

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
MARCH 17, 2009
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Bevin Putnal – Vice Chairman, Pinki Jackel, Cheryl Sanders, Noah Lockley

Others Present: Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Linda Phillips – Finance Clerk, Michael Moron – Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:03 AM)

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order

Prayer and Pledge (9:03 AM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes (9:05 AM)

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Payment of County Bills (9:05 AM)

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve the payment of the County's Bills as presented;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Presentation – Franklin County Seahawks Boys Basketball Team (9:05 AM)

Coach Drake introduced his assistant coach, players, and the high school principal.

Mr. Pierce presented a plaque to the basketball team as pictures were being taken.

Commissioner Sanders congratulated the team, and stated that most of the players on the team have been involved in the County's recreation program.

Chairman Parrish stated that the County was very proud of the basketball team as they represented the County well in the State playoffs.

Mr. George Oehlert, Principal of the High School, stated that the Franklin County Seahawks was the only public high school in the State's final four.

Commissioner Lockley also congratulated the team and stated how proud he was of their success.

George Pruett – Eastpoint Fire Chief – Rib Cook-off (9:09 AM)

Mr. Pruett invited the Commissioners to the Rib Cook-off, which is a fund raiser for the Eastpoint Fire Department, that will be held on Saturday March 21 at Vrooman Park

Department Supervisors Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:11 AM)

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the need for repairs to the shoulder on Airport Road in Carrabelle to be done correctly.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns for the condition of the Road Department equipment and stated that the Board will have to consider new equipment at some point in order to keep that department effective.

Mr. Pierce read a letter that thanked the Road Department for cleaning a drainage ditch on Bluff Road.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:14 AM)

Mr. Johnson presented the following items for Board action and/or discussion.

PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE:

FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION: Construction has begun on the first of three dune walkovers at Alligator Point and the Phase III FRDAP grant for Kendrick Sports Complex is near completion, all that's left is the installation of the Buck O'Neal Memorial. The City of Carrabelle has once again donated a grinder pump for the park and their contractor installed the pump free of charge. The annual day of baseball will commence at the D. W. Wilson Sports Complex in Apalachicola at 6:00PM on Friday, March 27 and again at 8:00AM on Saturday, March 28. The last game will start at 6:00PM on Saturday. ACTION REQUESTED: None.

SOLID WASTE: (Right-a-Way Debris Pickup Schedule)

FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: Due to a staff shortage in the Solid Waste Department, I'm requesting Board support in establishing and adhering to a routine schedule for right-a-way debris pickup throughout the County.

This measure will no doubt save on fuel cost, labor, and equipment expenses. Currently the Department is frequently called to relocate to other areas before finishing the area in which we were working. This has led to delays in service to certain areas of the county and I feel that this measure

will provide the Board and residents alike with a clear workable schedule that will cut costs and benefit everyone equally.

Proposed Schedule:

Alligator Point, St James & Lanark Village	1 st week of the month
Carrabelle	2 nd week of the month
Eastpoint & St George Island	3 rd week of the month
Apalachicola	4 th week of the month

ACTION REQUESTED: A motion showing support for the establishment and adherence to a routine right-a-way debris pickup schedule throughout the county.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson to advertise the schedule.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, supporting the establishment and adherence to a routine County right-of-way debris pickup schedule; Motion carried 5-0.

SOLID WASTE: (Equipment Purchase)

FOR BOARD APPROVAL: I'm requesting Board approval to purchase from the Florida Sheriff's Association, Florida Association of Counties and Florida Fire Chief's 08-16-0908 bid list one new knuckle-boom truck to replace the nine (9) year-old unit currently in service. The old truck was purchased in 2000 and is constantly in the shop for repairs and it's just plain worn out. Sheriff's Offices and Local Governmental agencies throughout the State of Florida regularly purchase their vehicles and equipment from this bid list.

The equipment will be purchased using a part of the \$180,000 set aside for capital outlay in the Solid Waste Management grant. The grant is intended for such purchases and if not use by the County, the funds will go back to the State. *ACTION REQUESTED:* Motion approving the purchase of One New knuckle Boom Truck from off of the Florida Sheriff's Association and Florida Association of Counties FY 08/09 bid list.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, approving the purchase of one new knuckle-boom truck which will be funded from the Solid Waste Management grant; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Johnson stated that he will discuss replacing some of his other equipment during budget time. The cost of this truck will not cost more than \$114,000 which will just about deplete the funds in this grant.

RECYCLING PROGRAM: (Equipment Purchase)

FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION: At the request of Commissioner Sanders, staff embedded the chain link fence surrounding the recycling site at Lanark in concrete to impede the Bears from crawling under the fence and the Program has partnered with the Lanark Village Association to open the site from dusk to dawn and closed it all day on Sunday's. *ACTION REQUESTED:* None.

FOR BOARD ACTION: I received an email from Bob Pruitt, resident of St George Island concerning the plastic in the recycling bin at Harry A's on St. George Island constantly being overfull. Mr. Pruitt

suggested and I agree that the recycling container need to be retrofitted to accommodate more plastic. Also at this time, I need to readdress the need to purchase two cardboard containers with smaller openings to discourage the disposal of household garbage at the Lanark Village recycling site. I'm requesting Board approval to let bids for the purchase of seven recycling containers.

- A. One (1) 25-yard open top cardboard container for use as a swap out. - \$3,189.*
- B. Two (2) 12-yard open top cardboard containers for use as swap outs - \$3,350.*
- C. One (1) cardboard container with smaller openings for the Lanark Village recycle site. - \$6,784.*
- D. One (1) recycling container, retrofitted with a larger plastic unit. - \$6,784.*

TOTAL BUDGET PRICE: \$20,107 NOT INCLUDING FREIGHT.

Again, with Board approval, this purchase will also be made from the \$180,000 set aside for capital outlay in the Solid Waste Management Grant. ACTION REQUESTED: Motion approving bids for the purchase of containers for use in the County Recycling Program.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, authorizing bids for the purchase of the five listed containers for use in the County's Recycling Program; Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (9:18 AM)

Mr. Rothwell submitted the following items for Board approval and/or discussion.

1. BOARD ACTION: Ochlockonee Boat Ramp:

Staff desires approval to amend the contract with Bailey Bishop and Lane to revise the design of the ramp and facilities to reflect not using property from the St. Joe Company. The revision will cost \$6,000.00 which Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission funds will pay 100% and the work will take approximately 6 weeks.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to amend the contract with Bailey, Bishop, and Lane to revise the design of the ramp and facilities to reflect not using the St. Joe Company property; Motion carried 5-0.

2. BOARD ACTION: Sawyer St @ Nedley St Retevment:

Staff requests Board approval for the Chairman to sign the FDEP Dredge and Fill Permit and to authorize the \$100.00 permit fee to add 60 feet of revetment on the shared road right of ways.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, authorizing the Chairman to sign the FDEP dredge and fill permit and to authorize the payment of the 100.00 permit fee; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel stated that the County is using the left over rock from the Sawyer Street project to extend the revetment, rather than incurring the expense of transferring new material.

3. **BOARD ACTION: Small County Outreach Program Projects FY2010:**

Staff would like to have direction on which two (2) projects of the list below, that the Board would like to be submitted for the FY2010 budget year. The projects will be rated by Florida Department of Transportation based upon:

Primary criterion:

o The physical condition of the road as measured by the FDOT

Secondary criteria:

o Whether a road is used as an evacuation route.

o Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel.

o Whether a road is considered a major arterial route.

o Whether a road is considered a feeder road.

o Other criteria related to the impact of a project on the public road system or on the state or local economy as determined by the Department.

At this time, the funding allowed for each project selected during this cycle will be based on a cost of \$132,000 per lane mile (plus 5% for design and 5% for CEI).

Projects from the 2008 - 2010 proposed project list:

1. Lake Morality Road from CR 67 to US 98.
2. Avenue A from Old Ferry Dock Road to 6th Street.
3. Bluff Road from US 98 to the end at Abercrombie Boat Ramp Road.
4. Oak Street from Alabama Street to Doe Lane.
5. Old Ferry Dock Road from Boat Ramp to US 98.

Mr. Rothwell suggested submitting Bluff Road then Oak Street as the top two projects.

Commissioner Putnal suggested submitting Old Ferry Dock road for funding. Commissioner Jackel stated that Old Ferry Dock road is used as an alternate to Highway 98.

Commissioner Parrish was in favor of submitting Bluff Road as one of the priority projects and listed some of the repairs that are needed on that road such as removing the railroad crossing, culverts that needs repairing, and the widening of the road around the boat ramp area.

Mr. Rothwell stated that Bluff Road is a major evacuation route and this list must be submitted by May 1, 2009.

Commissioner Putnal asked if any of these roads are on the list for stimulus funding.

Mr. Pierce explained that these roads were rejected because they are not part of federal road system but will submit them for funding anyway, and discussed the stimulus funding further, especially the discretionary funds portion.

Commissioner Lockley stated that roads that are not wide enough, like Bluff Road, present a safety problem and should be addressed first.

Commissioner Sanders recommended removing Lake Morality Road from the list.

Board discussed the previous submittal of these roads for SCOP and TRIP funding.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to accept the recommendation of the engineer and submit Bluff Road and Oak Street for SCOP funding, and Ave A and Old Ferry Dock road as 3rd and 4th choices; Motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD ACTION: Mc Intyre Road Traffic Calming Devices (Speed Humps):

As directed by the board the following findings are reported about the speed humps in question. The Mc Intyre road devices are not constructed or marked to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) or the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines. Attached are recommendation for the construction and marking of the speed humps. It is recommended that the BOCC rezone the speed limit to 25 mph should they decide to allow this installation. (See attached drawings).

Mr. Rothwell stated that the speed bumps on Mc Intyre Road, in St. James Bay, do not meet FDOT standards.

Mr. Pierce read letter from St. James Bay stating why they had the speed bumps installed.

Commissioner Sanders suggested that Mr. Rothwell and Attorney Shuler meet with Mr. Bob Klein, of St. James Bay, to discuss some type of resolution to this issue.

Attorney Shuler recommended, because of the liability, immediately installing warning signs informing the vehicular traffic of the speed bumps, and suggested that the Board decide if they want the speed bumps modified to meet FDOT standards or have them removed.

The Board, Mr. Rothwell, and Attorney Shuler discussed other traffic calming devices options.

Attorney Shuler recommended that the Board go ahead and install the warning signs and remove the speed bumps as soon as possible. Attorney Shuler also recommended that the Board consider intermediate steps for controlling the traffic and if these steps are not sufficient, schedule a public hearing and decide if the speed bumps are worth the liability.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to accept Attorney Shuler's recommendation to install the proper signage and have the speed bumps removed as soon as possible, and direct Mr. Rothwell and Attorney Shuler to meet with Mr. Bob Klein, of St. James Bay, and discuss this matter; Motion carried 5-0.

5. BOARD ACTION: St. George Island Boat Ramp Contract Amendment:

Staff requests permission to modify the scope of contract to include seawall bumpers, solar light and a ladder for the amount of \$35,376.00 which 85% is paid for by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and \$5,306.40 by Franklin County.

Commissioner Putnal asked if more poles could be added which would allow more boats to tie up and moor at the boat ramp.

Mr. Rothwell explained that the addition of the bumpers would allow for more boats to tie up and moor.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she has received complaints that because of the size of the rocks some people are damaging their trailers when accessing the boat ramp.

Mr. Rothwell said that he will look into this problem.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to authorize staff to modify the scope of contract to include the seawall bumpers, solar lights, and a ladder for the amount of \$35,376.00; Motion carried 5-0.

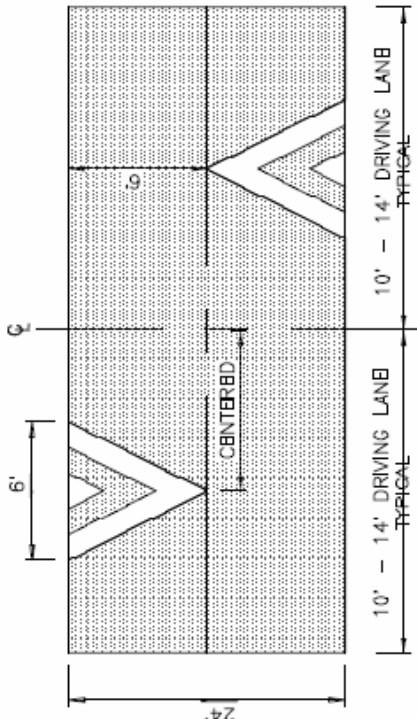
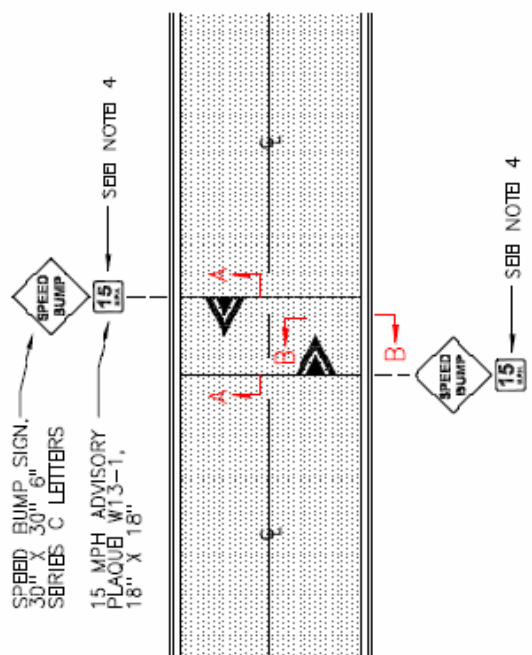
6. Alligator Point Dune Walkovers:

Parks and Recreation Department has started construction of the dune walkovers.

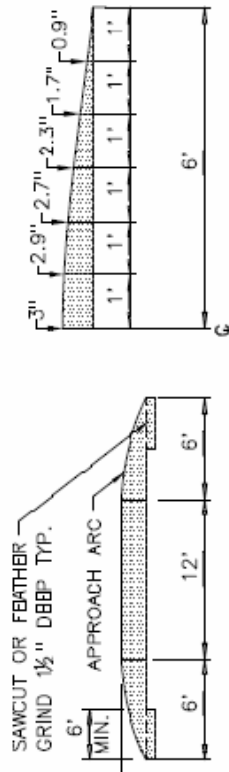
Commissioner Sanders asked if four-wheelers are allowed on dune walkovers.

Mr. Rothwell stated that only pedestrian use, no vehicular traffic is allowed, on the dune walkovers.

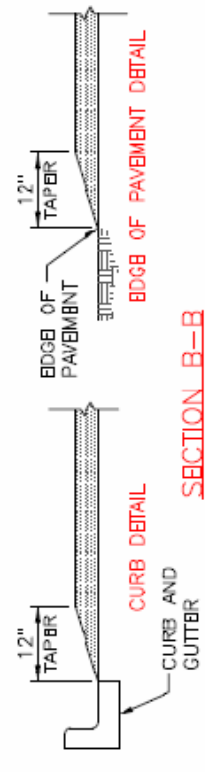
Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Pierce and Mr. Rothwell to look into the possibility of having a derelict vessel moved that is located close to the boat ramp area that is next to Steamers restaurant.



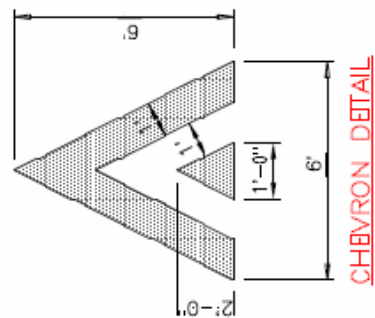
MARKING DETAIL



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B



CHEVRON DETAIL

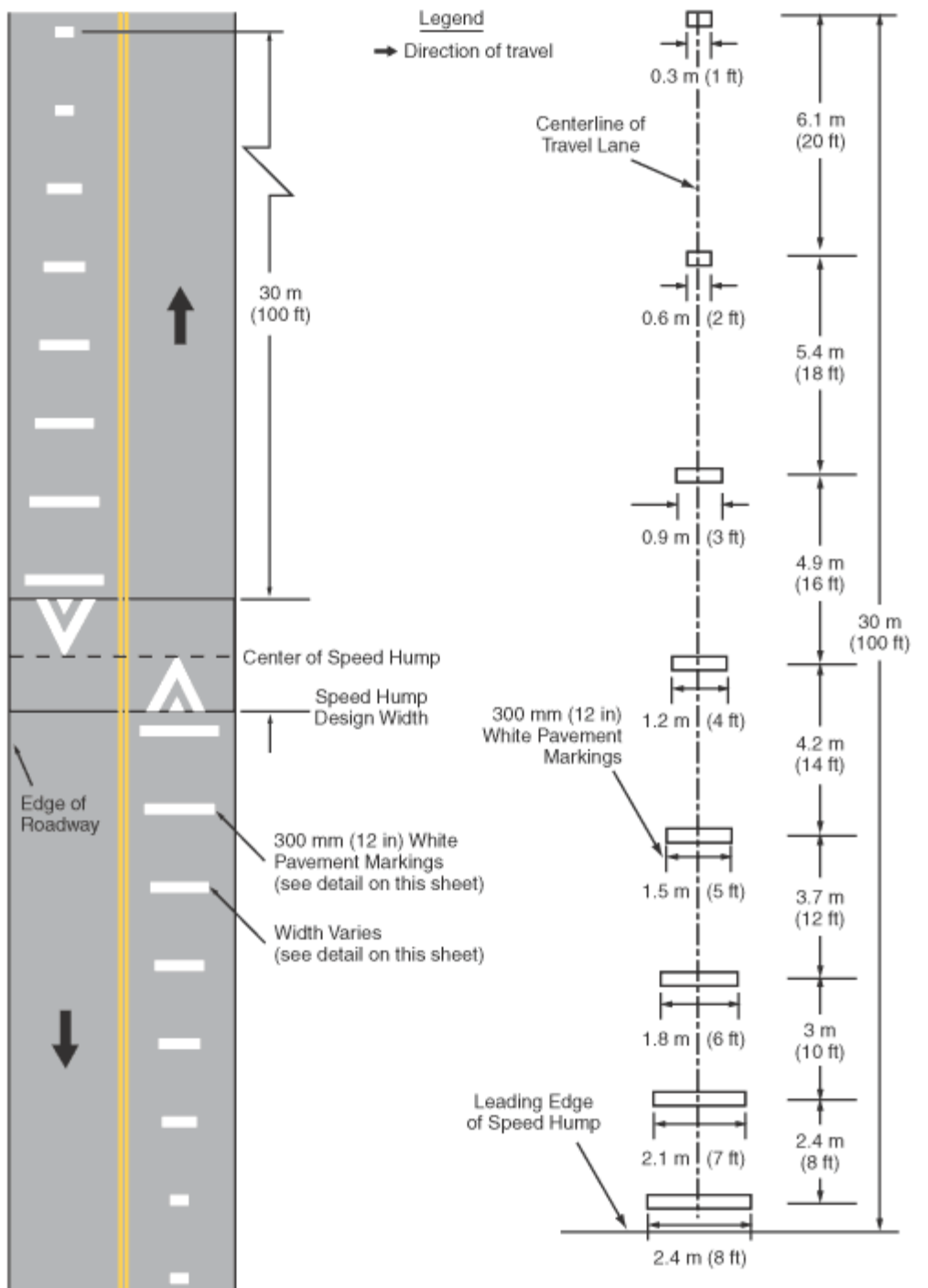
SPEED HUMP MARKING AND SIGNING

- NOTES:**
1. SAWCUT OR FEATHER GRIND TO KEY IN SPBBD HUMP. SBB SECTION A-A.
 2. SIGN LOCATIONS SHALL BE VERIFIED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
 3. SPBBD HUMP CHEVRON MARKING SHALL BE THERMOPLASTIC, HEAT FUSBD PREFORMED, 90 MIL., OR BQUAL APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
 4. FOR A SERIES OF SPBBD HUMPS, USE THE ADVISORY SPEED PLAQUE AT ONLY THE FIRST SPEED HUMP IN BACH DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.
 5. SPBBD HUMP TO BE INSTALLED USING COUNTY PROVIDED TEMPLATB, 48 HOURS NOTICE REQUIRED.

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ELONGATED SPEED HUMP

Figure 3B-31. Examples of Advance Warning Markings for Speed Humps



DETAIL—SPEED HUMP ADVANCE WARNING MARKINGS

Pam Register – Emergency Management (9:46 AM)

Ms. Register submitted the following items for Board action and/or discussion.

ACTION ITEMS: Read and approve the Coastal Conflagration Exercise Directive.

Coastal Conflagration An Island Evacuation Tabletop Exercise Franklin County Florida

Exercise Directive

The members of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners recognize the significance of disaster planning and the value that exercises have on the county's capability to deliver critical services to the residents and visitors to Franklin County.

In an effort to prepare local and regional emergency responders for the possibility of a massive wildfire threatening residents, vacationers and structures during a long summer holiday weekend the county's Emergency Management Department has undertaken the coordination of a innovative disaster learning experience entitled "Coastal Conflagration – An Island Evacuation Tabletop Exercise".

During this exercise emergency responders along with local governmental, community and business leaders will be simulating a massive life threatening wildfire on Franklin County's St George Island.

The purpose of this exercise is to assess the ability of emergency responders to work together using the National Incident Management System to establish a Unified Command in an effort to meet the disaster caused needs of island residents, vacationers and business owners during a significant event such as a large wildfire.

With this directive, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners directs all county agencies to give their support to this vital disaster exercise and encourage the county's citizens to become better prepared for wildfires and other disasters that threaten us and our families on a daily basis.

Ms. Register stated that the exercise will be on May 8, between 9 am to 12 pm.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, supporting and authorizing the exercise; Motion carried 5-0.

Information Items:

- 1. The emergency management office has been contacted by several different companies that are interested in writing a grant for the county for Mass Notification for our citizens through a grant from NOAA. I have attended several presentations for different equipment on this matter.*
- 2. We participated in the Camp Gordon Parade on March 14, 2009 in the city of Carrabelle.*
- 3. The Sheriff's Office and this office conducted the ALL HAZARD WORKSHOP for business, homeowners associations and citizens who live on the islands in our county March 10, 2009 at the Eastpoint Firehouse. The attendance was not what we had hoped for but we felt like everyone who attended left with a better understanding of our roles and responsibilities during a disaster.*

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (9:51 AM)

Mr. Mahan presented the following items for Board action.

- 1. Cogan Grass Control (Board Action Requested) – I received an email last week from Michael Shuler requesting the history on what has been done about Mr. Hinton's request to have the Cogan grass (an invasive exotic plant) growing along the side of the road in front of his property along US 98. After supplying Mr. Shuler with the history of what has been done about the request over several years, he recommended that I bring the issue back before the Board for its recommendation.*

Mr. Mahan stated that there is a possibility that Mr. Chipman of the Road Department has already addressed this.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Board already gave authorization to spray "Round Up" on this grass.

- 2. Workshop Request for Vibrio & Oyster Lab Update (Board Action Requested) – The UF Oyster Research/Extension Team would like to request that the members of the Board consider scheduling a Vibrio Update Workshop, sometime after April 15th. The purpose of the workshop is to update the members of the Board, Oyster & Seafood Task Force members and the general public to be updated on pending ISSC/FDA Vibrio issues that may impact the Bay, what research projects are being done at the Allen Boyd – Franklin County Oyster Industry Lab in support of the area's oyster industry and how the UF Oyster Team is working with dealers and harvesters to address these issues.*

Commissioner Putnal was in favor of this workshop.

Chairman Parrish suggested scheduling this workshop during the evening so that the seafood workers could attend and participate.

Mr. Mahan stated that members of the UF Oyster Team would be available after April 15, so he will check with all parties concerned and recommend a date and time at the next meeting.

Chairman Parrish suggested having the workshop after the conference in Mississippi, which is scheduled from April 13 – 16, 2009, which would allow some of the information from the conference to be presented at the workshop.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to schedule the Workshop in the evening after the April 13-16 conference in Mississippi; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal stated that Mr. Bob Allen contacted him and told him that he recently caught some mullet in the creek but the mullet appeared to be sick, and asked Mr. Mahan to contact Mr. Allen about that.

Update – Jay Abbott – SGI Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief (10:00 AM)

Chief Abbott stated that the next United Firefighters Association (UFA) meeting will be in Lanark Village at 6pm, where Sheriff's Department dispatch SOP will be discussed along with the possibility of increasing fire department MSBUs.

Chief Abbott stated that there was a 911 Communication meeting, and he will need to contact Progress Energy about training, but wanted to make sure that the Board didn't have any problems with him doing that, especially because of the recent incident and Board discussions relating to Progress Energy. Chief Abbott also stated that the 911 Communication Committee is considering meeting every quarter instead of month, especially if the UFA meetings continue to be as productive as they are.

Chief Abbott thanked everyone for their support on Chili Cook-off, and stated that some of the information given in media regarding the Cook-off was not correct.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the Chili Cook-off, especially on the amount of visitors versus amount of incidents during the event, and commended the Board for the excellent job they did during the event.

Chief Abbott stated that the Sheriff's Department did a very good job in keeping order at the event.

Commissioner Sanders went over some of the items discussed at the 911 Communication meeting, especially the problem the fire departments are experiencing with their radios and what will be done to resolve this situation. The Commissioner also stated that the departments are going to keep records when the equipment fails, so that repairs can be made from documented complaints.

Discussion – Ms. Barbara Bonowicz – Mediacom 10:06 AM

Barbara Bonowicz and Shayne Routh, of Mediacom, stated that they were here to discuss Mediacom services with the Board.

Ms. Bonowicz discussed the new state-wide cable franchise law.

Commissioner Lockley explained that he has received many complaints that Mediacom has dropped channels from their lineup.

Mr. Routh explained that Mediacom did drop their west coast feeds because they needed bandwidth room for their expansion of digital channels and those west coast feeds were duplicate programming.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the TV guide that was going to be eliminated was the guide you get when you select "guide" on your remote control. Ms. Bonowicz confirmed that it was. Commissioner Lockley stated that he also received complaints of Mediacom's rate increases, which was a hardship to many of the residents of the County.

Mr. Routh explained that the rate increases were due to the digital upgrades to the system.

Ms. Bonowicz stated that Mediacom is also experiencing an increase to their programming cost which is causing the rates to the customers to increase.

Commissioner Sanders asked if Mediacom did any type of public survey before cancelling the west feed, since it would make more sense to provide the channels that the public wants. Ms. Bonowicz stated that they did not.

Commissioner Sanders wanted clarification as to who has jurisdiction over franchise once the new state-wide franchise law takes effect. Ms. Bonowicz stated that the State would have most of the jurisdiction.

Commissioner Sanders expressed problems with the County not having any jurisdiction over Mediacom and the services that they provide.

Commissioner Putnal stated specific problems County residents have had with Mediacom.

Mr. Routh will check into issues raised by Commissioners Sanders and Putnal because this is not the normal policy of Mediacom.

Commissioner Jackel asked how many locations will be affected by the elimination of the TV guide. Ms. Bonowicz stated that all of Mediacom service area will lose this service. Mr. Routh stated that the "flip-bar" guide will still be available; the TV Guide channel is what is being eliminated.

Mr. Routh explained that the service that is provided here in Franklin County by Mediacom is comparable to the type of service that is provided in larger metropolitan cities.

Commissioner Putnal asked why service is not provided in the more rural areas of the County.

Both Mr. Routh and Ms. Bonowicz explained that Mediacom makes their decisions of where to provide service based on the expected return on that decision.

Chairman Parrish stated that he has received many of these same complaints, and he realizes that even though the new state-wide franchise rule takes away the authority from the County; the Commissioners are the ones that receive all of the complaints when Mediacom service is not up to par. The Chairman thanked Ms. Bonowicz and Mr. Routh for attending this meeting and answering the questions that was posed to them, but would like better response from Mediacom whenever the Board ask them to appear because they are providing a service to the residents of Franklin County and there will be questions, regarding their service, from these

residents to the Board of County Commissioners. The Chairman also wanted the phone number to the local office made available to the public, instead of having to call the headquarters in Gulf Breeze or Pensacola.

Ms. Bonowicz stated that she has always tried to make herself available to the Board and will continue to attend meetings when requested by the Board.

Commissioner Putnal asked for contact information or business cards from Ms. Bonowicz and Mr. Routh.

Mr. Routh stated that Mediacom will continue to respond to all calls.

Recess (10:32 AM)

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:46 AM)

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting

Open Proposals – Legal Ads (10:46 AM)

Attorney Shuler opened the proposals.

The Times – \$1.05 per square inch

Franklin Chronicle – \$3.11 per square inch

Attorney Shuler recommended forming a committee to review proposals and present a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Putnal and Attorney Shuler explained why the County had to select one of the newspapers and should not use both.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she would rather the Board review these and make their own decision rather than having a recommendation from a committee.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to have the Commissioners review the proposals and make a decision at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the Board members could contact the two newspapers directly to ask questions. Attorney Shuler did not recommend the Commissioners contacting the newspapers directly.

Open Bids – Improvements at Lombardi Seafood Landing Park (10:59 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened the bids.

Better Built Docks – \$99,500 – no bid bond

Eastern Coastal Construction – \$79,502 – no bid bond
Larry Joe Colson – \$149,500 – bid bond
Poloronis Construction – \$99,000 – certified check

Mr. Pierce stated that all of the bids are higher than the amount of funds that is set aside to complete the project.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to waive the bond requirements for this bid and have Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Millender, of the Parks and Recreation Department, review the bids and make a recommendation at next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce suggested some ways to reduce the cost of the project.
Chairman Parrish stated that removing the kayak launch, because he has received comments that most people will use the boat ramps to launch their kayaks, along with changing the design and the size of the project may help with reducing the cost of the project.
Mr. Pierce stated that the kayak launch could not be eliminated because the grant application specifically called for the kayak launch.

Public Hearing – Local Bid Preference Ordinance (11:08 AM)

Attorney Shuler discussed the proposed ordinance with the Board.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to table this item until 11:00 AM at the April 7, 2009 regular meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning & Zoning – Report (11:11 AM)

Mr. Pierce submitted the following items for Board action.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on March 10, 2009, and made the following recommendations:

Item 1 – Approved by Planning and Zoning: a request to construct a private dock on Lot 2, Block 65, U5, St. George Island. This dock will be parallel to the shoreline with a 6x6 walkway and 40x10 terminal platform. Request submitted by Drew Smith, owner.

Item 2 – Approved by Planning and Zoning: a request to construct a private dock on Lot 1, Block 81, Unit 5, 419 N. Sawyer Street, St. George Island. The dock will be 264x4 long with a 26x6 terminal platform and (2) boatlifts. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for David Family Properties, LLC, owner.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve Items 1 & 2 of the Planning and Zoning report; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3 – Approved by Planning and Zoning: a request to replat Lots 10 and 11, Oyster Bay Village, St. George Island into one lot. Request submitted by Ken Cosey, agent for B.L. Cosey, owner.

Commissioner Jackel wanted verification that The Plantation Homeowners Association Inc. was in favor of this request.

Mr. Pierce stated that it is a requirement of the Association.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 3 of the Planning and Zoning report; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 – Approved by Planning and Zoning: a request to relocate a commercial ice machine to Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Unit One East, St. George Island. Request submitted by Jason Cheek, owner.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she reviewed this request along with Mr. Pierce and discussed this item further.

Mr. Pierce stated that the owner complied with the County's request to leave the natural vegetation in the County's right of way undisturbed.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she is seeing these commercial ice machines more and more in the County.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 4 of the Planning and Zoning report; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report (11:17 AM)

Mr. Pierce submitted the following items for Board action.

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 and made the following recommendations:

Item 1 – Approved by Advisory Board of Adjustment: request for a variance to construct a boat shed 10 feet into front setback line on Lot 6, Block 23, Unit 1 W, St. George Island, as requested by Greg Prickett, agent for David and Michlein Watts, owners.

The Board asked Mr. Pierce for more information on this request.

Mr. Pierce stated that he would gather this information and discuss this request later in the meeting.

Item 2 – Uphold denial of Administrative Decision to require a variance to construct a deck 15 feet in Critical Habitat Zone on Lot 94, Block 10, Unit 1, Southern Dunes, Alligator Point as submitted by Dan Cox, agent for David and Janet Foshee.

Attorney Shuler stated that the Attorney for Item 2 of the Advisory Board of Adjustment report has requested that this item is continued to a later date.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to move the Advisory Board of Adjustment report from 1:30 PM to 11:17 AM on today's agenda and grant the request to continue Item 2 to a later date on the Advisory Board of Adjustment report; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report 11:20

Mrs. Johnson presented the following items for Board action and/or discussion.

Item 1-For the month ending February, the hospital had \$413,645.73 in its operating account.

Item 2-For information, the balance in the hospital's capital fund is \$604,707.05. Collections from the hospital sales tax from January through December 2008 totaled \$1,441,782.90.

Commissioner Putnal and the Board discussed the building of a new hospital.

*Item 3-I have several budget amendments for your approval for the current 2008-2009 budget year. **The first** involves the Board's action on February 3rd in approving a part-time position for the Veteran's Office, up to 29 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour plus retirement. A line item budget amendment is needed to move the cost of this position from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies. We'd increase 001.46.553.1200 Salaries by \$9,860.00, increase 001.46.553.2100 FICA Taxes by \$754.00, increase 001.46.553.2200 Retirement by \$971.00, and Decrease 001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingencies by the total of \$11,585.00. **The second** involves the Board's action on March 3rd approving travel expenses for the Veteran's Office an additional \$2000 which will also come from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies. We'd increase 001.46.553.4000 Travel by \$2000 and Decrease 001.99.584.9600 by \$2000. **The third** involves the Board's actions on December 18th to extend the Geiger contract for 6 months, and a line item budget amendment is needed to move \$75,000 from the TDC Reserves for Contingencies to Promotional Activities. We'd increase 130.33.552.4800 Promotional Activities by \$75,000 and Decrease 130.99.584.600 Reserve for Contingencies by \$75,000.*

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the budget amendment for the new part-time position for the Veteran's Office, up to 29 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour including retirement; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the budget amendment for travel expenses for the Veteran's Office; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the budget amendment to extend the Geiger contract for 6 months and to move \$75,000 from TDC Reserves for Contingencies to Promotional Activities; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mrs. Johnson to inform him of the balance in the Reserve for Contingency fund account at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sanders and Mrs. Johnson discussed the pending legislation which would change some of the court duties from the Clerks to the Judges.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report – Continued (11:26 AM)

Item 1 – Approved by Advisory Board of Adjustment: request for a variance to construct a boat shed 10 feet into front setback line on Lot 6, Block 23, Unit 1 W, St. George Island, as requested by Greg Prickett, agent for David and Michlein Watts, owners.

Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Rachel Ward, of Planning and Zoning, discussed this request further. Commissioner Jackel asked if this type of request has ever been approved by this Board. Attorney Shuler explained that this type of request has been typically approved by the Board in the past.

Commissioner Putnal and Attorney Shuler discussed encroachments into setbacks lines.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve Item 1 of the Advisory Board of Adjustment; Motion carried 5-0.

Pastor Charles Moore, from the Eastpoint Pentecostal Church, expressed concerns of P & Z charging the Church for a permit.

Mr. Pierce explained that the Church needed a permit to put on a new roof and the permit fees are charged to cover the County's cost of inspection fees.

Attorney Shuler explained that permits are used to verify that health and safety rules are followed.

Commissioner Jackel discussed the possibility of issuing permits but waiving the fees.

The Board discussed this possibility further and agreed to waive the permit fees.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to waive fees for any church requesting a permit for construction, but any construction project must meet all safety codes and pass all inspections; Motion carried 5-0.

Pastor Moore thanked Commissioner Jackel and the Board for cleaning up Eastpoint, especially for removing all the refrigerators and other white goods from the roadside.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (11:42 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the following items for Board discussion and/or action.

1- Inform Board that starting in April, the Carrabelle Clinic will be open another full day a week, with another American trained doctor, Dr. West. Dr. Chorba will be there 2.5 days, and Dr. West, one day. Dr. West also works at Weems ER and is thinking about relocating his practice to Franklin County.

2- Inform Board that as we speak, FDOT is holding a meeting in Tallahassee to “provide an overview of the state highway system projects being considered for possible Stimulus funding as well as projects that have been requested by counties in the district.” Presuming the Board will conclude its negotiations with Governance I called Governance and asked them to attend this meeting on our behalf. I also contacted FDOT to complain about scheduling the meetings that are going to discuss county projects without the county being able to attend. Provide Board with list of Stimulus projects submitted to Governance for assistance. The list can be amended.

3- Board action to approve Proclamation for Cape St. George Light and Lighthouse Park.

Commissioner Jackel read the Proclamation, and recognized Terry Kemp, who discussed the efforts to rebuild the Lighthouse.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to accept the proclamation; Motion carried 5-0.

4- Board action to dispose of old Hospital bedside tables and four other pieces of Hospital equipment. The Board had previously agreed to dispose of 8 hospital beds. I have provided the Clerk with list of the ID numbers for each piece of equipment.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the disposal of the Hospital equipment; Motion carried 5-0.

5- Inform Board that the School Board has verbally informed the Clerk, the County Attorney, and me that the Board will be receiving the School Board Administration Building on US 98. The School Board will be deeding the building to the county for \$10 plus up to \$600 for legal fees. The county will be deeded the building and the land between the building and US 98. The School Board will lease the paved parking lot currently associated with the Admin. Bldg to the county under the same terms as the School Board is leasing the Carrabelle High School to the City of Carrabelle, which is for a nominal lease of I think \$1/year.

The ABC Charter School will be moving into Chapman Elementary and they will get the control of the band room. The School Board will be moving out at end of March.

Board direction on accepting school board offer.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the school's use of the band room would interfere with any County offices that will be using the building.

Mr. Pierce stated that the band room is a separate building with a covered sidewalk between the two buildings.

Attorney Shuler recommended that the County not take ownership of the covered sidewalk since it will be needed by the Charter School to access the band room.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Pierce discussed the advantage of obtaining this building versus the County purchasing another building for County services and offices.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the agreement included the auditorium.

Mr. Pierce said that the agreement does include the auditorium but the Charter School still has the right to use the auditorium for school productions.

Attorney Shuler stated that the Board needs to consider who would be responsible for scheduling the use and the maintenance of the auditorium, either someone at the Charter School or a County employee.

The Commissioners stated that they would think about it and discuss it at a future meeting.

Commissioner Putnal suggested that the other Commissioners take a tour of the building once the school administration has moved out at the end of the month.

Commissioner Jackel stated that a budget for maintenance and utilities will be needed.

Mr. Pierce stated that he did have a discussion with school staff about what they currently pay for maintenance and utilities and will forward this information to the Commissioner as soon as he receives it. Mr. Pierce and the Board also discussed the current condition of the building and perhaps installing an elevator at some point, which will present a challenge since the building is considered to be a historic building.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to accept building, excluding the covered walkway, and the offer for the parking lot from the School Board; Motion carried 5-0.

6- Board action to set a public hearing at the May 17th Board meeting for C.J. Pipkin, Escambia County Housing Authority to renew the Agreement between the Board and the Housing Authority which allows Franklin County residents to be eligible to seek low interest funds from participating lending institutions for the purposes of buying houses. The Housing Authority sold out its last bond issues two years ago, and while they acknowledge the ability to sell bonds now is at an all time low, they are asking all 12 participating counties to renew the Agreements in the event the Housing Authority does sell bonds sometime this year or next.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she wants to discuss, during the public hearing, how many Franklin County residents were assisted by this program.

Chairman Parrish agreed with Commissioner Sanders and also wants the availability of funds advertised so that Franklin County residents are aware of this opportunity.

Commissioner Jackel wants the information on how many County residents were assisted before the public hearing.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the scheduling of a public hearing to discuss the Escambia County Housing Authority agreement; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Board action on approving the Franklin County 2008 Incentive Review and Recommendation Report handed out at the last meeting. The Florida Housing Agency finds the report complete and is requiring the Board approve the Report.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Franklin County 2008 Incentive Review and Recommendation Report; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Hand out the EAR based amendments that the Board will be holding an adoption hearing on April 7, at 10:00 AM. This document has been available to the public for two weeks. Mark Curenton has received comments from the RiverKeepers and we are going through those with the RiverKeepers to see how best to address their comments.

Commissioner Putnal asked what would happen if St. Joe would ask for development approval based on the “flume” amendments that were adopted during the last cycle.

Attorney Shuler stated that St. Joe would have to go through the same procedure like any other developer including Planning and Zoning approval and the submission of a site plan.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the County can revoke any development permits already issued since some of the amendments have not been approved by the Governor’s office or his cabinet. Attorney Shuler stated that he would like the opportunity to review this request further and discuss at the next meeting.

Attorney Shuler discussed the “flume” matter further.

9- Board action to approve the Lease of the Armory with the State, contingent upon the County Attorney reviewing the Lease, if he has not done so. The Board has been leasing the building from the National Guard but the Guard has determined they no longer need the Armory so the Guard has terminated their lease with the State of Florida, who owns the Building. This lease is with the State, and is for 50 years, and a lease fee of \$300 per year. The county will be responsible for maintaining the building and having insurance on the building. This lease does not cover the side yard. The side yard is owned by the City of Apalachicola. I have informally discussed the side yard with the City Administrator and I think terms can be worked out for the side yard.

If the county does not lease the building, the state will then see who else wants the building, and if no one wants it, the end result is that it might be determined to be surplus property and be auctioned off.

Commissioner Sanders and Putnal ask staff to investigate the proposal that was offered previously which would allow the County to take ownership of the Armory.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to table this matter until staff has had the opportunity to investigate the possibility of the County assuming ownership of the Armory; Motion carried 5-0.

10- Inform the Board that after consultation with the County Attorney, and Ms. Nikki Millender, I called McLean Tennis and told them they were the low bid on the tennis court at Kendrick Park. There was no reason to exclude the low bid and there are other improvements that needed to get started and finished at Kendrick Park. It will take at least six weeks to build the court.

Commissioner Putnal was pleased that the tennis courts in Carrabelle were being used often.

11- Airport Update.

The Airport Advisory Committee met on March 12th and recommends the following action:

A) Sign a revised JPA for \$839,542 for the 10,000 sq. ft. hanger project. The original JPA had been for \$850,000, but because the county has said it does not want to use any county funds for the land purchase of the Safety Zone of Runway 13 from DSW the local match has to come from somewhere. The airport committee recommends this. In quoting the Airport Chairman's report, "The reason for this is to pull \$10,458 from the hanger project to provide the 5% non-federal share match of the \$198,693 for the land purchase."

Commissioner Sanders questioned if the \$10,458 could be pulled from the hangar project and then used for the match.

Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he would rather table this entire item relating to the airport until Mr. Mosteller was available to answer some of the Board's questions.

Chairman Parrish discussed the funding sources for the different grants and projects that were discussed in this request.

Commissioner Sanders wanted verification from Mr. Mosteller that the County wouldn't have to pay for any of these projects from local funds.

B) Sign a new JPA for \$10,458 to allocate these funds for the non-federal share of the land purchase.

C) Sign Task Order No. 3 with AVCON for the Corporate Hanger. The Advisory Committee is concerned with fees but AVCON is willing to reduce its fees by \$7000, if the Board will utilize a Design Build concept. AVCON recommends the design build concept and Mr. Mark Currenton said the design build concept worked extremely well for the renovations of courthouse. Design

build allows owner, designer, and contractor to work together during all phases of a project, as opposed to a standard bid process where a building is designed and then bid out to a contractor.

D) Possible action on Task Order No. 4 with AVCON pending verification with Mr. Dan Rothwell, County Engineer that the advisory committee is ready to move forward. Task Order No. 4 is for replacing/repairing some failed storm drains.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to table this entire item until Mr. Mosteller is available to discuss it further; Motion carried 5-0

13- Please find attached to my report your scheduled meetings for the March 25 Legislative Day.

14- Hold up rezoning signs the Board had requested be placed on-site.

15- Release Letter of Credit for Airport Runway project

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to authorize the release of the letter of credit for the Airport Runway project; Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (12:18 PM)

Attorney Shuler presented the following items for Board discussion and/or approval.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Attorney Shuler stated that after submitted his report for the Board's review he received service this morning regarding another lawsuit (U.S. Bank National Assoc., Trustee vs. Marilyn Tolentino (Case No. 09-101-CA)) foreclosing a Franklin County Fire Tax bill for \$42.00.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to authorize Attorney Shuler to accept service and allow a default judgment to be entered against the County on U.S. Bank National Association, Trustee vs. Marilyn Tolentino; Motion carried 5-0.

1. First State Bank and Trust vs. Elliott Fann (Franklin County Case 09-28-CA)

I have been served with another lawsuit foreclosing a Franklin County Fire Tax bill for \$42.00. The property is located at Kinja Bay subdivision, St. George Island, Florida. The mortgage was recorded in 2005. The County's Fire Tax lien was recorded in 2008. The bank's mortgage is superior to the County's lien. We have no factual or legal basis to contest the foreclosure.

Board Action Requested: Board authorization to accept service of process and to allow a default to be entered against the County. The default will wipe-out the lien of the fire tax bill and the County will not be paid.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to authorize Attorney Shuler to accept service and allow a default judgment to be entered against the County on First State Bank and Trust vs. Elliott Fann; Motion carried 5-0.

2. Progress Energy

I have contacted Progress Energy concerning their response times in Franklin County. They are aware of this matter and have formed a committee to investigate it. They inform me that they expect to take about 6 weeks to complete the investigation.

They would like to appear before the Board once that investigation is complete.

Board Action: Motion authorizing me to send a letter to Progress Energy inviting them to appear before the board as soon as they complete their investigation. .

Commission Putnal wanted to make sure that Progress Energy understood that Franklin County doesn't agree with their current plan.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Franklin County should have the same response time as Taylor County, which is 30 minutes.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, authorizing Attorney Shuler to send a letter to Progress Energy inviting them to appear before the Board as soon as they complete their investigation; Motion carried 5-0.

3. Governance Consulting Contract

I have reviewed the contract.

An individual has volunteered to donate \$20,000 to the county to pay for the Governance Contract. I am reviewing this matter and will report back to you at the next meeting.

Board Action: Motion authorizing the chairman to sign the Governance contract.

Commissioner Jackel stated that a Franklin County resident has volunteered to pay the \$20,000 fee Governance is charging the County for its services, but Attorney Shuler is doing the research on how this can be done.

Attorney Shuler recommended that the County move forward with executing the agreement with Governance so the County can start getting stimulus funds while he does the research on how the County could accept this donation of the \$20,000 from the resident.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel thanked Mrs. Donnell, the donor, for her offer.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Governance contract and approve the \$20,000 payment; Motion carried 5-0.

4. City of Carrabelle

I am informed that the city of Carrabelle has given permission for David Langston of Carrabelle to tap into their water system at the intersection of Cape Street and Lighthouse Drive at Carrabelle Beach to serve his private residence. The intersection is behind the light house.

Mr. Langston will at his expense tap into the Carrabelle water system and install a two inch water line. It will not cost the county any money to install the water line.

I am also informed that upon installation that the city of Carrabelle will assume ownership and responsibility for the water line.

The water line will be installed without cutting the road.

Board Action: Contingent on Carrabelle assuming ownership and responsibility for the water line, Permission for David Langston to install approximately 2100 feet of two inch water line on the South right of way of Lighthouse Drive beginning at the mentioned intersection, and traveling West at which point the water line will be bored under the road to service only Mr. Langston's residence.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he discussed this request with Mr. Langston and the City of Carrabelle Water and Sewer department.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to grant Mr. David Langston permission to install the water line as described contingent on the City of Carrabelle assuming ownership and responsibility of the water line after it is installed; Motion carried 5-0.

5. Apalachicola Armory Lease

The State of Florida has submitted a proposed lease agreement with them for the armory. It is a fifty year lease at the cost of \$300 per year.

This is to replace the existing lease we entered into with the National Guard.

Board Action: I recommend a motion authorizing the chairman to sign the replacement lease.

This item was addressed during Mr. Pierce's report.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

6. Carrabelle Senior Center

Attached is the letter signed by three members of the Senior Center Board resigning from their position. The letter speaks for itself.

I am providing you a copy of the letter for your information and such future action as you believe are appropriate.

Board Action: None recommended.

Commissioner Sanders requested a copy of the letter.

7. Eastpoint Redevelopment Clean-up

Attached is a follow up letter that I sent their attorney reminding them of the County's interest in their clean up plans.

Board Action: None recommended.

8. Carr Creek

I am still reviewing whether it is a Mosquito Control Ditch.

9. Mandatory Garbage Pick-Up

I have nothing to report on this matter. Van and I will continue to work on this issue.

10. East Point Alternative Spoil Site

I have contacted the consultant and attorney for Eastpoint Water and Sewer concerning the use of their property on Bruce Street, Eastpoint as an alternative spoil site, if needed.

I am informed that EWS is favorably disposed to assist the county, but wants to make certain that if spoil is to be placed on their property, that it is tested to establish that it is not contaminated.

Also, they have an existing pumping station on the Bruce Street property. They have plans to construct a new pumping station their beginning around midsummer (approximately) and if spoil is to be placed on the site it will have to work around that new construction.

Board Action: None recommended.

11. Apalachicola Airport

If the grant funding comes through, I will bring a real property purchase and sale contract next meeting for approval and if the project receives final recommendation for approval from the airport committee..

The purchase price is \$209,132.00 net to the seller, DSW and is for the purchase of 21.34 acres to provide a runway protection zone at the end of one of the runways.

I am told that the grant pays for the cost of the purchase without the use of ad valorem taxes.

12. Pauline Sullivan

I have spoken with Georgia Boyer with the Florida Association of Counties Trust regarding Ms. Sullivan's claim that the county pay for her defense in a lawsuit filed against her for alleged acts she committed while a member of the Lanark Water and Sewer District Board.

Attached is a letter denying coverage for that claim

Board Action: None Recommended.

13. Dog Catcher Properties, LLC

As part of the dock application of Dog Catcher Properties, LLC, submitted to DEP, they have executed and delivered an estoppel letter. They fully executed original letter is located in their application on file in the Planning Department.

The owner understands and agrees that the County's letter submitted with their application that such docks is consistent with our zoning code and comprehensive plan in no manner obligates the County to approve the dock site plan they have submitted to DEP.

If DEP approves their dock application and site plan, that plan will come back to Franklin County for consideration. The owner acknowledges that the County's consistency letter does not vest the owner with any development rights.

Commissioner Sanders and Attorney Shuler discussed this item further.

Attorney Shuler discussed the by-laws for the proposed Economic Development Council which should be ready for discussion and review at the next meeting.

Commissioners and Public Comments (12:32 PM)

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association, at their last meeting, raised some issues that she would like Mr. Pierce to address. The Commissioner also wanted Board action to allow the placement of a "Welcome to Alligator Point" sign on CR 370 after the communication tower on the County's right-of-way.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize a "Welcome to Alligator Point" sign on CR370 after the communication tower on the County's right-of-way; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated that there is another sink hole in Lanark Village; this one is on Spring Street. The Commissioner stated that about a year and a half ago there was another sink hole on Delaware Street in Lanark Village and would like the County Engineer to investigate this problem.

Commissioner Sanders would like staff to see what audio recording equipment is needed so that one of the Board's evening regular meetings could be held in Carrabelle.

Commissioner Sanders discussed some information she received from the State that addressed the budget cuts that will be felt this upcoming budget year.

Commissioner Jackel asked Commissioner Putnal if the Seafood Task Force, at their last meeting, discussed designing some type of cut-through in the bird sanctuary located on the old causeway. Commissioner Jackel stated that she and Mr. Pierce have had discussions with the State and members from the Reserve regarding this matter, and it was suggested that the Seafood Task Force address this matter and possibly present a solution.

Commissioner Putnal stated that it might have been mentioned but was not discussed at length at the meeting.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she has heard opinions both for and against a cut-through in the causeway.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce stated that if not maintained, the causeway is eroding and will end up with more than one unintended cut-through.

The Board discussed this matter further and the problems the "silt" from the erosion will cause the oyster beds.

Mr. Pierce will contact DEP, who owns the causeway, and discuss the idea of creating a cut-through and explain the problems of the erosion, and Commissioner Sanders suggested that the Commissioners try and get an appointment with Secretary Sole of DEP, and discuss this matter with him personally during Legislative Day.

Bobby Sullivan, of BCS Contractors wanted to discuss the proposed Local Bid Preference ordinance.

Attorney Shuler explained to Mr. Sullivan that the public hearing on this ordinance was continued until the April 7, 2009 regular meeting at 11:00 AM and he could comment on this matter at that time.

Mr. Darren Turner of Eastpoint stated that Dunlap Road is in bad condition due to Jason White Construction dump trucks continued use on this road to haul dirt, which is being done late into the night hours.

Attorney Shuler stated that this area is zoned residential, not commercial, and the Board has the authority to limit the use in this area and if Mr. White is using his property in this area as a commercial use, the Board can undertake a zoning enforcement action. Attorney Shuler and Mr. Pierce will investigate this matter further and report to the Board at the next meeting. Commissioner Putnal stated that the County has had this same problem with Jason White Construction before which had to be settled through litigation.

Mr. Turner verified for Chairman Parrish that this activity was continuing until 11 PM on a regular basis.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to direct Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler to investigate this matter, especially if it is commercial use in a residential area; Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Turner stated that the old bridge pylons, in the east-hole oyster bar area, are causing problems and safety issues when the oystermen are using the St. George Island boat ramp. Commissioner Putnal stated that he has already sent a letter to the State about this problem, and in his opinion, the contractor did not complete his job and should have removed this debris.

Attorney Shuler suggested requesting a public records request so that staff and the County Attorney would have an opportunity to review the contract, and then send letters to the appropriate State agencies.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to have Attorney Shuler send letters to the appropriate State agencies, including the Coast Guard, regarding the debris and concrete

pylons that is causing a serious safety hazard, which is located off of the fishing pier in the east hole oyster bar area; Motion carried 5-0.

Linda Raffield, of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association (FCSWA), thanked the Board for their action in scheduling the public hearing with the ISSC. Ms. Raffield informed the Board that the FCSWA was recommending Mr. Will Kendrick to fill the open position on the ISSC board and is asking the Board for any support it can offer with this appointment.

Ms. Raffield stated that Mr. Johns Richards, president of the FCSWA, is willing to attend the upcoming ISSC meeting on behalf of the County and that the FCSWA now meets every two weeks.

Commissioner Jackel asked if there is proper advertisement of meetings where more than one Commissioner will be in attendance.

Attorney Shuler stated that it is necessary to advertise when it is likely that more than one Commissioner might be in attendance at a meeting.

Chairman Parrish suggested that the agency or board that is hosting these meetings should include a statement regarding Commissioners attendance when they are advertising their meetings.

Attorney Shuler discussed what Commissioners should and shouldn't discuss, especially with each other, when attending meetings that are not Commission meetings.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Commissioners need to be aware of conflicts.

Commissioners Parrish and Lockley discussed who can appoint members to the ISSC.

Chairman Parrish stated that the County Commission doesn't have a vote on the ISSC.

Commissioner Lockley expressed his support for Mr. Kendrick as an ISSC member.

Adjourn 1:07 PM

There being no further business Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Parrish, Chairman – FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts