

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
FEBRUARY 6, 2007
9:00 AM**

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, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

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

Prayer and Pledge (9:01 AM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: January 16, 2007 (9:02 AM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:03 AM)

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve payment of the County Bills as presented with the exception of the payment for G & N Services; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve payment for G & N Services; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley abstained.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:04 AM)

Mr. Chipman did not present any items for discussion and/or approval:

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

Item 11 – Board action on proposed site plan for new mechanic shop, and on continuing to keep the shop part of the Public Works Department. At this time the new Shop is proposed to have a new access created off of a road the county does not maintain. The new access will require culverts to cover a large ditch, and the expense of putting new gates in an existing fence. I have discussed this with Mr. Chipman and Mr. Johnson and they both agree the new shop should use the existing access from SR 65.

They also agree that until there is a reason to create a separate department, the mechanic shop should remain part of the Public Works Department.

Board action to keep the shop part of Public Works and to direct Mr. Chipman to supervise the location and access of the shop since it will be inside the Public Works compound.

The Board, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter. The Board decided not to take any action at this time and directed Mr. Pierce to seek permission to use the road on State property for access to the mechanic shop. The creation of the department for the maintenance shop was also discussed. Commissioner Putnal discussed using a County crew to cleanup the graveyard in Sumatra.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:18 AM)

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

Item 1 – Budgeted Equipment Purchase

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve the purchase of one new International Regular Cab Truck and one new International Crew Cab Truck from off of the Florida Sheriff's Association and Florida Association of Counties FY 06/07 bid list (#06-14-0821) for use within the Recycling Program; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Kendrick Park Construction Update

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 from the FRDAP Grant to utilize the services of a licensed contractor to wire the ball field lights at Kendrick Sports Complex; Motion carried 5-0.

Doris Pendleton – Property Appraiser (9:22 AM)

Discuss Proposed Legislation on Property Tax Reform

Mrs. Pendleton distributed and reviewed a handout regarding new proposed Legislation on Property Tax. This handout provided dollar amounts that reflected the different proposed caps for non-homestead, commercial and low income senior citizens. Mrs. Pendleton asked the Board to seriously consider approving the low income senior citizen proposal.

Commissioner Putnal and Mrs. Pendleton discussed the possibility of lowering property taxes for the 2007 year. Mr. Pierce commented on property sales within the County.

Mrs. Pendleton also discussed the “portability” idea as it relates to property tax and recommended that the commissioners petition the Legislature to support a county wide portability option only.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to send letters to FAC and the Legislative Delegation stating that Franklin County supports a County wide Portability proposal, not Statewide portability; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Pendleton discussed the past increase in property values and transactions and the current “flat line” of the real estate market, and suggested resolving the problem caused by the “flat line” instead of placing blame. The

Board discussed this matter. Commissioner Sanders read a portion of an article in the “Florida Trend” magazine as it relates to increase on property taxes in Dixie County.

Richard Harper – Concerned Citizens Group (9:45 AM) (Concerned Citizens of Franklin County)
Discuss County Wide Voting

Mr. Harper reflected on the tragedy that occurred in Jackson County regarding the loss of life of the Sheriff’s wife and a deputy.

Mr. Harper read from a prepared statement regarding County-wide voting. This statement asked the Commission to schedule a public hearing on County-wide voting. Commissioner Crofton suggested a public workshop on this matter. Attorney Shuler stated that, in his opinion, the County was still subject to the injunction that restricted at-large voting. Mr. Harper distributed copies of the Order Vacating Injunction to the Commissioners and the public. Commissioner Sanders stated what she understood the Judge to say when she attended the Hearing on this matter. Joyce Estes recommended the Commission ask the Attorney General for an opinion on the order vacating injunction. Alan Feifer, president of CCFC, stated the Commission should decide on the legal status of this matter and avoid litigation if possible. Rose McCoy stated the actual percentage of the registered voters was only 26% that agreed to the at-large voting. Ms. McCoy also gave some history on the ruling, its original purpose, and commented on what improvements were made since single member district voting was enacted. Mr. Clarence Williams, former County Commissioner, explained why this litigation was brought about in the first place and supported single member district voting. Jeff Lockley spoke in favor of single member district voting and urged the Board to let any burden of changing to at-large voting be on whoever desires that change.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, that based on Attorney Shuler’s statement that the County was not released from the injunction as it pertains to at-large voting, to leave single member district voting in place until proved otherwise; Motion carried 4-1, Crofton voting nay.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, that until an outside party can prove otherwise, single member districting and Commissioner Lockley’s motion will remain in place; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (10:24 AM)

