

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JULY 6, 2010
5:00 PM**

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, Linda Phillips – Finance Clerk, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payment of County Bills

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

Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2010 and June 15, 2010 Regular Meetings

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve the minutes of the June 1 & 15, 2010 Regular Meetings; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works

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

Mr. Chipman stated that road repairs have slowed down because of the rain and asked that the citizens be patient.

Mr. Chipman stated that he and the Sheriff's Department have reached an agreement regarding fueling at the Road Department but wanted to be sure that the deputies are aware that there might be an issue with using the machinery.

Chairman Parrish said that if, at any time, there is a problem with this agreement he would like for this matter to come back before the Board.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to allow the Sheriff's Department to fuel their vehicles at the Road Department; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Pierce discussed getting milled asphalt to help with the repair of the roads.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Chipman discussed an issue with Greenpoint having a contractor ordering gravel from a business in Panama City. He said these jobs should be going to local businesses. Mr. Pierce commented that this was actually a State issue but he was trying to have the issue resolved.

Commissioner Jackel said she would like for Mr. Chipman to address a few drainage problems on Pine Street.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (5:16 PM)

Fonda Davis, in place of Mr. Johnson, had no items for Board action and/or approval.

Commissioner Putnal congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for doing an excellent job during the recent tournament at Kendrick Park in Carrabelle. He said they went above and beyond their duties.

Dan Rothwell – County Engineer

*1. BOARD ACTION: Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp Time Extension:
Staff requests permission for the Chairman to execute a sixty (60) day extension to the construction contract with Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.*

Commissioner Sanders said she believed a motion had been made at a previous meeting to allow for this extension.

Attorney Shuler said he recommended the Board vote on the extension because the extension of time had not been voted on.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve a 60 day extension to the construction contract with FWC; Motion carried 5-0.

2. *Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp:*

Staff has approved payment of invoice #3 for \$91,092.20 with a balance to finish including retainage of \$172,666.70 for the paving project.

3. *2010 County Paving Project:*

Staff has approved payment of invoice #11 for \$217,175.40 with a balance to finish including retainage of \$1,414,150.45 for the paving project.

4. *Ave Gulf Ave (CR30) CIGP Resurfacing:*

Staff has approved final payment of retainage of \$24,199.81 for completion of the project.

Commissioner Sanders said although the job wasn't completed to her satisfaction, she believed that Staff would take care of the problem in another manner.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve final invoice for Peavy Construction; 4-1 Lockley opposed.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her dissatisfaction with Peavy's job performance on two recent projects and would like Staff and the project engineer to be more diligent with inspections. She said Peavy had been asked to work with the Board on making corrections to the projects but they declined.

Mr. Pierce and the Board discussed Peavy's job performance.

5. *Ave A SCOP Resurfacing:*

Staff has approved final payment of retainage of \$19,927.50 for completion of the project.

6. *Bay Front Dr Drainage Project:*

Public Works has a portion of the work is complete and Public Works has committed to the resident to complete the project on the week of July 6, 2010.

7. *Eastpoint Stormwater Baffle Boxes Debris Removal:*

The stormwater baffle boxes, which the Northwest Florida Water Management District installed on US98, were cleaned by the Public Works Department and prison labor. Over 1,380 pounds of trash were removed and sent to the land fill rather than entering Apalachicola Bay. The sediment removal has yet to be scheduled.

8. *Indian Creek Park:*

The Old Ferry Dock Rd parking lot wheel stop locations have been marked for Parks and Recreation to install the wheel stops. Parks and Recreation Department has committed to have the wheel stops installed the week of July 6, 1020.

9. *Alligator Dr 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 6, 2010.

10. Alligator Point Dune Walkover Parking:

Staff recommends a 10' wide oyster shell parking area on the right of way on (see attached photos):

- 1. The East side of Chip Morrison between Alligator Dr and the curve approaching the walkover on Chip Morrison Dr.*
- 2. The right of way on at the northeast corner of Alligator Dr @ Carnival Dr.*
- 3. The south right of way of Alligator Dr in front of the existing park.*

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Rothwell to meet with her regarding the dune walkovers before he proceeded with completion.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director (5:26 PM)

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

Mrs. Brownell discussed the current tropical disturbance.
She also discussed FWC's moving of turtle nests in order to protect them.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mrs. Brownell to explain if there will be an opportunity on this side of the County to obtain their re-entry permits. Mrs. Brownell said the EOC was trying to work out a date with the Senior Center in order to provide this service.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

Mr. Mahan was not in attendance.

