

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
JULY 20, 2010  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Pinki Jackel, Cheryl Sanders, Bevin Putnal

**Commissioner Absent:** Noah Lockley – Vice Chairman

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

**Call to Order 9:04 AM**

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge 9:04 AM**

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Payment of County Bills 9:06 AM**

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to approve payment of the County's bills as presented;  
Motion carried 4-0.**

**Department Supervisors Report**

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

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Putnal commended Mr. Chipman on all that he is able to accomplish in the County with limited manpower.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Chipman discussed a vacant position in the Road Department.

**Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director 9:08 AM**

Mr. Johnson had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Johnson discussed a letter that was submitted to the Board regarding Whitfield Steel Recycling who handles the County's white goods.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Johnson to have the Parks and Recreation crew that maintains the lighthouse property on St. George Island to maintain the Franklin Blvd area when needed.

Commissioner Putnal, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Rothwell discussed the use of a vacuum excavator to assist with cleaning baffle boxes along US 98. This excavator would have to be borrowed from the City of Apalachicola. Commissioner Jackel asked if since the location of these boxes is on US 98 why the cleaning isn't a State responsibility. Mr. Pierce explained that the boxes were installed by the North West Florida Water Management but was then turned over to the County for maintenance. The Board discussed this matter further.

### **Dan Rothwell – County Engineer 9:12**

*1. BOARD ACTION: Alligator Point Water Resources District (APWRD) Road Cuts:  
Staff requests permission for the Alligator Point Water Resources District to open cut and repair with 100 psi compressive strength excavatable flowable fill the following seven (7) unpaved roads for the fire service water line installation:*

*Maple Street @ Magnolia Street 2 places  
Magnolia Street @ Magnolia Street  
Magnolia Street @ Pine Street  
Magnolia Street @ Oak Street  
Pine Street @ Magnolia Street  
Pine Street @ Mid Block*

Commissioner Sanders stated that both Maple and Magnolia will be paved within the next week and Pine Street is already paved so an alternative solution is needed.

Mr. Rothwell stated that he would discuss this matter with the APWRD and the paving contractor and recommend directional bores as an alternative.

Commissioner Jackel verified that the APWRD would pay for the directional bore because she had a similar situation on St. George Island and it is expensive.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Rothwell discussed this matter further.

*2. Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp:*

*Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2010.*

*3. 2010 County Paving Project:*

*C. W. Roberts should have dirt crew and paving crew working in the Apalachicola area for the immediate future.*

*4. Alligator Drive Lane Shift:*

*The new signs for the lane shift have been received and posts for the lane shift will be installed the week of July 12, 2010.*

**5. Alligator Point Dune Walkover Parking:**

*Staff has been working with the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association to locate dune walkover parking areas in a safe and acceptable fashion.*

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report**

Mr. Pierce presented these items from his report as it related to the County Engineer.

*6- Inform the Board that DOT has sent each commissioner a set of plans regarding improvements to the intersection of Island Drive and US 98 in Eastpoint. DOT is proposing to add left turn lanes for east and west US 98, and a left turn lane on Island Drive. The project is slated to start in April 2011 with an estimated cost of \$700,000. DOT would like commissioner comments by July 28. I have provided Dan Rothwell, County Engineer, a copy of the plans for his comments, but if individual commissioners have comments please get them to me by July 28. Dan and I have already called the design engineer and voiced our objection that the project, while intending to make that intersection operate better, is going to make things worse because the project does not include a traffic signal. Board direction on whether it wants to object to the design that does not include a traffic signal.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, objecting to any design that does not include a traffic signal; Motion carried 4-0.**

*9- Inform the Board that DOT has announced the opening of applications for the County Incentive Grant Program for funding in 2013. DOT is only accepting ONE application per county so the Board needs to decide what one project it wants to submit. The requirements are the funds:*

*A) Cannot be used for operational expenses.*

*B) Improvements involving dirt roads or reconstructing non-state roads should demonstrate that it relieves congestion on the State Highway System.*

*In general the county tries to submit long collector roads that would cost a lot of money to improve if the county were to work on them. Last year C-30A in Carrabelle was a CIGP project as an example. (Avenue A in Eastpoint was funded through another grant program.)*

*The state has notified the county that it selected the resurfacing of Brownsville Road as the CIGP project it will fund in 2011. The Board has until August 20, 2010 to submit the one project for 2013.*

*If the Board is ready to recommend a project it can do so now, but at the least there needs to be Board action to accept the DOT funding for the paving of Brownsville Road in Apalachicola from US 98 to Apalachee St.*

The Board discussed different roads in the County that would meet the requirements for this funding and agreed to present a recommendation by the August 20, 2010 meeting.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to accept the funding to pave Brownsville Road in Apalachicola from US 98 to Apalachee Street; Motion carried 4-0.**

**Pam Brownell - Emergency Management 9:25 AM**

Ms. Brownell had no action items for the Board.

*Information Items:*

1. *We will be attending the Local Emergency Planning committee meeting in Tallahassee, July 21, 2010.*

2. *We are posing a Hurricane Awareness Information tips on our web at [www.franklinemergencymanagement.com](http://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com). A new one will be posted about every 2 weeks.*

3. *Went to Port St. Joe for Branch 4 Division Stand Up on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm*

4. *We attended a Hurrivac Training on July 19<sup>th</sup>.*

5. *The Franklin County Re-Entry Tag Program is still ongoing. Joyce Durham went to Carrabelle on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> to issue Re-Entry Tags. The following is a total number of tags issued per each re-entry zone as of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

APALACHICOLA	251
ST GEORGE ISLAND	334
EASTPOINT	185
CARRABELLE	218
LANARK VILLAGE/ST JAMES/319 NORTH	116
ALLIGATOR POINT	148
ST TERESA	27

Ms. Brownell stated that her office is aware of the recently formed tropical wave.

Commissioner Sanders read a press release relating to George Sanders, an oysterman who died recently.

Commissioner Putnal stated that the oystermen are having a problem with not being able to go under the St. George Island Bridge, because of the boom, to escape the heat while working.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report**

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report as it related to this discussion.

*10- Inform the Board Chairman has called an emergency meeting for Wed at 3 PM to discuss the County boom plan and Sikes Cut. DEP Secretary Mike Sole will be here.*

**Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director 9:28 AM**

Mr. Mahan discussed the following items from his report.

1. *“All About You” Health Survey* – For the past several days, Members of the Franklin’s Promise Coalition and have been working with healthcare professionals from UF and the University of Maryland to setup a series of interviews with local residents to “take” a mental health and wellness snapshot of seafood industry in Franklin County relative to the BP Oil Gusher. The healthcare professionals will be in Apalachicola today, Eastpoint tomorrow and Carrabelle on Thursday. The survey team hopes to interview as many as 70 individuals while they are in town.
2. *Receiving Step Added to HACCP For Oil Contamination* - The U.S. FDA issued a letter to all seafood processors to review their HACCP Plans to ensure that oil contaminants and other contaminants associated with oil spills are adequately addressed. FDA acknowledged that molluscan shellfish issues would continue to be addressed through the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP). In an effort to assist the industry, a HACPP receiving step to be incorporated into a processing plants current HACCP Plan. Please see attached copy of FDA’s industry letter and the HACCP receiving step to address oil contamination in seafood.
3. *HACCP Sensory Training for Oil Tainted Seafood To Be Piloted in Franklin County* – In response to U.S. FDA’s new receiving step to address oil contaminates in seafood, the FL Sea Grant Seafood Safety Team, will be conducting a pilot training in Franklin County to train seafood processors to use sensory evaluation techniques in their HACCP plans as an added step to insure that the product they receive is not tainted by oil. The pilot training class will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and will target 20 local seafood dealers.
4. *4-H County Camp A Success* – Our annual 4-H County Camp at Camp Timpooshee was held from July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 18 youth at camp this year. Four of our older 4-H’ers (15-18 year olds) was Cabin Counselors this year and we had one Counselor-in-Training (13-14 year olds). Due to the economy, our total camp enrollment was down this year, we had 65 campers this year compared to 115 last year. The camp went very well, the

kids all had fun and our counselors and counselor-in-training all learned new leadership skills.

5. *Quota Permits Not Being Mailed Any More* - The FWC wants to make hunters aware that beginning this year, quota permits for general gun, archery, muzzle loading gun, family, youth, airboat and track will not be mailed out to successful applicants as they have been in the past.

Commissioner Sanders stated that deer hunters will now be required to have a \$5.00 permit that will go towards deer disease research.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to send a letter to FWC asking that the quota rule is removed; Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Putnal stated that he has received many complaints regarding calls that residents are receiving regarding bridges being opened or closed, sometimes at odd pre dawn hours. He also stated that a resident broke her hip when attempting to answer one of these calls.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further and Mr. Pierce stated that he and Mrs. Brownell has contacted the Sheriff Department on this matter and explained what could have caused this problem.

Lois Swaboda, of the Apalachicola Times, explained that she discussed this matter with the company that provides this service for the Sheriff Department and found out that it was a programming mistake on the company's side.

#### **Mr. James Harris – Tax Collector – Tax Roll Update 9:38 AM**

Mr. Harris presented the 2009 "Recapitulation" report for Board approval and signature. Mr. Harris explained the figures in the report and he stated that he was able to sell all of the tax certificates at the recent sale with an average rate of 12%.

Mr. Harris stated that there is no driver licenses office in the County, with the exception of a mobile unit that visits the County twice a month, and stated that by June 2015 his office will be required to assume the service of issuing driver licenses. He discussed how difficult it is to obtain a new driver license, but the importance of having one. Mr. Harris stated that he will need additional staff and space once he starts issuing driver licenses.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she had a conversation with Wakulla County driver licenses office and stated what she learned.

Mr. Harris discussed his need for additional space in Apalachicola and Carrabelle.

#### **Open Proposals – Ambulance Service 9:50 AM**

Mr. Pierce stated that only two providers submitted proposals and they both received funding information from the Hospital to assist them with their proposals. Mr. Pierce provided a

budget for ambulance service that was created by the Hospital Board to the Board members. The Board stated that they had requested year to date financial information from the Hospital. He stated that both providers are for profit corporations and gave the requested County subsidy for each of the providers.

#### Lifeguard Ambulance Service \$525,000

Jason Kimbrell, of Lifeguard Ambulance Service, discussed his proposal with the Board. Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Kimbrell discussed the County subsidy and the goal to reduce this subsidy over time. Commissioner Jackel stated that she would like to see some type of projections to reduce the County's subsidy.

Mr. Kimbrell discussed Lifeguard's experience in Santa Rosa County and Northwest Florida. He also discussed Lifeguard's experience with other rural counties.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Kimbrell discussed the financial information that was available to him from the Hospital while the proposal was being created.

Commissioner Jackel suggested doing a new RFP once better financial information is provided to any interested provider.

Attorney Shuler stated the normal procedure for reviewing the proposals.

Commissioner Sanders suggested opening all submitted proposals and then scheduling a workshop to discuss ambulance service further.

#### Priority Emergency Medical Services Option 1 - \$645,855 Option 2 \$309,975

Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns with the Board requests at a previous meeting for a workshop with the Hospital Board and financial information from the Hospital regarding the ambulance service and both of these requests not being done.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed why both of these request have not been done as yet.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to schedule a workshop, to include the Hospital Board, ambulance director, first responders, and other necessary parties, before the August 3, 2010 meeting with both proposed ambulance providers to discuss their proposals; Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **Open Proposals – GIS Services 10:27 AM**

Mr. Pierce stated the name of the proposals submitted.

Bruce Harris

CGA

Digital Data

GeoComm

HAS Consulting Group

Panda Consulting

Preble Rish

Contact One

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to forward all of the proposals to a review committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 4-0**

**Recess 10:30 AM**

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

**Reconvene 10:48 AM**

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

**Mr. Wesley Tice – Health Department – Update on Repairs 10:48 AM**

Mr. Tice stated that since his last appearance before the Board the cost of the repairs has increased so he is requesting an additional \$80,000 which would be a total of \$160,000 from the County towards these repairs.

Mrs. Johnson summarized the following statement.

*On May 18, 2010, Mr. Wesley Tice appeared before the Board and stated he'd been instructed by his superiors at the Dept. of Health to pay the additional cost for the repairs at the Apalachicola Health Department out of their Trust Fund. Chairman Parrish asked him about funding set aside for repairing health departments throughout the State in the State's budget, and Mr. Tice said he'd made an inquiry but was told to take the funds from the Trust Fund. On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Putnal, it was agreed to authorize Mr. Tice to use the Health Department's Trust Fund to pay for repairs to the Health Department above the \$80,000 already committed by the County and to require a warranty and guarantee from the contractors in the bids. The vote was unanimous. At that time, we were told the total repairs were estimated at \$283,000.00 and that the County would pay \$80,000 and the remaining \$203,000 would be paid from the health department's trust fund.*

*NOW, Mr. Tice is asking for more money. The total project according to Mr. Tice's letter to Chairman Parrish is now at \$430,000.00 with the State Dept. of Health committing \$130,000 (outside the health dept's budget). I assume that is the funding the legislature set aside that Chairman Parrish inquired about on May 18, 2010. That leaves a balance of \$300,000.00. If you subtract the original amount he was told to pay from his trust fund of \$203,000 plus the \$80,000 the County agreed to, that leave a balance of \$17,000.00, yet he wants the County to give him \$160,000.00. It doesn't add up. It is NOT the responsibility of the County to help him replenish his Trust Fund. He was told in May to utilize his trust fund for the amount over and above the \$80,000.00 from the County.*



*His budget year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> while the County's year is from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. His new budget year just started. If the health department receives more funds prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> and also receive additional funding in your next budget year, he will have received two allocations within his current budget year.*

*On June 16, 2009 (last year), Mr. Wesley Tice first approached the County Commission regarding his budget shortfall and stated he would be closing the Carrabelle Branch of the Health Dept. because the funding wasn't available. The County later agreed to give more funding (\$30,000 towards operational costs and \$60,000 towards repairs at the Apalachicola building).*

*On July 7, 2009 (last year), Clerk Johnson presented a report that explained the County's funding for the health department. At that time, the County budgeted \$126,190.00 to them plus there was an additional budget line item of \$20,000 for maintenance, and we paid for all insurance on the buildings, vehicles, and a boat. It was explained the Board agreed (in the beginning years ago) to fund the health department in order to have the doctor (who was also the administrator) in the County five days a week, and, later, agreed to add funds for a custodian. Franklin County's support of the health department was much greater than all the surrounding counties' support of their health departments. We now have an Administrator who is not a doctor, and a medical director who has oversight long-distance from Liberty County.*

*A workshop was scheduled and held on July 21, 2009. At the budget workshops held last year, the County agreed to increase the funding for the health department by \$30,000 after being told the budgeted funds would be more than sufficient to keep the Carrabelle Health Dept. Clinic open. Two scenarios were presented and the Board split the funding between the two which were \$126,190 and \$186,190 (and budgeted \$156,190). Several times it was stated the monies budgeted by the County were being used for direct services at Carrabelle. Mr. Tice even said he would keep Carrabelle open if he received only \$126,190. During the budget workshops, the County also agreed to fund an additional \$60,000 towards the repairs to the Apalachicola Health Dept. Building.*

*The current budget for the year Oct 2009 thru September 2010 to the health department for operational costs is \$156,190, an increase of \$30,000 from the year before. Mr. Tice stated that amount would be more than sufficient to ensure the Carrabelle Clinic remained fully operational. Additionally, we budgeted the same \$20,000 for maintenance and added another \$60,000 for building repairs. In addition, the county stills pays for the insurance on the health department buildings and vehicles (even though we aren't contacted prior to vehicles being added to their fleet). A vehicle was added as recently as June 2010.*

*It should be noted that the county allowed the health department personnel to occupy the old School Administration building the first week in October 2009. Since that time, the county has paid all the utilities and repairs at that building which should've caused a decrease in the health department's expenses while our expenses were increased.*

*It should also be noted that although the County agreed to an additional \$60,000 during their budget workshops, every time the amount gets mentioned now, it has been increased to \$80,000. Perhaps the misunderstanding was that the county had budgeted \$20,000 for regular maintenance at the building, but that \$20,000 is being spent throughout the budget year already.*

*Is Mr. Tice trying to offset the decreases in his overall budget caused by cuts the State and Federal Government have made in the last several years? He almost said as much last year when he said if he received \$186,190, it would give him back the \$60,000 the State cut him. How many employees have been hired at the health department since July 1, 2009 regardless of their status while county departments have a hiring freeze? The Carrabelle clinic shouldn't be an issue since he stated last year he had the funding to keep it open even without an increase.*

*The reason for the clerk stating there was \$245,135 in the line item for repairs is explained: even though the Board agreed to \$60,000 for the repairs, the Clerk's office had received oral estimates the work could require up to \$250,000 to complete. Mr. Tice also sent an email that stated he was aware \$60,000 was probably insufficient for the repairs. At the time the budget was being compiled, the Clerk's office received word the county would be receiving revenue from the State for Amendment One Ad Valorem offset and money savings from health insurance premiums. These were unexpected revenues, and since the Health Dept had not presented any final figures on the repairs (but we'd been told it could go as high as \$250,000), we did put this additional money in that line item instead of putting it in your reserves to cover the County. When the budget was finalized, we still had no real numbers from the health department, so the \$245,135 figure remained as a line item with the thought that if it wasn't allocated by the Board, it would be utilized as cash carry forward for the next year or transferred as reserves if the need arose. At this point, my finance office has included the balance of funds not spent in that line item in your proposed new budget in the cash carry forward total amount.*

*Florida Statute 154.01(4) states that "ownership of county health department facilities and equipment may be relinquished by a county to the Department of Health by mutual consent of the parties in the contract".*

*If you give more money to the health department now, I believe it will be expected to become recurring funding by Mr. Tice, and they will be back next year asking for it again because I believe it is expected to offset his operational costs now. In my thinking, he can only replenish his trust fund by cutting his operational costs. You could go ahead and give him next year's requested amount of \$156,190 from your reserves and transfer the buildings and all vehicles to the State. That would eliminate them from any allocation in next year's budget including the \$20,000 maintenance item and insurance costs.*

The Board discussed the role of the Health Department's trust fund.

Mr. Tice responded to some of Mrs. Johnson's statements and stated that services in the County would be affected if he is forced to use any more money from his department's trust fund towards the repair of the building.

Janice Hicks, the Health Department's Finance Officer, explained how the Health Department uses its trust fund. She explained that over the last 4 – 5 years the role of the trust fund has changed from a reserve fund to an operation fund.

Mrs. Hicks explained that most of the new positions since the start of the July 2009 Fiscal year are mostly OPS positions which are funded by grants or other sources that is not from operation funds.

Mrs. Johnson asked and Mrs. Hicks agreed that if there were cuts in the operation then there would not be a need to use the trust fund.

Mr. Tice also agreed that if the trust fund is depleted, operations would be affected.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Pierce discussed the possibility of the State closing the Health Department if the trust fund is depleted.

Mr. Tice discussed using the trust fund to assist with operations.

Commissioner Sanders read the first paragraph of Mrs. Johnson's statement that discussed her motion made on May 18, 2010 authorizing the Health Department to use its trust fund to pay for the cost of the repairs that is in excess of the \$80,000 the County has agreed to pay. She stated that she still supports that motion. The Board agreed and took no further action on Mr. Tice's request for additional funds.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Tice to reduce their budget because the County is also experiencing financial shortfall.

Mrs. Hicks asked for the total amount the Health Department will receive from the County for the building.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Health Department would receive the \$80,000 as agreed to by the Board and the \$20,000 that was part of the budget for maintenance of the building.

Mrs. Johnson reminded the Board that the County is paying all utilities and other cost in the temporary building that they are in now.

Mr. Tice stated that he could not stay in the building he is in now because of the limited waiting rooms which reduces the potential revenue that his department needs to operate.

Mr. Tice warned the Board that this reduction to the trust fund will cause a reduction in services and didn't want the Commissioners to be upset with some of these changes.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she didn't want the Carrabelle Health Clinic closed as one of the changes to services.

Other members of the Board warned Mr. Tice that there might be cuts to the Health Department's budget during the budget hearings this week because of the County's financial situation.

Commissioner Jackel suggested to Mr. Tice that the State rebid this project to lower the cost of the repairs.

### **Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report 11:12**

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1-The balance in the hospital's operating account for the month ending June was \$199,988.01.

The Board expressed concerns for the low balance.

2- Board action is needed to schedule the public hearings required on the budget. By law, the County can't meet on the same date as the school board, and our dates have to comply with specific time requirements involving advertising. In order to meet those requirements and work around the court schedule already in place, I propose the first public hearing be set on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. with the final public hearing set for Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to schedule the first budget public hearing on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm and the final budget public hearing for Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm; Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Sanders ask that the low balance in the Hospital's operating account reported today is investigated and explained to the Board at the next meeting or the upcoming workshop.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report 11:15 AM**

Mr. Pierce presented a road paving project award to the Board from the Asphalt Contractors Association of America.

Mr. Pierce then presented his report to the Board.

1- Remind Board that Ms. Pam Brownell, EM Director, renewed the local state of emergency on July 12, and July 19.

2- Board action to approve a Resolution agreeing to provide a 10% cash match in order to qualify for a \$350,000 Historical Preservation Grant to repair and improve the Armory. The 10% match is a reduction from what would normally be a 25% match requirement because Franklin County has been designated a Rural Economic Development Initiative.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve a Resolution agreeing to provide a 10% cash match to qualify for a \$350,000 Historical Preservation Grant; Motion carried 4-0.**

3- The Gulf Coast Workforce Board recommends Mr. Ted Mosteller be re-appointed to the Workforce Board for Franklin County. Board action.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to reappoint Mr. Ted Mosteller to the Workforce Board for Franklin County as recommended by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board; Motion carried 4-0.**

4- *Inform the Board I have been in contact with Ms. Patricia Robbins, Farmshare. She thanks the Board for the support of Farmshare. I spoke at length with Ms. Robbins about how the best way to utilize the funds the Board has made available. The only cost to receiving Farmshare produce is the transportation costs of the truck. If the county receives a truck from south Florida it costs \$1500 per truckload. If the county waits till Sept. through November for the fall crops to be harvested in north Florida then it will only cost \$700 per truckload. I told Ms. Robbins that I thought it would be better to wait until the north Florida farms began to provide product so the money would go farther. Many of the products are in boxes and it takes about 15 inmates to unload a truck. I am coordinating with Mr. George Jackson, and Franklin's Promise to set up a delivery system because if the produce can be delivered to public property than inmates can be used to unload the truck.*

5- *The county has been approached by DEP to assist in setting up sites for the decontamination of boats if that becomes an issue in the area. I have been coordinating this with Ms. Brownell. I am not aware of any specific need for action on this issue at this time unless Ms. Brownell needs something.*

6- *Inform the Board that DOT has sent each commissioner a set of plans regarding improvements to the intersection of Island Drive and US 98 in Eastpoint. DOT is proposing to add left turn lanes for east and west US 98, and a left turn lane on Island Drive. The project is slated to start in April 2011 with an estimated cost of \$700,000. DOT would like commissioner comments by July 28. I have provided Dan Rothwell, County Engineer, a copy of the plans for his comments, but if individual commissioners have comments please get them to me by July 28. Dan and I have already called the design engineer and voiced our objection that the project, while intending to make that intersection operate better, is going to make things worse because the project does not include a traffic signal. Board direction on whether it wants to object to the design that does not include a traffic signal.*

This item was addressed earlier during the meeting.

7- *Inform Board that the Small County Coalition has agreed to freeze the county dues for the fourth year in a row. The fees will be \$2934.50 and will be included in next year's budget.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve the payment of \$2934.50 in dues to Small County Coalition; Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Sanders stated that Florida Association of Counties will also freeze their dues amount this year.

8- *The Supervisor of Elections needs the Board to appoint a new member and new alternate to the Canvassing Board for the primary election because the Chairman of the Board by law sits on the canvassing board but he cannot this time because his name is on the ballot. Board action to*

*appoint Vice-Chairman Noah Lockley as the member for the primary election and Bevin Putnal as alternate in the event the Vice-Chairman cannot serve.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to appoint Commissioner Lockley to the Canvassing Board and Commissioner Putnal as the alternate; Motion carried 4-0.**

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*10- Inform the Board Chairman has called an emergency meeting for Wed at 3 PM to discuss the County boom plan and Sikes Cut. DEP Secretary Mike Sole will be here.*

*11- Board action to sign a DEP submerged land lease for the dock on the Eastpoint property that the County purchased last year from the Allan Brothers.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the land lease; Motion carried 4-0.**

*12- Board action to cut a manual check for CGA in the amount of \$247,798.80 contingent on the County receiving the funds from the State or BP probably in electronic format.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve the \$247,798.80 payment for CGA contingent on the County receiving the funds from the State or BP; Motion carried 4-0.**

**Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report 11:24**

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

**1. MultiBank 2009-1 RES-ADC Venture, LLC vs. Diversified Executive Crestview, LLC (Franklin County case 10-354-CA)**

*This a lawsuit foreclosing a six million dollar mortgage on property located in Eastpoint, Florida. The plaintiffs mortgage was recorded in 2005 at book 843, page 57. The four county special assessment fire liens were recorded in 2008 and 2009.*

*The amount at issue for Franklin County is less than \$300.00 and the plaintiff's mortgage is superior to the county's lien and the expense of filing a response and having to then attend the subsequent hearings as a party exceeds the value of the county's lien.*

*Board Action: I request authority to accept service of process on behalf of the county and to allow a default to be entered against the county. Franklin County will not collect these particular fire tax liens, but will collect future fire tax liens.*

**2. Chase Home Finance, LLC vs. Haley Lolley (Franklin County case 10-360-CA).**

*This a lawsuit foreclosing an Eighty-Five Thousand dollar mortgage on property located in Eastpoint, Florida. The plaintiffs mortgage was recorded in 2007 at book 948, page 655. The county has a SHIP mortgage owed on the property with a balance of approximately \$4,000.00, recorded at book 948, page 672.*

*Board Action: I request authority to accept service of process on behalf of the county and to allow a default to be entered against the county if a short sale settlement cannot be reached.*

**3. Walter Mortgage Company, LLC vs. Allen Faulkner et al (Franklin County case 10-365CA)**

*This a lawsuit foreclosing a sixty three thousand dollar mortgage on property located at Alligator Harbor. The plaintiffs mortgage was recorded in 1999 at book 629, page 796. The county has one special assessment fire lien recorded at book 991, page 782 in 2008.*

*The amount at issue for Franklin County is less than \$100.00 and the plaintiff's mortgage is superior to the county's lien and the expense of filing a response and having to then attend the subsequent hearings as a party exceeds the value of the county's lien.*

*Board Action: I request authority to accept service of process on behalf of the county and to allow a default to be entered against the county. Franklin County will not collect these particular fire tax liens, but will collect future fire tax liens.*

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, authorizing Attorney Shuler to accept service on behalf of the County for Items 1 – 3 and allow a default to be entered against the County; Motion carried 4-0.**

NON-ACTION ITEMS

4. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Intent to adopt a new Court Facilities Fee scheduled for August 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. This ordinance raises the non-criminal traffic surcharge from \$15.00 to \$30.0. These funds are to be used to improve the local courthouse.

5. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Intent To Consider Land Swap with The City of Apalachicola and Dedicate Lots to the Franklin County Land Trust. This hearing is scheduled for August 3, 2010 at 10: 15 a.m. (ET). The Notice speaks for itself.

6. On June 16, 2010, I spoke to Paul Renard and thereafter provided to Pine Coast Plantation subdivision a copy of the draft ordinance for county maintenance of private roads under limited circumstances. I have not heard back to date.

**Commissioners and Public Comments 11:25**

There were no comments from the Commissioners or the public.

**Adjourn 11:25**

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

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Joseph A Parrish – Chairman

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Marcia M Johnson – Clerk of Courts