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

1. Apalachicola Airport Runway 13-31 Slab Replacement:

Runway 13-31: 85% of the slab replacement is complete. On 2/5/07 a Contractor and County slab count was completed and five (5) slabs remain to be removed and replaced.

2. Road Department Shop:

The County Engineer has been working with Road Department and Van Johnson on the field drains, grading, fill and compaction of the site. Johnson has requested that the County Engineer prepare a Stormwater report and site construction plans and that these be given high priority.

3. Carrabelle Sports Complex:

County Engineer has met with Van Johnson to discuss the grassing, erosion control efforts, and lighting locations, and have staked several light pole locations for the lighting contractor.

4. SR300 – Franklin Blvd Enhancement Project:

Submission of the FDOT Project Enhancement Application is to be made this week. The project is to request installation of approximately 800' feet of paved shoulder for bike lanes on the south end of the bridge for both sides of the road.

5. Eastpoint K-12 School Emergency Access:

County Engineer has worked with the Board of Education Transportation Office to evaluate a possible route for the emergency access to the new school site. Have not discovered a route to recommend due to the presence of wetlands north of the site, but will continue to seek a route.

6. Eastpoint Northwest Florida Management District Baffle Boxes on US98:

County Engineer met last week with the design consultant, NFWFMD, and Eastpoint Water & Sewer District to discuss the installation of the sediment control baffle boxes. A 60% complete set of plans is expected within two weeks. I still have concerns about the maintenance issues with the boxes, since FDOT Drainage Engineer said it would be the County's responsibility to maintain the boxes.

7. FDOT Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Grants:

We were notified on 2/5/07 that Franklin County was awarded 1.15 million dollars in grants for three projects for FY2008 which will be available around mid July 2007.

CR30A	50k
Airport Maintenance Hanger	350k
Airport 06/24 Runway Rehabilitation	750k

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

Mr. Mahan was not in attendance.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the excessive jet planes during hunting season, and the effect the noise caused with hunting dogs and tracking collars. Commissioner Crofton commented on his knowledge on this matter. Mr. Pierce suggested contacting Tyndall Air Force Base.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to direct Mr. Pierce to contact Tyndall regarding jets flying over an area frequented by hunters during hunting season; Motion carried 5-0.

Don Lively (10:34 AM)

Discuss Fishing on Carrabelle Beach

Mr. Lively discussed the problems of fishermen using warming fires on Carrabelle Beach and complaints being filed about their use.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to allow fishermen to build a “warming” fire after obtaining a no cost permit from the County during the months of Oct, Nov, and Dec; Motion carried 5-0.

Joyce Estes (10:39 AM)

Discussion on Eastpoint Library

Mrs. Estes distributed copies of the Regional Water Supply Plan.

Mrs. Estes, representing Friends of the Franklin County Library, stated that she was asked, by a donor who is willing to contribute, to assist with the construction of a new building for the Library in Eastpoint. Mrs. Estes discussed what she has done to get this project started, including services from different agencies such as engineers, environmentalists, the water and sewer district, etc. Mrs. Estes asked if the County would support the project and use this building as a library. Commissioner Crofton stated his support for the project but would only support the County "taking over" a finished "turn key" project. Mrs. Estes commented more on the project. Commissioner Putnal expressed his support of this project. Denise Butler, Chairman of the Library Advisory Board, expressed her excitement of a new library, but raised concerns about the proposed space which is 5000ft. Mrs. Butler explained the difference between this project and a previous library project, where the State provided matching grants. Mrs. Butler also supported a finished "turn key" project before the County assumes responsibility of the building. Mrs. Butler asked for County support during this project and supported Mrs. Estes efforts on this project. Mrs. Estes discussed her financial status of this project. Commissioner Sanders expressed her support for Mrs. Estes and her efforts.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to support Mrs. Estes and the building of a new library in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (11:03 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented the following item for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – In FY 06/07 budget, the Board approved funding for replacement of the imaging system which is used for the Board, Clerk, Property Appraiser, and Tax Collector. The equipment is 4 years old and experiencing problems. The media storage unit has almost reached its maximum storage capacity. We would like to be able to begin the process of replacement this month so that we can avoid a complete failure of the equipment. This should be a sole source purchase because of the software involved.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to allow purchase of a replacement imaging system, as a sole source purchase, pending approval of Attorney Shuler; Motion carried 5-0. Attorney Shuler did state he agreed with the sole source purchase.

Chuck Colvert – CEO Weems – Update (11:05 AM)

Mr. Colvert distributed a handout and gave the following update on Weems Hospital and the Ambulance Service:

GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION

February 6, 2007

PATIENT ACTIVITY:

For the year ended December 31, 2006

Admissions:	
Acute	349
Swing Bed	46
Total	395

Outpatients:	
Emergency Room	7036
Outpatient Testing	4101
G.I. Procedures	97
Observations	82
Total	11316

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY:

Available Cash as of February 6, 2007 \$ 565,384

All amounts below are as of December 31, 2006

Cash	\$ 71,992
Accounts Receivable-Net	\$2,369,217
Inventories and other current assets	\$ 62,555
Capital Assets net of depreciation	\$ 179,794
Amount due for payroll	\$ 141,882
Amount due to vendors	\$ 226,662
Estimated amounts due to insurance companies	\$1,219,102
Long-term debt	\$ 636,529
Fund Balance	\$ 459,383
Net patient Service Revenue	\$6,901,500
Grant Revenue	\$ 141,022
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 18,766
Amount written off for bad debt and charity	\$1,900,000
Salaries and Wages	\$2,909,371
Purchased Services	\$1,518,050
Supplies	\$1,027,448
Depreciation and interest	\$ 19,145
Excess of expenses over revenue	
Before subsidy	\$ 312,726

County subsidy	\$ 250,000
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ 62,726

AMBULANCE REPORT:

Since the last County Commission meeting the Hospital has hired the following personnel:

	Full Time	Part Time
Director – Paramedic	1	
Relief Director – Paramedic	1	
Paramedics	1	4
EMTs	4	1

Additional personnel are being interviewed and recruited. With no overtime we need 8.5 paramedics and 8.5 EMTs to run two trucks 24 hours/day 7 days/week.

The hospital assumed the ambulance service operations a 8:00 A.M. Thursday, February 1, 2007. Within two hours the State Department of Health, Emergency Management Services Division arrived for a licensure inspection. The inspection discovered four deficiencies. The deficiencies are graded 1 to 3 with 3 being the most severe. Of the four deficiencies one was a type 3. It was the Medical Protocols were not signed by the Medical Director. This deficiency was corrected before the end of the survey. Two deficiencies were type 2. One had to do with missing driving records of the personnel. The other was that the trucks had the wrong type of radios. These deficiencies along with the type 1 will be corrected by the time the State returns, which is within 90 days.

Since Thursday all shifts have been covered by two trucks. At times it was one ACLS truck and BLS truck. As more paramedics are hired more ACLS trucks will be available.

Special thanks should be given to the Hardy family of Carrabelle. They have agreed to allow the eastern ambulance station to be housed in a building they own at no charge. Only minor modifications will have to be made. Additionally, the Mayor of Carrabelle has agreed to the location and to forgive any license fee.

A western and central station are still to be secured.

LONG RANGE PLANNING ACTIVITY:

A request for proposal to complete a community health plan has been developed. The State Department of Rural Health has provided the names of two firms that do this type of work. The plan will be paid for by a grant from the State and should take approximately 120 days to complete. A review of Federal regulations has begun in order to make sure that we do not violate any regulation that would jeopardize the hospital's Critical Access status.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

The Hospital Board has established a Community Services Committee to work on both the health needs of the community as well as providing ways for the community to get involved with their hospital. The

committee has met once with five community members present. After a tour of the hospital three areas of concern were identified; the chapel, patient rooms, and the lobby. They identified civic groups and churches that would be called on to help with the mission. The Masonic Lodge will be voting on adopting two patient rooms at their meeting tonight. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Mrs. Ginny Griner at 653-8853 extension 174.

Mr. Colvert introduced the new Director and Assistant Director of the Ambulance Service. Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Colvert discussed condition of the ambulances when the County assumed responsibility of the ambulance service.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the release of funds to the Hospital for the purchase of new ambulances as soon as the funds are needed; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Curt Blair, Vice-president of the Hospital board, distributed a handout and discussed options to create a non-governmental structure or entity, as was requested by the Commission at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Blair discussed the need for the County to continue to subsidize the Hospital even if the Hospital becomes a separate entity from the County Commission and the repayment of the loans the County made on behalf of the hospital. Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Blair discussed options that would allow the Commission to be kept abreast of the actions and financial status of the proposed Hospital Authority. It was also stated the ambulance service would be treated separately and require a separate subsidy.

Ken Osborne, Alligator Point, stated that a lot of the residents of Alligator Point think that Leon County is closer for ambulance service. After an inquiry from Mr. Osborne, Mr. Blair stated that as a non-profit 501(c)(3), the Hospital Board cannot incur debts that the citizens of the County will be responsible for.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the Hospital Board to begin the process of seeking non-profit designation; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services (11:33 AM)

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

Item 1- Provide Board with copy of legislative budget requests submitted to Legislative Delegation on Feb. 1.

Item 2- For the record, provide Board with copy of letter from Emergystat voluntarily turning over the Certificate of Public Conveyance and Necessity for the ambulance service to the county, effective Feb. 1. No action needed.

Item 3- Provide Board with copy of EMS Certificate for a Franklin County owned ambulance service called Weems Hospital Ambulance Service that was sent to the state. The original Certificate was issued to Franklin County Board of County Commissioners but the state suggested it be issued to Weems Hospital so the Certificate was revised. No action needed.

Board discussed removing the Emergystat decals from the ambulances. Fred Hythsman, EMS director commented on this matter.

Item 4- Ms. Kimberly Bodine, Gulf Coast Workforce Board Executive Director, has requested that Ms. Randi Turpin be appointed to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board to fill the seat of a staffing or employee leasing agency for Franklin County. Ms. Turpin works for Adeco, a company which covers Franklin County. Ms. Turpin does not live in Franklin County but Ms. Bodine says she has sought to have this position filled by a resident of the county and cannot find one. Board action.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to appoint Ms. Randi Turpin to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5- Board action to sign document associated with the release of \$200,000 of courthouse renovation funds from the Chief Judge. This is money appropriated by the Legislature last session that we are trying to get into the county hands.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the document associated with the release of \$200,000 of courthouse renovation funds; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 6- Inform Board that Rep. Boyd's Regional Healthcare Council will meet Feb. 21 in Tallahassee. Mr. Colvert, Weems CEO, will be attending the meeting. Mr. Colvert will be taking a list of improvements being requested for the Hospital. Commissioners Lockley and Parrish may also be attending.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the payment of expenses for Commissioners attending Rep. Boyd's Regional Healthcare Council; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 7- Inform Board that DCA has found the county's remedial amendments to the comprehensive plan in compliance. There is a 21 day period from Jan. 25 for a challenge to be filed.

Item 8- Inform Board that Franklin County did not receive the Workforce Housing Grant that we had applied for. Bay County did not receive one either. In the scoring for the grant, additional points were awarded if you were a county with a high growth rate and neither Franklin nor Bay received those points. Only Walton County in the Panhandle received a grant.

Item 9- Inform Board that DOT is reviewing our request for additional funding for the Bluff Road Bike Path. The issue of safety was something that might provide the county with additional funds according to DOT staff.

Item 10- Ms. Lori Switzer, SHIP Coordinator, met with Florida Housing Coalition and they suggest the county raise the purchase price limit for a new or existing home from \$125,000 to \$237,031.20. If approved by the Board, this would increase the price of a house that SHIP funds could be used for down payment assistance. This price was obtained from the U.S. Treasury Average Area Purchase Price index. The price ceiling should be raised because there are very few houses available at \$125,000. Board action.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, to raise the purchase price limit for a new or existing home to \$150,000 for the SHIP Program; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 11- Board action on proposed site plan for new mechanic shop, and on continuing to keep the shop part of the Public Works Department. At this time the new Shop is proposed to have a new access created off of a road the county does not maintain. The new access will require culverts to cover a large ditch, and the expense of

putting new gates in an existing fence. I have discussed this with Mr. Chipman and Mr. Johnson and they both agree the new shop should use the existing access from SR 65.

They also agree that until there is a reason to create a separate department the mechanic shop should remain part of the Public Works Department.

Board action to keep the shop part of Public Works and to direct Mr. Chipman to supervise the location and access of the shop since it will be inside the Public Works compound.

Item 12- Based upon the comments made at the Legislative Delegation meeting about the likelihood of changes by the Legislature to property tax exemptions, and based upon my expectation that there will be little change in the county's tax base next year, and after consultation with the Clerk of the Court, I recommend the Board institute a hiring freeze effective March 1, and to direct the Clerk to contact the other elected officials and ask that they comply. The hiring freeze would last through Sept. 30. Any vacancies that occur could only be filled with specific approval from the Board.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to authorize a hiring freeze effective March 1, 2007 until September 30, 2007, and vacancies could only be filled with Commission approval during that period; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 13- Alligator Point update.

A) Inform Board that Preble-Rish is designing the west end of the Road that will reconnect with the existing Road. Preble-Rish is designing the Road in front of the fire station instead of behind it. This change will keep the county from interfering with the existing helipad and encroaching on Fire Dept. property, and will also make the reconnecting intersection safer. I have informed South Shoal of the proposed change. Preble-Rish has been designing this section of the Road without a contract. Their fees are reimbursable by FEMA. I recommend the Board approve a contract with Preble-Rish for \$27,112.72 for design, engineering, and project management of the construction of a new road from the west end of the South Shoal property back to the Alligator Point Road. I have directed Preble-Rish to go to bid as soon as possible so that this section of the Road is constructed before June 1. Board action.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize a contract with Preble-Rish for \$27,112.72 for design, engineering, and project management of the construction of a new road from the west end of the South Shoal property back to the Alligator Point Road; Motion carried 5-0.

B) South Shoal Road construction. As the Board is aware, South Shoal is committed to building that section of the Road through its property and turning it over to the county. South Shoal is aware of the schedule the county is on. If South Shoal is not under construction by the time the county begins its own construction, the Board will be forced to make some decisions about how to finish the project, as this new road needs to be open to the public by June 1, if at all possible.

County directed Mr. Pierce to contact Mr. Fling regarding South Shoal's commitment to building a section of the road on Alligator Point.

C) Beach renourishment. The county and its consultant, GSG, is moving forward with the calculations of lots to be assessed, and the county has contacted local lending institutions for borrowing costs. Mr. Shuler has asked for that information by Feb. 15th. When the true costs of borrowing are known, then final costs per lot can be calculated. The project is moving forward as if it will be an MSBU so at some point in the spring or early summer the Board will be asked to adopt an MSBU fee schedule that will be placed on the property tax.

14- Inform Board that US DOT will be doing routine bridge inspections on the Carrabelle River Bridge on Wed and Thursday, Feb. 7 and 8, and there may be some traffic delays.

15- Board action to award airport road construction contract. The Airport Advisory Committee's engineering firm, URS, recommends the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Ben Withers. The Bids were opened at the January 16, 2007 BCC meeting. Board action.

Board discussed URS's status with the County, requiring Ben Withers to supply a performance bond for this project, and the status of the roads once the project is complete.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley to award the airport road construction contract to the low bidder, Ben Withers, as recommended by the Airport Advisory Committee; Motion carried 5-0.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney (11:56 AM)

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

Item 1 – Mr. Wasmund requested a two week extension to remove his personal belongings from the County property located at the airport.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to grant Mr. Wasmund a two week extension to remove his personal belongings from the County building at the airport; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Original signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Rural Area of Critical Concern was sent to Rick Marcum of Opportunity Florida and we are waiting for a fully executed copy of that document.

Item 3 – Reviewed and approved the 2 DOC contracts for the Road Department and the Landfill

Item 4 – Lanark Village Water and Sewer update

- a- Procedure to dissolve Lanark Water and Sewer Board – Commission decision to dissolve the Lanark Board, and as it was created, it should be dissolved, which requires a petition of 10% of the property owners and after Supervisor of Election approval, a Commission authorized referendum.
- b- Create independent district – The Commission cannot create a new independent water and sewer district.
- c- Create dependent district – The Commission can create a new water and sewer district with an ordinance

Attorney Nick Yonclas, representing a group of the Lanark district property owners, stated that, in his opinion, Commission decision is not necessary to start the dissolution process. Attorney Yonclas also discussed other options such as an oversight review process to make a recommendation to the Commission on the current and future status of the Lanark Water and Sewer District.

Attorney Shuler commented on the oversight review process, how it affects the merger negotiations, and suggested that County staff do a preliminary oversight review.

Attorney Armstrong, representing the Lanark Water and Sewer Board, stated that the Chairman of the Lanark Board is on the Carrabelle City agenda to discuss a merger and had no objection to any oversight process. Commissioner Crofton stated that he would rather wait until the merger talks are completed before the County considers dissolution. Attorney Armstrong agreed with Commissioner Crofton's suggestion. There was further discussion on this matter.

Commissioner Sanders supported contacting DCA on this matter.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct County staff to contact DCA to seek information and options to help resolve the Lanark Water and Sewer issue and present it at the next meeting if possible; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (12:17 PM)

Commissioner Sanders discussed Commission participation in the Camp Gordon Johnson Parade and the March 28 Tallahassee Legislative Day. Commissioner Sanders also discussed the upcoming Commissioner Certification Classes.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to authorize payment for expenses for Commissioners attending both the Legislative Day in Tallahassee and the upcoming Commissioner Certification Classes; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the FAC conference which will be held in Orlando from June 12-15.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to authorize payment for expenses for Commissioners attending the FAC conference in Orlando from June 12 - 15; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the ISS Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in August.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to authorize payment of expenses for Commissioner attending the ISS Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in August; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler informed the Commission that he would be attending a settlement conference regarding the challenge to the Governor's Decision regarding the County's Comprehensive Plan in Tallahassee on February 15, 2007.

Sherrie Teeters requested the County to change the speed limit to 20 mph in Lighthouse Point Estates subdivision.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to authorize a change speed limit to 20 mph in the Lighthouse Point Estates subdivision; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Lockley directed staff to request the Community Band to participate in the Camp Gordon Johnston Parade and inform Camp Gordon Johnston of the Band's participation.

Commissioner Sanders informed the Board that she is attending the February 20th Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority Public Hearing, and if the Regular Commission Meeting cannot be changed from 5pm to 9am, she will be late for the meeting. Changing the time of the meeting was discussed but wasn't possible because of County Court scheduled in the annex building.

Adjourn (12:30 PM)

Chairman Crofton adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts