

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
JANUARY 19, 2010  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

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

**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 (9:02 AM)**

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge (9:02 AM)**

There was a Prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2010 Regular Meetings (9:02 AM)**

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2010 regular meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Payment of County Bills (9:03 AM)**

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

**Update – Mary Ann Durrer – Eastpoint Medical Clinic (9:04 AM)**

Ms. Durrer updated the Board on the Eastpoint Medical Clinic. She said the busiest months for 2009 were July and December, Medicaid patients are up 4% and slide fee patients are up 6% from last year. She said the new ARNP, Cina Smith, is doing a great job and is very popular with

the patients. Ms. Durrer said they are sending a lot of orders for testing to Weems. She also said the Clinic had ordered the H1N1 vaccines but never received them. The Board thanked Ms. Durrer for providing the Board with an update.

### **Department Supervisors Report**

#### **Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:07 AM)**

Larry Brown was in attendance for Hubert Chipman.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Brown to repair a hole at the St. George Island Boat Ramp and he also asked the Road Dept. to drag the roads at Lighthouse Estates.

Commissioner Putnal asked Clay Kennedy what was happening with the paving project and Mr. Kennedy stated that he was unable to get a schedule from C. W. Roberts but he said he plans to ask C. W. Roberts to meet with each Commissioner individually and discuss their paving schedule.

Commissioner Sanders asked the status of Peavy and Sons' proposed contract for paving Gulf Avenue/C30A in Carrabelle and Mr. Kennedy stated that he was able to confirm a contract.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Kennedy discussed renewing the paving contract with C. W. Roberts since the current contract has technically expired.

Commissioner Jackel said she didn't want them to come to her individually and suggested that C. W. Roberts send a representative to the next meeting to discuss the paving contract.

Commissioner Sanders discussed her frustrations with the paving project and the cost to the County due to the Road Dept. having to re-do prep work.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to ask that C. W. Roberts attend the next meeting and direct Preble-Rish to work on a contract extension for the paving project, including a stipulation that they report to the Board on a projected timeline basis and penalties being included if the project is not completed in a timely manner; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders discussed the affect of the cold weather on dirt roads in the County.

#### **Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:18 AM)**

Commissioner Lockley discussed the possible problems that could be caused by filling a new position at annual salary of \$26,000 when there are veteran County employees who are still not making that amount and the County's starting annual salary is \$20,000.

Attorney Shuler said it was up to the Board's discretion as to whether or not they want to withdraw the authorization, as long as the job had not been offered to someone.

Mr. Johnson said he had not advertised this position yet because he had gotten wind of a possible problem with the salary amount. He said that the starting salary amount was going to have to be addressed at some point.

The Board discussed this issue matter further, agreeing that salary amounts do need to be addressed.

Commissioner Jackel said the starting salary of \$20,000 was below poverty level.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to amend the motion made at the Jan 5, 2010 meeting regarding the vacant position starting annual salary of \$26,000 in the Parks and Recreation Department and change the starting annual salary to \$20,000; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Pierce discussed the possibility of the additional positions thru the Gulf Coast Workforce Board assisting the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Board discussed the qualifications and possibility of hiring someone from the Gulf Coast Workforce.

Commissioner Lockley warned the Board of current County workers leaving their position for positions with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and also recommended using the difference in the current vacant position to adjust some of the other salaries.

Commissioner Sanders said Mr. Johnson has fought to get the County employees raises.

Mr. Johnson presented his report.

*RECOVERED MATERIALS ANNUAL CERTIFICATION:*

*FOR BOARD ACTION: I have for the Boards approval and the Chairman's signature, the annual Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form. We are required by Florida Statutes to report our recycling activities to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection annually. The annual cost for this certification is \$50.00. ACTION REQUESTED: Motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the FDEP Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form" and authorizing the payment of \$50.00 for the annual fee.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to authorize Chairman Parrish's signature on the FDEP Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form with payment of the \$50 annual fee; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Johnson to look into the problem of not having handicap access to the recycle bins in Lanark Village.

**Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (9:30 AM)**

1. *BOARD ACTION: Apalachicola Airport Hangar*  
*Staff desires Board approval to pay construction invoice #2 for \$44,010.00 with balance to finish including retainage is \$713,600.00.*

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Rothwell discussed availability of funds for water taps.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve payment of the Construction Invoice #2 for the Airport Hangar in the amount of \$44,010.00; Motion carried 5-0.**

*2. BOARD ACTION: Lombardi Boat Ramp Project:*

*Staff requests permission for a contract change order of \$4,500.00 to upgrade the electric from 100 amp for the restrooms to 200 amp service to be installed in the main building and then run to the restrooms.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve a contract change order of \$4,500 to upgrade the electric for Lombardi's; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Rothwell discussed the condition of a freezer located at Lombardi's.

*3. BOARD ACTION: Gulf Avenue (CR30) Carrabelle Resurfacing:*

*The City of Carrabelle dual culvert replacement will not be completed until May 30, 2010 and staff recommends resurfacing the road as soon as possible regardless. This will prevent the possible loss of grant funds and we will urge the City of Carrabelle to make as seamless repair as possible.*

City of Carrabelle Commissioner Cal Allen recommended that the County move forward with paving the road.

The Board discussed this matter further.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to proceed with the Gulf Avenue/C30A paving project in Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Lockley discussed a traffic problem in front of Dr. Miniat's office and Mr. Rothwell said he will investigate.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Rothwell discussed the latest actions on the solar lights for the St. George Island Boat Ramp.

Commissioner Jackel stated that none of the solar lights were working one night at the Eastpoint Boat Ramp and asked Mr. Rothwell to investigate this matter.

Mr. Rothwell stated that some lights were out at the Gulf Beach location.

*4. East Gorrie Drive Gutters:*

*The contractor has finished the south gutter and should finish the north side within one week.*

*5. West Gorrie Drive Stormsewer:*

*The Road Department has completed the removal and replacement of the stormsewer from West Gorrie Drive to the detention pond on the West Gulf Beach Drive right of way at West 1<sup>st</sup> Street.*

*6. Apalachicola Airport Hangar:*

*The site preparation is continuing, but has been delayed by bad weather, undisclosed water mains, and organics in the site soils which required additional work.*

**Pam Brownell- Emergency Management (9:41 AM)**

Mrs. Brownell had no action items for Board discussion and/or approval.

*Information Items:*

- *The application for the new EOC has been submitted to the State Emergency Management Dept for review, and they will submit our application to FEMA.*
- *The application for the 2009 spring flood mitigation monies has been submitted to the State for review for cross drain work for the following rd.*
  1. *New River Rd*
  2. *Mill Rd*
  3. *McIntyre Rd*
  4. *Crooked River Rd*
  5. *Jeff Sanders Rd*
- *Coordinated a cold weather shelter to open with the Red Cross at the Eastpoint Church of God for Friday, January 08, 2010 until January 13, 2010 for the Hard Freeze Warning. We had 7-8 people in the shelter.*
- *Put out press release on the locations and time offices were open to help people sign up for food stamps.*
- *Mike Rundel and I will be attending the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association conference the week of January 25 -29, this is keeping within the scope of work guidelines for the EMPA Grant.*

Mrs. Brownell corrected the dates for the FEPDA Conference to the first week in February 2010. Commissioner Jackel thanked Pam for her efforts with the Red Cross to coordinate a cold weather shelter at the Eastpoint Church of God.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she attended a Liberty County Commission Board Meeting on January 7, 2010 regarding the Lake Talquin Dam in order to stay on top of the Corn Hydro project for the projected added spillway project. She said she wanted to ask the City of Tallahassee to give a presentation to the Board on the Jackson Bluff Dam Spillway Project.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to request that the City of Tallahassee present the Board with a presentation on the Jackson Bluff Dam Spillway Project; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (9:45 AM)**

Mr. Mahan presented his report to the Board.

*Franklin - UF IFAS Updates:*

*Michael Taylor, Named FDA's New Deputy Commissioner For Foods – On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Michael Taylor was named as FDA's new Deputy Commissioner for Foods. As reported by the Washington Post on January 14<sup>th</sup>; In July, Taylor became an adviser to Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. Taylor has already taken some steps that suggest a new, more muscular approach to regulation. The agency has been cracking down on nutrition claims on processed foods, saying that some food makers have overstated the health benefits of their products. In the first real political test of the new leadership, Taylor tried to ban the sale of raw oysters harvested from the Gulf Coast between April and October unless they are treated to kill a potentially lethal bacterium. Senator Mary Landrieu (D – LA) and others vigorously protested the move. The FDA agreed to put off action to study the issue. Taylor said the agency is not backing down, just regrouping. What does this mean for the Gulf Oyster Industry?*

*[SeafoodBusiness.com](http://SeafoodBusiness.com) Raw Deal Oyster Story – On January 5, 2010 [SeafoodBusiness.com](http://SeafoodBusiness.com) published a column by James Wright called “Raw Deal - Oyster community rallies against FDA efforts to rein in raw oyster consumption.” Attached for your information is a copy. I feel it does a very good job explaining what is currently happening.*

*Stop the Special-Interest Assault on FDA! – Center For Science In The Public Interest has a “Take Action” Webpage requesting that members and the general public “fill-in the blanks,” and electronically send emails to their Congressman and Senator requesting that they vote to oppose the Gulf Oyster Protection Act in the House (H. R. 4022) and Senate (S. 2735) and any other legislative attempt to prohibit the FDA from requiring treatment of oysters contaminated with the deadly *Vibrio vulnificus* bacteria. <http://takeaction.cspinet.org/campaign/vibrio>*

Commissioner Putnal discussed the recent problems being encountered with selling products by the local oystermen.

Commissioner Sanders thought there might come a point in time to offer some financial support to the oyster harvesters.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, direct staff to look at stimulus funds which might assist local seafood workers; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Request - Ms. Joyce Estes, Letter of Support for Eastpoint Library (9:50 AM)**

*Item #2 of Alan Pierce's Report - Board action to approve a letter of support for the Franklin County Friends of the Library to seek funds from the USDA to finish the Eastpoint Library. The Friends are making the application, not the county. If there is an award of funds the Friends will then come back to the county to discuss how and under what terms the Library is finished and turned over to the Board. If there is no award, the Library will continue to seek funds in other ways.*

Mr. Pierce read the Letter of Support for the Eastpoint Library to the Board.

Commissioner Jackel recognized Ms. Joyce Estes and others for their efforts on the new Eastpoint Library. She hopes that this will be completed before the end of the year.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve a letter of support for the Franklin County Friends of the Library to seek funds from the USDA to finish the Eastpoint Library; Motion carried 5-0.**

Ms. Estes thanked the Board.

**Open Bids - Ochlocknee Bay Boat Ramp (9:53 AM)**

The bids were opened for the Ochlocknee Bay Boat Ramp Project and Mr. Pierce read them to the Board:

- 1) BCL Civil Contractors, Inc, Panama City, Florida – \$373,000.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 2) Poloronis Construction, Inc, Apalachicola, Florida – \$354,823.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 3) Redfish Marine Construction, Lynn Haven, Florida – \$305,153.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 4) Shoreline Foundation Inc, Pembroke Park, Florida – \$379,695.00 - Bid Bond attached

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to forward bids to engineer for recommendation at the next Board meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Open Bids - Franklin County/Apalachicola Airport Infrastructure Project (9:58 AM)**

The bids were opened for the Franklin County/Apalachicola Airport Infrastructure Project and Mr. Pierce read them to the Board:

**Bids for the Stormwater Project:**

- 1) Dixie Paving & Grading Inc, Tallahassee, Florida – \$441,558.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 2) GAC Contractors, Panama City, Florida – \$410,618.16 – Bid Bond attached
- 3) North Florida Asphalt Inc, Tallahassee, Florida – \$455,030.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 4) North Florida Construction Inc, Clarksville, Florida – \$428,769.00 – Bid Bond attached
- 5) Poloronis Construction Inc, Apalachicola, Florida – \$520,724.27 – Bid Bond attached
- 6) Shumaker Inc, Panama City, Florida – \$427,532.74 – Bid Bond attached

7) Sikes Concrete Inc, Panama City, Florida – \$396,718.24 – Bid Bond attached

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to forward bids to the Airport Committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.**

Bids for the Utility Expansion Project:

Cathey Construction & Development, Mexico Beach, Florida– \$156,989.00 – Bid Bond attached

Dixie Paving & Grading Inc, Tallahassee, Florida – \$242,215.00 – Bid Bond attached

GAC Contractors, Panama City, Florida – \$113,080.80 – Bid Bond attached

North Florida Asphalt Inc, Tallahassee, Florida – \$120,562.00 - Bid Bond attached

North Florida Construction Inc, Clarksville, Florida - \$148,109.00 – Bid Bond attached

Poloronis Construction, Apalachicola, Florida – \$161,392.24 - Bid Bond attached

Shumaker Inc, Panama City, Florida – \$121,910.13 – Bid Bond attached

Sikes Concrete Inc, Panama City, Florida – \$109,737.74 – Bid Bond attached

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to forward bids to the Airport Committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Recess (10:10 AM)**

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

**Reconvene (10:27 AM)**

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Commission Consent Agenda (10:27 AM)**

*CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:*

- 1- *Approve (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Pier on Lot 11, Block 54, Unit 5, 405 McCloud Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida and request the pier walkway to be 140' x 4' with a 10' x 20' platform for fishing and observation only. This pier meets all state, federal and local requirements. Request submitted by Docks 4 Less, agent for Kimberly Gainer, applicant.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockey, to approve construction of single family private pier on Lot 11, Block 54, Unit 5 St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.**

- 2- *Approve (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock on 447 Bay City Road, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida and request*



- 3- *the dock walkway to be 573' xx 4' and have a 26' x 6' terminal platform. This dock meets all state, federal and local requirements. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Penmain Head, LLC, applicant.*

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Pierce discussed concerns about building this dock over marsh grass.

Clayton Studstill, Garlick Environmental Associates discussed the requirements for building the dock over the marsh grass.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal to approve construction of a Single Family Dock on 447 Bay City Road, Apalachicola; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed Planning & Zoning and Staff's roles on Letters of Support for residential docks and whether all docks are in compliance with ordinances. Commissioner Putnal asked for notification of any request for docks to be built in channels.

**Update - Ms. Janice Wise, Area Agency on Aging (10:32 AM)**

Ms. Wise, Area Agency on Aging, said she was informed that the Board had some questions about the status of the Senior Citizen program in Franklin County. She said the Area Agency on Aging provides about \$480,000 to Franklin County for senior services and up until December 31, 2009, AAA had contracted with Elder Care Services to provide those services but currently they were contracting with the City of Apalachicola.

Mr. Pierce told Ms. Wise that Elder Care Services never notified the County of the succession of their services and the City of Apalachicola taking over the senior services and it had caused confusion

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns that AAA did not notify the County of the change in the contract and Ms. Wise expressed her apologies, saying she was under the impression that they had been.

Commissioner Putnal asked if services were being provided to the entire County and Ms. Wise said they were and that it is part of the contract. She said the clients are served based on need. The Board and Ms. Wise discussed retaining Elder Care Services employees, City of Apalachicola administering the contract and also funding for transportation.

Commissioner Jackel asked Ms. Wise to explain how the program works within the County, how the City of Apalachicola will administer the program and the different programs available within the contract because not all residents are aware of what is available to the senior citizens.

Ms. Wise said she would love to be able to make a presentation to all agencies or interested parties explaining the programs offered.

Betty Webb, City of Apalachicola, explained how the City got involved with this contract and their plans to serve the entire County. She said they are setting up a County-wide advisory group who are interested in serving the community and they are also retaining employees from different areas of the County. Ms. Webb said the City would like to expand and improve the program that is now in place. She said Mr. Blanchard, President of Carrabelle Senior Center,

had contacted her and wanted to do some joint activities with them. She assured the Board that the City of Apalachicola's goal is to serve all of Franklin County.

Commissioner Sanders and Ms. Webb discussed providing the Board with regular Board updates.

Commissioner Jackel wanted to be sure that Eastpoint has representation on the advisory board.

**Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:47 AM)**

Mrs. Johnson presented her report.

*1) For information, the balance in the hospital's operating account for the month ending December 2009 was \$483,201.34. The balance in the hospital's capital fund is \$1,200,705.72.*

Commissioner Putnal and Mrs. Johnson discussed the study on County Employee salaries. Mrs. Johnson said RFP's for a firm, who would do a study on the issue, would be opened at the February 16, 2010 meeting. She said she hoped a recommendation on how to phase in some salary adjustments would come out of this study.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (10:50 AM)**

Mr. Pierce presented his report.

*1- Provide Board with copy of letter from Governor Crist thanking the Board for writing him about the FDA and the oyster issue. The Governor says he will "keep a careful eye on any decisions made moving forward."*

Commissioner Putnal discussed his discomfort with meetings between the Governors of Florida and Georgia concerning the Oyster Industry.

*2- Board action to approve a letter of support for the Franklin County Friends of the Library to seek funds from the USDA to finish the Eastpoint Library. The Friends are making the application, not the county. If there is an award of funds the Friends will then come back to the county to discuss how and under what terms the Library is finished and turned over to the Board. If there is no award, the Library will continue to seek funds in other ways.*

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

*3- Inform Board that while Preble-Rish has been authorized by the Board to begin the design of the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path, DOT has informed Preble-Rish that its existing county engineering agreement does not satisfy DOT's current engineering design agreements. Board action to advertise Request for Qualifications for engineering and design services for the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path.*

Clay Kennedy, Preble-Rish, explained the LAP, Local Agency Program, further. Mr. Pierce said that LAP agreements are new terminology that DOT uses when the County designs a project.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve to advertise Request for Qualifications for engineering and design services for the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path; Motion carried 5-0.**

*4- The Board had quarterly night meetings in 2009. If the Boards wants to continue quarterly meetings in 2010, then this is the schedule I propose since we are already into 2010- March 16, June 15, Sept. 21, and Dec. 21. This would be the last meeting of each quarter would be a night, starting at 5 PM. Board direction.*

The Board discussed evening meetings and hosting meetings in Carrabelle.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve continuance of the 5 PM Board Meetings, with two of the 5 PM Board Meetings held in Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.**

*5- Inform Board that a firm called Coastal Rehabilitative Services has met with Judge Hankinson about the creation of a Drug Court. The judge supports the creation of a Drug Court. Coastal Rehabilitative would like a letter of support from the Board for its efforts to seek grant funds to operate a Drug Court. Board action for a letter of support contingent upon Coastal Rehabilitative Services assuring the Clerk that a Drug Court will not put any additional requirements on the Clerk's Office or budget without compensation.*

Mrs. Johnson explained that a Drug Court would allow for other options other than jail time. The Board discussed this matter further. Commissioner Sanders wanted to be sure this would not cause a financial burden to the Clerk's Office.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to table this item and direct Staff to investigate this request further and provide more information to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.**

*6- The Board is opening bids for the construction of the Ochlockonee Boat Ramp today. As the Board may remember, the Ochlockonee project was funded in two stages- the Design phase was one FWC grant, and the construction phase was another. The design phase is complete, by evidence of the county opening bids, yet the county has some \$65,000 worth of expenditures on the design that can't get reimbursed until the county closes out the design phase. The Finance Office and I recommend the Board pay Bailey, Bishop, and Lane, the final \$6000 owed on the design, close out the design phase, and then seek the reimbursement from FWC so the money can come back to the county. Board action.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve payment in the amount of \$6,000 to Bailey, Bishop and Lane for the design of the Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp; Motion carried 5-0.**

*7- Inform the Board that Commissioner Jackel and I have been working on a resolution of the water to the Eastpoint Cemetery. Upon talking to representatives of the Eastpoint Cemetery, the solution is for the group that manages the Cemetery to become registered as a 501C(3) non-profit corporation. As a non-profit the County Commission can legally provide support to the cemetery, as the county legally provides support to other non-profits. The county can then provide support for water to be provided at the Cemetery by making a donation to Eastpoint Cemetery and they in turn would pay the water bill. The Eastpoint Cemetery is the only cemetery in the county. Each city has a cemetery, and the Sumatra cemetery, which is in Franklin County, is owned by a group in Liberty County. It appears that the cost of providing water should not exceed \$500 per year, and if the Board so authorizes the expenditure it should consider it a continuing expenditure for each year. Board action.*

The Board discussed the uncooperative actions of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District Board.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to authorize the expenditure of providing water to the Eastpoint Cemetery, as a declaration of emergency for a public purpose, while the representatives are working on becoming registered as a 501C(3) non-profit corporation; Motion carried 5-0.**

*8- Direction on Bridge litter control. The Board budgeted funds for litter control of the St. George Bridge, and the Apalachicola-Eastpoint Bridge and causeway system because of continual dissatisfaction with the efforts provided by Transfield Services. As I recall Transfield has a contractor clean the bridges six times a year for about \$12,000 a year.*

*Tourist season will be starting in March. If the Board desires to keep the bridges clean and attractive to visitors and residents alike, the Board needs to authorize advertising for bids to clean the bridges using the county budgeted funds. The desired goal would be to clean the bridges 3 times a week. The successful contractor will have to comply with DOT directed safety requirements for working on the state highway system. Any contract the Board entered into could last no longer than Sept. 30, or the end of the county fiscal year so you are looking at a six or seven month contract at most. Board action.*

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed the possibility of restricting this job to local contractors only.

Attorney Shuler believed that the Board's responsibility would be to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder but could include a preference for local bidders in the advertisement. He recommended for liability purposes the Board needs to comply with all of the DOT Safety Regulations.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to proceed with advertising for the Bridge Litter Control project; Motion carried 5-0.**

*9- Inform the Board that DOT has moved up the time it needs to have the rocks moved on St. George Island to re-orient the road to the boat ramp. In order to save county trucks, Luberto is going to haul 12 loads of rocks to the Sawyer St. site, and a few additional loads to other county sites on the Island. He will be reimbursed for his efforts by receiving 12 loads of rocks. The remaining rocks will be used as a revetment to protect the boat ramp road.*

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed Luberto doing this work and it not being offered to any other contractor in the County. Mr. Pierce said it was because Luberto was available and it wasn't advertised.

The Board discussed this matter further.

*10- At the last Board meeting, the Board asked for clarification on whether the Airport Advisory Committee has by-laws. At this time, neither Ted Mosteller, nor the Board files can uncover any by-laws. The Airport Committee currently has 7 voting members, and one non-voting member, being Dan Rothwell, County Engineer.*

Commissioner Jackel asked for a list of Airport Advisory Committee members and their addresses. She said she might like for them to add more members to geographically balance out the membership.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to add Mark Nobles and Jeff Lockley to the Airport Advisory Committee; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley abstained.**

*11- The Hosp. Board has its recommendations for adding two members to the Hosp. Board, and rather than wait until the Feb. joint meeting, I asked Mr. Colvert to come today. Mr. Colvert will also provide an update on the Carrabelle Clinic, and request support for the Hosp. Board to seek USDA funds for the construction/renovation of Weems Hospital.*

Chuck Colvert, Hospital Board, said at this time the Hospital Board calls for seven members, one from each Commissioner's district and two "at large" members and at this time the Hospital Board recommends adding 2 more "at large" members, with one of the members being Hospital Staff.

The Board discussed increasing the Hospital Board membership and the appointment of new members.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to accept the proposed policy change and the recommendation of Hospital Board to allow for 9 Board members, with 5 representing each Commissioner's district, two current "at large" members, and to add two additional "at large" members, with one member being Hospital Staff; Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board decided to recommend new “at large” members at a later meeting.

Mr. Colvert discussed the new proposed contract for the Urgent Care Facility in Carrabelle. He said he believed there needed to be a meeting with the contractor, AJAX, due to the cost of \$209.16 per square foot.

Commissioner Jackel asked what the budget was for the project and the Board discussed that there wasn't a set budget.

Attorney Shuler explained that the Construction Manager at Risk is the process the Board used because it keeps prices down. He said the Construction Manager negotiates between the Board and the contractor until both agree on a price.

The Board discussed funding, cost, doctor coverage, and working with the Health Department for this project further at the February Workshop.

Mr. Colvert reminded the Board that they also have to purchase the equipment for the facility, which will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Commissioner Lockley asked about staffing the new facility. Mr. Colvert said there will be a full time primary care physician and rotating physicians to cover extended hours and weekends and it will be open seven days a week.

Commissioner Sanders said the new facility needed to work with the local health department.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the possibility of finding doctors who want to donate their time at the health department to see patients in Franklin County who cannot afford to see a doctor. He said transferring any of these patients with serious illnesses to Tallahassee is a problem and would like the hospital board to discuss the possibility of providing transportation for those patients in the future.

Mr. Colvert stated that he will meet with Mr. George Jackson, who recommended this possibility, and Dr. Ivan Backerman and discuss this idea with them.

Commissioner Jackel stated that Dr. Steve Cutler, an ophthalmic surgeon, would also like to provide this same type of service and Mr. Colvert said he will also discuss this matter with Dr. Cutler.

Commissioner Lockley asked if the business office position at the hospital had been filled and Mr. Colvert said they were still interviewing at this time.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve seeking USDA funding for the construction/renovation of Weems Hospital; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders suggested that Staff contact Legislative Delegation, State and Federal Government and Opportunity Florida, to recommend that the Federal Government fund Green Steel Homes to build houses for Haitians during their recovery program. She said they could barge in and out of Carrabelle as a deep water port, which would help the local economy and at the same time providing relief to Haiti.

Commissioner Jackel suggested having Governance write a proposal concerning this matter.

Cal Allen, City of Carrabelle Commissioner, stated that he would support this type of action and introduced Tony Attalla, Managing Director of Green Steel Homes, to discuss this matter. Mr. Attalla, Green Steel Homes, stated that before he opened the business in Carrabelle, his company had over 25 years of experience in designing social houses and had shipped these houses to Africa, the Middle East and South America. He said they work with the import/export banks and have an arsenal of technology in the social houses, bringing the price of the homes as low as \$12 per square foot. He said the homes have wind and earthquake protection and some can be erected within a day and can be barged to Haiti.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Attalla to put a package together that can be forwarded to Representative Boyd and other members of the Legislative Delegation, also to Federal and State Governments.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to contact Opportunity Florida with this idea;  
Motion carried 5-0.**

**Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:55 AM)**

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

1. *Possible Increase of Fines For Traffic Offenses To Fund State Court Facilities*  
*Franklin County Ordinance 2004-28 presently imposes a \$15.00 surcharge for all non-criminal traffic violations and criminal traffic violations described in §318.17, such as driving under the influence and reckless driving. This surcharge is used to fund state court facilities.*

*In 2009, the Legislature provided authority to, but did not mandate, an increase in the surcharge able to be imposed from \$15 to \$30.*

*All funds would be used exclusively to fund state court facilities. Many, but not all counties have enacted ordinances increasing the surcharge to \$30.*

*A copy of the state law and County Ordinance 2004-28 is attached for your review.*

*BOARD ACTION: None. Please review the attachments and I will in the future ask whether the Board desires to schedule a public hearing to consider an ordinance imposing the increased fee from \$15 to \$30..*

Mrs. Johnson explained to the Board that this is money that the County keeps and it helps fund Courthouse maintenance, utilities and security. She said if the fee is increased it would help the County's budget.

Commissioner Sanders asked how long it had been since the fees had increased and Mrs. Johnson said it was 2004, also saying that the other counties in this circuit had adopted this increase.

The Board discussed this matter further with Mrs. Johnson.

2. *Road Department Anti-Harassment Seminar*

*On January 14, 2010, I conducted an anti-harassment seminar for the Road Department and Mosquito Control. All the employees in attendance signed in as "present" and received a copy of the Anti-Harassment Training Manual prepared by Leonard Carson and Lucille Turner. A copy of the sign in sheet is attached.*

*BOARD ACTION: None*

3. *Possible Lease of Roads from St. Joe Timberland for Public Water Access Mr. Chipman and I are preparing a list of roads for public water access. The roads are not named, so a map will have to be prepared. Upon completion, I will provide it to the Board for consideration before writing St. Joe Timberland requesting that they consider leasing the roads to Franklin County. At that time I will need guidance from the Board as to the amount I am authorized to offer in payment for the lease of the roads and the term of the lease.*

*BOARD ACTION: None.*

4. *Peddlers Ordinance*

*I have tentatively scheduled a meeting on January 21, 2010 to discuss this matter with the three or four persons who wanted to meet with me*

*BOARD ACTION: None.*

Bill Snyder, Lanark Village, asked the Board to revisit their actions on January 5, 2010 of leaving the Lanark Water and Sewer District in place. Mr. Snyder said he didn't agree with leaving the district in place because Carrabelle was heavily invested and if the Lanark district needed to expand it would be done by Carrabelle. He asked the Board to withdraw the motion to keep the district open and to go ahead and dissolve it. Mr. Snyder read a petition that had been turned in two years ago, with signatures supporting the dissolution of the district.

Attorney Shuler explained that the Lanark Village Water & Sewer District is dormant and is not being activated, the same as other dormant districts in the County, but if needs were to arise in the future, it could be activated again.

Mr. Snyder had additional comments and asked the Board to allow this item to go to a referendum.

Chairman Parrish said the Board had acted in the best interest of the people of Lanark Village when they allowed the City of Carrabelle to provide services to Lanark Village and dissolve the Lanark Water & Sewer Board.

There was further discussion on this matter.

Chairman Parrish thanked Mr. Snyder for presenting his concerns to the Board.

### **Commissioners and Public Comments (12:12 PM)**

Commissioner Lockley asked about freezing the funding for the County Elder Care programs.

Chairman Parrish said the City of Apalachicola will need the funds because they are providing the same services for the entire County.

There was further discussion on this matter.



**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve funding for the City of Apalachicola for one quarter of the budget allocation for senior services, with a name change order and budget being presented to the Board at County budget time; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders discussed the passing of a friend, Chad Reid, Deputy with the Dixie County Sheriff's Office, who was killed in the line of duty. She said from childhood, public service was very important to Deputy Reid and the Commissioner spoke about his accomplishments in his life at a very early age.

Commissioner Sanders said she wanted to stress the importance of public safety workers in all counties and thanked Sheriff Shiver for representing Franklin County at Deputy Reid's funeral. Commissioner Jackel asked about a fund that donations could be sent to for the family and Commissioner Sanders recommended contacting the Dixie County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Parrish updated the Board on the renovation of the Health Department.

Chairman Parrish said he received a call from Washington, D.C. stating that the East and West Coast oyster producers are now included in the ban. He thought this would help with the fight against the ban.

**Adjourn (12:24 PM)**

There being no further business, Chairman Parrish adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph A. Parrish, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts