

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
NOVEMBER 1, 2005
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, Bevin Putanl – Vice-Chairman, Russell Crofton, Noah Lockley, and Jimmy Mosconis

Staff Present: Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works, Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Marcia M Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Moron – Board Secretary

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Commissioner Crofton motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2005. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills

Motion

Commissioner Crofton motioned to approve payment of the County Bills as presented with the exception of G&N payment and a payment to Ms. Belinda Lockley. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Payment of Additional County Bills

Motion

Commissioner Crofton motioned to approve payment for G&N Contractors and Ms. Belinda Lockley. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Lockley abstained due to a conflict.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Roads:

- Stated it was too dry to pave
- All his efforts were concentrated on the new Carrabelle Park
- Discussed Bluff Road boat ramp
- Discussed cleaning ditches during dry season
- Discussed an inmate squad for Mosquito Control

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director:

- Policy on debris removal discussed

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to adopt the clarified policy governing Debris Removal. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Keep Franklin County Beautiful grant discussed
 - The Apalachicola Bay and River Keepers administering the grant discussed

Motion

Commissioner Crofton motioned to bring the Keep Franklin County Beautiful Program under the direction of the Board and to apply for the F.D.O.T., Litter Prevention Grant to fund the cost of administering the program, and to solicit the assistance of the River Keepers to administer the Keep Franklin County Beautiful program. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Small County Solid Waste Management Grant discussed

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to accept the grant and authorize the Chairman's signature on the document. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Updated Board on Bay Aid Benefit
 - Attorney Shuler commented on setting up account to use money raised
 - Auditors recommendation discussed
 - Attorney Shuler read Auditors email

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Auditors. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Board discussed using Red Cross database to avoid applicants “double dipping”
 - **Gathana Parmenas**, of the Red Cross, commented on Red Cross sharing applicants information
- **Mayor Mel Kelly** commented on cleanup problems in Carrabelle

Joe Shields - Department of Agriculture

- Update the Board on the “Red Tide”
 - Cell count is declining
 - Conditions still good for red tide growth
 - Satellite pix still showed evidence of red tide
- Board discussed affects of river on red tide
- Board asked DOA to look into the opening of river to aid with red tide
- Board asked for explanation of causes of red tide; Shields explained
 - Time Limit 4 – 6 weeks after count is low and consistant and good meat samples are found
 - Shields will dialog with Corp of Engineer regarding release of fresh water
- Board discussed independent sampling and legal firm to represent

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to send a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers requesting an increase on amount of fresh water released from the Chattahoochee River. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- **Robert Millinder** commented on the closing of Bay and the “red tide”
- **Bruce Rotella** commented on the “relay program” in ability to pay the workers
- **Sondra Powell** asked about the SHIP Emergency Assistance Program
- **Michael Moron**, SHIP Administrator, discussed procedure for the Emergency Assistance Program

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to authorize the Chairman’s signature on checks once applications have been approved by the SHIP staff. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- **Joan Dasher** commented on assistance for seafood workers living outside the county
- **Katie McKnight** commented on the Emergency Assistance Program
- **Alan Pierce** discussed funding for Relay Program
- **Wesley Smith** commented on assistance from the SHIP seafood assistance program

Public Hearing - Daniel Cox – The Soundings LLC

- Mr. Pierce discussed the reason for Public Hearing
- Attorney Daniel Cox addressed Board
- Chairman Sanders asked for public comments
 - There was no public comment

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to adopt the amendment to the Comp Plan regarding the Soundings LLC. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor’s Report - Continued

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

- Reviewed letter to Mr. Sherman Wilhelm regarding “red tide” independent testing

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to accept the letter as presented. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Board asked Mahan to investigate a current judge's ruling regarding red grouper fisheries regulations

RFP Ambulance Service

- Mr. Pierce recommended having the FC Health Council review RFPs
- Mr. Pierce opened RFPs
 - Emergystat proposal is \$17,000 per month 2 ambulances
 - Bay Medical \$84,000 annually for a management contract

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to have the Health Council review the RFPs and make a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to relieve Dasee on all future taxes owed to the County for the Hospital Building. Commissioner Putnal rescinded his motion.

- Board discussed taxes and rent owed by Dasee
- The Board directed the staff to write letter to Mr Lake requesting his presence at the next regular meeting regarding Dasee taxes and payments
- The Board discussed Dr. Applebee's situation and the status of the County's Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Attorney Shuler also commented.

Department Supervisor's Report - Continued

Alan Pierce's – Director of Administrative Services

Item 2 – Board action on letter to Dr. Weaver regarding North Florida FQHC in Eastpoint

- Mr. Pierce read letter to Board
- Board recommended sending copy of the letter to all state representatives

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to accept the letter to Dr. Weaver as read. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried. 5-0

- Board discussed available property for health care
- **Anita Grove** discussed the County's FQHC and Dr. Applebee's issue
- **Pastor David Walker** commented on the Health Care issue
- **Dave McClain**, of the Apalachicola River Keepers, discussed independent testing regarding 'Red Tide'

Department Supervisor's Report - Continued

Bill Mahan continued his report

- Discussed independent testing for Red Tide
- Discussed Possibility of opening Bay in sections
- **Ms. Barbara Rohr** commented on availability of oysters at local restaurants
- Read article from the Tallahassee democrat about a ban on fishing overturned by judge
- Board had questions regarding the article and asked Mahan to research and respond as soon as possible
- Monarch Tagging Program discussed
- Sugar Cane "Give-Away" discussed
- Board discussed other employment opportunities for seafood workers
- Board discussed other possible causes for closure of Bay

Attorney Brian Armstrong – Lanark Water and Sewer District

- Addressed Board regarding the Water and Sewer district
- Provided his cell phone number (850)322-4097 and handouts
- “Readiness to Serve” discussed
- Vacancies on Water and Sewer Board discussed
- Comparative water rates discussed
- Board discussed fairness of Readiness to Serve costs
- **Pauline Sullivan** commented on attorney's availability and fees; showed picture of uncovered pipe recently repaired
- Discussed items in a packet distributed to Board
- Discussed list of mismanaged districts that include Lanark Water and Sewer
- Budget issues discussed
- Property rental by Lanark Water and Sewer pictures shown to Board
- Asked Board to sit on Lanark Water and Sewer and rescind all decisions previously made
- **Bill Miller** commented on issues with Lanark Water and Sewer including “readiness to serve” costs
- The Board asked Mayor Kelly for an update on possibility of Lanark Village using Carrabelle W&S
- **Gerald Judge** questioned the attorney's fee source
- **Walter Rush** commented on this issue

Barbara Rohrs - Lanark Village

- Discussed results of town meeting with Board
 - Using Carrabelle Water & Sewer Services
 - Letter from Jim Lawlor, Lanark Water and Sewer Board Member
- Board and Attorney Shuler discussed available options and issues that needs to be resolved
- Board directed Attorney Shuler and Mr. Pierce to meet with concern citizens of Lanark and Lanark Water and Sewer Board and make recommendations to the Board at next meeting
- Board discussed special election for Lanark Water and Sewer Board
- Attorney Shuler discussed the Attorney General’s opinion on current board members
- **Ms. Doris Shiver Gibbs**, Supervisor of Elections, commented on Board's recommendations for special election

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to hold a special election, with mail out ballots, with interlocal agreement regarding Lanark Water and Sewer. Commissioner Mosconis rescinded his motion.

- Sharon Thoman commented on the Lanark Water and Sewer issue
- Board discussed roads damaged or “dug up” without County permission

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court

- Discussed letter appointing a City of Carrabelle representative on the Apalachee Regional Council.

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to appoint Mayor Kelly as the City of Carrabelle’s

representative on the Apalachee Regional Council. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Ms Johnson read and requested approval for the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$32,382.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, and

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

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

001.48.525.3401 Homeland Sec Grt/DSI LLC Contract \$32,382.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$32,382.00 in the GENERAL REVENUE FUND in order to comply with FL 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1ST day of NOVEMBER 2005.

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to approve the Resolution as read. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried and the 5-0.

- Ms Johnson read and requested approval for the following Resolution:

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

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for DISASTER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, and

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

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

180.88.559.4901	SHIP Disaster Assistance	\$315,000.00
180.88.559.4902	SHIP Disaster Assistance Admin.	\$35,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$350,000.00 in the LOCAL HOUSING TRUST (SHIP) FUND in order to comply with FL 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1ST day of NOVEMBER 2005.

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to approve the Resolution as read. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Alan Pierce

Item 1 - Inform Board that the Planning Office received six applications for the Grant Writer/Administrator Position. Will set up interviews for next week

Item 3 -Inform Board that last legislative session placed additional requirements for local governments in their comp plans, specifically for capital improvements or transportation concurrency. The legislature also provided some funds for the additional work to be done. Board action to accept \$15,000 DCA grant. It appears that this is work that we have to do anyway. Board action

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to accept the \$15,000 DCA grant. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 - Give Board copy of DEP permit for Bluff Road Boat Ramp. Awaiting word from Preble-Rish on Corps Nationwide permit. The bids are being advertised next week according to David Kennedy.

Item 5 - Board action to approve 3 proposals from Preble-Rish in keeping with their status as county engineers. The three proposals are:

- A) Engineering services for Lake Morality Road
- B) Engineering services for CR-30A
- C) Engineering services for the feasibility study for Alligator Point Road

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to approve the 3 proposals from Preble-Rish. Commissioner Lockley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Board discussed County Engineer position

Item 6 - Mr. Larry Troy and Mr. Ron Bloodworth are interested in helping the county get a boat ramp on St. George Island. I have asked them to review the area on the east side of old bridge. They believe there is room for a boat ramp. This is the area that the Reserve would support a boat ramp because the east side of the bridge is not in the Aquatic Preserve and it also has deep water. Board action to have Preble-Rish design and permit a boat ramp for this location. Possible funding for construction might be the TDC funds.

- Board discussed this item and did not take any action at this time

Item 7 - Inform Board that both Franklin County and St. Joe have received a warning letter on the 8 Mile site.

Item 8 - Inform Board that Fish and Wildlife did approve the \$250,000 grant to improve the boat ramp and mooring facility at Battery Park. The City of Apalachicola will take the lead on project.

Item 9 - Inform Board that Mr. Paul Osterbye, owner of Carrabelle Wayside RV Park, is willing to assist the county in developing and a public fishing pier at Carrabelle Beach. Is the Board interested, and at what sort of cost share for the structure? This would be a public pier.

- Board discussed this item and did not take any action at this time

Item 10 - Inform the Board that in a recent analysis done by Rural Development, there are 10 vacancies in the subsidized housing in Franklin County.

Item 11 - Provide Board with copy of feasibility study grant submitted to OTTED for \$75,000. The feasibility study will analysis the feasibility of a seafood industrial park and the amount of water access necessary to maintain the seafood industry. The City of Apalachicola has also submitted a request to OTTED to fund a feasibility study to improve the city facilities at Scipio Creek Boat Basin

Item 12 - Inform Board that the owners of 1296 Alligator Drive would like to receive part of the Alligator Point Drive if the road is going to be relocated. They are adjoining South Shoal and the road will move from the front of 1296 to the back and it would be consistent to allow this property owner the same benefit as South Shoal. Board direction to turn this over to the attorney for review.

- Board discussed this item and directed Attorney Shuler to review and report back at the next Regular Meeting.

Item 13 - Board action to approve a Resolution to renew the Enterprise Zone Designation in Franklin County, reappoint the Committee members, and alter the boundary slightly around Carrabelle. This action will be to extend the Zone and the Committee from Dec. 31, 2005, until Dec. 31, 2015. Board action.

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to approve a resolution to renew the Enterprise Zone Designation in Franklin County. Commissioner Crofton seconded and he motion carried 5-0.

- Ms Anita Grove, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, commented on the Enterprise Zone

Item 14 - Inform Board that it received a response from Fish and Wildlife regarding the easement requested by Mr. Dakie Ward on behalf of DSW Holdings

Item 15 - Board action to accept the roads in Village Green Phase II contingent upon the engineer's final inspection. These are four cul-de-sacs built to county standards about eight months ago, but for some reason the test results of the compaction were not provided to the county until now. The plat has been recorded, but there is a letter of credit that needs to be released if the roads are satisfactory.

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to accept the roads in Village Green Phase II contingent upon the engineer's final inspection. Commissioner Lockley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Item 16 - Inform the Board that the public meeting sponsored by the City of Carrabelle to discuss the future of Senior Citizen Center program has been rescheduled to Nov. 19 from Nov. 12. It is still at the Senior Center, and still at 10:00 am.

Item 17 - Board action to have Preble-Rish investigate and recommend guidelines for filling of lots on St. George Island. Since Hurricane Dennis caused such extensive flooding on the Island, some property owners have brought in additional fill to protect and against future flooding, and some of this fill has the potential to cause both flooding of other property not filled, and flooding of Island roads.

- Board discussed this item and did not take any action at this time

Item 18 - Board direction on the selection of an architect to design the modifications to the courthouse. Preble-Rish does not directly provide architectural services. They can and have teamed with architects in the past, but the county is not obligated to use Preble-Rish as an organizer for architectural services. Basically, the courthouse renovations require an architectural firm, not an engineering firm. Does the Board want to go out for a Request for Proposal for architects?

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to advertise for an architect to design the modifications to the courthouse. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Item 20 – Emergency Management Grant

- The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the Emergency Management Grant

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to authorize the Chairman's Signature on the Emergency Management Grant. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

RFP Ambulance Service

- Dr Pierce, Weems Medical Director, commented on both RFP's and recommended Bay Medical Proposal
- Board inquired as to specifics of Bay Medical proposal
- Representatives from Bay Medical addressed the Board
- Representatives from Emergystat addressed the Board
- Paul Parker, Health Care Council, commented on transition from one ambulance service company to another
- Board discussed budget shortfall regarding Ambulance service

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to accept the Health Care Council recommendation and select Bay Medical as the County's ambulance service provider. Commissioner Lockley rescinded his motion

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to select the ambulance service at the next regular meeting on November 15, 2005 at 5:30 pm and pay Emergystat for services provided in November. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried.

Department Supervisor's Report - Continued

Alan Pierce

Item 19 - Interview for Airport Manager/Grant Manager. There was only one applicant- Mr. Ted Mosteller.

- Board stated that the salary for this position is funded by grants and the salary cap is \$12,000 annually

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to hire Mr. Ted Mosteller as the Airport Manager/Grant Manager with the salary cap of \$12,000 and funding for this position from grants only. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler

- Discussed 'lunch' invitation from Solid Waste Department with Board
- Read resolution for conveyance of lots in Carrabelle for stormwater with reverter clause

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to accept the Resolution as read. Commissioner Lockley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Discussed deed for the Simmonds property, which is 2 acres

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to approve a \$10,000 payment for the property plus \$100 for recording fees. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Discussed Perkins property
- Discussed the Alligator Point Road, PUD amendment and November 15 Public Hearing
- Airport Issues, including audit and lease payments discussed
- Updated Board on Appraisals and Surveys for 8 mile and Leonard's Landing

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to approve payments of \$2500 for appraisals for 8 mile and Leonard's Landing. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Discussed Bay Aid Committee and appointment of members

Other Business

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to appoint Mr. Arnold Tolliver to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business before the Board Chairman Sanders adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M Johnson, Clerk of Courts