

FCBCC SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2004

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sanders, Commissioners Jimmy Mosconis, Clarence Williams, Bevin Putnal, present, Commissioner Eddie Creamer, absent, 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.

(Tape 1-15) Chairman Sanders said this special meeting was called to review applications for the Emergency Management Director and County Planner.

Mr. Shuler reported that the Board formed a committee last week to review applications. This committee consisted of Mr. Shuler, Kendall Wade and Mark Curenton. They have completed a list of the top three candidates. This list is as follows: Wilburn Baker, James T. Turner, and Ashley Teat. The remainder of the candidates were listed in order as follows: Richard Thornberg, James Lewis, and Chanda Abel. Mr. Shuler said he has spoke with Lucy Turner about how to proceed with the hiring. The options she presented are, the Board can interview all six candidates, interview the top three candidates, or elect to hire without any interviews.

Mr. Shuler told the Board that this committee met twice and reviewed the applications carefully. They selected Mr. Baker as the top candidate because of his prior experience with the County and his experience working with State in emergency management.

Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion to take the top candidate from the short list and hire Wilburn Baker without an interview subject to a salary negotiations.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board directed Mr. Shuler to contact Mr. Baker and negotiate the salary terms and report back at the next Board meeting.

(Tape 1-130) Mr. Shuler said the next item to be discussed today is the County Planner, Director of Administrative Services position. He stated he talked with Lucy Turner and her recommendation is that this position be advertised. However, the Board can hire someone on a temporary basis.

(Tape 1-175) Donna Butterfield appeared before the Board as a concerned citizen. She stated that DCA is very unhappy with the County's Comprehensive Plan. She said that she is concerned with the rush to hire someone. She feels new blood needs to be considered.

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(Tape 1-203) Gathana Parmenas told the Board that she has review the ORC Report received from DCA concerning our Comprehensive Plan. She said that this plan was turned in by the former planner, and if the County doesn't get new blood, we won't be able to complete the new plan within the required time frame.

(Tape 1-228) Frank Veneable appeared before the Board and stated that Alan Pierce is not the solution. He is the problem. He said the visioning program was not properly handled.

(Tape 1-297) David McClain submitted a letter from the Apalachicola Bay and Riverkeepers. He included a list of suggestion ABARK feels should be met.

(Tape 1-415) Commissioner Mosconis said that the Comprehensive Plan is a changing instrument, this has not been a rush job. He spoke about the awards that Franklin County has received concerning its Comprehensive Plan and Critical Shoreline Ordinance.

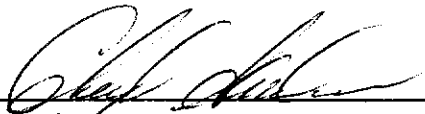
(Tape 1-520) Mr. Shuler recommended that the Board advertise for the position of County Planner, Director of Administrative Services to be considered at the November 16th regular board meeting. The Board has also expressed an interest in hiring Alan Pierce on a temporary basis to work on the Comprehensive Plan and other duties as directed by the Board. He will be an hourly wage employee with no benefits.

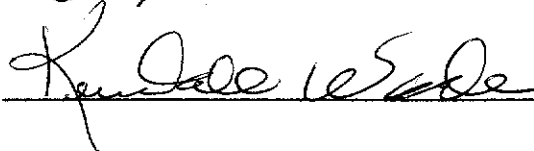
(Tape 1-642) Commissioner Putnal said that he really wants to see items 2 and 3 as identified in Mr. McClain's letter take place. These suggestions include workshops on the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Williams made a **motion to follow the County Attorney's recommendation and hire Alan Pierce on a temporary basis at an hourly rate and advertise the position of County Planner, Director of Administrative Services.**

(Tape 1-717) Chairman Sanders told the Board that a sink hole developed on Alligator Point and someone ran into this hole. This person has been in contact with the County Attorney concerning this incident.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS IT WAS AGREED TO ADJOURN.


_____**CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN**


_____**KENDALL WADE, CLERK**