

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
FEBRUARY 20, 2007
5:00 PM**

Minutes

Commissioner 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, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Chairman Crofton called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Prayer and Pledge (5:01 PM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: February 6, 2007 (5:03 PM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2007 Regular 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, except for G & N Painting, as presented; Motion carried 5-0.

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

Department Supervisor Report

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

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

Item 1 – Mr. Buddy Brown was promoted to fill the vacant supervisor position.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Chipman for his fast response to the drainage problem in Carrabelle.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Chipman discussed a flooding problem at Highland Park. Mr. Pierce stated that the property in question is private property and the County is limited on what could be done. Commissioner Putnal recommended getting an easement from the property

owner. The Board, Mr. Rothwell, and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further. Board suggested removing a tree stump which might allow stormwater flow. Board discussed problem of using County resources on private property. Board directed Mr. Chipman and Mr. Rothwell to investigate this issue further and report back to the Board with options.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (5:18 PM)

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

Item 1 – Kendrick Park update – Electrician has started work

Item 2 – St. George Island 1st dune walkover has been completed

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Davis discussed the readiness of the baseball parks in the County for the start of baseball season.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (5:20 PM)

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

1. Apalachicola Airport Runway 13-31 Slab Replacement:

Runway 13-31 90% of the slab replacement is complete. Painting of new east end markings completed and east end lighting repair to be completed by end of the week.

2. Road Department Maintenance Shop:

The County Engineer has been working with Road Department for grading, fill and compaction of the site and has been working on stormwater report and site construction plans.

3. Saint George Island (SGI) Dune Walkovers:

The County and the Corrections Department has started construction of the West 11th Street walkover construction, and is being supervised by a County building inspector. The plans and itemized Bill of Materials has been provided to Sea Turtles At Risk and the SGI Civic Club and all walkover locations have been located and staked.

Commissioner Lockley inquired as to the status of road paving project. Mr. Pierce stated that there are not enough funds to start a paving project and discussed other funding options including bonding. Mr. Rothwell stated that he needs to meet with all Commissioners on road paving project. Board discussed options for road paving project.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (5:29 PM)

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

Item 1 - DACS Division of Aquaculture BMP Manual: Currently the FL Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services is in the process of updating its “Aquaculture Best Management Practices Manual.” A new section has been added titled “Marine Net Pens and Cages” for net pens located in marine waters of the State of Florida and produce less than 100,000 pounds of live weight product annually. Marine waters for the purposes of this BMP are defined as being between Florida’s near-shore and inshore waters which in the Gulf of Mexico range from 3.45 to 10.376 statute miles seaward of the coastline.

Item 2 - Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference Biennial Meeting: The ISSC’s 2007 Biennial Meeting is scheduled for August 12-17 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Commissioner Putnal instructed Mr. Rothwell to ask VMS to repair the shoulder of Leonard’s Landing road. Commissioner Putnal also suggested sending Mr. Dave McLain from the Seafood Task Force and Charlene Burke from the lab to the ISSC meeting.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve the payment of expenses for Dave McLain, Charlene Burke, and Bill Mahan to attend the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference Biennial Meeting scheduled for August 12 – 17 in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 - Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Update: Attached is a copy of “Gulf of Mexico Grouper Management in Federal Waters Frequently Asked Questions” which provides an overview of Gulf grouper management through November 2006.

Item 4 - NOAA Fisheries: The National Marine Fisheries Service has closed the recreational grouper fishery in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico from February 15th – March 15th. In addition, on February 27-28, NOAA Fisheries, the GMFMC, & FWC will be holding a Gulf of Mexico Grouper Forum in St. Petersburg.

Item 5 - FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Update: On February 8th, the FWC released a proposed draft rule to allow commercial sponge harvest west of 84 degrees west longitude, near Cabell Point on the eastern boarder of Jefferson County. If approved this would allow sponges to be harvested in Northwest FL marine waters.

Item 6 - National Fisheries News: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management reauthorization Act of 2006 was recently signed into law by President Bush. Some of the bill’s highlights include: It preserves and strengthens the Regional Fishery Management Councils; Mandates the use of allowable catch limits to prevent overfishing and preserve sustainable harvest; mandates that every fishery management plan contain an annual catch limit at a level that prevents overfishing; Directs the Councils to follow the recommendations of the Scientific and Statistical Committees and increases the role of the committee in decision making.

Item 7 - FL Big Bend Green Living & Energy Expo: The Wakulla UF-IFAS Extension Program is sponsoring a “Green Living & Energy Expo” in Crawfordville on March 17th & 18th. Please see attached flier for additional information, or call Michelle Adamski at 850-926-3931.

Item 8 - National Rifle Association Grant: The Franklin UF/IFAS Extension Program has received a \$2,300 grant from the NRA Foundation to support the development of a 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Franklin County. In addition, I am working with Van Johnson to develop a 4-H Archery Program as part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program which is made up of the following units; Air Rifle & Pistol, Shotgun, Black-powder, Archery, and Hunter Safety. The next step in the process will be to recruit volunteers to be trained and certified as 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to send a letter to Fish and Wildlife Commission and Dept of Agriculture requesting permission to turn the property east of Eastpoint, next to the site of the new consolidated school into an archery hunt area only; Motion carried 5-0.

Open Bids (5:43 PM)

C.R. 67 Resurfacing and Widening Project

Mr. Pierce opened the follow bid:

C. W. Roberts - Bid amount \$1,639,821.40

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to forward the bid to engineer for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Report (Attached to Agenda) (5:45 PM)

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

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:

- 1- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Tract 1, 229 River Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Nancy Kane, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 2- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock o Lot 14, 1491 Highway 98, East of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by Paul Osterbye, agent for S & P.N.B., LLC, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 3- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Commercial Fishing Pier at "Sand's North" 3186 Highway 98 East, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for Sands North LLC, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 4- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Multi-Family Pier at US Highway 98, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Dennett Rainey, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 5- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Pier at 931 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Paul Lowe, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 6- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock a 113 North Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. This

application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for John Hosford, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 7- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Pier at 881 Highway 98, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. This application has state and federal permits and meets the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Paul Lowe, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

SKETCH PLAT APPROVAL:

- 8- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat approval of a 10 lot subdivision tentatively named “Watkin’s Glenn” this 32 acre parcel is lying in Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Ben Watkins, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

FINAL PLAT APPROVALS:

- 9- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval for “Heron Walk Harbor” a 9 lot subdivision lying in Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Walter J. Armistead, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

- 10- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval for “The Bluffs ant St. Teresa” a 6 lot subdivision lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 2 West, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Dennett Rainey, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve contingent on the Engineer’s approval of the road in the subdivision being built as to the County’s standards; Motion carried 5-0.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

- 11- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Site Plan Approval for a 90 bed nursing home facility to be located at the terminus of Crooked River Road, North of St. James Bay, St. James, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Inovia Consulting Group (Russell Large), agent for AHI, LLC, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

RE-ZONING RE-QUESTS:

- 12- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone 5.37 acre parcel lying in Section 7 & 18, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from R-3 Estate Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Robert Franco, applicant.
- 13- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 4.47 acre parcel lying in Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from R-1 Single Family to R-1A Single Family Subdivision. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Lou Davis (Pelican Harbor) applicant.

SMALL SCALE LAND USE CHANGES:

- 14- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for a Small Scale Land Use Change as provided in F.S. 420.615, which allows a density bonus associated with the donation of land for affordable housing using the Small Scale Land Use Change process for property west of the Apalachicola Municipal Airport. Request submitted by DSW Holdings, LLC, applicant.
- 15- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous- Dodds stepped down) Consideration of a request to re-zone of a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, North of Eastpoint (Liberty County Line), Florida from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Estate Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Rural Residential to Estate Residential. Request submitted by John and Goldie Harris, applicants.
- 16- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone of a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, North of Eastpoint (Liberty County Line), Florida from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Estate Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Rural Residential to Estate Residential. Request submitted by John and Goldie Harris, applicants.
- 17- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone Lot 4, Block 7, David Brown Estates, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-4 Commercial/Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Residential to Commercial. Request submitted by David Cash, applicant.
- 18- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone 10 acre parcel described as Lot 14 & 15 Emerald Point, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Rural Residential to Single Family Residential. Request submitted by Paul Osterbye, applicant.
- 19- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 25, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, North of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Rural Residential. Request submitted by Paul & Jean Renard, applicant.
- 20- **APPROVED by P&Z:** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, North of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential and a

Small Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Rural Residential. Request submitted by Jeanne Bonds, applicant.

- 21- **APPROVED by P&Z**: (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 7.5 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-2 Single Family Mobile Home and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Residential. Request submitted by James B. and Carolyn A. Vitek, applicants.
- 22- **APPROVED by P&Z**: (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, North of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-6 Rural Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Rural Residential. Request submitted by Lawrence and Jan Stoutamire, applicants.
- 23- **APPROVED by P&Z**: (7-1 Vote) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, North of Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-3 Estate Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Residential. Request submitted by George Mahr, applicant.
- 24- **APPROVED by P&Z**: (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 10 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 7 West, North of Eastpoint (Liberty County Line), Franklin County, Florida from R-6 Rural Residential to R-3 Estate Residential and a Small Scale Land Use Change from Rural Residential to Residential. Request submitted by Walter J. Armistead, agent for H. Jeff Vonier, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve Items 12 – 24 for public hearings tentatively set for March 20 at 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (Attached to Agenda) (6:05 PM)

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

1 – **Approved By BOA** a request for a variance to construct an addition to an existing dwelling no more than five feet into the side setback on property described as 1911 US Highway 98, Carrabelle Beach. Request was submitted by Garry Millender, agent for Lester Mallett, owner.

Pierce discussed objection raised on this item.

Jerry Eaton, on behalf of Mr. Thompson, stated that Mr. Thompson is opposed to any further variances to allow into the setback on this property

Braxton Chisom, representing the applicant, gave some history on this request.

Attorney Shuler commented on this request stating his knowledge on this matter.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (6:16 PM)

Ms. Johnson had no items for discussion and/or approval.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services (6:17 PM)

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

- 1- Board action to re-advertise bids for the Bluff Road Bike Path. This is being done at DOT's request. DOT is looking for more funds. Bids will be opened March 20, at 5:45 pm.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley to approve re-advertising of bids for the Bluff Road Bike Path; Motion carried 5-0.

- 2- Provide Board with copy of first draft of the ARPC's Economic Development Strategy. Commissioner Lockley and Mark Curenton have been appointed the Economic Development Strategy Committee of the ARPC. Mr. Curenton will going to first meeting and he will provide the Board an update.
- 3- Board action to advertise for bids for emergency sand berms for FEMA approved sites on Alligator Point and St. George Island. FEMA had set aside a certain amount of money in 2005 for these emergency berms, and now that might not be enough money. So, we are going out to bid to see what the current cost is going to be. Bids would be opened March 20, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve advertising of bids for emergency sand berms; Motion carried 5-0.

- 4- Board action to approve grant application for a boating improvement grant for the boat ramp and parking area on the north side of the US 98 bridge over the Ochlockonee Bay, and if allowed by FWC, a second grant for expanding the Bluff Road boat ramp.
Parrish: designate handicap parking at boat ramp

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the grant application for a boating improvement grant; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Pierce discussed status of boat ramps on St. George Island. Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed bathrooms at boat ramp locations.

- 5- Provide Board with list of improvements Mr. Colvert, Weems CEO, is taking to Congressman Boyd's Healthcare Council Meeting. These include \$750,000 for a clinic to be built in Carrabelle, and \$608,000 for improvements at Weems Hosp.
- 6- Inform Board that because Hospital revenues appear to be steady, the Clerk's Office has requested a re-payment schedule for approximately \$61,000 worth of insurance premiums the Board has incurred that are attributable to the Hosp. I have spoken to Mr. Colvert and they are developing a re-payment plan.
- 7- Provide Board with copy of public notice generated by the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Alligator Point Beach Renourishment Project. This is provided as evidence that the Corps is reviewing the project, which is a good sign.
- 8- At the last meeting, the Board approved raising the maximum house price allowed for purchase with down payment assistance SHIP funds to \$150,000. The Florida Housing Agency had suggested a price of some \$233,000, which the Board felt was too high. The

Board may recall there was a discussion about raising the price to \$175,000, and after discussing the situation with Ms. Laurie Switzer, she and I do request the Board raise the ceiling to \$175,000. There are several SHIP eligible clients who have made arrangements to buy houses at slightly less than \$175,000, but more than \$150,000. And again, the issue is the very limited number of houses and sizes available for less than \$150,000 in Franklin County. Board action to raise the maximum to \$175,000.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley to raise the maximum purchase price of houses for the SHIP Program to \$175,000; Motion carried 5-0.

- 9- Inform Board that last week the Chairman and I did speak to Mr. Herman Bell, Chief Community Relations at Tyndall, regarding low level training and hunting. We explained to Mr. Bell the situation and he said he would gather some information and then come over and meet with the Board. We waiting him to call us back, and if that does not happen soon we will then write a letter to the Commanding Officer.
- 10- The Planning and Zoning Report items #12-24 all require public hearings. Board action to direct staff to schedule these public hearings. These public hearings are all either zoning changes or small scale land use changes. The county is allowed to do 80 acres of small scale land use changes in a year, and the Commission reviewed approximately 76 acres of changes. It is expected these hearings could last 90 minutes. Does the Board want to hold a special Board meeting for these, or schedule them into a regular Board meeting?

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

- 11- The Planning and Zoning Commission received requests on 2 text changes to the Comp Plan and 2 large scale land use changes. Because the Board can only consider these types of changes twice a year, I have advised the applicants that I will present none of these changes until the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed all of them, as there is only going to be one transmittal hearing for all of these. At the February P and Z meeting, the Commission did vote on two recommendations, but tabled the other two until March. When all four are ready for review by the Board, I will put them on the agenda. This should happen at the March 20 Board meeting.
- 12- There was an objection to the one Board of Adjustment item filed Monday in the Planning Office. Planning staff still recommends in favor of the variance. At the direction of the County Attorney, this item needs to be handled separately.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

- 13- Several weeks ago the county provided DCA with a courtesy draft of the finished Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). At this time DCA has made no comments, so I recommend the Board schedule the adoption hearing for the EAR. Once the EAR is adopted and then officially reviewed by DCA, the county will then begin working on EAR based amendments to the comprehensive plan. Board action to schedule EAR adoption.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to direct staff to schedule an EAR adoption public hearing; Motion carried 5-0.

- 14- The City of Carrabelle has applied for a CDBG grant to provide infrastructure improvements down Airport Road for a potential factory. The road is owned by the county. Board action to allow the city to make improvements to the county road through the CDBG grant. The improvements include expanding sewer and water and repaving the entire road.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to allow the City of Carrabelle to make improvements to the County Road through the CDBG grant, and send a letter of support from the County; Motion carried 5-0.

- 15- Board action on letter to Congressman Boyd regarding funding for the dredging of Bob Sikes Cut. Letter will request \$750,000 for dredging the Cut in 2008, if it is needed. According to Mr. Terry Jangula, the President's budget does not include any funds for the Cut, and if it needs dredging, for any reason, it will not get done unless Congress appropriates funds specifically for it.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to add the request of \$750,000 for the Cut to funding letter to Congressman Boyd; Motion carried 5-0.

- 16- Update by Mr. Dave McClain on the OTTED funded Seafood Industry Study being conducted by Lampl/Herbert.

Mr. McLain gave update and will contact each commissioner individually to discuss further updates.

Commissioner Putnal recommended that all water related developments should be reviewed by the Seafood Taskforce. Mr. McLain, Mr. Pierce, and the Commission discussed this matter further.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to direct staff to recommend a procedure to the Commission, at the next meeting, that allow for Seafood Taskforce review for all waterfront development before Planning and Zoning approval; Motion carried 5-0.

- 17- Mr. Roy Solomon would like the Board to know that he owns 0.8 acres of property adjoining Weems Hospital. He currently has the property for sale but he would like for the county to acquire the property for either Hospital expansion purposes or some other public function. Mr. Solomon wants to see the Hospital succeed and he wants to see more medical facilities in the county. I told him I believe his property is of value to the county, and I have asked Mr. Colvert to evaluate whether the Hospital would support the land acquisition.

Attorney Shuler stated that an appraisal of the property would be required.

- 18- Board discussion of Carrabelle Cove Apartments. Evidently the Cove Apartments is getting ready to evict at least occupant because they recently got a raise that put them slightly over the income level, but there is no other place this person can afford. Does the Board want to consider writing the Apartment management, which I believe is the Northwest Florida Housing Authority, and inform them that affordable housing in short supply in the county? The county would prefer existing tenants be able to modify their rental agreements and stay in the Apartments instead of being evicted with no other affordable housing available.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders to contact the management company for Carrabelle Cove and inform them of the County's affordable housing situation and

**seek options for their tenants that might be over the maximum allowed income ;
Motion carried 5-0.**

County Attorney Report(6:50 PM)

T. Michael Shuler

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

Item 1 – Request for Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

Don Ashely commented on one of the litigation items including a settlement offer

Pauline Sullivan stated that residents of St. James Island should be included on any Comprehensive Plan decision regarding St. James Island.

Dave McLain stated that all information, discussions, or decisions should be done in a public meeting.

Commissioner Crofton and Attorney Shuler explained the need for the executive session and stated that no decisions would be made during the executive session.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to schedule the Executive Session on March 6, 2007 @ 1:30 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Introduce new Lanark Water and Sewer district Commissioner, Ms. Pauline Sullivan.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (7:00 PM)

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Pierce to send letters to all of the apartment complexes like Carrabelle Cove explaining the County's affordable housing situation.

Commissioner Sanders gave an update on Lanark Water and Sewer District and City of Carrabelle merger talks on the water and sewer systems.

Commissioner Crofton asked Attorney Shuler to get info, from other counties, on code enforcement policies and provide that information to the other Commissioners for their review and discussion. Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Crofton discussed importance to the county of keeping the Bay clean.

Pam Ashley informed the Commission that she is the County's Representative to NW Florida Housing and will investigate the Carrabelle Cove matter.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Crofton adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts