. No, it is not what I am saying, but I do think if it is a normal, somebody is just building a house and getting a driveway and it should be a, should not be a difficult checklist. Ms. Lolley speaking, I have an idea, as I am sitting here listening to your feedback, it might be a good plan to, here on the building department page, we could maybe include some of those checklists. Commissioner Amison speaking, that was going to be my question. Is, right now, if I walk there, if I went over to the building department, said, I need, I want to build a house, y'all would give me a checklist? Commissioner Ward speaking, as we are discussing, I am looking here on the website, and I have got building department, building, building permit application. There is a checklist of required documents, additional forms for flood zones. So, there's checklist you just have. Commissioner Amison speaking, and that is what I was getting in my in my train of thought, we have already got that in place. Why can't we just incorporate that only on the website? Hey, go here. Because I have got those same calls from people. I have been over here 100 times, and I called over there, and they were like, well, we gave them a checklist, yeah, and they did not check it off. But anyway, I just think that probably be the smoothest way to do it. Just have that there first say, hey, look, go to this checklist. You start filling this application out, go to the checklist, and you will know what you are up to. You got a sense of what you got to do. Commissioner Ward speaking, I will say too. I do believe that the checklist is a good idea to know what people need and require. But let us understand also that this is going to be a living, active, continual thing that we will have to keep changing. Because, you know,

for building code changes, we change our ordinances, our policies, so we need to make sure we have that where we have it updated periodically, too. I am sure there is an easy way to do that, but I do like how this this looks so far. I know there's tweaks and stuff that will need to be made, but I do agree with the chairman. And again, it is all about streamline and making everybody's job easier, not just the community, but our citizens, but us staff and us as commissioners. So, because I use our websites a lot to go in and look for stuff. I did it yesterday, looking for a permit that I got an email about. Chairman Jones speaking, anyone else anything for Ms. Angela? Ms. Angela, thank you for this presentation. It is good. I should not have; I should have started there. I did not mean to gloss over, you asked for input so. Ms. Lolley speaking, oh no, that is fine. I really do sincerely appreciate the feedback. It helps me to tweak it and make it better. And, you know, we will continually find things, different ways that we can make it better, you know, as time goes on. So, I do appreciate that feedback. Chairman Jones speaking, yeah, but yeah, but no, what we have looks good. This is, is really I think it really works. I think it is better than what we have had. So, I do not want to miss out on that point, because at the end of the day, we are trying to make sure that what we are providing for our residents and citizens is, you know, helpful, useful, and convenient. So, thank you for that. You are on the right path. Do you have anything else you want to update us on? Or just, was it just the portal? Ms. Lolley speaking, well, yes, so still in Citizen Serve is the code enforcement software implementation. I wanted to update you guys on that we were able to begin that implementation ahead of schedule, so we kind of been doing that simultaneously as I am also working on this portal. We are about 75% complete, roughly. We hope to be able to be live with the software for new cases by June 1. That would be specifically for new cases that would be, you know, being opened after June 1, we will continue working on the older files getting incorporated into the software after that. And that will kind of happen in the background. But in an effort to not slow down the go live date; we opted to just move forward and do that in the background. It will not cause any kind of problem with new files; it will just not be available through that search feature until after they are uploaded into that system.

So, do y'all have any questions on that? Commissioner Ward speaking, no, I am going to let you finish with a code enforcement ordinance update, but I do have a couple questions, but I will let you do the ordinance update before that. You may answer my question. Chairman Jones speaking any questions before going to the ordinance update? All right, go ahead, Ms. Angela. Ms. Lolley speaking, alright, so on the ordinance, Commissioner Amison and Steve Patterson and I have been working on this one, and I was really planning on letting Commissioner Amison take the lead on presenting this one, and if he wants me to chime in, I can. Commissioner Amison speaking, you are doing such a great job. Basically, we thought we were ready with something. And then on the recommendation from Attorney Theriaque the other day, he we have got everything. Let me back up. We have got everything, pretty much narrowed down. Theriaque recommended that, after looking at it, he looked at a similar ordinance in Bay County that, in his words, has been battle tested. The Wakulla ordinance was not really battle tested. And so, based on his recommendation, he said, let me get it, take a look at it, and kind of mailed some of that Bay County stuff in there. That way we get down the road, we go before the judge, or whatever. Least, we have something that has been battle tested, and it makes perfect sense, so we are waiting on him to come back to us, and then we should have this narrowed down. But we made leaps and bounds. Yes, and I will say Ms. Lolley has been the one that has really got out there and run with it. You know, as far as doing all leg work, keeping me and Steve straight, you know that probably was a full-time job on its own. But anyway, that is where we are at. But we are there. I was actually wanting, after the discussion with the Sheriff, me and Mr. Moron had to meet further, because Sheriff's ready, and we're ready for him to be ready and take it, but, but again, on recommendation from Attorney Theriaque where you know and I agree, and I feel like y'all would have to, that's why I made the call with him to definitely, let's find something that has been battle tested. Chairman Jones speaking, sounds good. Commissioner Ward speaking, I do have some questions. So given that, for one, I do want, I know that we make policy and then the sheriff's office and or Sissy, the code enforcement officer is going to enforce it. But I do feel like our code enforcement officer and sheriff's office need to be involved also with trying to help with the Citizen Serve stuff, because they are the one, especially Sissy is going to be the one using it. She is going to be using the software. So, I want her input allowed. She may have already been, you know, given her own two cents on it. But on another note, when is that? So, I am trying to wrap my head, and if somebody can

help me out, please, how this transition is going to work again. We make policy. I know that we have got the Citizen Serve software. How is that going to transition, and when I know we are still working on the policies, but when is this going to transition to the sheriff's office? And it is a follow up question would be, I know that we are going to we are going to give code enforcement completely to the sheriff's office, and Sissy under the sheriff, correct? Mr. Moron speaking, correct. Commissioner Ward speaking, so any code enforcement complaint, whether it be an RV on a piece of property, or anything that is related to that, is going to be fielded through the sheriff's through, through the sheriff's office in Sissy, correct? Mr. Moron speaking, correct. Commissioner Ward speaking, okay, anything pertaining to, say, like yard side, debris on the side of the road that needs to be picked up, or illegal dumping, or anything with the road department that our road has a hole in it that needs to be patched, that's going to be fielded, still through our building. Mr. Moron speaking, to the county. Commissioner Ward speaking, and there is going to be two separate links. So, we will have an idea of if I am, you know, regular citizen on the street, and I have a road pothole on my road that needs to be repaired, and I go to the county website, it is going to specifically say I am going to know which link to click to file the complaint. Mr. Moron speaking, yes. So actually, right now, Angela and Deborah Dempsey from the sheriff's department are working on language to put on the county's website that should be up, hopefully this afternoon or tomorrow that says if this is a code violation and she gives some examples, you click, the sheriff has created an email that will go to them and they will check it on there. And he also would like them to call or not and or they can call 670- 8500, the dispatch at this point, the dispatch and you jump in whenever you need to help me out here. So, the dispatch would then create what in their in the shares system, in their CAD system, that is their dispatch system, a case and assign a case number. Now this is where we are going to have to work with Citizen Serve. I do not know if Sissy would prefer to have one case number in the sheriff system and one for Citizen Serve. We are building Citizen Serve for Sissy's use basically, is what it is, we are involved, actually, there's, there's information that they've requested from Sissy that they want to set up. So, Angela and Sissy, working with that with the young lady at Citizen Serve, cannot remember her name anyway, so yes, so Citizen Serve will be separate from the sheriff's CAD system, but in a way, they will be concurrent information running simultaneous because the sheriff wants a case in his system, besides, because a case could be you are right. So, let us say somebody call, oh, there is a pothole the size of whatever, on a certain road. They might hopefully, if they go to the website, they will see the difference when they go to send an email about that. And I just use pothole as an example. That should come directly to us, because then that goes to our own department, or it goes to Benny, you know, with FDOT, but yes, so we go back to my original statement, where we are creating language that both the county and Deborah, the Sheriff's Department agree on. So, when you click report code violation, a concern or suggestion, when you go in there, it is going to open up this page that tells you what which email you need to send it to base on what your complaint. Okay. Will it be perfect commissioners? No, of course not. Some people might still tell the sheriff he is responsible for the pothole somewhere. Then it comes to us. Basically, we will handle that particular case. So where am I with answering your question? Commissioner Ward speaking, so my question, I guess too, I am assuming, like with the CAD system, and I am not familiar with it, you cannot, you are going to, so in other words, you cannot use just the CAD system for code enforcement. We have to have Citizen Serve. Mr. Moron speaking, yes, we have to. Commissioner Ward speaking, we have, there's certain things that need to be that, in terms of paperwork, for paper trail, we cannot have it in the CAD. We have to have it in Citizen Serve. Mr. Moron speaking, yes, for the magistrate, if you are trying to build a case to bring to the magistrate, they cannot pull it out. Chairman Jones speaking, so how does Citizen Serve do it when you, when you create a ticket, does it automatically assign, like, a work order number or ticket number? Mr. Moron speaking, it does. So, what, that is one question. I was sitting here thinking about Sissy is going to have to basically, does she want the power, sorry, whatever, to be able to insert her own case number and she is going to copy the one that the CAD creates. Or does she want to work with two separate case numbers? Chairman Jones speaking, so if Citizen Serve created its own ticket number, case and I am doing one for Ricky Jones, and open it up, it gives me a ticket number. I think she can get that case number from the sheriff's department and tag it in a note. If you have to, you can scan it and attach it to the document or to the you know what I mean? And that way the work order number references that case number, and vice versa. You know what I mean. So, you can pull it up by the work order. It will show on the screen case number, so and so and so and so. Mr. Moron speaking, this is where Sissy comes in. Because, you

know, again, Citizen Serve for her and let me say this, of course, the Board, the public, they all want to see and look at the cases too. But this is, yeah, case, this is where Sissy comes in. She has to tell us what is more comfortable for her in dealing with the two systems. Commissioner Amison speaking, look from our discussion, the call is going to come in, or the email going to come in, it is going to start. It just means you jump in there, but it is going to come in at that, so there is going to be a CAD, there is going to be a case number, yes, and then Sissy is going to get that case number, then she's going to have to go into Citizen Serve and start a case number there. Just like Commissioner Jones said, all you have to do is reference, whether it is a work order number, whatever, I mean, just a reference number from this CAD number there, and now they both. It all matches. Man, that is, it is not, that is easy.

Captain Hamm speaking, you are pretty much right, Commissioner Amison. Again, you are pretty much right. She can, he can reference our CAD because if it is called in and it goes through our dispatch, they will start a case number in our CAD system. And I mean, our CAD system works from dispatch, and then it goes into our RMS system and goes into other systems that we have, you know, and it is good to be able to reference that just in case there is, you know, something that on the criminal side we have to have. Commissioner Amison speaking, and I will tell you this, Michael, if you will remember, that is why the sheriff wanted it to come into the cab. Captain Hamm speaking, yeah, because anything that comes to that dispatch, dispatch is notating it in the CAD system, and that way, if we need it for reference, we can actually pull it and get that information addresses person calling, you know, whatever information we need demographically for our case, we can also, you know, push it to Sissy for her information. But I am not 100% I looked a little bit into that system, not 100% about it. I know it can issue the letters and things like that. But she should be able to reference our CAD number, you know, and pull what she needs, definitely before the magistrate or whatever, so. Chairman Jones speaking, and vice versa. She should be able to share her ticket number to match our Citizen Serve. Captain Hamm speaking, yeah. So, I think I will be working kind of close to her in all this. So, we will get all that figured out and panned down for y'all.

Ms. Lolley speaking, I just wanted to chime in and just say the files in Citizen Serve automatically get a file number. I do not know whether or not that is going to be able to be changed, but I did ask them about including that CAD file number as well. It seems like it is going to be set up such that it can be searched by either, so if you do not know the file number for Citizen Serve, then you can search it by that CAD number I believe. Mr. Moron speaking, that helps. Ms. Lolley speaking, I also wanted to share I spoke with Ms. Deborah yesterday. I do not know how many people on the sheriff's department end are going to be involved in using Citizen Serve, but we can set up one big training, or we can set up multiple trainings, anybody that that needs a training on how to use the system. Citizen Serve is really great about teaching and helping folks navigate through that system. So that will not be a problem for anybody that that needs to learn. Chairman Jones speaking, good we are probably going to need to do that. Commissioner Ward speaking, including me. So, June 1 hypothetically say we go live with Citizen Serve. At that point it is going to and once we get the ordinances. But at that point is that when it is going to be transitioned to the sheriff's office?

Mr. Moron speaking, actually we started on May 1, on Friday, moving stuff over, just to be ready for when this other stuff comes online. I kind of, if there's things to work out, I would like to work it out before you know everything else comes on. Chairman Jones speaking, Michael, are we also planning to move all the current case data to Citizen Serve? Mr. Moron speaking, yeah, that is what Angela was saying. So, to speed it up, we are going to have it ready for new cases. In the background we are going to be migrating the information over from the current system that we have. Commissioner Ward speaking, my main goal, Mr. Chairman, like I said, is, as I know, we are going to have multiple hands in a pot, but I do not want multiple, multiple hands in the pot. I want just as streamlined as possible, where, you know, James or I am sorry, Captain Hamm or Sissy or everybody, to just have one specific goal and not too many hands in the pot. Because that's when things, believe me, I have lived it being on the board six years. I have seen balls, I am not saying anything negative about anybody, but I have had things happen. I know this is going to have, it is a transitional phase. I get that, and there is going to be issues that are going to rise. I get that, but I do not want a code enforcement complaint that happened a year ago just starting to get moved on. I know we have processes, I get that, but I want it streamline, and I want it I want these cases to move relatively quick, and I know with the sheriff's

office it will, and with our staff, it will, and but that is, that is my whole point. I have got code enforcement cases in my district that have been ongoing before I was even on the board. And I it is like, get it done. Get it done. Chairman Jones speaking okay, are we good? Commissioner Amison speaking, well, I know we beat this dog. I will say this to what Commissioner Ward saying, especially given that conversation that we had, Mr. Moron with the sheriff, if any y'all dropped the ball, I sure feel bad for you, because you know how he is about that. Mr. Moron speaking, I like the structure that we have. Commissioner Ward speaking, I think we are getting a good direction. Thanks, Angela, for all your hard work. Chairman Jones speaking, thank you, Ms. Angela.

The Board recessed at 12:33 pm, and reconvened at 12:43 pm.

The Board moved to item 3-9 on Mr. Moron's report at this time.

On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved items 3 through 9 on Mr. Moron's report. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board moved to item 10 at this time.

b. County Coordinator's Report Items

1) Action Item: Amended SHIP Agreement

- Based on my request, Apalachee Planning Council submitted an amended contract for administration of the SHIP Program.
- The original agreement did not include close out of FY 21-22 and FY 22-23. This amended agreement includes those years along with a cost of \$5000 per year to close out and submit the required State documents and reports
- Board action to approve the amended contract contingent on Attorney Shuler's review.

2) Action Item: SHIP Manufactured Homes Purchase

- As the Board is aware, County staff and Apalachee Regional Planning Council are working to reconcile past SHIP Program fiscal years and filing the close-out reports with the State.
- Part of reconciling the program is ordering three manufactured homes that were approved by the previous SHIP administrator.
- Two of the three homes are ready for purchase, pending your final approval.
- The first of the two is a manufactured home for Mr. Robert Smith in Apalachicola. The total cost of this home, including site preparation, is \$123,244.60.
- The second manufactured home is for Mrs. Angela Turner in Eastpoint. The total cost of this home, including site preparation, is \$107,669.60.
- Both homes will be paid from different SHIP fiscal year grant funds and recaptured program funds.
- The third manufactured home is on hold until zoning issues can be worked out.
- Board action to approve the purchase of the SHIP funded manufactured homes for Mr. Smith at \$123,244.60 and Mrs. Turner at \$107,669.60 and authorize manual checks for the down payment.

3) Action Item: County Website Proposal

- Chairman Jones met with Sterling and Tana Kendrick of Tidemark Marketing (formally 2kWebGroup) regarding ADA Compliance for the County's website.
- Tidemark proposes the following for an annual rate of \$1,200:

i. Step One: Ensure Website Compliance

We will run a full accessibility scan on FranklinCountyFlorida.com and remediate any issues identified. This ensures the website itself meets WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards under the

updated Title II requirements. This step gives the County confidence that its primary digital asset is compliant.

ii. Step Two: Train Staff

We will meet in person with the designated ADA Coordinator and provide hands-on training on how to create an accessible document from start to finish. This includes structure, tagging, headings, tables, links, and properly formatted PDF exports.

iii. Step Three: Document Remediation Report

Once the ADA Coordinator is trained, we will run a scan on the documents currently stored on FranklinCountyFlorida.com. We will provide a detailed report identifying which documents require remediation. The ADA Coordinator can then prioritize corrections internally, starting with high-traffic and high-impact materials.

- Board action to approve the ADA compliance package as described for \$1200 annually.

4) Action Item: EDC Website Proposal

- As the Economic Development Council is making great strides for Franklin County, the time has come for a website.

- Tidemark Marketing recommended the following approach:

i. Utilization of a third-party map portal, which is what most EDCs use. Currently, on Opportunity Florida only one property is included for Franklin County, which is the airport. Other counties list their available private commercial properties for sale/lease.

ii. Explore a partnership with Franklin County Realtor Association and integrate with the MLS to display commercial listings. We are experienced with data integration, and this would be a possible great way to partner with the Realtor Association, if they are open to it.

iii. Build a simple, custom interface for manually managing properties. Currently there are 58 commercial properties for sale or lease in Franklin County, so I feel this route would not be very feasible, but it is a possibility.

- Website development and content creation, including site design, copywriting, and original local photography will cost \$6,600.

- Website hosting cost is \$690 annually and domain registration is \$25 annually.

- Board action to approve the cost of a website for the County's Economic Development Council.

5) Action Item: CareerSource Gulf Coast Rezoning for the Regional Planning Area

- "Approximately three years ago, CareerSource Gulf Coast voluntarily joined with three other workforce board which span Escambia County to Liberty County in an effort to select counties with whom we share a labor market, economic development organizations, and common business sectors. Recently, CareerSource Florida (CSFL) requested we add CareerSource Capital Region to our regional planning area. CareerSource Capital Region consists of Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties. In 2023 CSFL approved a policy which requires regional planning areas to consist of not less than two contiguous local workforce board areas to become Regional Planning Areas (RPA). CareerSource Capital Region was not joined to another regional planning area throughout the RPA process, so CSFL is requesting that the region be joined with our Regional Planning Area. We are seeking approval in order to comply with this request."

- Board action to approve, and authorize the Chairman signature on the accompanying resolution, to join CareerSource Capital Region and form The Northwest Florida Regional Planning Area.

6) Action Item: CareerSource Board Member Appointment

- Mrs. Kim Bodine is requesting Board action to appoint Mr. Cecil Jackson to the

CareerSource Gulf Coast Board.

- Mr. Cecil Jackson is the owner and Chief Education Officer for Commercial Driving School LLC that provides private training (CDL) for all three counties.
- Mr. Jackson will sit in the required private training provider seat on the CSGC Board.
- Board action to appoint Mr. Cecil Jackson to the CSGC Board.

7) Action Item: ARPC Letter of Support CPTA Proposal

- Apalachee Regional Planning Council requested a letter of support for their Florida Commerce CPTA proposal to conduct a Regional Vertiport Study in support of the State's Advance Air Mobility (AAM) initiative.
- Chairman Jones, the Board's representative on ARPC, reviewed the request and agreed to sign it as the letter was due on April 30th.
- Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for ARPC.

8) Action Item: ARPC RRTP Technical Advisory Committee Appointment

- There are two vacant Franklin County alternate seats on the Regional Rural Transportation Plan Technical Advisory Committee.
- Chairman Jones suggested adding representatives from both cities to the committee.
- Ms. Mary O'Brien, ARPC Regional Transportation Planning Manager, discussed the role of a TAC member with Mr. Charles Anderson, City Manager for the City of Apalachicola. Mr. Anderson is interested in serving.
- Board action to appoint Mr. Charles Anderson to the RRTP Technical Advisory Committee alternate seat.

9) Action Item: Department of Health Amended Fee Schedule

- The Department of Health added EKG and Fingerprinting to their list of clinical services provided.
- Attached to my report is the amended Franklin County Clinic Fee Schedule that includes these services.
- Board action to approve the amended DOH Franklin County Clinic Fee Schedule for EKG and Fingerprinting services.

10) Discussion/Action Item: Code Enforcement Attorney (Sheriff)

- At your last meeting, the Board transferred code enforcement to the Sheriff Department as a "trial run" with the intention of having discussions to make it a permanent change during upcoming budget workshops. The Sheriff assumed responsibilities as of Friday, May 1st.
- For code enforcement to run as efficiently and smoothly as possible, I recommend allowing the Sheriff Department's Attorney, Ethan Way, to handle code enforcement matters, including assisting Mrs. Smith with Magistrate hearings.
- If the Board agrees, I will get confirm with Sheriff Smith and Attorney Way and create an MOU if needed.
- Board discussion and action to authorize Attorney Ethan Way to address code enforcement matters for the County.

Mr. Moron speaking let us talk about number ten commissioners. We just had a very healthy discussion about code enforcement. What I am suggesting, or recommended to the board, is that the sheriff is doing code enforcement, and if there is a question about code enforcement in a particular case item that we let his attorney deal with it, Mr. Ethan Way. The only thing I do not know, I do not know his hourly charge or setup he has with the sheriff. That I will have to find out if you guys are interested in that. Chairman Jones speaking, okay, so if we already, why don't we do this one if we are interested, why don't we make a motion for that engagement to be able to happen? So, you can potentially bring back through Attorney Shuler an

MOU or what that would look like, you know what we are approving. But yeah, so that discussion may be by motion and vote today that we can allow that discussion to happen. Commissioner Ward speaking, Mr. Chairman. I was on the phone with Attorney Theriaque, last week, I believe, and I thought of that question. I am like, well, code enforcement is going to be on the sheriff. Then should not the sheriff's office attorney be responsible? I am just trying to, I think it would be, I think it would be more streamlined. And I think when the cases come up, he has, no offense, but Attorney Way has experience with because he is a magistrate as well as for our neighboring county. I just felt like it would be more streamlined. I am all about streamlining processes and making easier for everybody. I just asked Attorney Theriaque that question, and we kind of bounced each other, and I talked to Michael about it. I just feels like me personally, I feel like that would be a better process for our code.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to approve inquiring about the engagement with Attorney Ethan Way and requesting Mr. Moron or Attorney Shuler bring back to the board, so we will know what we are looking at as far as dollars per hour, and what that contract might would look like. Motion carried 5-0.

11) Discussion/Action Item: APVFD Use of KOA For Training

- The Alligator Point Fire Department would like to use the old KOA area in Alligator Point for training purposes.
- Are there any concerns from the Board before authorizing the use of the property?
- Board discussion and possible action to allow the use of the KOA for training.

Mr. Moron speaking, I am going to let Commissioner Sanders, because they went to her first, and then she brought it to me, where the fire department wants to use the KOA just for training. You know how it is enough room for them to roll out their hoses, you know, do some adequate training, but it is county property, and they were doing the right thing by asking permission through Commissioner Sanders. That is basically it. Commissioner Sanders speaking, I gave it to Michael what they are wanting to do. There is some training that they need to do with hoses and stuff. And if we can allow them to go in there and do that, there is a fire hydrant there that they can use, and it will be out the way of the traffic coming through Alligator Drive. So, they are just asking permission to go ahead and be able to use that particular area, and it is across toward the Gulf from the fire station there on Alligator Point and they said, whatever they had to sign or whatever. And I got Michael to talk to. Mr. Moron speaking, and you also got Howard to go down there. He met with the fire chief, and they figured a way to work it out. Commissioner Ward speaking, I was going to ask Mr. Chairman, is it need to be mowed, because last time I was out there, it was pretty overgrown. Is it where they can use it safely? Commissioner Sanders speaking, yeah, if they need it, they will get Howard. Commissioner Ward speaking, because I do not want them getting snake bit. Commissioner Croom speaking, where is this location at from the old fire station? Commissioner Sanders speaking across the road toward the water. All that in there that that KOA property and the county owns it. They said it would just be better if they could go in there and run their hoses in there to be able to practice fighting a fire. That is why I brought it to the board. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom to approve.** Chairman Jones speaking, any discussion commissioners? Commissioner Croom speaking, she may have said this, but do we need to cut it or anything? Mr. Moron speaking, Howard was there, he worked with them and met with the chief. Chairman Jones speaking so not that it matters but I want to ask one question too. Is this a, are we doing, like, a onetime use thing, or like, in perpetuity? What are we doing? Mr. Moron speaking, now as they need it? Chairman Jones okay, so they will ask as they need it. Mr. Moron speaking, if you would like, I will let them know that make sure that email do it to where they notify us. Commissioner Sanders speaking, Michael, County Coordinator, that way, we are aware that they are going to be using that part of the property. But now, when the road realigns, when the road realigned, they realize that that may cut what they want to do out, , but we do not know when the realignment is going to happen, because we are still seeking stormwater permit. Commissioner Amison speaking, just for clarification, from this moment on, they are just going to get with Michael, let them know what they are doing that way. Commissioner Sanders speaking just notify him (Michael). Chairman Jones speaking, all right. Any other discussion before we vote? **Motion carried 5-0.**

12) Informational Item: New Project Portal Format and Ordinance Application

- Due to Microsoft changing how some of their cloud Re-access applications are used, Mrs. Griffith's Project Portal will no longer be in a database format. Once updated, it will be in a spreadsheet format.
- Mrs. Griffith will have an updated spreadsheet on her report and after the meeting, that spreadsheet will be uploaded to the County's website for viewing.
- The Microsoft change also affects the online Ordinance application. Instead of the current application, Mr. Sterling Kendrick of Tidemark Marketing, will create a search feature on the County's website that will allow the search of ordinances in the same manner as you currently search agendas and minutes.
- You will be updated once both applications are online.

13) Informational Item: PTGA Resolutions

- At your April 15th meeting, two Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transportation Grant Agreements (PTGA) for time extensions were approved.
- I failed to include language that referenced the Chairman signatures on the required resolutions.
- The Chairman signed the resolutions which were forwarded to FDOT.

14) Informational Item: FDOT Shared-Use Trail Project

- Florida Department of Transportation has an upcoming shared-use trail project on US 98 located in District 2 (Commissioner Sanders).
- [Click here for a link to the project.](#)
- FDOT is asking that you forward thoughts or feedback to Jimmy Smith, P.E., Project Manager, via email to jsmith@ceteris.org before Friday, May 15, 2026.

15) Informational Item: CareerSource Annual Audit

- Attached is CareerSource annual independent audit.
- Let me know if you would like to discuss the audit with Mrs. Kim Bodine.

16) Informational Item: Gulf Consortium Meeting

- The next Gulf Consortium meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. (ET) in Orlando at the Hilton Orlando. This meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties summer conference.
- Online and phone options are available.

17) Informational Item: Triumph Gulf Coast Meeting

- The Board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., will meet at 10:30 a.m., CT on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the Northwest Florida State College Center for Aviation Excellence, Bob Sikes Airport, 3152 Airport Road, Crestview, Florida 32539.
- For more information, contact Triumph Gulf Coast at 850-387-9405.

18) Informational Item: Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Your next regular meeting is on Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 a.m.
- The next Planning and Zoning meeting is on Tuesday May 12th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Airport Operations Economic Development Board workshop is on Tuesday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m.
- Weems Board of Directors regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Sanders speaking, I have one comment on 13, and that is about the well, no, it is 14, the

shared use trail project. I spoke to an engineer for Florida Department of Transportation on that situation, about the shared use path that is supposed to be coming into Franklin County from Wakulla County. So, if y'all know anything about it, that is on the Panacea side, on the Highway 98 side. Now what I have been informed from that engineer was they have the money to do to be able to get the path over into Franklin County. But then after that, there is two projects in its on 98 to Hinton Street and on 98 to Lake Morality. Those two projects are just a pie in the sky, and they are looking at it. My one question with them, and I think this is going to be the majority of how people feel out there, is I ask them, are you all prepared to use eminent domain? You got to ask that question, eminent domain to do a sidewalk? And they said no. The stipulation is that if they use the money for a shared use path, it cannot be through eminent domain. So that is completely off the table. I know a lot of people were worried about it. He said, if or she said, if the need is there and the people want it, that is talking about the two future phases that they would possibly look at it. But right now, it is just in the idea making, but they do have the money to run it into Franklin County, and I am assuming that to the 10 mile wide there. Chairman Jones speaking, so that that sun trail. They have actually got plans to run all the way to Pensacola. It may not happen in our lifetime, but they are going to do that. I mean, whatever is going on down there, if they do not want it, tell them to send it to Eastpoint, we want it down here. We want a nice path. We want something the residents can use. I am tired of seeing it in Wakulla and not here. Commissioner Sanders speaking, they said the only part that is going to be a problem is coming actually through Lanark, because it's so tight right in there. And I said, well, you know, they have got a power line back there, right of way back there. They are may can use that. That is just like from here to the outside door right there, from 98 it is something that made and it would go, and let me tell you where it would go at it would go on the backside of that property at Island View that we have got the north side of the road there, you see what I am saying. So that was one of our ideas, if they ever put a trail or road or anything that we, you know, that we could probably help out too with that north side of that property out of view. Commissioner Amison speaking, if you, you know, like, whenever you are you go through Medart. Then you are continuing on 98 and there is a lot of areas right there where that trail is not really on the highway, they have to divert back all into, they dig. And I am assuming just, you know, well, I do not need to assume anything, but they are going to that whole system's going to run into those little kinks where they going to have this wetland area, they are going to have to go around stuff like that. Commissioner Sanders speaking, the main thing I was wanting to make sure they were not going to get the eminent domain order of it. But they said that it had been approved for coming into Franklin County, and that phase had been approved with the money in there. But the other two phases, they are just phases and but anyway, they just want Franklin County to be aware that there is going to be a shared use path coming to Franklin County. The Board moved to Attorney Theriaque's report at this time.

22. David A. Theriaque – Interim County Attorney

Attorney Theriaque speaking, I have two items, and thank you for giving me an opportunity to chat. We need to do a public hearing on May 20th at 11 o'clock for Serenity Seaside. It is a future land use map at a time certain. So, we are, it is our regular meeting May 20th at 11. The second item that I had on my list, it pertains to the Landing at SGI, LLC vs Franklin County lawsuit, case number 2025-CA-00056, pursuant to Section 286.011(8)(a). As the county's attorney in that lawsuit, I would like to have an executive session. We had previously set it and then postponed it. We would like to reset that, and need your permission to do so, and then I will get with Mr. Moron and find out a date that works for everybody.

Chairman Jones speaking, okay, so do we need to do that first item you brought a motion to vote, or we already done that and you were just reminding us of the date and the time? Attorney Theriaque speaking, at the last board meeting, Mr. Moron indicated that you did not need to do a motion on the public hearing for Serenity Seaside. We had originally looked at trying to get it on the 6th, but this item needed to be heard by the LPA. So, from a timing perspective, we needed to do LPA first, which is coming up, and then we will come back to the county commission. The second one, I do need a motion to authorize the scheduling of an executive session in the Landing lawsuit. Chairman Jones speaking, all right, fair enough. Thank you.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Croom. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler had nothing additional to report to the Board.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Croom speaking, Mr. Chair, I got Michael, I was going to ask you this. Thank you all for working on the email conversion with Eagle Tree. How long is .com running in the background for us?

Mr. Moron speaking, as long as we want it, and no end date. They should be forwarding to your.com but We will leave it in in place, no rush to turn it off. Commissioner Croom speaking, just for the board knowledge. I spoke with Erin about had a fire fireman come to me about communication with Williams, and I ended up contacting Williams myself. And equipment is up, and they had started programming, starting from the east end of the county. We are going working their way back this way. So, they are working on it. And I actually got a call from one of the firemen say, hey, you actually heard a page today. So, step y. And also, in regard to the fire tower demo, they should be sending a quote to hear and hear soon. That is all I got.

Chairman Jones speaking, I know we are actively still working on some of the sites are going to be involved in. Matter of fact, I was talking to Mrs. Erin earlier this week about a site up 65 that somebody has reached out to us that they might want to sell to the county to be a part of that system. It is up at Pitts Road, across from Sand Beach up 65, I do not know the property owner's name. They were talking to Erin. I just I knew the conversation was going on, because we have been having difficulty getting other sites. Commissioner Sanders speaking, so imagine, after that fire the other day up there that probably did not hurt. Chairman Jones speaking, yeah, it did not hurt. Commissioner Sanders speaking you hate for something to have to happen like that, to show the people that is what they need, right? Chairman Jones speaking absolutely right, a good communication system. Commissioner Croom speaking, that is what usually happens. It is something that will happen, you know? Well, that is somebody way above us. Then stuff gets done.

Commissioner Ward speaking, and I still have heard from Simon or Shoaf on the state property part. But anyway, we will figure it out. We will get it. We will get one up there. Chairman Jones speaking, yes, any other commissioner comments? Commissioner Ward speaking, yes, Mister Chairman. I just want the public to be aware that hopefully Saturday, I know it is supposed to rain, but we are having the Project Graduation Car Show fundraiser for our seniors. It is a good, I think it is a good cause. I went to Project Graduation when I was in high school. It keeps them safe from being on the road at night after graduation, they are locked into a building. They hang out. There are prizes. They have games. So, we are raising, trying to raise money for them to be able to do all that, sometimes you can win a TV, they have had TVs given out in past. But anyway, I just want to let the public know it is going to be at Taylor's Building Supply parking lot, and it is, I think, from nine to three. So, come out and support our senior's class of 2026. Chairman Jones speaking, anyone else for commissioner comments? We are adjourned.

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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