

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 2005  
5:00 P.M.**

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sanders, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Jimmy Mosconis, Russell Crofton, and Noah Lockley, Jr.; Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services.

**5:00 P.M.** Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-34) Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**WILLIAM SCOTT-FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

(Tape 1-95) Mr. Pierce stated William Scott, Franklin County Veterans Service Officer (VSO), was present at the meeting tonight. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted the Board to send a letter to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners thanking them for allowing the Gulf County VSO Bo Williams assist Franklin County citizens when Mr. Scott was out of the office recently due to an illness. Commissioner Putnal **made a motion to send the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners a letter thanking them for the services of Mr. Williams.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Tape 1-175) Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve each item on the Consent Agent.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. During discussion the public requested that Item D-“A request for a variance to construct a single family dwelling five feet into the front setback line and 16-feet into the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Bayside Lot 23, Alligator Point. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Raymond Hurts. After further discussion the Chairman asked for a vote on the matter. The Commissioners voted unanimously to remove Item D from the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-254) The Board decided to schedule Item D, which was removed from the **Consent Agent this morning due to public opposition, for the Board Meeting scheduled for June 7, 2005. After checking with the Board Secretary for a specific time on the June 7<sup>th</sup> agenda Commissioner Mosconis made a motion to schedule this discussion of Item D regarding the “Hurst” property in Alligator Point for the June 7, 2005 meeting at 11:45 a.m.** All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he had something to discuss with the Board while Mr. Chipman was still at the Board meeting. He said he had been given a list of equipment, law mowers, weed eaters, etc. needed by the Franklin Work Camp to be used by the inmates to keep the County right-of-ways (ROW) cleaned, etc.

Commissioner Mosconis said he didn't mind if the County went ahead and purchased this equipment. Mr. Chipman said he did not want this equipment purchased using his budgeted funds. Mr. Pierce stated that normally this type of equipment for the Department of Corrections (DOC) was purchased using the Courthouse Maintenance Budget. Commissioner Mosconis said he also knew there was a \$5,000.00 limit in the County's Budget Policy. Commissioner Mosconis said all of this could be worked out and made a **motion authorizing the purchase of these items for the Franklin County Work Camp-DOC using the Courthouse Maintenance Budget as long as they were purchased either from the State Bid Contract or under the \$5,000.00 limit.** Commissioner Crofton seconded. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Chipman said he and Commissioner Putnal are always getting complaints about the parking problem at the Timber Island Boat Ramp. He said the most complaints are because of the commercial equipment being parked where the public is supposed to park and unload their boat. Commissioner Putnal said he knew these trucks were using the County ROW. Mr. Pierce said he would advise the construction company to stop parking their construction vehicles on the ROW. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Pierce to check into some property near this boat ramp for public parking. Mr. Pierce said the City of Carrabelle has a lease on the property and the property is in the City of Carrabelle. Chairman Sanders said she would like for this problem to be corrected.

#### **DEWITT POLOUS-MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-493) Mr. Polous informed the Board he had hired Mark Henry to fill the part time position in his department.

(Tape (1-47) Chairman Sanders asked if the Mosquito Control Equipment with the GPS unit was helping with the mosquito problem. Mr. Polous said the complaints are fewer than they were. He did say people do not like the fact the truck cannot stop and just let the spray out. He said the GPS would not allow this although property owners can allow them to drive around the house to spray. Chairman Sanders asked if the County was required by the State to have this GPS system. Mr. Polous replied they required it. He explained the GPS also regulates the spray according to speed the truck is traveling. Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Putnal were adamant about wanting more areas in their districts sprayed and with more spray than was being used. Commissioner Putnal said the growth in the County has caused a lot of the problems. Mr. Polous said the GPS was designed to actually cover more acreage than the old system. Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Putnal both expressed their concerns over the West Nile Virus and the other many known mosquito born illnesses they cause. The Board wanted to know if there was any other system the County could implement that would not require the GPS system. They instructed Mr. Polous to contact the State to see if the County could use any other method of mosquito spraying than just the GPS system. Mr. Polous replied he didn't think there were any and that the State had been very clear this was the only way they would allow mosquito spraying in the whole State of Florida. After discussion about another system, other than the GPS system, Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to write the State of Florida a letter requesting more than a GPS system for**

**Franklin County to help with the mosquito problem.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-813) Mr. Mahan said he had been asked by the Board to see if any fresh water had been released from the “dam” up river to the Apalachicola Bay. Mr. Mahan said he did check with officials involved in this matter and was informed by him they did not release any fresh water into the Apalachicola River.

(Tape 1-825) He asked the Board for a “Letter of Support” for the University of West Florida Department of Marketing and Economics research for “Oyster Demand Adjustments to Alternative Consumer Education and Post Harvest Treatments in Response to Vibrio vulnificus” He introduced Dr. Bill Duke and Dr. Ash Morgan to the Board and the audience. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing the Chairman’s signature on a “Letter of Support” for the University of West Florida Department of Marketing and Economics.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-950) Mr. Johnson presented, for the Board’s approval, the Annual Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form. He said this is a statutory requirement of agencies or companies handling more than 600 tons of recovered materials by the State of Florida. He informed the Board during the year of 2004 the County’s recycling program recovered approximately 641 tons of such material. He said the annual cost for this certification \$50.00 which is an expenditure that would also need to be approved. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving and authorizing the Chairman’s signature on the “Annual Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form” and the expenditure of \$50.00 for the cost of the certification.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-952) He presented a copy of a letter from Secretary of State Glenda Hood announcing that the Division of Historical Resources, has recommended Fort Coombs Armory for grant funding, contingent on legislative appropriation. He said the Florida Department of Military Affairs submitted the grant in conjunction with the City of Apalachicola and Franklin County. Funds from the grant will be used to assess the renovation needs of the Armory. Both the County and the City of Apalachicola has committed financially to the application.

(Tape 1-972) Mr. Johnson stated, due to the seasonal influx of visitors on SGI, it has become necessary to staff the restrooms on weekends. He said during the past two weekends he has been inundated with calls at home concerning clogged plumbing and busted water lines. He informed the Board, because of this situation, beginning Memorial Day weekend until after Labor Day, he would have staff in the restrooms to monitor and control the litter at the public beach area from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.. He informed the Board he knew this would require the need for compensatory time for these

employees. He said he was not going to ask the Board to do anything today other than just think about it. He reminded the Board the County would be having Budget Workshops in the very near future and then the matter could be addressed.

Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion authorizing Mr. Johnson to do whatever he felt was necessary to keep the County Park area on SGI clean, which included the bathrooms.** Commissioner Crofton seconded. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1032) Chairman Sanders asked how the new Carrabelle Recreational Park was progressing. Mr. Pierce replied they were waiting on a Topographical Survey by Preble-Rish. Mr. Pierce stated he hopes to have a completed one soon. Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to move on with this project ASAP.

#### **BIDS-“NEW 60 KW GENERATOR”-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

(Tape 1-1053) The Clerk announced the opening of bids for a “New 60 KW Generator” for the Emergency Management Operations Center at the Apalachicola Airport. The following bids were opened and read aloud: American Generators \$20,276.06; Industrial and Power Packing \$25,241.00; Ring Power Corporation Power Systems \$22,360.00 and Flint Equipment Company \$23,000.00. After review of the bids by Butch Baker, EOC Director, and his recommendation to the Board to award the bid to Flint Equipment Company Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to award the bid for the “New 60 KW Generator” for the Emergency Management Operations Center to Flint Equipment Company in the amount of \$23,000.00 contingent on a question being answered for Mr. Baker regarding the “Transfer Switch”.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **MARCIA M. JOHNSON-CLERK OF COURTS**

(Tape 1-1398) Mrs. Johnson asked for a clarification on a motion Commissioner Mosconis made at a previous meeting regarding a “Zero Based” Budget. She presented each of the commissioners with the letter she had already mailed out to the Elected Offices and Department Supervisors, which had already been discussed with the Board. She said it was too late to send a new letter to anyone suggesting changes in their proposed budget. She suggested the Board could just review each budget at the workshops. She assured them the letter she sent to them did ask everyone submitting a budget to be prepared to justify each expenditure.

#### **THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(Tape 1-1463) Mr. Shuler said he had the Legal Services of North Florida Contract ready for the Chairman to sign. He said the contract would be renewable.

(Tape 1-1516) He also reported he had been working on an “Ordinance for Code Enforcement” in Franklin County which would provide for a Code Enforcement Officer to use when the County hired one.

(Tape 1-1530) He said the BOA proposed settlement in the Mullis versus Franklin County lawsuit would allow The Mullis' to put an aerobic system in the maximum encroachment of 10-feet. He asked the Board to adopt and approve the settlement and authorize the Chairman's signature on the document. He said he was recommending the Board take this action. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion accepting the settlement in the Mullis versus Franklin County Lawsuit and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the final documents.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **BIDS-LANARK VILLAGE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

(Tape 1-1627) The Clerk announced it was time to open the bids for the Lanark Village Drainage Improvement Project. The following bids were opened: C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. \$228,681.00 and Duggar Excavating \$212,324.00. Debbie Belcher, representative of the firm handling the project said she and Mr. Kennedy, Preble-Rish, would meet and come back with a decision on which bid to recommend the Board accept. After a brief review of the documents Ms. Belcher said she and Mr. Kennedy would recommend the bid be awarded to Duggar Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$212,324.00. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to accept the bid submitted by Duggar Excavating in the amount of \$212,324.00 as recommended by Ms. Belcher and Mr. Kennedy.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1708) Mr. Shuler continued his report at this time. He said regarding the Thom Lewis lawsuit and the settlement he would recommend the Board vote to deny Mr. Lewis' request for attorneys fees. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion to deny Mr. Lewis' request for the County to pay his legal fees for his lawsuit against the County.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler reported Mr. Lewis is out of Country on a trip and will not be back until the last of the month anyway. He said he would meet with him to inform him of the Board's decision about this matter.

(Tape 1-1834) A discussion ensued about a crab processing plant in the Southland Subdivision area of Franklin County, off of Bluff Road. Mr. Shuler said the R-2 zoning in that area did not allow crab processing as a use. He suggested the Board consider rezoning the property to R-4 so the crab processing plant could stay in operation. He said if the property owner wants to have this property rezoned to R-4 then they would need to go ahead and begin the process. Jackie Etheridge, a neighbor of the crab processor, appeared before the Board to tell them of her frustration of this matter. She said there is a terrible order, bugs are bad, and she told them it was an over all health hazard. Mr. Shuler asked Ms. Etheridge to hold her comments until a public hearing was scheduled. He told her the property owner would have to come into the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Office to legally apply for a rezoning and then a public hearing would be scheduled so all parties could be heard about the matter. The Commissioners told Mr. Shuler they would wait another two –weeks, time for the next Board Meeting, for the property owner to apply for a rezoning. The Commissioners also assured the audience they would publicly announce the date of time of the meeting so everyone involved could

attend. Commissioner Lockley said he would like to wait to hear all of the discussion at one time when the public hearing was held. Ms. Etheridge presented photographs of the area and read a letter she had prepared into the record. She said she was ready for something to be done about this matter. The Board assured her they would try to remedy her situation in two-weeks.

### **PUBLIC HEARING-ROAD ABANDONMENT**

(Tape 1-2390) Nick Yonclas, representing the owner Larry Troy-Cove Properties-owners of property adjacent to the road appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Yonclas presented a map with the area highlighted that his clients want abandoned. The property is 135' long and 60'. The property is used for illegal parking, partying, etc. and Mr. Troy would like to have 30-feet-as is usually done in an abandonment. The only bad reason is the possibility of restriction of public access to the water on the Island. Mr. Yonclas gave his reasons this property would never be used for public access. He said the liability alone would cause problems for the County since it is already used by people at the bar as a patio and a parking lot. Mr. Pierce presented an aerial map of the area. He said the upland was owned by the State of Florida. Commissioner Mosconis suggested tabling the decision until the Board goes over to look at the area since this is what he would like to do. Paul Riegelmayr, SGI, a resident on the Island is against the abandonment. He said he has seen 60' wide-houses have been built on a 25' lot. He suggested the problems Mr. Troy are speaking to should be solved by privacy fence. Mr. Riegelmayr said one day the County might need a road or boat ramp or public accessing this area. Larry Troy said currently there is no road or fence to the marshland. He said 2<sup>nd</sup> Street was never fully put through to this area. He asked the Commissioners to go to look at this area since he thought only an air boat or helicopter might be able to get through this public access. Mr. Yonclas said this area has never been permitted for docks, piers, etc. Commissioner Putnal said someone might want to go cast netting in this area and he didn't want him or anyone else to go over private property. Chairman Sanders asked for a decision so the Board could address other issues on the agenda. She said the Staff has recommended the denial of this request. Mr. Shuler said this same request has been consistently denied and abandonment in these areas have always been denied. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to physically go look at the property as well as other areas on SGI that might be used for boat ramps. Commissioner Putnal said he is tired of the Commissioners giving this public land to private property owners who would never allow anyone from the public access to the area. Commissioner Crofton said he thought the definition of water access had different meanings to different people but he felt it would be not be in the publics' best interest to abandon roads leading to the water anywhere in Franklin County. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to deny the request for abandonment of this road as requested by Larry Troy-Cove Properties.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **BIDS-LANARK VILLAGE MANHONE REHAB-GULF TERRACE**

(Tape 2-25) The Clerk announced the opening of bids for the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Manhole Rehabilitation Project-Gulf Terrace. The Following Bid was opened: Poly-Triplex Southeast, LLC in the amount of \$21,312.00. Mr. Pierce said he was sure this was over the budget amount for the project. Commissioner Mosconis

instructed Mr. Pierce to meet with the representatives from Poly-Triplex and ask the Finance Officer, Ruth Williams, if there would be any way to get this project approved. He said the County was only looking at a difference of a few dollars and would really like to see this project completed. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to submit the bid to David Kennedy for review and recommendation.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **DR. TAMARA MARSH-CHAIR-HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE**

(Tape 2-144) Dr. Marsh thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to appear at their meeting tonight. She said she really liked the afternoon meetings since she is seeing patients most of the day. She presented each Commissioner with an "Report to the Franklin County Commissioner from the Franklin County Healthcare Committee dated May 17, 2005. She said the items listed in the report were discussions and issues the Committee had discussed. She did inform the Board the Federal Quality Healthcare Commission Grant is not providing the services that they are supposed to be to meet the grant requirements. Anita Gregory, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said she would like for a letter to be sent to Allan Boyd, Representative and Speaker of the House, about this problem. Wesley Tice, MD, Director of the Franklin County Public Health Unit (FCPHU) said he was going to piggyback with Gulf County so both Counties could have the services of a Pediatrician. He said he along with the Healthcare Committee were working diligently to get professional doctors, nurses, Nurse Practitioners, etc. into this area. He said he felt very good about the Committee and the things they are working on for both Gulf and Franklin Counties.

#### **ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 2-1499) Mr. Pierce said David Kennedy was here and wanted to go ahead and recommend the Board accept the bid from \$21,312.00 total bid. Mr. Kennedy said after some discussion he felt the County could use the \$81,558.70 FEMA reimbursement funds to pay for the remainder of the project over the \$21,312.00. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to accept the bid from Poly-Triplex Southeast LLC in the amount of \$21,312.00 and pay the balance over the budgeted amount for this project from the FEMA Reimbursement Funds \$81,558.70.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce gave the following report to the Commissioners:

(Tape 2-1673) He presented the Board with letters to the Fish Water Commission regarding the hunting licenses, and a letter to FSU President T. K. Wetherell regarding water access at the marine lab.

(Tape 2-1750) He provided the Board with a letter from DEP regarding past county action to protect the Alligator Point Road and his response. Mr. Phil Flood, DEP, has offered to meet with the Alligator Point residents and discuss how other beach communities have worked together to meet the funding needs associated with beach renourishment project. The meeting will most likely include Mike Dombrowski, and myself, as staff, and will probably take place in July or August at an Alligator Point

Taxpayers Association Meeting. I am waiting to hear from Mr. Flood and Mr. Dombrowski on their schedules.

(Tape 2-1798) Board action for Chairman Sanders to sign the letter stating that Franklin County is exempt from DEP Permit fees because the county meets the statutory standard of having a higher percentage of land exempt from the tax rolls than the State average. This letter will be used in the county application to DEP for the construction on T-groins. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on this letter to DEP.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

( Tape 2-1820) Board Action for Chairman Sanders to sign a DEP application for the construction of the T-groins on Alligator Point. The T-groins are an essential part of the county's plan to stabilize the shore on Alligator Point. The county has not yet fully solved the funding for the construction but we need to move ahead with the application for the permit. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on this DEP Permit Application for the construction of the T-groins on Alligator Point.** Commissioner Crofton seconded. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1843) Presented a letter from Mediacom stating that the Franklin County area would now be receiving CBS coverage on Channel 12 from Dothan, Alabama.

(Tape 2-1872) Provided the Board with a copy of a letter to DCA regarding clarification of two issues.

(Tape 2-1918) Provided a copy of a letter from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the speed limit in the "Two-Mile" area of Franklin County in which they inform the County they would not be lowering the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.

(Tape 2-1952) Provided the Board with a copy of the Federal Communication License for the Apalachicola Airport, the FDOT license for the Apalachicola Airport, and the Florida Department of Health compliance certificate for the Apalachicola Airport storage tanks.

(Tape 2-1970) Board action to approve a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) and a Resolution with FDOT for 1 million dollars for construction, design and permitting of the Apalachicola Airport Entrance Road. This road will replace the current access road through Gulf Colony Subdivision. There is no County Match. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the JPA and the Resolution for 1 million dollars for construction, design and permitting of the Apalachicola Airport Road.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1994) Board approval to buy a brush cutter and sprayer equipment off the state bid list using funds from the JPA the Board has already signed and has been returned



fully executed by FDOT. There is no County matching funds requirement. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion authorizing the purchase of a brush cutter and sprayer equipment from the State Bid List using funds from the JPA the Board has with the FDOT for this project.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2005) Board approval to direct staff to prepare bids for an additional fence project paid for by a JPA that the Board has already signed and has been returned fully executed by FDOT. This fence project is to repair parts of the existing fence line and put a barbed wire section on top of existing fence per FAA/DOT requirements. There is no county matching funds. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the County Staff to prepare bids for an additional fence project paid for by a JPA.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2022) Provided the Board with a copy of Change Order #3 to the Franklin County Road Paving Project, which was approved by the Board in February.

(Tape 2-2049) Inform the Board Mr. John Gore called and asked that the Board not discuss the economic element of the Comprehensive Plan. He said Mr. Gore will be out of town and asked that this discussion be postponed until July.

(Tape 2-2054) The engineers for the City of Carrabelle contacted the County with a proposal. At this time, the County has agreed to let the City extend sewer service up River Road, but the sewer line would be placed on the shoulder. The engineers are asking that they be allowed to put the sewer down one lane of asphalt, but then the City will pay to have both lanes of River Road re-surfaced. Does the County want to let this occur and then have the City pay for a road project that otherwise the County was planning on paying for it? Does the Board want a representative from Baskerville-Donovan to come to one of the Board meetings to discuss this matter? Commissioner Putnal said he knew he wanted to wait until he could talk to some people who live on River Road. He said he definitely wanted some input from Baskerville-Donovan, the City of Carrabelle and the citizens who live on River Road.

(Tape 2-2116) Board approval of a letter supporting the City of Apalachicola's historic renovation grant for the Holiness Family School. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing of a letter of support for the City of Apalachicola's historic renovation grant and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the letter.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2140) Board approval of a Boating Improvement Grant to finish the repairs at Battery Park Marina that were started a couple of years ago. Even though the City of Apalachicola owns the facility the grant requires the County be the applicant. The County was the applicant several years ago when the first improvements were made. Rich Reeves, Grant Administrator, will be the grant manager. Board action on the grant application and resolution of support for the grant. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution of Authorization**

**supporting and executing the grant application for repairs and improvements to the Battery Park Marina and to appoint Rich Reeves, as grant manager.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2163) Inform the Board that Butch Baker, EOC Director, has been invited to assist Volusia County with a training program. Volusia County will pay for his travel and expenses for the two days he will be down there. The days will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>.

(Tape 2-2177) Board action to sign FDOT maps indicating the type of roadways in the County. All the roadway segments on the map are eligible for state assistance except Alligator Point. According to Jim Newsome, FDOT, the Federal Highway Administration requires the County to sign the map. I concur with the types of roadways on the map and recommend the Board approve the map. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on these maps as recommended and approved by Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2253) Present Board with letters from Eastpoint Sewer and Water and the Fire Department with differing opinions on a proposed water tower. I recommend the Board ask Commissioner Putnal to investigate the situation to see if a compromise can be worked out since the issue is in his district.

(Tape 2-2395) Request Board direction from the Board on whether the Porter Street Canal on St. George Island is to remain open to the public. The last action the Board took was at the July 2, 2002 meeting, which was to close the access point. This past weekend the ramp was opened by someone trying to gain access to the canal. Ron Bloodworth, a 38-year resident of SGI, said his deeds, etc, clearly state the canals and streets and alleys dedicated to the perpetual use of the land owners-access through dedication. Joe Felice and Tom Blades, both homeowners on the canal said the canal should not be opened and should definitely be closed to the Porter Street access. Mr. Felice and Mr. Blades brought all of the old issues, such as parking problems, concrete poles, etc. back into the discussion. The Board said the Porter Street Access was closed in 2002 and still should be closed.

(Tape 2-2902) Chairman Sanders said The Small County Coalition needs another representative to attend the meetings with her. The County needs another person designated to be appointed to the Small County Coalition at least by the next meeting on May 31, 2005. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to appoint Noah Lockley, Jr. to this position on the Small County Coalition,** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for Mr. Pierce reminded the Board he would be the staff representative on this coalition. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-3006) Commissioner Lockley asked about a salary survey the Florida Association of Counties prepared. He said he would like for Franklin County to have a

copy of the survey. Commissioner Putnal said he thinks County employees are under paid.

(Tape 2-3104) Commissioner Lockley said he had to come to the Courthouse the other day to pick-up his mail and he could not believe the leaking problems at the Courthouse. He said he saw water leaking in the windows, under the windows and through the roof. He said something has to be done about this problem. Mr. Pierce replied there had been numerous attempts to fix the leaking problems.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD  
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **CHERYL SANDERS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MARCIA M. JOHNSON**