

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
JUNE 16, 2009  
5:00 PM**

**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 (5:04 PM)**

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge (5:04 PM)**

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Payment of County Bills (5:05 PM)**

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

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to pay G&N Painting; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley abstained.**

Commissioner Sanders thanked everyone for attending the first evening meeting of the year.

**Department Supervisors Report**

**Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (5:06 PM)  
(Larry Brown attending in place of Mr. Chipman)**

Commissioner Putnal asked that the Road Department keep checking on the conditions of roads on St. George Island and Eastpoint around the boat ramps to be sure that they are in good working order.

Commissioner Jackel said she has received several inquiries about putting milled asphalt at the entrance road and other surrounding roads at the Cemetery on Ave. A in Eastpoint. Mr. Brown suggested using lime rock instead of milled asphalt because it would be hard to operate the needed large equipment in that area.

Commissioner Sanders said there will be construction going on with the Gulf Ave. ditch work project in Carrabelle and asked that the Road Department get with the City of Carrabelle Road Crew to help stabilize 12<sup>th</sup> Street which is the temporary alternate route.

**Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (5:08 PM)**

Mr. Johnson presented his report to the Board.

*DOGGIE DISPENSERS INSTALLED AT DUNE WALKOVERS:*

*FOR BOARD INFORMATION: At the request of Commissioner Jackel, Animal Control personnel installed 12 doggie dispensers at the dune walkovers on St. George Island and another 4 at the recently completed walkovers on Alligator Point. The Commissioner surmised that this measure might help alleviate some of the swimming advisories reported at local beaches. ACTION REQUESTED: None.*

Commissioner Jackel thanked Mr. Johnson for the installation of the doggie dispensers and said the residents of St. George Island appreciate it.

*WORK COMPLETED AT KENDRICK SPORTS COMPLEX:*

*FOR BOARD INFORMATION: Repairs to the basketball court, the installation of the tennis courts, handicapped playground area, and the nature trail at Kendrick Sports Complex are now all completed. Staff is in the process of closing out the FRDAP grants and special legislative appropriations that funded those components of the parks construct. ACTION REQUESTED: None.*

Commissioner Putnal asked if the Parks and Recreation Department have been keeping up with the maintenance of Vrooman Park in Eastpoint since there has been a lot of activity around the park recently due to All Star practice. Mr. Johnson said they have been keeping up with it.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Johnson discussed how well the All Star teams are playing this year.

Commissioner Sanders mentioned how nice the Handicap Park in Carrabelle looks and said she hopes it is utilized.

Commissioner Jackel told Mr. Johnson that the Goldens of Eastpoint had contacted her about Waste Management parking garbage trucks on Powerline Drive, stating that they are unable to go outside for any length of time because of the terrible smell. Mr. Johnson said that he believes Waste Management has rented office space at the complex which is located nearby and could be utilizing the area to park trucks, but he would check into this matter and get back with the Board.

**Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (5:11 PM)**

Mr. Rothwell presented his report to the Board

*BOARD ACTION: Eastpoint Boat Ramp Invoice to Bailey Bishop & Lane:  
Staff request approval to pay invoice for \$2,000.00 where balance due is \$1,750.00 of the original contract amount of \$7,500.00 for construction inspection.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to pay invoice for Eastpoint Boat Ramp; Motion carried 5-0.**

*BOARD ACTION: St. George Island Boat Ramp Rock Revetment:  
Staff request approval to pay final invoice for \$39,353.61 where the original change order amount was \$75,152.12.*

Commissioner Jackel inquired if this was all of the funds the Board originally allotted for this project. Mr. Rothwell said this is for the rock revetment project only which included the posts and the ladders.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to pay final invoice for St. George Island Boat Ramp; Motion carried 5-0.**

*BOARD ACTION: St. George Island Multiuse Path:  
Staff request approval to pay an invoice for \$17,257.50 where the original contract was \$45,175.00 and the unpaid balance is \$4,517.50.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to authorize payment of a \$17,257.50 invoice to Sol Verde; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Putnal wanted to clarify that these projects are funded by grant money and not County funds.

*BOARD ACTION: St. George Island Boat Ramp:  
Staff requests the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract amendment with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to extent the completion date to August 15, 2009.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract amendment with FWC to extend the completion of the SGI Boat Ramp to August 15, 2009; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Putnal inquired into why there was a request for an extension and Mr. Rothwell said he wanted to be sure they had ample time to complete the project.

*Bay Front Dr Topographic Survey:*

*Topographic survey has been completed on Bay Front Dr on Alligator Point and drawings will be completed along with recommendations for the road department.*

*West Gorrie Dr from West 3<sup>rd</sup> St to S. Franklin Blvd Drainage Project:*

*Construction drawings have been started for this project.*

*Weems Hospital Drainage Project:*

*Weems Hospital Drainage drawings are almost complete.*

Mr. Rothwell updated Commissioner Sanders on the Ochlockonee Boat Ramp project stating that the plans are in and he is waiting for issuance of permits.

Commissioner Putnal asked that Mr. Rothwell go by and make note of the usage at the St. George Island Boat Ramp because he doesn't want him to put in a lot of time and money in making the area nice and have users of the boat ramp park on it and tear it up. Mr. Rothwell said there will be ample parking for anyone using the boat ramp so whatever is done to beautify the area should not be affected by parking. Mr. Rothwell further explained the work that is being done on these ramps.

Mr. Rothwell updated Commissioner Lockley on the hospital drainage project and explained that he has made some recommendations but has not completed all of the information that needs to be presented.

*Indian Creek Park Shoreline Project:*

*All bids were rejected of the previous proposal and a new set of bid combinations will be advertised.*

*South Bay Shore Dr Speed Limit:*

*The Road Department has rezoned South Bay Shore Dr to 25 mph.*

**Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (5:20 PM)**

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

*ACTION ITEMS: Requesting the Board to update its NIMS Coordinator from retired EM director Mr. Butch Baker to myself.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to update the NIMS Coordinator from Mr. Baker to Mrs. Pam Brownell; Motion carried 5-0.**

*Information Items:*

1. *Franklin County Emergency Management and Franklin County Road Department met with FEMA on May 28, 2009 to signoff on project work sheets for:*

- A. *Owl Creek Rd*
- B. *Power Line Rd*
- C. *Jeff Sanders and West Rds*
- D. *Smith Creek Rd*
- E. *Duvall Rd*
- F. *St. George Island Streets*
- G. *Black Creek and Hickory Landing Rds*
- H. *Brickyard rd*
- I. *EOC emergency protective measures*

2. *The Dept. of Homeland Security has published its FY 2009 Emergency Operations Center Final Allocations. The FY 09 grants overview publication for the nationally selected EOC allocations. Florida did not receive any competitive allocations. Only the original six (6) non-competitive allocations are shown as receiving an allocation. As a reminder, the non-competitive allocations are: City of Coral Springs; City of Miami Beach; Lake County; Marion County; Sarasota County; and, Town of Pomona Park.*

3. *There will be a meeting Monday, June 15 at 2:00 PM at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center, with all debris related agencies associated with the response and recovery phases of storm related debris management in Franklin County. The Franklin County Road Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Solid Waste Department, Crowder Disaster Recovery, Florida Department of Transportation and Franklin County Emergency Management will be participating.*

4. *June 18th edition of the Apalachicola Times paper will have the 2009 Hurricane Survival guides insert in them.*

**Alan Pierce – Report (5:22 PM)**

Mr. Pierce presented the following items from his report as it related to the Emergency Management report.

1- *Inform the Board that the Governor's Office has responded to the Board's request for economic assistance in the event the Bay was closed in the aftermath of the March and April rains. No additional or unique funds are available but SBA loans are available to businesses who can demonstrate losses. The letter is inaccurate on one point in that it says "Franklin County*

*was not among the counties designated by FEMA for public assistance”, when, in fact, FEMA representatives have already been in the County and some Public Assistance worksheets (PWs) have been written for reimbursement.*

*On the issue of FEMA reimbursement, we are still getting phone calls from FEMA questioning the ownership of certain roads in the National Forest, like the Brickyard, so I believe FEMA is looking to minimize the outlay of funds. I have contacted Mr. Marcus Beard, ranger for the Apalachicola National Forest, and he will write a letter agreeing Brickyard is a county road if FEMA demands such proof. This kind of effort has never been required before, and the county has received reimbursement for repairing Brickyard at least two times in the past.*

Mr. Pierce added that the County is in the process of proving ownership of these roads; before this was State Forest land, it was privately owned and the County has to prove that Buckeye and St. Joe Paper Company didn't retain ownership of these roads. Commissioner Putnal suggested letting the State know that if they don't recognize that the County owns these roads then they, the State, will be responsible for maintaining them. Mr. Pierce said they have drawn up an inter-local agreement which will be presented to the Board in the near future. Commissioner Sanders said that at the last Tate's Hell liaison meeting the State told them to look into using money for road maintenance that was distributed to the School Board but she believes this money should remain available to Franklin County schools.

*11- Stimulus update- So far the county will be receiving, in round numbers: \$500,000 in DOT sidewalk projects; \$1.7M in Weatherization funds; \$350,000 in SHIP Down Payment Assistance; \$436,000 in a Byrne Law Enforcement grant to the Sheriff's Office, for a total of almost \$3M in Stimulus funds. Additionally, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board has Stimulus funds it will be spending this summer in Franklin County.*

*Commissioner Jackel and I had a conference call with Governance on June 11 and have asked Governance to assist in writing grants for: Alligator Point Road protection, building a new road to the Consolidated School, dredging the Eastpoint Channel, dredging the Two Mile Channel building a new EOC (since the previous EOC grant submitted was not awarded).*

Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Pierce and Commissioner Jackel to look into any health care money still available in the stimulus plan because the Franklin County Health Department is going to have budget cuts and are considering closing the Carrabelle Branch and this will hurt the citizens who utilize this facility. Mr. Pierce said he will look in to it but this facility belongs to the State of Florida and they are already trying to accumulate as much stimulus money as they can on their end. Commissioner Jackel volunteered to call Audrey at Governance to see if there is any funding available. Mr. Pierce clarified that he isn't being argumentative but he doesn't want the Board to be misled by what is going on with the stimulus funding, which is receiving approval on stimulus funds has been slow because the State is using the money to fund their budgets first.

Commissioner Jackel asked if anyone from Governance had contacted Mr. Pierce about the EOC. Mr. Pierce said the proposal for the new EOC has been sent to Governance and they are waiting for feedback.

Commissioner Sanders asked if all of the project worksheets for maintenance of the roads had been signed off on. Mrs. Brownell said approval of the project sheets are in the works and should be completed soon.

Commissioner Lockley asked if the County had received anything from FEMA about the assessment on the Bay. Mrs. Brownell said it was turned over to the Department of Agriculture because they were the agency that had to apply for this assistance but said she doesn't have access as to whether they have made a request yet or not. The Commissioner asked that a letter be written to the Department of Agriculture, requesting information, on behalf of the Board, as to whether they have asked for assistance on assessing damage to the Bay from previous storms.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter on behalf of the Board, to the Department of Agriculture, Senator Bill Nelson, and Congressman Allen Boyd regarding damage assessment of Apalachicola Bay; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Brownell wanted to remind the citizens of Franklin County that the hurricane survival guide will be in the Apalachicola Times this week and these guides are a wealth of information in preparation for a hurricane.

Commissioner Lockley asked if the County is ready for hurricane season. Mr. Pierce said it is hurricane ready but there are no shelters in the County and the County has tried over and over to have approved shelters in the County but FEMA won't allow it because of the proximity to the Coast and the road evacuation system. Mrs. Brownell said Franklin County Citizens may utilize Leon, Gadsden or Liberty County shelters in the event of a storm. Commissioner Sanders recommended looking at "sister" counties to the north and possibly having a project or agreement to partner with them to do a shelter.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to meet with Gadsden County to discuss partnership with them for a hurricane shelter; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel and Mrs. Brownell discussed making the survival guides available throughout the county for those citizens who don't buy the newspaper. Mrs. Brownell said they are placed at the Post Offices, Courthouse, etc., but she will get with the Red Cross and get more copies distributed throughout the County.

**Bill Mahan – County Extension Office Director (5:37 PM)**

Mr. Mahan presented his report to the Board.

Mr. Mahan informed the Board that he will be at 4H camp so he will not attend the next meeting. Commissioner Sanders asked that he please take pictures and make those available to those who are interested.

Mr. Mahan introduced Becky Blanchard, UF PHD candidate in cultural anthropology, who will be in the County for the next 12 months collecting data and speaking with local seafood workers and their families regarding the Bay.

Ms. Blanchard said it has been a blessing to be able to work in such a special and beautiful place. She will be here to look at how the health and management of the Bay & Water Shed are impacting the livelihood of the folks in the Seafood Industry and her focus will primarily be on oyster harvesters and oyster dealers. Ms. Blanchard wanted to recognize the wonderful assistance she has received from everyone in the community who has been cooperating with her on this project.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Mahan discussed his current status on the collection of data for the fisheries restrictions. He said he is compiling data at this time.

#### **Jay Abbott – SGI Volunteer Fire Department (5:40 PM)**

Jay Abbott asked for Board action to schedule a public hearing on proposed increase to MSBU.

Mrs. Johnson stated that later during the meeting she will be asking for Board action to confirm July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> as the dates for the budget workshops, so asked the Board to consider this when scheduling the MSBU public hearing.

Mr. Abbott, the Board, Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler discussed raising the MSBU assessment and the best time to schedule the Public Hearing. Commissioner Putnal expressed concern about increasing any assessments or taxes during this economic crisis. Commissioner Sanders mentioned that the budget hearings in July should help the Board make a decision on the MSBU decision.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to schedule a Public Hearing for the consideration of an increase to the MSBU on August 4<sup>th</sup> during the regular meeting, at a time to be determined, contingent on Attorney Shuler verifying the procedure; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Abbott gave an update on the 911 Communications Group meeting and the Firefighter Association meeting. He said Progress Energy, Fairpoint Communications, and FWC were in attendance and gave the groups good information on the monies that go into the County for 911. He applauded the 911 workers for the job they do and asked that at least one Commissioner plan on attending future meetings.

Mr. Abbott also suggested requiring event coordinators to apply for some type of permit before they schedule any type of public event in the County so that the County emergency personnel can keep up with multiple events and have proper personnel coverage on those days. Mr.



Pierce said the event coordinator should contact the Sheriff's Department anyway to notify of any event being planned because there is no County Event Coordinator.

Mr. Abbott gave the Board information about rules for fireworks this year, said whoever sponsors the fireworks display is responsible for any liability, and asked that those shooting off fireworks use all safety precautions.

**Seth Blitch – Update – St. George Island Water Testing (5:57 PM)**

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Blitch, manager of the Estuarine Research Reserve, to update the Board on the status of water quality testing on St. George Island. Mr. Blitch discussed a conference call that included him, Mr. Lee Edmiston, and Commissioner Jackel and then went on to explain, in detail, how the testing will be done, and provided a couple of labs for the Board to choose from for testing. Mr. Blitch said the Reserve is willing to do their part in helping cover the costs of the testing, but wasn't sure what the costs will be at this time. Mr. Blitch also stated that the testing won't determine whether the pollution is from human or animal sources, but it will help to determine if it is being caused by other sources. Commissioner Putnal said there have been no recent advisories on St. George Island but expressed his concerns about bad advisories on Carrabelle Beach even though everyone is now on central water and sewer in that area, but believes there might be a natural occurring process out of the Gulf of Mexico.

Commissioner Jackel asked Dr. Newt Colston to speak to the Board.

Dr. Colston stated some of his qualifications on water testing, distributed some information to the Board pertaining to the testing results, and discussed what he thought is the cause of the bad readings in the Bay. Dr. Colston presented and explained a study done on St. George Island in 1999, by the Department of Health along with some information from the University of Florida. Dr. Colston stated that in his opinion, properly maintained and operated septic tanks are not significantly causing or contributing to the bad readings in the Bay.

Dr. Colston agreed with Commissioner Jackel that the drain fill areas and their proximity to the water's edge, based on current County requirements, are adequate for a 30 day die off period of any contaminates, then presented a study done on sea gulls and how much fecal matter they produce which he felt was very significant in showing how the environment is affected and believes this could be the main cause of the bad readings in the Bay. Dr. Colston pointed out that no one has made any complaints that they have actually gotten sick from swimming in the water, and then read quotes from a University of Florida Extension Report about what could be causing the chloroform contamination.

Dr. Colston explained that even though this information was gathered as far back as 1999 it is not outdated or obsolete today, because there has been little change to what could be causing the contaminates.

Commissioner Jackel and Chairman Parrish thanked Dr. Colston for providing this information to the Board.

Andy Smith, of Apalachicola Bay and Riverkeepers (ABARK), commented on the information and statement provided by Dr. Colston's and discussed other efforts that have been made to find an answer to the problem. Mr. Smith stated that he has been writing an EPA grant proposal, in the amount of \$334,000, that will assist with a comprehensive study to help assess the problems in the Bay. Mr. Smith said that he has been part of a team effort that includes Kevin Begos, the Seafood Task Force, Jason Flowers of the Department of Health, Seth Blich of the Research Reserve and David Whiting that has been crafting a plan for a comprehensive assessment that would include an expansion of the current monitoring programs by DEP and DOH.

Commissioner Putnal asked if this testing would determine if the bad readings were caused by humans or animals; Mr. Smith said that it would.

Mr. Pierce discussed the possibility of the County doing DNA testing which would help in determining what is causing the problem in the Bay, and the need to do it as soon as possible. Chairman Parrish said it is prudent to have both a long term comprehensive test and immediate DNA testing to lead us in the right path.

Kevin Begos, of the Seafood Taskforce, informed the Board of a water testing lab in Gainesville who employs a scientist who specializes in DNA analysis and has been widely published in the area of Beach Water Quality. Mr. Begos stated that this scientist is interested in the County's water quality issue and has signed on as a co-collaborator to help with the testing project. Mr. Begos doesn't believe that the water quality testing in place now is accurate and discussed this matter further with the Board.

Chairman Parrish believes testing should be done on Carrabelle Beach and anywhere else in the County that has high Chloroform readings, but warned that the County is going to have to contribute to the cost of this study.

Dr. Colston stated that besides the DNA testing to determine the type of the contaminant, it is also important to determine the location of the pollution.

Jay Abbott, a St. George Island resident, believes these bad advisories are scaring the Public and should stop because it is only a test pilot program, as tourism has dropped because of these advisories.

Chairman Parrish explained that issuing these advisories is part of the grant protocol and compliance.

#### **Sally Williamson – Discussion – Airport Property Purchase (6:40 PM)**

Ms. Williamson thanked the Board for their service to the people of Franklin County but asked the Board to reconsider their action on purchasing the property at the Apalachicola Regional Airport for the Buffer to Runway 13-31. Ms. Williamson asked that the Board not deny Franklin County the benefits of this project for the future viability of the Airport.

#### **Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (6:41 PM)**

Mrs. Johnson submitted her report to the Board.

*1-Each year, Mr. James Harris, the Tax Collector, certifies a list of all errors, insolvencies, double*

*assessments and discounts on the Assessment Roll. He mentioned this to you when he appeared at your last meeting. I have that list that includes amount for errors and insolvencies of \$4,308.65, subtractions from the Roll of \$275,956.68, and additions to the Roll of \$23,084.10. In summary, \$257,181.23 was stricken from the Tax Roll as a result of errors, insolvencies, subtractions, and additions. A motion of approval and the signature of each commissioner is requested.*

Commissioner Jackel asked if this was in addition to the shortage reported earlier in the year. Mrs. Johnson said she couldn't answer that question and would refer the Board's questions to Mr. Harris. Commissioner Jackel recommended that the Board table this matter until Mr. Harris is available to answers the questions raised today. Mrs. Johnson said he had mentioned this report at the last meeting and that this amount isn't going to change but she believes some of these reported errors are the result of taxpayers petitioning the Property Appraiser prior to the Value Adjustment Board and having corrections made to their assessments.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize each Commissioner signing this report contingent upon Mr. Harris answering any questions the Board may have on this matter; Motion carried 5-0.**

*2-My finance office is busy putting the budget together. I am requesting that each of you meet with them this week if you have any special items you would like incorporated in the budget. I am also requesting we go ahead and schedule two dates for budget workshops in July in order to meet advertising deadlines. Suggested dates that work well for the finance that are outside scheduled court dates are: Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. and Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 A.M.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve Budget Workshops for July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am & July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am; Motion carried 5-0.**

*3-The balance in the hospital's operating account for the month ending May 09 is \$363,404.64.*

*4-At the request of several county departments, a motion is needed to approve disposing of surplus or unused county equipment by means of advertising and conducting an auction.*

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve advertising and auction for unused County equipment; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Johnson said she will notify the Board of the date and time of the auction.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (6:50 PM)**

Mr. Pierce read this item from his report as it related to the Clerk.

*17- Board direction on participating in the Low Income Pool (LIP) program that was discussed several months ago. The LIP program is the program where the county agrees to send money to the state, the state then matches this money with federal Medicaid money and sends it back to the county. Weems is eligible because it serves a low income population. The Hospital Board recommends participation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

**The Board took no action on this item at this time.**

Commissioner Lockley asked the Board to readdress the purchase of the airport property and asked that the Board approve purchase.

Commissioner Sanders asked the Board to table this item until Chairman Parrish can get an opinion from the Ethics Commission as to whether he can vote on this matter or not.

Chairman Parrish explained that he has abstained from voting on this issue before because his employer previously owned this property and according to the ethics policies he was not allowed to vote on this matter. He said his employer no longer owns the property so he has sent a letter to the Ethics Commission asking if he will be able to vote on this matter at this time. The Chairman said he will not vote on it until he receives an answer back from the Ethics Commission.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to table this issue until the Ethics Commission rules on Parrish's request; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Recess (6:58 PM)**

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

**Reconvene (7:10 PM)**

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (7:10 PM)**

Mr. Pierce submitted his report to the Board

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*On the issue of FEMA reimbursement, we are still getting phone calls from FEMA questioning the ownership of certain roads in the National Forest, like the Brickyard, so I believe*

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**This item was addressed earlier.**

*2- Inform Board and public that Mediacom will be dropping WTXL, Channel 4, from its programming because of FCC regulations. This will be effective June 30.*

*3- Board action to approve, finally, two Local Agency Program (LAP) agreements with DOT for Stimulus projects- Bluff Road Sidewalk project, and Franklin Blvd. sidewalk project. The LAP agreement for the third project, the St. George Island Pine St. sidewalks, has not been received yet. Signing the LAP Agreement is the first step in getting ready to advertise for these projects, but we cannot advertise until DOT issues the Notice to Proceed.*

*Inform the Board that despite pronouncements from DOT of their efforts to get Stimulus funds into the hands of the local governments, Florida has failed to have any projects approved by the federal government. According to a report in the American Planning Assoc. newsletter, 10 states, with 2000 projects worth more than \$6.5 Billion dollars, have received federal approval, but Florida is not one of those states.*

Commissioner Putnal asked if there is any money left, could they do work on sidewalks in Eastpoint on CC Land Road.

Mr. Pierce explained that 19 projects were submitted for sidewalks all over the County and DOT chose these 3 projects. He said the money is going to be distributed for the purpose of these chosen projects.

Commissioner Sanders explained that when the State agreed to fund these projects, if there is a cost overrun, the County will be responsible for paying it, so she wanted these projects to stay within the budget.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve sidewalk projects on Bluff Road in Apalachicola and Franklin Blvd. on St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to send a letter to Tommy Barfield regarding the sidewalk on Pine Street, asking to change the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of the sidewalk to incorporate an area of Gulf Beach Drive; Motion carried 5-0.**

*4- Inform the Board that the Indian Creek FRDAP application the Board submitted was not funded by the Legislature. The project did not score high enough, primarily because the proposed grant did not include enough recreational activities. DEP is asking does the county want to re-submit the same grant?*

*The limitation at Indian Creek is that because of the management plan limiting the area available for recreational activities, there is not enough room to do the things that score points,*

*like baseball fields. Mark Curenton and I recommend the Board not re-submit as Indian Creek really is not a recreation area. Further, considering the budget situation it might be in the Board's best interest not to submit for any FRDAP for the time being because of the cost of maintaining them. Board direction.*

Commissioner Sanders thinks that the County should re-submit the FRDAP application for Indian Creek especially because of the agreement made with the Trust for Public Lands and would like staff to research what equipment or facilities could be installed to score higher on the application.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to discuss this matter with Mr. Dan Tonsmiere, of ABARK, and research the possibility of amending Management Plan for Indian Creek.

Attorney Shuler said the State has to be involved with any amendments to the Management Plan.

*5- Inform the Board that DEP has notified the county that it has re-evaluated the critical eroding sections of shoreline in Franklin County. The significant change is that DEP has removed a section of shoreline on Alligator Point from critically eroding. DEP removed the southern end of Bald Point State Park from the critically eroding designation. The only significance in this is if the county ever pursues a beach renourishment project that section will not get state matching funds.*

*6- Inform the Board that the TDC has returned the County's, and the Cities', infrastructure grant requests because they far exceeded the funds available. The TDC has determined that the county and the cities will each receive \$19,125. The county had submitted almost \$80,000 worth of requests. On reviewing the county's requests in lieu of the funds available, this is what I have re-submitted: \$3000 for plans and specifications for St. George Island Lighthouse Keeper's Museum, \$10,000 for batting cage at Kendrick Park, and \$6,125 for a picnic pavilion at Vrooman Park. While no TDC infrastructure funds are proposed for the Apalachicola area, the Apalachicola area is getting TDC funds for land acquisition at Lombardi, and recreational facilities are being built at Lombardi. With the very limited TDC funds I chose to list those improvements that were identified by Parks and Recreation that could be funded with the funds available.*

Mrs. Johnson expressed concerns with the manner that that the County has been spending TDC funds on ballparks, especially after reviewing the Statute closely that restrict spending TDC funds on ballparks. Mrs. Johnson said she believes the County should be funding the projects done at the ballparks and TDC funding should only be used for Tourism Development and recommended that Attorney Shuler research this matter and provide a legal opinion to the Board.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Attorney Shuler to research allowed spending for TDC funding and present findings to the Board at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

*7- Board direction on request from Ms. Kolk, Dog Island property owner, regarding the continued collapse of a nearby structure. She is requesting the county take action to make the property owner repair the house or tear it down before it becomes debris on the beach.*

Mr. Pierce read Ms. Kolk's letter to the Board.

Commissioner Lockley asked Attorney Shuler about the law on abandoned houses. Attorney Shuler said there are no regulations in place at this time for derelict houses and suggested that the Board direct him to create an ordinance on this matter.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to investigate this matter, report back to the Board with a recommendation, and present a proposed Ordinance to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.**

*8- At previous meetings the Board has discussed the need for land acquisition in Eastpoint. I have been in contact with Mr. Art Riccard, and Commissioner Jackel has been in contact with his agent, Mr. Jay Hill, regarding the acquisition of the 3 parcels in Eastpoint that are east of the county boat ramp. In order to determine some basis for making an offer the Board needs to order an appraisal for these three parcels, and in order for Mr. Hill to begin his proceedings the Board needs to approve a non-binding letter of intent to Mr. Hill. Three appraisers have been contacted and these are the quotes:*

*Northridge Appraisal: \$2,000*

*Cureton & Assoc.: \$2,000*

*Craig Robertson: \$1,700*

*Board action on appraisal and non-binding letter.*

Commissioner Jackel explained that 3 parcels need to be appraised, two parcels that are being considered for purchase at this time and the third parcel that might be eligible for purchase in the future. There was further discussion by the Board.

Attorney Shuler made a disclosure to the Board that the Halls, owners of the third parcel, are his clients.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to authorize Northridge Appraisal to do the appraisals of the property and send a non-binding letter of intent to Mr. Jay Hill; Motion carried 5-0.**

*9- The parcel east of these three parcels is owned by a Ms. Fields who does not want to sell her property but Commissioner Jackel has been in contact with Ms. Fields regarding leasing her parcel to the county for public use. Board action to direct the County Attorney to prepare a 5 year lease, with a 5 year option, and the lease payment would be the taxes.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, directing Attorney Shuler to send a lease for \$3700 to Ms. Fields for her approval, and if approved by Ms. Fields, to authorize the Chairman to execute the lease; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel said she spoke with Ms. Fields and told her she would speak with the Board about keeping the area clean and tidy.

Attorney Shuler explained some of the stipulations in the lease.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Jackel for her work on this project.

*10- Because of continuing complaints over litter on the St. George Island Bridge Commissioner Jackel requested that I contact Mr. Bob English, Transfield (formerly VMS). Transfield currently has a contract with a vendor to pick up litter on the St. George Bridge and the Apalach/Eastpoint Bridge and causeway 4 times a year for \$8730, but the contract expires June 30. Transfield has sent the Board a draft contract for its consideration if the Board wants to be responsible for litter control on those road sections. In addition, the St. George Island Lighthouse Assoc. has done a marvelous job building and maintaining the Lighthouse Park and the roads on the Island leading to the park also need work. Franklin Blvd. needs mowing and trash pick-up and the other commercial streets need work. Board discussion on proceeding with advertising for vendor/subcontractor to provide 3 times a week trash pick-up on the above road segments, including Franklin Blvd. and the St. George Island commercial district.*

Commissioner Putnal suggested using inmate labor for bridge maintenance. Mr. Pierce stated that he doesn't believe that there are any available inmate crews for this project as it would require them to work 3 days a week, but he would inquire.

Commissioner Jackel said the current contractors are not doing a good job of keeping the bridges clean and believes the County should control the \$8,730 allotted for trash pickup and suggested sub-contracting the job out to have the trash picked up 3 times a week.

Commissioner Jackel reminded everyone that these 2 bridges showcase our beautiful waterways and make an immediate impression on visitors to the County so they should be well maintained.

Chairman Parrish did not want the County to assume any liability on this type of project but isn't opposed to an outside contractor who has their own liability coverage doing the job.

Commissioner Lockley doesn't believe this would be enough money to cover having the bridges cleaned 3 times a week.

Commissioner Sanders was concerned about the County incurring the cost of this project in the case that the funding runs out before the contract is up. Attorney Shuler said he could put a provision in the contract to ensure that the County wouldn't be responsible for any additional funding should the project go over budget.

Commissioner Jackel said that numerous attempts have been made to contact VMS asking that the trash be picked up but there has been no response. Commissioner Sanders suggested contacting Tommy Barfield, FDOT, and let them know that VMS is not doing their job here before considering assuming the contract and also mentioned looking into Gulf Coast Workforce assisting with this issue.



There was further Board discussion on this matter.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, directing Attorney Shuler to look into the concerns regarding trash on the bridges discussed by the Board; Motion carried 5-0.**

Terry Kemp, of the St. George Lighthouse Association, discussed the amount of visitors to the Lighthouse and commended the efforts of those who put their time in to making the park look so nice. Ms. Kemp said since the Lighthouse opened on December 1, 2008, 8,366 people have climbed to the top of the lighthouse which has included visitors from 3 foreign countries and 24 of the United States. Ms. Kemp also stated that the lighthouse is currently open 40 hours per week as opposed to 21 hours per week prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, and averaged 1,500 visitors per month when they were open only 21 hours per week.

Commissioner Jackel also mentioned there have been a lot of visitors to the Crooked River Lighthouse in Carrabelle and it is nice to see the interest in these 2 lighthouses.

*11- Stimulus update- So far the county will be receiving, in round numbers: \$500,000 in DOT sidewalk projects; \$1.7M in Weatherization funds; \$350,000 in SHIP Down Payment Assistance; \$436,000 in a Byrne Law Enforcement grant to the Sheriff's Office, for a total of almost \$3M in Stimulus funds. Additionally, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board has Stimulus funds it will be spending this summer in Franklin County.*

*Commissioner Jackel and I had a conference call with Governance on June 11 and have asked Governance to assist in writing grants for: Alligator Point Road protection, building a new road to the Consolidated School, dredging the Eastpoint Channel, dredging the Two Mile Channel building a new EOC (since the previous EOC grant submitted was not awarded).*

**This item was addressed earlier during the meeting.**

*12- Mr. Wesley Tice, FCPHU, needs Board action on an item regarding a Medicaid worker to assist clients with Medicaid and Food Stamp applications.*

Mr. Tice explained that it is a full time position that will be at no cost to the County and that this worker will be able to take applications for Medicaid, Food Stamps and medically needy situations. Mr. Tice said they have looked at data and 50% of people in the County who are eligible for this program do not apply so they are hoping to have someone here to help these citizens with their applications.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve the Medicaid worker position which will be provided office space at the Health Department as recommended by Mr. Tice; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Tice gave an update on the Franklin County Health Department, especially regarding the budget and services offered to the Eastern end of the County. Mr. Tice explained that over the last 3 years the expenditures were level but now the income for the health department has

taken a nose dive and expenditures are going up and that last year he had extended the working hours to 4 days per week and hired an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in Carrabelle to be able to meet the needs of the patients there, but in the meantime, the County opened Weems East in Carrabelle and they are in direct competition with the Health Dept. because Weems has two practitioners who are doing primary care. Mr. Tice said that to remain fiscally responsible and because of budget issues, he will be closing the Carrabelle Branch and integrating the resources allocated to that facility to the Apalachicola Health Department. Commissioner Putnal stated that the Health Department and Weems serve different clientele, which means if they close the Health Department a lot of those citizens won't be able to get the needed services from Weems and most of them won't be able to travel to Apalachicola to utilize Health Department services either. Mr. Tice discussed the likelihood of the closing of the Carrabelle Branch further.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Tice if he realized that Weems is a temporary situation in Carrabelle and the future Urgent Care Center will take over those services but won't serve the primary care clientele, then asked Mr. Tice to give the Board specific numbers on the Carrabelle Branch.

Mr. Tice reminded the Board that he opened the Carrabelle Branch because he saw the need, and knows the need is still there, but the funding isn't available.

Mr. Tice told Commissioner Jackel that they are looking at all options to try and keep from having to lay employees off at this point.

Commissioner Sanders wanted to know how it will be determined where to cut their budget.

Mr. Tice said they are still trying to determine that.

Mr. Tice informed Chairman Parrish that he projected July 1<sup>st</sup> as the closing date but knows it will not be popular.

Chairman Parrish said the Board had contacted the State in support of not making cuts to the local Health Department and asked Mr. Tice to keep the clinic open at least until the July Budget Workshops are completed so that the Board can look at some of the issues during the budget cycle. The Chairman asked that Mr. Tice present their budget request to the County and separately state what it will take to keep the Carrabelle Branch open.

Mrs. Johnson explained to the Chairman that since the State budget is due before the County budget workshops are scheduled Mr. Tice probably couldn't wait that long. Mrs. Johnson questioned if it is the Health Department's responsibility to provide primary adult care. Mr. Tice said that a number of the Health Departments throughout the State are providing primary care.

Mrs. Johnson said that based on Mr. Tice's statement it seems that the only option is to close the Carrabelle Branch because the County can't afford to, and shouldn't have to, fund a State owned facility. Mrs. Johnson recommended letting Weems East utilize the Health Department building instead of building a brand new facility which would save money.

Mr. Tice welcomed anyone to go to the Health Department and review the numbers on the operation of the Carrabelle Branch of the Health Dept. The Board discussed this issue further. Chairman Parrish asked where citizens are applying for Food Stamps and Medicaid now and Mr. Tice said they can do it online. The Chairman also wanted to know if there is office space

already available at the Health Dept. for this new position and Mr. Tice said there is. The Board and Mr. Tice discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Sanders wanted to be sure that this service will also be provided for all County residents.

*13- Board action to direct me to write Mr. Phil Gazzetta, All. Pt. resident, a letter giving him 30 days to remove trailers he acknowledged he has left on county right of way for over two years. If he does not remove the trailers the county will remove them.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, directing Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler to send a letter to Mr. Phil Gazzetta giving 30 days to remove trailers, with a copy of the letter going to Sheriff's Office; Motion carried 5-0.**

*14- Inform Board that Opportunity Florida has been awarded the FCC Broadband Pilot Project. This is the project that will bring broadband to nine rural county hospitals, including Weems.*

*15- Mr. Jack Husband, BBL Engineers, requests a change order for the Eastpoint Boat Ramp in the amount of \$6,790.00. Grant funds will pay for the change order.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, authorizing a change order for the Eastpoint Boat Ramp in the amount of \$6,790.00; Motion carried 5-0.**

*16- Inform Board that Mr. Lee Lewis has been contacted by FDOT and been told that \$150,000 will be removed from the \$850,000 JPA for the hanger. (Please be advised the county has two JPAs for the hanger with now a construction budget of approximately \$1M for the hanger). Mr. Lewis will be at the Board meeting on July 7 but he wanted this information presented to the Board as soon as possible. At this point, the removal of the \$150,000 does not change what the county has currently advertised, which are proposals to lease a paint hanger, but will affect what is ultimately built. This reduction in funds now makes it incumbent upon any potential tenant to have the funds to complete the paint hanger. Without a tenant the county would then look at building a hanger with some office space, but even that might have to be scaled back to make up for this shortfall. Proposals to lease the paint hanger are due July 6, but none have been turned in yet, nor have any inquires been made seeking additional information.*

*17- Board direction on participating in the Low Income Pool (LIP) program that was discussed several months ago. The LIP program is the program where the county agrees to send money to the state, the state then matches this money with federal Medicaid money and sends it back to the county. Weems is eligible because it serves a low income population. The Hospital Board recommends participation in the amount of \$ .*

**This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.**

18- Inform the Board the transmittal hearing to rescind the two remaining St. Joe Future Land Use Amendments has been scheduled for July 7 at 10:30 AM.

Attorney Shuler informed the Board that he has not received, as yet, any notice of lawsuit from the St. Joe Company relating to the other two FLUMs that were previously rescinded.

**Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (8:29 PM)**

Attorney Shuler submitted his report to the Board.

*1. Franklin County vs. South Shoal*

*The attorneys have prepared a proposed settlement for consideration by their respective clients. I need board permission to schedule a public hearing to consider the settlement. Copies of the proposed amended pun and Plat were provided to you at the last meeting.*

*The settlement will amend the South Shoal plat and ordinance substantially as follows:*

*a. Dedicate all roads in the subdivision to the public, including Tom Roberts Road. All the roads have been paved at the developer's expense.*

*b. Abandon Alligator Drive in front of South Shoals, reserving to Franklin County a thirty-foot easement for pedestrian access and future beach access in the event that the beach is renourished in the future.*

*c. Franklin County would no longer be responsible for the revetment in front of South Shoals.*

*d. The developer would be allowed to convert from a central AWT plant serving the subdivision to an onsite aerobic system serving each lot. The County Code currently requires everyone else on Alligator Point to install aerobic systems.*

*e. Reduce the number of lots from 23 to 20.*

*f. There will only be 11 lots fronting on Alligator Drive.*

*g. The developer would not build the Fire Substation or the Sheriff's substation.*

*h. The lawsuit would be dismissed with each party paying their own attorney fees and costs.*

*BOARD ACTION: Motion authorizing me to schedule a public hearing to consider amending the South Shoal Plat and PUD and abandoning part of Alligator Drive South of South Shoals.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, authorizing Attorney Shuler to schedule a Public Hearing to consider amending the South Shoal Plat and PUD and abandoning part of Alligator Drive South of South Shoals; Motion carried 5-0.**

*2. Jeanni's Journeys and Jeanni McMillan*

*On June 2, 2009, the Board asked that I look into Mr. David Avant's allegation that Jeanni's Journey was conducting commercial tourist related operations on residentially zoned property owned by Jeanni McMillan. He alleged that paid boat rentals and guided tours were leaving from Ms. McMillillan's home on Patton Street, St. George Island. Her property is zoned for residential use. I have spoken with Jeannie McMillan, Justin McMillan, Kim and Lou Davis and*

*David Avant concerning these allegations. I have informed each party that the Board will consider this matter on June 16, 2009.*

*In summary, I find that a mix of uses appears to occur at the McMillan property on Patton Street, St. George Island, Florida. In part, Ms. McMillan says she is allowing her friends and neighbors to use her boat launch and dock free of charge.*

*However, she has also told me that she is in part using her residential property as a departure point for boat rentals and guided tours originating from Jeanni's Journey. Depending on who you speak with, the property is not used that much.*

*Others indicate that the property is used most days, especially during the summer.*

*It seems that most of the use occurs early in the morning and in the late afternoon. The extent and nature of the use of the McMillan property is disputed by the parties.*

*The complaints center around the noise and privacy issues associated with people loading and offloading the three rental boats and the concern over a portable gas tank (approximately 300 gallons) used to refuel the boats. I am told by Mr. Avant and the Davis' that the portable gas tank is allowed because it falls within a DEP exception.*

*Commissioner Jackel asked that I add to my review, the issue whether Jeanni's Journey's fence encroaches onto the right of way of 3rd Street East, St. George Island. Subject to confirmation by an engineer or surveyor, my review of the property indicates that it is highly likely that fences encroach onto the right of way from the property on which Jeanni's Journey operates.*

*BOARD ACTION: I need direction from the Board how to proceed. The Board's options include, but are not limited to, filing suit to enforce the residential zoning, or the Board may elect to reserve its right to take action in the future. The same options apply to the encroachments which appear to be in your right of way.*

Mr. Justin McMillan, owner & operator of Jeanni's Journey on St. George Island, said that most of the Patton Street residents do not have any issues with the use of his property and there was no truth or merit to the facts presented by David Avant at a previous meeting. Mr. McMillan said there is a gas tank on the vacant lot, which was approved by EPA but he is willing to remove it since the Commission has an issue with it.

Chairman Parrish said he thought that Mr. Avant's also complained about parking on the County's right of way. Mr. Avant stated that he has issues with parking on the right of way along with commercial activity in a residentially zoned area and this is the only place in Franklin County where this type of activity takes place.

Mr. McMillan stated that Mr. Avant has a competing business, which he runs out of his home on Patton Street, and that is why he is making these false claims, and this issue is about business competition.

Betty Lou Douglas, a resident of Patton Street, expressed her support for Ms. McMillan and stated that there are rental houses on this same street, which would also be considered commercial activity.

Charles Gunner, a St. George Island resident, also supported Ms. McMillan, and has no problem with her activities in the area.

Ms. McMillan described the neighborhood on Patton Street, which is very close knit, as a mixed use neighborhood, which includes contractors, rental houses, a piano teacher and a CPA. She

said home businesses are being run all over St. George Island and urged the Board to please consider this when making their decision on this matter.

Mr. Avant said that he uses the public boat ramps instead of his residential dock and asked that Jeanni's Journey's do the same.

Commissioner Sanders said that she is very concerned about the drainage problem. Mr. Pierce said the drainage problem raised by Mr. Avant is being addressed by the Road Department. David Harbaugh, a St. George Island resident, discussed the drainage problem, which he says has nothing to do with Ms. McMillan's business. He said the fill that is brought in by the County is keeping the water from being able to drain across the road and this matter definitely needs to be addressed. Mr. Pierce said they are looking for a resolution to this situation.

Commissioner Jackel informed the Board that the drainage problem and the gas tank were addressed but the fence, which is on the County Right of Way also, needs to be addressed. Mr. McMillan said the fence was put up because people previously used the area as a dump place but he will remove the fence.

George Ward complained about the new St. George Island boat ramp and said there were issues with getting an elderly person out of a boat due to the construction of the ramp.

### *3. Lanark Lane, LLC*

*Attached is the written request for the refund of excess tax certificate sales totaling \$817.13. The letter speaks for itself.*

*As you can see, the \$817.13 was remitted to the Board on September 23, 2008 by check number 1005 payable to Franklin County.*

*Section 197.473 provides that claims for such excess are barred after two years and become property of the Board.*

*BOARD ACTION: Motion authorizing the Clerk to refund \$817.13 to Lanark Lane, LLC.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to authorize the Clerk to refund \$817.13 to Lanark Lane, LLC; Motion carried 5-0.**

### *Informational Items*

#### *St. George Island Sewer*

*Attached is my letter to Water Management Services, Inc. requesting that they abate the proceedings until December 10, 2009. They agreed. Attached are the Motion Abate and Toll Deadlines, which I have agreed to. The two documents speak for themselves.*

#### *Deer Partners Multi Family Dock*

*You recently approved the multi family dock permit, contingent upon my review. I have reviewed the Multi Family Dock application and have determined that it is consistent with County Ordinances.*

#### *Eastpoint Nursing Home*

*Attached are two letters (April 24, 2009 and June 4, 2009) sent to Mr. Randolph concerning the Board's request that he secure and post his property.*

*Sandra Fields Lease (Draft)*

*Attached is a draft lease for the parking of oyster boats upon Ms. Fields vacant land on Patton Drive in Eastpoint, Florida. The lease includes the right to launch boats.*

**Commissioners and Public Comments (8:52 PM)**

Commissioner Putnal has been asked by several oystermen if the Department of Agriculture can change the oyster schedule to Monday through Friday instead of Sunday through Thursday.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to send the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services a letter requesting a change oyster schedule from Monday – Friday instead of Sunday to Thursday; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel discussed the concrete pilings & rebars that remains at the old SGI Bridge and what the FDOT is going to do to have it removed.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to FDOT informing them that the Board wants to have pilings and rebar at the old SGI Bridge removed as soon as possible; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel asked if a Port-a-Potty could be placed at the SGI Boat Ramp. Mr. Pierce will check with Van Johnson, of the Parks and Recreation Department, about taking care of this matter.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Pierce if he had any updates on the net ban letter that was previously sent to FWC as he has had several inquiries about this letter and if there was a response. Mr. Pierce said he has not received a response as of yet but he will check into it.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to send an updated letter concerning the net ban to FWC; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Mr. Pierce to send Governor Charlie Crist a letter asking him to reconsider re-routing stimulus funding to Florida Counties instead of offsetting the State budget, and also asking for Franklin County's share; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Charlotte Bacher, a St. George Island resident, expressed her concerns about the trash on the bridge; stated that she witnessed trash flying out of the back of a County Recycle truck on her way to the meeting today and is asking that the litter laws be better enforced in the County.

Mrs. Bacher also stated that there has been an increase of vendors on St. George Island and asked questions relating to restrictions on vendors in the County. She asked that all business owners be forced to follow the same rules and asked several questions concerning County Ordinances and why vendors are allowed to operate in the County without a license.

Mr. Pierce, Attorney Shuler and the Board discussed the County's Peddler Ordinance. Chairman Parrish said he recently researched back to 1994, read some of the Ordinances from then, suggested that the Board review the current Ordinance, and maybe discuss ways of improving it. There was further Board discussion on this matter.

Attorney Shuler said he will obtain a copy of the Ordinance and present it to the Commissioners before the next meeting.

Charles Gunner told the Board that he enjoyed the meeting and strongly encouraged the Board to purchase the property to protect the airport runway.

Charles Brannan, President of Franklin County Dog Hunters Association, asked for the Board's support to have the fox hunting area opened in Tate's Hell and continue to follow up on this item.

Brad Blackburn also discussed the Peddlers Ordinance and asked for better restrictions on Peddlers Licenses.

**Adjourn (9:13 PM)**

There being no further business Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph Parrish, Chairman – FCBCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts