

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JUNE 17, 2008
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Marcia M Johnson – Clerk of Court, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Linda Phillips – Finance Officer, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:00 AM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2008 Regular Meeting (9:01 AM)

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Minutes from the June 3, 2008 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:01 AM)

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Crofton, to authorize payment of the County bills except for the payment to G&N Painting; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Parrish, to authorize payment for G&N Painting; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley abstained.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:02 AM)

Mr. Chipman submitted the following report for the Board's review.

Work Performed Summary

- ❖ Hauled 3 culverts, 30" W X 24' L black plastic culvert pipe and 2 bands to NW Water Management
- ❖ Lime Rock Hauled
 - 1 load 17.32 tons to Apalachicola
 - 11 loads approx 198 tons to Carrabelle
 - 5 loads approx 81 tons to Eastpoint
 - Stock Piled 2 loads approx 36 tons at the shop in Eastpoint
- ❖ Hauled 7 loads (126 tons approx) of 57 Shell to Prentice Crum Maintenance Building
- ❖ Hauled 14 loads (252 tons approx) of black dirt to Carrabelle
- ❖ Hauled 1 loads of cold mix 5.33 tons to St. George Island
- ❖ Hauled 84 loads (1512 tons approx) of ditch dirt from Eastpoint
- ❖ Milled Asphalt Hauled
 - 1 loads approx 9 tons to Carrabelle
 - 1 load approx 9 tons to Apalachicola
- ❖ Hauled 2 loads (Approx 18 tons) of Cold mix hauled to Carrabelle
- ❖ Ground Maintenance at the Eastpoint Cemetery, Emergency Management in Apalachicola and Carrabelle Courthouse Annex
- ❖ Cut grass at Apalachicola Air Port
- ❖ Graded roads in Eastpoint and Carrabelle
- ❖ Repaired driveways in Eastpoint
- ❖ Boxed Drag, Filled in pot holes and swept roads on St. George Island
- ❖ Put asphalt on shoulders of road and cut bushes back on sides of roads in Eastpoint
- ❖ Watered roads in Carrabelle
- ❖ Filled in potholes in Apalachicola
- ❖ Shoulder work in Carrabelle
- ❖ Litter control in Apalachicola, Eastpoint, Carrabelle and Lanark
- ❖ Cut grass in Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Eastpoint, Lanark and St. George Island
- ❖ Cut, Cleaned, Dug out and raked ditches in Eastpoint
- ❖ Cut ditches on St. George Island
- ❖ Cleaned out and installed culverts in Eastpoint
- ❖ Covered culverts and installed culverts in Eastpoint
- ❖ Sign Inspection, Straightened, Replaced, Cleaned signs and cut weeds and bushes off of signs in Apalachicola
- ❖ Put up a sign on St. George Island
- ❖ Replaced signs on Alligator Point, Carrabelle, Eastpoint

Mr. Chipman informed the Board that an employee from his department has resigned and stated that it was due to low salary.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

Mr. Pierce presented the following item from his report for discussion and/or approval as it related to the Road Department.

Item 13- Board action on renewing annual VMS contract for Public Works to mow right-of-way in Eastpoint and Lanark Village and receive compensation.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to approve the extension to the VMS contract; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal stated that the City of Carrabelle is starting a road paving project and will need some assistance from the County's Road Department.

Chairman Lockley and Mr. Chipman discussed the starting pay for road department employees and the fact that other employees in other departments have left their county positions due to the low starting salary. Commissioner Sanders stated that this issue should be discussed during budget time when the County's starting salaries should be compared to State's starting salaries.

Commissioner Parrish requested staff to contact VMS and ask them to remove the trash that was left at the 2 mile area where they trimmed the brush along the roadside.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:09 AM)

Mr. Johnson submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval.

INVENTORY TRANSFER:

FOR BOARD APPROVAL: I'm requesting Board approval to transfer ownership of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck that's no longer in service to the Bay City Work Camp for parts. When in service the truck was used in Animal Control. **ACTION REQUESTED: Motion authorizing the transfer of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck to the Bay City Work Camp for parts.**

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Crofton, to authorize the vehicle transfer to the Bay City Work Camp for parts; Motion carried 5-0.

INDIAN CREEK PARK UPDATE:

FOR BOARD INFORMATION: Indian Creek Park has been cleared of debris and leveled. Staff has obtained a quote of \$1,987.80, from the Eastpoint Water District to install a water meter at the Park. Six picnic tables have been built and are awaiting placement and the play ground equipment has been order. **ACTION REQUESTED: None.**

LANARK VILLAGE RECYCLING SITE:

FOR BOARD INFORMATION: Staff has ordered the material to relocate the recycling site at Lanark Village. The new site will be fenced to discourage Bears and the containers will be designed to prevent the dumping of non-recyclable items. **ACTION REQUESTED: None.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

FOR BOARD ACTION: Representatives from Waste Management informed me late Friday that the company has sold all of its Northwest Florida Holdings to Emerald Waste Services out of Panama City, including their Franklin County operation.

Because of this, the company will no longer be a provider of solid waste services to Franklin County customers. As a result, they have requested that the Board not hold them in default nor breach of contract as they assign their rights and obligations under the contract to operate the Transfer Station and their permit to collect solid waste in the unincorporated areas of the County over to Emerald Waste Services.

If the Board agrees, they have given copies of both agreements for the Chairman's signature.

ACTION REQUESTED: The will of the Board.

Board discussed this matter further. Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to review the current contract for the default provisions.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to table this item until Mr. Johnson and Attorney Shuler investigate the new company and the current contract, possibly for default; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Johnson discussed keeping the Community Band equipment at the Armory, especially for insurance purposes.

Chairman Lockley explained why the band equipment was not being kept at the Armory in the past.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Parrish, directing Mr. Johnson to keep the Community Band equipment at the Armory unless the School Board wants to use it, and at that point, the School Board will be responsible for the equipment; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (9:19 AM)

Mr. Rothwell submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval.

1. St. George Island (SGI) Multi-use Path Bids:

C. W. Roberts has started work and 50% of the rough grading is complete.

2. Alligator Point Dune Walkovers:

Florida Department of Environmental Protections, Coastal Construction Control Line Permitting, and Environmental Section has been contacted requesting dune walkovers permit, complete plans, aerial photos with Longitude and Latitude have been submitted. FDEP staff said they will visit the sites, but work beyond the land side of the last dune line cannot proceed until November 1, 2008, or until they are able to get a variance from Fish and Wildlife Commission.

3. Indian Creek Park:

Staff has staked the ramp parking area, surveyed existing trees within the ramp parking area, and added the survey data to the site plans. The estimated savings for in house work is \$1,500.00 for survey and \$1,000.00 for drawings.

4. SGI Boat Ramp:

It appears the boat ramp is on schedule, the sheet pile caps and ramp have been cast in place, grading, paving, and grassing should be done. The Handicapped access has been added to the current contract.

5. West Bay Shore Dr County Park Boundary:

Staff has started deed research in preparation to verifying the approximate park boundaries.

6. Enabob Street Lanark Village Right of Way:

Staff has started right of way (R/W) research in preparation to verifying the R/W location.

7. Eastpoint County Landing Park Project:

Bailey, Bishop & Lane are working on the final plans and specifications and construction grant applications are completed.

8. Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp Project:

Bailey, Bishop & Lane are working on the final plans and specifications and construction grant applications are completed.

9. Squire Road, Peachtree Road Survey and Long Road:

Work on the plans and field marking are still pending prior to Public Works projects on these roads.

Mr. Rothwell gave an update on the Ochlockonee & Eastpoint boat ramps.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Rothwell discussed the Alligator Point dune walkovers.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Rothwell discussed the St. George Island boat ramp status. Warren Yeager of Preble-Rish provided some additional information on the use of the boat ramp.

Commissioner Putnal asked that the boat ramps be built so that they will be protected from storms.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services

Mr. Pierce presented the following item from his report for discussion and/or approval as it related to the County Engineer.

Item 11 - Board discussion regarding the June 5th letter from Commissioner Bronson, Dept. of Ag, to the Board informing the Board that the Dept. has funds available to assist in building at the Lombardi site a boat ramp, repairing the dock, and improving the parking, and perhaps additional items depending on how much the first three items cost. Comm. Bronson's letter does not specify how much money is available. The Seafood Task Force believes the Board should ask for \$200,000.

Commissioner Bronson's letter requests a representative contact Mr. Mark Berrigan to begin to develop a contract. I spoke to Mr. Berrigan yesterday.

Everybody wants to have the boat ramp and docks built as soon as possible. Board direction on size of ramp and docks. The Task Force has requested that outside engineering not be used at this time but someone familiar with construction has to develop plans and specifications so that the project can be bid out.

There is also the issue that the \$150,000 of DEP funds might also be specified for boat ramp and docks so the Board needs to see the language from both funding sources to see what can be paid for out of the different grants. Mr. Berrigan suggested that the Board write the Dept. back accepting their offer of funds and to direct staff to work out details. The Dept. funds are reimbursement based.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he was very concerned that even though the federal funds were approved for this project, the County has not yet received any official notification, and did not want these funds shifted to some other project or use. The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the Board has already declared the priorities for this project and he is willing to work with the Seafood Task Force on measuring or doing whatever it takes to get the funds committed.

The Board agreed that a double concrete ramp is needed, and a dock, parking and stabilization of the entrance are the priorities that were agreed to for the Lombardi property project. Commissioner Parrish stated that the unloading platform should be at least 20' x 20'.

Larry Hale, of St. George Island, stated that rules and regulations should be created for the use of the property before it is opened for public use. Commissioner Parrish stated that the County is in the process of creating a management plan that will address Mr. Hale's suggestion.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Crofton, to send a letter to Mr. Berrigan to accept the offer of funds, and begin to develop a contract stating some of the priorities the Board has established for this project; Motion carried 5-0.

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director

Mr. Mahan was not present but submitted the following report for the Board's review.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) Updates:

June Hot Sheet: Attached for your information is FWC's "June Hot Sheet" that summarizes the current marine fishery issues around the state.

Apalachicola Paddling Trail receives National Recognition: On June 10th the FWC announced that the Apalachicola Paddling Trail System, located in Franklin County in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area, was one of 24 trails designated by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Recreation Trail.

FWC to Hold Supplemental Sales Period for Alligator Hunt permits: On June 5th the FWC announced that they will hold a supplemental sales period for people who failed to get an alligator hunt permit or those who would like to return a permit with the hope of trying to obtain another.

This additional sales period will reduce any inconveniences caused by a computer programming glitch during the initial sales period on Tuesday, June 3rd.

A limited set of permits will go on sale starting at 10:00 a.m. (EDT), Tuesday, June 17th on a first come first served basis through the Total Licensing System.

A [listing of the minimum number of permits](#) that will be available during this supplemental sales period, along with instructions on how to return unwanted permits and more details about this opportunity, will be posted on the FWC's Alligator Management Web site at MyFWC.com/gators. The deadline to purchase a permit during this supplemental sales period is 11:59 p.m. (EDT) June 23.

UF – IFAS Extension Updates:

4-H County Camp: Registration for our annual 4-H County Summer Camp continues. This year's camp will be the week of July 14th – 18th at 4-H Camp Timpooshee. We will again be camping with Covington County, AL and Walton County, FL. We are the only multi-state summer 4-H camp held during the summer. If you would like additional information about summer camp, please give me a call at 653-9337.

FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management

June 2008 Hot Sheet – Marine Fisheries Management 1
HOT SHEET – June 2008 (Valid through June 30th, 2008)

Issues covered in this posting:

[Reef Fish, Nets, Gulf Red Snapper, Grouper, Mullet, Snook](#)

Issue: REEF FISH

Action: New Gear Requirements for Reef Fish in the Gulf of Mexico

Information: The new rules listed below require certain gear and devices to be used when fishing for any reef fish (including snappers, groupers, amberjacks, sea bass, gray triggerfish, hogfish, golden tilefish and red porgy) from a vessel in the Gulf of Mexico in federal and state waters. These rules became effective June 1, 2008:

Commercial and Recreational Requires the use of non-stainless steel circle hooks when using natural bait (live or dead) to harvest any of the reef fish species from a vessel.

- o Circle hooks used in state waters (out to 9 nautical miles) of the Gulf of Mexico are required to be non-offset Requires venting tools and dehooking devices to be onboard all vessels and to be used appropriately while releasing any of the reef fish species.

Timeline: New reef fish requirements for federal and state waters took effect June 1, 2008.

Links for more information:

[Marine Fisheries Information Page](http://www.myfwc.com/marine) [http://www.myfwc.com/marine]

[FWC News Release - Reef Fish Gear Rules](http://www.myfwc.com) [http://www.myfwc.com]

[Reef Fish Rule - Chapter 68B-14, F.A.C.](http://www.flrules.org) [www.flrules.org]

Issue: NETS

Action: Commission Briefing

Information: The Commission will be briefed on the history, litigation, and implications of the constitutional net limitation amendment and the Commission net mesh size rule at the June Commission meeting.

Timeline: Briefing at June 2008 Commission meeting.

Links for more information: [Marine Nets Background Report June 2008](http://www.myfwc.com/commission)

[http://www.myfwc.com/commission] – Agenda Item 10

Contact for more info:

850-487-0554 or marine@myfwc.com

Visit Hot Sheet at <http://myfwc.com/marine>

FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management

June 2008 Hot Sheet – Marine Fisheries Management 2

Issue: GULF RED SNAPPER

Action: Seasonal changes and regulations

Information: Recreational red snapper fishing opened in Gulf of Mexico federal waters on June 1 and will close on August 5. Gulf state waters opened to recreational red snapper harvest on April 15 and will close on November 1. Recreational harvest is limited to two fish per person per day. The recreational minimum size limit for Gulf red snapper remains at 16" total length.

Links for more information:

[FWC Press Release – Red Snapper Season](http://www.myfwc.com) [www.myfwc.com]

[FWC Red Snapper Information Page](http://www.myfwc.com/marine) [www.myfwc.com/marine]

[Early Closure in Federal Waters](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov) [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov]

[Federal Red Snapper Final Rule](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov) [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov]

Issue: BLACK, GAG and RED GROUPER

Action: Still pending Federal regulations

Information:

Gulf of Mexico: Grouper regulations for state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico remain unchanged. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is scheduled to address the proposed regulations for gag, black, and red grouper at their [June 2-6, meeting](#) in Houston. Proposed changes to the Gulf grouper regulations include reduction in bag limit to 3 grouper aggregate per person with various combinations of black, gag, and red grouper bag limits and a closed season of up to four months during spawning season.

South Atlantic: Grouper regulations for state and federal waters in the South Atlantic remain unchanged. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is also considering changes to grouper (and vermilion snapper) regulations. The South Atlantic Council voted on management options at their March 2008 meeting.

Also, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is considering a provision to prohibit sale of reef fish caught on recreational trips in federal waters of the Atlantic. Currently, fish caught on non-federally permitted or recreational, including charter, trips in the Atlantic are allowed to sell up to the recreational bag limit for that trip. Final action is expected at the South Atlantic Council meeting in June 2008.

For more information on the proposed grouper regulations changes in federal waters of the Gulf and Atlantic, go to the Grouper Fishery Information link below.

Timeline: Gulf Council meeting June 2-6 in Houston; South Atlantic Council meeting June 8-13 in Orlando.

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Links for more information:

[Grouper-Vermilion Background Report June 2008](http://www.myfwc.com/commission) [http://www.myfwc.com/commission]

[Grouper Fishery Information](http://myfwc.com/marine/grouper/index.htm) [http://myfwc.com/marine/grouper/index.htm]

[Gulf Council website](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) [http://www.gulfcouncil.org]

[South Atlantic website](http://www.safmc.net/) [http://www.safmc.net/]

Issue: MULLET, STRIPED (BLACK)

Action: Final Public Hearing

Information: The Commission approved a draft rule at the April 2008 meeting in Tallahassee which would allow the commercial harvest of striped mullet on weekends year round. A final public hearing will be held June 12 in Dania.

Links for more information:

[FWC News Release from April 2008 meeting](http://www.myfwc.com) [www.myfwc.com]

[Mullet Background Report April 2008](http://www.myfwc.com/commission) [http://www.myfwc.com/commission]

[Mullet Background Report June 2008](http://www.myfwc.com/commission) [http://www.myfwc.com/commission]

Issue: SNOOK

Action: Seasonal Closure

Information: As of June 1, the harvest season for snook is closed statewide. The season will reopen on September 1.

Links for more information:

[FWC Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations](http://www.myfwc.com/marine) [www.myfwc.com/marine]

Bid Opening – Runway 06-24 Rehab Project (9:38 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

Company – Amount – Bonded

Ben Withers - \$471,110.51 - unknown

Civil Tech of Georgia - \$692,233.00 - bond

GAC - \$525,000.00 - unknown

Phoenix - \$493,580.00 - bond

Poloronis - \$448,900.00 – check \$22,445

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to forward the bids to the airport committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ted Mosteller, Airport Manager, commented on the work some of these contractors have done at the airport in the past.

RFQ Openings – Engineering Consultants for Apalachicola Airport (9:45 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the name of the respondents.

LPA Aviation Consultants

URS

AVCON

Board and Mr. Rothwell discussed setting up a committee to review the RFQs.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to appoint Commissioner Crofton, Attorney Shuler, Mr. Rothwell and Mr. Mosteller to the committee that will review qualifications and make a recommendation to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Tonsmeire – Discussion of Upcoming Corps of Engineers Visit (9:51 AM)

Mr. Tonsmeire discussed the specifics of General Schroedel and Colonel Jorn, of the Corp, visit to the area on July 8, which include a 7:30 am breakfast at the Gibson Inn, where the Commissioners will have an opportunity to discuss the problems that the water wars are causing for Franklin County.

Commissioner Putnal stated that it seems that the Corps favors Atlanta over Florida in all instances regarding the restriction of the water flow. Mr. Tonsmeire stated that since the headquarters for the Corps of Engineers is in Atlanta close to Lake Lanier might contribute to Commissioner Putnal's observation.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the water reservoir system was built with federal funds and should be managed in a format that benefits everyone along the river, and since these officials are very important in the decision making process in the Corp, this point should be stressed. Mr. Tonsmeire stated that even though the Corps of Engineers thinks that their recent actions helped our area, it should be explained how Georgia was able to take advantage while Florida suffered.

Commissioner Crofton and Mr. Tonsmeire Crofton discussed the Corps reservoir system and why their management method is a big disadvantage to our area.

Commissioner Putnal stated some of the negative effects their methods had on the area in the past.

Mr. Tonsmeire stated that this is a public meeting but space at the breakfast will be at a premium.

Chairman Lockley stated that the County should send our Legislative Delegation a letter asking that the problems and opinions of Franklin County is heard and recognized when these issues are being discussed or considered.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Crofton, to authorize payment of travel expenses for the Commissioners to attend the July 21, 2008 meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Resource Office, 2382 Booster Club Road, Chattahoochee, Florida; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tonsmeire repeated the location and time of the July 21, 2008 meeting.

Curt Blair – Hospital Update (10:10 AM)

Curt Blair introduced members of the Hospital Board and staff that were present along with Mark O'Bryant, CEO, and Warren Jones, Chief Communications Officer, of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Mr. Blair reviewed some of the accomplishments of the Hospital since the County assumed management within the last few years. Mr. Blair also stated the goals the Hospital Board used as a guide when deciding what type of firm the hospital would select to create a management partnership. Mr. Blair then presented and discussed the following conceptual agreement that involved a partnership with Tallahassee Memorial.

1. Governance

- Weems Hospital Board as appointed by the Franklin County Commission will continue its oversight, decision making, policy formation and sales tax administration.
- Weems Hospital Board can attend TMH Board meetings in an ex officio capacity.
- Weems Hospital Board maintains selection approval of Weems CEO and CNO

2. Management Integration

- Weems Hospital Board will contract with TMH for a CEO and CNO
- Weems CEO will be part of TMH Administration Staff
- TMH Administration will report to Weems Hospital Board

3. Clinical Integration

- Weems CNO will be a part of TMH clinical team
- Weems will be a part of TMH clinical training and quality assurance programs
- Weems will be a part of the clinical rotation for TMH's residency program
- This clinical integration will enhance patient transfers and continuity of care
- TMH will assist Weems in the recruitment of primary care physicians
- TMH will encourage the rotation of their specialist to Franklin County
- TMH will work with Weems to establish protocols and a new formulary

4. Financial Management

- Weems will continue to contract with Pioneer Health Services for AIR Management and CFO services
- Weems will continue to contract with Pioneer Health Services for Critical Access consultation

5. Public Image/Branding

- Weems will maintain its name as a local hospital and clinic
- TMH will allow the use of their name in some affiliation capacity
- Upon completion of the final contract, both TMH and Weems will make public announcement of the affiliation

6. Other Contract Terms

- Weems will purchase personnel services from TMH at cost
- Weems will be allowed to purchase goods from VHA at TMH cost
- Both Weems and TMH will be allowed to terminate the contract without cause
- There will be no license or provider number transfer
- TMH will investigate various options to eliminate the use of the employee leasing company.

Mark O'Bryant, CEO for Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH), addressed the Board, and stated some of TMH goals, which included their desire to expand their relationship with neighboring counties such as Franklin County. Mr. O'Bryant stated that TMH preferred a partnership style management with Franklin County rather than a "take over", and then discussed some of the advantages of the proposed partnership with TMH and Weems Hospital. Mr. O'Bryant stated that he also met with Pioneer representatives and is in favor of Weems continuing their partnership with them.

Commissioner Putnal thanked the Hospital Board and TMH for their efforts on this proposal. Commissioner Sanders also thanked the Board and TMH for their efforts but asked about the cost of this partnership. Mr. Blair stated that the partnership would be a cost contract and explained the proposal further.

Commissioner Sanders asked that during these discussions and negotiations, that the hospital employees are considered. Mr. Blair stated that the staff has been and will continue to be considered throughout negotiation process.

Commissioner Sanders stated that at the last Apalachee Regional Planning Council meeting, it was stated that neighboring Counties will have to contribute to TMH's trauma center. Mr. Warren Jones, of TMH, explained this issue in more detail.

Chairman Lockley thanked the Hospital Board for their efforts on this matter.

Commissioner Crofton was in favor of this proposed partnership but was against the County keeping its license for Weems Hospital.

Commissioner Parrish thanked everyone who has been part of this discussions and negotiations thus far, but indifferent to Commissioner Crofton, wanted the County to keep the license.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Crofton, to authorize the Hospital Board and staff to start process of negotiating a contract with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Report (10:45 AM)

Mr. Pierce submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 and made the following recommendations:

1 - Approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission a request to construct a single family private dock on Lot 72, Block C, St. James Island Park, 3096 US Highway 98. The dock will be 4x210 with 8x20 terminal platform and four boatlift pilings. Request submitted by Kenneth Devries, owner.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve Item 1 of the Planning and Zoning Report; Motion carried 5-0.

2 - Approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission a request to rezoned 33 acres in Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 9 West, northwest of the Apalachicola Airport from R-3 Single Family Estate Residential to R-3MH, Single Family Estate Residential/Mobile Home. Request submitted by DSW Holdings, LLC, owner.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to approve the scheduling of a public hearing for Item 2 of the Planning and Zoning Report; Motion carried 4-0, Parrish abstained.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:49 AM)

Mrs. Johnson submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval.

1-The hospital's financial report for the month ending May 2008 indicated a balance in the account in the amount of \$340,146.89.

2-I need approval of a line item budget amendment to move funds from the Fine and Forfeiture Reserve Account to purchase the sound system for the circuit courtroom. We would increase 120.31.605.6401 Machinery and Equipment in the amount of \$24,276.79 and decrease 120.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingencies by the same amount of \$24,276.79. The Board earlier approved the purchase, and this amendment is necessary to cover the purchase.

INCREASE	120.31.605.6401	Mach & Equip	\$24,276.79
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DECREASE	120.99.584.9600	Reserve for Contingencies	\$24,276.79
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Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve the line item budget amendment for the purchase of the circuit courtroom sound system; Motion carried 5-0.

3-Each year, the Tax Collector certifies a list of all errors, insolvencies, double assessments and discounts on the Assessment Roll. He's presented that list for your approval that includes amount for insolvencies of \$10,955.89, subtractions from the Roll of \$145,296.89, and additions to the Roll of \$11,522.18. A motion of approval and the signature of each commissioner is requested

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to table this item until more information is received from Mr. Harris, the County's Tax Collector, at the next regular meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (10:53 AM)

Mr. Pierce submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval. Rachel Ward, of the Planning Office, also presented additional info on these requests.

The Advisory Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 and made the following recommendations:

1 - Approved by the Advisory Board of Adjustment a request for a variance to construct a single family residential boat ramp within the Critical Habitat Zone on Lot 5, Block 65, Unit 5, St. George Island. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Designlight LLC, Stephen Dambach, owner.

Dan Tonsmeire, of Apalachicola Bay and River Keepers, stated his concerns of putting this boat ramp in the Critical Habitat Zone, and of the precedent that might be set.

Attorney Shuler stated that if some type of precedent is set, it would not necessarily be a bad one, especially since it is being done on private property. Mr. Pierce stated that the process to obtain this type of permit is very restrictive, so he had no problems with it.

The Board, Attorney Shuler, Mr. Pierce, and Mrs. Rachel Ward, of the County's Planning Office, discussed restricting the type of material that could be used for building these types of boat ramp.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 1 of the Advisory Board of Adjustment Report; Motion carried 5-0.

2 - Approved by the Advisory Board of Adjustment a request for a variance to construct a vinyl seawall within the Critical Habitat Zone on Lots 7 and 8, Holiday Beach, Unit One, Alligator Point. Request submitted by Gene Strickland, agent for Paul R. Green, owner.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve Item 2 of the Advisory Board of Adjustment Report; Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (11:03 AM)

Mr. Pierce submitted the following report for discussion and/or approval.

Mr. Pierce informed the Board that the St. George Island Boat Ramp will be opened on July 17, 2008.

1- Provide Board with copy of Seaside Village Community Development District budget. There is no action required by the Board, nor are any public funds being utilized in the budget. According to the Seaside Village representatives, Florida law requires the District submit a budget to the county. The district is located in Carrabelle.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, directing Attorney Shuler to review the section of Florida Law that requires the District to submit their budget to the County; Motion carried 5-0.

2- Board action to approve Agreement between St. George Island Lighthouse and Board for \$175,000 of Legislative funds from the 2007 Florida Legislature.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to approve the agreement between St. George Island Lighthouse and the County; Motion carried 5-0.

3- Provide Board with copy of DCA Notice of Intent to find the recent comp plan amendments to be in compliance. These are the amendments the Board approved on April 22.

The Board asked Mr. Pierce to send a copy of this notice to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

4- Inform Board that Commissioner Bronson, Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services has responded to the Board's letter requesting a marketing strategy for Apalachicola Bay products. He has pledged his support.

5- Inform Board that Mr. Seth Blitch, Apalachicola Reserve Manager, wants to inform the Board that the Reserve has finally signed a contract for the construction of the new Reserve facility in Eastpoint. Construction costs are approximately \$7 Million. Construction should start in August, and take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

The Board directed Mr. Pierce to ask Mr. Seth Blitch to use as much local labor as possible on this project.

6- Board action to direct Mr. Shuler to investigate access issues related to St. Teresa Blvd, a road dedicated to the public but not entirely open. Dr. Clements, a property owner in St. Teresa, desires to close an existing road across his property that other property owners use to get to St. Teresa Blvd.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to direct Attorney Shuler to investigate the access issues related to St. Teresa Blvd; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Request the Board impose a time limit on the variance granted to Harry A's at the May 20 Board meeting. The variance was granted to provide Harry A's with the ability to apply for a building permit. At this time, no building permit application has been made. Board action to set a time limit of Friday, July 18, on when an application must be received, or the variance is revoked, and to inform Harry A's of this requirement.

Commissioner Crofton stated that he has made contact with a representative from Harry A's.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to allow Harry A's until Friday July 18, 2008 to submit an application to the County or the variance will be revoked; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Inform Board that the Governor has signed the budget approved by the Legislature, and the following two items are in the budget: \$100,000 for Vrooman Park, and \$150,000 for Lombardi. In a few weeks we will receive contracts, probably from DEP, which will detail the guidelines the Legislature set for how the funds must be spent. These two items were heavily supported by Rep. Kendrick.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the letter that Mr. Pierce sent to the Governor's office on this matter was well written and thanked Mr. Pierce.

Attorney Shuler stated that the AHCA debt by the management company that previously managed Weems Memorial has been forgiven by the Governor.

9- Board action to sign contract with C.W. Roberts for \$2,086,307.00 for the reconstruction of CR 370, Alligator Point Road.

Commissioner Sanders discussed a recommendation made by the engineer that suggested the use of a rubber membrane on Alligator Point Road.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Contract with C. W. Roberts for the reconstruction of Alligator Point Road; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal asked Andy Bailey, of C W Roberts, about cracks that have shown up on newly paved roads as in River Road. Mr. Bailey stated that the cracks on the paved section of the road originate from cracks that were already in the base and not repaired.

Ken Osborne, Alligator Point Taxing Authority, asked for verification that the Alligator Point Road would be built to the engineer specifications. Mr. Pierce and the Board said it would be. Ken Osborne stated that he would rather the road is built to the specs and if the funds run out the projects stops wherever it is, rather than building the entire road below the specifications. Commissioner Sanders explained further what she meant by using less of the rubber membrane in certain locations of the road, which would be above FDOT standards throughout the entire road. The Board also discussed using swales to help protect certain areas of the road that would be open to storms surges and destruction.

Mr. Bailey stated that their company is open for inspection of the materials and procedures that will be used on the Alligator Point project.

Commissioner Parrish stated that it is not the intention of the County to scale back this project in any manner, so at the end of the project if there are any problems, it will be because of the engineering specifications or the contractors work. Board discussed this matter further.

Chairman Lockley asked the Board to consider some type of County paving project since C. W. Roberts would already be in the County working on the Alligator Point Project.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to have Mrs. Johnson and other County staff determines the amount of available funds for a County wide paving project; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to direct Attorney Shuler to send a letter to C W Roberts about using the milled asphalt located at the jail for a new access road at the new school; Motion carried 5-0.

Larry Hale, of St. George Island, stated that Island Drive and Franklin Blvd on St. George Island needs maintenance, possibly a culvert, to avoid flooding.

Board and Mr. Pierce stated that Franklin Blvd is actually State-owned, so the County will have to contact FDOT about this matter.

Commissioner Crofton stated that the State's holding pond is a big part of the flooding problem, but the State has not been cooperative with trying to help resolve this matter. The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

Dan Tonsmeire suggested checking with DEP, since this is actually a storm water problem, and there might be available funding to help resolve this problem.

Motion by Crofton, seconded by Parrish, directing Mr. Pierce to contact DEP and FDOT about trying to resolve this problem and inquire about any funding that maybe available; Motion carried 5-0.

10- Mr. Ted Mosteller, and the Airport Advisory Committee, recommend the Board reject all the bids that were submitted and opened at the May 20th Board meeting for a maintenance hangar. The FDOT recommends the Board and the Advisory Committee complete the process of selecting an airport engineering firm, and then let the airport engineering firm re-bid the maintenance hangar.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Crofton, to reject all bids as recommended by the Airport Advisory Committee, and accept FDOT recommendation to re-bid the project after an airport engineering firm has been selected; Motion carried 5-0.

11- Board discussion regarding the June 5th letter from Commissioner Bronson, Dept. of Ag, to the Board informing the Board that the Dept. has funds available to assist in building at the Lombardi site a boat ramp, repairing the dock, and improving the parking, and perhaps additional items depending on how much the first three items cost. Comm. Bronson's letter does not specify how much money is available. The Seafood Task Force believes the Board should ask for \$200,000.

Commissioner Bronson's letter requests a representative contact Mr. Mark Berrigan to begin to develop a contract. I spoke to Mr. Berrigan yesterday.

Everybody wants to have the boat ramp and docks built as soon as possible. Board direction on size of ramp and docks. The Task Force has requested that outside engineering not be used at this time but someone familiar with construction has to develop plans and specifications so that the project can be bid out.

There is also the issue that the \$150,000 of DEP funds might also be specified for boat ramp and docks so the Board needs to see the language from both funding sources to see what can be paid for out of the different grants. Mr. Berrigan suggested that the Board write the Dept. back accepting their offer of funds and to direct staff to work out details. The Dept. funds are reimbursement based.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

12- Board direction on support for the Catalyst Site in Calhoun County for the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC). Representatives of Opportunity Florida request that all eight counties in the Northwest Florida RACEC sign the Second Memorandum of Agreement and Support for the Catalyst Site. I informed the representatives that I was not sure Franklin County would support a project in Calhoun County. The representatives are so positive that Franklin County should support the project that they are willing to come to a Board meeting to seek your support, if necessary. Board direction on whether to request Opportunity Florida representatives attend a Board meeting.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Putnal, to ask a representative of Opportunity Florida to attend a Board Meeting and explain the benefits of the Second Memorandum of Agreement for Franklin County; Motion carried 5-0.

13- Board action on renewing annual VMS contract for Public Works to mow right-of-way in Eastpoint and Lanark Village and receive compensation.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

14- Board action to support a Resolution on fuel prices as requested by the Small County Coalition

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution on fuel prices; Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:45 AM)

Attorney Shuler submitted the following report for the Board's review.

1. Carrabelle Urgent Care Facility

On June 5, 2008, I appeared before the School Board to address them concerning the County's need for a location to build the new Urgent Care Facility in Carrabelle, Florida.

After a question and answer session, the School Board adopted a resolution offering to sell the County five acres for fair market value, with a minimum price of \$25,000.00 and a maximum price of \$100,000.00 Dollars. The School agreed to sell the five acre site approved by Weems. No formal action was taken by the School relative to selling the balance of the 10 acres to the County.

On June 13, 2008, the School informed me that they agreed with my recommendation to hire Jonathan Brown to appraise the five acres. Mr. Brown is the appraiser who appraised the Lombardi property at \$1,165,000.00 on behalf of the County.

The County will pay for the appraisal. I have provided to Mr. Brown the information he needs to perform an appraisal.

Informally, the School Board has also agreed to give the County the entire 10 acres needed for the Urgent Care Facility, if the County can permit and construct a one lane road for emergency use when Highway 98 is closed to the School.

I am conducting due diligence to determine if the cost of the road and the value of the ten acres equal or exceed the cost of constructing the emergency single lane road. Several sites are being evaluated and a map is attached showing the 10 acre site I have recommended for both you and the School Board to consider in the event the Road is feasible and the parties can agree on a construction standard that satisfies the general criteria that the Road handle intermittent school bus traffic. Unless you tell me otherwise, this is the 10 acre site I will negotiate with the School.

The Schools wants the county to provide limited maintenance on an emergency Road, such that school buses can use it in emergencies. No regular maintenance is expected.

The Road would not have to be constructed in time for School in August 2008, so it may be that the County we can work on the Road over time and save money.

It is premature for me to make any recommendations to you regarding the feasibility of such a Road. Two significant issues must be examined.

First, Dan Garlick must submit a Corp. Of Engineers permit to go through two isolated wetlands. Mr. Garlick believes this can be obtained in sixty days after he submits the permit application. He is sending the County a fee proposal. It is expected to be less than the bid threshold.

Second, the road will need fill material. Generally, the milled asphalt north of the jail has been considered for this purpose. DOES THE BOARD WANT TO FORMALLY REQUEST C.W.ROBERTS TO CONSIDER GIFTING THAT FILL MATERIAL TO THE COUNTY? IT SEEMS THE MILL IS NOW BEING HAULED AWAY.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED: None. The School Board did not require that you accept their offer by a date certain, so I would suggest that unless you instruct otherwise, I will continue to negotiate with the School along the lines stated herein. By next meeting I have the information necessary for you to make a decision between outright purchase of the five acres or receiving the entire 10 acre parcel in exchange for construction and continued limited maintenance of an Alternate Road into the School.

2. Alligator Point

On Friday, June 13, 2008, I sent the attached letter to the attorney for South Shoals. The letter speaks for itself, but generally states that the County has determined that a public right-of-way exist connecting Tom Roberts Road and Harbor Circle. Therefore, condemnation proceedings are unnecessary.

It is likely that the developer will file a lawsuit challenging the County's use of the right of way. **I have informed the developer that the County intends to open the right of way to the public on or after July 1, 2008**

Commissioner Sanders stated that she wanted the right-of-way opened as soon as possible. Commissioner Parrish and Attorney Shuler discussed paving the unpaved section of this right-of-way. Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler discussed using the right-of-way as soon as possible without waiting for any input from South Shoal.

Commissioner Sanders stated that on July 1, she wants the County to start using that right of way.

Commissioners' and Public Comments (11:50 AM)

Commissioner Parrish recommended that the Board take a proactive stand on the Progress Energy project, and try to encourage Progress Energy to use an already existing easement rather than taking property from Franklin County property owners for a new location for their high energy lines.

Attorney Shuler discussed Progress Energy's failure to look for alternative paths for these high energy lines rather than trying to use eminent domain to take property from Franklin County residents.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the residents of that area want some type of public hearing so that they can express their concerns. Commissioner Parrish agreed and the Board discussed this matter further.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Crofton, directing Attorney Shuler to research all legal options regarding Progress Energy's proposed transmission lines project and present some recommendations to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Ted Mosteller, Apalachicola Airport Manager, stated that he supported the Board actions regarding this matter.

Commissioner Parrish repeated the location and time for the July 21, 2pm Corps of Engineers of Engineer meeting which was discussed earlier in this meeting.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he is not in opposition to off shore oil drilling in Franklin County.

Commissioner Lockley discussed the need to create job opportunities for Franklin County residents, especially the recent graduates of Franklin County High School. Board discussed this matter further and suggested discussing this with Opportunity Florida when they are at a Board meeting.

Ken Osborne, Alligator Point Taxing Association, is seeking information to create an alternative to the current ambulance service for Alligator Point, which will be discussed during the next budget process. Mr. Osborne stated that a recent incident took 45 minutes before there was any response from a first responder or the ambulance.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Osborne to get with Mr. Chuck Colvert, Weems Memorial CEO, regarding this matter and discussed some possible options for ambulance service.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the Hospital will have a program, in the near future, that will train more first responders and the County should have already receive a grant for another ambulance.

Mr. Osborne suggested creating a program or scholarship to encourage Franklin County graduates to become EMTs for Franklin County. The Board discussed programs that are in the process that would accomplish this task.

Adjourn (12:09 PM)

There being no further business, Chairman Lockley adjourned the meeting.

Noah Lockley Jr., Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court