

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
NOVEMBER 15, 2005
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works, Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Connie McKinnley – Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payment of County Bills

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to approve payment of the County Bills as presented with the exception of payment to G&N Painters; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to approve payment to G&N Painters; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley abstained due to his interest in G&N Painters.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works

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

Item 1 – Report on County owned lime rock which was illegally removed. Sheriff department was contacted and is conducting an investigation.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Mosconis, to prosecute, thru the State Attorney's Office, person or persons responsible for illegally removing the County owned lime rock; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Board action to authorize the purchase of budgeted equipment

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to authorize Mr. Chipman to purchase budgeted equipment; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Pierce to send a letter to the State requesting assistance in repairing the road at Sand Beach after the Division of Forestry is completed with the logging project.

David Heil – Department of Agriculture

Mr. Heil gave an update on the conditions of the Bay regarding “Red Tide” and stated that it is possible that a portion of the Bay will be opened on Thursday morning.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Heil discussed the fact that portions of the Bay can be opened based on test results. Actual numbers of people affected by eating oysters during the “Red Tide” was discussed. Mr. Heil stated that his agency is working very hard to open the Bay as soon as possible. Different styles and formats of testing to detect “Red Tide” were discussed. Dauphin Island testing for “Red Tide” discussed. Mr. Heil stated that Dauphin Island method is not FDA approved.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Mosconis, to use the lab in Dauphin Island, Alabama for split testing for Red Tide; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Heil clarified, for Linda Raffield, the difference between the Department of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife results, regarding the “Red Tide” testing, that have been posted on the their respective websites.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director

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

Item 1 – Board action to appoint members for the Bay Aid Committee

Commission decided to meet with Mr. Johnson individually and appoint a member from their district.

Item 2 – Armory Rental Information Update

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

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

Item 1 – Board action to approve letter to Northwest Florida Water Management District to increase the amount of water flow to the Apalachicola River

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Crofton, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter to NWFMD regarding water flow to the Apalachicola River, Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Red Grouper Update

Item 3 – USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, & Wetland Reserve Program information

Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control Department

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

Item 1 – Update on new Department of Correction contract

Item 2 – Update on new hires to fill vacant positions

Request For Proposals – Ambulance Service

Alan Pierce distributed and discussed the RFP's received at the last meeting for ambulance service.

Dr. Tamara Marsh, of the Health Committee, stated that there are problems with the current service provider Emergystat, and encouraged the Commission to review recommendations made by the Health Committee and re-negotiate the contract with Emergystat.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Mosconis, to accept the recommendations of the Health Committee regarding the ambulance service; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Debose of Emergystat asked for some time to review the recommendations of the Health Committee regarding the ambulance service.

Dr Marsh gave an update of the activities of the Health Committee and introduced Ms Becky Gibson as the person selected to provide administrative support for the Health Committee.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Mosconis, to authorize a contract with Ms Becky Gibson to provide administrative support for the Health Committee contingent on Attorney Shuler's review and approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Zoning Change

Parcel 1 Lot 19, Dear Run Estates located at the corner of Oak Street and Craig Street, east of Lanark Village, Franklin County, Florida be rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-1A Single Family Residential Subdivision District

Mr. Pierce discussed the zoning change request.

Chairman Sanders opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Bob Mahlar, of the Lanark Water and Sewer District, discussed water and sewer availability for this property.

Mr. Pierce stated that there were two letters received in objection to this request.

Mr. Mahaffey discussed the need for this request.

Pauline Sullivan, of Lanark Village, stated that if Mr. Mahaffey is paying a ready to serve fee, Lanark Water and Sewer District should be able to provide water and sewer.

Attorney Yonclas, representing the County since Attorney Shuler had a conflict of interest on this matter, did not recommend approving this zoning change request.

Gail Riegelmayr spoke against approving this request.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve the requested zoning change request; Motion failed 2-3, Mosconis, Sanders, and Crofton voting Nay.

Request For Proposals – Ambulance Service (Continued)

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Debose of Emergystat discussed the recommendations of the Health Committee.

Item 1 – Recommend a one year contract which Mr. Debose agreed to.

Item 2 – (Referenced item #5 in Emergystat contract) Who is payee? Is the insurance in compliance with Florida Statute 64.E.2? Mr. Debose stated that his insurance is in compliance with Florida Statute 64.E.2 and will agree to make the payee whomever the County required.

Item 3 – (Referenced item #6 in Emergystat contract) Emergystat must guarantee coverage for Franklin County, despite requests for assistance from FEMA and/or any and all other such counterpart agencies.

Mr. Pierce suggested relocating the ambulances to the Sheriff's Department during a storm.

Mr. Debose agreed to Mr. Pierce's suggestions.

Item 4 – (Referenced item #13 in Emergystat contract) All County owned ambulances and medical equipment must be serviced and maintained per manufacture's recommendations. A maintenance performance list should be available to the County upon request.

Mr. Debose agreed to this request.

Item 5 – Emergystat should be asked for a status report of all County owned equipment shown on the County inventory.

Mr. Debose agreed to provide the status report.

Item 6 – A plan should be in place to have three working, ACLS certified ambulances available, in the event that one ambulance should be out of commission for repair/maintenance; County should pay for the maintenance and repair of the County equipment.

Mr. Debose agreed to this request.

Item 7 – Suggest that the County look into paying/offsetting the health insurance expenses of the Emergystat employees since finding/keeping staff has been an issue.

Mr. Pierce stated that the County could not directly pay for private employees' health care. Mr. Debose stated that if the County subsidized his company he would be willing to do that.

Item 8 – Suggest that a quarterly reporting mechanism be in place for Emergystat to the County. Mr. Debose agreed to this suggestion.

Item 9 – Suggest that Emergystat increase EMTs pay by \$1/hour. Mr. Debose stated that Emergystat recently gave the employees a raise. Board asked the Health Council to present more information regarding competitive pay rates and the cost to Emergystat and County at a next meeting.

Item 10 – Require that Franklin County owned ambulances and equipment be used exclusively by the service based in Franklin County, i.e., no sharing of vehicles and/or equipment with the ambulance service in Calhoun (or any other) County. The Board denied this recommendation.

Item 11 – The agreement from Emergystat contains a paragraph of "Termination." The "sixty (60) days" which is referred to in the second line seems a very long time to be functioning without a concrete plan for correction and implementation of those corrections, for both parties. The state allows considerably less time for correction of problems found during inspections, and we suggest a shorter period of time.....somewhere between 10 and 21 days. Also, that paragraph is unclear because of the referral to "Part II, Section B of this agreement." Mr. Debose stated that the intention of the sixty days is to protect the County. Susan Ficklen stated the Health Committee's position on this matter. Attorney Shuler commented on this matter.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to approve the recommendations of the Health Council, except Items 7 & 9, and Attorney Shuler will amend the original agreement to reflect these recommendation and produce a final draft for approval at the 2nd meeting in December; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Mosconis, to relive Mr. Lake of Dasee of all future taxes on the building owned by the County; Motion failed 2-3, Sanders, Crofton, and Lockley voting Nay.

Public Hearing

South Shoal PUD Amendment – Attorney Steve Watkins

Mr. Pierce discussed the request.

Attorney Watkins representing the applicant, stated that Mr. Steve Fling would build a road on Alligator Point which would be dedicate to the County and build 2 parking lots to promote the beach renourishment project which would also be dedicated to the County.

Mr. Fling was also proposing to build a residence/substation for a sheriff deputy and a substation for the volunteer fire department. Mr. Watkins also discussed the development restrictions that were agreed to during their meetings with Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler. Attorney Watkins discussed some of the risks Mr. Fling will assume with this project.

Mr. Pierced stated that there were some property owners who wanted certain changes to their property because of this project. Attorney Shuler also commented on these property owners. Chairman Sanders opened the floor for public comment.

Ken Osbourne, President of Alligator Point Taxpayers Association, expressed APTA's concerns regarding this project, including higher density, including the substation for the fire and sheriff department included on the PUD, and the fact that the road problems will still not be remedied. Steve Fling, the applicant, responded to some of the concerns raised about the South Shoal project, especially about the inclusion of the substations for the fire and sheriff department in the PUD.

Board discussed South Shoal taking responsibility of the road.

Allan Feifer asked for more specifics in the PUD.

Kevin Griffin representing the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department stated that the old fire department will not be closed until the new building is in operation.

Attorney Shuler discussed proposed changes to this PUD.

Attorney Steve Watkins also commented on the changes and the project.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Mosconis, to adopt this ordinance; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts

Ms Connie McKinley presented the following items for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 –Board approval for Budget 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 \$4,515.38 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for VOTING SYSTEMS ASSISTANCE FUNDS, 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 Commissioners to spread on it minutes the expenditures for the purpose of :

001.24.519.6401 Supervisor of Elections Mach & Equip \$4,515.38

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$4,515.38 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 15th day of NOVEMBER 2005.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Putnal, to approve the Budget Resolution; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Report

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:

Item 1- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lots 5 & 6, Block M, Peninsular Point, 1529 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by Elva Peppers, agent for Wendy Chandler, owner.

Item 2- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 6, Block 57, Unit 5, 333 Bruce Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by Docks 4 Less, agent for Maribel Kadel, owner.

Item 3- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 5, Block 57, Unit 5, 335 Bruce Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by Docks 4 Less, agent for Clint Kadel, owner.

Item 4- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 13, Block 5, Carrabelle River Subdivision, 301 River Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Aaron Wray, owner.

Item 5- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 4, Bay Vista, 768 Mill Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Cynthia Murphy, owner.

Item 6- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 2234 Highway 98 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This application meets all state and local requirements. Request submitted by Barney Crutchfield, owner.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Crofton, to approve items 1 – 6; Motion carried 5-0.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL:

Item 7- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of a 5 lot subdivision named "Crooked River Lighthouse Estates" lying in Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Steve Watkins III, Esq., agent for Crooked River LLC, applicant.

Item 8- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of a 4 lot subdivision named "Rivercrest Phase 2" lying in Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, North of Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Jim Sineath, applicant.

Item 9- Approved by P&Z (unanimous) Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of a 4 lot subdivision named "Island Breeze" lying in Section 28, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Steve Lowe, applicant.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to approve items 7 – 9 contingent on the County Attorney's approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report

Item 1- Approved by BOA – A request to construct a rip rap revetment on Lot 1, Mary's Beach, west of Carrabelle. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Mary Mcleod and Rachel Bachman, owners.

Item 2- Approved by BOA – A request to construct a rip rap revetment on Lot 2, Mary's Beach, west of Carrabelle. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Daly Family Limited Partnership, owner.

Item 3- Approved by BOA – A request to construct a rip rap revetment on Lot 3, Mary's Beach, west of Carrabelle. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Jimmy Meeks and Sidney Gray, owners.

Item 4- Approved by BOA – A request to construct a rip rap revetment on Lot 4, Mary's Beach, west of Carrabelle. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for John P. Cronin, owner.

Item 5- Approved by BOA – A request to construct a rip rap revetment on Lot 5, Mary's Beach, west of Carrabelle. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Mary Mcleod, owner.

Mr. Dan Garlick discussed this request.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve items 1 – 5; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 6- Approved by BOA – A request for a variance to construct a vertical seawall with rip rap on property described as being located in Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 5 West ,between Eastpoint and Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates Inc., agent for Deer Partners, LLC, owner.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to approve item 6; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 7- Denied by BOA – A request for a variance to construct a single story house three feet above the nine ft. height limit on property described as Lot 14, Block 1, Unit 3, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Jimmy Peters, owner.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Mosconis, to table item 7; Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

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

Item 1 - Update on road paving. The current road paving program is beyond the contract date, but there is no penalty clause. The county has set aside \$2 Million dollars for additional paving. That money has been obligated by the County Commission for the following projects: \$1 Million for the County's share of rebuilding Alligator Point Road, and \$1 Million for the county's required match for two state grants: paving C-30A and paving Lake Morality.

I had been anticipating talking to the Board about preparing a list of roads to be paved, but until the Board completes the current paving project, and until the three priority roads are completed, the Board should not begin additional paving.

Item 2 - Regarding road paving. The parking lot for the Health Dept. was never bid out to C.W. Roberts. While the Board did approve it, nobody contacted the Mental Health Clinic to get their final approval. I have contacted the Clinic, and sent them a copy of the layout. If they approve it, the county road department can then prepare the site, so that it can at least be used as a parking lot even before it is paved.

Item 3 - Provide Board with copy of letter to DEP in response to warning letter about St. George Island. Board direction.

Item 4 - Board action to have the Chairman sign documents from Office of Court Administrator relating to the expenditure of \$300,000 for courthouse renovations. These are the renovations the Clerk recommends and the Chief Judge agreed to.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the documents relating to the expenditure of \$300,000 for courthouse renovations; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5 - Inform Board that the notice for architects to submit Request for Proposals/Qualifications for the courthouse renovations will be opened by the Board at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Item 6 - Inform Board that applications for the County Engineer have been advertised and the applications are due in the Planning Office by Dec. 5. The Board did not vote on whether the Engineer reports to the Board or someone else.

Item 7 - Inform Board of DOC letter regarding additional inmate squads. DOC is unable to field additional squads at this time.

Item 8 - Discussion of request from Eastpoint Sewer and Water District to lease a 150' x 150' space in the corner of the Road Dept yard for a fourth water well that would provide service to the new school. The District will undertake all expenses associated with the use of the property, will create access through a forestry road, and if upon a survey, it is determined that the existing county fence around the road department is actually fifteen feet off the property line, then the water line will also be outside the fence. In exchange, the District will provide the county with a commercial water tap for the Road Department.

Mr. George Allen of Eastpoint Water and Sewer Board discussed this item.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to approve a Term Lease Agreement contingent on the County Attorney's approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 9 - Inform Board that Bald Point State Park is holding a public workshop to discuss the management plan for the Park. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Point, from 7-9 PM.

Item 10 - Ms. Lori Switzer was recommended to be the SHIP Coordinator by Mr. Moron. She is a contract employee, meaning she does not receive county benefits. In order for her to get paid, she needs to have a contract. Mr. Moron recommends she be paid \$1833.333 per month, and he recommends the Board approve the contract for her position. She is supervised by Mr. Moron, and her services are paid out of the SHIP administrative funds. Board action.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Putnal, to approve an agreement appointing Ms. Lori Switzer as the SHIP Coordinator; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 11 - At a Board of Adjustment meeting in October, an applicant representing a project on St. George Island was seeking a variance from setbacks for a development in the commercial district. Upon hearing critical comments made about the request, the applicant announced he could re-design the project to avoid the need of the variance. The BOA then tabled the item. Four weeks after the BOA meeting the applicant has determined that he still has to seek a variance, and thus he missed the Nov. BOA meeting. The applicant, Mr. Turner Brock, is seeking direction from the Board on whether he needs to go back to the BOA, and get the denial he anticipates, or whether the county commission would hear from him directly. Board direction.

Mr. Pierce stated that this item has been resolved.

Item 12 - At the last Board meeting, the Board requested the Clerk's Office analyze certain issues related to the airport. However, the Board minutes are not clear as it relates to the actual lease

payment. The Airport Advisory Committee recommended the lease payments be raised to \$1500 a month, but the minutes do not reflect the Board actually voting on it, or when it would take effect. The existing lease appears to give the Board the latitude to raise the lease payments after 30 days notice. Since the Advisory Committee has recommended the lease be raised, I recommend the Board notify AIATC that the lease payment is \$1500 a month effective for the month of Dec. Board action.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to accept the Airport Advisory Committee to raise the lease payments to \$1500 per month; Motion carried 4-1, Crofton voting Nay.

Item 13 - Inform Board and the public that the county's Legislative Delegation is holding a public hearing about the Oyster Relay program on Nov. 16, which is tomorrow, at 10:00 am at the Research Reserve Building in Apalachicola. See attached letter.

Item 14 - Update from the Planning and Zoning Commission: The Commission, along with its regular business, has been developing a definition for hotel/motel. At my suggestion, but supported by the Commission, we have been developing a definition that will separate the kind of hotel/motel that could be built in C-2 and C-4, from the kind of hotel/motel that could be built in C-3. The logic behind the separation is that it can be argued that short term accommodations in the general business district, which is C-2 or C-4, could be different from accommodation in the C-3 district. The C-2/C-4 districts are largely on St. George Island and US 98 frontages. In these locations, the Commission has thought it appropriate to be very restrictive in the definition of a hotel/motel. In the C-3 districts, which are less numerous and have in the past been in locations that have water access, the idea is to allow hotel/motels that have accommodations more suitable for taking advantage of the natural resources. The general result will be that C-2/C-4 hotel/motels will be really directed at short term visitors, and C-3 will allow longer stays with more amenities. The direction the Commission is headed is for C-2/C-4 hotel/motels to prohibit kitchen and laundry facilities in rooms, restrict the room size to 750 square feet or smaller, require common 24hr lobbies, etc., but for C-3 hotel/motels to allow kitchen/laundry facilities, and to allow for residential type uses and accommodations to take advantage of the access to water and other natural resources in the county. In fact, in order to qualify for C-3 zoning, the project would have to provide a certain amount of amenities that utilize the natural resources, like boat storage, boat ramps, hiking trails, etc. Does the Board want to comment on this approach, or wait for the Commission to develop this approach more fully?
Board stated that it would wait for the Planning and Zoning Commission to address this issue more fully.

Item 15 – Give Board copy of the Enterprise Zone

Item 16 – Board approval on the final change order for \$3,796.00 and close-out for the Lanark Village Drainage Project

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to approve the final change order and close-out for the Lanark Village Project; Motion carried.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney

Attorney Shuler presented the following item for discussion and/or approval:

Item 1 – Board direction on Lanark Water and Sewer special election.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to direct the Supervisor of Elections to conduct a Special Election for two seats on the Lanark Water and Sewer Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners’ and Public Comments

Gathana Parmenas, City of Carrabelle Commissioner, stated that the City of Carrabelle is interested in merging with the Lanark Water and Sewer Districts, but any talks must be done in a formal manner.

Pauline Sullivan, resident of Lanark Village, thanked the Board for their assistance in the election matter and gave an update on a meeting of concerned citizens that was held last night.

Ronnie Davis – C1 Zoning – Two Mile

Mr. Ronnie Davis read from a prepared statement regarding the poor economic condition of the local seafood workers and stated that the County should allow uses on the waterfront that would allow the property owners, who are also seafood workers, to make money.

Mr. Pierce addressed this issue and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is against the uses that the property owners in this area were asking to be allowed.

Board discussed this issue.

Attorney Pat Floyd, representing the Eastpoint and Two Mile property owners, spoke on the issue further and asked the Board to consider adopting an ordinance that would change the zoning rules.

Wesley Smith stated that if this ordinance is considered, a landing for unloading and a location for storage should be provided for the seafood workers.

Board discussed the proposed ordinance.

Attorney Floyd clarified some of the Board’s concerns.

Billie Padgett stated that in her opinion, the people of Franklin County did not want condos on the waterfront and was against this proposed ordinance.

Tony Phillips explained that the ordinance will actually save seafood by keeping seafood businesses on the bottom floor of any development.

Mr. Pierce stated that the County has made efforts to help with C-1 property owners in that area, but hotel/motels and residential above with commercial below options have not been resolved as yet; Board discussion on this matter.

Mr. Pierce discussed other options property owners in this area currently have.

Paul Reigelmayer asked the Board to consider tax incentives to the seafood workers.

Board and Mr. Pierce suggested that the property owners look for other options to present to the Board and this matter.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Crofton, to put this issue to a vote on a ballot in Franklin County; Motion and second was withdrawn.

Mr. John Carroll asked if the Board would consider trading property with him that might assist with this problem; Board discussion.

Motion by Mosconis, seconded by Lockley, to have Mr. Pierce discuss this option further with Mr. Carroll; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' and Public Comments (continued)

Commissioner Sanders distributed some pictures of the roads in Alligator Point that were provided maintenance by the County's Road department.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to direct Mr. Chipman of the Road Department to clean up from Clemons road to Tom Roberts road in Alligator Point; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders also reminded that Board of the Transportation Corridor Authority meeting on November 21 in Ft. Walton Beach, and she needed the Boards opinions and views regarding relocating on Highway 98 to present at the meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court