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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2004

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sanders, Chairman, Bevin Putnal, Jimmy Mosconis, Clarence Williams, Eddie Creamer, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk, Rachel Ward, Secretary, Thomas M. Shuler, Attorney, Alan C. Pierce, Director of Administrative Services.

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

(Tape 1-34) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 6, 2004.** 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.**

(Tape 1-43) Mr. Pierce read a resolution declaring April 18 through April 24, 2004, as National Library Week. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the resolution declaring April 18 through April 24, 2004 as National Library Week.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce read a resolution declaring April 25, 2004 through May 1, 2004, as Juvenile Justice Week. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the resolution declaring April 25 through May 1, 2004, as Juvenile Justice Week.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN – SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-106) Mr. Chipman told the Board that he is glad to be back at work and has nothing to report to the Board. Commissioner Mosconis said that he understands the contractor working for the city on Brownsville Road wants to cut that road. He understands that there has already been damage to the road and he would like for David Kennedy to get an estimate on what it would cost for this repair before approving cutting of this road. Also Avenue D in the city needs lime rock. This road has been closed for sometime because of road improvements and he wants the money necessary for these repairs to be submitted to the county before he cuts any more roads. He said Avenue D needs to be opened and the contractor needs to give the county the necessary money for these road repairs before the board approves the cutting of Brownsville Road. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to require the contractor doing the road work on Brownsville Road be required to submit the necessary money to the board for road repairs caused by the contractor and also finish the necessary work on Avenue D so that it can be opened before this Board authorizes the cutting of Brownsville Road.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for.

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Board authorizes the cutting of Brownsville Road. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-270) Commissioner Putnal said that Larry Brown has asked to be able to move the county equipment off of the Carrabelle ball field. Chairman Sanders said that the county has applied for FRDAP grants that will pay for the improvements to this sports complex. If the county does any work prior to receiving the FRDAP grants those funds will not be refunded. There was some discussion concerning what was authorized and what has been asked to be done. Chairman Sanders asked that the Board not do any work until these funds are available. There was discussion concerning what the board authorized. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to have Van Johnson start working on a plan for the Carrabelle Sports Complex.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE – DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Tape 1-421) Mr. Pierce provided the Board with Chris Clark, Engineering Technicians' resignation effective April 21. Mr. Pierce recommended that the board turn the position into a grant administrator/planner assistant to Mark Curenton. He asked that Mr. Curenton be allowed to set the minimum job requirements, and allow him to advertise the position, conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Pierce went on to say that the services that Chris Clark has been providing such as shooting grades for culverts, etc. should be given to the Road Department. Mr. Chipman told the board that he has someone in his department he thinks could do this.

(Tape 1-451) Mr. Pierce went on to recommend that Melanie Hutchins become Interim Emergency Management Director and have her coordinate with the Public Works Department. In case of an emergency, she will report directly to the Board. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to advertise for the grant administrator's position and move Melanie Hutchins into the Interim Emergency Management Director position.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VAN JOHNSON – SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1- 480) Mr. Johnson gave the board a copy of the Certification of Annual Report and Public Notice. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve this Certification of Annual Report and Public Notice.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-519) Mr. Johnson stated that at the last meeting, the board directed him, as County Parks & Recreation Director to draft a Facility Use Plan for use of the National Guard Armory. He submitted a draft copy of this plan. The plan designates the Park & Recreation Department as the County's agent to be in charge of the booking, operation and maintenance of the facility. The plan also highlights a user fee sufficient to offset the

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cost of operation and maintenance of the building should the board agree to adopt this policy.

He went on to say that existing personnel will be used to maintain the facility in a good functional order. However, during the county's annual budget development, the Board will have to address an Events Coordinator position. The Events Coordinator will be the contact person to coordinate the booking and arrange or provide for after school and summer programs not only at the Armory, but at other county facilities as well.

Commissioner Mosconis asked if anyone has approached the city concerning this building to see what they are interested in. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to ask Van Johnson to get with the City of Apalachicola and see how they want to be included and come back at the next board meeting with some suggestions.**

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

(Tape 1-645) Mr. Johnson went on to report that hurricane forecasters have predicted at least 14 named storms, 8 hurricanes and 3 major storms for the 2004 hurricane season. With such an active storm season being predicted, the Board has a unique opportunity to plan by investigating the possibility of contracting with a private firm to provide emergency debris management services. Communities as small as the City of Lynn Haven, Florida have utilized this service during Hurricane Opal in 1996. With larger communities such as the City of Wilson, North Carolina using the service during Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Such a contract can be set to activate after a major storm in which state and/or federal officials have declared the area a disaster. The Board could also set which services it wished the contractor to perform in the aftermath of a major storm. Being mindful that such a contractor would receive payment for services rendered from FEMA reimbursement funds. Crowder-Gulf is a provider of such a service and they already have a local presence in the City of Carrabelle. In fact in 2001, both Leon County and City of Tallahassee signed a contract for Emergency Debris Management Services with Crowder-Gulf. If the board is interested, Mr. Johnson suggested the attorney, Michael Shuler be instructed to prepare a request for proposal or review the Leon-Tallahassee contract as a possibility of piggybacking their existing services with Crowder-Gulf. Mr. Pierce added that if the board goes with this type of contract, in the event of a major storm, the county will ask the contractor to come in, they will not just show up. The board will dictate what and how much work they will do. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to have the county attorney and Mr. Johnson work together on this emergency debris removal contract.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-762) Mr. Johnson read to the Board a proposed resolution concerning site debris removal. This policy prohibits the county from picking-up, removing, hauling-off or otherwise disposing of site debris from land clearing on unimproved residential or commercial land. It would not prevent the county from removing a reasonable amount of land clearing debris from improved residential or commercial property. Commissioner

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Creamer made a **motion to set the site debris removal policy by resolution.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Putnal asked if Mr. Johnson has taken care of the problem concerning bears disturbing garbage cans in Eastpoint. The residents didn't put their garbage out because of the bears and waste management didn't pick up the garbage. Mr. Johnson said that he would discuss a later pickup time for these residents with Waste Management.

BILL MAHAN – COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-863) Mr. Mahan read a report on the Seafood Laboratory stating the Road Department has moved the trailer in and tied it down. They will begin moving some files, cabinets and supplies into the trailer next week and expect some of the laboratory equipment to be delivered within the next two weeks. Mr. Mahan also reported on the USDA Family Nutrition Program Grant Proposal. It has been submitted along with proposals from the other 29 counties that participate in the program.

He gave an update on the USDA Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. This program provides relief funds for agricultural-based industries whose prices have been negatively impacted by imports. Commercial shrimp fishermen eligible for TAA benefits include vessel owners and/or operators and crewmembers if they were paid a share of the earnings. He submitted a copy of this update.

Mr. Mahan gave an update on the Bluff Road/Box R Boat Ramp. He went on to report that he met with FWC representatives on April 6th to discuss the FWC Boat Ramp Grant application and to tour the proposed site for the ramp.

At this time, the Board went into public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- VACATION OF PARTIAL PLAT OF EMERALD SHORES SUBDIVISION

(Tape 1-977) Dan Garlick presented a proposal to vacate a portion of a plat known as Emerald Shores Subdivision located between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. The vacation of this existing plat is necessary in order to record a new plat in its place. There were three lots on this five acre parcel, it will now have five lots on a five acre parcel with a minimum of one acre per lot. He went on to say that no habitable structures will be allowed on the south side of Highway 98. There was no public comment.

(Tape 1-1169) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to vacate the partial plat of Emerald Shores Subdivision plat.** Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the resolution to vacate this partial plat contingent upon the county attorney's review of this resolution.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1226) Bill Mahan continued with his report on the Bluff Road boat ramp project. FWC will have to develop a Memorandum of Understanding on what it will do and what the county will do and have it signed. After some discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to have Bill Mahan be in charge of tracking this project.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1395) Commissioner Putnal asked about the Eastpoint boat ramp project. It was agreed that Chairman Sanders would again contact the Harris Brothers, the contractor doing the job to find when they would proceed with the project.

(Tape 1-1436) William Scott, the Veterans Service Officer, told the board that he is doing much better after having open heart surgery and is making a fast comeback. He went on to say that he has been nominated by the County Veterans Service Officers Association to serve as Vice President of this association. He asked that the Board write a letter supporting this nomination. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to write a letter supporting Mr. Scott's appointment as Vice President to the County Veterans Service Officers Association.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING

Mr. Pierce read the following rezoning requests stating that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended in favor of the following:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 5 EAST, UNIT ONE, ST. GEORGE ISLAND FROM C-2 TO C-4. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the rezoning of Lots 5 and 6, Block 5 East, Unit One, St. George Island from C-2 to C-4.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LOTS 22, 23 AND 24, BLOCK 3, UNIT ONE WEST, ST. GEORGE ISLAND FROM C-2 TO C-4. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the rezoning of Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 3, Unit One West, St. George Island from C-2 to C-4.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LOTS 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 AND 30, BLOCK 4, UNIT ONE EAST, ST. GEORGE ISLAND FROM C-2 TO C-4. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the rezoning of lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 4, Unit One East, St. George Island from C-2 to C-4.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 9, UNIT ONE WEST, ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FROM C-2 TO C-4. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the rezoning of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 9, Unit One West, St. George Island from C-2 to C-4.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5.25 ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST, EASTPOINT FROM C-3 TO C-2. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the rezoning of a 5.25 acre parcel lying in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, Eastpoint from C-3 to C-2.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LAND USE CHANGE OF A 9.05 ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NORTHWEST OF CARRABELLE FROM A-2 FORESTRY AGRICULTURAL TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the Land Use Change of a 9.05 acre parcel lying in Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 5 West from A-2 Forestry Agricultural to R-1 Residential.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REZONING OF A 9.05 ACRE PARCEL LYING IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NORTHWEST OF CARRABELLE FROM A-2 TO R-1. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the rezoning of a 9.05 acre parcel lying in Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 5 West, northwest of Carrabelle from A-2 to R-1.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ALAN PIERCE CONTINUED

(Tape 1-1818) Mr. Pierce told the board that he has submitted a letter of resignation from Chris Clark who has been the county's engineering technician. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to accept Chris Clark's letter of resignation.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce also recommended that Mark Curenton be promoted to County Planner. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve Mark Curenton's promotion to County Planner.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce went on to say that from a budget perspective, his position as Director of Administrative Services will not be vacant until August 3 because of earned leave time. His last day in office will be May 20, 2004. He submitted his letter of resignation. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to accept Mr. Pierce's letter of resignation.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Pierce's dedication.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2099) Mr. Pierce informed the board that the county submitted an emergency 911 grant to cover \$392,000 improvements that the county needs to its 911 system. The state 911 board did not take up the emergency grant application at the April meeting. It is possible it will be considered in July, if the state gets additional funds from the cell phone carriers in the state, which are causing all the problems. Mr. Pierce requested board action to commit \$252,000 of reserve for contingency funds as needed to pay for the 911 system.

Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to commit \$252,000 of contingency funds for the 911 system.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2092) Mr. Pierce told the Board that he called Ms. Regina Battle, Department of Transportation, to ask that DOT finish paving the approximately ¼ mile of old asphalt from the base of the new St. George Island Bridge to the intersection of Gulf Beach Drive. She agreed that part of the road is on the state highway system and could have been considered, but somehow was overlooked. She said that DOT will rank the small paving project in June and set a schedule for paving it in September. The paving could take place immediately or it could be a year later.

(Tape 1-2133) Hank Garrett asked the board to install a culvert to drain the stormwater off the road at the intersection of Gulf Beach Drive and Franklin Boulevard. Mr. Pierce said that he has discussed this problem with DOT and it was agreed that when the paving process begins to ask DOT to install the culvert.

BIDS – TWIN LAKES CDBG PROJECT, WATER LINE AND PAVING

(Tape 1-2233) Mr. Wade stated that two bids have been received. The first is from C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$452,529.50. The second bid is from Mitchell Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$536,028.58. These bids were turned over to David Kennedy with Prebble Rish to review these bids and report back to the board before the end of the meeting.

(Tape 1-2331) Mr. Pierce continued by informing the Board that apparently the Department of Environmental Protection is applying for funding to build a new headquarters and environmental center for \$2.1 million dollars on the property at the end of Millender Street in Eastpoint.

Mr. Pierce told the Board that Gary Shiver, a resident of Apalachicola, believes he is not getting fair treatment from the SHIP program. About 6 years ago, Mr. Shiver received a

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new roof through the SHIP program. He says the roof started leaking shortly after it was put on and he has not been able to get it fixed. The Board suggested Mr. Shiver contact Michael Moron, the SHIP Program Coordinator.

(Tape 1-2373) Mr. Pierce reported that Mr. David Wilder is working with the St. George Island Plantation on a revised development plan that does away with the commercial uses in Resort Village and converts the residential to one unit per acre. The Plantation membership is going to vote on the proposal May 15th. In anticipation of a favorable vote, Mr. Wilder would like the Board to schedule his transmittal hearing for May 18th, which is a regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to schedule a public hearing for transmittal of the Resort Village for May 18, 2004.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2424) Mr. Pierce reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on April 13, and made the following recommendations:

The Commission discussed at great length the problem of illegal signs around the county, but specifically on St. George Island. Mr. Pierce reported that in the past, he was the one who went to the Island and physically removed signs on public right-of-ways as well as notifying property owners about illegal signs on private property. This has not been done for some time. The Commission strongly recommends the Board create some mechanism to enforce the sign ordinance and have illegal signs removed. They favor the creation of a Code Enforcement Board, and employment of an officer, to regulate the signs. Two types of signs are most offensive, these are illegal signs on the right-of-way and larger than allowed real estate signs on private property. The largest size real estate sign allowed without a variance is 12 square feet, which is 3x4, but some realtors are now using 4x4, which really stands out in residential areas. There was some discussion. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to have the county attorney write a letter including a copy of the sign ordinance notifying the property or sign owners that these signs need to be removed.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2560) Commissioner Mosconis asked about the proposed dock ordinance. Mr. Pierce told the Commission that he and Mark Curenton are working on this ordinance and hope to schedule a public hearing near the end of May or the first of June. Mr. Pierce reported the Commission recommends approval of the following applications within the Critical Shoreline District.

The Commission recommends approval for a single family private dock on Lot 6, Windjammer Village, 1623 Ibis Way, St. George Island as requested by Bill McCartney, owner. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve this single family private dock on Lot 6, Windjammer Village, St. George Island.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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The Commission recommends approval for a single family private dock on Lot 6, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, for W. Paul Sawyer, owner. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve this single family private dock on Lot 6, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2678) Mr. Pierce reported the following rezoning requests were presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission: The Commission recommends a public hearing be schedule for 1601 Bluff Road, a 4 acre parcel owned by Tommy Luster. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to schedule a public hearing.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce reported that on a tie vote, 3-3, the Commission did not make a recommendation on a request to change Aaron's on the Bay Motel (formerly known at the Seabreeze Motel in Eastpoint), at 83 Highway 98 Eastpoint, from C-4 Commercial Mixed Use to R-7 Multi-family High Density as requested by Aaron Wray, agent for J. Bonds Investments. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to schedule a public hearing.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commission recommends setting a public hearing to consider rezoning a 5.55 acre parcel in Section 23/24, Township 7 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint from R-6 to R-1 as requested by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to schedule a public hearing.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2824) Mr. Pierce reported the following subdivision plats were recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission: The Commission recommends approval for a sketch plat for a 5 lot subdivision on a 5.55 acre parcel in Section 23/24, Township 7 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint to be known as Sound Breeze. The applicant requested a clustering concept but the Commission chose to require the lots meet the same standards that other subdivisions in this area met, which is that the lots be 100 feet wide on US 98. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the sketch plat of Sound Breeze.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commission recommended approval of a sketch plat for a 5 lot subdivision on a 10.27 acre parcel in Section 25/26, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, Eastpoint off of South Bayshore Drive. The subdivision will be known as East Bay Colony. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the sketch plat of East Bay Colony.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commission recommended approval of a preliminary plat for Phase II of Grammercy Plantation, a 40 lot subdivision east of Eastpoint. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the preliminary plat of Phase II of Grammercy Plantation.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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The Commission recommended approval of the final plat for a 3 lot subdivision known as Emerald Bay, on property described as Lot 4, Emerald Point as requested by Mary Lou Short. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the final plat of Emerald Bay.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Pierce went on to report to the Board that the Commission also heard a request for a sketch plat and special exception for a 6 lot cluster subdivision named Journey's End, lying in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 6 West. He went on to say that the Board does not need to take action until after the Board of Adjustment considers the special exception.

Mr. Pierce reported to the Board that the commission recommended to the Board of Adjustment that a special exception be granted for Pete Wilson to operate a raw bar, seafood processing business, and retail seafood market in the Two Mile Area. The Board of Adjustment will hear this request in May.

Mr. Pierce continued with the report from the Planning and Zoning Commission stating the Commission recommends approval of a site plan for the Island View RV Park, east of Carrabelle contingent upon the Health Department issuing an RV park permit. The site plan increases the number of RV spaces to from 22 to 50 on 4.24 acres. Mr. Pierce reported the property is zoned C-3 which accommodates RV Parks. He has concerns about the possibility of condominiumizing these RV sites. The developer has considered selling individual sites in the RV Park. Mr. Steve Watkins told the Board that they do not plan to sell the property, they will be selling park model units. Mr. Shuler said that he and Mr. Watkins have discussed this method of selling the units. He said this matter will need to be addressed in the future, and the Board can, if it chooses, give conditional approval. They can not sell off individual lots. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve this commercial site plan contingent upon approval from HRS and fee simple ownership of the land.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** The owners have not yet decided what to do with the property on the south side of Highway 98 where Els Court is located.

The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the proposed road relocation at Alligator Point KOA. The Commission felt that the Board should make the decision on which route the county wanted, and then the Planning and Zoning Commission would look at a proposed site plan after that. Mr. Watkins, representing the developer Steve Fling, told the Board that the developer has presented two site plans one showing the road as it is now and one showing the road relocated through the existing RV park. Mr. Watkins went on to say that the developers want to go forward with their sketch plat. Commissioner Mosconis said that he has spoken to residents and they have concerns with the road going through the existing park. They are concerned with the road running into Harbor Circle as it is very low. Ken Osborne spoke saying the residents have several

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concerns. One is that if the alternate route is blocked by this development there could be many residents that would be blocked in. There was also a concern about the cost of relocating this road, and about who actually owns this road. They felt that at this time, there is not enough information to make a decision.

(Tape 2-217) Ann Maruszak spoke stating that she as well as other residents on Harbor Circle are opposed to the relocation of this road because of flooding problems on Harbor Circle.

Mr. Watkins again stated that the developer wants to move forward with their project. They will be presenting a site plan showing the road in its original location at the next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Mr. Pierce continued with his report stating that Mr. Robert Bridges, US Army Corps of Engineers wants to the Board to know that the COE has received more funds to do more ordinance disposal around the FSU Marine Lab site. This should begin in a few weeks.

Mr. Pierce went on to say that DOT has announced there will be an underwater blast on part of the old St. George Island Bridge tomorrow morning around 11:00 a.m.

MS BARBARA ROHR – PURCHASING COUNTY PROPERTY

(Tape 2-350) Ms. Barbara Rohr appeared before the board representing Ms. Julian Roberts of Lanark Village concerning purchasing an area, owned by the county, currently used as the recycling area, to construct a community pool. She went on to say that the pool would be opened to the public with an annual membership fee of \$150. She discussed the benefits to the community that this pool would provide. There was some discussion concerning possibly relocating these recycling bins. It was suggested that St. Joe might be interested in helping to locate property for this facility. No action was taken concerning this request.

KENDALL WADE – CLERK

(Tape 2-628) In the past, the office of the Medical Examiner, which is the Pathology Associates, has always served the county as the medical examiner. They now have submitted a proposed contract for the counties. Mr. Shuler has reviewed the contract and unless there are questions, the board needs to authorize the Chairman to sign this contract. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with the Medical Examiner, Pathology Associates.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-667) Mr. Wade told the board that he has received a letter from the Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc., stating that Ms. Betty Croom's term has expired and they are asking that she be reappointed. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the reappointment of Ms. Betty Crooms to the Capital Area Community**

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Action Agency, Inc. Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-692) Mr. Wade told the Board that the county has received the final invoice for the Airport Access Road construction. The balance of the Airport Fund is insufficient to complete the match portion of this project. The Board had previously agreed any excess costs would be paid from the Local Option Gas Tax Fund. The amount needed is \$80,000. The following budget amendment is needed to accomplish the transfer of funds from Local Option Gas Tax Fund to the Airport Fund:

Increase	141.41.581.9100	Transfer to Airport Fund	\$80,000
Decrease	141.41.541.6300	Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$80,000
Increase	170.381.000	Transfer from LOGT Fund	\$80,000
Increase	170.74.540.6300	Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$80,000

Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve these transfers.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MICHAEL SHULER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr., Shuler stated that Doris Gibbs, Supervisor of Elections has asked the Board to give her specific direction concerning the Tourist Tax. The county needs to have its ordinance information finalized and the ballot information to her no later than September 1st. She has also asked that the board direct her to put this referendum on the ballot.

Commissioner Putnal made a **motion directing the Supervisor of Elections to place the Tourist Tax on the referendum for the November ballot.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-749) Mr. Shuler told the board that he has been working on the Imminent Domain proceedings down at Alligator Point.

Mr. Shuler said he needed clarification on the MSBU. Does the board want to address this matter with an ordinance or simply hold a public hearing. Does the board want the ordinance prepared for the public hearing. It was determined that a public hearing would be held and then the ordinance would be prepared.

(Tape 2-865) Mt. Shuler said that he has written letters to the two property owners in Lanark that were using their property for commercial purposes in a residential area.

Finally, concerning the Airport complaint, both parties have asked for more time to consider this matter.

(Tape 2-904) Commissioner Mosconis asked that DEP come before the board and explain what type of facilities they want to build in Eastpoint. There were questions

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concerning what the other existing building would be used for. It was agreed they would ask DEP to come before the Board at the next meeting.


(Tape 2-955) Alan Pierce asked that he be allowed to donate a week of his sick leave to Amy Ham who is going to have surgery in the near future. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve Alan Pierce donating a week of his sick leave to Amy Ham.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-971) David Kennedy returned to the meeting after having reviewed the bid packages for the Twin Lakes CDBG project. He told the board that the bid quotes were actually as follows: C.W. Roberts - \$578,994, and Mitchell Brothers, Inc. - \$656,003.58. He told the board that the bids the Clerk read did not include items on the second page. He recommends the board approve the low bid. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to accept the bid from C.W. Roberts in the amount of \$578,994.** Commissioners Williams seconded the motion. All for.

MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Kennedy told the board that he should have the advertising ready by the end of May and the paving should start in July.

(Tape 2-1080) The final item, Chairman Sanders commended the fire fighter who fought the fire at Bald Point State Park. The fire started as the result of a control burn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IT WAS AGREED TO ADJOURN.


_____ **CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN**


_____ **KENDALL WADE, CLERK**