

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
MAY 4, 2010
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

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

Call to Order (9:06 AM)

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:06 AM)

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payment of County Bills (9:08 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to approve payment of the County's Bills as presented and to approve travel reimbursement to Chairman Parrish and Dave McLain for their recent trip to Pensacola, Mobile, Panama City and Port St. Joe; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders asked that the Board approve payment of travel expenses for Chairman Parrish and Dave McLain for their recent trip to Pensacola, Mobile, Panama City and Port St. Joe is added to the motion.

Approval of the Minutes - Special Meeting: April 6, 2010 and Regular Meeting: April 20, 2010

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2010 Special Meeting and the April 20, 2010 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:10 AM)

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action and/or approval.

Mr. Chipman updated the Board on shoulder work throughout the County.

Commissioner Jackel asked to amend a previous motion for a stop sign to be installed on West 6th Street on St. George Island.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to amend motion from previous meeting to correct location of a stop sign to be installed from West 6th to West 7th Street on St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders discussed a change in signage at the crosswalks on Alligator Point. She said instead of stop signs there are now yield for pedestrian signs.

Mr. Rothwell informed the Board that the cost for the lane change project in Alligator Point would be \$1,500 to have the old stripe ground off and \$1,500 to apply the new stripe.

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

Mr. Johnson had no items for Board action and/or approval.

Mr. Johnson updated the Board on the FWC meeting and said FWC still believes the bear problem is caused by unsecured trash containers.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Johnson for his efforts with helping with cleanup of recent fires in the County.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer (9:15 AM)

Mr. Rothwell had no items for Board action and/or approval.

1. 2010 County Paving Project:

Staff has approved payment of invoice #9 for \$182,468.33 for the paving project.

2. 2010 County Paving Project:

C. W. Roberts will be working in Apalachicola for the upcoming weeks.

3. Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp:

The concrete retaining wall is currently being constructed. The dredging around the ramp has not been started.

4. 23rd Avenue, Apalachicola Drainage Design:

Staff has completed the design and construction recommendations and forwarded them to the City for consideration.

5. *Brownsville Road Drainage Design:*

Drawings have been completed and forwarded to the Public Works Department for scheduling. Staff will work with the Public Works Department on construction at their request.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Rothwell discussed the status of Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp Project.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director (9:17 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Board action to approve members for contingency committee for US Coast Guard contingency plans in reference to the oil spill disaster.

Mrs. Brownell explained that this committee will consist of stakeholders for different organizations within the County which will take a look at the US Coast Guard contingency plan for Franklin County to be sure that every area that needs to be protected from the oil spill is submitted in this plan.

Chairman Parrish said for a number of years the State has had a contingency plan to safeguard the sensitive areas in Apalachicola Bay but the Coast Guard is currently putting together a 'boom' strategy in order to be sure the oil is diverted away from the Bay. He said he went to Pensacola with Dave McLain, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, to check their contingency plan and brought it back to the EOC Director in order to compare it with the USCG contingency plan. He said these booms will divert the oil from the Bay and allow it to be collected at the same time. He said local knowledge is vital to create an effective strategy to keep the oil out of Apalachicola Bay.

Chairman Parrish said the United States has never seen an oil spill like this and it has sent everyone scrambling to address this issue to be able to protect the environment along with the seafood industry.

Commissioner Jackel said the committee members will be responsible for informing the public about what is going on with the contingency plan.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed the process of submitting changes to the plan and the availability of the equipment needed to collect the oil.

Chairman Parrish discussed efforts made to keep Franklin County involved and recognized in this process.

Commissioner Lockley and Mrs. Brownell discussed training volunteers who can assist with clean-up and Mrs. Brownell stated that they have pre-planned for that and Apalachicola Riverkeeper is the lead agency on this matter.

Chairman Parrish discussed the importance of cleaning all debris from the shoreline before the oil reaches the area. He said this can be done now without any kind of training and the debris can be taken to the County Landfill but once the debris is contaminated with oil volunteers will have to be trained and it can't be taken to the Landfill.

Mrs. Brownell wanted to remind the public that the Commissioners are taking preventative measures in case the oil reaches our shores but not to Facebook or Twitter anything about the oil being in our County because those kinds of comments could deter people from visiting our beaches.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to approve members, as submitted and with the option of adding members, to form a committee to be sure that the US Coast Guard contingency plan, in reference to the oil spill disaster, includes all areas that need to be protected; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel, on behalf of the Board and Franklin County, thanked Mrs. Brownell and her team, Chairman Parrish and Dave McLain for their efforts in trying to protect Franklin County.

Andy Smith, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, discussed the clean-up project and gave a beach clean-up schedule. He said there are several agencies which are making up their own schedules for clean-up of area beaches. He said that folks really want to help any way they can.

Mr. Smith said volunteers will be able to go to www.oilspillrecovery.org and sign up. He also said there is an account set up for donations at Gulf State Community Bank, which will allow the volunteers to purchase trash bags and other supplies for clean-up.

Commissioner Lockley wanted the public to be sure to sign up to volunteer to help through Riverkeeper or the EOC.

Commissioner Sanders wanted to remind Mr. Smith about contacting the Chiefs of the Volunteer Fire Departments on Dog Island, St. James/Lanark and Alligator Point.

Commissioner Putnal said a lot of people asked if an emergency bill might be passed to open the entire Bay for the month of May so that the seafood workers might be able to make some extra income in the case there is an extended closure.

Chairman Parrish said there had been some discussion on this matter during the conference call and thought it wouldn't be a problem if they thought it was going to affect Franklin County.

Chairman Parrish said there is a closure in the Gulf of Mexico but it doesn't affect this area yet.

There was further discussion on this matter.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to send a letter to the Dept. of Agriculture and other appropriate State agencies to consider opening the entire Bay for fishing the entire month of May in the event that the oil will cause the Bay to be closed; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to send a letter to Federal agencies requesting that the Bay be opened the entire month of May for fishing; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell agreed for the contingency committee to meet tomorrow, May 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Emergency Operations Center.

Franklin County Emergency Management, working in conjunction with the Sheriffs Office, is in the process of acquiring permits and guidelines from DOT for the installation of mile markers for the following roads in Franklin County. These markers will be use by law enforcement and emergency responders:

State Route 319 from the Wakulla County line to the SR 319/ US 98 intersection at 'Turkey Point' in the eastern part of Franklin County.

US 98 from The Wakulla County Line to the SR 319/ US 98 intersection at 'Turkey Point' in the eastern part of Franklin County.

State Route 65 from the SR 65/ US 98 intersection at the coast, north to the Liberty County Line.

County Road 30A west of Apalachicola to the Gulf County line.

*There has been a lot of positive feedback from Lanark residents after receiving their “**Its Lanark Village Clean-Up Time**” post cards in the mail. Now everybody knows the rules from Solid waste.*

Full scale functional school shooter exercise on April 26, 2010 was a success for all with great participation from all agencies.

*The **Franklin County Re-Entry Tag Program** is still ongoing. The following is a total number of tags issued per each re-entry zone as of April 28, 2010.*

<i>Apalachicola</i>	<i>138</i>
<i>St George Island</i>	<i>196</i>
<i>Eastpoint</i>	<i>83</i>
<i>Carrabelle</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>Lanark Village/East</i>	<i>113</i>

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (9:56 AM)

Mr. Mahan discussed the Oyster School and said it was a big success and representatives from the FDA were in attendance.

Update on Inmate Medical Costs for this year from Sheriff's Office (9:58 AM)

This item will be discussed during the Clerk of Court's report.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (9:58 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1-) For information, the balance in the hospital's capital fund to-date is \$1,293,384.30.

2-) Due to some unanticipated inmate medical expenses incurred by the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff has asked for some additional funds. The Board has earmarked \$50,000.00 for inmate medical expenses in the current Fine & Forfeiture budget based on expenditures in prior years. The following line budget amendment is needed:

INCREASE 120.80.581.9100 Budget Transfer to Sheriff \$50,000.00

DECREASE 120.81.523.4901 Jail Inmate Medical Expense \$50,000.00

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to Approve the Line Item Budget Amendment for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Lockley suggested Sheriff Shiver get with the judicial system and find out what can be done about inmates who require a lot of medical attention.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's budget and the inmate medical costs.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the fine and forfeiture budget and would like an inmate cost analysis for State inmates.

Mr. Pierce provided some additional information on the sheriff's medical costs and a new prescription program that he has incorporated.

The Board would like for the Sheriff to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve the line item Budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 to cover inmate medical expenses; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders requested a year to date budget report for all constitutional officers.

Commissioner Jackel requested a copy of all proposed budgets submitted this far.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (10:08 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Inform the Board that in order to accommodate the schedule of General Semonite, USACOE, who is visiting the area for a firsthand look at the ACF issues relative to the Apalachicola Bay, the Board's meeting schedule has been revised. The Board will NOT meet in Carrabelle on June 15th at 5 PM as previously agreed. The Board will meet in Apalachicola on June 15th at 9 AM at its regular meeting. At 5:30 PM, On June 15th, in the Annex the Riverkeepers will put on an informative presentation for the General and his staff. The Board is invited and encouraged to attend. The General will then be asked to make some remarks. After the presentation there will be a reception for the General at a location still being developed. The Commissioners are invited to the Reception to continue the discussion with the General and his staff.

The Board will have its night meeting in Carrabelle on July 6, which is the next regular meeting.

The Riverkeepers apologize for making the Board change its previously agreed meeting schedule, but this is only the second time in the history of the ACF litigation that the General of the USACOE has visited the Apalachicola Bay.

Andy Smith, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, provided additional information on this matter.

2- Inform the Board that I have signed a \$1.2M Hazard Mitigation Proposal to stabilize that part of Alligator Point Road east of Tom Roberts that can not be relocated. It has now gone to FEMA for review. This Hazard Mitigation proposal builds on the damage done to the road by Hurricane Gustav in 2008.

FEMA is still reviewing the road relocation proposal for the section of Alligator Point Road that is west of Tom Roberts. FEMA has created a self-imposed deadline of November 2010 for making a decision on the funding the relocation.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

3- Inform the Board that the Florida Association of Counties is holding its fee schedule for membership to the same as last year in light of the fiscal pressure on counties. This is the 4th year in a row the FAC has frozen its dues.

4- Board action to create a committee that will make a recommendation to the Board on how to create the GIS base map that is necessary for the new generation 911 system being installed by the Sheriff's Office. The committee members would be- Pat McWhinne, 911 Coordinator FCSO, Joseph Ferrell, GIS specialist with Property Appraiser's Office, and Mark Curenton, Asst. Planner, Franklin County Commission. Assisting the committee on technical issues will be Dan Rothwell, County Engineer, and James Diaz, Florida Dept. of Revenue GIS specialist.

Commissioner Jackel didn't think the Board should be involved in this matter because she thought the Property Appraiser and Sheriff's Offices could work together effectively.

Mr. Pierce explained that this system would work without the GIS Mapping System but it wouldn't be utilized completely without it. He said the new generation would allow a 911 caller using a cell phone to be located on the GIS map.

Chairman Parrish said some of the oil spill disaster contingency plans being put in place at this time are dependent upon the GIS Base Map. He said the County needs to be up to date with this map because of the benefits it will provide for the well being and safety of the citizens.

Commissioner Jackel and Commissioner Sanders thought the money had been allocated previously to get the map up to date.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to contact Governance for assistance on this matter.

There was further discussion on this matter.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to create the committee for the GIS base map and direct them to meet ASAP and present a recommendation at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

5- The Board has previously discussed, but not ranked, projects that would be submitted for funding through DOT Transportation Enhancement grants. The deadline for applying is June 4.

The projects previously discussed are:

2 - Carrabelle Bridge to Carrabelle Beach, on US 98; cost estimate- \$1.6M

4 - North Bayshore to St. George Island Bridge, in Eastpoint; cost estimate- \$600K

1 - From the Welcome Sign to the end of the Point, Alligator Point.; cost est. - \$1.5M

3 - Island Drive from Eastpoint to St George Island.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed these projects.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve ranking of projects to be funded by DOT in the following order: 1) From the Welcome Sign to the end of the Point, Alligator Point, 2) Carrabelle Bridge to Carrabelle Beach, on US 98, 3) Island Drive from Eastpoint to St. George Island, 4) North Bayshore to St. George Island Bridge in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion concerning SHIP program funding and balance.

