

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

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 (9:00 AM)

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

Prayer and Pledge (9:00 AM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: February 20, 2007 (9:02 AM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2007 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:03 AM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve payment of the County Bill as presented; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

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

Item 1 – Removed tree stump, as requested by the Commission at the last meeting, which will allow better stormwater flow at that specific location.

Commissioner Putnal stated that some shoulder work needed on some of the roads in Carrabelle.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Chipman to assist the Lanark fire department with a request to install a piece of expanded metal to place across the drainage ditch adjacent to the Helicopter Landing Zone on the Lanark Golf Course.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the County's cemetery cleaning schedule with Mr. Chipman.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed negotiations with Preble-Rish regarding the work on Highway 67 and stated this project will probably lessen the load on the County's road department. Mayor Kelly, of Carrabelle, informed the Commission that the City of Carrabelle has activated their knuckle truck and that should also lessen the County's load with roadside garbage pickup. Commissioner Putnal and Mayor Kelly discussed the Tillie Miller road situation and current cases of vandalism to City and County property.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:12 am)

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

Item 1 – Request Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract to start the Maintenance Shop project

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract which would start the new Maintenance Shop project; Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (9:13 am)

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

1. Apalachicola Airport Runway 13-31 Slab Replacement:

Runway 13-31 95% of the project is complete. Repairs to the joint sealing material should be completed by end of this week.

2. Road Department Maintenance Shop:

The County Engineer has been working with Road Department for to finish surveys of the site and the survey the ditch along Work Camp Road which drains the site. Work on the stormwater report and site construction plans is still underway.

3. Saint George Island (SGI) Dune Walkovers:

County staff and the Corrections Department have completed construction of the West 11th Street walkover construction, and is currently working on West 10 Street walkover.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Rothwell discussed current status of the alternate road to the new school and the problems with wetlands; Mr. Pierce also commented on this matter.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Rothwell discussed the possibility of a paving project; The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed funding for a County paving project.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to schedule a workshop to discuss funding for a County paving project and an update on the feasibility study as previously discussed by Mr. David McLain on March 27 @ 5pm; Motion carried 5-0.

Mike Mock - Franklin County Sheriff (9:23 am)

Discuss Jail Expansion

Sheriff Mock discussed overcrowding problem at the County jail and options to help solve this problem including not housing state inmates, “quanza huts”, and expansion of the facility which would cost approximately \$500,000. Sheriff Mock stated that the overcrowding problem has been discussed with the State’s Department of Correction (DOC) and that increased housing of state inmates might help pay for an expansion project.

Commissioner Sanders asked about the possibility of funds in a capital improvement project.

Commissioner Putnal stated that there should be some commitment from DOC before the Board even considers this proposal, and some sort of expense report regarding housing additional state inmates is needed.

Commissioner Sanders reminded the Board that the jail is actually the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mrs. Johnson suggested that the Sheriff do some sort of study to examine the actual costs to the County of housing additional state inmates, and having a discussion with the State Attorney and Judges about cases that are continually continued which actually keeps more inmates in jail.

Commissioner Lockley and Sheriff Mock discussed the current condition of the jail.

Commissioner Parrish and Commissioner Sanders commended the Sheriff on the maintenance and general upkeep of the jail.

Wesley Tice – Health Department Director (9:39 am)

Introduce New Environmental Manager

Mr. Tice introduced the new health environmental manager, Mr. Jason Flowers, previously with Gulf County. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Flowers to Franklin County.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Butch Baker – Emergency Management Director (9:41 am)

Mr. Baker reviewed and discussed the NIMS program and the importance of the County becoming NIMS certified.

The Commissioners, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Baker discussed appointing a NIMS point of contact

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to appoint Mr. Baker as the County’s NIMS point of contact; Motion carried 5-0.

The Commission discussed backup point of contacts, and having representatives from both the cities and other districts within the county possibly with the fire chiefs of each district.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Baker discussed what the type of supplementary training the NIMS program would provide to the County.

Frederick Minot (10:06 am)

Discuss Retirement Plan

Mr. Minot discussed the 457B voluntary retirement plan stating that there was no direct cost to the county, this program allowed direct contributions to a retirement plan since it was not allowed under the Florida Retirement System, and the Franklin County Sheriff Department has been using this plan for many years.

Mrs. Johnson expressed her concerns of the program not being federally insured and the possibility of losing value and the appearance of the Board being responsible.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Minot discussed different payment options offered by the program.

Mr. Minot described the program further and suggested contacting other Counties that are participating in the program.

William Hobson Sr. (10:15 AM)

Discuss Public use of Carrabelle Beach

Mr. Hobson distributed a written statement, complained of the public using his private property when using Carrabelle beach, to the extent of beach use during early morning hours, which disturbs him and his wife. Mr. Hobson asked the County to erect signs stating where the public beach property ends and the private property begins. Mr. Pierce explained, with the help of a map, where Mr. Hobson's property is located in relation to Carrabelle beach. Mr. Hobson also stated that the lack of parking adds to the problem.

Attorney Shuler suggested that the Board allow him to present this matter to Mr. Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation, who can then investigate this matter further and present some options to the Board, suggested Mr. Hobson also erect "no trespassing" signs of his own on his private property.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to direct both Attorney Shuler and Van Johnson meet with Mr. Hobson and decide on some options to help remedy to this problem; Motion carried 5-0.

Gayle Dodds – Hospital Board (10:42 AM)

Hospital Update

Ms. Dodds, during her update, stated that termination of the Blackhawk agreement is in process, there should be health insurance in place for the hospital employees by April 1, the Hospital has applied for and received approximately \$103,000 in grant funds for radiology, and that community response to the hospital has been positive especially with the help of Ms Hardy and the committee's efforts. Ms. Dodds also stated that the Hospital is interested in entering into an agreement to purchase the property owned by Mr. Roy Solomon which is adjacent to the hospital, but an appraisal is required. Ms. Dodds also requested Board action to approve the Hospital Board's request to allow Mr. Chuck Colvert, currently the CEO, to serve as the CFO. Additional salary has been already negotiated by the Hospital Board.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to authorize payment of an appraisal for the property owned by Mr. Roy Solomon adjacent to Weems Hospital; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to authorize Mr. Colvert to serve as the Hospital's CFO along with his current duties as CEO and to authorize health insurance for the hospital employees with the hospital paying 75%; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (10:50 AM)

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

Item 1 - Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Update: The next GMFMC meeting is scheduled for March 26 – 28, 2007 at Destin-Miramar Beach. Topics for discussion include: revising the list of allowable by-catch reduction

devices, the National Marine Fisheries Service final Interim Rule for Red Snapper, formation of an Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel for developing new ideas to manage recreational and for-hire red snapper fisheries (Partially Closed Session), recommendations on completing a red drum stock assessment, and a discussion paper on an amendment to require trip tickets for recreational-for-hire sector.

Item 2 - FSU Sea Grant Statements of Interest: At least two Statements of Interest have been submitted to FL Sea Grant by FSU researchers for funding to conduct research on area marine fisheries. 1. "Elucidating the effects of reduced freshwater flow on Apalachicola Bay Oysters;" Principle Investigator – Dr. Felicia Coleman; Co-Principle Investigators – Dr. Laura Petes, & Dr. Chris Koenig. The proposed project will help determine how changes in freshwater input in the Apalachicola watershed will affect oyster populations. 2. "Ecosystem level trophic linkages between northeastern Gulf of Mexico estuaries and offshore reef fish communities;" P.I. – Dr. Jeff Chanton; Co-P.I. – James Nelson. The proposed project would measure the nature and magnitude of the transfer of energy derived from near-shore primary production to offshore secondary fishery production.

Item 3 - 4-H Community ATV Safety Grants: I'm exploring the feasibility of applying for a 4-H Community ATV Safety Grant to teach youth and adults about ATV safety. The program is done in partnership with the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America and ATV Safety Institute.

Judi Rundel – Library Director (10:57 AM)

Ms Rundel thanked the Commission for their support and gave an update of some of the services currently being provided by the Library including the availability of computers for public use, the genealogy program, and the bookmobile's expanded service,

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (11:01 AM)

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

Item 1 – I need approval of three resolutions on unanticipated revenues. These resolutions must be approved by you in order to comply with FS 129.06(2)(d) which says receipts not anticipated in the budget and received for a particular purpose may, by resolution of the board, be appropriated and expended for that purpose and the budget may be amended. The first resolution deals with \$7,500 received from the Florida Counties Foundation for Small County Technical Assistance Grant/Alligator Point Beach Renourishment Funding Study. We put the money in Professional Services in the Bald Point Trust Fund. The second resolution deals with \$336,050.56 FEMA money from the State of Florida from Hurricane Ivan and we put the money for the Paving Project for the Alligator Point Road into the LOGT Road Paving Fund. The last resolution deals with \$110,454.14 FEMA money from the State of Florida from Hurricane Dennis and we also put that money for the Paving Project for the Alligator Point Road into the LOGT Road Paving Fund.

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the FLORIDA COUNTIES FOUNDATION for SMALL COUNTY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT/ALLIGATOR PT. BEACH RENOURISH FUNDING STUDY, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

139.69.541.3400	Professional Services	\$7,500.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$7,500.00 in the BALD POINT TRUST FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 6TH day of MARCH 2007.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$110,454.14 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for FEMA 1595 HURRICANE DENNIS and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

141.41.541.6305 Paving Project Alligator Pt. Road \$110,454.14

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$110,454.14 in the LOGT ROAD PAVING FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 6TH day of MARCH 2007.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$336,050.56 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for FEMA 1551 HURRICANE IVAN and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

141.41.541.6305 Paving Project Alligator Pt. Road \$336,050.56

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$336,050.56 in the LOGT ROAD PAVING FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 6TH day of MARCH 2007.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the resolutions for unanticipated funds as requested by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – In light of proposed legislative actions on tax cuts, I must have specific instructions from you to be sent to the constitutional officers and department heads regarding their upcoming budget requests. The legislative proposals include a plan to roll back county property tax rates to 2001 levels and cap them going forward which would affect budget revenues and expenditures. Under the proposals, voters would additionally

be asked in a special election, possibly this fall, to consider a constitutional amendment that would eliminate all property taxes on homesteads and replace it with a higher sales tax. Under this concept, homesteaders would be taken completely off the tax rolls, removing millions from our state roll, and the drain to our county budget would be replaced by raising the sales tax from 6 cents on every dollar spent to 8.5 cents, the highest state sales tax in the country. Such a measure would have to pass the Legislature by a three-fourths margin to go to the voters and would also have to pass at the polls by a 60 percent margin. If passed, it could mean the County could reasonably expect to see a 61% cut in tax dollars or approximately 9.4 million dollars in ad valorem taxes according to one of our representatives. You should know the sales tax will only replace a very small portion of ad valorem taxes lost by adoption of the proposals. In our current budget year, we estimated receiving only \$586,000 from the 6 cent sales tax in place now, and I have no idea now what would be generated from 8.5 cents, but it probably won't be a significant amount. For the fiscal year October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, ad valorem taxes were \$5,260,125.00. The current year is \$15,808,933.00.

Anticipating that some type of property tax reform will be adopted by the legislature, you must prepare to take a much closer look at budget requests this year as far as separating budget items mandated by law and required public services from other items. Some actions that can be taken are to 1-rollback budgets to the 2001 level, 2-enforce your motion on zero based budgets for all constitutional officers and department heads whereby every budget line item must be justified and decreases are encouraged, 3-provide direction on raises, 4-direct no new positions be included in budgets, and 5- preclude all departments and constitutional officers from including any large equipment purchases or large capital outlay budgets. Additionally, I suggest you direct that all spending be kept to a minimum for the remainder of this fiscal year and possibly freeze all current capital outlay projects and consider those presented to you on a case by case basis. Do you have any suggestions on the letters to be written to the non-governmental entities that have been funded from ad valorem taxes?

I'd like to prepare a letter for your approval at the next meeting that will include any direction you offer today.

Board discussed this matter. Mr. Pierce suggested that we send two different style of letters, one to the governmental agencies and the other to the non-governmental (non-profit) agencies encouraging them to use Tourist Developmental Council grants for funding.

Curt Blair, of the TDC, commented on available funding to non profits.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to send a letter to all department heads including all of Mrs. Johnson's recommendations with direction that no raises be included, and a letter to non-governmental agencies (non-profits) encouraging them to seek funding from Tourist Development Council; Motion carried 5-0.

Camille Tharpe – GSG (11:16 AM)

Alligator Point Update

Ms Tharpe distributed a handout and updated the Board on the Alligator Point Beach re-nourishment funding project, and explained trip generation as it related to cost. Ms Tharpe reviewed the financing proposals including Superior Banking was willing to provide a one year financing at 5.25% subject to renegotiations, Sun Trust offered a variable rate of 4.25% for eight years, Morgan Keagan offered a bond financing option for eight years at a fixed rate of 4%, Hancock Bank offered a bank loan option at a fixed rate of 4.08 % but an additional pledge will probably be required from the County.

Commissioner Lockley and Ms. Tharpe discussed the possibility of USDA financing this project.

Ms. Tharpe stated that Hancock Bank’s offer of 4% for eight years is a good offer and has the lowest annual dept service. Ms Tharpe stated that none of the local banks responded to this request. Ms Tharpe reviewed handout which covered new MSTU millage rates and MSBU proposed assessment rates, stated that numbers are actually less than first anticipated; MSTU option will require referendum which could take up to three months; MSBU option will require an ordinance, which would need two public hearings, which will also take up to three months and an opinion from the Florida Supreme Court regarding the legal need of the MSBU would be advised.

Mr. Pierce used a map to point out the specific zones affected by the re-nourishment project, suggested going forward with the MSBU project, and scheduling a public hearing with the property owners as soon as possible. Board agreed with Mr. Pierce and further discussed a need for a public hearing with Alligator Point property owners before deciding on any of these options. Commissioner Parrish spoke in favor of the MSBU option. Ken Osborne, president of APTA, discussed the results of straw polls done regarding this re-nourishment project in Alligator Point and stated why the need for re-nourishment as far into Bald Point that has been indicated thus far is needed. Mr. Osborne also stated that because of a clause in a deed for beach access, Hidden Harbor should be included in the repayment of re-nourishment project, and stated that many of the property owners asked how much is County contributing to this project, because an earlier promise by the County of one million dollars for road repair went to the hospital.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to schedule a public workshop on the Alligator Point Beach Re-nourishment project on April 3 @ 5pm at by Mission by the Sea Church and direct GSG to send notices, of this workshop, to all of the affected property owners; Motion carried 5-0.

Dick Waters commented on the re-nourishment project.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued) (11:51 AM)

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

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

Item 1 - The Board has received notice from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) that the application for infrastructure grants is approaching. The TDC is expecting there to be approximately \$350,000 available for infrastructure grants. In keeping with the Board’s direction from last year, the TDC plans to make some of the infrastructure grants available as operational funds for non-profits, like Camp Gordon Johnson Museum.

The following items are what I recommend the Board submit for infrastructure grant funding:

- \$100,000 for land acquisition for waterfront park
- \$ 50,000 for Lights at D.W. Wilson Park
- \$ 50,000 for continued improvements at Kendrick Park
- \$ 30,000 for a visitor center on St. George Island

This will then leave approximately \$120,000 to fund the operational requests of non-profits, and to provide for some infrastructure grants to other groups. Board action on the above list.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve the requests to the TDC for infrastructure grants as presented by Mr. Pierce; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 - Inform Board that Mr. Steve Fling has called to say that he has his Notice to Proceed from DEP for South Shoal so the residents should see more road construction shortly. The county is finishing the design on the last section of Alligator Point Road so hopefully by the time South Shoal has finished their road work the county will be ready for our last section.

Item 3 - Board action to authorize Preble-Rish to finish the design on the Sawyer St. drainage project that was started before the County Engineer was hired. The project is 60% complete. The construction costs on Sawyer Street are funded through a grant from the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, authorizing Preble-Rish to finish the design on the Sawyer Street drainage Project; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 - Board action to correct a Scrivener's error on land being purchased by Mr. Steve Rash. The land use map, which is the controlling document, shows the land as Industrial, which is what Mr. Rash wants, but the zoning map shows it as Residential. Board action to recognize that the land use map prevails and that the land is Industrial.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to authorize the Scrivener's error correction as requested by Mr. Pierce; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5 - Board action to create a Franklin County Housing Authority and to appoint five members to serve a two year term to get it started. The recommended members are all willing to serve: Tommy Luster, Robert Davis, Cliff Butler, Skip Frink, and John Sink. These members will serve as an advisory board to the county commission on housing issue. Ms. Laurie Switzer, SHIP Coordinator, will be the staff to the Authority. The Authority will be the advisory board for any proposed changes to the SHIP program, as well as provide leadership on other housing issues the county wants to pursue.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to create a Franklin County Housing Authority with the five members recommended by Mr. Pierce; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 6 – Inform Board that Preble-Rish and C.W. Roberts are still negotiating the price for the CR 67 project.

Item 7 – Provide Board with copy of letter from Carrabelle regarding Lanark Village merger. The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed Lanark Water and Sewer District and City of Carrabelle merger process.

Item 8 – Inform Board that I met with the Seafood Task Force about reviewing development projects that affected the Bay as requested at the last meeting, but the Seafood Task Force declined this invitation due to their already full agenda.

County Attorney Report (12:01) PM

T. Michael Shuler

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

Item 1 – Distributed code enforcement information gathered from other Counties, as requested, to the Commissioners for their review.

Item 2 – Requested Board authorization to attend the annual FACT conference in Orlando

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize Attorney Shuler to attend the FACT conference in Orlando and to approve payment of his expenses; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 – Executive Session reminder

Commissioners' & Public Comments (12:02 PM)

Commissioner Crofton discussed the airport committee concerns of the new high powered cables and the height of the towers from Progress Energy affecting airport and possibly some FAA rules.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, authorizing the Chairman's signature on letter from airport committee to Progress Energy asking if the new wires can be installed underground at the Apalachicola airport; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Lockley expressed his concerns of the lack of a location in the County to pay Progress Energy utility bills. Commissioner Lockley stated that he has received many complaints from Franklin County citizens on this matter. Commissioner Parrish stated that this was a hardship on the elderly and challenged residents of the County.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to direct staff to contact Progress Energy, possibly by sending a letter, asking for a location within the County to pay the electric utility bills; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to appoint Commissioner Putnal as the Board representative on the Take Stock in Leadership Council; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders reminded the Board that the Camp Gordon Johnston reunion is this weekend.

Ted Mosteller, Apalachicola Airport Manager, requested Board action to allow Mr. Larry Perryman a contractor who is manufacturing the concrete barricades that will be used between Eastpoint and Carrabelle, to lease a small portion of the airport property for storage.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve a lease, contingent on Attorney Shuler's approval, with Mr. Perryman for storage of the concrete barricades at the airport; Motion carried 5-0

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the option of receiving the unwanted "rubble" from the DOT project on Highway 98 C. W. Roberts is bidding for; The Board declined this option.

Commissioner Putnal raised his concerns of property owners with beachfront property restricting beach access; The Board, Mr. Pierce, and Attorney Shuler discussed this matter further.

Mr. Sanders asked Attorney Shuler for an update on Mrs. Toni Taranto's complaint regarding rental and transient use in R-4 zoning; Attorney Shuler responded.

Toni Taranto readdressed her complaints about rental and transient use in R-4 zoned property, gave some history on this matter, and distributed a handout that included emails between her attorney and Attorney Shuler. Attorney Shuler and Mr. Pierce commented on this issue further and recommended that the Board take no action on this matter at this time, as further negotiations are still possible. Board asked Attorney Shuler to seek some sort of resolution to this matter.

Janice Hicks, a resident in the same area, commented on this matter and agreed with Mr. Pierce's statement that there is a difference between the building of a single family structure and the rental use of this structure.

Sherman Thomas, commented on the jail overcrowding that was stated by the Sheriff earlier in the meeting, asked the Board to seek better education options for the youth of the County and better job opportunities for the residents of the County, objected to the DARE program, and asked the Commission to move into a new direction to solve some of these issues.

Commissioner Lockley and Crofton responded to Mr. Thomas' comments and stated that the County is in the process of addressing these issues.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Crofton adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts