

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JANUARY 16, 2007
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Russell Crofton – Chairman, Noah Lockley Jr. – Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Joseph Parrish, Bevin Putnal

Staff Present: Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Road Department, Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Dan Rothwell – County Engineer, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Butch Baker – EOC Director, Michael Moron – Board Secretary

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Chairman Crofton called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Prayer and Pledge (5:02 PM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: January 2, 2007 (5:03 PM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes for the January 2, 2007 meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (5:04 PM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve payment of the County Bills; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (5:05 PM)

Mr. Larry Brown presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Board action for a \$1200 increase to promote an employee into the vacant supervisor position previously held by Mr. Oscar Sanders; inform the Board that there will be advertisement to fill the vacant position, at \$20,000 created by the previously discussed promotion.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve the \$1200 increase and promotion as requested by the Road Department; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Board action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Department of Corrections

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the Chairman’s signature, contingent on Attorney Shuler’s approval, on the Interlocal Agreement with the Department of Corrections; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brown verified that all of the loose limbs at the Hospital were removed, based on a inquiry from Commissioner Parrish.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (5:11 PM)

Mr. Johnson presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Board action to approve an Interagency Agreement for DOC work squads.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to authorize the Chairman’s signature, contingent on Shuler’s approval, on the Interlocal Agreement with the Department of Corrections for a new work squad; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – William David Wilson was selected to fill the vacant position created when an employee transferred to another department. Mr. Wilson will be assigned to the Solid Waste Department.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services (5:13 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented the following item for Board discussion and/or approval:

Item 6- Mr. Tim Edwards is here to discuss his tipping fee charge for the disposal of his mother’s house the City of Carrabelle condemned. While the Board did vote to waive the tipping fee, the action does not address what really happened. Mr. Edwards had paid the tipping fee in September, several months before the Board voted to waive it. If Mr. Edward’s is to receive his money, the Board will have to make a motion to reimburse him, and that money would come out of the tipping fees from this year. Board action.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to reimburse Mr. Edwards the tipping fees paid in September of \$2,486.70. This reimbursement will be taken from 06-07 Fiscal year tipping fees fund; Motion carried 5-0.

Board discussed creating a policy to avoid any reoccurrences of this incident. Mayor Kelly, of Carrabelle, commented on this matter.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to create a policy that states waivers for tipping fees will only be allowed before the fees are paid; Motion carried 5-0.

Butch Baker – EOC Director (5:20 PM)

Mr. Baker presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Board approval to attend a workshop in Mobile, Alabama during the last week in March

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, authorizing Mr. Baker to attend the workshop in Mobile as requested; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Board approval to allow Mr. Baker, Mr. Rundell and Ms. Register to attend a Hurricane Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from May 14 – 18. The EOC office will be closed during this time. Mr. Pierce will act as “stand-by” during this week.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize Mr. Baker and his staff to attend the Hurricane Conference in Ft. Lauderdale between May 14 -18; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 – Board action to sign grant for required (ICS) training; Commissioners need to attend training.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the training grant; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 – Informed Board that Mr. Mike Rundell attended National Hurricane Center in Miami for a Hurricane Preparedness Course.

Bid Opening – Fuel Management System (Road Department) Continued (5:30PM)

Mr. Pierce explained why the bid opening was continued to this meeting.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to rescind the previous award on the purchase and installation of the Fuel Management System; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

Mecko – Bid amount \$23,373.50
Wiregrass – Bid amount \$21,998.00
Briko – Bid amount \$18,175.00

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to award the purchase and installation of the Fuel Management System to Briko, the low bidder; Motion carried 5-0.

Bid Opening - Airport Entrance Road (5:34PM)

Dan Rothwell requested board action to extend the bid deadline, because of the holiday.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to change submission deadline to 4PM on January 16, 2007 due to holiday on January 15, 2007; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Rothwell opened and read the bids.

Ben Withers – Bid Amount \$783,933.50
CW Roberts – Bid Amount \$989,847.00

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to forward the bids to airport committee for a recommendation;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders stated that she would like the County to impose penalties on vendors if they do not complete the paving projects in a timely manner; Board discussed and agreed with Commissioner Sanders recommendation.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer(5:39 PM)

Mr. Rothwell presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 - Apalachicola Airport Runway 13-31 Slab Replacement:

Runway 13-31 is being prepared for the concrete slab replacement starting this week. Last week a Project meeting was held and a field inspection with Contractors and URS to confirm slab thicknesses and reinforcing locations prior to casting slabs.

Item 2 - CR30A:

Working to finish construction specifications and drawing for road shoulder repair and beach armoring in preparation to bid advertisement.

Item 3 - Carrabelle Sports Complex:

Will be surveying this week to locate and place the corner stakes for the football field at the sports complex according to the existing drawings. Met with Van Johnson to discuss the grassing, erosion control efforts, and lighting locations.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Rothwell to investigate a drainage problem at 24th Avenue and 17th Street.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (5:42 PM)

Item 1 – Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Update: The GMFM will meet January 22 – 26, 2007 in Point Clear, Alabama. During the meeting, the Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees plan to resume deliberations on Joint Reef fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14. The GMFMC at its August meeting delayed discussions on that amendment until after the first of the year in order to collect more data. The amendment proposes to reduce directed and incidental fishing mortality on the red snapper stock and manage effort in the shrimp fishery to prevent excessive bycatch of juvenile red snapper. Under consideration are alternatives to reduce total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper, along with other regulatory changes designed to keep the red snapper stock on track with its rebuilding plan. The committees will also discuss an options paper for Shrimp Amendment 15. The options paper examines alternatives to further reduce bycatch and effort in the penaeid shrimp fishery, and to improve enforcement through the requirement of vessel monitoring systems.

Item 2 – FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Update: The FWC has scheduled a series of public workshops and a statewide video conference to hear what people think about the future of saltwater fishing in Florida. FWC is working with a group of stakeholders who represent commercial and recreational fishing,

research and environmental interests to develop a draft vision document regarding the future management and protection of Florida's marine fisheries resources. The Commission is now asking for public comment on the draft document which includes a vision statement and five focus areas relating to marine habitat enhancement/protection, ecosystem management, research, interagency coordination, funding and staffing needs. The document is available at: <http://MyFWC.com/marine/workgroups/futureoffishingfl.html> . The closest workshop to us is in Panama City – January 25th from 6-8 p.m. (Central) at Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East 2nd floor conference room. The statewide video conference is February 27th 3-5 p.m. (EST) at the FWC Headquarters in Tallahassee and the FWC Northwest Regional Office in Panama City.

Planning and Zoning Board Report (Attached to Agenda) (5:44 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented the following item for discussion and/or approval:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:

Item 1 -Approved by P&Z: (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock on Lot 5 Marina Sunset, 2376 Highway 98 East, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Gene K. Strickland, agent for Emmett Mitchell III, applicant.

Item 2-Approved by P&Z: (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock on Tract 2, 229 River Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Nancy Kane, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 1 & 2 of the Planning and Zoning Board Report; Motion carried 5-0.

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

Item 3-Approved by P&Z: (unanimous) Consideration of a request for commercial site plan approval to place an ice vending machine on either Lot 3 or Lot 4, Block 9, David Brown Estates. Request submitted by Jason Cheek, agent. (Shelly Shepherd)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve Item 3 of the Planning and Zoning Board Report; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (Attached to Agenda) (5:47 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented the following item for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Approved by BOA: a request to construct a vertical retaining wall behind an existing rock revetment within the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Lot 3 and 4, Block 56, Unit 5, St. George Island, as submitted by Helen Pitts Hankins, owner. The owner has agreed not to construct the wall over 4 feet above mean high water.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve Item 1 of the Advisory Board of Adjustment Report; Motion carried 5-0.

Physicians' Discussion of Weems Hospital (5:48 PM)

Pierce discussed this agenda item

Chuck Colvert, interim CEO of the Hospital, introduced Dr. Pierce, and complimented the Hospital Board and staff.

Dr. Pierce thanked Board for their support and stated that the Hospital is in the best condition it has been in a long time, and introduced the new doctors in Carrabelle, Dr. Chris Ritman and his wife Dr. Kim Ritman; Board thanked Dr. Pierce for his actions and support when the hospital was in dire straits.

Chuck Colvert – CEO Weems – Ambulance Service (5:52 PM)

Mr. Colvert addressed this item and reviewed a handout, an ambulance service pro-forma. Mr. Colvert requested a subsidy to allow Weems to administer the ambulance service.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Colvert discussed the staffing of the ambulances.

Mr. Colvert stated that benefits were not included for the paramedics and EMTs at this time, but a survey was done to determine the average salary paid to paramedics.

Mr. Pierce discussed the Certificate of Need, and stated that even though it would require a subsidy, the County is obligated to provide an ambulance service. Mr. Pierce also stated that Carrabelle would have a better ambulance staff since the Hospital was located in Apalachicola.

Commissioner Putnal stated that the County will have to discuss health care with St. Joe because of their Summercamp development.

Mr. Colvert stated that ground ambulance service will definitely offset the more expensive option of airlifting patients.

Mrs. Johnson stated that besides the amount on the pro-forma statement, the Hospital would also need startup funds, about \$200,000 for the ambulance service and gave some funding source options. Mr. Colvert explained the need for the startup funds.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Colvert discussed Medicare billing as it applies to the ambulance service. Based on an inquiry from Commissioner Parrish, Mr. Colvert stated that we can “retroactively” submit bills to Medicare that were incurred before the County receives its provider number. Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Pierce discussed the difference in costs between Weems and Emergystat running the ambulance service.

Mr. Pierce discussed the cost to the County of running the ambulance service and the possibility of the County having to transfer additional monies at a later date for funding the Hospital service. Mr. Pierce suggested that the Board delay paying benefits to the ambulance service employees until the same benefits can be paid to the hospital employees.

Mrs. Johnson stated that Board action will be required to fund Weems for the startup cost for the ambulance service and discussed the options for funding the ambulance service and also warned of a potential shortfall and the County having to provide additional funds for the ambulance service.

Commissioner Sanders stated that billing for the ambulance service will have to be more efficient than billing for Weems Hospital.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Colvert discussed the critical designation for the ambulance service.

Commissioner Crofton wanted to make sure that Emergystat would remain until Weems assumes the

responsibilities for the ambulance service. Mr. Colvert stated that Emergystat was very helpful with the transfer process.

Commissioner Lockley agreed that it was fair to provide benefits to ambulance service employees when benefits were also available to hospital employees.

Commissioner Crofton stated that he would like the County to get out of the hospital and ambulance business. Mr. Colvert discussed the structure of the ambulance service including hiring an EMS director and Dr. Miniati as the Director of Medical services.

Mrs. Dodds stated that the Hospital Board recommended entering into negotiations with Mr. Chuck Colvert to serve as the permanent CEO of Weems Hospital. Mrs. Dodds also stated that the Hospital Board would research the possibility of privatizing the Hospital and ambulance service. Commissioner Crofton stated that he wants to see the ambulance service progress within 3 months.

Mike Register, an Emergystat employee, stated that he would not continue to work with the ambulance service even if the County ran the service or if Emergystat continues to manage it and stated his displeasure with the way the ambulance service employees are treated, and compared Franklin County to Wakulla County benefits for ambulance service employees.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Colvert discussed wage structure for the ambulance service workers.

Denise Griffin, an Emergystat employee, stated why most of the paramedics are leaving the County. Marvin Walters, an Emergystat employee, stated that he makes the same money now as paramedics who have just graduated from school. Ms. Griffin and Mr. Register stated that this problem of no benefits and low salaries has been a continuous problem and expressed their frustrations.

Commissioner Sanders temporarily withdrew her second to motion to approve County administering hospital and recommended sending this matter back to the hospital board for review.

Mr. Pierce and the Board discussed the need to settle this matter as soon as possible. Commissioner Parrish discussed locating funding for any raises we may give to the ambulance service workers. Board discussed its intentions for the ambulance service.

Dr. Miniati stated that until the Hospital Board is authorized by the Commission, there can be no negotiations with the ambulance service workers. Dr. Miniati also explained that the Hospital Board is trying to provide the best ambulance service for the County and wants to be fair to the ambulance workers but is restricted by the funds that are available.

Commissioner Sanders stated her concern to keep the ambulance service workers at their current level of salaries but also expressed her concerns of the current service provided by Emergystat.

Mr. Debose, of Emergystat, responded and discussed the current level of service provided to the County. Ms. Dodds stated that finding ambulance service employees will be a challenge, but the County should not be held hostage by any employees including the ambulance workers.

Mr. Colvert stated that at the time of the meeting with the ambulance service employees, he was not in a position to honor their request to guarantee county benefits as county employees

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize Weems Hospital to administer the ambulance service as soon as possible, to approve the following line item budget transfers as recommended by Ms. Johnson to fund the ambulance service,

Increase	001.51.581.9100 Hospital	Transfer to Hospital Fund	\$244,020.00
Decrease	001.51.526.3400 Ambulance	Other Contract Services	\$144,020.00
Decrease	001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingencies		\$100,000.00
Increase	201.381.100 Interfund Transfer	Budget Transfer Gen Fund	\$244,020.00
Increase	201.51.526.3400 Ambulance	Other Contract Services	\$244,020.00

and to have Hospital Board negotiate with ambulance service employees for salaries as leased employees; Motion carried 5-0.

Denise Griffin – EMS Service

Addressed at the previous agenda item

Public Hearing – Phoenix Harbor PUD (6:58 PM)

Mr. Pierce discussed the Public Hearing for the Phoenix Harbour PUD.

Chairman Crofton opened the floor for public comment.

Dan Garlick, agent for the developer of this project, discussed this project. Mr. Garlick stated that the project is about 20 Acres in northwest corner of St. George Island and 50 residential units are currently planned on commercial zoned property, the county will be given “gift” of 2.5 acres for a boat ramp to the county. Mr. Garlick also stated that different types of land including wetlands and an eagle nest is included this project, the developer is primarily residential builder not commercial builder, advance wastewater treatment (AWT) will be used, all roads will be pervious, and there will be only 2 units per acre which is less than what is allowed. Mr. Garlick stated that he attended a meeting hosted by the Seafood Task Force and explained why the developer could not agree to some of the recommendations made by this group. Commissioner Lockley inquired about the study the Commission had requested; Mr. Garlick stated that instead of the study, Shellfish Sanitation offered an opinion regarding the project and its impact on the Bay.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the proposed bond cannot be used as an impact fee.

Duke Douglas, resident of St. George Island, asked the County to require a performance bond from the developer in case this project caused any negative impact to the Bay.

Dave McLain, of the Seafood Task Force, read recommendations from the task force including a mitigation fee or performance bond.

Jeannie McMillian, a business owner on St. George Island, expressed concerns of added traffic and wastewater treatment.

Mike Keller asked if property is zoned for hotels; Mr. Pierce stated that property is zoned commercial and discussed impact on Bay commercial projects can cause

Lee Noel, Gordon Atkins, Jim Corcolus, Al Mirabella, William Hyde, Daphne Evanoff, Wayne Gleasmon, Ruth Schoelles, Terry Brewer, Helen Sphorer, Cliff Butler, Jerry Thompson, Patty Durham, Rose Drye, Steve Harris, Larry Stone, Charlotte Baucher, Bob Landiss, George Mahr, and Ana Marie Canatella spoke in favor of this project. Some of the comments made were the need for boat ramps on St. George Island, and the benefits of the Advance Wastewater Treatment Plant.

William Hyde, an attorney representing the current owners of the property, stated that the current owners do not want a residential project, so if the prospective buyers do not close on the property, the current owners would like to retain the commercial zoning. Attorney Shuler stated his opinion on this matter.

Betty Lou Douglas, a resident of St. George Island, spoke against this project.

Ann Harper, a resident of St. George Island, expressed her concerns of wastewater treatment during a storm, and asked the Board to consider all who are affected by the closing of the Bay

Dan Tonsmire, ABARK, expressed his concerns of the impact this project would have on the Bay, asked the Commission to require low density which is consistent with the Comp Plan, not allow variances for set backs, and have the project meet all County requirements for wastewater,

Jamie Louton, of DEP, discussed some recommendations that were made by her department regarding this project.

Jennie McMillan stated that she was not for or against this project, but wanted the Commission to be aware of the lack of commercial activity on the island, the increased traffic and stormwater this project might cause.

Dave McLain and Mr. Pierce discussed possible amendments to the PUD.

Williard Vinson asked the Board to deny this request for this project because of the possible affect on the Bay.

William Chollier asked the County to review the zoning for this area.

David Heil, of the Dept of Agriculture, discussed his agency's concern of the Bay, reasons why shellfish waters will be closed such as surface water discharge and after reviewing the project as a whole, recommended approving the project to the Seafood Task Force. Mr. Heil also discussed occupation of area if Advanced Water Treatment stopped working.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Garlick further discussed the use of the Advanced Water Treatment versus using an aerobic system.

Mr. Garlick stated that the developer agreed to a performance bond of 1 million.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed the difference of permits issued since the hurricane.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Pierce discussed density on this project.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Garlick discussed a proposed build out on this project.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to deny the Phoenix Harbour PUD; Motion carried 5-0.

Recess (9:02 PM)

Chairman Crofton recessed the Regular meeting until 9:15 PM

Citizen Advisory Committee – Update (9:16PM)

Mr. Pierce updated the Board on the current actions of the CAC and distributed a draft copy of the actions of this Committee.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to send all information generated by CAC or others for land acquisition to the Seafood Task Force for a recommendation to the Committee; Motion carried 5-0

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed hiring an affordable housing grant writer. Board directed Mr. Pierce to invite Danny Bowland of Gulf County Housing Department to the next meeting.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (9:23PM)

Ms. Johnson presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Update on Medicare funds received for Weems Memorial Hospital

Item 2 – Board action on acceptance of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$1000 in federal funds awarded to the Sheriff's Department for Traffic Control Safety Vests. Since the Board acts as the subgrantee, we must approve the certification of acceptance and request for the payment. The grant period runs from February 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Block Grant;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Item 3 – In order for the Sheriff's Department to remain eligible for shared funds from the US Department of Justice, they must submit an Annual Certification Report for the fiscal year 2006. The Sheriff has submitted that report which requires the signature of the Chairman even though it reports receipt of no funds for that year. Board action is needed to approve the Chairman's signature on the Sheriff's Federal Annual Certification Report to the US Department of Justice.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Annual Certification Report; Motion carried 5-0.

Sharon Thoman (Commissioner) – Lanark Water and Sewer District (9:27 PM)

Attorney Brian Armstrong, representing the Lanark W&S District, discussed the current actions of the District regarding the merger with the City of Carrabelle

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler for his opinion on the issues previously requested by the Commission. Attorney Shuler responded and distributed a letter on this matter. Attorney Shuler stated that the Commission cannot re-create a non dependent district but can create a dependent district that the Commission will have to administer.

Attorney Nick Yonclas, representing some of the citizens of the Lanark district, expressed his concerns of the time it took for the Lanark Water and Sewer district to begin the talks regarding the merger with Carrabelle. Commissioner Sanders discussed the willingness of Commission to disband Lanark Water and Sewer district, but needed more information before a discussion can be made and also discussed the frustration of the residents of the district.

Mayor Kelly of Carrabelle stated that the Lanark district did not request to be on the agenda to discuss the proposed merger.

Attorney Armstrong responded to concerns and comments made earlier including the readiness-to-serve issue and expected to speak at the public comment section of the Carrabelle Commission meeting. Mayor Kelly responded to these comments.

Attorney Yonclas responded to comments made by Attorney Armstrong and again expressed the concerns of his clients regarding the slow actions of the Lanark Water and Sewer District towards the merger with the City of Carrabelle.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued) (9:47 PM)

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney

Attorney Shuler presented the following items for approval and/or discussion:

Item 1 – Rick Marcum (Opportunity Florida's) Memorandum of Agreement

Item 2 – Blackhawk Management Contract

Item 3 – Paul Wesmund update

Board reminded Attorney Shuler to file legal action against Mike Lake and Dasee regarding his actions with Weems Memorial

Lanark Water and Sewer District (continued) (9:50 PM)

Pauline Sullivan, a Lanark District resident, stated that she has filed legal action against the Lanark Board regarding advertising irregularities and district Commissioner Courage can attest to some of these actions; Mr. Courage, a former Lanark Board member, commented on this discussion.

Billy Snyder expressed his concerns of the actions of the Lanark Water and Sewer Board.

Commissioner Sanders directed Attorney Shuler to have information on the Dependent District at the next regular meeting.

Sharon Thoman, a Lanark Board member, stated why the District Board was not on the agenda at the Carrabelle City Commission

David Kight also commented on this matter.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued) (10:02 PM)

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

Mr. Pierce presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1- Board action to approve Resolution from Red Cross designating February 11-17, 2007 as Hazardous Weather Awareness Week.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Resolution; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2- Provide Board with copy of Final Draft of Northwest Florida Water Management District Regional Water Supply Plan for Franklin and Gulf Counties. The Plan concludes that Gulf and Franklin County have adequate water supplies. Gulf County obtains the majority of its water from the Gulf County Canal that used to serve the paper mill. Franklin County obtains the majority of its water from wells into the Floridan aquifer. Gulf County is currently upgrading the canal and water treatment plants for the future. For Franklin County, the WMD has done test wells and determined that adequate water exists in the aquifer in the northern part of the county. However, the District is not in the business of drilling production wells and distribution systems, so before the county water districts need more water a great deal more work needs to be done in order to develop a productive well field.

To that end, the county is still waiting for the contract from the Governor's office for the feasibility study.

Item 3- Inform Board that bids will be opened on the CR 67 project on Feb. 20th Board meeting.

Item 4- Board approval to sign change order reducing the cost on the Alligator Point project by \$2,371.50. This is because construction costs came in slightly less than bid estimate.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the change order; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5- Board action to renew contract with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to perform Hazardous Waste Assessment. This ARPC does this assessment for the county every year.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to renew the contract with Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 6- Mr. Tim Edwards is here to discuss his tipping fee charge for the disposal of his mother's house the City of Carrabelle condemned. While the Board did vote to waive the tipping fee, the action does not address what really happened. Mr. Edwards had paid the tipping fee in September, several months before the Board voted to waive it. If Mr. Edward's is to receive his money, the Board will have to make a motion to reimburse him, and that money would come out of the tipping fees from this year. Board action.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Item 7- Provide Board with copy of letter sent regarding the Bluff Road Bike Path. DOT will try to find some more money because of the safety issue.

Item 8- Inform Board that Franklin County Library Board recommends the Board hire Ms. Judy Rundel as the Library Director effective today, and at an annual salary of \$35,000. This is less than what Ms. Eileen Annie Ball was making so it is within the Library budget. Board action

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to hire Ms. Judy Rundel as the Library Director at a salary of \$35,000; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 9- Update on Alligator Point. On Saturday, January 13, the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association met with Ms. Camille Tharpe, GSG, and me to discuss the funding options available for beach renourishment. While there was discussion about which option was preferred, and MSTU or MSBU, there was overwhelming support for the Board to continue to develop the options. Mr. Ken Osborne, APTA president, may want to say a few words, but I recommend the Board direct Mr. Shuler and I to negotiate a contract with GSG to complete Phase II and Phase III of the Beach Renourishment project. The proposed cost is \$25,000 and I recommend the fee be paid out of the Bald Point Trust Fund. Board action.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to allow Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shuler to negotiate a contract with GSG and pay the proposed cost of \$25,000 out of the Bald Point Trust Fund; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 10- Mr. Dan Tonsmeire would like to provide the Board with an update on the progress of the CAC.

Item 11 – Board Appointments Opportunity Florida
Lockley Affordable Housing/Sanders Land Trust

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to appoint Commissioner Lockley to Opportunity Florida's Affordable Housing Board and Commissioner Sanders to the Land Trust; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (10:07 PM)

Commissioner Parrish expressed his disagreement with the closing of any roads in the Apalachicola National Forest Road.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to approve a Resolution against closing any roads in the Apalachicola National Forest; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal requested Board approval on awarding Camp Gordon Johnson \$500 for their reunion event. Commissioner Sanders also expressed her support for this request. Attorney Shuler and Ms. Johnson expressed their concerns of this request. Ms. Johnson also stated that the funds would have to be transferred from Reserve for Contingency to cover the expenditure. The Board discussed this request.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve the request awarding Camp Gordon Johnson \$500 from the Reserve for Contingency fund; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders suggested that the Board not get involved with employee issues.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to require information prior to the meeting from anyone that asks to be on any meeting agenda; Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn (10:15 PM)

Chairman Crofton adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:15 PM

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts