

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
NOVEMBER 21, 2006
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Roads, Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director, Dan Rothwell – County Engineer, Butch Baker – EOC Director, Bill Mahan – County Extension Director, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order

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

Pledge and Prayer

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office – Commissioners Sanders & Parrish

Judge Van Russell administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Sanders who was re-elected and Commissioner Parrish who was elected.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval

Payment of County Bills

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

Department Supervisor Report

Butch Baker - EOC Director

Mr. Baker gave an update on the current status of SBA's program that is assisting the residents who were affected by the tornado.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

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

Item 3a - Board action to amend the SHIP Plan to allow for up to \$60,000 to be made available to SHIP eligible home owners for emergency repairs to owner occupied homes

damaged by natural disasters. The requirements would be, if approved, up to \$5000 per applicant to be used for emergency repairs on the home. This program will be available to tornado victims now, but if there is a hurricane next summer, or another tornado, this money will be available to future victims. If all the money is not used it will revert into other existing SHIP programs. The requirement is that the home must be owner occupied, and the owner be SHIP eligible, and not have house insurance. Board action

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve the amendment to the SHIP housing plan to allow repairs to homes damaged by natural disasters; Motion carried 5-0.

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works

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

Item 1 - Mr. Chipman stated that his secretary, Ms. Virginia Messer, will be back to work fulltime on Monday.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Chipman discussed signs on Ryan Drive. Commissioner Crofton asked Mr. Chipman to find an alternate option to repair sink holes at Sawyer Drive, because the sand that they have used in the past continues to wash away; Mr. Chipman discussed other options. Commissioner Crofton also asked Mr. Chipman to assist with cutting the grass on a regular basis at the Airport entrance area; Mr. Chipman said he would request inmates from the State to complete this task.

The Board congratulated Mr. Chipman and Mr. Johnson and their departments for their cleanup efforts after the tornado.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director

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

Item 1 – Apalachicola Historic Trust request to have County assistance in moving the 50' Canoe recently found by loggers. Attorney Shuler stated that he has reviewed this item and the County will not be held liable for the canoe while assisting with its move.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, authorizing Public Works to assist the Apalachicola Historic Trust with relocating the Historic Canoe; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on Kendrick Park. Commissioner Parrish asked about lighting on Carrabelle's Wayside Park; Mr. Johnson stated that he has an electrician working on this matter.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer

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

Item 1 - Timber Island Boat Ramp:

Field survey completed preliminary to construction drawing preparation.

Item 2 - CR30A Fill:

Request permission to advertise for bids fill and place revetment along east side CR30A; to have fill hauled, placed and rock delivered & placed, geotextile material purchased & placed, and runway demolition debris haul and placed.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to authorize Mr. Rothwell to advertise for bids to fill and place a revetment along the east side of CR30A; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 - Elevation survey for proposed vehicle maintenance shop:

Field survey to be accomplished during the week of November 27, 2006; weather permitting.

Mr. Rothwell also requested authorization to evaluate the streets leading to the ABC Charter School for the possibility of installing sidewalks.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, authorizing Mr. Rothwell to evaluate the street leading to the ABC Charter School for the possibility of installing sidewalks; Motion carried 5-0.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

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

Item 1 – 63 pound Catfish “Almost” Record

Item 2 – Florida Ocean and Coastal Economies

Item 3 – Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Item 4 – NOAA Gulf of Mexico Commercial Shrimp Moratorium Permits

Item 5 – Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Committee Appointment

David Morse – Tate’s Hell

David Morse, Operation Manager of Tate’s Hell State Forest, stated that as part of the Division of Forestry process in managing Tate’s Hell it was time to renew the 10 year plan and this plan will speak to the public use of Tate’s Hell. Mr. Morse invited the Commissioners and the public in general to attend the public hearing regarding the 10 year plan that will be held on December 12, 2006 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center. Mr. Morse also stated that the historic canoe that was discussed earlier in the meeting was located at Tate’s Hell and it was his department’s pleasure to work with the other stated departments in moving and securing the historic canoe. Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Morse discussed control burns and its effect on turkey nesting.

Skip Frink – Citizen Advisory Committee – Update

Mr. Frink read from a press release that he distributed, that stated the current actions of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Dan Tonsmire – Apalachicola Bay And River Keepers (ABARK) – Update

David McLain, of ABARK, reported on negotiations on the “water war” between Florida, Georgia, and Alabama; Mr. McLain also discussed National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), which requires Corp of Engineers to do an environmental impact statement and the need for the County to be involved with the development of the scoping process of that statement. Mr. McLain asked for a large County presence, especially from the Commissioners, at the scoping meeting that will be held in Tallahassee.

Alan Pierce read a resolution opposing a coal fired power plant. Mr. McLain stated that a coal fired power plant would affect our water supply from the Chattahoochee River.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Crofton, to approve the Resolution read by Mr. Pierce opposing the coal fired plant; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Establish Special Assessment for Alligator Point Beach

Renourishment (5:50PM)

Mr. Pierce stated that the Board would need to adopt a non-binding resolution and an ordinance to look at sources of funding. Camile Tharpe, of Government Services Group, discussed funding options; MSTU, MSBU, and Tax increment financing. Mr. Pierce stated that a CRA is not an option because Alligator Point is not considered a blighted area; Mr. Pierce also stated that most rural counties do not do beach renourishment projects. Ms. Tharpe recommended that the Board adopt a resolution of intent and adopt an ordinance, prior to Jan 1, 2007, creating a MSTU in order to keep all funding options open for this project.

Chairman Sanders opened the floor for public comment.

Phillip Guzzetta, a resident of Alligator Point, expressed his concerns of the cost involved with this project, and asked the Board to only tax the property owners that will benefit from the project.

Ken Osborne, president of the Alligator Point Taxing Association (APTA), stated the need for information of this project to be distributed to the residents involved, and discussed the process of how APTA sent out ballots with information on this project to the residents of Alligator Point. Mr. Osborne also stated that the information APTA sent out was different to what was being discussed this evening. Mr. Pierce and Ms. Tharpe explained why the information was different and discussed why this project might benefit residents of Alligator Point not directly in front of beach front property. Mr. Osborne asked about the non-binding section of the proposed Resolution. The Board discussed the proposed Resolution; Ms Tharpe suggested that the Board continue the Public Hearing until the December 19, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Sanders, agreeing with Ms. Tharpe’s suggestion, stated that this would allow for the public to get more information on the funding options and give Ms. Tharpe an opportunity to get more funding information. Bill Wargo, of Alligator Point, asked if non-buildable lots are exempt from the discussed taxes, and if the renourishment project changes the status of non-buildable lots to buildable; Mr. Pierce stated the non-buildable lots would be exempt and the renourishment project would not change the status of non-buildable lots.

Alan Feifer, Alligator Point, asked if the adopting of the resolution and ordinance could be delayed until March 2007; Ms. Tharpe said both would have to be adopted by Jan 1, 2007.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to continue this public hearing until the December 19, 2006 Regular Meeting at 5:45 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

Curt Blair – Tourist Development Council – Report

Mr. Blair updated the Board on the TDC’s awards from the small grant award program.

Events

Historic Apalachicola Holiday Celebration	\$ 2,500
Art Walk	\$ 2,500
Dog Days of Summer	\$ 2,500
Apalachicola Riverkeeper’s 2007 River Expo	\$ 2,850
Reconstruction and display of lantern room	\$ 2,200
Historic Apalachicola Community Yard Sale	\$ 5,000
The Apalachicola Fine Arts Festival	\$ 5,000
Camp Gordon Johnston Days	\$ 7,500
Carrabelle Riverfront Festival	\$ 7,500
Holiday on the Harbor	\$ 7,500
44 th Annual Florida Seafood Festival	\$ 7,500
FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Open House	\$ 2,500
Mardi Gras Celebration	\$ 7,500
African-American History Festival	\$ 7,500
Concert “The Dixie Does Nashville” – Part 3	\$ 7,500
Concert “The Dixie Does Nashville” – Part 4	\$ 7,500
Concert “5 th Annual Apalachicola Jazz, Blues	\$ 7,500
Big Bend Scenic Byway National Designation	\$ 0
Play “Catch Me If You Can”	\$ 7,500
St. George Island Oyster Spat Festival	\$ 7,500

Publications

A Natural Escape (Spring publication)	\$25,985
A Natural Escape (Fall publication)	\$25,935
Update/reprint of Franklin County – A Natural	\$ 8,000
Forgotten Coast Holiday Promotion	\$ 8,800

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns of Camp Gordon Johnston not receiving the total funds they requested and asked the TDC to review the awards and reconsider the awards.

Motion by Putnal to have the TDC review the awards and reconsider the funding selections; Motion was not seconded and failed.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to approve TDC awards; Motion carried 3-2, Putnal and Sanders voting nay.

Planning & Zoning Report

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

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:

Item 1 - Approved (unanimous) by Planning and Zoning - Consideration of a request to construct a Multi-Family Private Dock at the New River Paradise Subdivision (Home Owners Association c/o Jeanne Bonds) Mill Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This project meets all state and federal requirements and meets the county dock ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for New River Paradise Home Owners Association.

Item 2 - Approved (unanimous) by Planning and Zoning - Consideration of a request to construct a Multi-Family Private Dock at the Riverside Plantation Subdivision, Kal Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This project meets all State and Federal requirements and meets the county dock ordinance. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for Fighting Chair Partners, LLC., applicant.

Item 3 - Approved (unanimous) by Planning and Zoning - Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on Lot 8, Block V, Unit 1, Lanark Beach, 2230 US Highway 98 East, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. This project meets all State and Federal requirements and meets the county dock ordinance. Request submitted by Ray Barineau, applicant.

Item 4 - Approved (unanimous) by Planning and Zoning - Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Fishing/Observation Pier at Lot 3, Bay Vista, 762 Mill Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This project meets all State and Federal requirements and meets county dock ordinance. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for Richard and Karen Burns, applicant.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve Items 1 – 4; Motion carried 5-0.

SKETCH RE-PLAT:

- 1- Approve (unanimous) Consideration of a request to re-plat “River Crest Subdivision” phase one and two. Request submitted by GEA, Inc, agent for River Crest Subdivision for Jim Sineath, applicant. (Contingent upon Planning Staff to verify the number of R-1 acres.)

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to approve Item 5 including authority to advertise for abandonment; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (No report)

There were no items to review from the Advisory Board of Adjustment.

Department Supervisor Report (Continued)

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts

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

Item 1 – I need Board approval of three resolutions on unanticipated revenues received in the prior budget year. These resolutions must be approved by you in order to comply with F.S. 129.06(2)(d) which says receipts not anticipated in the budget and received for a particular purpose, may, by resolution of the Board, be appropriated and expended for that purpose and the budget may be amended. The first resolution deals with \$133,515 received from the State of Florida for FBIP Bluff Road Regional Boat Ramp Grant. This money was put into the General Revenue Fund for the Boat ramp in the following areas: \$1,275 to engineering services and \$132,240 to infrastructure. The second resolution deals with \$33,184.77 from the State of Florida for the Seafood Industrial Park Feasibility Study Grant. This money was put into the General Revenue Fund into Contract Services/OTTED Seafood Task Force. The third resolution deals with \$39,040.95 received from the State of Florida for Homeland Security Grants. The money was put into the General Revenue Fund also in the following areas: Homeland Security Grants/DSI LLC Contract \$30,823, operating supplies, \$2,022.95, and machinery & equipment \$6,195.00. This was used at the EOC for tabletop exercises and equipment.

**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 \$133,515.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for FBIP BLUFF ROAD REGIONAL BOAT RAMP GRANT, 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:

001.20.511.3103	Engineering Services	\$ 1,275.00
001.20.511.6300	Infrastructure	\$132,240.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$133,515.00 in the GENERAL REVENUE FUND in order to comply with FS 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 21ST day of NOVEMBER 2006.

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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 \$33,184.77 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT, 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:

001.20.511.3406 Contract Svc/OTTED Seafood Task Force \$33,184.77

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$33,184.77 in the GENERAL REVENUE FUND in order to comply with FS 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 21ST day of NOVEMBER 2006.

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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 \$39,040.95 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT #06DS3W022901 and HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT #05DS2N022901415, 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:

001.48.525.3401	Homeland Sec Grt/DSI LLC Contract	\$30,823.00
001.48.525.5200	Operating Supplies	\$ 2,022.95
001.48.525.6401	Machinery & Equip (\$5,000+)	\$ 6,195.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$39,040.95 in the GENERAL REVENUE FUND in order to comply with FS 129(2)(d).

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Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve the 3 Resolutions as requested by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – I’m proud to announce the full-time operation of the Clerks’s office at the Carrabelle Courthouse Annex. I had been in operation only on Mondays at the Annex in Carrabelle, but have an employee, Mrs. Renee Stone, full time from Monday through Friday now. I will be hosting an open house at the Annex office on Friday, December 8th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and everyone is invited to stop by.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

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

Item 1- Board action to approve a letter of support for a grant being written by the St. George Island Lighthouse Association.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to approve a letter of support; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2- Report from the Hospital Board.

Chuck Colvert & Gail Dodds reported on the available fund balance including funds received from Medicare, the status of localizing the business office

Item 9- Late Monday afternoon Franklin County received a letter from Emergystat requesting an increase in the ambulance subsidy. Currently the monthly subsidy is \$23,995, and Emergystat is now requesting the subsidy go back to what they had originally proposed, which is \$35,000.

I recommend the Board request Emergystat come to the next meeting to discuss this, and also ask the Hospital Board and Mr. Colvert, Hospital CEO, if they are ready to begin running the ambulance service. If the county ran the ambulance service part of the cost of running the service would be reimbursed through Medicare, but the county must have a competent billing agent otherwise the county will lose even more money than Emergystat claims they are losing. Emergystat letter is attached. Board action. Board discussed the possibility of the Hospital managing the Hospital with Ms Dodds and Mr. Colvert

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to direct the Hospital Board to investigate the possibility of managing the ambulance service; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3a- Board action to amend the SHIP Plan to allow for up to \$60,000 to be made available to SHIP eligible home owners for emergency repairs to owner occupied homes damaged by natural disasters. The requirements would be, if approved, up to \$5000 per applicant to be used for emergency repairs on the home. This program will be available to tornado victims now, but if there is a hurricane next summer, or another tornado, this money will be available to future victims. If all the money is not used it will revert into other existing SHIP programs. The requirement is that the home must be owner occupied, and the owner is SHIP eligible, and not have house insurance. Board action.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting

Item 3b- Remind the Board of the Gov. and Cabinet meeting Dec. 5th concerning comp plan. Board meeting has been changed to Dec. 6th at 9 am.

Item 4- Inform Board that the Planning Office will be accepting proposals for comp plan amendments now through end of January. The proposals will be presented at the February Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for possible consideration, but until we see how many submissions there are, we will not know what sort of schedule we will need.

Item 5- Inform Board that after the public input at the November Planning and Zoning Commission, the county is going to move ahead with the grant funded boat ramp on the east side of the St. George Island Bridge.

Item 6- Direction on Phoenix Harbor. At the November Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission and the public heard a presentation regarding a revised site plan for Phoenix Harbor and then heard comments by Mr. David Heil, Mr.

Tom Franklin, a representative from the Apalachicola National Estuarine Reserve, and other speakers.

The revised development included a total of 62 homes which was then reduced to 58 homes served by an advanced wastewater treatment plant, no boat storage, and no mooring facility in the boat basin, and the donation of 2.5 acres of land and the building of a boat ramp to the county. The developer also volunteered to do the first dredging of the channel that used to serve the boat basin, but there was concern over whether the dredging of the channel was a good idea or not.

There was a great deal of discussion about this development.

The Commission, on a 5-2 vote, does recommend the project. The normal course of events is for the Board to agree to hold a public hearing. I recommend the project also receive a review by the Board at a public hearing. The earliest a public hearing could be held would be Dec. 19th, but I recommend the hearing be held Jan. 16th, which is the Board's second meeting in January. Board action.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to schedule a public hearing on January 16 for the Phoenix Harbor project; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 7- Board action to allow Mr. Paul Lowe to replace an existing letter of credit on improvements of a 4 lot subdivision known as Island Breeze with a bond that for the same improvements. The Bond would expire on Dec. 10, 2008. Staff has no objections.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to allow the replacement of the letter of credit; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 8- Board action to allow the installation of two additional groundwater monitoring wells surrounding the Express Lane on St. George Island. The locations are the north and south side of Pine Street, which is the street on the side of the Express Lane. DEP is requiring the installation of the temporary wells.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Lockley, to allow the installation of the two additional groundwater monitoring wells; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 10- Also late Monday afternoon, Mark Curenton finished negotiating the changes in the architect's fees that are based upon the work the Chief Judge wants in the courtroom. These fees as well as the improvements are being paid for out of \$500,000 awarded to Franklin County by the Legislature over the last two sessions. The county budget does include some additional money for this project because the Clerk's Office will be getting new office space on the third floor. At this time, the architect's construction estimates will require the county to use some \$20,000 of its funds, and the Clerk and the Finance Office is aware of this.

Board action to amend the architect's contract to include additional fees for the scope of work requested by the judges, and reducing architect's fees because we are not re-roofing the courthouse since Mr. Frankie Crosby successfully got the roofing contractor to come back and fix the roof. The total architect's fees plus estimated expenses will be \$64,445.50. Board action to approve this amount as an amendment to the contract.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton, to approve the \$64,445.50 as an amendment to the contract; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 11- Inform Board that Preble-Rish, C.W. Roberts, myself, and DEP staff are going to meet next week at Alligator Point to review the current road rebuilding project that C.W. Roberts is doing. The county is trying to satisfy a FEMA requirement that the current road have a stabilized shoulder at the same time satisfy DEP that we are not damaging turtle habitat. FEMA has told myself, Preble-Rish Engineers, and South Shoal representatives that if the county wants to assure FEMA funding for Alligator Point Road in the future that the county needs to repair the road consistent with the FEMA Project Worksheet which calls for a revetment along the shoulder of the Road. It is my firm representation to the county that we continue to follow FEMA advice. The county can not afford to have Alligator Point Road become ineligible for FEMA funding. The county is attempting to repair the revetment without bringing new material onto to the Point.

Item 12 – Inform the Board of the DEP letter regarding the waiver for hunting.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Crofton, to direct Attorney Shuler to get a clarification from DEP of the rules and violations of the waiver; Motion carried 5-0.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney

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

Item 1 – General Electric/Dasee litigation update and GE settlement proposal discussion

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Crofton to approve the GE settlement agreement; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' & Public Comments

Commissioner Sanders discussed the elections, held in Lanark Village, of the residents to start negotiations with Carrabelle and suggested that the Commission formally send results of elections to the Lanark and Water and Sewer Board; Attorney Shuler agreed with Commissioner Sanders

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter, to Lanark Water and Sewer Board, stating the result of the elections which indicate that the residents of Lanark Village prefer a merger with Carrabelle Water and Sewer district; Motion carried 5-0.

Pauline Sullivan gave an update of the recent actions of the Lanark Water and Sewer Board regarding the negotiation with the City of Carrabelle and discussed a meeting with Lanark Water and Sewer Board and an Engineer from the Florida Rural Water Association.

Billy Snyder requested to be on the agenda of the next Regular Meeting and stated some items he will discuss.

Marie Marshall handed out a flyer regarding an open house event at the Countor House

Helen Sphorer updated the Board on Forgotten Coast TV.

Adjourn

There being no further business Chairman Sanders adjourned the Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts