

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2005**

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

9:00 A.M. Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-55) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-67) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay G&N Painting as listed on the County bills.** Commissioner Lockley abstained from voting on this motion since he is the owner of G&N Painting. Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-75) Mr. Chipman reported he had been instructed by the Board to close the boat ramp someone had created on SGI at the end of Porter Street. He said they opened up the area around 9th Street, the “Luau” for people to use.

(Tape 1-102) Commissioner Mosconis asked about the Carrabelle Sports Complex. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, answered the County Engineers are working on a “Wetlands Delineation” plan so they can get a permit from DEP. Chairman Sanders said there was an appropriation of \$400,000.00 for this park and she did not want all of this money spent on engineering services, etc. Mr. Pierce said the Road Department could start work as soon as next month. Chairman Sanders said again “she wanted the money spent on the park and not on engineering services, etc.” She said she wanted to use County residents or businesses as much as they could too.

(Tape 1-184) Mr. Pierce said he had an item on his report he would need to discuss while Mr. Chipman is still at the meeting. He stated he would need Board authorization for an agreement between Preble-Rish Engineering and the County to provide design, permitting, and construction supervision for the Bluff Road Boat Ramp. He said this authorization is for the cost not to exceed \$27,500.00. A discussion ensued about River Road in Carrabelle and about the City of Carrabelle wanting to cut across the road to place the water and sewer lines in. Several residents said the company doing the work has cut culverts and reinstalled them incorrectly, which caused erosion on their property. Richard Grunau, Knut Rittweger and Billy Kersey expressed their concerns about the paving of River Road before any utility work was done. The Board assured these citizens that the County was preparing to pave River Road and the City of Carrabelle would be totally responsible if they did anything to damage the new paving. The Board instructed

Mr. Pierce to send a letter to the City of Carrabelle Mayor, Jim Brown, informing him of the County's concerns about damage that might be caused to the new paving.

(Tape 1-403) Commissioner Lockley asked the Commissioners if they had seen the letter from the ABC Charter School in Apalachicola requesting the County place a thin coat of asphalt on their road, 350 Fred Meyer Lane. He said the street already has a base coat of asphalt and all they need is a thin topcoat placed on the base coat. Commissioner Lockley said he would make a **motion adding the placement of a topcoat of asphalt on the street going into the ABC Charter School in Apalachicola, 350 Fred Meyer Lane to the current County Paving Program with C. W. Roberts.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. A vote was taken on this motion as follows: Chairman Sanders, Commissioner Putnal and Crofton against. Commissioner's Mosconis and Lockley for. 3-2 **MOTION FAILED.** Commissioner Crofton said this adding on to the paving contract was going to have to stop sometime. He stated he felt there had to be a cut off date or at least a cut off project. Commissioner Putnal agreed and stated he wanted other roads in his district paved too, but couldn't because this paving program has to be stopped some time. Commissioner Mosconis said it really didn't matter and C. W. Roberts had always worked with the County with Change Orders and then financing any amount the County couldn't pay until the County received enough Local Option Gas Tax funds to pay them off. Mr. Pierce stated it was really becoming frustrating to him, the engineers, the County Finance Office, etc. The Clerk, Marcia Johnson, said the Commissioners were already approximately \$500,000.00 over budget with the paving project. She said the Board budgeted approximately 3 million dollars and now with all of the changes it has been estimated the project is already \$500,000.00 over budget. Commissioner Mosconis said "\$10,000.00 to fix this road will not make or break the budget." He said \$600,000.00 could be covered with next year's Local Option Gas Tax if was pledged to it. Mr. Pierce said it is really "not fair" to allow one commissioner to have something paved in his district and not allow the others to have one in their district paved. Commissioner Crofton said he was going to hold firm on "cutting the change orders" off. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to add the placement of a top coat of asphalt on the street going into the ABC Charter School in Apalachicola, 350 Fred Meyer Lane to the current County Paving Program with C. W. Roberts.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Commissioner's Crofton, Mosconis, Lockley and Putnal for. Chairman Sanders against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-940) Mr. Johnson said he would need the Board to approve the Chairman's signature on the completed Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant application for fiscal year 2005-2006. The State Legislators budgeted \$6.5 million to be awarded to counties with populations of less than 100,000. Franklin County should receive \$191,176.00. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant application for fiscal year 2005-2006.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-962) He said effective June 30th the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Council will be assuming the operation and services of the Franklin County Senior Citizens Council. The Wakulla Council wants to lease the same space in the Armory that the Franklin County Group used for a continuation of services to the Franklin County citizens. The rental rate for the space is \$300.00 a month and the lease would be between Franklin County and the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for a term of one year. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing a lease agreement between the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners and the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for the use of the Armory in Apalachicola for one year at \$300.00 a month effective June 30th.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1150) Mr. Johnson informed the Board the Franklin County Dixie League AA Division would be holding the All-Star Baseball Tournament at the D. W. Wilson Sports Complex Saturday, June 11th at 5:00 p.m. The tournament will last until Friday, June 17th, with teams traveling from Port St. Joe and Panama City to participate in the games. Should there be no rain delays the games should end around 11:30 a.m. nightly.

(Tape 1-1161) He said the Parks & Recreation Department has organized a Music Festival for the youth of Franklin County. The Department will hold the festival at Vrooman Park in Eastpoint, Saturday, June 25th, from 5:00 until 10:00. For the festival, three local youth bands and one adult group will be providing the entertainment free of charge. The Sheriff will be providing the security during the event and local non-profit groups are being asked to provide the concessions. Haley Wood, a sophomore at Carrabelle High School appeared before the Board this morning to explain exactly how this idea came to be. She asked the Board for their full support. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion supporting and authorizing the use of Vrooman Park in Eastpoint on Saturday, June 25th, from 5:00 until 10:00 for the first Music Festival organized by the Parks & Recreation Department.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MARCIA M. JOHNSON-CLERK

(Tape 1-1287) Ms. Johnson said she would like to introduce Michael Moron to the Board this morning. She stated the Board knew Mr. Moron from the SHIP Program since he was the administrator of that program. She informed the Board Mr. Moron has been employed by her to assume the duties of Amelia Varnes, Board Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Clerk. She explained Ms. Varnes would remain employed at the Clerk's Office, but move to another position. She said Mr. Moron would be typing the Board Minutes, the Agenda and providing support for any request made by any one of the Commissioners.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-1323) Mr. Pierce began his report by asking whom the Commissioners would like to send, along with Chairman Sanders, as their representative to the Annual Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Commissioner (ISSC) Meeting. He said the Board usually sends another representative to represent Franklin County at these meetings. Commissioner

Mosconis said he would like for the new Shellfish Lab employee, Charlene Burke, to attend the meeting. He made a **motion authorizing sending the new Shellfish Lab Employee, Charlene Burke, to the Annual ISSC Meeting.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1378) He said Dr. Tamara Marsh, Chairman of the Franklin County Health Council recommends the Board consider adding one more seat to this council. The Council, at the suggestion of Representative Will Kendrick, recommends adding a Senior Citizen Representative to the council. The Council has decided they would like to recommend Sister Sheila fill that position since she has been attending all of the meetings out of concern. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion to take the recommendation of Representative Will Kendrick and appoint a Senior Citizens Representative, Sister Sheila, to the Franklin County Health Council.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1380) He asked the Board to authorize overtime for existing Solid Waste employees who work maintaining the bathrooms during the summer weekends at the SGI County Park. He along with Van Johnson, Solid Waste Director and Ruth Williams, Finance Officer recommend the Board authorize the overtime and make it effective from May 21st, because the County had to employ existing personnel before the County had time to advertise for temporary positions because of complaints of the conditions of the bathrooms. He suggested the effective date of the overtime earned should be retroactive back to May 21st. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing overtime for existing Solid Waste employees who work maintaining the bathrooms during the summer weekends at the SGI County Park.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1390) Mr. Pierce told the Board he would like authorization to provide notice to the Franklin County Senior Citizen Board of Directors that Franklin County will be resuming the SHIP Program. He recommended the Commissioners allow him to consult with Mr. Moron, who is the current SHIP Program Administrator, about future options for the SHIP Program. He said then he could probably make a recommendation to the Board at the first meeting in July. The main option to be considered is how to leverage housing funds so the County can begin to deal with the affordable housing problem. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to provide notice to the Franklin County Senior Citizen Board of Directors that Franklin County will be resuming the operation of the SHIP Program.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1491) He informed the Board the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has issued the Notice of Compliance regarding the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan. Third parties have until June 16th to file challenges to the DCA determination.

(Tape 1-1508) He told the Board he went to a DCA Workshop on May 18th in Niceville to learn about the requirements the County is now facing with its next Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). Even though the County has just finished revising the Comp

Plan the State now wants the County to perform, evaluate and appraise the plan by September 2006. However the EAR update will be limited in scope since not much in the County will have changed in 15 months. He and Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, will be reporting on this issue in the future.

JOE DONOVAN-CFO EMERGYSTAT, INC.

(Tape 1-1600) Mr. Donovan informed the Board he was here this morning to discuss the letter he sent the Commission dated May 19, 2005 regarding Emergystat's intention of ending their ambulance service to the County as of June 30th if DasSee, the company leasing the local hospital, does not pay their currently owed balance of \$90,000.00. He said the County has been paying their portion of the agreement, which the County should not even have to be paying. He told the Commissioners he was very serious with his threat and that if the balance due his company was not paid by June 30th they would bring all of vehicles and equipment belonging to Franklin County to the local hospital and park them at that time. Mr. Donovan said no business could afford to keep taking losses like this and survive. He stated he felt EmergyStat had been more than patient with DasSee CEO Mike Lake and the County. Chairman Sanders made it clear to Mr. Donovan the County hadn't been late with any of their payments. Mr. Donovan agreed and said DasSee is not making the payments they agreed to. Mike Lake, CEO DasSee Community Health Systems, appeared before the Board and informed the Board of the many reasons he was late in paying EmergyStat. He presented a package of information to the Board and informed the Board he was seeking approval of a USDA Loan and had already been preliminary approved for it. He said it should be finalized at the end of June or the middle of July. He explained at this time he expects he would catch up all of his past due accounts. He said EmergyStat has not credited him with two payments he has made to them to reduce this debt. Commissioner Mosconis said he knew the ambulance service had to keep operating in the County for the citizens here. Dr. Adamcryk and Dr. Pierce, local ER Physicians, told the Board how important the hospital is to this area. The doctors expressed concerns and complaints again, about how there never seems to be an ambulance available to move patients out of the county when they need them moved. Mr. Lake said the hospital has come a long way since he has taken over, such as receiving Joint Accreditation-recruiting excellent staff and physicians. He said whether anyone likes it or not the County is going to, because of all of the growth, have to consider constructing a hospital that is located more in the middle of the County. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this issue and it was agreed by the Board that Commissioner Mosconis, Alan Pierce, Mike Lake, and the County Attorney Michael Shuler would meet tomorrow to discuss the options the County and the hospital had to end this problem. Donna Butterfield, appeared before the Board to present a reply to a letter sent to her from the Agency on Health Care Administration (AHCA) regarding a complaint she filed against Weems Hospital for sanitary reasons. She said the AHCA letter stated the would require the facility to submit a plan of correction and the AHCA Office would monitor the hospital for compliance. Nancy Brush, asked to be recognized by the Board. She said she listened to Ms. Butterfield's comments and felt compelled to say that she had at least 6 experiences with Weem's Memorial during the last year-life and death experiences-and she felt she couldn't have found better doctors, staff, etc. anywhere in the world. She said she didn't care about a little dirt, etc. all she wanted was

for her or her love ones life to be saved. She said the physicians at the hospital, Dr. Pierce, Dr. Adamcryk and Dr. Hart were excellent physicians. She stated the nurses and other members of the medical team were outstanding people as well as professionals. She said she had nothing but good things to say about the local hospital. The Board asked Mr. Donovan to meet with Mr. Lake, Commissioner Mosconis, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shuler tomorrow to see if something couldn't be worked out. The Board said the citizens of Franklin County are the most important component of this discussion.

GRANT SLAYDEN-OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

(Tape 2-300) Mr. Slayden said he was here to appear before the Board to represent Judge Charles Francis, Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, because he had been held up in a court proceeding in Tallahassee. Mr. Slayden said the Judge had sent a letter to the Board on April 14, 2005 requesting the funds collected in the amount of \$9,853.71, which has been collected as a result of a ordinance adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2004 requiring a surcharge not to exceed \$15.00 for any non-criminal traffic violation and criminal violations of Florida Statute Section 318.17. The ordinance provides these additional funds must be used to fund court facilities. Security equipment for the Courthouse is a facility expense. The ordinance further provides that funds collected pursuant to the ordinance shall be expended as provided by the Board of County Commissioners. He said the Judge and his staff recently met with the County Judge, Sheriff, and Clerk to discuss what needs to be accomplished in order to provide better security for the courthouse. He said the Judge believes everyone agrees that improved security is necessary, given the occurrence of recent events involving injury and loss of lives at courthouse facilities in other locations. He said a security system has been proposed as well as several other security items which when added together cost approximately \$11,956.00 plus a recurring annual costs of \$2,160.00 for these systems. The \$9,853.71 along with the \$1,088.00 that was collected during FY 2004 would help defray these costs. He said he is here to ask for authorization to spend this money immediately for this security system. Commissioner Lockley made a **motion to submit to the Office of the State Court Administrator, Circuit Judge Charles Frances, Chief Judge Second Judicial Circuit \$9,853.71 representing the surcharge collected from the County Ordinance adopted July 20, 2004 when it was adopted through February, 2005 along with \$1,088.00 collected from FY 2004, plus a \$2,160.00 recurring annual cost for this system.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Pierce presented the following Land-Use change and Zoning change requests to the Board:

LAND-USE AND REZONING CHANGE REQUESTS

(Tape 2-523) **PARCEL 1** A 10-acre parcel Carrabelle changed from Industrial to Residential. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving this land-use change from Industrial to Residential.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Then the Board had to consider a zoning change on the same property. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a zoning change from I-I**

Industrial to R-1 Single Family Residential. Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-707) **PARCEL 2** A 6-acre parcel between Eastpoint & Carrabelle changed from Rural Residential to Residential. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a land-use change from Rural Residential to Residential.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Then the Board had to consider a zoning change on the same property. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a zoning change from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-770) **PARCEL 3** Lot 4, Block 7, Lanark Village Public Facilities to Residential. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a land-use change from Public Facilities to Residential.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Then the Board had to consider a zoning change on the same property. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a zoning change from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ZONING CHANGE REQUESTS

(Tape 2-836) **PARCEL 4** A 14.05 acre parcel at the end of River Road in Carrabelle from R-2 Single Family Residential/ Mobile Home to R-1 Single Family Residential. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the zoning change for this parcel of land from R-2 Single Family Residential/Mobile Home to R-1 Single Family Residential.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-878) **PARCEL 5** Lots 30-32, Block 2, Unit One West, SGI C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion approving the zoning change for this parcel of land from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-925) **PARCEL 6** Lots 4-8 and Lots 25-29, Block 2, Unit One West, SGI c-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion approving the zoning change for this parcel of land from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1025) **PARCEL 7** Lots 28-30, Block 3, Unit One East, SGI C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion approving the zoning change for this parcel of land from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1043) **PARCEL 8** Lots 14-16- Block 5, Unit One West, SGI C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to approving the zoning change for this parcel of land from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Mixed Use Residential.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILL HUNTER-FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(Tape 2-1080) Bill Hunter with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Vocational Rehabilitation Department appeared before the Board. He said he just wanted to make the Commissioners and the audience members aware of the programs the FDOT offers to businesses who would hire someone who is qualified for their Vocational Rehabilitation Program. He asked anyone who is interested in hearing more about what he has to offer people in Franklin County to contact him so he could give them more information about this program.

(Tape 2-1511) Chairman Sanders said she wanted to inform the Board that Franklin County had been approved for funding for Courthouse facilities from the Florida Legislature. She said the County had been approved for approximately \$300,000.00 and the funding wouldn't have been possible if it had not been for Representative Will Kendrick. She said she wanted to thank him on behalf of the Board since Representative Kendrick was at the Board meeting this morning.

PH-ORDINANCE REGARDING OBSTRUCTION COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS

(Tape 2-1660) Mr. Shuler presented "An Ordinance prohibiting the obstruction of public or private vehicle or pedestrian access ways: prohibiting the parking or leaving of private motor vehicles, trailers of fifth-wheels on public property without authorization; providing for towing at owner's expense on authorization by the County Sheriff or County Director of Administrative Services; providing for sever ability; providing for an effective date." Mr. Shuler informed the Board this is the ordinance that the Board has been discussing and changing several times. He said he thought he had covered all of the concerns of the Commissioners about crabbers, people floundering, etc. He recommended the Board go ahead and adopt this ordinance. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion adopting this ordinance and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the document.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED

(Tape 2-1922) Mr. Pierce continued his report at this time by informing the Board the County did receive an extension on the NOAA grant that is paying for some of the studies associated with the Alligator Point Beach Stabilization Project.

(Tape 2-1929) He informed the Board he would be attending an Alligator Point Taxpayers meeting (APTPA) on August 13th to discuss the Alligator Point Beach Stabilization Project. The purpose of the meeting will be to bring to bring the community up to speed on the current status of the project, but more importantly, hopefully it will begin the dialogue with how the County will fund the local matching requirements. At

this time the County has approximately \$500,000.00 in the Bald Point Trust Fund. The matching amount the County has to fund is 50%, so if the beach renourishment project, including pumping sand and construction of the T-groins costs 2 million dollars, the State will pay 1 million dollars and the County will pay 1 million dollars for the Alligator Point Project. The approved State budget does include 1 million dollars for the Alligator Point Project. The County Commission has never participated in a beach renourishment project before so Phil Flood and Mike Dombrowski from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be at this meeting to talk to this group about how other communities have funded such projects. Funding options do include special assessments and other local funding options applicable to just Alligator Point, as well as the approach that the County's General Revenue would cover the County portion of the costs.

(Tape 2-1983) He informed the Board the County was not awarded a 2004-2005 Emergency Medical Services Rural Matching grant, so the County will not be receiving any funds from the State to buy another ambulance. He recommended the Board direct Rich Reeves, the Grants Administrator, to re-submit the grant, but the Board would also need to consider budgeting County funds for an ambulance during the budget workshops. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion authorizing Rich Reeves, Grants Administrator, to re-submit an Emergency Medical Service Rural Matching grant at the appropriate time.** Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2009) He presented the Board with a copy of a letter he sent to John Cafazza, Division of Health Center Management, Health Resources and Services Administration with the State of Florida informing them the County is dissatisfied with the medical care North Florida Medical, a Federally Qualified Health Care provider, is providing the Franklin County residents. He said the Board had instructed him to do this and he sent the letter. He said he would let the Board know if he had a response to the letter.

(Tape 2-2024) He presented a copy of a letter Lewis Fishman, an attorney representing the Lower Keys Hospital District, sent to the County requesting informing on how other counties are dealing with funding indigent care. He said he has not responded to the letter, but he mentioned this matter to the Board because of all of the other items similar to this on the agenda today.

(Tape 2-2037) He informed the Board he received a letter from Terry Jangula, USCOE, requesting information regarding the Eastpoint Channel Dredging Project. He said he has responded to that letter.

(Tape 2-2099) He said a gentleman, Jim Weigard, Poloaris Properties has contacted the County regarding support of re-opening of a nursing home in the County. He said Mr. Weigard works for a real estate company. He asked the Board if they would like for him to send a letter of support for a nursing home in Franklin County to Mr. Weigard. Commissioner Crofton made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to Jim Weigard, Poloaris Properties supporting his effort to put a new nursing home in**

Franklin County. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2182) He provided the Board with a copy of a letter written to FDOT stating the Lake Morality Road Project will be included in the County's Capital Improvement Plan when it is updated. This is a new requirement of FDOT.

(Tape 2-2193) He asked the Board to approve an agreement between Preble-Rish Engineering and the County to provide design, permitting and construction supervision for the new Bluff Road Boat Ramp not to exceed \$27,500.00. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought that amount was "a little high" but went ahead and made a **motion approving an agreement between Preble-Rish Engineering and the County to provide design, permitting and construction supervision for the new Bluff Road Boat Ramp not to exceed \$27,500.00.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2272) He asked the Board to authorize him to move an existing funded position in the Planning and Zoning Budget to a position in the Building Department Budget and then fill the position. The purpose of this is to provide more clerical support for the answering of telephones and the issuance of building permits, and contractor registrations. By putting the position in the Building Department Budget the Building Department fees can be used to help pay for the position. Hopefully, building fees will fully fund the position in a year. After some discussion and suggestions Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to move an existing funding position in the Planning and Zoning Budget to a position in the Building Department Budget and the fill the position contingent on Mr. Pierce placing an advertisement for the position in the newspaper.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2435) He asked the Board to clarify the future meeting schedule of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. He said the Commissioners needed to decide if the first Board meeting of the month was going to be at 9:00 a.m. and the second Board meeting of the month at 5:00 p.m. After discussion the Board informed Mr. Pierce they would make a final decision about this in July.

(Tape 2-2488) He informed the Board the Clerk's Office has announced their office will only be closed two days for the Christmas holidays this year because Christmas falls on a Sunday. The Board personnel rules specifically list three days at Christmas for paid holiday leave. The clerk will be closing the Courthouse on Friday and Monday. He asked the Board if they wanted to leave it up to each department what other day is taken for the holiday leave or does the Board want to establish either Thursday, December 22, 2005 or Tuesday, December 27, 2005 as the third day for the Christmas Holiday's. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board said they would consider and think about this matter. Commissioner Mosconis said he felt these problems were created because the Road Department only works a four-day workweek. He stated he really wanted the Board to address this issue of changing their schedule so they can go back to a full five-

day workweek. Ms. Johnson explained her reasons for her decisions to allow these dates for the Christmas Holidays and assured the Board neither they, nor the other Constitutional Officers had to follow her rules.

(Tape 2-2604) He presented a copy of a letter he sent to Chris Doolin, Executive Director, Small County Coalition listing the appointments to the Small County Coalition. Chairman Sanders, member and Commissioner Noah Lockley, Jr. alternate member, and Alan Pierce, Staff Representative were listed in the letter to Mr. Doolin.

THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-2793) Mr. Shuler presented the Board with a proposed Code Enforcement Ordinance. He asked them to review it and bring back any recommendations they had to change the ordinance so if the Board decided this is the type of ordinance they would like to consider for the County he could go ahead and move forward with advertising, etc.

(Tape 2-2810) He said the members of the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District (LVW&SD) and their attorney are requesting his assistance in some of their District matters, such a special elections, etc. He asked the Board if they wanted him to assist them and their attorney. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the County Attorney to assist the LVW&SD members and their attorney with these matters.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED**

(Tape 2-2838) He said Thom Lewis' attorney has submitted a proposed settlement to the issues pending from Mr. Lewis' lawsuit with the County. He said he would review the document and try to final resolve this matter.

(Tape 2-2946) He requested the Chairman's signature on the Settlement Agreement in Case Number 04-000320-CA, Lee Mullis versus Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. He said he had reviewed and discussed this agreement with the Board several times and he is ready to recommend final approval and signature on the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on this Settlement Agreement.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-3022) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Shuler to call the Siprells today about a problem with Squire Road that Mr. Shuler had promised he would take care of for the Siprells. Mr. Shuler assured the Commissioner he would take care of the matter today.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PH RAYMOND HURST VARIANCE

(Tape 2-3086 Continued on Tape 2) Mr. Shuler explained this is the variance issue the Board has discussed and tabled many times. He said there needs to be a decision today to either approve the variance or deny the variance. Raymond Hurst, owner of the property, Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental, and Mr. Hurst's attorney, Dan Hartman appeared before the Board to present their supporting opinions of granting the variance. Residents near the area Allan Feifer, President of the APTPA, Harriett Wilson and several others voiced their adamant opposition to the variance being granted. Mr. Feifer presented a

petition signed by approximately 200 to 300 people opposing the variance. They urged the Board to not approve this variance. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Crofton made a **motion to deny this variance request submitted by Raymond Hurst.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. Chairman Sanders, Commissioner Crofton and Commissioner Putnal for. Commissioner Lockley and Commissioner Mosconis against. 3-2 **MOTION CARRIED.**

OTHER MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 3-996) Commissioner Crofton asked the Board if they would approve a letter to the SGI Lighthouse Association supporting their efforts “Rescue the Light” for the preservation of the lighthouse on SGI lighthouse. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter of support for the “Rescue the Light” project for the Cape SGI Lighthouse.** Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 3-1548) Jackie Etheridge, a resident of Apalachicola, appeared before the Board to state her opposition to the “Crab Operation” currently being operated in her residential neighborhood. She said she had been to this Board again and again and nothing else has been done about the problem. She stated if anything the issue between her and the neighbor operating this “Crab Operation” had gotten more contentious. Mr. Shuler said he would discuss this matter with the person operating the “Crab Operation” and see if something couldn’t be worked out. Ms. Etheridge said she this is the same promise the Board has made to her over and over again. She stated “She wanted something done”. She was very adamant about this matter. Mr. Shuler said he would have some type of a solution to propose to the Board at the June 21st Board Meeting.

(Tape 3-1930) George Pruitt, Eastpoint VFD, said he wanted the Board of County Commissioners to know the Eastpoint VFD is not opposed to the new water tower being constructed by the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, but just the location of the tower. The Board and Mr. Pierce informed Mr. Pruitt that matter had already been solved.

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

_____ **CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN**

_____ **MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK**