Jay Smith – Ajax – Update of the Carrabelle Urgent Care Clinic 5:31 PM

Allen Wooden, attending in place of Mr. Smith, updated the Board on the project and stated that he was within the timeline.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the deadline would be met and if at any time the project runs behind the projected date that someone from AJAX notifies the Board and Mr. Wooden said they would.

Commissioner Lockley asked that AJAX continue to use local workers on this project.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Wooden discussed the stability of the foundation due to a lot of recent rain.

Helen Spohrer – TDC – Update (5:37 PM)

Ms. Spohrer reviewed the applications submitted to the Board for TDC twenty four small grant funding requests. She said there are five sustaining grants for the Rainey House, Camp Gordon Johnston Museum, Crooked River Lighthouse, SGI Lighthouse and the Dixie Theater. This year they added seed money for the Carrabelle History Museum and the City of Apalachicola Center for History and Culture.

Commissioner Putnal commended the TDC on their recent advertising for Franklin County. He said they didn't leave any part of the County out and he liked that.

Ms. Spohrer said the TDC had received their second check from BP funding in the amount of \$252,350. She said they are planning what they will do with that funding.

Ms. Spohrer discussed the advantage of TDC advertising to the County.

Ms. Spohrer also discussed budget amendments that needed Board action. She said this money was from last year's budget but was not allocated before the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Putnal suggested that the TDC state in their commercials that the boom in County waters is a preventative measure only and there is no oil in our waters and Ms. Spohrer stated that she would take care of this matter.

Ms. Spohrer listed all of the grant requests and sustaining grants and the amounts allocated to each.

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Attached:

- *Small Grant Funding Requests*

We had \$75,000 to distribute to small non-profits for promotional activities. During the course of the review, one grant from last year decided to cancel. We had 25 requests and have been able to recommend them all. The attached list includes those projects funded.

- *BP Funding*

We were delighted to get word that the second half of our proposal to the Governor's Office was funded and we received the \$252,350 check last week. Attached you will a copy of the budget proposal that was approved by the Governor's office. We would ask that you approve these items.

- *Budget amendment*

During the course of the last couple of months we have sent to you some items that required a budget amendment for this year's budget. That proposal amendment is attached and has been submitted to the Clerk's office. We would ask approval of this amendment.

- *City of Apalachicola*

The City of Apalachicola has submitted their proposal for use of local government funds. This item is budgeted this year and the initial proposal was reviewed by the Clerk's office after which some changes were made. We would request your approval of these items.

FCTDC 2010-2011 OFF SEASON GRANT AWARDS				
EVENT	NON PROFIT SPONSORING ORG	EVENT DATE	REQUEST	AWARD
Historic Apalachicola Holiday Celebration	Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce	11/26-12/4/2010	4,000	4,000
Apalachicola Antique & Classic Boat Show	Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce	4/15-4/16/2011	4,000	4,000
Apalachicola ArtWalk	Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce	5/7/2011	2,000	2,000
Wild and Scenic Film Festival - 2011	Apalachicola Bay Riverkeeper	8/26-9/3/2011	5,000	5,000
Camp Gordon Johnston Day	Camp Gordon Johnston Assn and Museum	3/11-3/12/2011	4,000	4,000
21st Annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival	Carrabelle Cares	4/22-4/24/2011	5,000	5,000
Holiday on the Harbor, Boat Parade of Lights	Carrabelle Chamber Commerce	12/10-12/11/2010	4,000	4,000
Crooked River Lighthouse Lantern Fest	Carrabelle Lighthouse Association	10/30/2011	2,000	2,000
Water Street Festival of Ice	City of Apalach Ctr for History/Culture/Art	8/1/-8/31/2011	2,000	2,000
Apalachicola School of Art 2010/11 Workshop Series	City of Apalach Ctr for History/Culture/Art	10/7/2010-9/25/2011	4,000	4,000
2010/2011 Exhibition Series	City of Apalach Ctr for History/Culture/Art	8/1/2010-8/31/2011	4,000	4,000
C-Quarters Marina Kingfish/Grouper Shootout	CQM Kingfish Shootout, Inc.	8/5-8/7/2011	5,000	5,000
Patsy - A tribute by Margo Anderson	Dixie Theatre Foundation:	1/14-1/16/2011	2,000	2,000
ELVIS and Friends do the DIXIE!	Dixie Theatre Foundation:	1/21-1/23/2011	2,000	2,000
Bob Milne - Ragtime Piano	Dixie Theatre Foundation:	2/9-2/13/2011	2,000	2,000
2011 Professional Season Theatre Production	Dixie Theatre Foundation:	2/16-2/27/2011	2,000	2,000
March Music Madness	Dixie Theatre Foundation:	3/4-3/27/2011	2,000	2,000
America's Plein Air Paint-out	Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition	5/13-5/22/2011	5,000	5,000
St George Island Sizzler	Franklin County Humane Society	6/25/2011	2,000	2,000
Blues, Jazz and Boo's	Franklin's Promise Coalition	10/30/2011	4,000	4,000
Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour	Friends of Apalachicola Historic Homes	5/6-5/7/2011	2,000	2,000
Panhandle Players Fall production	Panhandle Players	11/19-11/21/2011	2,000	2,000
Panhandle Players January Production	Panhandle Players	1/28-1/30/2011	2,000	2,000
St. George Island Snowbird Day	St. George Island Business Association	2/8/2011	2,000	2,000
St Vincent Island Open House	Supporters of St Vincent	4/2/2011	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL AWARDS			76,000	76,000

AAHS/Raney House	AAHS		20,000
Camp Gordon Johnston	Camp Gordon Johnston Association		20,000
Carrabelle History Museum	Carrabelle Cares, Carrabelle Historical Society	seed	7,500
City of Apalach Ctr for History/Culture/Art	City of Apalachicola	seed	7,500
Crooked River Lighthouse	Carrabelle LH Association		20,000
Dixie Theatre	Dixie Theatre Foundation		20,000
SGL Lighthouse Museum	SGL Lighthouse Association		<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL AWARDS			115,000

FCTDC Phase II TDC Oil Spill Budget Proposal - Helen

Phase II Proposed

I.	Event Co-op Ads	\$25,000
II.	Daily Beach Report	\$12,700
III.	Daily Writing, Production	\$7,000
	Social Media	\$2,750
	Search Engine	\$2,500
IV.	Website Updates	\$2,400
V.	Press Tour	\$27,500
VI.	Community Interface	\$22,500
VII.	Visitor Centers	\$75,000
VIII.	Co-op with Lodging	\$75,000
	TOTAL	\$252,350

FCTDC PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST 7/6/10

Transfer From:

RESERVES	19,000
UNUSED LAND ACQUIS	1,000
Total Requested	20,000

Transfer To:

PROMOTIONAL:

Website	8,160
Airport	2,000
\$500 Sepc Req Grants	1,500
FC Ballfield promo	2,000
ADMINISTRATIVE:	6,340
Total Allocation of Request	20,000

\$50,000 Allocation

- 1) \$25,000 – Historic Lafayette Park Lighting and Site Improvements
- 2) \$4000 – Historic Canoe Protection Cover, Cotton Warehouse Museum
- 3) \$8000 – Public Historic Sites Recognition – Signage, Mapping, and Historic Marker
- 4) \$3000 – Summer Music In The Park Events (2011)
- 5) \$10,000 – Restroom Facility to Improve Service for Public Museums Public Fishing Pier and Other Public Sites in Downtown Area

- 1) Consistent with FCTDC's policy & FS 125(5)(b) "Tourism Infrastructure"*
- 2) Consistent with FCTDC's policy & FS 125(5)(a)(1) "Museum Activity"*
- 3) Increased original \$5,000 request to \$8,000 to include mapping and installation of a marker to be placed on exterior of historic structure depicting its historic use and date of construction.
Consistent with FCTDC's policy & FS 125(5)(a)(1) "Promoting Publicly Owned Museums, etc."*
- 4) Consistent with FCTDC's policy & FS 125(5)(a)(2) "Events Designed to Attract Tourists"*
- 5) FS 125(5)(a)(1) states in part: **to acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums, sports arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums, or museums that are publicly owned and operated...**

FS 125(5)(b) states in part: **to acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more zoological parks, fishing piers, or nature centers which are publicly owned and operated....**

*Pursuant to review provided by Curt Blair, FCTDC Administrator dated May 29, 2010

Commissioner Jackel asked for justification in giving the Dixie Theater twice as much funding as the Lighthouses and Camp Gordon Johnston Museum.

Ms. Spohrer said there were additional grants that could have been applied for but were not. Curt Blair explained the grant process and encouraged that everyone apply for all available grants.

Commissioner Putnal asked if TDC funds could be used to advertise for things like the Crooked Creek Mud Bog. Ms. Spohrer said grants are only for non-profit organizations.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve all TDC funding requests; Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Small Scale Land Use and Zoning Change (5:50 PM)

Mr. Pierce discussed the small scale land use and zoning change requests. He said these are parcels that were zoned agricultural which are 1 unit per 40 acres and will now be zoned residential which will be 1 per 10 acres.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to review this area and inform the Board of how many parcels are 1 per 40 in the Hickory Hammock area.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed any restrictions to roads that would affect the County.

Chairman Parrish opened the floor for public comments.

There were no comments from the floor.

Mr. Pierce presented the parcels requested to be changed:

Parcel (1)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve land use change from Agricultural to Residential; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve zoning change from A2 to R6; Motion carried 5-0.

Parcel (2)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve land use change from Agricultural to Residential; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve zoning change from A2 to R6; Motion carried 5-0.

Parcel (3)

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve Land use change from Agricultural to Residential; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve zoning change from A2 to R6; 5-0

Parcel (4)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve land use change from Agricultural to Residential; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve zoning change from A2 to R6; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (6:02 PM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1-Board action is requested to appoint members to the Value Adjustment Board. Two commissioners must be appointed and you must also appoint a citizen member who owns homestead property within the county. The citizen member can't be a member or employee of any taxing authority. Walter Armistead served in that position for the past 2 years with Donnie Gay being the alternate appointee last year. If you appoint them today, I will make sure they are available to serve again, and if not, I'll bring it to your attention at the next meeting. I am recommending you reappoint Mr. Paul Curenton as the Special Magistrate to hear the petitions as well as appointing an alternate Special Magistrate to hear any petitions Mr. Curenton may not be qualified to hear. I am also requesting you reappoint Mrs. Kristy Banks as the Attorney for the VAB.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to appoint Commissioners Lockley and Jackel to the Value Adjustment Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to appoint Walter Armistead as a citizen member with Donnie Gay as his alternate, to reappoint Paul Curenton as Special Magistrate and Kristy Banks as the Attorney for the Value Adjustment Board; Motion carried 5-0.

2-For information, the balance in the hospital's capital fund is \$1,338,604.86.

3-For action, I have a resolution for your approval on unanticipated revenues. This involves \$252,350 received from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, through funds issued by BP, that will be put into account 130.33.552.480I, Promotional Activities - BP Deepwater Horizon Grant in the Tourist Development Fund. The resolution is needed to appropriate the funds into your current budget.

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$252,350.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT through funds issued by BP, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

130.33.552.4801 Promotional Activities - BP Deepwater Horizon Grant \$252,350.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$252,350.00 in the TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this

6th day of JULY 2010.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to approve the Resolution to appropriate funds from BP Deepwater Horizon Grant to the Tourist Development Fund into the current budget; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel and Mrs. Johnson discussed the Budget Workshop dates.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (6:06 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Board action on letter opposing the relocation of the Coast Guard Cutter SEAHAWK away from Carrabelle. The Coast Guard is once again bringing this issue up. I have already contacted Senator Nelson's office who is investigating.

Mr. Pierce read a letter received from a consulting firm, Ecology and Environmental, Inc., concerning moving the Seahawk.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve response to the letter from Ecology and Environment, Inc; Motion carried 5-0.

2- Inform the Board that in August the Board will be presented with a flag flown over Afghanistan in combat. A soldier, Mr. Billy Briscoe, will present the flag to the Board with a request that it be flown over the Courthouse. Mr. Briscoe is currently serving in Afghanistan but will be coming to the states in August, getting married, and buying a house on Alligator Point.

Commissioner Jackel verified that Mr. Pierce responded to this request and let him know that the County will receive the flag.

Chairman Parrish asked that the County purchase a new State flag to be flown over the Courthouse.

3- Inform the Board that Ms. Pam Brownell, as authorized by the Board, extended the local state of emergency on June 28 and July 5. She will continue to do so once a week until the Board directs otherwise.

4- Inform the Board that the FWC has responded to the Board's request regarding the Red Snapper quota. The FWC is working with the industry to initiate a second Red Snapper season.

5- Inform the Board that both the Governor and the FWC responded to the Board's request to limit oyster harvesting to state residents only. The FWC said, "FWC is not legally able to grant your request that the state prohibit out of state harvesters from fishing in state waters. Should

FWC enact such rules it would be a violation of both equal protection and commerce clauses of the U.S. Constitution. These provisions allow for equal treatment of all citizens and open commerce between states."

Commissioner Putnal said most of those people are currently working for BP now.

6- Inform the Board that Water Management Services has made a request to the Public Service Commission for a rate increase for water on St. George Island. The PSC has tentatively set a hearing for September.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to the Public Service Commission opposing any rate increase for water on St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Board action on contracts submitted by Transfield Services for mowing and litter control in Eastpoint and Lanark Village. These are the two areas in the county the Board has previously desired to take over maintenance. Transfield is proposing to pay the county \$6937 for mowing and litter control in Eastpoint and \$8595 a year for the same service in Lanark. This is the same price as last year.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve contracts with Transfield Services for mowing and litter control in Eastpoint and Lanark Village; Motion carried 4-0; Lockley absent.

8- Ms. Glenda Ondracek has submitted a request to the Board that she is allowed to advertise to fill the position created by the resignation of Ms. Dany Ray. This is a part-time position that is budgeted. Ms. Ondracek says that without the position the Library is severely impacted in its services and programs. Board direction.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve request to advertise for an existing position, which has become vacant, at the Library; Motion carried 4-0; Lockley absent.

9- Inform the Board that at the request of CGA I have not written the letter to BP concerning payment that was approved at the emergency meeting on June 18. Mr. Chuck Tear, CGA, believed progress on payment was being made and he asked that the letter not be sent at this time.

Senator Nelson met in the White House with BP executives On June 29 on this same issue. Senator Nelson presented to BP the response cost incurred by Florida counties to date of over \$7M. Franklin County was reported through June 4 of incurring \$565,000 in costs through the various contractors working to protect the Apalachicola Bay and its resources.

10- Board action to re-submit to Division of Historical Resources a grant request for funds to repair the Armory. We have no idea if the Legislature will fund any projects next session but now is the time to ask. The maximum award will be \$350,000 and Mark intends to ask for that

amount. The roof is still leaking, the wiring is bad, the Board has heard complaints in the past about the kitchen, and of course if funds are available we will try to get it air-conditioned.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve resubmission of a grant request to the Division of Historical Resources for repairs to the Armory; Motion carried 4-0; Lockley absent.

11- Inform the Board that Ms. Debbie Roumellis is trying to get additional funds for the raising of the approaches to the bridge at Pine Log. The state has announced that there are supplemental funds available but the state wants to reserve those for houses that were damaged by the floods and we need the money to properly raise the approaches. The current \$300,000 is probably not going to be enough considering the length of road involved.

12- Applicant briefing regarding oil response.

Mr. Pierce said there would be an applicant briefing with the State in a FEMA format on July 7th at 2 PM at the EOC, and the City of Apalachicola, City of Carrabelle, Franklin County and numerous other entities have been invited to learn more concerning the oil spill recovery project.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed the GIS bid proposal opening and Mr. Pierce said that would be at the July 20, 2010 Board Meeting.

Mr. Pierce discussed the RFP's for a new ambulance service in the County and a company, EM Progressive, who was interested in providing the service. He stated that Gulf County is also interested in an ambulance service because of some of the same problems they are having with transporting patients.

Mrs. Brownell stated that she also got an email from an interested company for ambulance services.

Commissioner Jackel asked if there is a central statewide email or posting system to get the information out concerning these opportunities. Mrs. Brownell stated that she would look into it.

There was further discussion on this matter.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (6:27 PM)

Attorney Shuler had no items for Board action.

Recess (6:27 PM)

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

Reconvene

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

CGA – update – Oil Spill Recovery

Chuck Tear, CGA, updated the Board on the recovery efforts, stating that only a small amount of boom was damaged during the stormy weather and it would be replaced.

Mr. Tear distributed and reviewed a handout that contained additional recovery update information.

Mr. Tear discussed closing Bob Sikes Cut and what is involved with that process.

Chairman Parrish said he had attended the State EOC meeting in which all of the required State agencies, along with the Board and CGA, came to an agreement on the procedures for the closing of Bob Sikes Cut. He said the approval from all entities had been given and had been sent to unified command in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Tear said he had understood that the first priority was to close Bob Sikes Cut but now he would continue to work on the process of closing the other two Cuts.

Chairman Parrish and Mr. Tear discussed the process of skimming and booming.

Mr. Tear stated that he appreciated all of the support from the County regarding his payment from BP.

Chairman Parrish commented on this item stating what he has done to assist CGA with receiving reimbursement and also discussed the process for repayment from the State and BP. He said he informed the State that if CGA had not stood up and helped the County with protective measures Franklin County would not have boom right now. He said he would do what it takes to get reimbursement for CGA because without them the County wouldn't have any protective measures.

Commissioner Sanders stated that while she, Commissioner Lockley, and Commissioner Jackel was attending the FAC conference in Tampa they met some BP representatives and asked about getting some type of reimbursement for CGA. She also commended Commissioner Lockley for his efforts also.

Mr. Tear thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Tear discussed the efforts of the subcontractors/team members working with him on the recovery project and local hires. He said CGA is at 77% local hires and Unified is at 85% local hires so CGA will be stepping up their game.

He asked the Board to notify him and assist him if any of the team employees' conduct is unbecoming.

Commissioner Jackel stated that there have been reports of Unified trucks on the beach and dunes, shooting off fireworks and also the use of an ATV on the Plantation that ran over a turtle nest. She said she would like for Mr. Tear to check into these reports and incidents and he stated that he would look into this matter and report back to her.

Mr. Tear then discussed plans that are in place in the event we have any tropical storms and Mrs. Brownell said the plans are in place.

Mr. Tear stated that there are community bulletin boards throughout the County with current information.

Mrs. Brownell addressed a concern from Commissioner Putnal about which contractors are authorized to work in the County for BP. She said a lot of people will not be put to work as beach cleaners or laborers until there is an impact to the County from the oil. She said the VOO program is strictly for vessels that have already turned in their contract and have a number. The Board discussed this matter and other concerns with so many different contractors working in the County but not hiring local people.

Steve Chrien, of BP, introduced himself and gave the Board some information about himself. Mr. Chrien addressed some of the Board's concerns regarding BP contractors and the employment of local residents. He said he could make a commitment to the Board that he would have all locals on his team.

Commissioner Putnal had additional comments on this matter concerning how to avoid hiring non local workers.

Mr. Chrien discussed BP's revamping of the Vessel of Opportunity program. He said there should have been more thought put into hiring local workers who have been working their vessels commercially before the oil spill occurred. He also said they will try to rotate the program so that all applicants will be able to work.

Chairman Parrish said this was another issue that was discussed at the State EOC meeting. He said this same issue is arising in other areas and those areas are revamping their programs also. Commissioner Jackel wanted to know how the State EOC would know who are local and Chairman Parrish said they will have a panel of local seafood workers who will let them know which applicants are local seafood workers.

Commissioner Jackel stated some of the complaints she had received regarding the VOO program. She said these people believe it is a "good old boys" system and certain people are being favored and people are not being cycled through. She said there are multiple boats owned by the same person in the program and other people have applied but have been left out. The Commissioner said she was sorry if she appeared agitated but she said this issue is very frustrating, especially because the Board has asked over and over to have the program revamped in order to accommodate the local people who are being left out.

Commissioner Lockley stated that the Board should know who is on the committee that will be reviewing the VOO list.

Mr. Chrien explained how the VOO Committee will work. He said those who are not noted by the Committee will be required to give BP more detailed information.

The Board stated the need for results with the VOO program and would like a copy of the new rules for the VOO program.

The Board and Mr. Chrien discussed the technicalities of how the new policies of the VOO program will or will not work and also when the new program will start in Franklin County. Commissioner Lockley suggested that BP pay the folks who have been left out of the VOO program.

There was further discussion on this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Chrien for a contact number for the VOO program in Gulf County so that Mr. Pierce could call and find out more about the changes and implementation process.

Rhonda Skipper, of Carrabelle, suggested that each Commissioner appoint a member for the VOO committee and said no one knows the County better than the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jackel thought this was a good idea.

Coast Guard Commander Pam Nussbaumer and Coast Guard Commander Sam Mabrey, Coast Guard liaison officers for Franklin County, introduced themselves and assured the Board that they were here to do whatever they can to help. Cmdr. Nussbaumer asked for local assistance with boom placement or any boom that needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Sanders gave them names of a few local residents that could provide input for boom placement.

Commissioner Putnal asked about health effects to local residents if the oil came into the local waters and wanted to know if studies were being conducted in the west.

Mr. Tear addressed this matter and said the health departments are studying this issue but thought that the only problem would be for people with respiratory issues.

Mr. Chrien, of BP, also commented on this matter.

Commissioner Jackel stated that from Eastpoint Channel to Carrabelle Beach there is a lot of grass-like debris collected on the beach shores and needs to be removed.

Dave McLain, Apalachicola Bay and RiverKeeper, distributed and reviewed a report from ABARK regarding the creation of oyster seed sanctuaries in County waters, starting at St. Vincent Sound, and described the type of silk fence boom that could be used for this purpose. He said they were using local knowledge from oystermen on where to place this boom in other areas.

Mr. McLain explained how the exclusion boom works and said it had been effective when used in Mississippi along with other places to the west of us. He said the cost of this is about equal to the cost of boom but it will keep the oil from reaching these critical areas at all.

Chairman Parrish said the whole Bay could not be boomed this way because of the expense and Mr. McLain said this would only be used to cover the seed stock sanctuary because if the other bars were destroyed these seeds could be moved back to those bars at a later time.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Mr. Tear and the Board discussed funding for this type of project and other boom costs that are being questioned by the State.

Commissioner Jackel said she didn't understand why the State of Florida is monitoring how BP's money is being spent.

The Board discussed who will be responsible for funding this project.

Attorney Shuler wanted to be sure this plan was funneled down the same as previous submissions.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to submit ABARK's silk fence boom plan for approval, through CGA, as part of the Tier 1 and 2 strategy; Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Balthrop, of St. Teresa, thanked ABARK for their efforts to help Franklin County.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (8:10 PM)

Commissioner Sanders discussed the FarmShare program and its benefits, saying it is critical at this point to utilize services like this for the people of Franklin County.

The Board discussed how the products from FarmShare could be distributed throughout the County and also who was eligible to receive the goods.

Commissioner Jackel suggested working out a schedule for the Road Dept. to distribute the products to different places throughout the County.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to allocate \$5,000 to the Franklin County Senior Citizen program for FarmShare products and ask Staff to coordinate with the Road Dept. to assist with distribution; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders congratulated Commissioner Jackel on receiving her County Commission certification and thanked Commissioner Lockley for speaking at the Florida Association of Clerks Conference.

Commissioner Jackel also commended Commissioner Lockley for representing Franklin County at the Florida Association of Counties Conference and also congratulated Commissioner Sanders on her re-election to the FAC Board.

Commissioner Lockley thanked the Board for hiring CGA and thanked CGA for all of their efforts with the oil spill project.

Commissioner Putnal asked Staff to look into maintenance assistance for Ted Mosteller at the Apalachicola Airport. Mr. Pierce said he was looking into resources to provide assistance for Mr. Mosteller.

The Board discussed this matter.

David Butler, of St. Teresa, said he would like for the Board to reinstitute the Economic Development Council in the County. He said it is time to look for other natural resources in the County besides the Bay. He spoke about doing more infrastructures and gave the Board a handout about opportunities available to the County.

Adjourn (8:26 PM)

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

Joseph Parrish – Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts