

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JANUARY 3, 2006
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, Russell Crofton – Vice Chairman, Bevin Putnal, Noah Lockley, Jimmy Mosconis

Staff Present: Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Roads, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney , Michael Moron – Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Pledge and Prayer

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2005 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve the County Bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Tiger Program (Franklin County Library)

Carol Barfield: Discussed the Tiger Program with the Board.
Board: Complimented the program

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Roads: Updated the Board on current projects

Van Johnson – Director of Solid Waste: Requested approval to advertise for bids for an incinerator that was included in the animal control budget. Requested approval to advertise for engineering services for the maintenance shop that was discussed during the Budget workshops.

Board: Discussed possibility of delaying maintenance shop project until after Weem's Hospital issue is resolved.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve Mr. Johnson's request to advertise for bids for an incinerator for animal control. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley to approve Mr. Johnson's request to advertise for engineering services for the maintenance shop project. Motion carried 3-2 Mosconis and Crofton voting nay.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director: Updated Board on new county 4H/youth programs planned for 2006
Board: discussed grouper regulations

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court:informed Board that County website will be updated

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services:

Mr. Pierce presented the following report to the Board:

Item 1- Provide Board copy of response from Bureau of Primary Health Care concerning the North Florida Medical Center in Eastpoint. Essentially, the Bureau found North Florida to be in compliance.

Item 2- Mark Curenton, Michael Moron, and Matt Carpenter, Preble-Rish, reviewed the qualifications for architects. The Committee ranks the firms as follows:

1. Johnson Peterson Architects, Inc.
2. Emo Architects, Inc.
3. Architecture 10, Inc.

If the Board accepts the Committee's recommendation, it then needs to enter into negotiations with the firm to do the work as approved by the Chief Judge. Board action to direct staff to negotiate with Johnson Peterson and report back on results.

Motion by Mosconis, second by Lockley, to accept the Committee's recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Crofton to direct the county to negotiate with Johnson Peterson Architects for the Courthouse renovation project. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3- Remind Board that next week Mr. Shuler and I will be in Tallahassee most of the week for the completion of the Ashley comp plan challenge.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton to approve expenses for Attorney Shuler and Pierce while in Tallahassee for the Comp Plan challenge. Motion carried 5-0.

Board: Discussed Boat Ramp

Item 4: Reminded Board of Alligator Point meeting on Saturday January 14, 2006.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney: Updated Board on the Weems Memorial Hospital. County paid payroll, of approximately \$83,000, for the Hospital employees. Dassee is responsible for payroll taxes of about \$10,000.

Board: Make sure there are safeguards in agreement with Blackhawk such as a Local advisory Board that will meet with Blackhawk on a regular basis.

Attorney Shuler: Will bring recommended lease agreement for Board approval which is will be a 2 year lease with options.

Mayor Kelly – Mayor of Carrabelle: Volunteered to serve on hospital advisory committee

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal to approve a payment of \$400 to Edwin Brown for a survey of the Hurst property. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler: Update on 2 acre property purchased from Sammy Simmons

Other Business

Board: Informed general public of the Florida Department of Transportation Public Information Meeting on January 10, 2006 at 6PM in the Eastpoint Fire Station. The North West Florida Transportation Corridor Authority is developing a master plan and is seeking information from Franklin County.

Board: Discussed, with Mr. Dave McClain, the River Keepers role with Keep Franklin County Beautiful.

Board: Discussed Bay Aid project. Requested report from Committee at the next regular meeting.

Helen St. Clair: discussed evacuation routes during storms.

Mike Rundel, Assistant EOC Director, and Mr. Pierce: updated Board on EOC contingency plans for evacuation. Discussed use of school buses.

Board: Asked Ms. St. Clair to join the committee that assists with evacuation plan.

Anita Grove: Stated that there are other people that are not considered “special need” that need assistance with evacuation during a storm such as disabled, elderly, shut ins, etc.

Gathana Parmanes: Discussed Red Cross role in storm evacuations and shelters

Board: Discussed available shelters

Carrol Barfield: asked for update on Mandatory evacuations and list of elderly and people with special needs

Pierce: Discussed procedure for mandatory evacuations

Board: Discussed accident on Highways 98 and 65. Requested a sign on the corner discussed from FDOT .

Mr. Pierce: Discussed South Shoal project road relocation and traffic signs

Mayor Kelly: Discussed Senior Citizen program, contracts, and overall status

Board: Requested that Ms Janice Wise of AAA attend the next regular meeting and report to the Board on the status of the Agency's contracts and programs

Adjourn

Commissioner Sanders adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:10 AM

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court