

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY ARMORY
MARCH 11, 2008
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Noah Lockley Jr. – Chairman, Russell Crofton, Cheryl Sanders, Bevin Putnal

Commissioners Absent: Joseph Parrish – Vice Chairman (Commissioner Parrish is representing the County in Washington D.C.)

Others Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón - Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to order.

Special Meeting (9:01 AM)

Mr. Pierce explained the reason for the special meeting, which was to receive the results of the referendum for the Alligator Point Beach restoration project from the Supervisor of Elections and for the Board to act based on the results.

Mrs. Doris Gibbs, the Supervisor of Elections, discussed who was in attendance at the counting of the votes, which were opened manually on Monday March 10 at her office. Ms. Gibbs stated that there were a total of 564 votes counted, with 264 in favor of the project and 300 against the project.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to accept the results of the non-binding referendum from the Supervisor of Elections, and not proceed with the Alligator Point beach restoration project; Motion carried 4-0.

Board discussed options to protect the road on Alligator Point. Mr. Pierce stated that more research is needed before a recommendation can be made regarding the Alligator Point road. Paul Parker, of Alligator Point, stated that the section of the road in front of the fire station is the most vulnerable destruction from storms.

Board discussed this issue further, which included a suggestion of asking the State to help with repairing and/or moving the road.

Ron Mowrey, an attorney representing some of the property owners living on Alligator Point, stated that the County should try their best to move the road behind the firehouse in Alligator Point.

Attorney Shuler stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the Alligator Point Fire Department to discuss relocating the road behind the fire station and that he will attend if invited.

Attorney Mowrey asked the Board to rescind the resolution that created the assessment and adopt an ordinance that will repeal the MSBU ordinance, since the County will not proceed with the beach restoration project.

Attorney Shuler asked the Board for an opportunity to discuss this request with the legal consultants on this project before any action is taken; the Board agreed.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to direct Mr. Pierce to evaluate the Alligator Point road situation, and after contacting all necessary state agencies for funding assistance, present a recommendation to the Board; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Pierce read a letter into the minutes from the US Dept of Interior to the Governors of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama regarding the ACF "water wars".

Mr. Pierce stated how this letter affected the "water wars" and any pending litigation against the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Pierce stated the April 15, 2008 regular meeting has been rescheduled to 9 AM April 22, 2008 at the Annex at which time the bids for the Alligator Point road construction will be opened.

Adjourn (9:17 AM)

Chairman Lockley adjourned the meeting.

Noah Lockley Jr. – Chairman, FCBC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts