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**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2002**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Creamer, Chairman; Jimmy Mosconis, Bevin Putnal, Cheryl Sanders, and Clarence Williams; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Alfred Shuler, County Attorney.

9:00 A.M. Chairman Creamer called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-30) Commissioner Sanders made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on April 16, 2002 and April 29, 2002.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-33) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-38) Mr. Chipman said he would like to request the Board's assistance this morning. He informed the Board one of the Road Department employees received a traffic ticket. He said the employee was in a County truck and had a limb hanging out further than the tailgate. He stated if it was a speeding ticket he wouldn't ask the Board for any assistance, but he felt this ticket was kind of "penny-ante" and informed the Board the ticket was issued by FDOT. He said he would like for the County to pay this ticket for his employee. Kendall Wade, Clerk, asked the Board to allow him to look into this matter and at least talk to the Judge before the ticket is paid. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Chipman to make sure he informed the employees at the Road Department about this matter and try to keep this from happening again. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the payment of this traffic ticket by the County contingent on the Clerk checking into the matter and instructing Mr. Chipman to schedule a meeting with the Road Department Personnel about making sure this doesn't happen again.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-108) Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he would like to inform the Board, while Mr. Chipman was present, that because of Mark Curenton's, Assistant Planner, continuing efforts on the Community Rating System all County property owners who have flood insurance will receive a 10% discount in their flood premiums, up from 5%. He informed the Board the County could probably get a larger discount if the Board would direct the Road Department to consult with Mr. Curenton regarding keeping up with written records of ditch maintenance performed by the Road Department. He explained FEMA reviews these type records in order to determine how much of a discount the County would receive on flood insurance premiums. He asked Mr. Chipman to have someone check with Mr. Curenton regarding the implementation of some type of paper work to keep up with the ditch maintenance throughout the County.

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(Tape 1-136) Commissioner Putnal asked about the culverts FDOT agreed to purchase for the Eastpoint ditch project. He replied the SGI Bridge Project is going to provide 27 culverts for Wilderness and Ridge Roads. He said the culverts would be delivered to the County Road Department storage yard on SR 65 for the County to install. He explained Mr. Bill Veon said his company, Sverdrup Civil, Inc., would fulfill their promise to provide the culverts even though they would not be doing any storm water improvements in that area. Mr. Chipman said he was expecting the culvert pipe at the Road Department any time.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-162) Mr. Johnson presented the contract between Franklin County and Waste Management to the Board for approval this morning. He explained the contract allows Waste Management to collect commercial and residential solid waste from the unincorporated areas of the County. He said the only changes to the contract are extending the contract for a full five-years and requiring a local or toll-free telephone number instead of an office. He stated the contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Waste Management Contract between Waste Management and Franklin County for five-years from May 7, 2002 through May 6, 2007.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-184) He said the Waste Disposal Agreement, which authorizes Waste Management to operate the Transfer Station will expire within a year. He said he would like directions from the Board to either prepare Request for Proposals or start negotiations with Waste Management for a new five-year agreement. Mr. Johnson, after being questioned by the Board, said he would recommend the Board authorize him to begin negotiations with Waste Management since they already have the contract and if they are unable to come to an agreement then he could come back to the Board and ask for permission to publish a Request for Proposals. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Johnson to begin negotiations with Waste Management regarding the Waste Disposal Agreement.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-215) He said he had a copy of the Annual Full Cost of Solid Waste Management Report and Public Notice. He said the report details the full costs incurred by Franklin County for solid waste management services provided during fiscal year 2000-2001. He stated the report identifies all costs, both direct and indirect, whether budgeted or not. He said the report allocates indirect cost to the Board, Clerk's Office, Legal Counsel, and the Road Department. He said it does not take into account the offsetting factor of tipping fee revenue, solid waste grants or inmate labor used in the production of services. He explained the full cost of Solid Waste Management services for Franklin County during fiscal year 2000-2001 was \$719,610.00, which was a \$222,486.00 decrease from last Fiscal Year, \$942,096.00. He informed the Board public notice of this report must be published in a newspaper of general circulation and a copy of the report sent to FDEP. He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature on this document. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the**

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Annual Full Cost of Solid Waste Management Report and Public Notice for fiscal year 2000-2001. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-254) He said he also has, for the Board's approval, the Annual Application for Financial Assurance for Closure and Long-Term Care of the Franklin County Central Landfill. He explained the estimated cost for long-term care per year is \$69,101.68. He stated the report was prepared by the County's engineering firm, Preble-Rish, Inc., and after signing copies the application must be sent to FDEP as well. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Annual Application for Financial Assurance for Closure and Long-Term Care of the Franklin County Central Landfill.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-332) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson to update the Board about the Wolf Hybrid animal situation in Lanark Village. Mr. Johnson replied the situation had been resolved. He stated he and the County Attorney worked out an out-of-court stipulation with the animal owners. He said this problem was solved and the Animal Control Department now has custody of the animals.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-362) Mr. Pierce said he would begin his report with whether the Board wanted to maintain the blockade of the boat ramp on Porter Street on SGI. He stated, on advice from the County Attorney, the issue of liability, the Board voted in July 2001 to block the ramp. He said it was not closed until recently and now the County has received letters and telephone calls opposing the closure of the boat ramp. He asked the Board for direction in this matter. He stated there were several people at the meeting this morning regarding this subject. He presented a letter submitted by Mr. & Mrs. William L. Dodd opposing the closure of the boat ramp. He also presented a map showing the area where the boat ramp is on SGI. Ron Bloodworth, a resident of SGI, said he had used this boat ramp for at least twenty years. After a lengthy discussion the Board asked the County Attorney, Alfred Shuler, for his advice. Mr. Shuler again advised the Board to keep the boat ramp closed, at this time, due to liability issues. Mr. Pierce suggested the Board look into getting a boat ramp permitted for the old "Luau Site" on SGI. The Board directed Mr. Pierce to place some lime rock or oyster shells at the "Luau Site". Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to proceed today with the permitting process for the "Luau Site" Boat Ramp on SGI.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler advised the Board the County would need to post a sign at the old boat ramp on Porter Street, SGI. He said he would advise the following language be placed on the sign: "This is not a public boat ramp-do not launch boats at this site!" Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to contact the Road Department for placement of this sign at the Porter Street Boat Ramp on SGI stating the following: "This is not a public boat ramp-do not launch boats at this site!"** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Dodd and Captain Larry Troy expressed their opposition to this decision.

DEBORAH R. BELCHER ROUMELIS-ROUMELIS PLAN & DEVELOPMENT

(Tape 1-1633) Ms. Roumelis appeared before the Board at this time to update the Board of the County's current CDBG application. She announced this was the second public hearing as required by grant process. She said the deadline for the application is May 15, 2002. She stated the County is eligible to apply for \$700,000.00 in CDBG funds. She informed the Board this was highly competitive and she has worked really hard to have a project design ready before the deadline. She listed the following proposed projects for submission: Relieve flooding from storm water backing up in the Wilderness Road, Ridge Road and Bear Creek area; Pave Twin Lakes Road, to provide safe roadways for local traffic and in furtherance of "Develop and maintain ability to use alternate evacuation routes to Highway 98"; Extend sewer and water lines on Ridge Road and Bear Creek Road to avoid flooding of septic tanks and provide adequate fire protection; and Relieve flooding from storm water in the Lanark Village area. She said all of these projects had been approved the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee on May 6, 2002 for presentation to the Board for approval. She asked the Board for permission to work with Lanark Village Water & Sewer District and the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District to see what they have, see what would fit the guidelines of the grant, and then decide what to include in the grant application. She said she would need permission to advise the County Staff and decide on a recommendation as to what needs to be done with the money if the grant is approved and then present this to the Chairman for approval. She reminded the Commissioners there would not be another meeting until after the application deadline had passed. She asked the Board to allow her the latitude to do whatever needs to be done to have this application ready for the May 15, 2002 submission date. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on this CDBG application, etc. and authorizing Ms. Roumelis to work with Lanark Village Water & Sewer District and the Eastpoint Water & Sewer District to prepare this documentation; giving her the latitude she needs to have this document ready for submission by May 15, 2002.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Roumelis and Mr. Pierce presented the necessary Resolutions of Support to the Board for adoption and the Chairman's signature. The first Resolution was "A Resolution of the Franklin County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners, authorizing submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application, finding the application consistent with the local Comprehensive Plan and designating the local Comprehensive Plan as the local Community Development Plan, and authorizing the County Planning and Building Director to execute certain documents pertaining to the Grant." Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The second Resolution was "A Resolution of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, amending the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy to include specific projects contained in the County's 2002 Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Grant Application, and providing for an effective date." Commissioner Sanders made a **motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 1-2554) Ms. Roumelis informed the Board she has to include her invoice in the CDBG application as well. She asked the Board to direct Mr. Pierce to review and, if approved, sign the invoice submitted by her company, Roumelis Planning and Development Services. Mr. Pierce stated the Board has already approved the contract with Roumelis Planning and he would be glad, if authorized, to sign the invoice to submit with the CDBG application package. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to review and, if approved, sign the invoice submitted by Roumelis Planning and Development Services to be included in the CDBG application package.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

JUDGE VAN RUSSELL-COURTHOUSE MATTERS

(Tape 1-2667) Judge Russell said he was here this morning to address the Board about the parking situation at the Courthouse. He stated he would suggest or like to see the Board do the following: "At the Old Jail site, on the Water Street side; the County could just scoop out some of the coping so the cars could come and go there it would help a lot." He said right now, there is an entrance on Leslie Street and an entrance on Commerce Street, but both of them are right in the middle of all of the congestion. He said they are only wide enough for one vehicle to come and go out of. He stated if the County could make a really wide entrance on the Water Street side then he felt the traffic flow problem could be helped. He said if the area were wide enough so a vehicle could come out and one go into the lot at the same time it would alleviate some of these problems. He said he had spoke to Mayor Pierce about this matter. He stated he thought he heard him say that if the County approved this request the City of Apalachicola would do the work. Commissioner Mosconis said it had only been several years ago since the County had the same parking problems. He stated the County Engineer designed the current flow pattern for the streets next to the Courthouse. He said he thought the County Engineer, David Kennedy, could come up with a plan. Judge Russell said, at the present time, there are cars parked all over the place behind the Courthouse. He stated he felt if the County could go ahead and pave the area he is talking about and mark the parking spaces it would help tremendously with the parking problem the County Courthouse is experiencing. Mr. Wade stated one of the big problems is with the street located on the north west side of the Courthouse. He said there are cars parked on both sides of the street with traffic trying to flow through it as well. Commissioner Mosconis instructed Mr. Pierce to inform Mr. Kennedy of the problem and work with him to come up with a solution to this parking problem. He asked Mr. Pierce to see if this proposal suggested by the Judge would be feasible. Mr. Pierce assured the Board and Judge Russell he would work with Mr. Kennedy to see what, if anything, could be done about the matter. Judge Russell thanked the Board for their time this morning. Commissioner Mosconis said he had another matter he wanted to discuss while Judge Russell was present this morning. He stated the problem of the mold in the Courthouse had been brought to his attention again. He said he asked Mr. Pierce, last week, to call and see what it would cost to have the duct work cleaned at the Courthouse. He stated there are companies that conduct tests and surveys to see exactly what needs to be done about problems such as this. He said the problem is not unique to this building. Mr. Pierce replied the two companies,

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Peaden Air Conditioning and Pat Green Air-Conditioning; both of Panama City do service this area. He said Peaden Air-Conditioning does not do this type of work, but Pat Green Air-Conditioning does. He stated a representative from Pat Green Air-Conditioning estimated it would cost between \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to clean the blowers, the filters, the duct work, etc. He explained it would cost approximately \$1,000.00 per five-ton unit and the Courthouse has eight, five-ton units. Mr. Wade informed the Board the County has a maintenance contract with Parker Services out of Tallahassee. He said he didn't know anything about this matter or that it was going to come up today. He stated if he had known about this he could have called them to see what they would charge for this service. Mr. Wade said this is the first he had heard about this matter. Commissioner Sanders said she knew as a Commissioner she had been getting a lot of complaints about this problem in the Courthouse. Commissioner Mosconis said he too had received quite a few complaints about the "mold" problem in the Courthouse for the last six-months or so. Mr. Wade said he hadn't and this was the first he had heard about contacting someone to clean the mold out of the Courthouse. He said he would be glad to call Parker Services. Commissioner Mosconis said he just wanted to get somebody to do the job. Amelia Varnes, Secretary to the Board, informed the Board the Sheriff's Department had to have their duct worked cleaned. She said there were several employees with asthma or asthma related illnesses and the Sheriff had to get the ducts cleaned, new filters, etc. Commissioner Mosconis said the Board needed to do something. Mr. Wade said he would contact Parker Services to see if they do this type of work and if not then he would meet with Mr. Pierce to discuss what other companies could do this type of work. Commissioner Sanders said she would go ahead and make a **motion to direct Mr. Wade to check with Parker Services to see if they provide this type of service and if not for he and Mr. Pierce to contact other companies to see how much something like this would cost and then instructing Mr. Pierce and Mr. Wade to report back to the Board at the next meeting with their recommendations.** Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted the Clerk to "move" to solve this problem and these complaints. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Anita Gregory, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, said the Apalachicola State Bank had a similar problem. She stated they even had to install "Ozone" filters and some type of "Black" light to help keep the mold killed. Mr. Pierce said he would contact the President of ASB to see what company they used.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-CONTINUED

(Tape 1-3005 Continued on Tape 2) Mr. Pierce said Dr. Junejo, FCPHU, was present this morning. He stated he wanted to discuss the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) issue since she is here. He informed the Board he has spoken several times to Mr. Clarence Gissendanner and to Mr. Joseph Bertulfo regarding the County's efforts to obtain a FQHC. He explained Mr. Gissendanner is a property owner on SGI, a semi-retired physician, and is very familiar with FQHC's. He said Mr. Bertulfo works in the Atlanta office of the Bureau of Primary Health Care, which is the agency reviewing any application submitted by Franklin County. He said the Board has acted to send a "generic" letter of support for the FQHC, according to both of these gentlemen the Board can have a larger voice in the decision making process if the Board feels that North Florida Medical Centers is not going to represent the interests of the public. He said

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according to both gentlemen, it is important for an applicant to show they have community support. He stated North Florida indicated to the Board they didn't need or necessarily have to have the Board's support. He explained if the Board wants the Bureau of Primary Health Care to know North Florida's attitude, the Board should write a letter to Mr. Dick Awalt, Director of the Bureau, in Atlanta. He said, at this time, North Florida has submitted a grant for an FQHC, which appears will be able to service some of Franklin County. He informed the Board he has requested a copy of the grant so he can see exactly what was submitted. He asked the Board if they wanted him to send a letter to Dr. Awalt. He also informed the Board Mr. Gissendanner intends to attend the next Board Meeting on May 21st to discuss this matter if his schedule allows. Dr. Junejo addressed the Board at this time. She said she first wanted to inform the Board it was "Nurses Week". She stated she appreciated everything the nurses in Franklin County do for the citizens. She asked the Board to adopt and prepare a "Resolution of Appreciation" in honor of "Nurses Week". Commissioner Sanders made a **motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on a "Resolution of Appreciation" recognizing this week as "Nurses Week"**. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** She continued with the discussion Mr. Pierce began about the FQHC in Franklin County. She said she has been working with the newly formed group of citizens from around Franklin County, "Franklin Promise", and the newly formed Franklin County Medical Society. She said Mr. Barry Gilbert, Administrator of George E. Weems Memorial Hospital, is also supporting both of these groups. She stated that, although she asked for a copy of the grant proposal submitted by North Florida Medical Centers, she has not received or been able to obtain one. She and Dr. Sanaullah both agreed they wanted the County to ask for this FQHC so local physicians and citizens could have input into the clinic. She said, at this time, the local physicians have volunteered to serve a 2-hour per physician, weekly clinic for local citizens who serve the target population, Franklin County residents age 21-64, with no insurance, Medicaid/Medicare and meeting the income level, up to 150% poverty. She presented the Board with a Franklin County Medical Society Mission Statement reflecting these items. Commissioner Mosconis said he was really pleased with the progress the local physicians had made regarding indigent health care in Franklin County. He said he would go ahead and make a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to Mr. Dick Awalt, Director of the Bureau of Primary Health Care, requesting Franklin County be awarded the local FQHC grant and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the letter.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said he would include in his letter that Franklin County wanted the FQHC, but the County believes North Florida Medical Centers application would not serve the community's best interest. He stated the County had to be careful to encourage the FQHC, but for the County to utilize and not a private entity. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted a copy of this Franklin County Medical Society Mission Statement sent with the letter to Mr. Awalt.

(Tape 2-183) He said Mr. Rodney Glass, who is present this morning, came to his office last week seeking a letter saying it was okay for him to renew his oyster house license for another year at this house in Sandy Acres. He said he informed Mr. Glass the Planning and Zoning Commission did not want to expand seafood houses in residential areas and

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had preferred him to relocate his business. He explained Mr. Glass told him he could not afford to relocate and that none of his neighbors objected or complained about his business. He asked the Board if they wanted him to write this letter supporting Mr. Glass's request to renew his oyster house license for another year. He said Mr. Glass's license formally expires in August. Commissioner Sanders stated she thought this was the agreement when Mr. Glass came before the Board to request the Commissioners rezone his property from residential to business for the purpose of keeping his oyster house. Commissioner Putnal agreed and said they decided last December of so to help Mr. Glass find some other property. He stated if he cannot afford to move or purchase other property then he should be allowed to keep his business. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for Mr. Rodney Glass to have his oyster house license renewed for another year at his house in Eastpoint-Sandy Acres.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-253) He said he had received several complaints from property owners adjoining "Blue Water Bay" development in Lanark Village. He asked the Board for direction as to how to address these complaints. He said the two letters were from Ms. Joann C. Cook and Larry & Crystal Pesek complaining they thought they had been sold a corner lot and now their property has turned out not to be a corner lot. He said Ms. Cook has written complaining she is completely land locked because "Blue Water Bay" development has completely absorbed the only access to her property, a street formerly known as James L. Platt or "L" Street. He stated one of the owners, Debra Brett, of the "Blue Water Bay" development was present in the meeting this morning. He said the County has already relocated the road to the northern side of the property to have the access reconnected to Pine Wood and now these property owners are complaining. He said Ms. Cook does own the property in the middle of this block and has no legal access to her property. Chairman Creamer said he thought this sounded like a problem that needed to be settled between private property owners and should not involve the County. He asked Mr. Shuler what his opinion was. Mr. Shuler replied he really didn't know how to answer this question, but it seemed to him someone divided this property and did not give proper access to the inner lots. Commissioner Putnal said every time something like this is done he always asked if anybody was going to be landlocked before he approves a plat or subdivision. Debbie Brett said she couldn't find any record of this thirty-four acres even being platted. She stated everyone who owns any interior lot in this area is land locked. She explained there are no roads connecting any of the interior lots. She said she is land locked as well as everyone else. She stated it was two wood lines that meet. She stated there were twenty-feet of huge pine trees next to these lots, not the military asphalt. She said there is thirty-feet east of the military asphalt and when the property was purchased it was apparently not surveyed. She stated she felt it was just poor planning. Mr. Pierce said he knew the Board would be considering a plat for "Blue Water Bay" and he just wanted everyone to know about this problem. He stated he wanted to bring this to the County Attorney as well.

(Tape 2-489) He asked the Board for approve the advertisement of bids for the CDBG contract to clean out the "Big Ditch" in Apalachicola and additional work in Eastpoint.

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He said the bids should be scheduled for opening at the first meeting in June. Commissioner Williams made a **motion authorizing the advertisement of bids for the CDBG contract to clean out the "Big Ditch" in Apalachicola and additional work in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-507) He said he needed Board action to authorize Preble-Rish, Inc. to design, produce plans and specifications, and project administration for the following three projects which have been received "Notice to Proceed" authorizations from FDOT: 1. Widening and resurfacing Patton Drive in Eastpoint for \$112,829.00; 2. Widening and resurfacing South Bayshore in Eastpoint for \$123,270.00; and 3. Resurfacing with drainage improvements Water Street in Apalachicola for \$110,900.00. He explained all of the expenses would be paid for by FDOT funds because the County has been awarded the waiver of a local match. He said the three projects are the ones the County applied for through the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP). He said Board action to authorize these projects at the amount of funds listed above would not require the use of any County funds. He explained if the Board wants to use County funds to fund the above projects they could be increased in scope by doing such things as reworking the shoulders, crack relief, and more structural asphalt, but at this time Preble-Rish, Inc. recommends the Board to direct them to keep the project within the funding level provided by FDOT. He said he needed Board action to authorize Preble-Rish, Inc. to also be paid by the FDOT approved guideline of 10% of the construction costs of each project. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Preble-Rish, Inc. to design, produce plans and specifications, and project administration for the above listed projects and includes Preble-Rish, Inc. being paid at the FDOT approved guideline of 10% of the construction costs of each project.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-595) He presented the Board with a copy of the DEP permit for SGI Utility for a sewage plant permit for Resort Village. He was just presenting this copy to the Board for the record.

(Tape 2-612) He said would need Board direction to authorize \$500.00 for a traffic study to be performed by Poole Engineering and Surveying, Inc., for the proposed crosswalk on Bald Point Road. He explained the County's engineering firm, Preble-Rish, Inc., has recommended a traffic study be conducted because the road is a straight away in that area, and Mr. Kennedy wants to make sure the proper signage is installed in this area. He said while the speed limit is 35 mph people usually drive faster due to the nature of the road. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing a traffic study to be conducted by Poole Engineer & Surveying, Inc., for the proposed crosswalk on Bald Point Road in the amount of \$500.00.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-646) He informed the Board bids have been advertised for the removal of the house on Alligator Point, "My Blue Heaven". He stated the bids are scheduled to be opened on May 21st.

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(Tape 2-654) He presented a copy of the Advance Notification sent to the County by Post, Buckley, Schuh, and Jernigan (PBSJ) regarding the firm's intent to do a Project Development and Environmental Study for the relocation of 1.4 miles of US 98/319. He said he was just presenting the Board with this information for the record.

(Tape 2-673) He told the Board he received a letter from Ty Puckett, Alligator Point Water Resources District requesting the County open up Angus Morrison Road and George Vause Road in Alligator Point. He said Mr. Puckett is requesting these roads be opened up so the District can place water lines on Alligator Point. Commissioner Sanders said she had a problem with the APWRD since a problem arose over the weekend. She stated one of the newer mains on CR 370 caused the highway to be undermined, which then caused a hole under the road. She said the County had to go fix the road. Commissioner Mosconis asked why APWRD couldn't fix the road. Commissioner Sanders said they called the County to fix it. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought the County should bill them for this expense. Mr. Pierce said he thought APWRD should prepare and submit a survey of Angus Morrison Road and George Vause Road to the County. He stated then the County could use County equipment and personnel to actually do the work. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to Ty Puckett, APWRD, informing him the County expects APWRD to pay the repair bill for the repair to CR 370 performed by the County Road Department and to request a survey be completed on Angus Morrison Road and George Vause Road.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said he would contact Hubert Chipman to get a cost estimate on the road repairs so the County can submit a bill to APWRD.

(Tape 2-822) He presented a letter he had mailed to Catherine Florco, DEP, regarding the application the County submitted for the funding of an innovative beach erosion control project on Alligator Point. He said the letter requests immediate use of some DEP funds for this purpose. He said he sent the letter on April 16th and has not received a response.

(Tape 2-869) He said he needed the Board's assistance on a decision on Mr. Middlebrooks' offer to sell his house and vacant lot on Alligator Point, when FEMA is only going to pay for the house, not the lot or the demolition work. He said Mr. Middlebrooks is willing to accept \$91,000.00 for both lots, but FEMA will only pay \$72,263.00. He stated if the County accepts Mr. Middlebrooks offer it will cost the County \$18,737.00. He said the Property Appraiser has the lot appraised at \$14,679.00. He said an appraisal paid for by Mr. Middlebrooks has the lot valued at \$37,500.00. He said by everyone's agreement, there is virtually no land left of the vacant lot now, but if the County ever does rebuild the beach it is possible the vacant lot could become build able, so by buying it now, would be cheaper then buying it later. He stated if the Board does want to buy the lot, it could be funded through the Bald Point Trust Fund. Commissioner Sanders pointed out there was a \$23,000.00 difference between the appraisal value and the price Mr. Middlebrooks is asking for the property. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Pierce to negotiate with Mr. Middlebrooks to see if

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everyone could agree on a price. Commissioner Sanders said she thought Mr. Pierce should also check into funding through the Florida Community Trust Fund. She said funds like this could be used to purchase property like Mr. Middlebrooks. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send a letter to the Florida Communities Trust Fund to request funds to purchase some of this property on Alligator Point.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said he would direct Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, to see if all of this beachfront property could be purchased through the Florida Communities Trust Fund.

(Tape 2-1060) He informed the Board still has the authorization to purchase a third house in Alligator Point owned by Dr. Gomez. He said the house is west of the revetment, but he was proceeding slowly with acquisitions because he was trying to avoid the County buying too many houses before the County finds out the costs of demolishing one of these structures.

(Tape 2-1069) He said the County has received a site plan of the Old Highway Patrol Station in Eastpoint. He stated there were two bathrooms in the office and the Division of Motor Vehicles has agreed to maintain their driver license office. He said they would be using one of the bathrooms and install a petition between the two areas. He explained the building would then be given to the County for use by the ambulance service. He said one bathroom should be enough for them. Commissioner Mosconis said this sounded good to him. An unknown paramedic attending the meeting said they only had one bathroom in their current location, so it would be okay to only have one bathroom in this building.

(Tape 2-1163) He said Mr. Tom Hoffer, SGI, has informed him of a problem in the Commercial District on the Island. He explained there is a business, Jeanni's Journey's, parking cars in the county right-of-way on Gunn Street. He asked the Board if they wanted him to send a letter to Ms. Jeanni McMillan, owner of Jeannie's Journey's, to request that she move the cars off the property. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to send Ms. McMillan a letter informing her of this problem and asking her to cease parking any automobiles, etc. on the road.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1257) Commissioner Putnal said the contractors did a good job on the road in Eastpoint, but at Porter's Bar Bridge the contractors have packed up and left a mess. He said there is a mess on both sides of the bridge. Mr. Pierce informed Commissioner Putnal the contractors were not through with the project and would be back to finish it. Mr. Pierce said he would inform the contractors of this problem as soon as he could reach them.

(Tape 2-1287) Commissioner Sanders said clams are now being planted in Alligator Harbor. She stated she is very proud of this project.

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(Tape 2-1294) She stated she met with Billy Buzzett, St. Joe/Arvida, and was informed by him he didn't think there would be any problem, at least on their part, for the public and clam farmers using Leonard's Landing Boat Ramp at Alligator Harbor. She said he assured her the people would be allowed accessibility to the boat ramp. She stated this boat ramp has been used for a public boat ramp for many, many years.

(Tape 2-1313) She asked Mr. Pierce to check and see if a plan couldn't be implemented regarding the beach access or county right-of-ways being delineated on a map. She stated this would make it easier for the Commissioners to look over when a plat was being discussed. She said as the County grows more and more people purchasing property are going to try and claim County property. Mr. Pierce said he would check into this matter.

(Tape 2-1342) She said she talked to Mr. Buzzett about the Carrabelle County Park too. She stated he told her he was sure something could be worked out for some property adjacent to the Carrabelle High School. She said she felt this would be the best area for accessibility by the children of the community.

(Tape 2-1380) She stated she checked out the culverts on Highway 67. She said these were the ones C. W. Roberts contracted out to Solomon Brothers. She informed the Board three culverts, instead of two would have to be replaced.

(Tape 2-1396) Commissioner Sanders said she had received a letter and was sure the other Commissioners received one too from Ms. Myrtice Corley. Ms. Sanders said she was very disturbed by this letter about the ambulance service, EmeryStat, Inc. She read the letter into the record. She stated this incident was not the only one she has heard about lately. She said she wanted to make a **motion to send a copy of this letter to the ambulance service provider, EmeryStat, Inc. and asked them why this type of thing happened.** She stated the County is subsidizing the ambulance service at least \$10,000.00 a month and the least they could do is take someone to the hospital they want to go to in Tallahassee or Panama City. She said this lady had a mastectomy on April 4th and she got sick on April 28th. She stated if she had to go to Apalachicola like the ambulance drivers wanted to do she probably wouldn't be here today. She said Ms. Corley spent a week in intensive care and she was very sick. She stated she wanted to have it understood with the ambulance service that a person who is very sick can go to whatever hospital they want to. She said most people have doctors who would meet them at the hospital. Commissioner Putnal stated he has complained about the same thing for years. He said he was told nothing can be done about this since it was a state law and until Representative Kendrick or Senator Lawson does something about the matter then nothing can be done. He stated it was a state law. Commissioner Sanders told Commissioner Putnal it looked like to her it depended on who was on the ambulance working. She said sometime they would take someone to Tallahassee and sometime they won't. She stated she experienced this with a family member of hers. She asked why something couldn't be done about this. Chris Lance, paramedic with EmeryStat, Inc., said he would like to explain that most of the problem is not the ambulance service, but the hospital. He said some of the time the hospitals will not take any out-of-county

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patients unless they are trauma patients. He stated the ambulance staff cannot just arbitrarily take a patient to a hospital outside of Franklin County even if the person has a doctor who is going to meet them at the hospital. He explained the hospital, not the doctor has the final say in these matters. He said until they receive an acceptance call from the hospital it is a violation of state law to take the patient to the hospital. He stated he was on the ambulance the day Ms. Corley was sick and he would have been glad to have taken her to Tallahassee, but the hospital would not agree to take her even with her doctor waiting on her there. He said he didn't think she had a heart attack although the ambulance staff did not hook up a "twelve lead" to her. He stated her vital signs were stable. Commissioner Putnal asked if she was told her husband wasn't going to take her anywhere. Mr. Lance replied they needed to get her to sign a refusal of care form before they could allow her to go to Tallahassee. He said if she was not going to allow them to bring her to Apalachicola then she had to basically refuse their service in writing. Commissioner Putnal said he would never do something like this. He stated they would have a hard time telling him he had to wait an hour or so just to sign a form. He said if his wife was having a heart attack and the ambulance staff told him he couldn't take her to the hospital in Tallahassee he would be very, very upset. Commissioner Mosconis said this man is trying to tell the Commissioners this lady wasn't having a heart attack. Commissioner Putnal asked how did he know. Commissioner Mosconis said he was a trained professional. Mr. Lance said the vital signs were stable. Commissioner Sanders informed the Board she had to have four or five pints of blood she was bleeding so severely internally. Mr. Lance stated that was an hour later when she got to the hospital. Commissioner Sanders said she was going to get down to brass tacks. She asked Mr. Lance if the area she showed him was swelling profusely. Mr. Lance replied there was swelling. Commissioner Sanders said the whole area was filling up with blood and fluids, which was definitely a life-threatening situation. Ms. Shuler, paramedic EmergyStat, Inc., said if the patient is in an emergency situation they try to take them to the nearest hospital to stabilize them and then they can be moved. She stated if the lady would have gotten in the ambulance and gone to Apalachicola to be stabilized then they would have taken her on to Tallahassee. Commissioner Sanders stated if she had come all the way back to Apalachicola it would have delayed her care another hour or more. She said Ms. Corley could have died. She said Ms. Corley's mammary artery was bleeding and she more than likely would have bleed to death. She stated she wanted to send a copy of this letter to EmergyStat, Inc. and asked them to come to the next Board meeting to explain why this was done to Ms. Corley. She said she wanted something worked out where a citizen of Franklin County can tell the ambulance to take them to either Panama City or Tallahassee to the hospital. Commissioner Putnal said he had a copy of the law and took it to Ms. McKnight in Carrabelle because she couldn't believe it. Chairman Creamer said his mother passed away in January and the ambulance had to take her to Apalachicola many times just to stabilize her so she could be moved to Panama City. He said the ambulance service and the hospital did a great job for his mother, but in this situation he is not really sure what happened. He said he could almost sympathize with the ambulance service because they were "between a rock and a hard place". Ms. Shuler, an EMT with EmergyStat, Inc., assured Commissioner Sanders she didn't need to send a letter to her superiors she would fax Ms. Corley's letter to them today.

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KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-2046) Mr. Wade said he had a question for the Hospital Administrator Barry Gilbert. He informed the Board and Mr. Gilbert one of his employees fell on the bottom floor of the Courthouse last week. He said everyone thought she had broken her ankle, but she just sprained it. He asked why the hospital would not accept the Franklin County Worker's Compensation patients. Mr. Gilbert replied he didn't know anything about this. Mr. Wade said the Finance Office called the hospital and was told by them they did not accept worker's comp claims from Franklin County. Mr. Wade said this is definitely a problem because this is the only hospital in the County, the hospital is owned by the County and then won't take County employees who are hurt or injured on the job. He informed Mr. Gilbert the hospital was not on the County's workers comp list. Ms. Varnes said the Finance Office had to telephone the worker's comp company to get approval to have this employee taken to the local hospital. She stated special permission had to be granted to take one of the County employees to the local hospital. She said it took thirty to forty-five minutes to just get permission to take her out to Weems. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought workers comp was accepted anywhere and at any time. Ms. Varnes replied, as she understood it, the providers have to fill out an application and be approved to accept workers comp patient by the workers comp insurance company. Mr. Gilbert said he would check into this matter. Mr. Wade said he wanted Mr. Gilbert to make sure the hospital was on this workers comp list as an approved hospital as soon as possible.

ALFRED SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-2150) Mr. Shuler updated the Board regarding the Alexis Group versus Franklin County. He said this was the beach access suit on SGI.

(Tape 2-2199) He said the Sheriff of Terre Bonne Parrish in Louisiana is not responding to his letters requesting he pay the hospital bill for an inmate, Michael Crutchfield, that was arrested on a warrant from Louisiana. He stated Bay Medical is going to file a lawsuit against the County for payment of this bill. He said then the County can enjoin the lawsuit with Bay Medical and sue the Sheriff of Terre Bonne Parrish as a third party. Commissioner Mosconis said "Well our Sheriff hadn't paid this yet?" Mr. Shuler replied no he hadn't. Commissioner Mosconis said he had negotiated a discounted price with Bay Medical and he thought the Sheriff was going to pay it. Commissioner Putnal said the hospital gave the County an extension to pay the bill. Commissioner Mosconis said he knew the Sheriff had this money in his budget since this bill was from last fall. He said now the County was going to lose that discount. Mr. Pierce said plus legal fees. Commissioner Mosconis said the Sheriff had the money to pay this bill. Mr. Shuler stated it is the sort of thing the County should not pay until the Court tells us to pay it. He said in the meantime the County should try to make Terre Bonne Parrish pay the bill. Commissioner Mosconis said he hoped the counselor was right.

(Tape 2-2277) He stated he discussed the current Animal Control Ordinance with Mr. Johnson. He said the problem with the Hybrid Wolf dogs brought up a new issue. He said the County might have to amend the ordinance to regulate hybrid animals and exotic

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animals possibly in the same way the County regulates dangerous animals. He stated he has prepared some language and sent it over to Mr. Johnson for comments and recommendations. Commissioner Putnal said he wasn't sure this would benefit the people in Franklin County. He stated there is a lot of "high bred" dogs here. He said that would include a whole pile of dogs. He said there are a lot of "high bred" fox and deer dogs in the County and he didn't want the hunters upset. Mr. Shuler said he was talking about a domestic animal versus a wild animal. Commissioner Putnal stated he wanted this very clear in the ordinance so these hunters would not get upset. He said when you say "high bred" there are a lot of "high bred" dogs running the streets in Franklin County. He stated "multi high bred" dogs. Mr. Shuler said he would take all of this into consideration when he and Mr. Johnson were discussing the language for the ordinance.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 2-2351) Commissioner Sanders said since the Public Hearing held on March 19th to discuss the St. Joe/Arvida project "Summer Camp" she has tried to discuss with the Board requiring St. Joe/Arvida provide some type of visionary or sectional planning to the County. She said this way everything would be on the table about what they plan to do with their property in Franklin County. She stated she knew things might change, but the County and it's citizens would at least know what direction these projects are going. She said she would like to have some workshops on planning and development in the County. She stated she knew DCA would come and provide assistance through a workshop. She said this information could be vital to the Board. Commissioner Mosconis said he wasn't planning on looking at any development on his end of the County. He stated he didn't need any vision for his end of the County. Commissioner Sanders said well it was coming to her end of the County and she wanted to be sure she had the necessary information she needs to make an informed decision. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion directing Mr. Pierce to contact DCA-APECO- and the 1,000 Friends of Florida to see if they would come to Franklin County and conduct some workshops, etc. for the Commissioners concerning future planning and development plans.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2981) Larry Kinsley, SGI, said he lives on Pine Street East and has been inundated with dust. He asked the Board if they could do anything about the dust on the roads on SGI. He said with all of the construction, etc. on the east end of the Island the roads are in terrible shape. Chairman Creamer said he didn't think anything could be done until it rained. Commissioner Mosconis said the only thing that would alleviate this problem would be to pave the road and he couldn't see that happening soon. Commissioner Sanders said she puts a water sprinkler in front of her house to try and stop all of the dust. She stated she lives on a five-mile dirt road and this is what she has to do. Chairman Creamer said the whole State of Florida was in a drought condition.

(Tape 2-3045) Link Barnett, Alligator Point, said there was a detailed five-year plan submitted by St. Joe/Arvida that allocates capital and expense dollars they plan to spend in Franklin County. He said it is short term, but very informative. He stated between the Commissioners and DCA he thought they could require them to provide the Commission with what the five-year plan is today.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

Eddie Creamer EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade KENDALL WADE, CLERK