

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2003**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sanders, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Eddie Creamer, Clarence Williams and Jimmy Mosconis, 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 1-36) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2003 meeting.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-43) 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 1-48) Mr. Chipman said he had a few items he needed to discuss with the Board this morning. He informed the Board he would not be accepting any more applications for the Entry Level Position-Temporary Basis for the Road Department. He said the deadline for applications was February 28, 2003. He stated he would review the applications and decide on the person he would hire.

(Tape 1-62) He said Wilbur Bellew, a citizen in Eastpoint, is having a bad flooding problem. He stated Mr. Bellew, Mitch McAlphin, another person living in the same area, and the neighbor beside them are having problems. He said he didn't want to do anything wrong, but Mr. Bellew wants to give the County an easement to drain some of the water off the area. He said the area he is talking about is on Ridge Road in Eastpoint. Commissioner Putnal said he went to look at the site. He stated the water has overflowed from the pond, into these peoples yard. He stated they have been killing snakes, moccasins, in their yards. Commissioner Putnal said Mr. Bellew thinks the County could dig a small ditch, not a deep ditch, but a small ditch, which would make the water run into the County's right-of-way ditch near where the new culverts are. He stated he felt if the water could just be diverted into the County's ditch then the water would run off of these people's property. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, said if Mr. Bellew wants to give the County a drainage easement then the County is always glad to get one of those. He stated the County could then maintain the ditch and try to keep the water flowing more smoothly. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the County Attorney to assist Mr. Chipman and Mr. Pierce in preparing a ditch easement for this property owned by Wilbur Bellew in Eastpoint for use as a drainage easement.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce stated he thought Mark Curenton, Assistant Planner, would help them get a legal description of the property. He said he knew he would need this description so Mr. Shuler could prepare a drainage easement for the County to record in the Official Records of Franklin County.

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(Tape 1-156) Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to go ahead and discuss the Lanark Village CDBG problem. Mr. Pierce replied the CDBG site visit was done last week, and they have verified the conditions in the County, and so areas where the County is going to do in-kind match, such as installing culverts on Ridge and Wilderness Road can begin. He said areas that require a contractor to be paid for work, such as Lanark Village can not begin, because the County does not have a contract, and will not, for several more months, and the money the County pays now would be considered an in-kind match, which would not be reimbursed by the CDBG. He said in those areas where the County is going to have to pay for a contractor the best the County could do would be to make temporary fixes with County equipment and labor, but if we hire a contractor before we sign a CDBG contract, it is at the County's expense. He said the County already had the culvert pipe and the Road Department could go ahead and install this culvert pipe on Ridge and Wilderness Roads. He stated in Lanark Village efforts can be made to begin the project. Commissioner Putnal said the new Engineering Technician the Board was going to hire could begin work on this project.

(Tape 1-242) Mr. Chipman said he wanted to inform the Board that on North Magnolia Bluff somebody has installed a culvert that has caused the edge of the highway to be "blown out". He stated they installed a forty or fifty-feet of twelve-inch culvert pipe where they needed to at least an eighteen-inch or larger culvert pipe. Commissioner Creamer said the property Mr. Chipman was talking about belonged to Ken Fish and Aaron Taylor. Mr. Chipman informed the Board they sure messed the road up. Commissioner Creamer stated the County needed to write the property owners a letter asking them to reimburse the County for any work they had to do on the road. Mr. Chipman said he had already corrected the situation. He stated he thought the loggers were using it.

(Tape 1-305) Mr. Chipman said he wanted to discuss Tip Tucker Road in Eastpoint. He stated the people that live on the South side of the road can not get to their houses due to all of the rain and standing water. He said they need some type of pipe or something done in that area too. Mr. Pierce reported he and the County Engineer, David Kennedy, went out there yesterday. He said the area they are talking about is on Tip Tucker Road, which wraps around Eastpoint and dead ends at Brown Elementary School. Mr. Pierce stated the problem is that where the pipe needs to be placed is under the intersection there. He explained Tip Tucker Road is a pond right now so the water can't drain to the outfall ditches on the North side of Tip Tucker Road since there is no pipe underneath the County road. He said the road might have to be cut for the pipe to be placed there so the water would flow to the outfall ditches. He explained there is one outfall ditch on the North side of the road. Commissioner Creamer instructed Mr. Pierce to take Mr. Kennedy back up to the area to look at the problem and see exactly what improvements needed to be done. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Chipman both agreed some of these people were going to need culverts since this ditch was so deep. Mr. Pierce said he would ask Mr. Kennedy to meet with Mr. Chipman and decide what needs to be done to alleviate this water problem.

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(Tape 1-427) Mr. Chipman said he needed his lift system fixed very badly. He stated he would like to know what the County Attorney, Thomas M. Shuler, had decided regarding the additional costs the company, Automotive Industrial Service, AIS, was charging the County that was above the original bid price in the amount of \$2,315.00. Mr. Shuler said he had written the company a letter questioning the cost overrun. He stated he has not received a reply from Mr. Henry. He said the issue is whether the County wants to pay the additional costs or not. Mr. Chipman said AIS had agreed to absorb \$800.00 of the costs overrun so the County would only have to pay the difference, \$1,515.00. Mr. Chipman said he desperately needed this lift system at the Road Department. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the additional costs for the Heavy Duty Lift Retrofit-Lift System-for the Franklin County Road Department in the amount of \$1,515.00.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-503) Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to inform Mr. Chipman and Van Johnson, Solid Waste Director, that he had talked to Phil Early, Port St. Joe Rental, and was told by him he was now stocking a new line of commercial lawn mowers and other type equipment. He said Mr. Early would like to come to Franklin County and demonstrate the equipment for them when they could schedule an appointment. He stated Mr. Early told him he had been added to the State of Florida Bid List.

(Tape 1-519) Commissioner Putnal said he heard Mr. Chipman had an accident in "Cheryl's District" and the boat ramp. Chairman Sanders said she wanted to clarify something. She stated it wasn't "Cheryl's Boat Ramp" it was at "McIntyre Boat Ramp". Commissioner Putnal said all he wanted to do was make sure the claim had been filed with the County's insurance company. Chairman Sanders and Kendall Wade, the Clerk, said the information had already been sent to the County's insurance company.

VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-550) He presented the Compensatory Time Report for the Solid Waste Department, the Animal Control Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. He said the Comp Time is coming down slowly, but surely.

(Tape 1-555) Commissioner Mosconis asked if Mr. Johnson's "Ball Park" was on tract. Mr. Johnson replied it was, but the rain has been a factor.

BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-592) Mr. Mahan said the scheduled, rescheduled, re-rescheduled, etc. bus tour to visit commercial oyster post-harvest treatment plants in Louisiana had, at this time, been cancelled due to a variety of conflicts. He stated he would inform the Board when and if the bus tour was rescheduled.

(Tape 1-606) He stated he wanted to inform the Board the first part of the freezing PHT oyster validation study has begun. He said the first batch of Apalachicola Bay oysters were frozen using the CO2 tunnel and blast-freezing chamber located in Apalachicola. He said the oysters were frozen and shipped back to the University of Florida's Seafood

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Products Laboratory on February 10th for further testing. He said this research is being funded through a special USDA grant, which Congressman Allen Boyd was able to secure for the Florida Oyster Industry to study oyster PHT options.

(Tape 1-650) He said he wanted to update the Board on the *Vibrio vulnificus* illnesses. He informed the Board the shellfish-related *Vibrio vulnificus* illnesses/deaths data for 2002 has been finalized. He said there were a total of twenty-seven cases reported from April through November, with May having the highest number of illnesses reported with six-cases. He said the product origin for each of the states was as follows: Louisiana-13, Texas-6, Unknown-6, Louisiana/Virginia-1 and Florida-1. He stated the one case reported from Florida involved eating a raw, shucked oyster from a one-gallon container, making this an unusual case. He explained there were also two cases involving "steamed" oysters. He said all of the people infected by the Vv had pre-existing medical conditions such as alcoholism, cancer, diabetes, ulcers, hematological disease, liver disease, etc.

(Tape 1-824) He stated he wanted to inform the Board the ISSC's Biennial Meeting for 2003 had been scheduled for August 9-15, 2003 in Portland, Oregon at the Portland Marriott Downtown.

(Tape 1-843) He informed the Board the UF-IFAS Extension Program has recently hired a grant-funded Family Nutrition Program/Expanded Food Nutrition Program Agent to work in Franklin and Wakulla Counties. He said the Agent's name is Karen Stribling and today is her first day working in Franklin County. He told the Board she was working with Cherry Rankin, Franklin County FNP Program Assistant, at Carrabelle High School.

(Tape 1-865) Commissioner Mosconis asked Mr. Mahan if he had a boat ramp update or did he miss it. Mr. Mahan replied he really didn't have anything to report this morning. Mr. Pierce said he had an item on his report pertaining to boat ramps. He stated he wanted to inform the Board of the following: The ARPC is willing to write the FCT Grant Applications for the Board if the County allows ARPC to update the County's LMS for the funds available from the State, which is \$72,260.00. Most grant writers charge between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00 per FCT application, and the Board has at least two good projects, which means a private consultant would cost between \$10,000.00 and \$14,000.00 for the grant writing. The ARPC will do it for free. Since the Board is a member of the ARPC it has been past practice to allow the ARPC to do work without having to advertise for bids. I recommend the Board accept the ARPC offer as they are qualified to do the LMS update, since they wrote the original LMS. They are qualified to write the FCT grants because their staff person was a grant reviewer for the FCT for about four years. At this time, the ARPC does not believe the boat ramp request suggested by the Board would be competitive with the two other Board projects; the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land on SGI, which can also have a boat ramp; and, the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land on Alligator Point for the purpose of re-creating a beach on the Gulf side, and protecting an open shore line on the Alligator Harbor side. The ARPC will evaluate the boat ramp issue further, but at this time I recommend we proceed with the two projects that appear to meet the most FCT points.

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He asked the Board for their motion and vote on these issues. After a short discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion accepting Mr. Pierce's recommendation to accept the ARPC offer to do the LMS Update and to write the FCT grants with his two recommended projects, purchasing environmentally sensitive land on SGI and purchasing environmentally sensitive land on Alligator Point.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-956) Mr. Pierce said the Board might want to explore the option of leasing the Old Ferry Dock Landing on SGI to be used as a temporary boat ramp at least for the summer months. He stated he had mentioned this to Ms. Spohrer, the owner of the property, and the Board last year. Commissioner Creamer said he would make this **motion authorizing Mr. Pierce to pursue a lease for the Old Ferry Dock Landing property on SGI to be used as a temporary boat ramp.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said the County would do whatever is necessary to make sure there is proper access to the landing.

ROBERT BRIDGERS-USCOE-UPDATE ON CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON

(Tape 1-1036) Mr. Bridgers, Jacksonville District USCOE, thanked the Board for allowing him to address them this morning. He informed the Board he is the Program Manager for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for former sites used as "Defense Sites". He said he is here to talk about the Camp Gordon Johnston Ordnance Removal Project. He stated the USCOE has been working in this area approximately three years trying to find any type of mine, bomb, bullet, etc. that might have been left in the area after the CGJ base was closed and abandoned. He explained they have found several ordnances. He said in 1942 the Department of Defense acquired the use of approximately 159,000 acres in Franklin County for training purposes. He said the property began East of State Road 65 and went all the way to the Alligator Point area. He explained this also included Dog Island. He said they started the ordnance removal process by establishing work plans and coordinated these plans with all of the interested parties. He stated they did some geophysical mapping of the area to find any anomalies and then they studied these areas. He said they then determined which of these areas should be excavated so it could be decided if they were actually ordnance or just a piece of scrap metal. After his presentation he introduced the other people involved with this project, Roland Belew, USCOE Huntsville Office, and Don Silkebakken, P. E., Parsons Group. He said both of these gentlemen were considered the Project Managers. He stated the FDEP was represented by Tim Bahr in these meetings and planning discussions as well as local community groups such as the St. Joe Company, FSU, St. James Bay Developers, etc. Mr. Silkebakken gave a slide presentation to the Board and audience reflecting the areas ordnances were found and how they were removed. Mr. Belew, Mr. Bridgers, and Mr. Silkebakken informed the Board they had received good input and been assisted by many people in Franklin County. Mr. Silkebakken thanked the Board for allowing him to update them this morning. He promised he would keep everyone informed if there was anything further to be done on the project through the media and other informational brochures, etc. Chairman Sanders thanked this group for coming to update the Board on this project this morning and promised the Boards assistance if they needed it in any way.

PUBLIC HEARING-LAND USE AND REZONING

(Tape 1-2220) Mr. Pierce announced the Public Hearing scheduled this morning was to consider approval of a land-use change and rezoning for a 5.7-acre parcel, Lot 4, Emerald Point Beach in Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 6 West located in Eastpoint. He said the land use change would be from Rural Residential to Residential and the rezoning would be from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the Board approve the land use change and the rezoning. He stated Mr. and Mrs. Short own the property and they are planning to place a subdivision on this property. He said the subdivision would have fewer houses on the property if these changes were made. He stated the property would be subdivided into one-acre lots, one hundred feet wide as required by the County. Chairman Sanders asked if anyone in the audience or any member of the public would like to address the Board regarding this request. Mr. Pierce informed the Board his office had sent certified letters to all of the adjacent property owners and no one had sent or called him with any objections to the changes. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving a land use change for a 5.7 acre parcel, Lot 4, Emerald Point Beach in Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 6 West located in Eastpoint from Rural Residential to Residential and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Ordinance.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Putnal then made a **motion approving a rezoning for a 5.7 acre parcel, Lot 4, Emerald Point Beach in Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 6 West located in Eastpoint from R-6 Rural Residential to R-1 Single Family Residential and authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Ordinance.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUMATRA CEMETERY

(Tape 1-3417 Continued on Tape 2) Chairman Sanders said she saw Doris Pendleton, Property Appraiser, and Ms. Jackie Lewis, Eastpoint, in the audience this morning. She stated she knew they wanted an update on the Sumatra Cemetery from the County Attorney. Mr. Shuler informed the Board he had done the research the Board directed him to do on the Sumatra Cemetery matter. He said he wanted to inform the Board there was definitely a "cause of action" on this matter, but the only question he had was whether or not the County would have "standing" to bring this lawsuit or whether or not the individuals this matter concerns would have to file the lawsuit. He stated the research indicates this would not be considered a "public" cemetery because the general public was not using the cemetery. He said he understood there had been limitations on who could be buried there or to a certain class of individuals. He informed the Board he was recommending the Board to litigate the matter, at County expense, but have the Plaintiff be named as someone who has loved ones interred there. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted Mr. Shuler to clarify what he just said. He asked him if this meant the cemetery would not belong to the public. Mr. Shuler replied when a lawsuit is filed the "Plaintiff" must have "standing" to bring the lawsuit and based on the facts as he understands them it is not a general public use cemetery. He explained he was not saying the County would absolutely not have any "standing", but he thought the County would have a stronger case if the County were to appoint him to represent a "Plaintiff" that was an individual who has family members interred there. Doris Pendleton said she would

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like to ask Mr. Shuler what made him think it was not a public cemetery? She stated she thought there were more people in the cemetery than everybody thought. She said it was not just a family type situation. She stated she would like to know where he got that information. Mr. Shuler replied it was his understanding the use of the cemetery has been limited to family members and friends who lived in the Sumatra area. Ms. Pendleton again asked Mr. Shuler where he got this information? Mr. Shuler replied it was based on his general knowledge of the area. He said he understood people from places in the County like Lanark Village or Apalachicola are not being buried there. He stated if this occurs then certainly this would result in a change, but he did not know. Ms. Pendleton stated she didn't know if this statement was exactly correct because Jackie Lewis, of Eastpoint, was here today to tell the Board she has relatives from Eastpoint buried there. Ms. Lewis stated she has a child buried in that cemetery. She said she also has a "Poppa" Horton buried there. She stated he was not any relation to her, but she always knew him as her "Poppa". She said she had him buried there because he was considered a close member of their family. She stated she had him buried beside her baby. She said the reason they wanted their family buried there was because her father founded the cemetery and he was buried there, as well as her brother and many other members of her family. Ms. Pendleton stated these people were not Sumatra residents, but Franklin County residents. Mr. Shuler replied if there were only family members and loved ones or people who are closely related buried there then this would probably still be the case that only family or family members or a limited class of people could be buried there. He said the people buried there were either residents of Sumatra or family members, close relatives of those already interred there. Ms. Lewis said she is afraid, since there is no assurance of tomorrow, that if something happens to her, her family could not have her buried in the Sumatra Cemetery. She stated she wanted to be buried with her baby as she had planned. She said Mr. Branch, who claims he owns the cemetery, could refuse her burial in the cemetery. She stated this is totally not fair in her opinion. Chairman Sanders said she thought Mr. Shuler needed to litigate this matter. Commissioner Mosconis said he didn't disagree with Chairman Sanders, but he wanted to know a little more about this situation. He stated the "Counselor" in his monthly bill has included some fees or charges involved with this situation. Commissioner Mosconis said the County had already spent a lot of money on legal fees to address this problem. He stated he wanted to know if it would be better, as advised by council, to litigate on behalf of the "Plaintiffs" who want control of the cemetery than the County Government. He said if the County pursues this then the cemetery would have to be opened up for burial plots for anybody residing in Franklin County. Mr. Shuler said this was his understanding of the case law he has researched. He suggested he would probably name both Franklin County and these individuals as the "Plaintiffs" in the lawsuit. He said he did have some concern about the actual "standing" of the County in this matter. He stated he thought if this went to litigation it might be found there was a limited class who have actually been interred there. He said he would recommend having some of these individuals, who have loved ones interred there, be named as additional "Plaintiffs". He stated if he was directed to proceed with litigation he would do it and he would be comfortable pursuing this matter. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this is what he had decided during his research because Mr. Shuler, the County Attorney's father and previous County Attorney, had supposedly been working on this before he ever took over

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as County Attorney. Chairman Sanders said it had been going on for a long time. Commissioner Mosconis said he knew some title work had been done on this project. He stated he knew his dad had done some title work a year or so ago to find out whom actually owned the cemetery. Mr. Shuler replied he has the title work, but the County was never been billed for the title search. He said he has looked at the chain of title based on the title search and from this he thinks the Drew Branch, Sr. Estate would own the two-acre cemetery. He stated he has not updated the title search. Ms. Pendleton again asked where he got this information from because she would like to review it. Mr. Shuler replied ownership is not necessarily the key here. He said he didn't want to be misunderstood. Ms. Pendleton said she would certainly like to see the instrument he is basing this information on. She stated this must be something or some instrument she has not found or seen. Commissioner Mosconis asked how much Mr. Shuler thought it would cost to litigate this matter. Mr. Shuler replied approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 as a "floor" not a "ceiling". He said he didn't think the current owner, Drew Branch, Jr., would go "quietly into the night". He said he thought he would contest this matter. Ms. Pendleton said, in her opinion, Drew Branch, Jr. did not have any interest he could legally claim in the property. She asked Mr. Shuler to show her something where he has any interest in this property. Chairman Sanders said in the original deed presented to the Board by Ms. Pendleton it reflected a Less and except of this two-acres. Ms. Pendleton said she wanted to see the documentation where the property was actually conveyed to Drew Branch, Sr. Mr. Shuler said this document was in Deed Book QQ, Page 1, October 1, 1947. Ms. Lewis said Ms. Hill's daughter died not long ago, and Ms. Hill wanted to bury her daughter in the Sumatra Cemetery since they have other family buried there. She stated after calling Mr. Branch and asking him if she could bury her daughter there, she was refused. Chairman Sanders asked if this was the person they had been talking about that couldn't be buried there. Ms. Lewis replied yes it was. She said this lady had a lot of family buried there, so this is what concerns her. She stated it is really bothering her since she has family buried there she might not be allowed to be buried there. Discussion continued. Ms. Lewis said she was demanding something be done about this matter whether it was yes or no. She stated if the Courts decide Mr. Branch owns the cemetery then she would have her daughter and "Poppa" removed from the cemetery and buried in Eastpoint. Commissioner Creamer asked if anyone had received any receipts for plots, etc. Ms. Lewis replied they did not because they had been instructed, many years ago, to just go in there and lay out the plots. Ms. Pendleton informed the Board she had a daughter-in-law who was born and raised in Sumatra. She said she has two grandchildren too who would want to be buried there since her daughter-in-law's grandparents, etc. are buried there. She stated, because of her being so vocal about this matter, Mr. Branch might try to keep them from being buried there. She said this would be unfair to punish them because of her. She stated she wanted a resolution to this matter as well. Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Shuler if the only way to settle this matter once and for all is to file a lawsuit for a Declaratory Judgment or to go to Court. Mr. Shuler replied yes he did think that was the only way to do it. He stated he would make the effort to communicate, in writing, with Mr. Branch and his lawyer. He said he felt sure what Mr. Branch's answer was going to be, but he would certainly make a final effort before proceeding forward. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the County Attorney to attempt to settle this matter and if he cannot resolve this matter**

then he is instructed to proceed with any legal action he thinks is necessary to resolve this situation once and for all. Mr. Shuler said he would send Mr. Branch's attorney a letter and give him a seven to ten days to decide what they want to do. Commissioner Mosconis said it needed to be a strong letter reflecting the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners intends to file a lawsuit. Chairman Sanders said she wanted Mr. Shuler, after this is done, to proceed with any legal actions since this matter has been in limbo for several years now. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler said if they reject any proposal he submits then he would proceed with filing a lawsuit. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to be clear what proposal Mr. Shuler was going to submit to them. Mr. Shuler stated the proposal is the Estate of Drew Branch, Sr. acknowledges the "lack of exclusive control" over the Sumatra Cemetery. He said the Court would decide who the trustees to the cemetery would be. Ms. Pendleton said she would suggest the Sumatra Cemetery Board be appointed as trustees. She stated the Board appointed Willie B. Lewis, Bill Bouington, Robert Hill, Clerk of Courts in Liberty County, with Ms. Pendleton assisting them. Chairman Sanders said she just wanted this matter resolved.

ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 2-646) Mr. Pierce informed the Board Ben Withers, the contractor for the Carrabelle Library Branch, has acknowledged the cause for the leaks in the windows at the Carrabelle Library appear to be improperly caulked windows and a faulty vent at a gable end. He said Mr. Withers has agreed the shutters are not at fault. He said Mr. Withers is working to correct the damage.

(Tape 2-693) He informed the Board Preble-Rish, Inc., the County's Engineering firm, has asked the Board to adopt a Resolution of Support from the Board for the Florida Boating Improvement Grant application to dredge the Eastpoint Channel and place markers from the Eastpoint Boat Ramp out to the main channel. He said the grant would be submitted by April 10th. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution of Support for the Florida Boating Improvement Grant application as requested by Preble-Rish, Inc.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-703) He said GT COM contacted him about their communication equipment on Cape Street in the Lighthouse Estates that was discussed at the last Board meeting. He said the representative from GT COM told him they would move the box so Mr. Merrill could put up a fence along his property line. He said because GT COM built a structure in the County's right-of-way they did get a permit from the County, which he was unaware of. He stated this representative informed him they had discussed this with the property owner before they moved the structure. He said he thought this matter had been resolved.

(Tape 2-730) He presented a letter from FDOT regarding the speed limit on U. S. 98 east of Apalachicola. He reminded the Board they had instructed him to send a letter to the FDOT Chipley office asking them to reconsider the speed limit on the Gorrie Bridge going out of Apalachicola. He said the letter was from H. E. Prescott, P. E., District

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Secretary FDOT and informed the Board they were in the process of changing the area from the east end of the bridge and causeway to 55 MPH speed limit, the 45 MPH speed limit would begin at the east end of the bridge and end just beyond the crest of the bridge, the 35 MPH speed limit would remain for the west end of the bridge and provide a graduated speed reduction for the 25 MPH speed limit starting at the end of the bridge in Apalachicola. He said he thought this would remedy this situation.

(Tape 2-780) He informed the Board the City of Carrabelle submitted a Hold Harmless Letter regarding the sewer force line under the Carrabelle River. He stated the document was a letter and not a Hold Harmless Agreement. He said he would submit the letter to Mr. Shuler for review and comment.

(Tape 2-796) He said the Planning and Zoning Commission held a workshop two weeks ago in Carrabelle about dock standards and state permitting procedures. He stated several P & Z members believe the County should adopt some standards, and so P & Z will be working on some for the Board to consider.

(Tape 2-819) He explained that at the last Board Meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a dock permit in Alligator Point contingent on the verification that a neighbor, Phil Worley, had been notified as to the length of the dock. He said the applicant for the dock was William Mattice and Edgar Moore for Lot 9, BRE Subdivision, Alligator Point using Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. as his agent. He stated Garlick Environmental representative Mary Ann Wasmund had submitted a letter with a "No Objection Letter" from Mr. Worley. He said he thought the dock had already been approved by DEP, etc. He asked the Board to go ahead and approve this dock permit for Mr. Mattice. He said the problem was the length of the dock. He said all of the documentation this morning reflected the agreement to shorten the dock twenty-feet. He recommended the Board authorize the dock permit.

Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving a dock permit for William Mattice and Edgar Moore for Lot 9, BRE Subdivision, Alligator Point contingent on the dock being shortened by twenty-feet to be in line with the adjacent existing docks and the dock being inspected before the County issues the final permit.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-973) He informed the Board the Franklin County Licensing Board met last week and recommends the County Commission begin a new permitting procedure, which is more consistent with the building code, and which will help stop unlicensed contractors from working in the County. He explained currently, the County issues a general building permit for a new house, and even though there will be many subcontractors working on a job such as electricians, plumbers, roofers, etc. only one permit is issued. He said the Building Code reflects separate permits should be obtained by the individual contractors for the work they do; that is, an electrician should obtain the electrical permit, a plumber the plumbing permit, a roofer the roofing permit, etc. He stated if this were done the County Building Inspectors would not do an electrical inspection unless a permit had been obtained, and a licensed electrician could only obtain it, which is the procedure in most counties. He said there is currently only one general permit being

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issued so a general contractor, or a homeowner, might hire an unlicensed sub and call for an inspection. He stated then the County has no knowledge who did the work because the inspectors are called after the work is complete. He said if a separate permit was required, and could only be obtained by a licensed subcontractor, the County would know who is doing what work, and licensed contractors would know they were competing with other licensed contractors for work, and not unlicensed ones who most likely do not have the proper insurance, and skills to do the work. He stated Mr. Shuler has not reviewed this proposal with the Building Department yet. He asked the Board to direct Mr. Shuler to discuss this issue with the Building Department and come to some type of resolution to this. He said then Mr. Shuler could inform the Board of the recommendation decided on so the Board could address the situation. The Board informed Mr. Shuler to met with Mr. Pierce to discuss this matter. Mr. Pierce stated he really did not need a formal motion because Mr. Shuler is the Construction Licensing Board attorney as well as the County Attorney.

(Tape 2-1062) Mr. Pierce requested the Board discuss the request submitted by Nick Yonclas, Attorney for Chris and Kathy Gardner, regarding Lot 20, Bay View Village, SGI. He reminded the Board this request concerned Lot 20 on SGI and the issue of whether this is a buildable lot or not. He reviewed the situation with the Board. Mr. Yonclas appeared before the Board and said he was before the Commissioners a month ago asking for his clients lot to be determined or considered a buildable lot. He stated there was some controversy over whether it contained one-acre or not. He said the former property owners who sold the property to the Gardners conveyed the property to the Gardners as a buildable lot. He stated the original lot did contain one-acre, but after the former owner of the lot tried to help the neighboring lot owner, the lot ended up consisting of a lot just less than an acre. After discussion Commissioner Creamer said he would make a **motion determining Lot 20, Bay View Village, SGI, owned by Chris and Kathy Gardner as a buildable lot.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. Commissioners Putnal, Mosconis, Creamer and Williams for. Chairman Sanders against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1245) Mr. Pierce said Ted Mosteller, Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, is present this morning. Mr. Pierce informed the Board he and Mr. Mosteller were here to inform the Board and everyone else the Airport Committee is placing an advertisement in the Florida Administrative Weekly and the Apalachicola Times for Letters of Interest for Airport Engineers. He said the ad should run for about two weeks and is a requirement of the FAA.

(Tape 2-1279) Mr. Pierce informed the Board an ad was placed in the local newspaper for an Engineering Technician. He said the deadline for applications was Monday, March 3, 2003. He stated only one person had applied for this position, Chris Clark. He said this person had to meet certain standards as recommended by Preble-Rish, Inc. He explained Mr. Clark is the husband of Cindy Clark, Bay Media, the company who maintains the County's web site. He said Mr. Clark has work experience as well as educational experience suitable for this job, but he also has certification from FDOT on earthwork inspections, pipe placement, traffic signals, highway lighting and pavement

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marking, and worksite traffic supervision. He said he is also a licensed certified geologist. Mr. Pierce stated he explained to Mr. Clark this is just a "trial position" for both he and the County. He said Mr. Clark understands this and is willing to take the position for the advertised salary of \$26,000.00. He said Mr. Clark's probationary period will last six-months, which will take the Board past the budget workshops this summer. He stated if the Board so desires they could create a permanent position during the budget workshops. He said if things are not working out then the Board does not have to fund the position in next year's budget. He recommended the Board hire Chris Clark, with a starting date as soon as possible and convenient for Mr. Clark, as soon as he submits a drug test result to the County. He said the next thing the Board needs to consider is whether to pay Mr. Clark for mileage or provide a vehicle for him to use while working for the County. Commissioner Mosconis stated adamantly that he knew "Hubie" or Mr. Johnson could come up with some type of truck for Mr. Clark. He said as many vehicles as they have together they should be able to come up with some type of truck for Mr. Clark to use. Mr. Pierce said he would ask Mr. Kennedy to continue to come to Franklin County so he can work with Mr. Clark and bring Mr. Clark up to date on the various projects throughout the County. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to hire Chris Clerk as an Engineering Technician with Mr. Pierce as his supervisor and authorizing the payment of mileage for Mr. Clark to use his private vehicle to go to the various project sites throughout the County until a vehicle can be acquired for him from the Landfill or the Road Department.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted to make sure the Road Department Superintendent and he communicated with each other. He stated he felt this might have been a problem before, but he didn't want that to happen in this case. Mr. Clark thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them. He said he moved to Franklin County in 1985 and for the last six years he has done either road or bridge projects for the different engineering companies doing projects in Franklin County. He stated he has worked in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and various other places. He said he is ready to go to work with the County.

(Tape 2-1562) Mr. Pierce said George Pruitt, Assistant Chief Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department, was here this morning to invite the Board to their Second Annual Charity Rib Cook off on March 22, 2002 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Eastpoint Fire Department. Mr. Pruitt stated he would like for everyone to come to the Rib Cook off. He said he wanted to formally invite the County Commissioners to the cook off. He stated the EVFD was trying to schedule a car show for the event too. He thanked the Board for allowing him to address them this morning and invite them to the cook off. He said there would be some musical entertainment as well.

(Tape 2-1820) Mr. Mosteller asked the Board if he could address them for a moment. Chairman Sanders said he could address the Board very briefly. Mr. Mosteller stated a matter was mentioned to him at a Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee several months ago regarding the proposed Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance. He said it was the same proposed ordinance presented to the Board several years ago. He stated he has had expert advice and input on the creation or wording of this ordinance and was here today to again ask the Board to allow them to schedule a public hearing so this ordinance

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could be considered. Mr. Shuler said since he was one of two general partners owning property north of the Apalachicola Airport and would be substantially and personally affected financially and otherwise by the enactment of this ordinance, he stated he would be unable to represent the Board on this issue and did not give the Board any advice regarding this ordinance. He said he is very much opposed to this ordinance. Chairman Sanders asked what the Board would like to do. After no action was taken Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Wade to begin his report.

KENDALL WADE-CLERK

(Tape 2-2018) He said based on the initial Workers' Compensation premium quote of \$281,660.00 the following budget amendment is needed: Increase 001.20.511.2400 Workers' Comp \$5,137.00; Increase 001.40.534.2400 Workers' Comp \$4,604.00; Increase 001.70.572.2400 Workers' Comp \$1,521.00; Increase 001.80.581.9100 Budget Transfer to Fine and Forfeiture \$49,954.00; Decrease 001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingency \$61,216.00; Increase 120.381.000 Budget Transfer from General \$49,954.00; Increase 120.80.521.2400 \$49,954.00. He explained these changes are being requested based on the initial premium notice, which is based on estimated salary figures. He said a final audit was conducted in December 2002, for the prior Fiscal Year. He said it is possible the audit would result in additional increases for Workers' Comp. He explained if that occurs, additional budget amendments would be needed. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this budget amendment as read into the record.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2178) He said due to unanticipated costs associated with Court Cases the following budget amendments are needed: Increase 120.11.615.3300 Court Reporter Services/State Attorney \$5,348.00; Increase 120.11.615.3310 Court Reporter Services/Conflict Attorney \$9,352.00; Increase 120.11.616.3105 Competency Exam/Public Defender \$5,600.00; Decrease 120.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingency \$20,300.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this budget amendment as read into the record.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2212) He stated the next one is due to the County Judge's move to the Courthouse Annex and is as follows: Increase 120.32.605.5200 Operating Supplies/County Judge \$1,167.00; Decrease 120.32.605.6400 Capital Outlay/County Judge \$1,167.00; Furniture for the County Judge's new office Increase 001.20.511.6400 Capital Outlay \$6,166.00; Increase 001.20.511.5200 Operating Supplies \$1,231.00; Decrease 001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingency \$7,397.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this budget amendment as read into the record.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2256) He said due to the State Attorney Office relocation to the new Courthouse Annex the following budget amendment needs to be approved: Cost of moving telephone service for the State Attorney Office Increase 120.35.602.4100 Communication Services \$1,270.00; Decrease 120.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingency \$1,270.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this budget amendment as read into**

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

(Tape 2-2277) Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Wade how much money was remaining in the Reserve for Contingency Budget. Mr. Wade replied he did not, but would check and see, then he would inform the Board at the next meeting exactly how much money, after these amendments were made, was left in the budget.

(Tape 2-2298) Mr. Wade informed the Board the 3 ½-ton condenser on the air conditioning unit at the Old Health Department Building, Dr. Miniatt's office needed to be replaced. He said Parker Services had submitted an estimate of \$2,200.00 for the condenser. He said he was just informing the Board of this matter. Commissioner Mosconis said the rent payment Dr. Miniatt makes each month, \$1,200.00, could be applied to this new condenser. Mr. Wade stated he went ahead and approved this request because the company, Parker Services who provides the heating and air-conditioning services to the Courthouse, needed to go order this part.

(Tape 2-2336) He presented a letter from FDLE to the Board requesting, pursuant to Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 11G-5.004(2), the reappointment of the District 2 Medical Examiner, Dr. David T. Stewart, or other qualified candidates the Board might want to appoint for to this position. He said Dr. Stewart's term expires July 1, 2003 and serves Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Jefferson, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties as Medical Examiner. Commissioner Williams made a **motion reappointing Dr. David T. Stewart as the District 2 Medical Examiner, which represents Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Jefferson, Taylor and Wakulla Counties.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2389) He submitted a letter from United States Senator Bob Graham informing the Board he was sending the letter the Board sent to him requesting the dredging of Bob Sikes Cut to the USCOE. He said the Senator was going to try and help get this project funded if possible. He stated Senator Graham has requested a review of this request and asked for a written response from their office. He stated if he hears anything he would inform the Board.

(Tape 2-2415) He said he had already distributed the memo from the Finance Office regarding the County Attorney billing for services performed January 30, 2003 through March 25, 2003. He said Ms. Williams, the Finance Officer, had submitted copies of the latest invoices from Mr. Shuler. He reminded the Board the County still has not received a County Attorney Agreement from Mr. Shuler. Mr. Shuler said he was working on the agreement.

(Tape 2-2432) Mr. Pierce said he talked to the ER Doctor Pierce concerning, what Dr. Pierce thought was County policy, of not allowing Physician's Assistants in the ER Room. He stated he told Dr. Pierce he didn't think the County had such a policy. He said he told Dr. Pierce if hiring PA's to cover the ER would help him then he should hire some, especially if it would save on insurance, his time, etc. Chairman Sanders said the

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reason the PA's weren't working in the ER was because they were not being paid by the current hospital leaseholders. Commissioner Mosconis said he needs to consult with the company he has a contract with, but the County didn't have, as he knew it, a problem with PA's covering the ER. Mr. Pierce stated he was just clarifying for Dr. Pierce that it was not County Policy to not allow PA's in the ER. Mr. Shuler advised the Board not to become involved with the day-to-day operation or any type of policy-making decisions for Dr. Pierce. He said Dr. Pierce should consult with his current employers at the hospital.

(Tape 2-2477) Mr. Wade invited each Commissioner to come and visit the Judicial Suite on the Third Floor of the Main Courthouse. He said most of the renovations have been completed and he felt it looked a lot better. He stated there is a lot more room for hearings, depositions, etc.

THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-2505) Mr. Shuler said he received the Hold Harmless Agreement between Dog Island and Franklin County for the waste management services the County was going to provide Dog Island. He said he has made some revisions to the agreement and faxed it back to Mr. Johnson.

(Tape 2-2513) He stated he has finished the review of four subdivisions. He said the "St. James Bay", "Palmetto Village" and "Mary's Beach" subdivision plats needed some revisions. He said one of the subdivisions has already been signed and recorded.

(Tape 2-2527) He reported he received a contract from Mr. Pierce between the County and the USCOE for work on the revetment at Alligator Point. He said there were some issues with this contract that he has concerns about. He stated they essentially deal with the County's ability to have input and control of the plan and the cost as it is being formulated by the USCOE. He said he would be working with Mr. Pierce to finalize those revisions.

(Tape 2-2549) He said the Board asked him to check into the employee matter concerning Ronnie Dean and the inmate supervisor's incentive pay of \$500.00. He said he would like to report to the Board, after discussing this matter with the labor attorney and Mr. Chipman, there is no reason why Mr. Chipman does not have the discretion to take the \$500.00 incentive pay and give it to the person who is actually doing the job. Commissioner Mosconis admonished Mr. Shuler and said he would have to be careful. He stated some of those inmate supervisor's had been working for the County fifteen or more years. He said this employee had only been working for the County either a year or less than a year. He told Mr. Shuler not to get "sucked in" on something that is going to create a lot more problems than he could solve. Mr. Shuler agreed. He said he was just answering a question the Board had asked him whether the Department Head had the discretion to make such a decision.

(Tape 2-2607) He reviewed the sewer line agreement regarding the City of Carrabelle. He said is still waiting on that contract from Dan Kleck, Baskerville-Donovan.

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(Tape 2-2611) He said he had reviewed a contract regarding the St. Joe property in Carrabelle for the sports complex. He stated Mr. Pierce reported that contract has already been reviewed and approved by his father several months ago. Ms. Varnes, the Board Secretary, said she still has not gotten the contract. Mr. Pierce explained there is still a discrepancy on the legal description. He said he is still waiting on the survey.

(Tape 2-2628) He said he received a copy of a letter from ARPC responding to his demand letter regarding the Revolving Loan Program. He stated their letter provides several options for Franklin County. He stated he would like to review the original contract to see what, if anything, could be done about forcing ARPC to collect the outstanding loans.

(Tape 2-2651) He stated the contract with FSU for the visioning process is in process. He said Mr. Pierce is working with him on the final document.

(Tape 2-2732) He said he received a copy of the Bluff Road Bike Path Project and has not had a chance to look it over.

(Tape 2-2742) He stated he has approached the Court about making the repayment of any costs expended by the County for investigators, court reporters, attorney fees, etc. be made a part of probation or parole if someone is convicted of a crime and has used County funds for an attorney, investigator, expert testimony, etc. He said he would be formalizing this request in the near future for presentation to the Circuit Judge for her review.

(Tape 2-2772) He asked the Board if they had any direction for him concerning the redistricting issue. Commissioner Mosconis said he hadn't talked to the attorney he wanted to invite to one of the next few meetings yet, but he would. Mr. Pierce said he did send a letter to the Florida Association of Counties or the Small County Coalition to see if they would provide any funding for the redistricting project. He stated he has not had a reply yet from either of these groups.

(Tape 2-2800) Commissioner Mosconis said he had a problem with the County Attorney's bill. He stated if Mr. Shuler was going to charge the Commissioners for just talking to them then he didn't need to be talking to Mr. Shuler. He said he wouldn't talk to Mr. Shuler outside of these meetings, if he was going to charge him for each minute, unless it was an emergency. He informed Mr. Shuler the amount of his bill showed him Mr. Shuler only wanted to work for a few months because the County Attorney Budget was almost depleted in these first few months of the year. He stated the County was paying him to sit in these meetings and if one of the Commissioners needs to call him for advice he didn't think this was quite fair. He stated he thought it might be "pushing a little bit hard". Mr. Shuler said he was not trying to "push" the Commission, but he was trying to do his job. He asked for direction from the Board as to what he is supposed to do. He said he bills the Board as he bills everyone else. Commissioner Mosconis said the first thing the Board needed was an agreement. He stated an agreement was definitely needed as to how this matter was going to be worked out. He said if he spoke

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to Mr. Shuler on the street about a matter just briefly he didn't want to see a billing for this time. Chairman Sanders said she thought a contract or agreement would eliminate a lot of these problems. Commissioner Mosconis stated some kind of understanding needed to be arrived at. Mr. Shuler said he didn't think every time he speaks to one of the Commissioners he is putting the time on the bill. Commissioner Mosconis said he has reviewed the billing and he saw where there is billing for just talking to a Commissioner. Mr. Shuler replied this was true, but not every time he speaks to one of the Commissioners. Commissioner Mosconis said he was just trying to reach some compromise. Commissioner Creamer said he thought Commissioner Mosconis was talking about the billing for something like .1 hours for a billing amount of \$8.00. He stated he guessed this was about 10-minutes. Mr. Shuler said he bills on 6-minute increments. Commissioner Creamer said then Mr. Shuler billed the Board for \$8.00 for talking to a Commissioner for 6-minutes. He stated he thought this is what Commissioner Mosconis was talking about. He said the billing reflected a time of 12-minutes for \$16.00 time Chairman Sanders talked to him about a matter. Chairman Sanders said the only reason her name was on there so much is because the staff is afraid to talk to him for the fear of being billed for it. She said the staff does not want their name on the billing. Commissioner Creamer said he totaled the amount of time billed for Chairman Sanders and it was \$202.00 for just the month. He stated this was just for questions Chairman Sanders had. Chairman Sanders said one time she was in the office to get a copy of the Solid Waste Contract and was told it wasn't there because it was still in the County Attorney's Office. She stated Ms. Varnes was afraid to call Mr. Shuler because she would be charged for the time and Mr. Johnson was afraid to call as well because he was afraid it would cost money. She stated she called Mr. Shuler and told him she needed the contract over to the County Office's and he charged her \$8.00. She said she had a big problem with this. She stated a contract or agreement needs to be submitted for the services the County Attorney was going to provide the Commissioners. Commissioner Mosconis said this was not his money, but taxpayers money. Mr. Shuler replied it was his practice to bill in such a manner. He said it was consistent with the way he has always billed his other clients. He stated he is not doing anything differently for this Commission than he has done in his practice for the past ten years. Commissioner Mosconis said the Commissioners were not used to this type of costs for County Attorney services. He stated the County did not have the money budgeted for this. He said the County is going to run out of money for legal fees in short order if the Board doesn't do something. Mr. Shuler stated all he can say is the work he has been doing is work he has been directed to do by the Board. He said he has treated the Board as consistently as he has any other client. He stated he is certainly amenable to try and work out some variation with the Commission. He said he would be glad to put this together in a proposal for the Commissioners to review. Mr. Pierce stated one of the things Mr. Shuler spends a lot of time on is subdivision plats. He said the Board only charges \$100.00 plus \$2.00 a lot. He stated the surveyors, licensed surveyors in the State of Florida, have been generating plats, which have errors in them. He said Mr. Curenton, Assistant Planner, can catch some of the errors, but he can't be totally responsible for them. He stated these errors cost money in employee and/or attorney time. He said the Commissioner should think about raising the fees relating to subdivision plats and the review of these plats before recordation. He stated the surveyors should be producing a document that is

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totally correct. He said it is not fair to the taxpayers because it is costing them money. He said for example the "Hidden Harbor" plat, Mr. Shuler spent several hours just looking over the plat. Mr. Shuler stated on his way to his vacation he personally took the plat, at no charge to the County, to the developers of "Hidden Harbor" so it could be signed and ready for the Board's approval this morning. Commissioner Mosconis said then the charging structure needs to hold and make the people submitting the plats responsible for these charges. Mr. Pierce said the County's fee schedule is set by resolution and he would check the fees and report back to the Board at the next meeting with some suggestions.


MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

(Tape 2-3290) Mr. Wade said he met with seven small county Clerk of Courts in Tallahassee. He stated these counties were the size or a little bit larger than Franklin County. He informed the Board this was going to be a bad year in the Legislature because the Legislature is trying to shift a lot of work onto the counties without funding. He explained the small counties were going to take a "hit" on this Article V Funding issue. He said he wanted to ask everyone to please talk to individual Senators and Representatives about this matter. He stated when someone does talk to them please ask them not to allow the Article V Fees to be taken from the County. He said he was sure this was going to be a "lean" year.

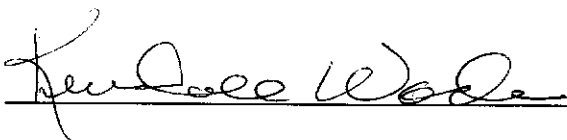
(Tape 2-3396) Chairman Sanders said she wanted to announce the Lanark Village Water and Sewer District Board was going to have a meeting today at 2:00 p.m. She stated this is a special meeting to discuss the City of Carrabelle's request to allow them to expand their Water and Sewer District through Lanark Village to reach the St. James Bay Subdivision. She encouraged anyone interested in this matter to attend the meeting. She said she would be there, but only as a bystander or a member of the audience.

(Tape 2-3417) Chairman Sanders said she too wanted to emphasize the Legislative Session began today so Franklin County's Legislative Delegation needed to be lobbied. She stated there were many changes and the County might end up with some financial changes they cannot afford. She stated the Solid Waste Grants, Road Assistance, etc. were probably going to be effected.

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



CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN



KENDALL WADE, CLERK