

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2003**

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

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

(Tape 1-35) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 7, 2003 and January 14, 2003.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-41) Commissioner Williams made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-55) Mr. Chipman said he wanted to inform the Board he has begun hauling lime rock beginning today from the Cabbage Grove. He explained he was just going to haul the lime rock on an as needed basis. He stated he knew this would be a lot of wear and tear on the County vehicles, but it is something that had to be done. Commissioner Mosconis asked if he had checked on a lime rock pit for Franklin County. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said he had made several inquiries, but had not received any new information. He stated the St. Joe Company has informed him they really don't know even if they have any property that can be mined for lime rock in Franklin County. Chairman Sanders said she contacted Citizen's Bank in Wakulla County about their foreclosure action against Lang Wood Industries. She stated she was informed they would discuss a possible lease agreement with Franklin County at a later date. She said she then talked to Gene Langston, the owner of Lang Wood Industries, and was told by him that no matter what happened he still had the permit to mine the lime rock. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted Mr. Chipman and Mr. Pierce to continue to actively pursue this matter. Chairman Sanders reminded the Board the pit would also have to be certified by the FDOT. Commissioner Putnal said he thought the costs should be compared as to whether the County could haul the lime rock cheaper than operating or owning a lime rock pit. He stated he knew it would take additional employees to operate a mine.

(Tape 1-164) Commissioner Creamer said Ms. Betty Sellers called from SGI and told him someone was scraping the lime rock off the road. He asked Mr. Chipman to get a hold of her and see if he could help her.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-182) Mr. Johnson reminded the Board of the discussion held at the January 7, 2003 meeting regarding the purchase of a multi-purpose, hook-lift system and a mini-stationary compactor for the Dog Island Conservation District. He said they have asked

that the Board pay for one-half of the equipment, approximately \$21,000.00. He explained he had attached an additional letter from William Stone, Chairman of the District's Board, informing the Commissioners the DICD had motioned and passed unanimously, at their January 4, 2003 Board Meeting, to acquire such a system. He stated if the Board chooses to pay for one-half of this system the funds could be paid through the sale of recovered material. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this system would generate enough revenue on Dog Island to compensate the County for the expenditure. Mr. Johnson replied at first it would not, but eventually it would. He said the recycling funds were supposed to be spent on items such as this. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing approving the expenditure of approximately \$21,000.00 to purchase a multi-purpose hook-lift system and a mini-stationary compactor for Dog Island payable from the sale of recovered material and directing the County Attorney to prepare some type of "Hold Harmless Agreement" between the County and DICD for the equipment.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Johnson said the equipment should be titled to the Dog Island Conservation District for insurance purposes. Commissioner Mosconis said he didn't want this equipment sold or destroyed within a year or so. He stated there needed to be some "strings" attached. Mr. Johnson said he would meet with the County Attorney and see what could be done.

(Tape 1-306) Mr. Johnson said during the 2002/2003 Budget Hearings the Board discussed building a single lighted tennis court at Vrooman's Park in Eastpoint. He said the Board did not budget any additional funding for this project. He said to accomplish this task; it was discussed that at least \$10,000.00 from the approved Parks & Recreation Budget could be used. He stated, based on those discussions, he has solicited a cost estimate from American Tennis Courts, Inc. American Tennis Courts, Inc. has offices in and operates from six states. He stated they have submitted the attached quote of \$35,410.00 to build a 60' X 120' lighted tennis court. He informed the Board the estimate does not include any site preparation. Commissioner Creamer said he thought the County would just have to wait on this project. He stated he would love to have a tennis court at Vrooman Park, but could not see spending another \$25,000.00 for one tennis court. Commissioner Putnal suggested Mr. Johnson check with the company that is going to build the two tennis courts in Carrabelle to see if they could give him a lower price. He said they might do this project at a cut rate since they were going to be in Carrabelle anyway. Commissioner Creamer said if something couldn't be worked out with the contractors in Carrabelle he definitely wanted this amount included in the next budget.

(Tape 1-381) He submitted his Comp Time report to the Board with his report this morning. He said during the holidays at least two Animal Control Officers had to work two different shifts. He said this past Christmas, New Years Day, and Dr. Martin Luther King Day was no exception. He explained during this period, Animal Control Officers used 57.00 Comp Time Hours, while earning 48.00 Comp Time Hours due to the holidays. He said he had budgeted \$5,000.00 in the Animal Control Budget to pay overtime for officers that worked on holidays. He requested the Board approve to pay these Animal Control Officers who work on holidays to be paid for their time from this

budget. He said the Landfill has an Amnesty Day scheduled for Saturday, January 25th. He reported he would need at least six employees to work that day. He suggested he be allowed to pay these employees for their overtime worked as well. He stated the overtime money could be paid from the Small County Solid Waste Grant. He said if the Board so approved, he would also pay the employees for any Amnesty Day they worked instead of giving them Comp Time. He explained both of these measures would help eliminate the need for Comp Time accumulation during those specific days and help speed up the usage of the existing Comp Time. Commissioner Mosconis said he knew Mr. Johnson was doing everything he could to keep this Comp Time issued resolved. He stated he felt Mr. Johnson was getting everything in order and then made a **motion authorizing the payment of overtime accumulated by Animal Control Officers who work during the holidays from the Animal Control Budget.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the payment of overtime accumulated by Landfill employees who work on Saturday Amnesty Days from the Small County Solid Waste Grant Budget.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to give Mr. Johnson credit for trying to remedy this problem.

(Tape 1-450) He said Rory Cassedy from Waste Management, Inc. was here to address several changes at the Bay County Incinerator and how they might affect Franklin County. He stated Mr. Cassedy was also going to request the Board amend the Contract/Permit to collect residential waste and trash from the unincorporated areas of the County. Mr. Cassedy, Governmental Affairs Manager, Waste Management, Inc., informed the Board he felt the referendum recently passed in Bay County to extend the sales tax would probably not cause an increase to Franklin County, but would cause an increase in Bay County. He stated Bay County citizens can expect an increase of several dollars per month, but the citizens of Franklin County could expect an increase of only pennies, if anything. He said they are not expecting any increase for Franklin County. He stated they have a contract in place for a disposal fee of \$25.00 and they expect Bay County to honor that contract. He said then Waste Management, Inc. would honor the contract price in Franklin County. He said this was the only update he had to discuss with the Board this morning. He explained he, along with the County Attorney, would bring several changes that need to be made to the original contract up for discussion this morning. The County Attorney, Mr. Shuler, said he had reviewed this contract and would point out several items to the Board for their attention this morning. He said these items are basically "clean-up" items in the original contract. He stated one of the items was the contract reflects garbage pick-up twice a week and it should be done only once a week. He said the intent was for once a week pick-up. Mr. Cassedy said individuals, especially during the summer months who own rentals on SGI, could request garbage pick-up twice a week if they so desired. He stated they would have to pay for the extra service. He said the actual pick-up schedule is once a week. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shuler informed the Board they had no objection to this change. Mr. Shuler explained the second item is that the original contract requires they provide a plan for pick-up of garbage on Dog Island. He said now that Dog Island is going to purchase new equipment they wouldn't need this service. He stated they do not provide this service to Dog Island

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anyway. He said this needs to be deleted from the contract. Mr. Johnson said he did not have any objection to this change either. Mr. Shuler stated in the original contract on Page 2, Item L it states "Asbestos, hazardous waste and materials not permitted for the Landfill shall not be delivered to the Landfill, but shall be disposed of lawfully by the contractor. Oil, tires, and materials limited by the County shall not be delivered to the Landfill, but shall be disposed of lawfully by the contractor" was of concern to him since the amendment simply removed this item from the contract. Mr. Cassidy said those listed items are prohibited from being dumped in the waste stream. He stated this would be an additional costs and they would still provide the service, but instead of increasing everybody's rates it would just apply to individuals or companies that have these particular items or problems such as having to have asbestos, etc. removed from their property. He stated there are very strict guidelines that apply to disposal of these items. He said it shouldn't cause every ones rate to increase, it should only apply to those citizens needing these items disposed of. Mr. Shuler asked Mr. Johnson if he had reviewed these changes and was satisfied with them. Mr. Johnson replied he was. Mr. Shuler said he had one final thing to discuss was the amendment to Subparagraph O, which makes a reference to the ability of the contractor to charge for additional services, but not reflect what those charges would be. He suggested the Board request the contractor to provide some type of rate card for the Board to consider. He said there is no clear understanding on what these fees would be or if any limit would be applied to these charges. He explained with this condition he would recommend the Board go ahead and approve these amendments. Mr. Cassidy said this was a reference, again, to the once a week service verses the twice a week service. He stated he wouldn't mind placing the different rates in the contract. He said he would make these changes and send them to Mr. Johnson for approval. Mr. Johnson stated he would take care of these problems and recommended approval of these amendments with the stipulation Waste Management, Inc. provides the exact costs of pick-up special wastes and the costs of twice a week service as opposed to once a week service. Mr. Cassidy said he would be willing to provide a map of the areas, which sometimes request twice a week service. Mr. Johnson asked him to provide this map. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion tabling approval of these amendments to the contract the County has with Waste Management, Inc. until the next Board Meeting, February 4, 2003.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Cassidy assured the Board he would provide the changes and corrections to Mr. Johnson for final approval.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-856) Mr. Mahan said he and Leslie Sturmer, UF IFAS, were preparing a survey to send to the clam farmers on potential clam farming workshops to be taught this year. He informed the Board the topics they have identified as potential workshop topics include the following: Introduction to Clam Software, How to Handle and Harvest Clams, Marketing Farm-Raised Clams, Seed Clam Production, How to Sieve, Estimate, Stock and Plant Clams. He said the Board could review the information he provided them this morning in their package of material.

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(Tape 1-875) He stated the newest information he has on the bus tour to observe post-harvest treatment plants in Louisiana would be scheduled for the last week in February. He said he would keep the Board updated on the exact date.

(Tape 1-977) He said he contacted Mark Berrigan, FDACS, regarding supplying the Board with a draft scope of work the proposed Bay & River Advisory Committee would follow. He explained Mr. Berrigan informed him he would prepare an outline for the Board and send it to him. He informed the Board, as of this morning, he had not received anything from him.

(Tape 1-1041) He said there was not a lot of new information to update the Board with this morning regarding the identification of potential boat ramp sites in Franklin County. He said the ones he has identified are on the Bay Side of SGI, the East (FDOT) and West, property belonging to Helen Spohrer, on the sides of the current SGI Bridge, the old oyster plant at Two-Mile (461 Highway 98) listed by Coastal Connection Realty Group plus the old Suwannee Swifty store property across the street, Lombardi's old oyster plant on US 98 and Car Creek, D. W. Wilson's old oyster shucking plant on US 98. He said the idea of the seasonal boat ramp at 8.5 Mile was not well received by DEP. He stated they informed him they would not support this proposal due to environmental and operational concerns on how the site would be opened and closed. Commissioner Mosconis said this was absolutely ridiculous. He said the oystermen were using this site now to launch their boats. He stated all the County is proposing to do is to place something at the site to allow access to the water without getting stuck or damaging the shoreline, etc. Mr. Mahan stated DEP had informed him they would oppose the idea. Billy Buzzett, St. Joe Company, informed the Board his representative George Wilson, had gone with Woody Miley, DEP, to look over the site. He said they did discuss the seasonal permit and other than that site there wasn't another site DEP or Mr. Wilson would consider. He explained he would like to continue to pursue this option to see if something can't be worked out. He said if a seasonal permit is used then a gate could be placed at the entrance to the boat ramp. He stated the whole area could be locked off when it is not the season to use it. Commissioner Mosconis suggested Mr. Mahan check into using the Old Ferry Dock area in Eastpoint. Commissioner Putnal said people used to use that boat ramp, but the storms always destroyed it. He stated the water at "Cat Point" gets very rough especially during storms. Chairman Sanders said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation District is beginning the grant cycle soon. She stated a site needed to be decided on and soon. She said she knew the County had already tried to have several sites on the Eastern end of the County approved, but the water was not deep enough for a boat ramp.

(Tape 1-1157) Commissioner Creamer informed the Board he and Mr. Pierce went to Tallahassee to the DEP Office. He said they met with Mike Sole, Beaches and Wetland Resources, DEP, regarding the Eastpoint Channel Dredging Project. He stated Mr. Soles found an agreement dated June 9, 1983 between DEP and the USCOE indicating the public purpose "serviced by both the construction of the breakwater and the maintenance dredging of the navigation channels". He said the agreement stated they agreed to dredge and maintain the Eastpoint Channel. He stated they are willing to give the County the

necessary permits and the USCOE should be cooperative. He said he would be working with USCOE to see if this project couldn't be completed soon. Mr. Pierce said he had written a letter to Mr. Sole thanking him for the meeting and giving them a copy of the agreement. He said he sent a copy of the letter to the USCOE. He presented a copy of the letter and the agreement to the Board for the official record.

(Tape 1-1266) Mr. Pierce said Keith McCarran, ARPC, had telephone him and informed him the FWC grant cycles would become available in May and June. He stated he informed Mr. McCarran the County had two projects: the Alligator Point Revetment and the SGI Boat Ramp on the Bay side of the Island. He said Mr. McCarran was preparing an informational package for him to use to apply so the County can proceed with some grant applications.

(Tape 1-1300) Mr. Mahan said his final item was to inform the Board and audience representatives from the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development would be conducting seven economic assistance meetings throughout the State of Florida for shrimpers, associated business and workers to learn about service they are eligible to receive due to the current economic situation impacting the shrimp industry. He announced the meeting for Franklin, Gulf, and Wakulla Counties was going to be held today in the Courthouse Main Courtroom from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN CHERYL SANDERS-LV WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

(Tape 1-1324) Chairman Sanders reported Mr. Jim Lawlor, Chairman, Lanark Village Water and Sewer District, would not be at the meeting today as originally thought. She asked the County Attorney to explain to the Board exactly what is going on with the District. Mr. Shuler informed the Board he received a telephone call last week regarding the expiration of the current LVW&S District Board members. He stated there are three commissioners, appointed by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, to serve on the Board. He said all three of their terms have expired, which leaves the Board currently acting as Ex-Officio Commissioners for the LVW&S District along with the Clerk of Court. He stated this is provided for in the Florida Statutes. He said whenever a vacancy on these type boards are considered vacant the County Commissioners, according to statutes, are obligated to appoint new or substitute board members. He said these terms expired and should have been on the November 2002 ballot. He stated this did not happen so the Board has to appoint three new members. He said the questions is whether the Board has to advertise these vacant positions in the local newspaper and to appoint three members to act in the interim until the matter can be advertised and permanent appointments are made. He suggested a thirty-day period. Chairman Sanders said her concern is the LVW&S District needs a Board today. She asked Mr. Shuler if the Commissioners could temporarily appoint the original three members. Mr. Shuler replied the statutes does not prohibit this so he thought it would be all right to reappoint these three members until a permanent solution could be reached. Chairman Sanders said she was told by Mr. Lawlor they would send a request, by letter, to have these members reappointed. She stated she didn't have any problem with temporarily approving the reappointment of the three members, Jim Lawlor, Jack Depriest, and Mike Hughes to the Board until the vacancy are properly advertised. Chairman Sanders said the three

members called her and told her they had submitted letters requesting they be reappointed until the matter could be resolved. Kendall Wade, Clerk, said his office did not receive any letters from these citizens. Chairman Sanders said she only wanted them reappointed in the interim if they submit letters of intent and then have the appointments properly advertised. Mr. Shuler suggested the members be reappointed retroactively to the date their term expired. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion reappointing Jim Lawlor, Jack Depriest, and Mike Hughes to the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Board for an additional thirty-days from today, with a written acceptance from Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Depriest, and Mr. Hughes they understand these terms and voluntarily agree to stay on the Board for an additional thirty-days and to advertise the vacancies in the newspaper.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Sanders said she did not know how this happened since everyone knew what the date of their appointment expired. She asked Mr. Pierce to ask one of his staff to call these members immediately and inform them they need to send a letter of acceptance to the Board this afternoon. Mr. Pierce said he would have Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, call them. Chairman Sanders said the LVW&S Board is supposed to have a meeting this afternoon and they need to get these letters in before the meeting. Chairman Sanders said she also wanted it understood the LVW&S Board would have to pay for this advertisement.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK OF COURTS

(Tape 1-1570) Mr. Wade asked the Board to either reappoint or appoint new members to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council for 2003. He explained Franklin County is entitled to appoint three representatives to serve on the Council. He said two of these individuals are appointed locally by the Board of County Commissioners; one is County-elected and one municipal-elected official. He stated the third individual is appointed by the Governor. He informed the Board the County elected appointee was he, the City elected appointee was Raymond Williams, City of Carrabelle, and the Governor's appointee was Jack Taylor, Jr. He suggested the Board appoint alternates to these positions as well. After discussion Commissioner Putnal made a **motion appointing Kendall Wade, County Elected Representative, Alan Pierce, Alternate County Representative; and Raymond Williams, City Elected Representative to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council for 2003.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 1-1612) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Shuler to check on something for him. He stated Dr. Sanaullah called him yesterday and informed him there is a crisis looming at the local hospital regarding Malpractice Insurance. He said he knew people had been watching the news about the crisis in medicine caused by the high premiums for Malpractice Insurance. He stated Dr. Sanaullah suggested the County check into making the local Emergency Room Physician, Dr. Pierce, a County Employee. He stated, as a County Employee, Dr. Pierce could operate the ER at the local hospital. He said there should be some "umbrella" coverage for him as far as Malpractice Insurance is concerned if he is a County Employee or Government Employee. He said he thought Dr. Pierce was paying \$60,000.00 per year for his insurance. He stated he told Dr. Sanaullah he would

have the County Attorney check into the feasibility of this. Commissioner Mosconis then made a **motion directing the County Attorney to check into this matter.** Commissioner Putnal asked Commissioner Mosconis if the County would be paying the doctors insurance then. Commissioner Mosconis said no, Dr. Pierce would probably pay the County for his insurance. He stated he really didn't know, but he wanted the County Attorney to look into this problem. He said apparently Dr. Pierce is doing an excellent job in our ER and he certainly didn't want to loose him. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler asked if this would make Dr. Pierce a County Employee on the County payroll. Commissioner Mosconis stated he would talk to Dr. Junejo at the Health Department too.

(Tape 1-1709) Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Wade if the DasSee was still behind with their rent for the local hospital. Mr. Wade answered that he believed they were still behind November, December, and January. He said they still had not paid as far as he knew. Mr. Shuler reported he had not had a chance to check into the actual bankruptcy issue regarding Centennial's original lease of the hospital. He reminded the Board they currently have a lease with DasSee, the company who subleased the hospital from Centennial. He stated DasSee was not named in the bankruptcy suit. He said the County could still pursue DasSee for collection purposes. He said the lease agreement requires the County to send a formal Notice of Delinquency to DasSee and Centennial. He stated the lease had to be complied with. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to make a **motion directing the County Attorney to send Michael Lake, CEO, DasSee Corporation and officially put them on notice they are delinquent in the rent for the local hospital.** Commissioner Creamer stated he wanted it done as a "demand" type of thing. He said he felt the County had been very tolerate. He stated he wanted the letter for inform DasSee the County intends to seriously pursue collection of this past due rent and the possibility of canceling the contract with DasSee. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Wade asked Mr. Shuler to check with him after the meeting to get the exact amount DasSee is delinquent as of today. Mr. Shuler said he would check with Mr. Wade and his staff before he writes the letter.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-1815) Mr. Pierce asked the Board, as recommended by Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, to direct him to apply for the payment in lieu of tax program. He said this year, if the program is funded by the Legislature, the County should receive approximately \$160,000.00 from the State of Florida for Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing Mr. Curenton to apply for the 2003 State of Florida Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program-\$160,000.00 for Franklin County if funded by the State of Florida Legislature.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1845) He stated Mr. Curenton also recommends the Board approve a minor modification on the contract, #01DB-27-02-29-01-G30, between DCA and the County regarding the ending date for the "Big Ditch" Project in Apalachicola. He said this modification would extend the final completion date of the project to March 28, 2003.

Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Modification to Grant Agreement between the Department of Community Affairs and Franklin County, #01DB-27-02-29-01-G30, dated 6/19/01, for the "Big Ditch" Project in Apalachicola extending the project end date until March 28, 2003.**

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1862) Mr. Pierce said Mr. Curenton recommends the Board approve a Change Order in the amount of \$5,400.00 for the "Big Ditch" Project, which was for extending the headwalls on "The Prado" in Apalachicola and some other minor changes. He said this Change Order would cause the project to be over budget by \$937.55, but because the work was done within the City of Apalachicola, the City of Apalachicola will pay the overage of \$937.55. He informed the Board the rest of the money is going to be funded through CDBG funds. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Contract Change Order #1 between Franklin County and Tri-State Roadway Specialties, Inc. for the "Big Ditch" Project in Apalachicola in the amount of \$5,400.00 for installation of headwalls on "The Prado" in the City of Apalachicola-the City of Apalachicola will pay \$937.55 representing the net change in the contract price.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1890) He stated the next item also involves the "Big Ditch" Project. He said Mr. Curenton has requested the Board authorize the Chairman's signature on the "Notice of Substantial Completion" for this project. He said this form must be completed and is a requirement of the State of Florida-CDBG Program. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the "Notice of Substantial Completion" between Franklin County and Tri-State Roadway Specialties, Inc. for the "Big Ditch" Project.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1896) Mr. Pierce reported he and Mr. Shuler agreed to recommend the Board authorize the Chairman's signature and accept the final agreement between SGI Limited and Franklin County for the work in the "Las Brisas" Subdivision in Eastpoint. He said he and Mr. Shuler have been working on this document for a long time. He reminded the Board this subject has been discussed at several past meetings. He said SGI Limited has proposed an agreement for Franklin County to grant SGI Limited a non-exclusive, perpetual easement for ingress, egress, utilities, landscaping, lighting, irrigation and signage over, across and under the property located in Franklin County, Florida. He said the Grant of Easement shall include the right to construct, install, maintain, repair and replace a paved, two (2) lane roadway, landscaping, lighting, irrigation and signage, as determined by SGI Limited. He stated SGI Limited would obtain, at its expense, a survey and legal descript of the Easement property. He said SGI Limited would be solely responsible for cost of any improvements made to the Easement property by SGI Limited. He also informed the Board SGI Limited agrees to pay Franklin County the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Easement with Franklin County being entitled to the interest, if any, earned on the \$35,000.00, during the period held by the Escrow Agent unless the agreement is terminated. After Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shuler recommended the Board

accept and authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement Commissioner Creamer made a **motion accepting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Agreement between Franklin County and SGI Limited Partnership for easements relating to the "Las Brisas" Subdivision in Eastpoint.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1027) Mr. Pierce informed the Board that Robin Brinkley, Building Official, had inspected the roof at the Franklin County Sheriff's Department on Highway 65 in Eastpoint. He said Mr. Brinkley has also consulted with Brian Schaffer, All South Contractors, who put the roof on the existing Courthouse Annex. He stated both of them agree that a new PVC roof membrane needs to be installed on top of the existing flat roof, and the contractor said such an installation can be done and still provide a 15-year warrantee. He stated this would save a great deal of money, but even with this the cost would be more than the Board's \$5,000.00 Bid Policy. He said the County's Engineering Firm, Preble-Rish, Inc., engineers have recommended the County use this particular contractor, but it is at the Board's discretion as to if the County wants to consider this an emergency situation or use the contractor as a sole source. He stated Mr. Brinkley informed him the roof appears to be leaking around many of the roof vents. He asked the Board what he should do at this time. The Board instructed Mr. Pierce to meet with the Clerk and the Sheriff to check into how much money was in the maintenance budgets of both the Jail and the Courthouse. Mr. Pierce stated if the Board does decide to bid the project there would have to be some definite written specifications for the project. He said he would try to come up with some information before the next meeting. Chairman Sanders said she definitely wanted some information at the next meeting because this roof needed to be fixed as soon as possible to keep from further damaging the facility.

(Tape 1-2019) He said Eileen Annie, Franklin County Library Director, has asked him to present a Resolution of Appreciation recognizing the month of February as Library Appreciation Month. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution of Appreciation recognizing February as Library Appreciation Month.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2056) He stated David Kennedy, County Engineer, recommends the Board issue a "Notice to Proceed" to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the road projects being funded by FDOT as follows: Patton Drive and South Bayshore in Eastpoint and Water Street in Apalachicola. He stated C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. submitted the lowest bid and Mr. Kennedy has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the project. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the issuance of a "Notice to Proceed" to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the road projects as follows: Patton Drive and South Bayshore in Eastpoint and Water Street in Apalachicola being funded by FDOT after being reviewed by the County Engineer and being the lowest bidder on the project.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 1-2104) He presented a letter to Couch Concrete regarding the use of their concrete trucks of roads not designated as a truck route. He said the Board was very clear to the owners of Couch Concrete when their facility was approved that the trucks would have to use specific roads in Eastpoint as a truck route. He said the Board authorized the use of Otter Slide Road south to Avenue A, then east to 6th Street, then south on 6th Street to Highway 98. He said he enclosed a map of the truck route with his letter. He stated he needed the Board to either direct him or the County Attorney to check into whether fines can be imposed for these violations or if the County needs to adopt a specific ordinance. Mr. Shuler volunteered to check into whether there were Uniform Traffic Fines for such violations or not. He stated he would have an answer for the Board at the next meeting.

(Tape 1-2222) He presented the Board a copy of a letter to Curtis Flakes, USCOE, regarding the Alligator Point Breakwater Project. He said this letter was written after a meeting with a number of people with the USCOE in Tallahassee regarding this project. He stated he is trying to get some resolution to the Alligator Point Breakwater Project issue. He said the USCOE has designed a breakwater that was not acceptable to the residents of Alligator Point or the County. He stated the USCOE has spent most of their budget for this project on studies. He said the County is asking the USCOE to modify the USCOE's original design so everyone would be happy. He assured the Board he would keep them informed of the progress of this project.

(Tape 1-2286) He presented the Board with a package of information developed by Carolyn Sparks, Assistant Librarian in Carrabelle, regarding the continuing problem of some of the windows leaking. He said last Thursday, Ben Withers, the contractor who built the Carrabelle Library, met with him and Chairman Sanders. He stated Mr. Withers assured the group that he would fix the leaks if the leaks were caused by him, but there is some finger pointing going on as to whether the windows, that Mr. Withers installed, are leading or whether it is the hurricane shutters installed later by someone other than Mr. Withers causing the leaking. He said the shutters have fairly long bolts going into the building. He said he is continuing to work with everyone to correct this problem.

(Tape 1-2316) Mr. Pierce informed the Board that several years ago the State Division of Emergency Management and FEMA developed a program called LMS-Local Mitigation Strategy, and Franklin County received some funds to develop our LMS. He said the intent of the LMS is for each County in the State to conduct a self-assessment of its vulnerability to disaster and to list those structures susceptible to damage. He explained if projects are listed in the LMS the County sometimes receives additional money to do that project. He stated the acquisition of houses on Alligator Point is an example of the County listing the need to buy those damaged structures and have them removed. He said the County received money to complete this project. He said the Division has informed him it is time to update the LMS. He stated he has directed Tim Turner, Emergency Management Director, to begin the process of re-establishing the LMS Working Group, which is the group that would review the LMS and make recommendations to the Board of changes. He said both cities have been invited to attend, as well as local businesses and civic groups. He stated last week he met with Mr. Turner about the beginnings of the LMS Working Group. He said he is informing the

Board because over the next few months the Commissioners should hear announcements about LMS meetings. He said this group would meet and make recommendations to the Commissioners, but only the Commissioners could actually adopt changes to the LMS. He said, at this point, the LMS Working Group consists of Anita Grover, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce; Gathana Parmenas, American Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter; Tim Turner and Alan Pierce. He stated they would be seeking more participation from other business and civic groups. He said he was presenting an attendance list of the individuals who attended the meeting. He stated this information had to be sent to the Division to prove the County is actually working on the LMS Update. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to send this attendance list to the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to comply with their requirements for conducting meetings concerning the update of the LMS.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2466) He informed the Board the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on January 14, 2003 and recommends the following action: Tabling a request to construct a single family private dock on Lot 9, BRE Subdivision, Alligator Point, William Mattice and Edgar Moore for more information-concerns about the lot itself is buildable because of extensive wetlands, and whether more restrictive State standards should be used because the dock appears to be in Class II waters. Dan Garlick, agent for Mr. Mattice, said the dock was not in Class II waters. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to table this request submitted by William Mattice and Edgar Moore.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tabling a request to construct a single-family private dock on Lot 1, Block H, Unit 2, Peninsular Point, Alligator Point, for A. L. Buford for more information due to the difference in State and Federal Permits. Dan Garlick, agent for Mr. Buford, said Mr. Buford owns two lot, his house is on one, and the one where the dock is proposed is across the road. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to table this request submitted by A. L. Buford.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Miller Properties, LLC to construct a single family private dock on Lot 4, Block 81, Unit 5, SGI. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving a single-family private dock for Miller Properties, LLC.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval for Rudy Rowe to construct a single-family private dock on Lot 19, Alligator Point Subdivision, Alligator Point. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a single-family private dock for Rudy Rowe.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Recommends scheduling a public hearing for the following: A small-scale land-use change from R-6 to R-1 for a 5.7 parcel of land known as Lot 4, Emerald Point, as requested by William and Mary Lou Short. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing as requested by William and Mary Lou Short.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a sketch plat for "Emerald Bay" Subdivision for a 3-lot subdivision on the above-described property for William and Mary Lou Short. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a sketch plat of "Emerald Bay" Subdivision as submitted by Williams and Mary Lou Short.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a final plat for a 3-

lot subdivision known as "Emerald Trail", which is just east of the "Emerald Bay" Subdivision, Section 24, T8S, R6W, submitted by Jack Prophater, agent for Judith Freeland. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving a final plat of "Emerald Bay" Subdivision as submitted by Jack Prophater, agent for Judith Freeland.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a preliminary plat for a 49-lot subdivision "Blue Heron Village", adjacent to "Palmetto Village", in Eastpoint submitted by GEA, agent for Jamie Crum and Jeanne Bonds. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving a preliminary plat "Blue Heron Village" Subdivision as submitted by GEA, agent for Jamie Crum and Jeanne Bonds.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Approval of a request to rezone and a land-use change for a 40-acre parcel known as "Bay Vista" Subdivision located in Section 11 and 14, T7S, R5W, from A-2 to R-1 and the possible abandonment of an existing plat as submitted by Charles Geiger. Mr. Pierce requested the matter be tabled, even though Planning and Zoning approved it, until he has had time to consult with the County Attorney about the possible plat abandonment and to also address the matter of this being considered a large-scale land-use change. Commissioner Williams made a **motion to table the scheduling of a public hearing to address a rezoning and land-use change for "Bay Vista" Subdivision until the County Attorney and Mr. Pierce can meet to discuss some issues regarding this property.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Recommending tabling a land-use and zoning change from Agriculture to R-1 on a 124-acre parcel of land lying in Section 22, T6S, R4W as submitted by Bobby Sapp. The request was tabled because of the impending action by the Board, which requires a developer to submit more information before a large-scale land-use change is contemplated. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion tabling the scheduling of a public hearing to consider a land-use and zoning change as submitted by Bobby Sapp for 140-acres from Agriculture to R-1.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** On May 14, 2002 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the Board approve the final plat for a 4-lot subdivision known as "Doc's Seashore", near Carrabelle Beach. On May 21, 2002 the County Commission tabled action on the final plat until the road was finished. Rachel Ward, Planning and Zoning, reported to Planning and Zoning that the road has been finished so the Commissioners need to consider approval of the final plat for "Doc's Seashore" Subdivision as submitted by Nick Saporito. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the final plat for "Doc's Seashore" as submitted by Nick Saporito.** Mr. Pierce recommended the County Attorney review and approve this final plat. Commissioner Creamer added that this motion was **contingent on the County Attorney approving the final plat for "Doc's Seashore" Subdivision.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2954) Mr. Pierce said this concluded his report until the Public Hearing regarding "Summer Camp" at 10:30 this morning.

THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 1-2984) He said at the last Board Meeting he was instructed to meet with Mr. Pierce concerning the Comp Plan's reference to the width of platted lots. He stated this

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information is still being reviewed at this point and he would not be able to update the Board this morning regarding this issue.

(Tape 1-3007) He informed the Board he has advertised and scheduled a public hearing to address the road abandonment at Bald Point for the February 4th meeting.

(Tape 1-3014) He stated he has, as instructed by Commissioner Mosconis, be in contact with the Harris Brothers concerning the property discussed at the last meeting. He said they responded to his letter and came into his office. He reported he discussed this issue with them at length. He said he had not been able to gather enough facts as to how to determine whether there is still a contract in existence between the Board the Harris Brothers for the work they did on the Eastpoint Boat Ramp. He stated, based on the facts he has now, they were paid for their services and unfortunately the Board's hands are tied and the property, if sold or transferred, would have to be formally advertised for auction. Commissioner Mosconis stated, in his mind, the County had a contract with the Harris Brothers for the exchange of county property for the work they did on the Eastpoint Boat Ramp and then the problems arose as to who actually owned the property. He said then the Harris Brothers accepted money for their work even though they didn't want to. He stated they wanted the property all along. Mr. Shuler said he would then continue to check into this matter. Commissioner Mosconis said he thought Mr. Shuler should "scrutinize" this matter a little closer. He said he promised the Harris Brothers he would continue to look into the matter.

(Tape 1-3098) He said the "Lanark Reef" situation is basically in a holding pattern. He stated he has talked to the attorney for the owner, Nick Yonclas. He stated he has reviewed all of the letters and essentially the request for action by the County is on hold until the County hears back from Mr. Yonclas and his client.

(Tape 1-3160) Mr. Shuler explained he had talked to his father about the lease for the Old Highway Patrol Station in Eastpoint by the County. He said he understood the County was offered the lease on the building, but allowed the School Board to use or lease the building instead for an Alternative High School facility. He stated he has received the contract from Barbara Sanders, Attorney for the Franklin County School Board. He said he wanted to be sure he fully understood what was happening with this lease. He stated the lease would be between the State of Florida DHSMV and the School Board since the County has made an election to not lease the building. He said the lease he received had some restrictions, which would prohibit the County subleasing or assigning the lease to the School Board until the County gets some written consent from the DHSMV. He stated he needs to know if the contract needs to be executed by the School Board or not. He asked the Board to give him some direction as to whether the County is to be the primary obligor or primary lessee and then sublease the building to the School Board. Mr. Shuler said he thought if the School Board was going to use the building then they needed to be the primary obligor. The Board agreed with him and instructed him to keep working with Ms. Sanders to get the contract from DHSMV for the School Board to utilize the building. He said he would continue discussing this matter with Ms. Sanders.

(Tape 1-3340) He said the Bill of Sale and the document necessary to transfer the title of the playground equipment on SGI to the County has been prepared and sent to the appropriate people for their signatures. He assured the Commissioners he would keep them updated and let them know when all the necessary signatures were received.

(Tape 1-3358) He stated at the last meeting he was directed by the Board to check in to the excessive conflict attorney fees the County were having to pay. He said when a defendant is declared indigent it could be for the purpose of cost only or the cost of attorney fees. He stated he has been checking into the issue and has attended several hearings to determine the amount of conflict attorney fees. He said he has been successful in one hearing to save the County approximately \$11,000.00 in costs. He stated he has not had a hearing on the second case yet, but confirmed he would attend that hearing as well.

(Tape 1-3437) He informed the Board he contacted Lloyd Monroe, attorney, by telephone about the redistricting case he successfully litigated for Washington County in returning that County to Countywide voting instead of District-wide voting. He said the Commissioners asked him to ask Mr. Monroe to come to Franklin County and discuss this matter with the Board. He said Mr. Monroe stated he would make every effort he could to get to the February 4th meeting, but he would expect the County to pay some travel costs. He asked the Board if they would be willing to pay these costs for Mr. Monroe. Commissioner Mosconis said Mr. Monroe should volunteer to come to Franklin County. He asked Mr. Shuler to contact Mr. Monroe and asked him to come and freely give the County his advice. He said Mr. Monroe, in essence, was trying to sell a service and the County didn't need to pay him for this. He stated the County does need to move forward with this important issue. Commissioner Mosconis said he should get paid every time he tried to sell something, but he doesn't. Mr. Shuler stated he would contact Mr. Monroe and inform him what the Commissioners decided. Chairman Sanders asked if Mr. Shuler had gotten the corrected numbers from the U. S. Census Bureau yet. Mr. Shuler replied he hadn't got into that yet. Mr. Pierce said he thought Mr. Curenton had checked on those numbers, but he wasn't sure. Chairman Sanders said the County was going to have address this issue in 2003 because, by law, redistricting could only be done in odd numbered years. She asked Mr. Shuler to go ahead and proceed with making sure this issue is resolved this year.

(Tape 1-3591) He said the doctor's service, Dr. Williams, for Kit Mashburn's ankle surgery has been paid-in-full. He reminded the Board this service was done as a Worker's Compensation injury at the time the County's Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier had declared bankruptcy. He said therefore the County was responsible to pay this bill. He stated he did negotiate with Dr. Williams and the County had to only pay for half of what he was asking.

(Tape 1-3610) He stated he sent a letter to Gulf State Bank informing them the Board would accept a substitute Letter of Credit for the "Magnolia Ridge" subdivision in Eastpoint.

(Tape 1-3615) He said he is reviewing the landscaping contract on SGI. He said the FDOT was furnishing \$100,000.00 for landscape improvements to the entrance on SGI. He stated the County is asking Keep Franklin County Beautiful to complete the landscaping project.

(Tape 1-3642) Chairman Sanders informed Mr. Shuler it was time for the scheduled Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. concerning the "Summer Camp" development. He asked about the sales tax issue the Board directed him to look in to. Chairman Sanders asked the Board if they wanted to wait until after the Public Hearing or just wait until the February 4th meeting. The Board instructed Mr. Shuler to wait until the February 4th meeting to discuss the sales tax issue.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Tape 1-3671 Continued on Tape 2) Chairman Sanders said it was time for the scheduled Public Hearing to consider adoption of proposed changes to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Conservation-Coastal Management Element, the Future Land Use Element-The "Summer Camp" Development and the Future Land Use Map Series-784 acres in Sections 25, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 6 South, Range 3 West from Agricultural to Mixed-Use Residential. She stated anyone would like to speak they must complete a "speakers" card and each individuals time would be limited to 3 minutes. She informed the audience she would not tolerate any character attacks or any personal attacks. At this time she turned the meeting over to Mr. Pierce. Mr. Pierce read the following into the record: "At 10:30 a.m. this morning the Board has a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a large-scale land-use plan and text amendment for a project known as "Summer Camp". There are actually two ordinances, one dealing with "Summer Camp" and the other dealing with changes related to some grants the County is applying for. The "Summer Camp" ordinance has been modified at the request of the Chairman for clarification on two points-number of hotel rooms reduced from 60 to 50; and the length of observation piers is established in the ordinance." He suggested the Board go ahead and address the first ordinance "An Ordinance Amending the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan to Change the Conservation/Coastal Management Element and the Capital Improvements Element." He said this ordinance was prepared as required by the State of Florida for the County to receive several grants his office has applied for. HE said the following changes would be incorporated into the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan: Change the Conservation/Coastal Management Element Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 7 to read as described; Objective 1: The wetlands of Franklin County shall be conserved and protected such that no net loss (after mitigation) shall occur. 9J5.012(3)(b)1, (2), (2) (b) (3); Objective 2: The County will support the conservation and protection of native vegetation, ecological communities, fish and wildlife habitat to the extent that the County will prohibit development which can be proved to damage the County's natural resources. 9J5012(3)(b)(1), (2) (b) (4); Objective 3: The County shall maintain the estuarine water quality surrounding Franklin County's coastal resources such that there shall be no loss of any approved shellfish harvesting classifications. 9J5.012(3)(b)(1)(2), (2)(b)(4); Objective 7: Franklin County shall maintain ambient air quality standards, which are equal to or more stringent than the State

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of Federal National ambient air quality standards (NAAQs). 9J5.013(2)(b)(1); The following three policies will be added to the Capital Improvement Element: Policy 4.4: Franklin County shall purchase approximately 20-acres in or near the City of Carrabelle for a recreational park. The purchase will be funded by a combination of grant funds and County recreational funds. Policy 4.5: Franklin County shall develop a recreational park in the City of Carrabelle to include at least three little league baseball fields; Policy 4.6: Franklin County shall develop four lighted tennis courts at Ned Porter Park in Apalachicola. This development will be funded by a combination of grant funds and County recreational funds. He asked if anyone had any questions relative to this ordinance and if not then he would recommend the Board go ahead and adopt and authorize the Chairman's signature on this ordinance. He reminded the Board both of these ordinances had been discussed for almost a year. After no public comment or any comment by the Commissioners Commissioner Creamer made a **motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on "An Ordinance Amending the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan to Change the Conservation/Coastal Management Element and the Capital Improvements Element."** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-60 Continued on Tape 3) Mr. Pierce said the Board could now hear public, staff, and St. Joe Company input on the proposed "Summer Camp" development. He stated one letter from Terrell K. Arline, attorney, was received concerning the development. He said the letter states Terrell K. Arline represents the Florida Wildlife Federation. He stated the letter reflects the Federation, after subsequent meetings and negotiation with St. Joe for almost a year, approves of the proposed text amendments calling for the Comp Plan's update, the adoption of a Special Area Plan for St. James Island, and additional limitations on the "Summer Camp" development. Mr. Pierce said he wanted this letter placed in the official record. Billy Buzzett, Director of Strategic Planning, St. Joe Company was asked to speak first. Mr. Buzzett thanked the Board for their time they have spent over the past year reviewing and commenting on the development. He said he has worked closely with the Board, staff, and civic groups to make this an acceptable development. He stated this process has been ongoing that started in the fall of 2001 and is culminating this morning with the final ordinance. After Mr. Buzzett addressed the Board Davie McClain, ABARK, presented a letter commenting on the project. He said his group as well was "encouraged" by the continuing responsiveness of the St. Joe Company to specific concerns they have raised about the development plan. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the project: Gathena Parmenas, Carrabelle; Pete Rougier, Panama City Beach; Bobby Sapp, Carrabelle; John Hedrick, Tallahassee; Chad Hanson, SIERRA Club, Wakulla County; Ron Capron, Wakulla County; Linda Epler, Wakulla County; Roger Bybee, Carrabelle; Pat Maier, Carrabelle; Jim Lycett, Carrabelle; Sandra Allen, Eastpoint; Ann Rudloe, Wakulla County; Tom Adams, SGI, opposed with some minor changes; Victor Lambor, Wakulla County; Frank Venable, Eastpoint; Mark Krause, St. Teresa; and Lee Sewell, SGI. Ken Osborne, Alligator Point, informed the Board he was disappointed there would be no marina in the development since the citizens on the eastern end of the County do not have anywhere to launch boats. Paul Johnson, APECO, presented a letter on behalf of APECO supporting the Comp Plan Updates and the "Summer Camp", and the St. James Island Special-Area-Plan overlay

proposal. Linc Barnett, President, Alligator Point Taxpayers Association, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the County for funding to facilitate the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Update Project and the Visioning Process. He said his group also voted to support the modifications and restrictions for the proposed "Summer Camp" development agreed to. A letter from 1,000 Friends of Florida was presented for the record in support of the project. After discussion and public input Chairman Sanders asked the Commissioners if they would like to approve this request by the St. Joe Company for the "Summer Camp" Development. Chairman Sanders made a brief statement about her commitment to Franklin County and it's citizens. She stated she has been a "watchdog" over St. Joe and has followed this proposal from the beginning. She said she was satisfied with the new proposal and would be the first one to call Mr. Buzzett if she thought something wasn't going as planned or if the St. Joe Company was not living up to the promises they made in Franklin County. Commissioner Creamer said he wanted to thank Chairman Sanders for all of the work she has done on this project. He stated all of the Commissioners should be grateful to her for her hard work.

Commissioner Creamer then made a **motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the final "Ordinance Amending the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan to Permit the "Summer Camp" Development in Sections 25, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 6 South, Range 3 West; To Amend the Comprehensive Plan to Guarantee the Future Revision of the Comprehensive Plan; To Amend the Comprehensive Plan to Regulate Future Large Scale Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Until the Revision to the Comprehensive Plan is Approved; and to Change the Future Land Use Map Series to Change Approximately 784 Acres in Sections 25, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 6 South, Range 3 West from Agricultural to Mixed-Use Residential.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Each Commissioner was asked to either vote yes or no for adoption of the ordinance and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Mosconis, Commissioner Creamer, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Putnal and Chairman Sanders voted "yes" to adoption of the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Sanders announced this was the end of the Public Hearing.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 3-1655) Chairman Sanders said she would like to invite the Board and audience to an open house and ribbon cutting at the new Tate's Hell Forestry Camp at 290 Airport Road in Carrabelle at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 2003.

(Tape 3-1683) She also announced the annual Legislative Delegation Meeting would be held on January 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in this room. She stated Representative Will Kendrick, Senator Al Lawson and Representative Alan Bense would be present to discuss any issues the citizens and public officials might have.

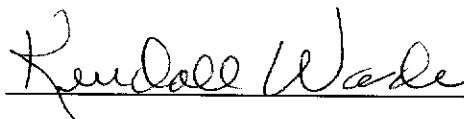
(Tape 3-1700) She stated she wanted to report that when she left the meeting this morning to take a telephone call it was Representative Kendrick informing her the Governor's Budget would be released today. She said he informed her the budget contained the new construction of a minimum of 1,520-bed correctional institution in Franklin County. She said Franklin County certainly has a lot to be proud of.

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(Tape 3-1709) Mr. Pierce said he had given the Board a copy of the letters the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Board Members dated December 23, 2002. He said the letter reflected the Members had requested the FCBCC reappoint them to this Board. He stated he had never seen this letter. He said he has called the LVWSD Office and asked them to submit, in writing from each member, their willingness to serve on this Board for thirty additional days until the members are reappointed or new ones are appointed. He stated they have assured the letters would be faxed to his office before 2:30 p.m.

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


_____ **CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN**


_____ **KENDALL WADE, CLERK**