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**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2004**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sanders, Chairman, Jimmy Mosconis, Clarence Williams, Bevin Putnal, Eddie Creamer, Commissioners, Kendall Wade, Clerk, Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk, Mark Curenton, County Planner, Michael Shuler, County Attorney.

9:00 A.M.: Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order and welcomed Amelia Varnes back after an extended illness.

(Tape 1-38) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2004 as amended.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-48) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the county bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-87) Victor Rowland with the Division of Forestry appeared before the Board requesting approval of an amendment to the contract for fire protection in the county. The dollar amount per acre is being adjusted as the number of acres has decreased from 45,949 at a cost of \$13.78 to 37,428 at a cost of \$11.22. Mr. Rowland requested the board approve this change and sign the contract. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the amended contract with the Division of Forestry** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HUBERT CHIPMAN – SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Tape 1-150) Larry Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works appeared before the Board standing in for Hubert Chipman who is on vacation. Mr. Brown reported that tractor repairs in the amount of \$30,186 needs to be approved. He reported the cab on the tractor has rusted off. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve tractor repairs in the amount of \$30,186.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-185) Chairman Sanders reported that the City of Carrabelle is requesting the county open NE Sixth Street between NE Avenue H and NE Avenue I. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to have the county open NE Sixth Street in the City of Carrabelle.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-222) Chairman Sanders also discussed paving projects. Lake Morality Road needs to be paved and she asked that the county see what kind of partnership could be developed with the Department of Corrections to have this road paved. Commissioner

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Mosconis said the Board needs to discuss this paving with the Department of Corrections as well as the Department of Transportation.

VAN JOHNSON – SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-314) Mr. Johnson reported that he needs approval and the Chairman's signature on the Small County Solid Waste Grant. The grant is an appropriation from the State and administered through the Department of Environmental Protection. The grant period is from October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005. The State awards the grant to counties with populations of less than 100,000 to help with solid waste management. The grant awards a total of \$6.5 million and Franklin County's portion of that is \$191,176. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to accept the grant and authorize the Chairman's signature on the document.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-340) Mr. Johnson reported that during last week's budget development, the utility line item in the Park & Recreation budget was reduced. The reasoning was that monies received from renting the Armory would offset the cost of operating the Armory during the year. However, this is not so. Monies received from rentals will not directly come back to Mr. Johnson's budget. They will be placed in the General Fund. Therefore, the total expense of utilities to operate the Armory has to be budgeted. If not, the line item will experience a shortfall. Because of this, Mr. Johnson is requesting the Board return the full funding of \$18,075, to cover the expense of utilities at the Armory. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to replace the full funding of \$18,075 back into the Parks & Recreation utility budget.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Mosconis brought to the Board's attention that during the rains recently, there has been some erosion occurring around the round about on the new airport road that needs to be taken care of. Also, someone has dumped tires in three different areas. Someone has also stolen the sago palm that was planted in the middle of the round about.

BILL MAHAN – COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

(Tape 1-421) Mr. Mahan gave to the Board copies of information from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services July 2004, issues 32 & 33 of Florida Aquaculture. The features stories in issue 32 include Florida Legislature Good for Florida Aquaculture. "First Breve Buster in the Water", and "Shellfish Harvesting Area Rules Being Amended". Featured stories in issue 33 include, "Florida Aquaculture Sales Total \$95.5 million in 2003. "Oyster Shell to Restore Reefs In Short Supply", "Florida Aquaculture License Plate Goes on Sale, and the "Florida Aquaculture Associations. Holds 20th Annual Meeting."

Mr. Mahan also attached for the board's information, a Florida Sea Grant brochure on "Used Fishing Line", the brochure explains about the hazards of disposing of

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monofilament line in the environment and that fishing line can be recycled. He explained that signs can be placed on fishing piers directing people where to dispose of fishing line. It was suggested that this sign be placed at the boat ramp to be located at the end of Bluff Road. Commissioner Mosconis asked who handles the recycled fishing line and Mr. Mahan said he has a number to call for anyone who interested.

(Tape 1-527) Mr. Mahan told the Board that the next Clam Aquaculture workshop will be held at the FSU Marine Lab on August 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Topics include a review of lease contracts, provisions and obligations; an overview of clam production in Florida; and a discussion of clam production in Franklin County. Leslie Sturmer UF-IFAS Shellfish Aquaculture Extension Agent and Mark Berrigan from the Division of Aquaculture will be featured speakers.

(Tape 1-550) Mr. Mahan reported that he spoke to David Kennedy this week and he reported that they are still having problems getting a copy of the official site survey for the Box R property. Mr. Kennedy has been in contact with Billy Buzzett and has been told he will get a copy of the survey shortly.

(Tape 1-569) Commissioner Putnal asked that Mr. Mahan contact DEP to locate a boat ramp with ample parking at their proposed Cat Point site. There is a shortage of boat ramps in the county and this needs to be addressed. There is an ideal place where the old boat ferry used to dock. Commissioner Mosconis said he has had complaints about the boat ramp on Old Ferry Dock Road. The Harris Brothers have been contacted about digging out this area. There was some discussion concerning the types of state permits required to dredge. Mr. Curenton told the Board that there is an exemption for dredging out existing boat ramps but the county will need to know about how much spoil will need to be taken out. Mr. Curenton said there is an amount of fill that can be dredged without a permit. Chairman Sanders said she would contact the Harris Brothers one more time and if there is no response the Board will be forced to find someone else to do the work.

(Tape 1-695) Commissioner Mosconis asked where the County would get a permit to place rip-rap along the road at Alligator Point. He said the Board needs to declare some sort of emergency because this needs to be done soon. Mark Curenton said he has received a permit from DEP, Bill Folks, to place fill at the site. He said before rip rap is placed on the site, the county will have to submit a plan for what needs to be done. Mr. Shuler said that, if directed, he would get with Mr. Curenton after the meeting and see if they could get an answer from DEP as soon as possible. Alan Pierce, with Preble-Rish, said that in the past Preble-Rish has done some work in this area and there is an outstanding permit concerning the rip rap and Preble-Rish may still have these plans on file. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to direct the County Attorney to get with the County Planner and Preble-Rish Engineering, and get some action going on placement of the rip-rap on Alligator Point.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 1-817) Chairman Sanders asked that Larry Brown get with Lamar Hardy and document and mark areas at the eastern end of the county designating the county owned accesses.

(Tape 1-870) Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to declare an emergency to repair the Alligator Point Road.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-901) Melanie Hutchins, Interim Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board concerning repairs to the emergency generator. Curently, she has spent \$5,270.77 in repairs and the generator needs more work. The projected repairs will cost \$5,690. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to authorize payment of \$5,690 to complete the emergency generator repairs.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** There was some discussion concerning the age of the generator. Ms. Hutchins was unsure but thought it came from the Old Weather Station. Commissioner Putnal asked if the generator is worth fixing or does the Board need to consider replacing the generator. There was some discussion concerning the price of a new generator vs the cost of fixing the old generator. Ms. Hutchins was directed to go call Ring Power and see if she can get a price for a new generator. Commissioner Mosconis agreed to withhold his motion until Ms. Hutchins can return with a price of a new generator.

MARK CURENTON – COUNTY PLANNER

(Tape 1-1113) Mr. Curenton reported that, for the Board's file, he has a copy of the DEP field permit for placing fill where the road is washing out at Alligator point. Mr. Chipman has a copy of this permit.

(Tape 1-1128) Mr. Curenton reported that there are still 2 vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission and 2 vacancies on the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Williams made a **motion to place William Laine on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an at-large position.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Creamer said he has three people who wish to serve and he will come back with his recommendation at the next meeting. Commissioner Putnal said that Ms. Gayle Dodd has asked to come back to the Board.

(Tape 1-1226) Mr. Curenton reported that Gina Irvin has submitted her letter of resignation from the Planning and Building Department. Her last day will be Friday, August 13 and he would like authorization to advertise for a replacement. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to authorize advertisement for a replacement for Ms. Irvin.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 1-1240) Commissioner Mosconis brought up that several meetings ago, Mr. Red Sizemore was appointed to the Red Cross Advisory Committee and he can not serve on this committee. A replacement needs to be found for this committee.

(Tape 1252) Mr. Curenton continued his report by telling the Board that he has a change order for the Twin Lakes Road paving and water line extension project. It changes the diameter of the water line to 8 inches from 6 inches. There is no change in the amount of the contract. Eastpoint Water and Sewer District is taking care of any increased costs associated with this change. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve change order # 1 to increase line from 6 inches to 8 inches.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1281) Mr. Curenton reported that he has received the Objections, Recommendations and Comments report back from DCA on the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan relating to Resort Village on St. George Island. There were three basic objections that the state asked for more data and analysis about: septic tank suitability, natural resources, and density. The applicant is working on this. The Board had agreed to advertise a public hearing to consider this proposal on August 17. Bob Apgar has requested that the public hearing be rescheduled for September 7th to meet some of the advertising requirements – The Board can not hold a public hearing on the comprehensive plan amendment until 30 days after receipt of the ORC report. Mr. Curenton asked the Board to reschedule the public hearing to September 7, 2004. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to reschedule the public hearing for Resort Village to September 7, 2004.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1326) Mr. Curenton reported that Lee Edmiston with the National Estuarine Research Reserve has asked if the County is interested in applying for a grant with the Reserve that will result in the County getting some geographical information system hardware, software and training. This will not cost the County anything. Mr. Edmiston was told that the county is interested and has submitted a letter of intent to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This letter was submitted for the Board's file.

(Tape 1-1351) Mr. Curenton submitted a Homeland Security Grant for \$50,291 between Franklin County and the Department of Community Affairs for the Board's approval. This grant provides for upgrading the EOC, planning and training. He requested Board approval and the Chairman's signature. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve the Home Land Security Grant in the amount of \$50,291 and authorize the Chairman's signature.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Creamer asked if this grant could help to pay for the generator. Mr. Curenton told the Board these funds were generally used to upgrade the EOC facility. Mr. Pierce told the Board that they have applied for grant money in the past, but these funds are not being handled as most grant funds are.

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(Tape 1-1431) Mr. Curenton reported that he has a Flood Mitigation Assistant Program Grant for purchasing a repetitive loss property at Alligator Point. This is the house of Melanie Perez at 1347 Alligator Drive, west of the campground. The grant is for \$367,763 which is the 75% federal share. The 25% match that the county would have to come up with is \$122,587. In the past, the homeowners have provided this match. Before the Board commits to this grant, Mr. Curenton would like to check and confirm that this is going to be acceptable to the state and property owner.

PUBLIC HEARING – KRISTY BANKS ROAD ABANDONMENT ON ST. GEORGE ISLAND.

(Tape 1-1506) Ms. Banks appeared before the Board requesting that the alley between Lot 9 in Block 6 East, St. George Island, Unit 1 and Lots 10-16 of the same block be abandoned. This is a parcel 30 feet wide running the length of said Lot 9 (135') and an additional length adjacent to a portion of Lots 15 and 16 (30') for a total length of 165' beginning at Gulf Beach Drive and ending with an abutment of a 30' wide alley abandoned by the County in February 1985. Also, the alley between Lots 8 and 9 in Block 6 East of St. George Island Gulf Beaches Unit 1 according to Franklin County Plat Book 2, page 7, and Lots 22 and 23 of said Block, being a parcel 30' wide running the width of Lots 8 and 9 (50').

Ms. Banks stated that she can find no recorded public easement or utilities on this property. She provided evidence that all adjacent property owners have been notified and the public hearing has been properly advertised. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to adopt resolution abandoning the alleyway as described above.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded this motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1704) Mr. Curenton continued with his report by stating that two weeks ago he met with Van Johnson, Betty Webb, Anthony Taranto and representatives of the National Guard at the Armory. The National Guard is proposing to apply for a historic preservation grant from the state to prepare for upgrading and renovating the Armory. This would be a 50-50 matching grant. The National Guard has stated that they do not have the funds for the match. They have requested that Franklin County and the City of Apalachicola provide the match. Mr. Curenton did not have a final estimate from the grant writer yet, but an early estimate is that the entire grant would be for \$40,000 so the match would have to be \$20,000. Commissioner Putnal asked if in-kind services could be used. Mr. Curenton said this is possible, but this grant would provide for engineering services to determine what needs to be done to the building to bring it up to current standards and the county does not have anyone that could provide that service. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to write a letter to the Florida National Guard concerning the amount of money needed for preservation of this building.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1867) Mr. Curenton reported that he has a Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreement to pay \$147,311 for the installation of signs and remarking of runway 13/31. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to approve the Federal Aviation**

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Administration Grant Agreement and authorize the Chairman's signature.

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

(Tape 1-1885) Mr. Curenton reported that Rich Reeves has negotiated with URS on the engineering contract for the fencing at the airport. The new contract is for \$17,600 down from the original \$25,000. Mr. Curenton stated he needs board approval to move forward. Commissioner Mosconis asked if this fee was just for engineering or did it include the fencing. Mr. Curenton stated that it is just for the engineering. The Board agreed to send this back to the drawing board.

(Tape 1-1924) Mr. Curenton reported that the county has received notification from DEP that a private company plans to drill five exploratory wells in the Gulf of Mexico 155 miles south of Mobile Bay and 189 miles southwest of Cape San Blas. Comments on this proposal can be submitted to DEP by August 27th. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to write a letter of support for the well drilling.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-1974) Mr. Curenton reported that Wade Brown brought to his attention that the recorded plat of "Fairway Park" at Lanark has a drafting error in the location of the wetlands. They need to replat a certain number of lots. Mr. Curenton stated he has spoken to Mr. Shuler and was told that the portions of the existing plat that are being replatted will need to be abandoned. Mr. Brown told the Board that there was a drafting error when drawing the lots. He is asking now that the board allow him to do a partial plat abandonment. Mr. Wade told the Board that the number and size of the lots will not change. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to allow the replatting process to begin on Fairway Park.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OPENING OF BIDS – ROAD PAVING PROJECT

(Tape 1-2160) Kendall Wade presented two bids for the road paving project. Mitchell Brothers, \$2,967,327, and CW Roberts, \$2,928,510.40. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to turn these bids over to the county engineer for review.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2241) Alan Pierce told the Board that there is a Water Management Grant that the county could be eligible for. This would deal with water quality. It could involve paving if this would improve water quality. There are roads on West Pine Street on St. George Island that have ditches that drain directly into the Bay. The amount of the grant would be \$350,000. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to direct Preble-Rish to apply for the grant for Franklin County.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-2278) Mr. Curenton had one last item for the Board. He reminded the Board that there is a public meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in

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Carrabelle to gather information on what improvements the public would like to see at the Carrabelle Recreation Park. This is part of the process of applying for the grant for the park. There was some discussion concerning what could be built.

RICK MARCUM – OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA

(Tape 1-2361) Chairman Sanders said that at the last meeting there were questions concerning the dues and what benefit the county got from Opportunity Florida. Mr. Marcum said that he has distributed a packet of information concerning Opportunity Florida. He told the Board of some of the activities that Opportunity Florida has been involved in like promoting the Enterprise Zone. He went on to say that there are many benefits of being involved with Opportunity Florida. Anita Grove with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber spoke concerning rural economic development and the benefit that Opportunity Florida has given. She told the Board that Opportunity Florida has helped to bring state dollars into the county for example the airport. She asked that the Board continue to support Opportunity Florida. Commissioner Putnal asked about promoting affordable housing for people in the county. Chairman Sanders said the dues are in the amount of \$1,009.20. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to pay the dues in the amount of \$1,009.20 to Opportunity Florida.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** There was more discussion concerning how Opportunity Florida could help Franklin County.

MAX BROWN – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

(Tape 1-3638) Max Brown appeared before the Board and gave an update on progress this organization has made in the county. He told the Board that they are in the process of building a house for the Albert Floyd family. He provided a handout showing the progress they have made on construction. He went on to say that they plan to complete this house around Thanksgiving and start a house in Carrabelle in October. They hope to start a house in Eastpoint in early 2005. Mr. Brown asked the Board to consider allocating money as well as county owned property for new house construction with the Habitat for Humanity. There was some discussion concerning where the county owns property and also discussed possibly talking with St. Joe concerning affordable property for construction in the future.

(Tape 2-358) Melanie Hutchins appeared before the Board again to discuss the generator, she was unable to come up with a cost. Alan Pierce suggested possibly taking the generator behind the old Planning & Zoning Office which is not currently being used and transfer this out to the EOC. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to have the generator currently located behind the old Planning & Zoning Building checked out and moved out to the EOC.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-427) Mr. Pierce reported that he has discussed the road paving bids with David Kennedy of Preble-Rish and recommends the Board accept the low bid from CW Roberts in the amount of \$2,928,510.40. Commissioner Mosconis asked how much money the

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county has available currently. Ms. Ruth Williams stated that currently the county has about \$1.6 million from the local gas tax. Commission Mosconis made a **motion to add ½ million dollars to the budget for a total of 2.4 million dollars and ask the contractor to finance the remainder and allow the county to pay the balance in monthly payments.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** There was some discussion concerning the financing terms. It was determined that the county should be able to payoff in two years or so. Also there was discussion about including School House Road in the paving project. The Board urged Mr. Pierce to get with CW Roberts and find out how soon they can start with the paving.

KENDALL WADE – CLERK OF COURT

(Tape 2-592) Mr. Wade read a resolution for the Board's consideration concerning unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$8,243 from VMS, Inc. This revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2003-2004, and FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received. The expenditures are for 140.41.541.5200, Operating Supplies in the amount of \$8,243.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to adopt this resolution and authorize the Chairman's signature.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-657) Mr. Wade reported that there are seven broken windows and six other windows that have lost their seals. He has asked for bids from Tommy's Glass and Whiddon Glass and both decided not to bid as Buddy's glass is already in the area replacing windows for the school board. Buddy's glass will replace each window for \$835 per window for a total of \$5,845 which will come out of the courthouse maintenance fund. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to waive the bid process and authorize the expenditure for window repair in the amount of \$5,845 to Buddy's Glass.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-695) Mr. Wade presented to the Board the Recapitulation of the Tax Role that needs to be signed by the Board members.

(Tape 2-712) Mr. Wade presented a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the Camp Gordon Johnson Parade held March 13, 2004.

(Tape 2-731) Chairman Sander brought up the parking problem around the courthouse. The county purchased two lots for additional parking and asked that we proceed with correcting this problem. Mr. Wade said that he has contacted the surveyor to proceed with surveying this property. Mr. Wade stated that county cars should be parked in the parking lot and not next to the building. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to write a letter to county employees asking them to park in the parking lot and not next to the Courthouse or Annex and to direct the county attorney to proceed with the eviction process for the existing house.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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(Tape 2-891) Commissioner Creamer made a **motion to adopt and accept the Recapitulation of the Tax Roll.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BOB KLEIN – ST JAMES BAY DEVELOPMENT

(Tape 2-901) Mr. Klein, the General Manager of the St. James Bay Development, is here requesting a non-exclusive franchise from the Board to own and operate a cable television system in order to provide cable service to the residents of St. James Bay. This service will be restricted to the boundaries of the development as delineated in the Development of Regional Impact and the Planned Unit Development as issued by the County. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to approve this non-exclusive franchise for St. James Bay contingent upon the County Attorney's review.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-991) Chairman Sanders asked if the Board is interested in going ahead and advertising for an Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to advertise for an Emergency Management Director.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MICHAEL SHULER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Tape 2-1091) Mr. Shuler said that he, as instructed by the Board, has been working with Chad Gunter on placing rip rap on county property on St. George Island. Mr. Gunter has been working to develop a plan and hopes to present it at the next Board meeting.

(Tape 2-1109) Mr. Shuler has prepared an addendum to send to Mike Lake, Weems Memorial Hospital Administrator, amending the hospital agreement concerning insurance requirements that were approved at the last meeting. Mr. Shuler hopes to have this agreement for the Board's signature at the next meeting.

(Tape 2-1120) Mr. Shuler reported that concerning the Alexis Marketing suit, a partial summary judgment was served yesterday. No action is necessary. They are asking for a hearing concerning two areas of the suit concerning properties on St. George Island.

(Tape 2-1152) Mr. Shuler reported that in July, Tim Turner filed a suit against the county and is being represented by Marie Maddox. Mr. Shuler has turned this over to the county insurance underwriter and Brian Duffy will serve as the attorney for the county. He advised the Board not to make any statements concerning any ongoing litigation.

(Tape 2-1218) Mr. Shuler reported that Rich Reeves has asked him to provide a Certificate of Title for property being used for the Carrabelle Recreation Park. This will allow the grant process to move forward. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to authorize the County Attorney to begin work on a Certificate of Title for the**

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Carrabelle Recreation Park. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1263) Concerning the St. George Island pier, Mr. Shuler stated he has received a letter from Mr. John Soule asking for amendments to the contract. Item (1) Mr. Soule wants a corporation to execute the contract, however, Mr. Shuler wants a personal guarantee from Mr. Soule. He is also asking that Preble-Rish proceed with pursuing the guard rail work. There was some discussion concerning who is liable if someone gets hurt on the pier, because the state has not yet given ownership of the bridge to the county. The St. George side of the pier is open and people are fishing on it and the Eastpoint side is blocked off. Paul Reiglemier spoke concerning the St. George pier.

(Tape 2-1429) Mr. Shuler outlined requirements of the contract. The Board can unilaterally cancel the contract at any time with a unanimous vote. There was some discussion concerning only requiring a majority vote to terminate. Concerning restrooms, Mr. Shuler said that he is not aware of the county offering to build restroom facilities for this pier. In the interim, the contractor will provide portolets. The contract requires a \$35,000 surety, Mr. Soule is asking that this include unpaid vendors. The Board did not agree to this. The contractor would put up signs saying "No Swimming," include jumping off the bridge. The contractor will have to maintain the parking area. The board didn't have a problem with helping to keep the parking area clean. Finally, the contractor wants an answer as to whether vehicles could be allowed on the bridge. The Board wanted to make sure that only wheelchairs and emergency vehicles could be allowed on the bridge. Mr. Curenton was asked to contact the state concerning when they would turn over the bridge to the county.

TED MOSTELLER – AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Tape 2-1715) Mr. Mosteller reported that he has permission from the City for temporary sewage hookup. He also asked permission to setup a website. There was some discussion concerning cost. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to check into the cost of setting up this website.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1803) Mr. Mosteller reported that Grady Leavins and Steve Rash have expressed an interest in relocating to the industrial park at the airport. He requested that the Board write a resolution supporting bringing city sewer to this industrial area as well as the 2 Mile area. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to write a letter to the City of Apalachicola in support of providing water and sewer to the 2 Mile area and the Airport Industrial Park.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1906) Mr. Mosteller reported that the lift station necessary for the sewage will cost about \$500,000, there is also a possibility of creating a permanent seafood lab at the industrial park.

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(Tape 2-1963) Mr. Mosteller reported that due to the national steel shortage, there have been delays in construction at the airport. He also discussed the military operations at the airport. He again asked that the Board consider hiring an airport manager. Mr. Mosteller told the Board that he is a volunteer and spends many hours doing what an airport manager would do.

(Tape 2-2040) Mr. Mosteller reported that the Gulf County Commission is interest in partnering with Franklin County to support and nurture development of the airport. A Committee has been formed from Gulf County to explore this concept. Mr. Mosteller presented a resolution to establish a relationship with Gulf County in support of the Apalachicola Airport. He went on to say the Airport Advisory Board supports this resolution. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to approve the resolution concerning Gulf County's support of the Airport and authorize the Chairman's signature.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Sanders asked that in the event of a name change on the Airport, she would like it to be the Franklin-Gulf Regional airport, as the property is located in Franklin County.

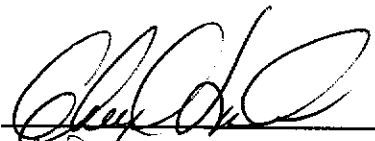
(Tape 2-2284) Rex Phipps appeared before the Board concerning action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. He represents property owners on Franklin Street in Eastpoint. He said that the Board has approved a scrivener's error and rezoned a lot on Franklin Street to commercial. He as well as other property owners are opposed to this change. Mr. Curenton reported that this was brought before the Board as a scrivener's error. As such, the adjacent neighbors were not notified of the change of zoning. Mr. Phipps said that there have been businesses operating on this property and they have no objection to businesses operating a normal 9-5 day. Under the C-4 district, there could be other things such as bars that could be located on the property and the property owners in this area are opposed to this. After some discussion concerning what has historically been located on the property. Mr. Shuler recommended that if the property owner wants to proceed with changing the property to C-4, he should follow the established process of public hearing. He recommended the Board rescind their original motion to address this through a scrivener's error. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to rescind the scrivener's error approved at the last meeting concerning property on Franklin Street in Eastpoint from R-4 to C-4.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** It was agreed that the property owner will be notified and if he chooses he can then apply for a land use change and rezoning.

(Tape 2-2696) Chairman Sanders asked that a representative from the Franklin County Senior Citizens Council appear before the Board at their next meeting to discuss the SHIP Program concerning work that has been done on houses in the past.

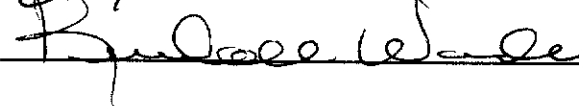
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(Tape 2-2746) Mr. Shuler told the Board that there was an advertising problem with the Public Hearing to discuss Park Models. It will be addressed at a latter time.

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



CHERYL SANDERS



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