6- The Legislature did budget funds for land acquisition, assuming the Governor signs the budget. The deadline for applying is May 26. The Legislature put \$14M in the budget for Florida Communities Trust, down from the previous years' allocations of closer to \$50M. The reduction in funding is going to make everything more competitive and less likely that large projects will get funded. The Board has previously worked with The Nature Conservancy on several projects, including the acquisition of the old ferry landing on St. George Island, and the land that became the South Shoal project on Alligator Point. Both those projects were funded in

the past but the property owners would not accept the offers made by the county that were based upon current appraisals.

Does the Board want to pursue acquiring one of these tracts through FCT?

The Board discussed contacting property owners to be sure they are still willing to sell the recommended properties.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to pursue acquiring Old Ferry Landing on St. George Island and South Shoal as an alternative through the Legislature land acquisition plan; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Update from April 29 Hospital Board meeting:

A) Mr. Colvert, Weems CEO, has hired Dr. Caitlin to replace Dr. Chorba who is relocating Tallahassee in June. Dr. Caitlin's will be one of the physicians at the Carrabelle Clinic. Mr. Colvert is still working with TMH on strategies to get other physicians into the area. As the Board is aware, the Hospital is committed to having a doctor at the Carrabelle Clinic.

B) Ambulance issue: Both the Hospital Finance Committee as well as the full Board have discussed the request made by Mr. Steve Fling and Mr. Jay Abbott for a third ambulance to be placed in service full time. While everyone agrees that the number of calls is increasing, it is the Hospital Board's and Mr. Colvert's opinion that a third full time ambulance is not warranted at this time.

However, the Hospital Board in an effort to improve the ambulance service will do the following:

1) When one ambulance is out of the county, the second ambulance will move to Franklin County Consolidated School so that it is more centrally located.

2) The county owns six operable ambulances. If the fire departments want to attempt to staff one of the ambulances the ambulances would be made available.

3) The Hospital will pay for the EMT training of any qualified Franklin County resident so long as the resident then agrees to work for the ambulance service for two years. The Hospital believes that the next step in getting a third ambulance is to build an on-call staff of trained people who live in Franklin County. At this time only 2 EMTs who work for Weems Ambulance service lives in the county; all the other employees commute in. If there were local people trained then the cost of running a third ambulance is greatly reduced. The Board and the public need to remember that Gulf County has been successfully using this on-call system for several years so it does work.

4) The Hospital will turn over the ambulance service and the subsidy from the county to any other entity that wants to run the ambulance service.

5) If the Board wants to increase the ambulance subsidy then a third truck can be put on. The cost of the increase depends on whether Mr. Fling and Mr. Abbott are requesting a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance or and Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance.

Mr. Pierce said it will cost \$250,000 per year to fund a third BLS ambulance.

Commissioner Sanders wanted the records searched to verify that the Board wasn't already funding three ambulances and she expressed her concerns of the location of one ambulance when the other is out of the County.

Steve Fling, of Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department, discussed why suggestion #2 wouldn't work.

Chairman Parrish and Mr. Pierce discussed funding costs of the ambulance service.

Commissioner Lockley expressed his concerns of liability of trained ambulance staff.

Chairman Parrish said he would rather that this item be discussed during budget workshops.

Mr. Fling stated that the problem is that one of the ambulances is being used to run transports, and the Board did previously agree to fund a separate transport.

The Board discussed the need for the additional ambulance and directed Mr. Moron to search the records and verify what ambulance service was funded by the Board.

Chairman Parrish said he is all for protecting the lives of citizens but he didn't believe the citizens can take on additional taxes in order to fund an additional ambulance at this time.

Commissioner Jackel suggested looking at the options recommended by the Hospital Board along with other options, and asked the Board to table this item until then.

Mr. Fling would like to meet with County Staff and review actual numbers generated by the ambulance service. He said he didn't believe it would cost \$250,000 to staff another full time ambulance.

Motion by Lockley, to accept the recommendation of the Hospital Board and not fund a third ambulance; Motion failed for a lack of a second.

8- At the previous meeting, Commissioner Jackel asked that I evaluate and respond to a request made by Ms. Jeanni McMillan regarding property she owns on St. George Island. I have drafted a memo for the Board on this subject. My summary is that if she wants to re-open her building that is built below base flood that she needs to apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance.

Commissioner Sanders commented on Ms. McMillan's mass email stating that no one had answered her concerning a request she sent out in a previous email and the Commissioner wanted the public to know that she didn't feel like she needed to respond to Ms. McMillan's email because it concerned Commissioner Jackel.

9- Board action relative to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The state of Florida will not project the movement of the oil spill more than 72 hours so at this time the state projects the oil spill will still be off-shore as of Thursday. The movement of the oil spill is highly dependent on wind and current conditions which are changing.

But in preparation for the worst the following action has been taken:

A) The Chairman declared a local state of emergency on Monday, May 3, 9AM.

B) The Governor included Franklin County in the Amended Executive Order declaring a state of emergency for all the Gulf coast counties.

C) The RiverKeeper Organization has volunteered to organize a pre-disaster beach clean-up. This activity is recommended so that if oil does come ashore then it is easier to remove oil

off the beach if there is not a lot of other debris that is also oil coated. Because of the emergency nature the Board should consider waiving the beach driving ordinance during this local state of emergency for vehicles that are assisted in the pre-disaster beach clean-up. This Riverkeepers would like this activity to take place before Sunday, as that is earliest oil might come ashore.

D)Emergency Management Pam Brownell will be seeking Board direction on utilizing a contractor to deploy booms to keep the slick out of the Bay if that becomes necessary.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

10- Health Dept. Building Renovation Update- On Friday, April 30, Mr. Tice left copies in the commissioner's mailboxes of a summary of the costs associated with renovating the Health Dept. building in Apalachicola. Previously, the Board had agreed to a \$160,000 cap, with the county and the state sharing equally in the cost so that the maximum the county would contribute to the project would be \$80,000. The engineers and state officials involved in reviewing the renovations have concluded that additional repairs would be needed and the cost would exceed \$160,000.

*The packet Mr. Tice has prepared lists the total cost now to be \$283,495. If the Board were to still share equally in the costs the Board share would now be \$141, 747.50.
Board discussion.*

Mr. Tice discussed the information he provided to the Board regarding the repairs. He also discussed how the cost of repairs will affect funding and services provided by the Health Department.

Commissioner Jackel suggested asking the State for more money for these repairs.

Commissioner Lockley said when there was a problem with the Health Dept. in Carrabelle the County took care of it so he didn't understand why the County couldn't take care of this problem.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to direct Attorney Shuler to discuss the cost of repairing the Franklin County Health Department with the State; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Mr. Tice said he provided this information to the Board so they would know where the status of repairs stands at this time. He said if the Health Dept. spends the money in the trust fund it will be depleted and affect services and he also discussed possible budget cuts.

There was further discussion concerning this matter.

Mrs. Johnson said there are \$245,000 budgeted for the Health Dept.

Chairman Parrish said the amount for the cost of repairs continues to go higher so he said he would like to go forward and see what happens with the request for the State to help with costs.

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to ask that the State forward this type of information to the County in a more timely matter.

T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney- Report (11:15 AM)

Attorney Shuler had no report for the Board.

Recess (11:17 AM)

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

Reconvene (11:34 AM)

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

Pam Brownell – Oil Spill Cleanup Discussion (11:34 AM)

Carlton Jackson, of Crowder Excavating, explained what services his company could provide in case the oil affects the Bay.

Chairman Parrish and Mr. Jackson discussed Crowder's hazardous material certifications and the services that can be provided by his company.

The Board discussed this matter further and the Chairman asked Mr. Jackson if he was willing to provide a representative to serve on the Contingency Committee

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, authorizing Crowder Excavating to serve on the oil disaster Contingency Committee; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board, Mrs. Brownell and Mike Rundel discussed the existence of any Haz-Mat certified employees working for the County. Mr. Rundel stated that free Haz-Mat training will be offered for Franklin County residents who are interested in volunteering.

Chairman Parrish suggested that the first responders and volunteer fire departments also take advantage of this training.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Mr. Rundel suggested a new contract be executed for Crowder Excavating, regarding oil spill cleanup because the only contract in place addresses storm debris cleanup.

The Board and Shuler discussed the process for creating a new contract.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Attorney Shuler and Mrs. Brownell to negotiate a contract with Crowder Excavating Inc., for oil spill cleanup; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce stated that he will discuss this matter with Preble-Rish as they are involved with Gulf and Bay Counties.

Warren Yeager and Bill Williams, both Gulf County Commissioners, updated the Board on what Gulf County is doing to prepare for cleanup of the oil spill. Commissioner Yeager discussed Gulf County's three tiered plan in more detail and discussed the lack of a 'boom' plan by the State with Chairman Parrish. Chairman Parrish thought there was a 'boom' plan in the works for Gulf County but Commissioner Yeager said the plan that was given to them only included sensitive areas in the Bay but no 'boom' plan with it so they met with their stakeholders and came up with their own plan.

The Board discussed Gulf County's 'boom' plan and also creating a plan for Franklin County.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would forward a copy of Gulf County's plan to Mrs. Brownell. He also said he would speak with the representative from the engineering company who will be in the area and ask them to come over and speak with the contingency committee tomorrow concerning a strategy for Franklin County.

Chairman Parrish expressed concerns that the State said they had a strategy in place for the coastal counties but at this point he isn't sure that they do, and said he is concerned that the lack of knowledge about what is going on with a strategy could cause issues if the State makes one plan and the County makes a different plan.

The Board discussed putting a plan in place and the possibility of altering the plan at a later date, if needed.

Mrs. Brownell stated that there is another company, Calvin Giordano & Associates, who can provide services that could assist the County with creating a contingency plan and also would be available to assist Crowder Excavating with the cleaning process.

Charles Tear, of Florida Emergency Preparedness Association and CGA, discussed the process in more detail, the County's entitlement to compensation for monetary losses and explained what services his company could provide in the cleanup process. He stressed that the Board needed to be sure they have the right mechanism in place so that the plan is executed correctly. He stressed that the revenue loss and cost of clean-up should not be incurred by the County or its citizens.

Attorney Shuler asked Mr. Tear to explain further how private businesses can be reimbursed for losses incurred because of the oil spill.

Mr. Tear said if CGA and the County enter into a contingent emergency management contract, the County would not have to pay for services unless it's put in place to receive the money it deserves.

Mr. Tear said there is \$250 million in place for GIS base map grant money to be able to update the map. He also touched on other issues discussed throughout the meeting.

Attorney Shuler said he would like to see the detailed specifics of a contract in writing.

Mr. Pierce expressed his concerns about hiring this company, CGA, without knowing anything about them. He thought there might be other agencies which could also provide valuable resources.

Mrs. Brownell said she had never dealt with CGA as a business but she knows Mr. Tear personally through emergency management. She said he approached her about his company and their services and she wanted him to present it to the Board as an option.

Chairman Parrish thought it was a good idea to find out more about CGA's services and how the company can work for the County, especially if there was no charge unless the County received money.

Attorney Shuler and Mr. Tear discussed how the process of reimbursement works.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Tear discussed procedures and seeking funding for seafood dealers, harvesters, and truckers.

There was further discussion concerning this matter.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to engage Calvin Giordano & Associates' services to assist the County with creating a contingency plan contingent on Attorney Shuler's approval of a contract; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to change tomorrow's contingency committee meeting time at the EOC to 10 AM; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler suggested that the Clerk be present to record this meeting.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to appoint Mr. Pierce as Board Staff member on the contingency plan committee; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (12:46 PM)

Commissioner Jackel asked Attorney Shuler to expedite the continued clean-up effort of the waterfront area in Eastpoint. She asked that the property owners be notified and that Attorney Shuler stress that this is critical.

Commissioner Sanders reminded everyone to observe Thursday, May 6, 2010 as the National Day of Prayer.

Adjourn (12:47 PM)

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

Joseph Parrish – Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts