

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Road Department, Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Dan Rothwell – County Engineer, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, 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 (5:06 PM)

Regular Meeting: March 6, 2007 & Special Meeting: March 6, 2007

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes for the March 6, Regular Meeting and the March 6, 2007 Special Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (5:07 PM)

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

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (5:07 PM)

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

Item 1 – Cemetery clean up update

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Chipman discussed reimbursement for Highway 98 cleanup from VMS, DOT's agent in Franklin County.

Item 2 – Clean up project update;

Mr. Chipman discussed the use of limerock versus less expensive alternative.

Commissioner Parrish stated that additional parking is needed at D W Wilson Park and asked Mr. Chipman to work on the property that is located across the street from the park so that it can be utilized for parking.

Commissioner Sanders directed Mr. Chipman to do some work on Bald Point Road and the curve at the point on Alligator Point as those roads are too narrow for two way traffic at the moment.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

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

Item 15 Preble-Rish has negotiated a price with C.W. Roberts for the widening and resurfacing of CR 67. The original bid price was \$1,639,821.40. The state grant is for \$1,143,901. C.W. Roberts has agreed to a revised price of \$1,370,145.40. The county had budgeted \$1 Million dollars for CR 67 in the event the cost was substantially above the state grant, so with the revised bid the county will only need \$226,224.40 of its funds. Board action to accept the revised bid of \$1,370,145.40 for resurfacing and widening of CR 67. Leave remaining funds in paving?

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to accept the revised bid of \$1,370,145.40 for the resurfacing and widening of CR67 and to leave the balance of the funds in the road paving account; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler and Mr. Chipman discussed the demolishing and removing of the old building located on the airport property.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (5:15 PM)

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

Item 1 – Recovered Materials Annual Certification

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FDEP Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form and authorize payment of \$50.00 for the annual fee; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Public Works Maintenance Shop

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the contact price of \$316,894.00 from Sperry and Associates to construct the new maintenance shop; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 – Aramark Correctional Services

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to waive the \$17.00 per ton disposal cost for in County waste but continue to enforce the Resolution the prohibits out of County waste from being disposed of at the Franklin County's Landfill; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 – Landfill Summer Hours

Item 5 – Annual Day of Baseball

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (5:21 PM)

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

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

Runway 13-31 100% of the project is complete. Final approval and acceptance is expected this month from URS.

Item 2 – Road Department Maintenance Shop:

Work on the stormwater report and site construction plans is still in progress.

Item 3 – Saint George Island (SGI) Dune Walkovers:

County staff and the Corrections Department have completed construction of the West 11th Street, West 10th Street, and West 9th Street walkover still in construction and West 8th Street is not started. The Saint George Island Civic Club has completed the West 5th Street, Public Beach, and East 5th Street walkovers and the materials are on site for the start of East 11th Street walkover.

Item 4 – Alligator Point (SGI) Dune Walkovers:

I met with Paul B. Parker (Harbor Point Realty) and Van Johnson (Franklin County Solid Waste Director) on 3/13/2007 to walk the locations to the Alligator Point dune walkovers. This includes the Franklin County Dunes Park walkover on Bald Point Dr, between Sailfish St and Grouper St which has been closed for repairs.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Rothwell discussed cracks in newly paved roads; Commissioner Sanders suggested contacting CW Roberts to investigate this matter.

Board discussed using concrete treated base and other alternatives for road paving in the future.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (5:27 PM)

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

Item 1 – FAMU Goat Field Day

Item 2 – FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Open House

Item 3 – Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Committee Update

Item 4 – Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation & Management Act Reauthorization

Item 5 – Seafood In-service Training Program

Item 6 – Sea Oat Garden Club Program

Item 7 – UF/IFAS Extension – Franklin County MOU

Open Bids (5:32 PM)

Berm Construction – Alligator Point & St. George Island

Mr. Pierce opened the following bids:

Mr. Pierce stated that if any private property owners benefit from this project, FEMA states that the property owner must participate in this project and pay at least 25% of the cost. This might cause the County not to do this project.

Mr. Pierce opened the following bid(s):

Mosley Land Development	\$180,028.00 for all 4 sites
Jason White	\$194,560.00 for all 4 sites

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to have Mr. Pierce to review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Open Bids (5:35 PM)

Bluff Road Bike Path

Mr. Pierce opened the following bid(s):

CW Roberts \$424,277.00

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to submit the bid to FDOT for approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (5:38 PM)

Item 1 – I have presented each of you with copies of the proposed letters to be sent to the Constitutional Officers, department heads, and non-governmental entities pertaining to their upcoming budget requests that include your instructions from the last meeting. Although our House representatives have agreed on some tax reform, the Senate hasn't, so I'm still not sure what impact the legislation will have on the county's budget. Being classified as a fiscally constrained county could lessen the burden, but the Senate still has to act, so at this point, nothing is concrete. I do need a motion approving the language in the letters.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve letter that will be sent to all Constitutional Officers, department heads, and non-governmental entities pertaining to the upcoming budget, as requested by the Board and submitted by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – I have presented each of you with a report provided by the hospital staff at Weems. A balance is listed at \$804,000 in the account for the period ending on February 28,2007.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services (5:41 PM)

1- Board action to approve a Resolution of support for applying for an Florida Boating Improvement Program grant for a new boat ramp and parking area on the Ochlockonee Bay, and to construct a second boat ramp and expand the parking area at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp on the Apalachicola River.

Board discussed seeking additional funds to build additional boat ramps if more property becomes available and directed Mr. Pierce to investigate how many boat ramps can be funded by FWC per County.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the requested Resolution of support for a new boat ramp and parking on Ochlockonee Bay and to construct a second boat ramp and expanded parking at Abercrombie Boat Ramp; Motion carried 5-0.

2- The Boat Ramp applications are due at the end of April. Letters of public support are beneficial, so any commissioner who can get any letters from businesses or local groups who support either ramp would be appreciated.

3- The Alligator Point Water Resources District has asked for permission to open cut Alligator Point Road in one location. The area they want to cut is an area that will be resurfaced when the whole road is resurfaced with the DOT matching grant. The District has provided a detail for how the cut will be patched. I recommend the District be granted the right to open cut contingent upon the County Engineer approving the method.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to authorize APWRD to open cut Alligator Point Road at a specific location contingent on the County's Engineer's approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal stated that repairs are needed at Otter Slide in Eastpoint. Board stated that Eastpoint Water and Sewer needs to repair this road since they were the ones that did an open cut on the road.

4- The Board has agreed to hold a public workshop on March 27th to discuss a road paving program and to hear a presentation from the consultants on the Seafood Feasibility Study. Commissioner Lockley, who wanted the workshop on paving has agreed to wait on that workshop until after the Legislature decides on tax reform. The Chairman informed me that he would be out of town on March 27th so the Board needs to reschedule the workshop on the Feasibility Study. It appears that Thursday, April 5th, at 5:00 pm is a good time. Board action.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to reschedule the public workshop from March 27, 2007 to April 5, 2007 at 5:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

5- The Early Learning Coalition in association with the state Dept. of Health is asking every county to pass a Proclamation identifying March 28 as Children's Day in Franklin County, and April 1 as Parents and Children's Day in Franklin County. Board action on Proclamation.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Resolution identifying March 28 as Children's Day in Franklin County; Motion carried 5-0.

6- Inform Board that the Northwest Florida Water Management District has approved the Regional Water Supply Plan for Gulf and Franklin Counties. The Board received copies of this plan several months ago.

7- Inform Board that DEP cited Franklin County for illegal fill on Sawyer St. on St. George Island. Part of the fill was not placed there by the county, but was the rubble of some house but the county has removed it.

8- Ms. Joan Hayes, 636 Wilderness Road, has requested the Board consider a hardship for her. She would like a temporary power pole on her property to service her father who is terminally ill. Normally the Planning and Building Dept. does not authorize a second meter on a single residential lot. Evidently her father is living a separate travel trailer on the property. Board action.

Board discussed the need for a second power pole and asked Ms Hayes to justify the need for the request before the next meeting.

Barbara Rohrs – Lanark Water and Sewer District Commissioner (5:59 PM)

Merger Talks Update

Ms Rohrs updated the Board on the status of the merger talks with the City of Carrabelle.

Mr. John McInnis, City of Carrabelle Administrator, also commented on the merger talks.

Chairman Sanders asked if the need to dissolve the Lanark Water and Sewer Board has been communicated to Lanark Board. McGuinness stated that it was.

Commissioner Putnal and Attorney Shuler discussed the procedure to dissolve the Lanark Water and Sewer Board.

Bill Snyder, of Concerned Citizens of Lanark, stated that there is currently a petition circulating to dissolve the Lanark district, discussed other items regarding the merger, and actions by some of the Commissioners of the Lanark Board to stop both the merger and dissolution of the Lanark Board.

Commissioner Parrish asked if the City of Carrabelle would assume all assets and liabilities of the Lanark District; Mr. McInnis stated that they would.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Attorney Shuler to work with Attorney Cox and John McInnis, of the City of Carrabelle, to create an interlocal agreement regarding the management of Lanark Water & Sewer District; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Rohrs asked for clarification on items that were discussed.

Planning and Zoning Report (6:27 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/modify an existing dock on 437 Mill Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Docks 4 Less, agent for Richard Hull, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 1; Motion carried 5-0.

- 2- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 1375 East Gulf Beach Drive, Lot 6 East End, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for Vince Saurino, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve Item 2; Motion carried 5-0.

- 3- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Multi-family Dock on Tract 52 East End, Journey's End, 1549-1599 East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Sergio D. Ponce, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve Item 3; Motion carried 5-0.

- 4- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a 17 slip commercial marina at Highway 98 West, 2 Mile, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Bruno Kolb, applicant.

Dan Garlick offered some information on this matter. Board discussed this request further.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to table Item 4, until more information is received from the shellfish lab; Motion carried 5-0.

- 5- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Residential Dock on Lot 46 River's Edge, 209 Sand Bar Road, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Robby Payton, applicant.

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

SKETCH PLAT APPROVALS:

- 6- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat approval of a 7 lot subdivision named "Heron Place" located on a 7+ acre parcel lying in Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Walter Armistead, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve Item 6; Motion carried 5-0.

- 7- **Approved by P&Z** (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Sketch Plat approval of a 10 lot subdivision named "New River Run Phase 4" a 10+ acre parcel lying in Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Jimmy Meeks, applicant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve Item 7 contingent on verification of an access road; Motion carried 5-0.

LARGE SCALE LAND USE CHANGE:

- 8- **Approve** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone an 86 acre parcel lying in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 3 West, St. James, Franklin County, Florida from Z-1 Public Facilities to Mixed Use Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and a Large Scale Land Use Change from Public Facilities to Mixed Use Residential. Request submitted by PBS& J, Mike Scibelli, agent for Florida Panhandle Investments, LLC, applicant.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve a Public Hearing for Item 8 on April 17 @ 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

- 9- **Approve** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 45.51 acres lying in Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, North of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agriculture to R-1 Single Family Residential and a Large Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Single Family Residential.. Request submitted by Gene Langston, agent. **(February 13, 2007 Agenda Item)**

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve a Public Hearing for Item 9 on April 17 @ 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

- 10- **Approve** (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 15 acre parcel lying in Section 13 & 14, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential and a Large Scale Land Use Change from Agricultural to Single Family Residential. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Dr. Shezad Sanaullah, applicant. **(February 13, 2007 Agenda Item)**

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve a Public Hearing for Item 10 on April 17 @ 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

COMP PLAN TEXT AMENDMENTS:

- 11- Application to Amend the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment involves a text change to the Future Land Use Element Policy 2.2(g) regarding the intensity of development allowed in areas designated as Commercial in the Future Land Use Maps (FLUM). The specific change proposed by the applicant is: "The intensity standard for commercial land shall be a floor-to-area ratio of not more than 0.50. On St. George Island the floor-to-area ratio shall not exceed 1.0, except in Block 6 East where the floor-to-area ratio shall not exceed 2.0." Request submitted by Marina G. Pennington, agent for Olivier Monod, applicant. **Approved by P&Z contingent upon adding language stating that a third of the F.A.R. (Floor to Area Ratio) would be left strictly for commercial space, not being applied to waterfront property, the AWT Sewer Plant being above the Category 4 storm surge, and treating and containing all storm water onsite.** (unanimous)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve a Public Hearing for Item 11 on April 17 @ 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

12- Application to amend the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment involves a text change to the Future Land Use Element Policy 8.8 and 8.10 regarding the intensity standards in the Eastpoint Urban Service Area. The specific change proposed by the applicant is: Policy 8.8 Within the Eastpoint USA densities as high as 15 units per acre and urban scale of commercial use shall be allowed so long as the property has adequate access to hurricane evacuation routes and is sited on property with appropriate soil types, topography, and drainage such the development does not impact the Apalachicola Bay. Development shall also have to be served by paved roads. Within those areas of Eastpoint USA allowed to have densities as high as 15 units per acre and urban scale of commercial use, a mixed-use Planned Unit Development (PUD) may be approved. Such PUDs would be subject to the following: (1) The mixed-use development shall not exceed 15 units per acre. (2) The ratio of non-residential space to residential units shall be not less than 100 square feet of non-residential space per one residential space per on residential unit and not more than 800 square feet of non-residential space per one residential unit. (3) Floor to Area Ratio (FAR) shall not exceed 1.0. (4) Policy 8.7 notwithstanding open space requirements shall not be less than 20%. (5) The amount of PUD space within Eastpoint USA as a whole which may be developed in this manner shall be subject to the provisions for high density areas in Eastpoint USA named in Policy 8.10.

Policy 8.10: The county shall limit the land designated high density in Eastpoint USA to no more than 5% of the area outside the Coastal High Hazard Zone. (Staff recommends not more than 3%). Request submitted by Dirk Van Veen, agent for Growth Group, LLC, applicant. **Approved by P&Z** (6-1 Vote) **(February 13, 2007 Agenda Item)**

Dirk Van Veen and Bruce Millender, applicants, discussed this proposed project further. Katie Green, of Eastpoint, asked if this is the exact wording that was approved by P & Z; Mr. Pierce responded.

Gail Riegelmayr asked for clarification on urban use scale and Item 2 of this request; Mr. Pierce and Mr. Veen responded.

Commissioner Putnal asked why there were constant changes to the density request for this development; Mr. Pierce, Mr. Veen, and Mr. Garlick commented.

Mr. Millender stated the need for the public hearing.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve a Public Hearing for Item 12 on April 17 @ 3:00 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (Attached to Agenda) (7:18 PM)

1) **Denied by BOA** a request for a variance to construct a house five feet into the front setback line off of West Gorrie Drive on Lot 4, Blk 18, U#1 West, St. George Island as requested by Tony Fendrick, agent for Larry and Gayle Kelly.) The request was passed with four yeas and one nay.)

Richard Harper, BOA member, discussed this request

Tony Fendrick also commented on this request

Day Magee, a neighbor, asked for clarification on the square footage of the house; Mr. Fendrick responded.

Day Magee, expressed her displeasure of this variance request.

John Pruitt, neighbors, expressed his concerns of future variance request affecting his property Gathana Paramens, commented on the size of the house and the danger of granting variances.

Larry Kelly, applicant, commented on his variance request.

Dan Tonsmire, ABARK, agreed to move the house towards the road to protect the dune but ask the Commission to only allow variance for hardships.

Suzan Pruitt asked that the applicant build within their footprint

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

County Attorney Report (7:43 PM)

T. Michael Shuler

Attorney Shuler did not present any items for discussion and/or approval.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services (continued) (7:44 PM)

9- Board action to appoint Daki Ward to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He will take Commissioner Parrish's seat, who was serving as a seafood worker.

Toni Torrantó asked that the Board select someone else since Mr. Ward was involved with a development project; Parrish commented on this issue and stated that after contacting other people in the seafood industry, only Mr. Ward accepted

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to appoint Mr. Daki Ward to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Motion carried 5-0.

10- The Board needs to make decision on whether it wants to pay out of reserves for contingency \$4,474.18 for a replacement antenna and transmission line that is utilized by fire departments and first responders. The Sheriff's Office does not use the antenna. I initially thought the replacement antenna should be paid for by the fire departments out of their fire tax, but several fire departments are opposed because they have budgeted all their share of fire tax funds for other items. Board decision

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize payment of \$4,474.18 out of reserves for contingency for a replacement antenna and transmission line that is utilized by fire departments and first responders; Motion carried 5-0.

11- Inform the Board that Mr. Dave McLain's role as Seafood Task Force Coordinator will end at the end of March. According to an email Mr. McLain sent me, he said that he met with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and that "they feel the Task Force would be better with a new Coordinator, so effective the end of this month I will hand off those responsibilities to whomever they choose."

Mr. McLain thanked the Board for their support.

12- While the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan, the Citizen's Advisory Committee has also been working proposed changes. At this point, the CAC is proposing 3 objectives with supporting policies aimed at creating affordable housing. The proposed language would be added to the existing comp plan. The language has been reviewed by Mark Curenton, and me, and briefly by Mr. Shuler, and we have some questions but by and large it looks pretty good. It has not been reviewed by either the Planning and Zoning Commission or the newly created Franklin County Housing Authority. The county commission had made a commitment to allow for CAC changes to be presented for consideration and the time to do that would be when the other proposed changes are heard by the county commission. I have attached the draft language to my report. I recommend the Board include this proposed language on housing with the other comp plan changes, and have the either the Housing Authority or the Planning and Zoning Commission or both make comments on it.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Dan Rozier discussed the CAC and their actions.

13- Because of the need to package the comp plan changes and the large scale map changes together, the earliest the Planning Dept. can be ready with proper advertising is the April 17th meeting. Board action on setting a date.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to have comments from both the housing authority and planning and zoning on the proposed changes (Items 12 and 13) at the April 17 Public Hearing; Motion carried 5-0.

14- Board authorization for the Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed for construction of the airport road. The contract has been awarded to Ben Withers, and the airport consulting engineers recommend the Notice be granted.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Notice to Proceed for construction on airport road; Motion carried 5-0.

15- Preble-Rish has negotiated a price with C.W. Roberts for the widening and resurfacing of CR 67. The original bid price was \$1,639,821.40. The state grant is for \$1,143,901. C.W. Roberts has agreed to a revised price of \$1,370,145.40. The county had budgeted \$1 Million dollars for CR 67 in the event the cost was substantially above the state grant, so with the revised bid the county will only need \$226,224.40 of its funds. Board action to accept the revised bid of \$1,370,145.40 for resurfacing and widening of CR 67.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (8:00 PM)

Commissioner Crofton asked Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Pierce to attend the March 22 Big Bend Designation in Wakulla Springs.

Commissioner Sanders requested approval for travel and expenses on May 10 and 11th classes for Commissioners Sanders, Lockley, and Parrish.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to authorize payment for expenses for Commissioners Sanders, Lockley, and Parrish to attend classes on May 10 and 11; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated that North West Florida Transportation Corridor Authority is taking comments on their master plan until March 29, 2007.

Commissioner Putnal asked who was responsible for cutting trees on Highway 98 between Carrabelle and Carrabelle beach; Mr. Pierce will contact VMS.

Commissioner Crofton stated that he liked the code enforcement information received from Attorney Shuler and would like to set up a workshop to discuss code enforcement. Commissioner Putnal asked Shuler to get a copy of Carrabelle's code enforcement rules and regulation.

Allan Feifer, of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked if Franklin County will be regulated by the State tax roll back rate. Mr. Pierce stated until the tax roll back rate is law the County will not take any position, but thinks that Franklin County can be designated as a fiscally constrained county. Mr. Feifer listed some options that the CCFC would like the Commission to adopt if Franklin County is considered a fiscally constrained county. Board discussed this matter further.

Dave McLain, asked about the Board decision to take or reject the offer made by Mr. Ashley. Attorney Shuler stated what actions the Board took. McLain expressed his displeasure in the manner in which this was done.

Don Ashley commented on the settlement offer made to the County and why he made this offer.

Gail Riegelmayr asked about the feasibility study for health care in the county; Mr. Pierce responded and encouraged Mrs. Riegelmayr to contact Mr. Chuck Colvert, the hospital CEO.

Adjourn(8:20 PM)

There being no further business Chairman Crofton adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts